



# HARVEST

VINEYARD CHURCH

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SMALL GROUPS &  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

**SUMMER 2026**

*Acts 2:46-47*

*“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

**ENCOUNTER CHRIST.  
EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY.  
LOVE THE WORLD.**

*Thanks for your interest in small groups and community groups here at Harvest Vineyard Church. They are a vital part of our church family, and I would love to help you find the right fit.*

*We have groups meeting all over Central Iowa on different days and at different times. Our groups consist of 5-15 people who meet to make friends, study the Bible, pray for each other, and do life together.*

*Before attending, it is recommended that you email, call, or text a group leader to make sure they are meeting that week; some groups will take a break or rotate locations. Otherwise, let me know if there's anything I can do to help you find the right fit.*

*- Kent Prescott  
Associate Pastor for Small Groups  
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SMALL GROUPS & COMMUNITY GROUPS BOOKLET

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## **Gilbert Sunday Group Caleb & Maranda Van Cleave**

SUNDAYS @ 6:00pm  
Gilbert

Caleb: [calebvc94@gmail.com](mailto:calebvc94@gmail.com)  
(515) 669-1404

The focus in this group is on building community and growing in Christ with others. Married couples, singles, all ages welcome. We do have all ages of kids, so childcare is provided in this group. We are open to the Holy Spirit leading and moving in this group; come to experience His love.



## **Randi & Steve Graham Michelle & Neil Rowe**

MONDAYS @ 6:30-8:00PM  
Location: call Neil for location

Neil: [neilalanrowe@gmail.com](mailto:neilalanrowe@gmail.com)  
(563) 271-7154

Through authentic and vulnerable relationship with each other and Christ, we explore the depths of who we are and who we are in Christ, deepening our relationship with Jesus and with each other. We discuss the Sunday sermon. We meet every Monday with our children present, and we share the cost of childcare.



## SMALL GROUPS



### **Young Adults Alex & Haley Austin**

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> MONDAYS 6:30-8:30PM

Leaders: Alex & Haley Austin

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Haley: [haleyaustin529@gmail.com](mailto:haleyaustin529@gmail.com)

Alex: [alex.austin8@gmail.com](mailto:alex.austin8@gmail.com)

(515) 975-5914

We are a group of young adults who meet twice a month to dive deeper into the sermons at Harvest. We make time for conversation and prayer, and our main goal is to create a welcoming, comfortable space to grow and learn together. Contact Haley or Alex for details! We would love to get to know you and your story. We do have an energetic dog and two cats that run our house, so being comfortable with animals is recommended.



### **Slater Small Group John & Shari Hernandez**

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAYS @ 6:00-8:00pm

103 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Slater

John: [john.hernandez@huxcomm.net](mailto:john.hernandez@huxcomm.net)

(610) 801-6103

Open to anyone, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm in Slater. Typically, we share a meal at 6:00pm, then fellowship and talk about what is going on in our lives. Childcare can be arranged in advance.

Contact John for details or with questions.



## Young Adults Nick & Kenzie Schwartz

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM  
HVC Room 216

Nick: [nschwartz95@gmail.com](mailto:nschwartz95@gmail.com)  
(515) 450-3579

This summer, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays to discuss the John Mark Comer book *The Ruthless Eimination of Hurry*. To learn more, reach out to Nick!



## SMALL GROUPS



### Early Thursday Morning Men's Small Group

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS at 6:30AM

Harvest in the cafe

Leaders: Phil Penner &

Galen Crawford

Phil: philpampen@gmail.com (714) 261-6538  
Galen: galencames@gmail.com (515) 231-2635

Men's Morning Group is an opportunity for men of all ages to learn to walk with God and share life. In June-July-August, we meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30am, where we discuss the Sunday sermon, then relate it to sharing about life, and conclude with prayer/support. Drop in when you can, and invite a friend!



### Two Thursday Morning Women's Coffee Groups

THURSDAYS @ 9:00AM

Leaders: Pam Penner & Sue Taege

One group meets at Provisions Lot F;  
the other group travels to area shops.

Pam: philpampen@gmail.com  
(714) 261-6536  
Sue: (515) 460-6076

Weekly mid-morning coffee time for women of all ages (moms, retirees, students, etc.). Join us at Provisions, Lot F (address is 2400 Loop Drive, Ames) for a little bit of Jesus, a whole lot of coffee, and casual social time. Find us in the coffee shop area. We also have a second group who travels to different coffee shops each week, so contact Sue about the traveling group option!



