



HARVEST MEMBER'S Guide



WELCOME TO THE HARVEST FAMILY

EVERY FAMILY HAS THEIR OWN UNIQUE STORY.

Harvest is no exception. We want to tell you about our history and some stories that capture who we are as a church, because becoming a member means that you are adding to the Harvest story.

OUR STORY:

Harvest Christian Fellowship - Seymour was founded in 2000 by pastor Brad Huckabee. The early days of Harvest consisted of a lot of hard work and constant prayer. By 2001, Harvest purchased its current building at 211 N. Main. Since that time, Harvest has continued to bloom and grow. In 2009 pastor Brad Huckabee sensed a change of direction for his life and sought out a pastor to shepherd the church into the next season. In 2010, pastor Sonny Smart followed a call of the Lord to come and pastor the church. From 2010 to present the church has enjoyed tremendous growth.

YOUR ROLE IN THE STORY:

We recognize that God has a specific plan and purpose for each person. We believe that He has created us to live together in a healthy, life-giving community of believers called the local church. Harvest is simply a church that is about reaching people, and as a member of Harvest you have an important role to play. You truly are a minister in the city.

WHY DO WE DO MEMBERSHIP CLASS?

This class is designed to inform you of the things we hold dear here at Harvest. In this class, we will answer many of the questions you may have about our church. As we go, additional questions may arise. Please don't hesitate to ask!

Amos 3:3

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

4 QUALITIES TO BE ABLE TO BUILD TOGETHER LONG TERM AS A CHURCH:

1. **SAME VISION**
2. **SAME VALUES**
3. **SAME PRACTICES**
4. **GOD-ORDAINED HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

Ephesians 4:1-4

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

SESSION 1-WHO WE ARE

OUR CORE VALUES

1. THE JESUS CENTERED LIFE.

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus is the central person of all life and creation. He is the Son of God and the coming King. He is the one true source of meaning and purpose for life and personal identity. I center my life on Him by receiving Him as Savior, following Him as Lord, obeying Him as Teacher, sharing Jesus with others, proclaiming and celebrating His return, and laying down my life for Him, all for His glory. This value is expressed in these Kingdom practices: Word, Worship, Prayer, Spiritual Disciplines, Fear of God, and Sharing Jesus.

Word

John 1:1–2

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Worship

John 4:23

²³But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Singing Psalm 30:4, 47:6; **Clapping** Psalm 47:1; **Dancing** Psalm 149:3, 2 Samuel 6:14; **Shouting** Psalm 98:4; **Joyful Noise** Psalm 100:1; **With our Lips** Psalm 63:3; **With Instruments** 2 Chronicles 5:11-14; **With Lifted Hands** Psalm 141:2; **Bowing** Psalm 5:7; **Kneeling** Psalm 95:6; **Tithing** Deuteronomy 26; **Acts of Service** Matthew 25:31-46; **Offerings** 1 Chronicles 16:29; **Extravagant Offerings** Matthew 26:6-13

Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]"

Spiritual Disciplines

1 Corinthians 9:24–27

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I

discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Fear of God (Holiness)

2 Corinthians 7:1

¹ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Sharing Jesus

John 4:34–35

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

2. THE FATHER IS GOOD.

Psalm 34:8

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Jesus came to reveal God as Father. All that Father is, does, and did is good. All that is good in life and creation, is derived from His own glory and goodness. It is the Father’s good pleasure in the coming of His Kingdom to fully unite Christ and Church as one body, making us all His sons and daughters. At the end of the age He will fully reunite heaven and earth so that God and man can dwell together perfectly, establishing peace for all time. This is really good. This value is expressed in these Kingdom virtues: Gratitude, Joy, Rest, Sacrifice, Giving, and Celebration.

Gratitude

Hebrews 12:28–29

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Joy

James 1:2

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

Rest (Sabbath)

Matthew 11:28–29

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Sacrifice

Romans 12:1

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Acts 20:35b

³⁵ ...And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

****We teach and practice tithing, offerings, and extravagant offerings. Out of Father's goodness we are blessed to be a blessing. We do not give in order to get.****

Celebration

Nehemiah 8:10–12

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹ So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

3. HOLY SPIRIT WITH ME.

John 14:16

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Jesus sent forth the Holy Spirit into our lives the moment we believed. Holy Spirit in us reveals the intimate knowledge of Jesus and the Father to us. Holy Spirit in us ministers salvation, develops maturity, and illuminates the scripture to us. Holy Spirit also desires to minister dynamically through us to others. The miracles, signs, wonders, and gifts of the Holy Spirit we read about in the New Testament are still active today. This value is expressed in these Kingdom outcomes: Salvation, Freedom, Healing, Fellowship of the Spirit, Sanctification, and Empowerment for Ministry.

