

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

- Ephesians 4:7

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Open Your Gifts
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Upcoming Events

Read the Scripture: Ephesians 4:7-10

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. (Ephesians 4:7)

How is the church expected to demonstrate the power of God and thus influence society? The apostle suggests clearly that the power of the church lies in all Christians discovering and intelligently exercising the spiritual gift that was given to them when they became a member of the body of Christ. That is largely a forsaken principle today, and that is why the church is so weak. If we ever recover the strength God intended the church to exert in human society, it will be by a return to that simple thing, the exercise of each person's spiritual gift.

Monday Nights 7PM
Prayer Meeting
Now Through April 22nd
Harvest Kids Popcornopolis Fundraiser
April 13th 11 AM
Seniors Luncheon
April 15th PM Service
Connection Group Night
April 20th-21st
PF Mens Ministry MOMENTUM
Conference
April 27th through the 29th
District Fine Arts Festival
April 29th 11 AM Service
Water Baptism
May 5th 9AM-1PM
Destiknee Place Walk-A-Thon

Prayer Meeting

After all, is that not the way a physical body functions? In the body of flesh and bones, there are a variety of cells. The body operates, not by the cells getting together and voting about what is the best thing to do, but by simply doing what they individually and particularly were designed to do. It is the function of the head to correlate this and bring it all together and make it operate effectively, but each cell gives itself to the task of functioning according to its design.

The body does not operate when the cells revolt. Did you ever experience a rebellion of the muscle cells of your stomach? We call it indigestion! It means that the body is sick, and it is not operating the way it was intended to. This is the whole problem with the church today. In so many places it has forgotten it is a body and has tried to operate as another human organization; therefore, it has no more power than any other human organization at work in the world. But Paul reminds us that the secret of the operation of the church is that each Christian has a gift.

It is our responsibility to recognize and fulfill that gift. If you are a Christian, if you have new life by the Spirit of God by faith in Jesus Christ, you have a spiritual gift. The church begins to live and exercise its impact and influence upon society when you begin to exercise your gift.

Do you know what your gift is? Have you ever asked yourself this question: "What is the gift God has given to me since I am a Christian? What does He want me to do as a general area of ministry?"

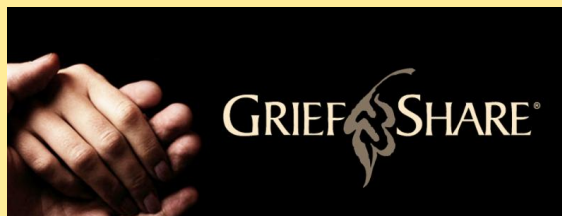
Do you know how to recognize a gift? Do you know how to develop it once you know what it is? The impact on the church in this area is directly related to how you answer those questions. Your own joy and fulfillment as a Christian depends on how you answer those



Mondays, 7-8 PM

Please join us on Mondays for a Prayer Meeting. The prayer time will be held in the conference room from 7-8 pm. This Prayer Meeting will take place every Monday night. Come on out and pray for our Church, Community and our Nation.

GriefShare



Mondays 6-8 PM

GriefShare is a ministry that walks with people that have lost a loved one, and helps give them the tools for healing. The classes will be on Monday nights from 6-8 pm in the Preschool Room. For more information contact Gordon Moody or Susan Carmack.

**Harvest Kids
"Popcornopolis"
Fundraiser**



Now Through April 22nd

questions.

Lord thank You for the spiritual gifts you have given me. Let me not only discover them but use them to edify Your body and glorify Your Son in the power of the Spirit.

Life Application: Many Christians today are still naive on how the Body of Christ really functions which results in unhealthy churches. Have we discovered & exercised our spiritual gifting?

We hope you were blessed by this daily devotion.

From your friends at www.RayStedman.org

Harvest Giving App

For IOS and Android Phones

We are happy to announce that we have a quick and secure tool that is available to us now for Giving. All you need to do is go to your App store on your phone and type in Harvest Assembly of God Lakeland, and download it for free right to your smart phone.

Our Harvest Kids Ministry is having a delicious Popcorn Fundraiser to help raise money for upcoming Kids Ministry Events. There are different prices and sizes you can purchase. We will have a table set up in the foyer for you to browse the flavors. If you are interested in purchasing some of these delicious popcorn treats, see any of our Harvest Kids or contact Pastor Sydney Morrow.

Seniors Luncheon



Friday, April 13th 11 AM

All of our amazing Senior Adults are invited to attend this months luncheon. It will be held at the church in the Youth Building. We ask that you please bring a covered dish to share and come enjoy a great time of food

District Fine Arts Festival



Thursday, April 26th through

Sunday, April 29th

Our Students are gearing up for the District Fine Arts Festival in Orlando, Fl. Please be in prayer for every student as they are on a journey of discovery, development and deployment of their God given gifts and talents. Pray that the Lord would use our students in a powerful way this weekend.

and fellowship. For more information please contact Fred or Nora Connell at connellfred@yahoo.com

PF Mens Ministry "MOMENTUM" Conference



**Friday, April 20th Through
Saturday, April 21st**

All of our Harvest Men are invited to attend our District's Mens Conference. It will be held at Faith Assembly in Orlando and the cost is \$49 per person. Please contact Dennis Rosario for more information.

Water Baptism

Sunday Night Connections



**Sunday, April 15th During
the
PM Service**

We would love to encourage everyone to be a part of a Connection Group. If you are new to Harvest we invite you to attend Pastor and Sister Joy's group at their home. The directions to their house are located at the Information Desk. If you are interested in being a part of a Connection Group please take a look at the Connection Leader book at the Information Desk or contact Marty or Janet Benton.

Quick Links

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[Church Website:](#)



Sunday, April 29th 11 AM Service

We will be having our next Water Baptism celebration on Sunday, April 29th during the 11 AM Service. If you are interested in being baptized please contact Pastor Sydney or sign up at the Information Desk. If you are going to be baptized that morning come in the clothes you are going to be baptized in and bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Service Times

Saturday
7pm Adult Worship
7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday
9 am Early Morning Worship
9 am Christian Education
11 am Mid Morning Worship
11 am Harvest Kids Church
11 am Special Needs Church
6 pm Evening Worship
6 pm Student Ministries

Wednesday
7 pm Adult Worship
7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

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