## **Brand New Community Group:** **The Sunday Diners**

Every SUNDAY at 12:30PM  
at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee Market Grille  
640 Lincoln Way

Kent: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)  
(319) 239-6309

This new community group has been created specifically for people who dislike eating Sunday dinner alone! We have chosen the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee Market Grille as our weekly dining location because it is close to Harvest Vineyard Church, there is ample seating for many or few people, plus there are food choices to match every palette, budget, and preference.

Would you like to join us and check it out and meet some new people? Email Kent Prescott to get your name added to the group contact list (just in case we change locations or have updates to share). Otherwise, show up at 12:30 and look for the two hosts who will be wearing "Harvest Vineyard" shirts, and they will direct you to the group. You can order your meal from any of the service counters, or you can grab a drink or a piece of fruit or anything to eat from the grocery store.

Our focus is warm companionship over a shared Sunday meal.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### **Moms' Monday Morning Playdate with Kids**

MONDAYS @ 9:00AM

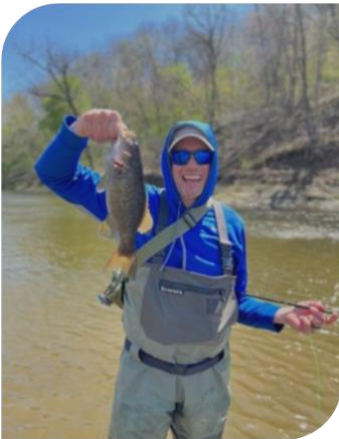
Leader: Emma Larsen

Brookside Park in Ames

Emma: [emmalia0497@gmail.com](mailto:emmalia0497@gmail.com)

(319) 483-8569

The Playdate with Kids group meets every Monday morning between 9:00-11:00am. Come when you can, leave when you must. In outdoor months, we meet at Brookside Park in Ames, and if the weather is unkind, we relocate to Harvest in Room 117. Text or email Emma to get on the mailing list. Feel free to bring a snack, your lunch, or a friend.



### **Men's (July) Fly Fishing Group**

MONDAYS in July @ 6:30PM

Leader: Jason Van Hove

Skunk River

Jason: [jason.vanhove@harvestvc.org](mailto:jason.vanhove@harvestvc.org)

Looking for other men who fly fish? Have you been curious about learning to fly fish? This July-only men's group might be just the thing for you! Meet on the Skunk River to fish for smallmouth bass on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30pm on July 6, 13, 20, 27. Prior fly fishing experience is not required. Contact Jason with questions or to get more info on the what and where.



## Young Adult Ministry

1<sup>st</sup> MONDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM

3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM

Leaders: Chad Cook & Kristen Veencamp  
Harvest Vineyard Church  
Room 212

Email: [youngadult@harvestvc.org](mailto:youngadult@harvestvc.org)

Our Young Adult group encompasses many life stages: singles, marrieds, parents, 20's and 30's. If you are hungry to grow deeper with Jesus and are desiring a community of other young adults doing the same, join us! We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday night of the month in room 212 at Harvest as well as on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays for various events. Email us or join our Discord group [discord.com/invite/BGzy45Prgr](https://discord.com/invite/BGzy45Prgr) to get connected and see our other social events.



## Theology & Apologetic Journal Club

2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY @ 6:30PM

(No July/August meeting)

Leader: Andy Mizerak  
Harvest Room 220

Andy: [mizeraka@mchsi.com](mailto:mizeraka@mchsi.com)  
(515) 299-0563

Our group meets once a month to discuss a scholarly journal article or book chapter. We will delve deep into theological topics, including atonement theory; Calvinism vs Molinism vs open theism; the historical Jesus; the “new” perspective on Paul; and other topics. No hard questions will be avoided! In addition to prayer and Bible study, we believe that thinking through and discussing these topics with fellow believers will help us deepen our faith and strengthen our witness. Get in touch with Andy for the latest article/topic and join the discussion!



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m.  
Harvest Vineyard Church  
320 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street | Ames

Alcoholics Anonymous will begin to hold weekly open meetings at Harvest Vineyard Church starting in January. There is no charge to attend, and this meeting is open to men and women who are struggling with alcohol and with staying sober, and to their spouses, adult children, friends, and co-workers.