Salvation

Ephesians 1:13–14

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Freedom

John 8:36

³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Healing

Acts 4:29–30

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

Fellowship of the Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

John 17:22–23

*²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

Sanctification (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)

Galatians 5:22–23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Empowerment for Ministry (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 Corinthians 12:7–10

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

4. LOVE PEOPLE WELL.

John 15:12

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

The second great command is to love my neighbor as I love myself. My love for God is measured and on display in how well I love others. Genuine love for others is genuine love for God. My ability to love others well is directly related to my ability to love myself in a Godly manner. This value is expressed in these Kingdom virtues: Character, Service, Honor, Truth, Community, and Identity.

Character

Galatians 5:22–23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Service

Matthew 20:28

²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Honor

1 Peter 2:17

¹⁷Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Romans 12:10

¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Truth

Ephesians 4:14–15

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes- ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Community

Acts 2:46–47

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Identity

John 1:12

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Romans 8:14

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

VISION OF HARVEST

Proverbs 29:18

¹⁸ Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Habakkuk 2:2

² And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

1. Jesus and His Kingdom

Our vision is to humbly seek His face, the manifest presence of God, as our first priority. We desire to know Him and the power of His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9–10

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 14:21

²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Matthew 4:23–24

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

2. Dangerous Disciples

Our vision is to raise up 'Dangerous Disciples'. No more passive, status quo, nominal Christianity, but a people deeply committed to seeing Jesus' Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 16:18–19

⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

3. One People

Our vision is to become one people with one heart to see Jesus and His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven regardless of race, background, or socio-economic status.

John 17:22–23

²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

4. Multi-Generational

Our vision is to raise up and equip every generation as a Dangerous Disciple to fulfill God's Kingdom initiative of 'on earth as it is in heaven'.

Acts 2:38–39

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

5. On Mission

Our vision is to raise up new disciples, new leaders, new teams, new churches, new house churches, and ministries locally and abroad to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 28:19–20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

HARVEST LEADERSHIP TEAM, NETWORK, & MISSIONS

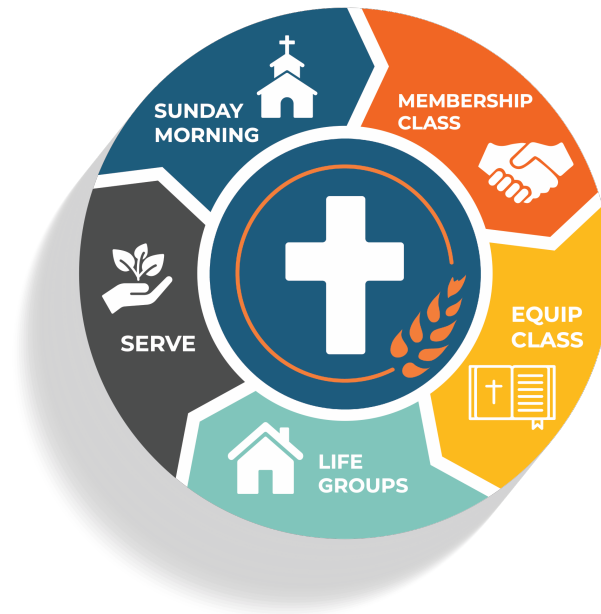
The Harvest Leadership Team is comprised of Pastors, Elders, and Staff. Their role is to serve, shepherd, and equip members for life and ministry. Secondly, they oversee and guide our church to fulfill the vision, will, and purposes of Christ, while walking in submission to Christ and to one another.

Harvest networks with E3, a non-denominational international network. E3 (Encourage, Example, Equip) is led by Pastor Jackie White of Church on the Rock of Lubbock, Texas. The E3 Network serves as our apostolic spiritual covering. They provide support, resource, wisdom, and relationship.

Harvest also participates in local, national, and international missions. Locally, we are partnered with Matthew 25 ministries of Seymour and the local Ministerial Alliance of Seymour to meet the different benevolent needs of the community. We are partnered with the Dream Center and Pursue Missions of Lubbock, TX through E3. Internationally, we are partnered with the Shores of Botswana, Africa. We desire to expand our international missions connection.

SESSION 2- OUR PRACTICES AS MEMBERS

THE *DISCIPLESHIP* PATH



Sunday Morning – As part of our ongoing discipleship process each Sunday morning we will have inspiring worship and a gospel centered message. Gathering for worship among other believers is critical to our ongoing growth in discipleship.

Membership Class – Membership Class is an event designed to inform perspective members of our story, vision, values, and mission. After the event, perspective members are prayerfully invited to consider becoming members.

Equip Classes – Equip Classes take place in Sunday School and in conferences. We hold these to equip believers for the works of ministry. Topics include spiritual disciplines, Biblical foundations, personal evangelism, group leadership, prayer, healing, freedom, prophecy and much more.

