

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

Matthew 8:3

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If You Are Willing
Read Matthew 8:1-4

This account of Jesus' compassion is amazing and beautiful, because in the first century, leprosy was a slow and painful killer that was almost always fatal. The few survivors that overcame the disease were often left with hideous and painful physical scars. They also had to deal with the emotional scars left by a superstitious public that believed that contracting the disease was to be put under God's curse.

Not every miracle Jesus performed is recorded in the Gospel. No doubt, miracles were common and ordinary for the Son of God who always displayed mercy despite the crowds constantly pressing in on him and demanding his attention. God was also intentional and meticulous about the stories he chose to retell through his inspired

Upcoming Events

- September 8th 11 AM
Seniors Luncheon
- September 10th 6 PM
Kids Christmas Musical Practice
- September 15th and September 16th
Experience Conference
- September 15th 5:30 PM
Seniors Dinner Fellowship
- September 17th during PM Service
Sunday Night Connections
- September 21st 7 PM
Dinner Theater
- September 22nd and 23rd 6 PM
Girls Ministries Sleepover

Cancelled

Sunday Morning Service

writers, and we have to remember that the inclusion of this account not chosen randomly or haphazardly.

Notice that when Jesus encountered this leper, he first came down from the mountainside after finishing his Sermon on the Mount. In other words, Jesus condescended after his great sermon.

Also notice that this leper comes and bows before Jesus? The leper bowed and expressed his great faith when he said, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." And without hesitation the Lord reaches down to touch him and says those beautiful words, "I am willing. Be clean!" And the leper is immediately healed.

Matthew has given us not only a picture of our merciful God, but a real life allegory of repentance. When hearts become drawn they become willing. And once hearts become willing, God and the sinner simultaneously draw near like attracting magnets until finally the healing transaction between Redeemer and sinner is instant and total.

The leper's outward disease is like the disease of our hearts. All of us are spiritual lepers with hopelessly incurable diseases. All of us are insufficient to save ourselves.

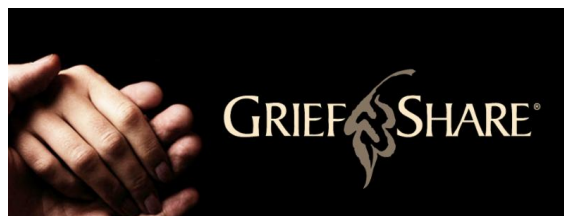
Like the leper, we only find true healing from the incurable illness if we humble ourselves before the Messiah, who demands nothing more of us but our trust in him. Only faith in Jesus, brings the joy and peace that give us the ability to genuinely praise and please God.

The great barrier between us and God does not lie with God, but with us. He is the One who is always willing to heal to us, but we are the ones who are stubborn. So few of



Hey Harvest Families! In preparation for the unknown in regards to Hurricane Irma we wanted to just go ahead and be prepared for this weekend. We will be having a Sunday Service if weather permits this Sunday, September 10th at 10 a.m. Note that we will only have one service and it will have all Kids Services as well! We will keep everyone informed as to whether we will have to cancel completely due to the weather. Please keep checking your emails and Facebook! We love you all please be safe and take all the necessary preparations that you are advised to do! We are praying for you!

Grief Share



Mondays from 7-9 PM

If you are dealing with the loss of a spouse or a loved one and would love for people to walk with you through this, then Grief Share is for you. The class will meet each Monday from 7-9 PM in the Pre-School Room. For more information contact Gordon Mood at gamoody@verizon.net or Susan Carmack at susannamejia04@gmail.com

Junior Bible Quiz

us are willing to turn because we don't think God can heal us.

And God will certainly heal us, but not unless we come to him and say: "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

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.

