

Please join us:

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

Christmas Eve: Childcare provided for babies and toddlers
Christmas Day: Family service, no childcare provided

Year-End Offering



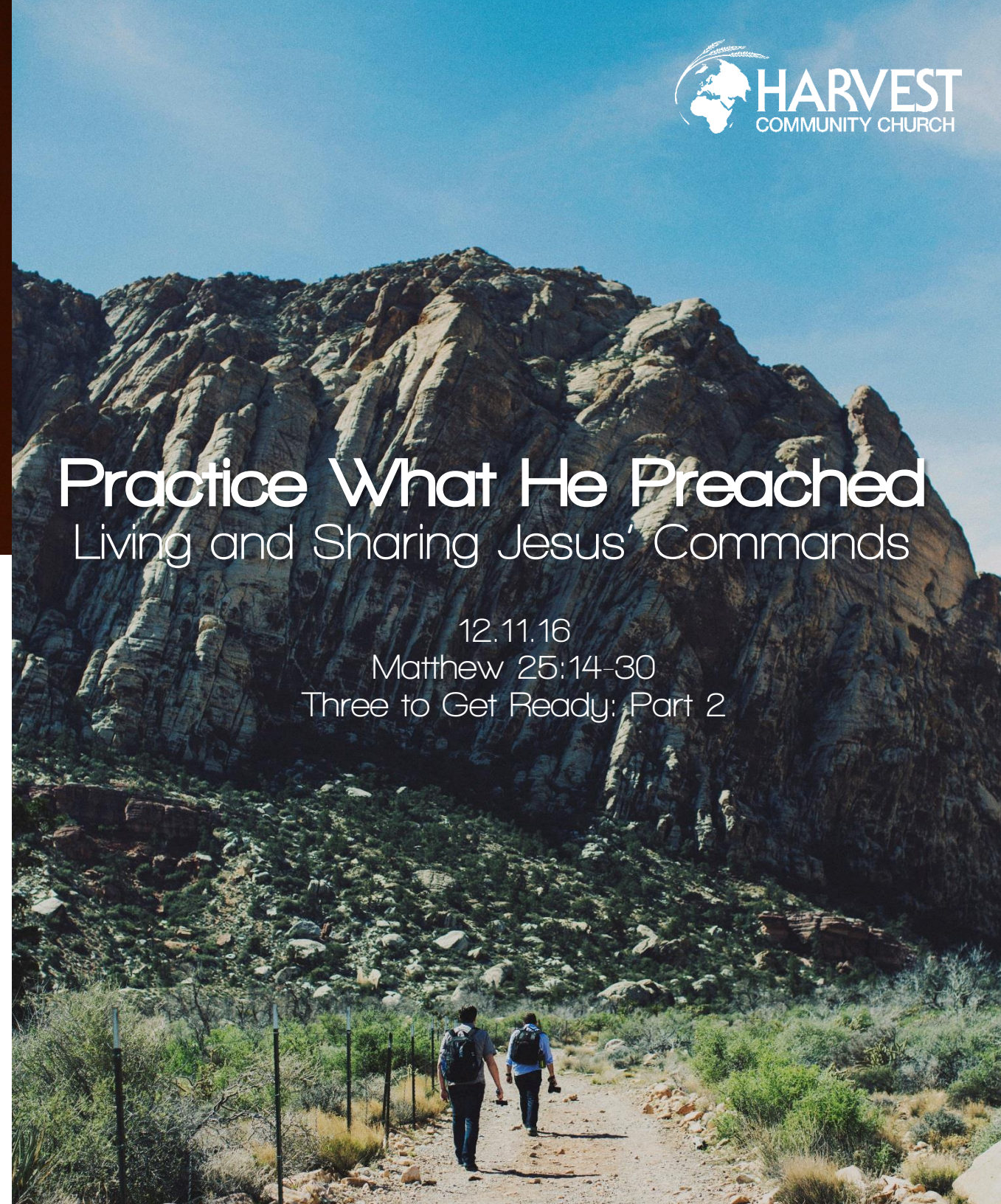
Part of your year-end offering will go to support Not and Jaew, a Thai couple who are partnering with Doan and Sai Hill in their church plant in Thailand. Another portion helps fund every ministry of Harvest. Please give generously as an act of worship and as a way to give directly to Jesus Christ at Christmas. You can mark "Year-End 2016" on the memo line of your check or use one of the special "Christmas Offering" envelopes in the back of the chairs. We will collect the offering all the way through December. *God loves a cheerful giver!* (2 Corinthians 9:7)



Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

12.11.16
Matthew 25:14-30
Three to Get Ready: Part 2



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 12/4 = \$10,455.10
Giving to Missions (17.5%) = \$1,829.64

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:

- 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher (3rd Sunday)
- Nursery volunteer (adult or teen)
- Toddler volunteer (adult)
- Elementary coordinators
- Preschool apprentice coordinator

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

HARVESTSTUDENTS

(6th – 12th Grade)

Sunday 12/11 Regular Schedule, 6 - 8 p.m.
Sunday 12/18 Christmas Party! 6 - 8 p.m.
Bring \$5.00 or less wrapped gift for fun gift exchange.

No Harveststudents 12/25 and 1/1.

Harveststudents resumes 1/8, 6 - 8 p.m.
Contact jim@harvestcharlotte.com for more information.

Harvest Men

Men meet on the first and third **Saturday** of the month at 8 a.m. in the Prayer & Conference Room. Our next meeting is December 17.

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.

Stage Design

We are looking to form a team of individuals to design and implement stage designs throughout the year – beginning this Christmas season.

If you would like to join this team, or would like more information, please contact henry@harvestcharlotte.com.

40 Days of Prayer

If you are interested in helping collate and bind the 40 Days of Prayer guides, please contact amy@harvestcharlotte.com.

HK Memory Verse: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Three to Get Ready – Part 2 // Matthew 25:14-30

God generously rewards those who

Observations:

- _____: Context is important – this parable continues the theme of watching introduced in Matthew 24 (14).
- _____: This is a parable with one primary point, not a theology lesson (14).
- _____: God is incredibly generous; these were LARGE sums of money (15).
- _____: The emphasis in this parable is not the unexpected nature of the master's return, but on the length of the time away and the accountability required of the servants (19).
- _____: Attitude towards the master was the determining factor of the stewards – wrong attitude resulted in bad stewardship and laziness; right attitude resulted in wise investment (24-25).
- _____: The day of reckoning came, and their responses resulted in reward or loss (26-30).

Lessons:

1. _____: God is the owner of everything.
2. _____: We are stewards, not owners, and everything He gives us is gracious and generous.
3. _____: Stewarding God's gifts well (i.e., working to advance the kingdom) is the best way to "watch for Christ's return."
4. _____: God will reward the faithful with increased responsibility and sharing in his joy.
5. _____: Attitude towards God is the foundation of our trajectory in life.

Questions:

1. What has God _____?
2. How are you investing in _____?
3. How are you helping _____ their lives in God's kingdom?