

HARVEST

"Thank God for His Son - a gift too wonderful for words!"

(2 Corinthians 9:15 NLT)

A Weekly Newsletter

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This Week @ Harvest

Sunday Worship

Pastor Mike Trimble begins his series "The Colors of Christmas" with "Avoiding a Blue Christmas"



Children's Church

With Christmas approaching fast, the kids are working hard on their annual Christmas musical, "The S Files." Plan to be blessed by the kids' hard work Dec. 16 & 17.



Weight Loss/Fitness Support Group

We share tips on healthy holiday eating to maintain weight goals & avoid depression. Since August, we've lost almost 50 lbs.

Ladies' Night Out

"Christmas Edition": Monday, gift exchange, annual Chinese dinner, bring dessert to share.

Men's Bible Study

Come to Harvest Tuesday night for continuing study on what the Bible says about men's roles and responsibilities.

Adult Christmas Dinner

Instead of the usual group meetings on Thursday night, Harvest adults will gather at 7 pm for a "stationary" progressive

dinner and great Christmas fellowship. See Diane Swain for course sign-ups. Everyone is welcome.

CSI Teens

The teens celebrate the Christmas season on Friday with their annual Progressive Dinner. All courses have been covered, thanks to generous volunteers.

Refreshment help

Food is a major part of our fellowship. Each Sunday, refreshments are available between services. See Terry Harmon to volunteer to bring pastries



Pastor's Blog



I was thinking this week about the risks involved in many of the great things we enjoy in this life. Transportation can be very dangerous, but I would HATE to have to walk everywhere. Electricity has always scared me. I HATE to get shocked, even by the smallest current, but man do I LOVE all the things electricity does for me at home and the office. Jack-In-The-Box burgers were risky a few years ago, but that big headed fool returned to make us crave burgers again. JACK IS BACK!

We would miss out on so many enjoyable things if we only looked at the risks involved. Sometimes the benefits outweigh the risks. So we learn how to lessen the risks and move forward. We learn how to harness the power of electricity. We research and develop safer modes of transportation and make safety improvements to our vehicles. We learn defensive driving skills. We establish health departments and food inspectors to keep us safe and healthy. The benefits are worth the risks.

I was thinking about some other areas that are risky. Relationships can be very risky. We could get hurt if we open our hearts up to others. If we play it safe though, avoid the risk, we then take the greatest risk of all, being alone. Change can be risky! What I'm doing now works, not well, but it works. What if I change the way I'm doing things and it

doesn't work? We get into that NEGATIVE way of thinking so easily. What if I change the way I'm doing things and it DOES work? Dreams, goals, aspirations, they are all risky. We try not to get our hopes up so that we avoid the risk of disappointment. Scripture tells us though that without a vision people perish.

Just sharing what the Lord has been laying on my heart this week. Hope it makes sense. I never want to be like the servant who buried his masters money and was ashamed later because he chose to play it safe. I want to be like the other servants who went out and invested what had been given to them, they took risks and and made a profit. The master was pleased. God has given us so much! What are we doing with it?

Coming January 2007

Financial Freedom

Personal and family finances are a root cause of so many of life's challenges. Money worries stress marriages and families. Debt can cause depression and desperation, driving people to make bad choices they regret for years.

Starting this January, Harvest is proud to present the 13-week Financial Peace University by renowned Christian financial advisor Dave Ramsey.

FPU program empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

In this life-changing program you will learn:

1. Step-by-Step Cash Flow Planning

Luke 14:28: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it."

2. Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt

Proverbs 22:7: "The borrower is slave to the lender."

3. How to Invest Wisely

Ecclesiastes 11:2: "Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do Not know what disaster may come upon the land."

Watch for more information on the class schedule!



Harvest Support

New Beginnings

Recovery Pastor Mike Smith & his wife Michelle lead a 12-step, Christ-centered group that encourages & strengthens members who struggle with chemical dependency & other addictions. This group journeys together to new understandings and deep commitments to each other and to the Lord, through the Bible, prayer, and consistency.

