

Exploring Church Membership

Our ECM class is for those who want to learn more about the vision, leadership and ministries of Harvest. If you are considering making this your church home, or are regularly attending Harvest and are ready to commit to membership, please sign up below for our fall classes.

Kickoff: Sunday, September 18 | 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Session 1: Sunday, September 25 | 5 – 8 p.m.
Session 2: Sunday, October 2 | 5 – 8 p.m.

Baptism Forms Due 9/4

If you are interested in being a part of the next baptism at Harvest, please complete a registration form (available at the welcome desk) and return it to a staff member by Sunday, September 4.

The Bible teaches that baptism should follow your decision to become a believer. Since baptism is the public profession of your faith in Christ, each participant is asked to either share their personal testimony (verbal or written) at the baptismal service. These testimonies play a significant and meaningful role.

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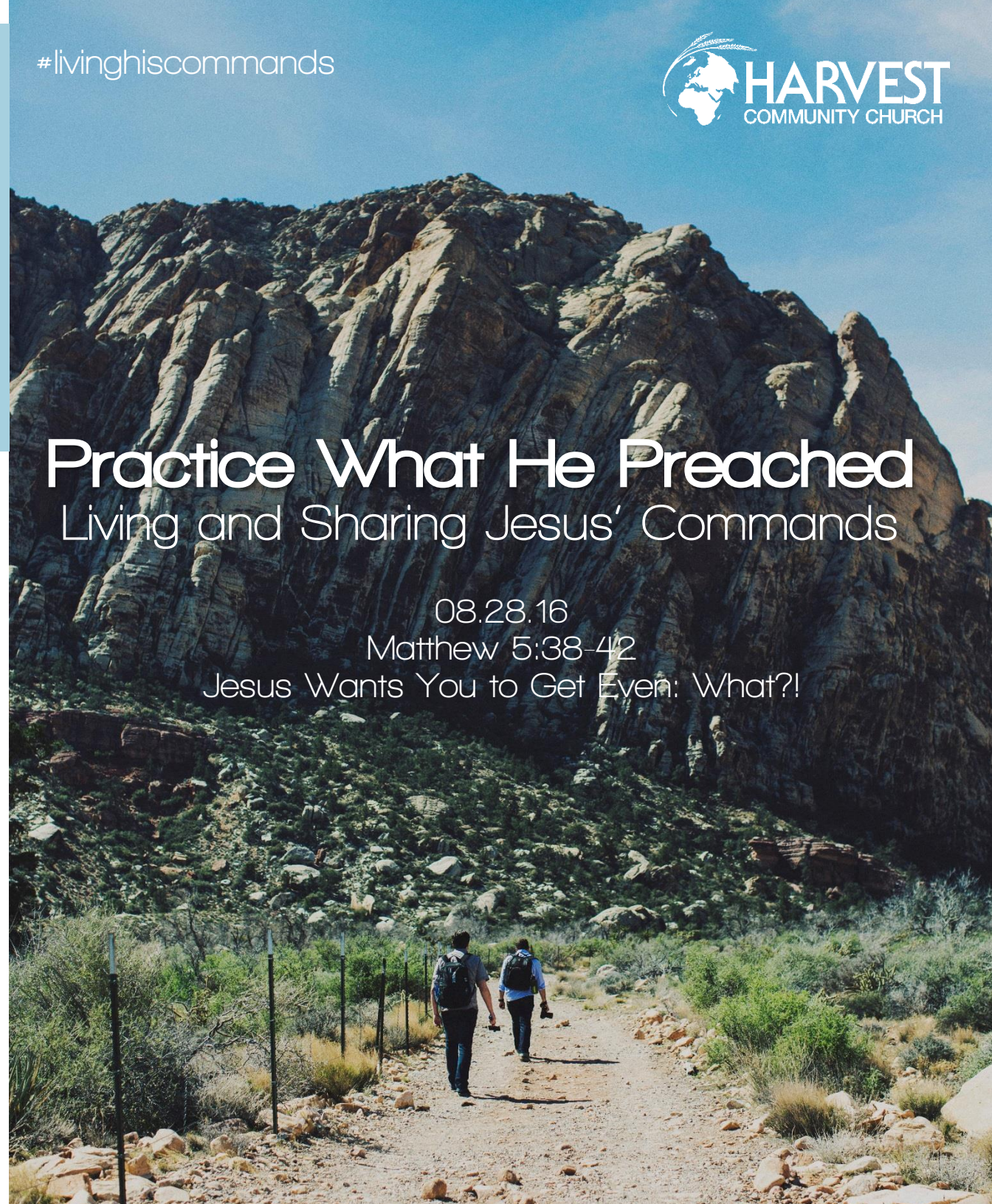
Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

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Matthew 5:38-42

Jesus Wants You to Get Even: What?!



