



Harvest HAPPENINGS

April-May 2010

"Faith Led. Relationship Driven."

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Today is a sad day as the Lee family moves on from the Harvest family. Through many prayers and tears, the shepherds feel confident that this decision has come from God's leading. We love the Lees and know they love God and you, the body of Christ, dearly. Please pray for God to move to accomplish His will as we all follow His ways.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed." Isaiah 55:9-13

As we searched for understanding, a couple of the shepherds were looking through our Bibles and came upon this exact same scripture. It is pretty amazing how God works and to be honest we don't understand the how's and why's. Never have and probably never will.

We know that many of you will be searching for understanding in this tough time also, may we find comfort in these truths. God is good all the time. His ways and thoughts are higher than ours. And He does not make mistakes. When His guidance and Word go out, they always bring fruit to accomplish what HE desires for HIS purpose and HIS glory.

We all love the Lees and know that God does too. Please pray for them as they follow His path. Please pray for us as we follow His path too. Know that God moves with purpose and has great plans for everyone involved as we seek to serve and glorify Him. Remain faithful to prayer and to serving the King as God has called you to do.

I hope you know that we love you deeply as your shepherds and we know that Matt and Terah also truly love you. Our God is alive!

Love,

Doug Marcum, Steve McDowell, Dave Rawls, Randy Tempest, Drew Wright & Sam Wrisley
Your Shepherds

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We did it! We endured. As you might remember from the last issue, we were looking forward to a lock-in for the Crash called Endure. What a wonderful night! We got started with an incredible turnout of people from our church body coming out and cheering on our high school students and a lot of their friends in an Olympic-like opening ceremony and wonderful worship time with everyone. Our kids were touched by the love they saw through such support. What a great church family! Thank you so much for your support. We were reminded to run with perseverance and fix our eyes on Jesus so that we will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:1-3). Look for the Crash to keep on running, following Jesus as we go.

Our next big event will be CIY MOVE June 14–18 at Anderson University. This is an annual event that we attend and each year it proves to be life changing and challenging. Spending a week of your life focused in so closely on God sure has a way of doing that! Please be in prayer for our group and the friends that we will bring along. Pray for God to help us understand just how and where He would have us MOVE.

James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you..”

God wants to CONNECT to each and every one of us. It is awesome to know that God has a plan for our lives and His plan for our lives is far greater than anything we could imagine. This is what Connect is all about. We love to have fun and hang out, but we care more about connecting with the Great Author of our very souls. Connect is a ministry for Jr. High Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

Road Trip: Believe

Connect is taking a ROAD TRIP! I love road trips. On April 16th – 17th we are going to Anderson University for Believe. Believe is a Christ In Youth event. This year the focus is on The Messiah. It will be a great time of fellowship, teaching and worship. I am excited to see what God has in store. They also have special guests, UNTITLED Skateboards Co. These guys are going to put on great show and represent the Gospel in what they love to do, skateboard. Check them out at <http://untitledskate.com/>. It is not too late to sign up, call or email Stacey Hahn @ staysea20@hotmail.com or 765-228-7524.


Guys Night

Due to popular demand and many requests I am having the guys night at my house on Friday, April 23rd. This will be an all-nighter. We are going be hanging out, eating healthy food, reading books and playing board games. I am sure that none of you are buying in to that, so if you are a Jr. High School guy ask your parents if you can stay the night. Call Tom @ 765-717-9570 for more info.

Send Off Event


On Saturday, May 15th Connect sponsors and students will be getting together for a special event to send off our 8th graders to High School in style. More information to come, but be sure to mark your calendars because it is going to be a great time.

God is moving through your students at Harvest so please remember to pray for them. - Tom Hahn



CRASH SCHEDULE

April 4.....	No Crash
April 11, 18 & 25	Meet at Harvest
May 2	Meet at Harvest
CIY MOVE registration and money due May 2	
May 16 & 23.....	Meet at Harvest
May 9 & 30	No Crash



CONNECT SCHEDULE

April 4.....	No Connect
April 11	Connect at the Cave
April 16-17	BELIEVE EVENT
April 18	Connect at the Cave
April 23.....	GUYS NIGHT
April 25, May 2	Connect at the Cave
May 9	No Connect
May 15.....	CONNECT EVENT
May 16 & 23.....	Connect at the Cave
May 30.....	No Connect
June 6.....	WELCOME NEW 6th GRADERS



HOW CAN I KNOW?

by David Rawls, Discipleship Minister

An Indiana cemetery has a tombstone, more than one hundred years old, with the following epitaph:

*Pause, stranger, when you pass me by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you will be.
So prepare for death and follow me.*

An unknown passerby scratched these additional words on the tombstone:

*To follow you I'm not content,
Until I know which way you went.*

I love this little epitaph. There is a lot of truth in it. Maybe the biggest truth is that we will die one day. The question which arises concerning death is what happens when we die? For the Christian, we believe we will go to heaven. But let me throw out one more question. Let me make it even more personal to you. When you die will you go to heaven? So how did you answer that question? Did you answer by saying you are 100% certain you will go to heaven? Or maybe you said, "I am not really sure."