Life Groups – Having a group to belong to is critical in your discipleship as a believer. There are multiple types of groups. We encourage everyone to participate in at least one. Each Wednesday night we have nursery, Pre-K, and Kid City ministries for children. Youth Group for our Junior High and High School Students and Life Groups for adults. Make sure to get connected!

Life Groups practice four principles we see in Acts 2:42.

Acts 2:42

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

1. ***Discuss the word, message, or curriculum.***
2. ***Provide a safe atmosphere for building relationships.***
3. ***Have coffee, snacks or meals together.***
4. ***Pray for one another.***

Serving – Serving is a critical part in the life of a disciple. Being able to serve in the area of your gifting is a tremendous blessing. We will do our best to make room for your gift. However, aligning your gift with a particular area can take time, but there are always areas in need of service. We have a family approach to serving. In other words, when things need to be done, we make ourselves available. We take the form of a servant in the Spirit of Christ.

Teams to jump in with immediately and start serving

- Greeters
- Coffee/Hospitality Team
- Meal & Building Prep for Special Events, Equip Classes, & Funerals
- Meal Prep for Life Groups, Wednesday Youth, and Kids Church
- Security & First Responder Team Member
- Building & Grounds Maintenance
- Outreach, Service Projects, Prayer Walks
- Kid City Check In

Teams that require a background check before serving:

- Nursery Team Member
- Kids Ministry Team Member
- Youth Ministry Team Member

Teams that require training, discipleship, and pastoral oversight:

- Worship Team
- Media Team
- Altar Team
- Life Group Leadership
- Life Group Leader Assistant
- Life Group Host
- Missions Team
- Prayer Teams
- Prophetic Ministry Team

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year we offer a wide variety of special events. These events are geared specifically for the purpose of discipleship. They are an opportunity to invest into yourself and others. Below are a few events we consistently offer:

- One2One Discipleship
- Marriage & Parenting Classes
- Financial Classes or Groups
- Men's Retreat
- Women's Events
- Youth Summer Camp
- Kid's Summer Camp

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GETTING INTO THE WORD AND PRAYER

Developing a Bible Reading and prayer life habit is the most important habit for a disciple. We have many Bible reading plans to help you learn the art of combining reading the word and prayer. The best way to get started is to join a Sunday School Group. We utilize the Bible Engagement Project. Check out their website at www.bibleengagementproject.com There is also a Bible Reading plan in our App. We are serious about every member of our church being empowered to read the word and pray.

SESSION 3-CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, A FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

COMING & LEAVING IN PEACE

1 Chronicles 12:16-18

¹⁶Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David. ¹⁷David went out to meet them, and said to them, "If you come peacefully to me to help me, my heart shall be united with you; but if to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look on it and decide." ¹⁸Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, O David, and with you, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to him who helps you; Indeed, your God helps you!" Then David received them and made them captains of the band.

At some point in life, people find themselves in a situation where they must make a choice to join or leave a relationship, job or church. How we join and how we leave is important. It will shape our ability to establish healthy relationships with others and the blessing of God on our lives. If at some point you feel it necessary to leave Harvest, it should be done with prayer and clear communication. Righteous leaving is always pure and peaceable. The question to ask is, "Is God leading me to leave?"

David spoke, "if you have come in peace... and have come to help... then our hearts will be knit together". I believe this statement still bears true for the church today. David asked the hard question of future leaders in his kingdom, and we all must ask ourselves the same question when approaching King Jesus' Bride, the church. Will we lay down agendas, and take up His purpose? Will we lay down our will and take up His will? Will we lay down opinions, take up His, and protect the unity of His bride?

One of the most sacred obligations of a Christ follower is to protect the unity of His church by laying down self-interest. We have one King, His name is Jesus and how we treat His Bride is important. Treat her with peace, assist her with helping hands, and make room for your heart to be knitted to hers. Just as the nation of Israel had their hearts knitted together to establish the kingdom of Israel, we believe our hearts can be knit together to see Jesus' Kingdom come in a mighty way to our church and community. But we must all remember the church belongs to Jesus.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

1. Members must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Matthew 16:15-18

¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

Romans 10:8-10

⁸But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

2. Members must be (or have been) water baptized.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Water baptism is much more than a symbol. There is an actual work that takes place when a believer is immersed in the water. God is doing a work in their heart. He is cutting away the old man and establishing the new man (Romans 6).

INFANT OR CHILD DEDICATION (0-7 yrs.)

CHILD OR YOUTH PROFESSION OF FAITH (4-18 yrs.)

CHILD OR YOUTH BELIEVER'S BAPTISM (7-18 yrs.)

3. Members must make a thoughtful and prayerful commitment to Harvest as their church family.

At the conclusion of the Membership Class, prospective members will have an opportunity to be received into the Harvest family with a moment of prayer. This moment of prayer serves as a meaningful communication between church leaders and the member to fully support one another in prayer, ministry, and service.

