

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 Today!

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 after the service today.

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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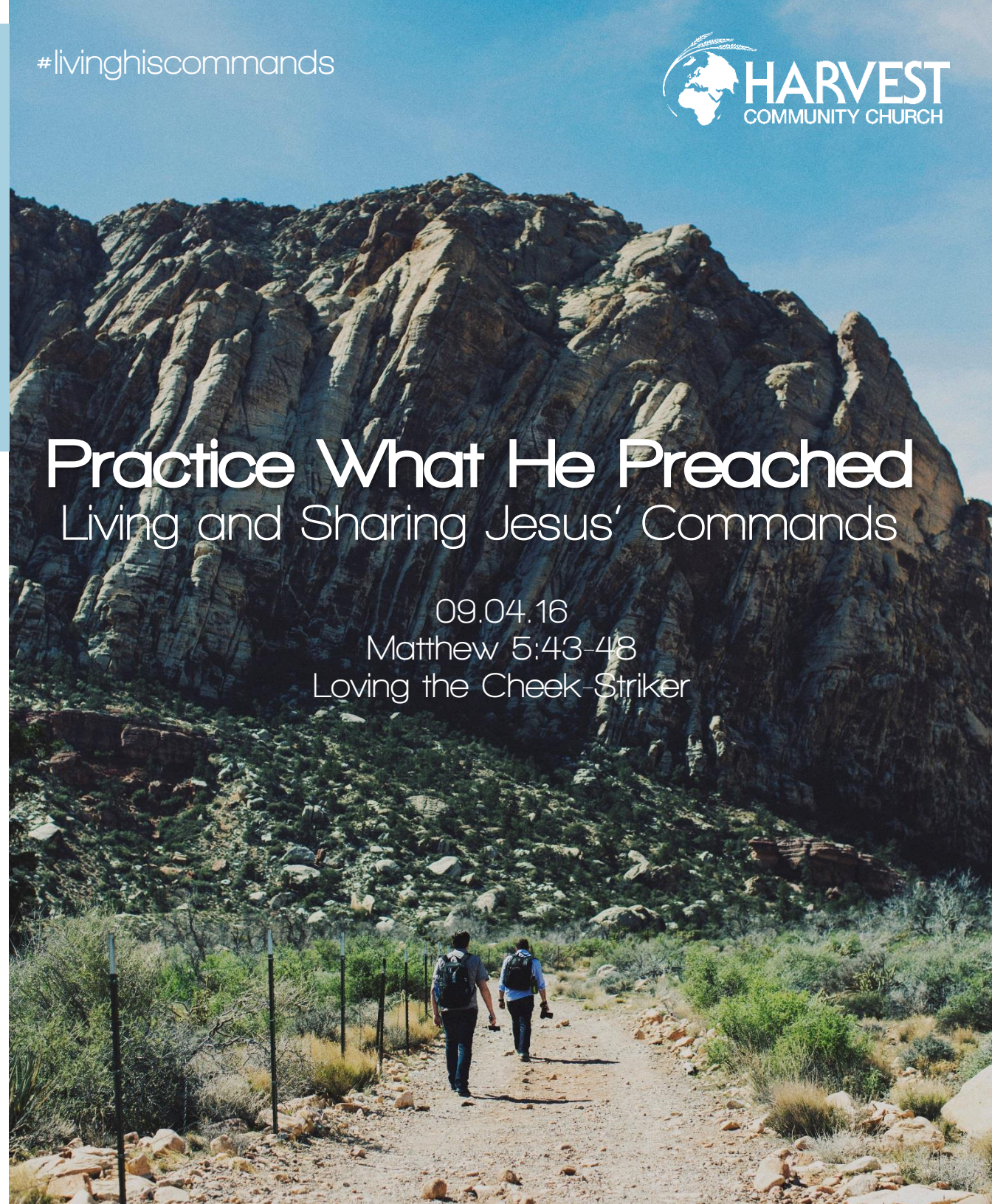
Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

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Matthew 5:43-48

Loving the Cheek-Striker



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 8/28 = \$8,936
Giving to Missions = \$1,564

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 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 and other fun activities for kids of all ages!

If you are interested in serving our children by teaching or assisting in a classroom once a month, please talk to Greg and Linda Singerle, Melia Gordon or Rachel Manning. We are also seeking elementary coordinators to take over for the Singerles as they head to Greece.

HARVEST STUDENTS (6th – 12th grade)

Join us for youth group tonight from 6 – 8 p.m. in Room 105.

Please use the entrance near the playground.

Harvest Men

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

All women are invited to Sharing Hearts Monday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Come join other women as we open our Bibles and share and learn from "The Woman Who Found the Living Water." Held at Maribell Chittenden's house: 10218 Rocky Ford Club Rd., Charlotte. Questions, 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.

Ladies, please join us for "S'more Fun" on Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. We will be sharing some key information about this year's Bible studies and gatherings as well as the dates for the 2017 Ladies Retreat! You don't want to miss it! Bring a lawn chair and friend, weather permitting, we will be around the campfire!

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, use of a car) contact Barb Seidel at seidelblg@gmail.com or (704) 502-7200.

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How we love demonstrates

Three truths about the love God expects us to demonstrate:

1. It can be illegitimately _____ (43-44).

Murder
Adultery
Divorce
Truth-telling based on oaths
Return like for like
Love neighbor but hate enemy

Anger
Lust
Faithfulness to marriage
Truth-telling, period
Go the second mile

2. It can be a great _____ (45-47).

a. As it reflects _____ (45)

b. As it goes beyond normal _____ (46-47)

3. Although the standard is high, it can be _____ (48).

“perfect”

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- In this context:

Application questions:

1. Go beyond head knowledge about Jesus to _____
_____ to him?
2. Eliminate the _____ you place on love?
3. Actively love (and pray for) the _____ in your life?

How I can put the Word into practice this week:

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