If you are not really sure, you are probably not alone. Even though many of us believe in a heaven and even call ourselves Christians, we still have some doubts about knowing for certain. Well there is some good news, actually great news. The great news is that we can know. The apostle John before his death wanted all people to know that they could be certain about where they would spend their eternity. He writes in 1 John 5:13, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

So according to the Bible, we can know we are going to heaven. So the final question then becomes what do we need to know? The answer to this question will be answered in our new Sunday night class called "How Do I Know?". Starting April 11th and ending on the night of May 2nd (6-7:30pm), we will give you the information from God's word so you can know for certain where you will spend eternity. I look forward to seeing you for this very important four week class.

LAUNCH CHILDREN'S CALENDAR



April Events

April 3Harvest Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 pm

May Events

May 9.....Special ALL YOUTH Service at Harvest

May 15.....Canoe and Cookout 12-6:00 pm
Imitators (4th-5th grade)

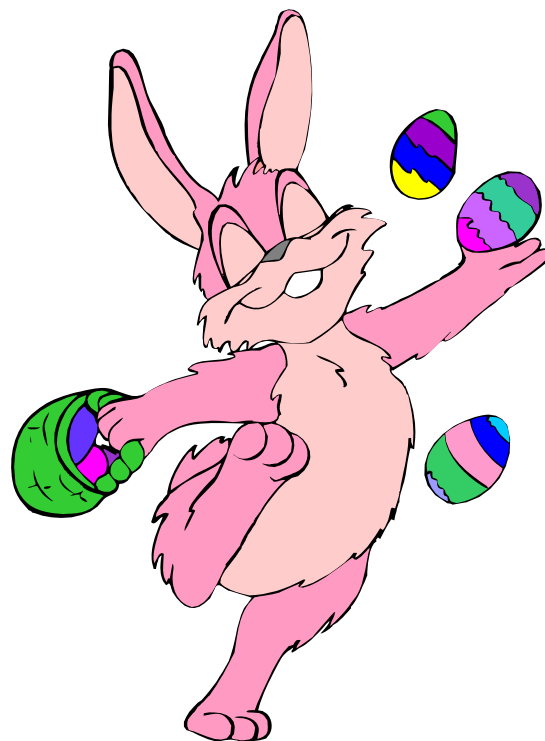
May 16..... All Church Serve Day

May 23..... Special Friends Sunday



MEGA Egg hunt

Come and join us for hunting eggs, the Easter Story and a visit with the Easter bunny and other animal friends on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 3:00 pm at Harvest Christian Fellowship. This is for kids 5th grade and under.



INTERVIEW WITH SHEPHERD, DOUG MARCUM



MARCUM FAMILY

Age and Birthday: My birthday is August 19th. I am 38 years old.

Spouse and Children: I have been married to April for eleven years. We have 4 daughters, Ruthie 9, Lily 7 and our twins, Anna and Ella 2.

Where do you work or what do you do for a living? I work at Ontario Systems. I am the Director of Product Marketing.

Where did you go to school? Cowan, Purdue University and Ball State University

Were you raised in a Christian home? Yes

How and when did you come to know Christ? I was 12 years old when my minister, Bob Kellums, began meeting with my friend, Tony, and I to talk about the meaning of Baptism and what it meant to be a Christian. I became convicted that this is what God wanted for me and I was baptized. However as I grew older, the Christian influence in my life started to fall away. I struggled in late high school, in college and for a few years after that to figure out what this life was really about. I tried many things in life to fill the void, but none made me

happy. I then moved back to Muncie to work at Ontario Systems and an old friend invited me to church where I met a group of people who seemed like real people struggling with real-life issues and yet leaned on Christ for their understanding. I began meeting in a smaller accountability group with three of these men that I now serve with as shepherds, Steve McDowell, Randy Tempest and Sam Wrisley. These men challenged me to draw closer to God and as I did, He began to change my heart and my desires to seek more of Him. I then began to serve in a College ministry to help others make better choices than I did and learn from my mistakes instead of making their own.

What made you feel called to be a shepherd? I felt God calling me to be a servant in a different capacity and that was to help grow people closer to Christ and strengthen their walk, as my accountability group did with me so many years ago.

Favorite verse: My current one I have posted on my office wall above my computer is Phil. 4:6. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Any other interesting tidbit? I used to play on a traveling paintball team and even got beat by the 3rd ranked team in the nation in paintball at the time, the Purdue Boilermakers.



*Happy Easter
He has Risen!*



EACH WEEK AT HARVEST...

- Church each Sunday at 10:00 am
- Sunday nights, "Trench" class begins April 11th 6-7:30 pm.
- We have home Bible Studies that meet throughout the week. Contact David Rawls for more info, david@hcfmuncie.org.
- Wednesday mornings 6-7:30 am, Men's Bible Study at Harvest. Coffee and breakfast served.
- "Come and Be Fed" meets each Wednesday. Dinner is at 5:30 pm with programs for the kids and adult prayer meeting called "Encounter" from 6-7pm. Starting May 19 times will change.
- "Truth Travelers" meets Wednesdays from 6-7 pm.
- "Freedom to Recovery", a Christian recovery group meets Friday nights from 7-8:30 pm.

FREEDOM CELEBRATION

Harvest Christian Fellowship will be having a Freedom Celebration on May 15, 2010 at 3:00 pm. Brady Vaught will be the special speaker. There will be a dinner at 5 pm. Food will be provided. There will be a corn hole tournament and games for the kids. Everyone is welcome for lots of fun and fellowship.