# Please join us:

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. Christmas Day: 11 a.m.

# **Year-End Offering**

Matthew 2:11 "On coming to the house, they saw the Child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him (Jesus) with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

At the first Christmas, the greatest Christmas gift given was Jesus. We hope that you will view your year-end offering as giving directly to Jesus Christ, since it goes to help further HIS purposes in this world. It will go to support many of the ministries of Harvest, both locally and globally. Please pray that God will provide.

Year-end donations must be postmarked by December 31.





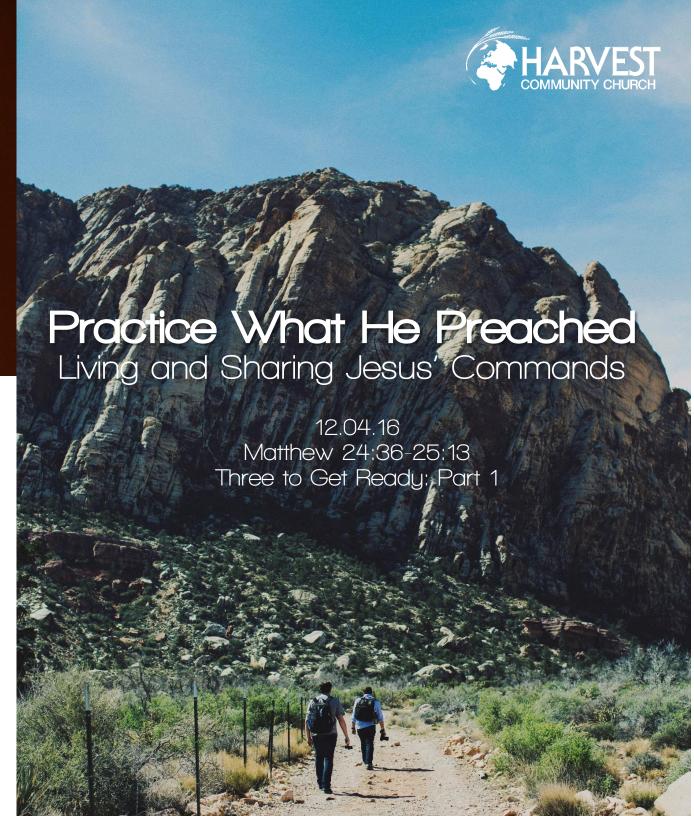












# GUESTS

# CHURCH LIFE

#### 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 pocket of the chair in front of you. After the service, you are invited to join our church family for coffee in the back of the Worship Center.

### Churchwide Prayer

Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

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

#### Christmas Services

Mark your calendars for our Christmas services:

- Christmas Eve: 5 p.m.
- Christmas Day: 11 a.m.

We hope you will join us for one or both of these services. Postcard invitations are available at the welcome desk.

#### Our Six Pillars

- Disciple-making as the culture
- Worship as a lifestyle
- The Bible is our authority
- Prayer as a way of life
- Grace, not legalism
- Biblical community

#### Groups

Want to learn more about our groups? Stop by the welcome desk and pick up information or 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 our babies and toddlers. The preschool and elementary kids are being taught from "The Gospel Project for Kids."

#### Stewardship

General Fund w/e 11/27 = \$7,070.55 Giving to Missions (17.5%) = \$1,237.35 F/Y Income through 11/27 = \$80,117.35 F/Y Expenses through 11/27 = \$90,754

## Today we welcome the newest members of Harvest:

- Matt & Kristen Baddeley, James, Connor, Grady & Rosie
- Chris Bousman
- Tim & Carolyn Harrell, Mike, Amy & JJ

After the service, please join them for coffee in the back of the Worship Center.

#### Harvest Kids

Harvest Kids is growing! If you are interested in serving in our children's ministry once a month, the following opportunities are available:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
- Nursery volunteer (adult or teen)
- Toddler volunteer (adult)
- Preschool assistant
- Elementary coordinators

Please email amy@harvestcharlotte.com if you would like more information.

#### Harvest Ladies

Sharing Hearts will meet this Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Maribell Chittenden's house, 10218 Rocky Ford Club Rd. We will be continuing our Bible study of "The Woman Who Found the Living Water." If you have questions, contact Maribell at (704) 992-1440 or mwc@carolina.rr.com.

#### **HARVESTUDENTS**

If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader, join us for our youth gathering tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Room 105. Please use the entrance near the playground. Contact jim@harvestcharlotte.com for more information.

#### Harvest Men

Men meet on the first and third **Wednesday** of the month at 7 p.m. in the café for Bible study and prayer. Our next meeting is December 7.

#### Christmas Eve

Three individuals are needed to assist with childcare during our Christmas Eve service. Childcare will be provided for children under 4. Please talk to Pastor Scott if you would like more information or to commit to serving.

## Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

Three to Get Ready - Part 1 // Matthew 24:36-25:13

Key Verse: 24	l:42; 25:13	
{	Jesus insists that we stay ready for his return,	}

Context: "Olivet Discourse": preparation for \_\_\_\_\_

### Pictures of readiness and judgment:

- 1. Three examples of the need \_\_\_\_\_\_ (37-44)
  - a. Days of Noah (37-39)
  - b. One taken, one left (40-42)
  - c. Surprise nighttime visitor (43-44)
- 2. Story about \_\_\_\_\_ while the Master is away (45-51)

How you can be ready yourself:	
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<ul> <li>Invite accountability so you don't get</li> </ul>	
Be faithful to what God has	_
How you can help others get ready:	

3. Story about the

bridesmaids (25:1-13)