WELCOME!

Our vision

Is to develop people into followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to worship God well and communicate his love to others.

If you are our guest today

Please complete the guest card located in the chair pocket in front of you. After the service, everyone is invited to join us for coffee and connection time in the back of the Worship Center. Guests, we would love to meet you.

Churchwide Prayer

Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Each week an important part of our church life is gathering as a family to pray. Please join us next Sunday as we seek God together.

Discipleship Notebooks

Are available at the welcome desk at a cost of \$2. The weekly study guides are available at no cost. Be sure to use #livinghiscommands on social media to show us how you are applying what you have learned.

Stewardship

General Fund w/e 8/21 = \$6,279.24
Giving to Missions = \$1,098.87

Our six pillars

- Giving worship to God, not entertainment
- Basing everything on the Bible
- Disciple-making
- Prayer as our first option rather than last
- Being grace-oriented, not legalistic
- Community (developing Biblical relationships)

Groups

Want to learn more about our men's, women's, community or special interest groups? Stop by the welcome desk to talk with someone about your specific interests. We would love to help you get plugged in. View our group information at harvestcharlotte.com. Click on Groups.

Harvest Kids classes

Nursery, toddler and preschool classes are available during the worship service. Elementary students join their families for the first half of the service, and then are dismissed to their classes. We are working through "A Sure Foundation" curriculum with the babies and toddlers and "The Gospel Project for Kids" curriculum with the preschool and elementary age kids.

CHURCH LIFE:

Harvest Kids

invites you – our church family - to join us Sunday, September 11 for a picnic and ice cream social following the church service. Please bring your own picnic lunch and come ready to enjoy a fun ice cream social, ice cream eating contest, face painting and other fun activities.

HARVEST STUDENTS (6th – 12th grade)

Our first youth group meeting of the fall will be held tonight (Sunday, August 28) from 6 – 8 p.m. in Room 105.

Please use the entrance near the playground.

Harvest Men

Join us as we discuss "Kingdom Man" by Tony Evans on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month beginning September 3. We meet in the Prayer & Conference Room at 8:00 a.m.

Join us Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. as we continue our study of the book of Jonah.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey provides Biblical, thought-provoking, humor-laden and action-inducing messages to help us advance on the journey to financial peace. The 9-week course begins Sept. 15 from 6:30 - 8 p.m in the café. katiewrayclark@gmail.com

Harvest Ladies

The Shepherding Ministry, a ministry that keeps women connected and prayed for, is in need of 3-4 ladies willing to be Shepherds. Please contact Jeanni Bennett at jeannib@sbcglobal.net if you are interested or would like more info.

A Bible study for women called Sharing Hearts will begin Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Maribell Chittenden's house, 10218 Rocky Ford Club Rd., Charlotte. This group focuses on studying and learning from women of the Bible. Any questions, please contact Maribell at (704) 992-1440 or mwc@carolina.rr.com.

A Bible study based on the book of Hebrews will begin Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Jennifer Jolly and Heidi Reckard are facilitating. Jennifer@GoGod.org or Heidi.Reckard@gmail.com.

Joy Paulsen – E. Asia

If you can assist Joy while she is in the US (9/13-29) in any of the following ways, (transportation, lodging, storing bags to return to E. Asia, use of a car) contact Barb Seidel at seidelblg@gmail.com or (704) 502-7200.

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Jesus wants you to get even -

Two Biblical principles of retaliation

- 1. God sanctions _____ retaliation in order to protect personal relationships (38).
- 2. Jesus forbids _____ retaliation in order to protect personal relationships (39-42).
 - a. Basic principle: don’t seek to _____ (39a).
 - b. Examples of being _____ (39b-42):
 - i. Public insult
 - ii. The suit
 - iii. Forced service
 - iv. Giving

Qualifications

- 1. Make sure you separate _____.
- 2. Refusing to retaliate is not the same thing as being a _____.
- 3. These are not detailed regulations but examples of _____.
- 4. These are not given to encourage _____.

Worship

Jesus is unquestionably our greatest _____!

How I can put the Word into practice this week:

In my own life	As I disciple others

Share how you’re living out this material during the week by using #livinghiscommands on social media.