



HARVEST

"What a huge harvest! What few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands."
 - Matthew 9:37-38 (MSG)

A Weekly Newsletter

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This Week @ Harvest

Sunday Worship

The Lord has put a wonderful message on Pastor Mike's heart that he will share as he opens God's Word.
 Services at 9:30 & 11 am

God Squad

Harvest kids love Jesus and learn more about Him today at 9:30 & 11 am

Healthy Harvest

A quick 'weigh & pray' today after 11 a.m. service

in the Small Group Room.

Ministry Meeting

All Harvest ministry leaders will gather today for a potluck and meeting after 11 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall.

Harvest Couples' Class

The Couples' Class will

meet at Bob & Terry's house (438 Rio Del Mar) for a baked potato dinner; bring favorite topping.

Men's Bible Study

Learn, share & inspire other men at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Harvest Small Group Room.

Young Adults Fellowship

Study & fellowship for 18-20-something young adults. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Harvest Small Group Room

CLEAR Bible Studies

Classes for all ages, 6:30

p.m. Thursday. Purpose in Life - Why Did Jesus Come?(John 8:12-20)

New Beginnings

People who've been there helping others get free from addiction. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Harvest Small Group Room.

Foundation for Better Life

By Scott Corey

I was watching TV recently when a commercial stopped me. Someone felt the need to put together a very high-quality ad campaign to urge people to be nice to each other. Wow! What a revolutionary message! Be kind, considerate, compassionate, help out those in need, think of someone else before yourself, in short, be nice.

After urging people to be good friends and neighbors, the ad closes with a simple tagline, "Brought to you by the Foundation for a Better Life." Aha! There is it! The code for the cult leader behind this subver-

sive message!

The foundation, funded by an anonymous family, wants to "encourage adherence to a set of quality values through personal accountability and by raising the level of expectations of performance of all individuals regardless of religion or race.

Here are some of the 'values' these people are pushing: Believing in others, caring, compassion, commitment, effort, forgiveness, honesty, humility, integrity, love, patience, respect, service, teaching by example, unity, vision.

Where have I heard these before? Oh yeah, that dude Jesus like 2,000 years ago! Didn't he say something about loving your neighbors, serving others, showing God's love for others in what we do everyday?

Have we, as Christians, so dropped the ball and lost credibility in sharing these values that some foundation has to step up to convince people they are important?

I don't think it's the values. I think it's the junk we as Christians ladle on top of them. We tend to add process and 'religion' to the basic core values of Christ's teaching. Often, the word 'church' evokes tons of negative associations, not an overwhelming sense of Christ's love.

Jesus called us to get right with Him, put our lives in order, take care of our families, and serve others. People are attracted by good deeds done selflessly. We can all spread the message of Christ by being nice and showing His love both at church and everywhere. As Christians, we have the best foundation there is. So let's demonstrate the better life everyday.

I'M WEARING THIS CRAZY PINK SHIRT NEXT SUNDAY!

By Pastor Mike Trimble



Why??? It's the official 'Team Shelby' shirt!

We will have a special 'Team Shelby Sunday' at Harvest on September 30th. Shelby is a very special 3rd grader at Harvest, who happens to have Type I diabetes. The JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes is October 13th so we want to help out by having a special day in honor of Team Shelby. Mark the date! **Team Shelby Sunday includes a Hawaiian BBQ lunch (meat and rice provided - bring a side dish to share) after the 11:00 a.m. service.**

I know that there is a lot of controversy about stem cell research. Some of the money, actually a small percentage, raised for research in diabetes is designated to stem cell research. An even smaller amount is spent on embryonic stem cell research. I don't have all the answers but I do think that it is wrong for us to NOT do anything in regards to helping find a cure. The JDRF has graciously made it possible for us to direct our gifts toward non-stem-cell research. Let's do our part!

More online at www.harvestfwb.com or web.mac.com/jazzcor2

WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKET?

THE POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE
www.pocketpower.org

CATCH-UP CAMPAIGN

Join us in this effort to get caught up on outstanding mortgage payments that are distracting from the mission of bringing people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

\$16,000

\$8,800

ENDS OCTOBER 31

It's Not the How; It's the Wow!

By Jon Walker

"Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Long ago and far away, there was a teacher who worked painstakingly to teach me how to play the guitar. Every week, we'd climb up and down musical stairs crafted from the pentatonic, hexatonic, heptatonic, and octatonic scales. This emphasis upon technique frustrated me, and I grew to hate it so much that I abandoned the guitar – until playing it again became a positive part of my mid-life crisis.

OK, OK ... Yes, I would have been better guitar player today if I'd practiced what my teacher told me (and,

kids, eat your spinach too). But somehow I became so buried in the technique of making music that I lost the exhilarating pleasure of the music – with its power to make my heart soar toward the grace-filled face of God. You might say the "How" of guitar-ianity muted the "Wow!" of the music.