4. Members share the responsibilities of Jesus' church.

a. Embrace the life and teachings of Jesus

John 14:23-24

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

b. Participate in the life and functions of the church community

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

c. Practice loving one another by bearing one another's burdens, resisting narcissism, and being transparent

Galatians 6:2–3

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

d. Prayerfully engage with others to commit to Christ and find a church home

Matthew 9:36-38

³⁶ Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

e. Give faithfully to fulfill Christ's mission through His Church

Leviticus 27:30

³⁰ "Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD."

Proverbs 3:9–10

⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Acts 2:44–45

⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 20:35

³⁵ "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

5. Members protect the unity of Jesus' church.

a. Act in love towards other members

John 13:34-35

³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

b. Refuse to gossip

1 Timothy 5:13

¹³ At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention.

c. Follow leadership and be teachable

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

d. Do not show partiality

James 2:1-4

¹My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. ²For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, ³and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

e. Understand biblical standards for correction and church discipline

Matthew 18:15-17 – If an individual needs correction

¹⁵"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Church discipline is a part of church life; just like child training is a part of family life. Harvest has chosen to embrace this biblical standard for church discipline:

Proverbs 1:23 – Receiving Correction

²³If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

Matthew 5:23 – Resolving offenses

²³"Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

Luke 17:3-4 – Granting forgiveness

³"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

6. Members serve the ministry of Jesus' church.

a. Discover your gifts and talents

Romans 12:4-6

⁴For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly.

b. Allow equipping ministers to equip you for service

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

c. Serve beyond your gifting and comfort zone

Philippians 2:6–7

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

d. Develop a servant's heart and serve your church family

Matthew 20:25-28

²⁵But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ²⁶It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

e. Be a servant and minister in the community

Matthew 5:14–16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

7. Members embrace Jesus' Kingdom Culture

a. Jesus' announcement of His Kingdom shapes our prayers, views, practices and theology.

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 6:9–10

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Revelation 22:6–7

⁶ Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. ⁷ "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Daniel 7:14

¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

b. Welcome the move of the Holy Spirit's presence and actively give & receive prayer**John 4:24**

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

1 Thessalonians 5:19–20

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies,

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 Timothy 1:6

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

c. The Gifts of Holy Spirit are for the church today (e.g. healing, prophecy, deliverance, tongues, etc.)**1 Corinthians 12:7–11**

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

d. The 5-Fold Ministry Gifts are a gift to the church to establish a healthy spiritual family.**Ephesians 4:11-13**

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

1 Thessalonians 2:7–12

⁷ But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. ⁸ So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; ¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and

charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

1 Corinthians 4:15

¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

e. Women are called to the ministry and to lead

Romans 16:1-2

¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. ² I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.

Romans 16:7

⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Judges 4:4

⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.

****Headship in the family is held by the husband**

8. Members support the values, vision, practices, and unique identity of our local church.

1 Thessalonians 5:12–13

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Article 1

We believe the Bible to be the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

Article 2

There is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Article 3

God the Father has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God became man to reveal the Father to us and to save us from our sins. Forever He is fully God and fully man.

Article 4

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, became our atoning sacrifice through His death, was raised from the dead, ascended to His Father and will personally return in power and glory to the earth.

Article 5

Although we are created in the image of God, we have nonetheless “all sinned” (Romans 3:23). Until we call upon Christ to forgive our sins and become our Master, Scripture claims we are under the dominion of Satan and are members of the domain of darkness. Only through faith in Jesus Christ and the cleansing of His blood can we be saved. When we believe in Him our sins are forgiven, and we are rescued from the dominion of darkness and transferred into His Kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Article 6

The Father and the Son have given the Holy Spirit to regenerate us, transform us into the image of Christ, and equip us for service. Personal holiness, healing, the fullness of the Spirit and all the spiritual gifts received in the days of the New Testament are available now and should be eagerly desired (1 Corinthians 14:1).

Article 7

We long for the return of Christ, at which time He will rectify everything that is presently wrong. Until then, we are to work faithfully to bring the world to Him through evangelism and discipleship (Matthew 28:18-20).

Article 8

When Jesus Christ returns, dead believers will be physically resurrected. Believers still living will also receive their glorified bodies. Unbelievers will also be raised. Then there will be a judgment. Those who are in Christ will live with Him forever. Those who are not will be cast into hell.

Article 9

The church as the body of Christ has been given special gifts (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, etc.) to equip every member of the body to do the work of ministry. The Church is entrusted with the ordinances of baptism in water, Holy Communion, the anointing of the sick, the marriage ceremony, the appointment of called persons to specific ministries, and with the preaching of the Word.

Article 10

Ultimately, we believe exactly what the Bible teaches on any subject. It is the absolute and infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct because God inspired every word of it in its original form.