### Co-Working Wednesdays

WEDNESDAYS 9AM-5PM

Leader: Neil Rowe  
Harvest Room 215

Neil: [neilalanrowe@gmail.com](mailto:neilalanrowe@gmail.com)  
(515) 724-4514

This is a community group for people who are remote workers or hybrid workers or grad students who would like to meet at Harvest once a week to connect, to pray over individual's work, and to actually work in-person! We have a kitchenette available for us with a microwave, an air fryer and a fridge if you want to bring a lunch and eat together, too. Plus we have private space for taking calls.



## Summer Potlucks 6:00pm

Wed., June 24: Brookside Park  
Wed., July 22: Miracle Park

Leaders: Nick & Kenzie Schwartz  
Ames Parks

Nick: [nschwartz95@gmail.com](mailto:nschwartz95@gmail.com)  
(515) 450-3579

Join the people of Harvest Vineyard Church for our annual June & July all-church potlucks at Brookside Park in the Maple Shelter on the last Wednesday in June and at Miracle Park on the next-to-last Wednesday in July. Harvest provides sandwiches, drinks, and table service, and everyone else brings a potluck side dish, salad or dessert to share. 6:00-8:00pm



## Anxiety & Depression Support Group

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leader: Keith Popejoy  
Harvest Room 220

Keith: (515) 360-8398

It sometimes feels like we cannot talk about our mental health struggles or like other Christians may not understand. This group seeks to turn that assumption on its head by creating a Christian support network for those who are struggling with anxiety and depression. We will gather with others who understand to share, pray, and connect. Open to anyone, at any time, ages 18+. Text Keith: he works weeknights, but he will always get back to you after he sees your message.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### **Late Night Monday Men's Pickleball**

MONDAYS @ 8:30-10:30PM

Leader: Will Druber  
Harvest Pickleball Club

Will: [will.druber@harvestvc.org](mailto:will.druber@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 290-0485

Hey, men, are you interested in getting together late on a Monday night--after you have put your kids to bed--to play some low-key pickleball with some other dudes who are looking for some exercise and some fun? This is a loosely structured group, and to get your name added to the invite thread, contact Will.



### **SQS: Sew-Quilt-Share**

FRIDAYS 9:30AM-3:00PM

Leader: Marsha Braden  
Harvest Room 118

Marsha: [braden.marsha22@gmail.com](mailto:braden.marsha22@gmail.com)

Come experience our quilting group! We gather each Friday in June & July to finalize our quilting projects to donate to Riverside Bible Camp for their annual August quilt auction. Attend as your schedule allows; we understand being flexible with schedules. We'd enjoy getting to know you & your creativity. Join us for fun, fabric, and fellowship! Contact Marsha for more information.



## Dads & Kids Playdate

SATURDAYS 9:30-11:00AM

Leader: Neil Rowe

Harvest Vineyard Church, Room 117  
(Play Structure room)

Neil: [narowe83@gmail.com](mailto:narowe83@gmail.com)  
(515) 724-4514

Hey, dads, let's give our wives a break and hang out with our kids! We are a group of dads (and their kids under the age of 5) who get together on Saturday mornings for fellowship and for a time to let the kids play. Our goal is to provide a place for dads to build relationships while the little ones play. Feel free to come and go during the morning as it fits in your schedule.



Alex: [alex.krumm@harvestvc.org](mailto:alex.krumm@harvestvc.org)

A national group of gamers from Vineyard Churches around the country want to create a positive and welcoming online gaming community. Anyone ages 15+ who wants to be part of a Christ-centered community that loves and appreciates video games from any gaming platform (PlayStation, Xbox, Switch, and PC). We have people playing nearly a dozen different titles. We typically play together on Sunday nights with other pick-up games throughout the week. Right now, we do not have any in-person or at-the-church events, but we would love to have you join us online! Vineyard Gaming uses the Discord app to communicate and organize.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### **Women's Ministry** **"Consider Lily"**

VARIOUS EVENTS

Leader: Cory Miller

Cory: [cory.miller@harvestvc.org](mailto:cory.miller@harvestvc.org)

Jesus says in Matthew 6:28, "Consider the lilies of the field: they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these." Our desire is to grow in security in Christ and to encourage one another along the wild journey of life. We meet for a variety of activities: breakfasts, ladies' nights out, kayaking & canoeing, cross country skiing, pickleball, Bible studies and guest speakers. Email Cory to be added to our email list!



### **Men's Ministry**

VARIOUS EVENTS

Leader: Liam Conley

Liam: [liam@harvestvc.org](mailto:liam@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 291-8193

We were all created for relationship. As men, we walk this out by doing things together! If you'd like to receive more information about upcoming men's events such as sports, movie nights, retreats, and small groups, email Liam.



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