

## Mission Statement

To the glory of God, the Harvest Community Church is to gather and nurture God's growing family.

### Purpose

To **Glorify** God through worship in spirit and in truth  
To **Gather** God's family through outreach  
To **Grow** in grace and knowledge of Jesus through discipleship  
To **Give** back of ourselves what God has given through service  
To be **Grafted** to one another through Holy Spirit fellowship

### Core Value

**If anything good is going to happen, God has to do it.**

**Therefore, it is important for us to always look to discern what God is doing and join Him in His work.**

**Such discovery will be**

- **Led by scripture**
- **Based on spiritual giftedness**
- **Bathed in prayer**
- **An outgrowth of small group intimacy**

### ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:

**J. Flohr/S. Oosterhouse—A-I**

**B. DeJong/R. Duits—J-O**

**R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—P-Z**

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday Services

**Worship Service**—9:30 a.m. (Children's Worship during service)

**Sunday School**—11:00 a.m. Sept-May

**Small Group Ministry**—Sunday evenings

(CHEERS in the home 1st and 3rd Sundays,

**Bible Study** at church 2nd and 4th Sundays.)

### Weekday Ministries

**Coffee Break/Story Hour/Little Lambs**

Wednesdays 9:00—11:00 a.m. Sept.—May

**Moms in Prayer**

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

**Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays—7:00 pm

\*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

### CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

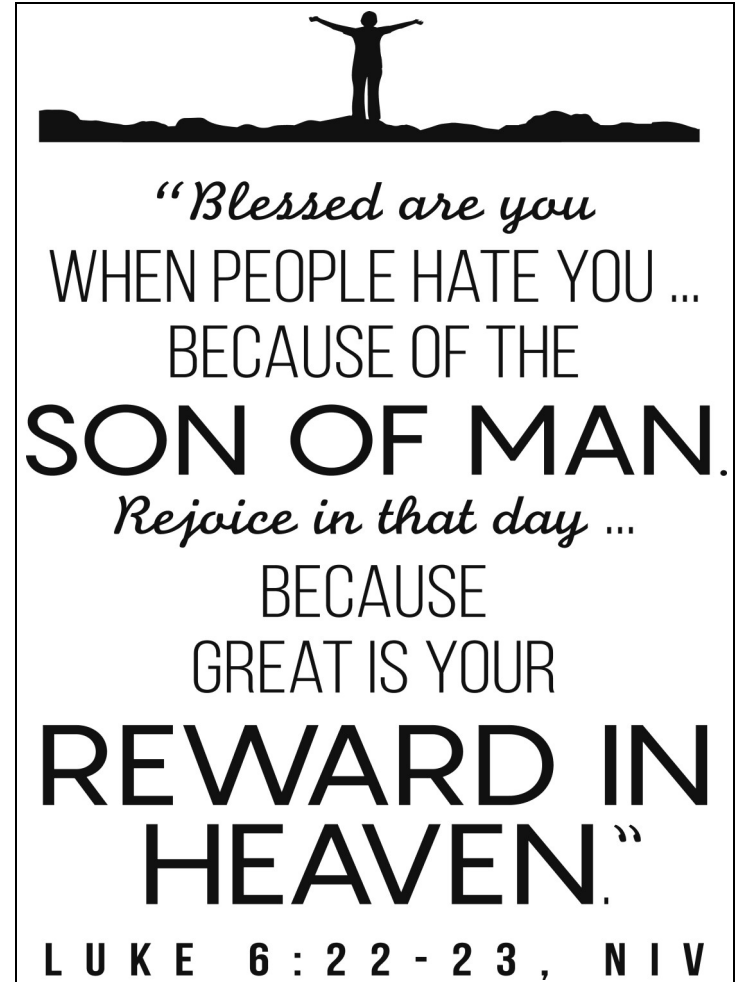
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



## *Harvest Community Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 6, 2023

*It's a blessing to gather together today!*

“Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.” -Jesus John 16:20-21

## Morning Worship

**Message And So It Begins**

**Scripture** Acts 4: 1-12

Page 772 in the blue Bibles

Children’s Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School do not meet during the summer months. Adult Sunday School meets this morning in the auditorium at 11:00.

*Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service this morning.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we are continuing in our walk through the book of Acts. The church is at most, a couple weeks old, and it comes under attack. We will see how quickly it escalates in the next couple of chapters, but this is where it begins. When you feel under attack because of your Christian faith, how do you deal with it. In this section of Scripture, we find some wonderful ways the early church dealt with it, serving us with some principles for our own response.

## **August Second Offerings**

- **This Morning:** Capital Improvement Fund of the church
- **August 20:** Starfysh ministry in Haiti

**Dust to Glory** meets this evening at 5:00. Join us as we hear Dr. R.C. Sproul’s take on the book of Hebrews.

## **Baptisms/Church Picnic: Sunday, August 20**

- The baptisms and picnic will take place at the residence of Dr. Dick and Robin Barnett: 650 Lakeview Dr.
- The Baptism Service will begin at 11:30.
- Nick Berens and Maggie Mosher will be baptized. Anyone else who would like to be baptized, contact Pastor Ben.
- Bring a dish or two to pass. Hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages and tableware will be provided.
- Bring lawn chairs
- A shuttle service will be provided for those who need it.

**Consistory** will be making nominations for new office bearers at it’s August 16th meeting. If there is anyone you would like to nominate for the offices of deacon or elder, please give your nomination to a current officer.

**Sunday Sermons.** As a reminder, Sunday sermons are available on the church website –[www.harvestcrc.com](http://www.harvestcrc.com) (under the ‘sermons’ tab), beginning the day after the sermon is preached. There will also be CD copies on the back table.

**Alpha Care Center of Lake Odessa and Lowell** will be sponsoring A Strides For Life 5K *Run, Walk, Pray, Support* event on Saturday, August 26th at the Lakewood High School entrance to Jordan Lake Trail. Strides for Life is a fundraising event that will allow Alpha Care Center to continue supporting clients in our community. There will also be fun family activities, snacks and lunch. Contact Abigail Guernsey at [abigailg@alphacarecenter.org](mailto:abigailg@alphacarecenter.org) with questions, to sponsor the race, donate prizes or volunteer your time. There are a few sponsorship forms on the back table also.

**Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center** in Norton Shores will feature Huntley Brown for their summer concert series this Saturday, August 12. This is a free event and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Dinner is available before the concert by purchasing tickets at [vacationwithpurpose.org/Summer-Concert](http://vacationwithpurpose.org/Summer-Concert).

**Prayer Help.** Are you or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? There are prayer cards on the greeter table. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket or in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs are prayed for on Wednesday during evening prayer gathering.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 1:00-4:00 pm—Back to School Bash for families at the Lake Odessa fairgrounds
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on July 30**

**General Fund** \$ 4,331.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

**Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!**

**Greeters** Today and August 13 Lyle and Val Livingston

**Children’s Worship** will not meet for the summer

**Nursery** Today Mary Flohr, Jessica Kastanek  
August 13 Jennie Reynolds, Joshua Flohr  
August 20 Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier

**Coffee Time** Today Tamara Reser  
August 13 Wayne Moak  
August 20 Joann Gerke

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Joel Pepper August 13 Cindi Green

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.

**This week:** Richard and Anita Duits