Weight Loss/Fitness Support Group

Healthy lifestyles don't just happen. They take learning and formation of positive habits. Come swap recipes, exercise regimes and other success stories each Sunday at noon with group lead Liz Corey.

Children's Church

Every Sunday a team of committed teachers instruct children from preschool through elementary grades.



Men's Bible Study

Join Bob Harmon for a lively study of what God's Word has for men.

B.A.S.I.C. Training

An exciting children's ministry led by Kathy Trimble on Thursday evenings that includes games, dinner, crafts, and Bible lessons for ages 3-11. Each young person receives a B.A.S.I.C. Training T-shirt and can earn awards throughout the year.

e-Teens & CSI Teens

e-Teens for Middle School students & CSI Teens for High School students are exciting youth groups that provide a great place for learning, fellowship, and growth. Youth Pastors Scott Myer and Bob Bradley work together to plan awesome events for our teens Thursday nights.

Young Adults

A brand new group offering camaraderie and fellowship for those embarking on college or career.

Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike Trimble as he leads a small group study through the Bible each Thursday night over coffee and munchies.

Ladies Night Out

All ladies are welcome the first Monday of the month for a night of dinner & fellowship. The location and itinerary varies to keep things interesting under Lisa Bradley's guidance.

American Canyon Christian Academy

Small class, Christian education from elementary grades through high school. School blends traditional classroom techniques with state-of-the-art computer teaching methods.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday, Fellowship Hall
Weight Loss Support Group: 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Fellowship Hall
Men's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Jazzercise: 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Fellowship Hall (nominal charge)
B.A.S.I.C. Training: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Fellowship Hall
CSI Youth Group: 7 p.m. Thursday
New Beginnings: 7 p.m. Thursday
Adult Bible Study: 7 p.m. Thursday
E-Teens Youth Group: 7 p.m. Thursday

UPCOMING SPECIALS

Save the date to participate

Man Up! Men's Fellowship Pizza & Prayer Night, Tuesday Dec. 12, Fellowship Hall
"The S Files" Children's Christmas program: 6 p.m. Friday Dec. 15 & Sat. Dec. 16
Ladies Annual Ornament Exchange: Saturday Dec. 23, 9 a.m., Waffle House, Benicia
Candlelight Service: 6 p.m., Christmas Eve, Chapel
Super Bowl fellowship: Sunday Feb. 5, 2007; Fellowship Hall
Harvest Fellowship Cruise: April 9, 2007

Ministry profile

American Canyon Christian Academy



The Harvest campus is anything but quiet Monday through Friday. The uphill classrooms house the American Canyon Christian Academy, which educates 36 students in grades 1 through 12.

The Academy uses a mix of Alpha Omega and Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. Each student must attain a minimum score or maintain an 80% average or better to pass a test or subject, a standard of excellence that is clear and measurable for students and parents alike. Most students' families regularly attend Harvest, though Academy enrollment is open to the community, as well.

The main purpose of the Academy is to educate each student and instill Christian values and leadership skills. In addition to the classroom lessons, students participate in weekly student-led chapel services each Monday morning that feature a short devotional from Pastor Mike or a special guest.

The Academy is led by a quartet of teachers:

- Kyle Adams teaches the 11 high schoolers
- Shelly Bradley teaches the 14 middle schoolers
- Diane Swain and Patty Villata teach the 11 primary grade students

Academy students also benefit from life-skills training through a home economics program led by Terry Harmon, and a comprehensive health and fitness program tailored to the various age groups led by Liz Corey. The middle school students also take monthly field trips to enrich and support the classroom learning experience.

Volunteers are always welcome to do everything from physical labor to classroom helpers. If you have time and talent to share, talk with a teacher about how you can get involved.

Harvest Leaders

Mike Trimble — Pastor
Fred Bradley — Associate Pastor
Glenda Hanes — Praise & Worship Leader
Mike Smith — Recovery Pastor
Scott Myer — Youth Pastor
Bob Bradley — E-Teens Leader
Bob Harmon — Men's Group Leader
Liz Corey — Fitness Support Group Leader

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