And in our well-intentioned focus on the "How" of Christianity, I sometimes wonder if we lose sight of the "Wow!" – that God's Holy Spirit lives within us and that he is with us always, day after day after day, until the very end of time. Wow! Can I get an "Amen?"

Say this with me, brothers and sisters:

•Wow! The God of the universe is present by his Spirit within me!

•Wow! The God who spoke the world into existence lives within me!

•Wow! The same God who placed the moon and the stars and the sun into the sky also placed his spirit within me!

•Wow! The God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills considers me one of his heirs and is pleased to give me a share in his kingdom!

•Wow! The God of Creation spoke me into my mother's womb, shaped me as a masterpiece crafted for the mission of proclaiming his Wow! throughout the world! (Jeremiah 1:5)

It's not the How; it's the Wow!

Good God Almighty, he lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives in me today! The Wow! is with me always and forever, yesterday today and tomorrow, forever and again, amen.

The Good News we proclaim without shame is that the Wow! is in our hearts, and the Wow! will come into any heart that confesses Jesus Christ as Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Revival with Pastor Cliff Donoho: 7 p.m., Oct. 4-5. Pastor Donoho of Nashville will visit Harvest.

Hospital Ministry Training: Queen of the Valley offering free training Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27. Call 707-257-4042 to register.

Evangelism Blitz: 6:30 p.m., Oct. 25. Meet at the Harmons home @ 438 Rio Del Mar for devotion & special neighborhood 'blitz' to share information about upcoming Harvest Carnival.

"Happiness is a Choice": A small group class on the causes, symptoms & cures of depression starts 4:30 p.m. Oct. 28

Harvest Carnival: Oct. 31. Games & fun for the whole family. Everyone welcome! Regular studies taking the week off so everyone can help with the carnival.

Tailgate Party: 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 11 BBQs and fellowship, preaching service at noon.

Golden Gate Fellowship: Nov. 16-17 with Dr. Robert Picirilli teaching four sessions here at Harvest

Teachers' Training: In January, Ron Hunter, from Randall House will hold a workshop for everyone working with Harvest children.

Healthy Harvest Fit Tip: The fattening banana?

Myth: "Bananas, carrots, watermelon and tomatoes are loaded with sugar."

It's been said that these foods should be avoided when you're trying to lose weight because they are higher in sugar than other fruits and vegetables.

The short of it: Come on! You'd have to eat 8 cups of chopped carrot to get as much sugar as



you get from just two glazed donuts. It's really a question of relativity: Arnold Schwarzenegger probably feels tall until he stands next to Shaq O'Neal, and a banana is sugary until you put it next to a Mars Bar. Carrots and tomatoes may have 5-10 more calories per serving than broccoli, but compare them to a bag of Cheese Puffs or a handful of Hershey's Kisses and you'll realize there's nothing to worry about!

A CLEAN SEAT

We're organizing a cleaning day to thoroughly go over each Fellowship Hall chair to ensure they are in the best possible condition. No experience needed. Just a heart for service, some time and elbow grease. For more info and to volunteer, contact Terry at 707-553-1466 or email terrylee@pacbell.net.

HARVEST FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Here's a quick look at the budget:

September Budget	
Budgeted Expenses	\$12,000
Income: (thru September 16)	
Tithes & offerings	\$ 3,979
Other income	\$ 2,400
Total Income	\$ 6,379
Monthly Balance:	\$ -5,621

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EXPERIENCE HARVEST

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday, Fellowship Hall

Healthy Harvest: 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Fellowship Hall

Harvest Couples' Class: 4:30 p.m. Sunday

Men's Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Young Adults Fellowship: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Harvest Small Group Room

Jazzercise: 5:45 p.m. Wednesday & Friday, Fellowship Hall (nominal charge)

CLEAR Bible Studies: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays classes for all ages

New Beginnings: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Excellence Equipping Evangelism

TAKE UP THE SWORD!

Two Bible reading plans to start anytime.

Whole Bible in a Year

New Testament in
5 minutes a day

Sept. 23 - Job 40-42 & Isaiah 9

Sept. 24 - Titus & Isaiah 10

Sept. 25 - Jeremiah 1-3 & Isaiah 11

Sept. 26 - Jeremiah 4-6 & Isaiah 12

Sept. 27 - Jeremiah 7-9 & Isaiah 13

Sept. 28 - Jeremiah 10-12 & Isaiah 14

Sept. 29 - Reflection

Sept. 23 - Reflection

Sept. 24 - Titus 1

Sept. 25 - Titus 2

Sept. 26 - Titus 3

Sept. 27 - I John 1

Sept. 28 - I John 2

Sept. 29 - Reflection

These readings plans are provided to help equip the believer as a guide through what can be a daunting issue of "Where do I start studying the Bible?"

Contact Harvest Newsletter

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