Experience Conference



**Friday, September 15th and
Saturday, September 16th**

This Conference is designed to help equip and train member of the church. The guest speaker is Rob Ketterling, Lead Pastor at River Valley Church. There are over 100 breakout sessions and dynamic worship services. Harvest has covered the registration fee for anyone who signed up before August 13th. If you signed up to attend, we ask that you show up. Registration has been done in your name, so that is all you need



Sundays at 5pm

If you have a child that is in, or wants to be in our Junior Bible Quiz program, practices are in the Stars Room at 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact Pastor Sydney at smorrow@harvestassembly.org

Seniors Luncheon



Friday, September 8th at 11 AM

All of our Senior Adults are invited to attend this months luncheon on Friday, September 8th at 11 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and come enjoy a great time of food and fellowship. For more information please contact Fred or Nora Connell at connellfred@yahoo.com

for check in. If you are unable to make the event, we ask that you contact Caryn, at caryn@harvestassembly.org. The evening service Friday at 7pm and Saturday at 8am are free and open to anyone to attend.

Sunday Night Connections



**Sunday, September 17th in Lieu of
Sunday Night Service**

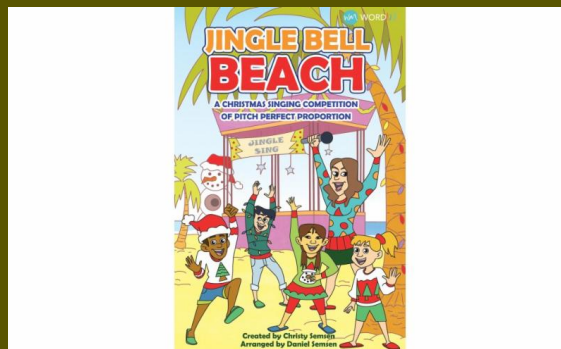
We invite all of our Harvest family to be a part of our Next Sunday Night Connections. If you're not yet a part of a group we encourage you to take a look at the Connection Leader Book at the Information Desk. If you are new to Harvest or have only been attending a short while we invite you to Pastor and Sister Joy's home. Directions to their home are located at the Information Desk.

Girls Ministries Sleepover



**Friday, September 22nd-
Saturday, September 23rd**

Kids Christmas Musical Practice



Sunday Nights at 6 PM

Can you believe that we are starting our Kids Christmas Musical practice? We are so excited to start our practices. The practices will be in the Conference Room each Sunday night at 6 pm. We will be starting practices on Sunday, September 10th. For more information contact Pastor Sydney or Mrs. Lisa Jones.

Worship Department Dinner Theater

We are so excited for this years Girls Ministries Sleepover. This years theme is Sunshine Garden Party. The sleepover will be on Friday, September 22nd through Saturday, September 23rd. The cost will be \$10 and that will include their dinner on Friday, and breakfast on Saturday. Our guest speaker this year will be our very own Ms. Mary Viera. The sleepover is for girls that are in Daisies through Girls Only. We also encourage the girls to bring a friend with them. If you have any questions please contact Krystal Elliott or your daughter's Sponsor.

Service Times

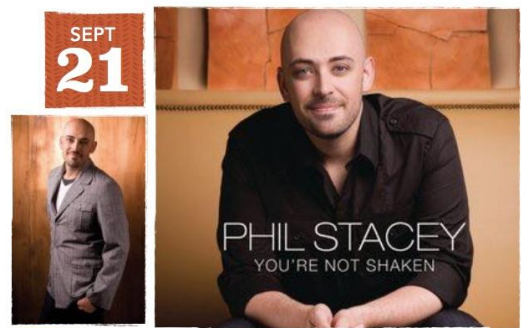
Saturday
7pm Adult Worship
7 pm Embrace Children's Church

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!

Harvest Assembly Of God



\$10.00
WORSHIP DEPARTMENT
DINNER THEATRE

Special Guest: Phil Stacey

Join the Worship Department here at Harvest for a night of music, amazing barbecue, and great fellowship. Our special guest this year will be Phil Stacey from Season 6 American Idol. Your ticket purchase will cover your meal and the entertainment for the night. Barbecue Chicken is what is on the menu. Please see members of the Harvest Worship Department to purchase your ticket, or you can purchase your ticket at harvestassembly.org under the GIVE tab; designate your giving to the Music Department "Dinner Theatre".

Thursday, September 21st 7 PM

Join the Worship Department of Harvest for a night of music, amazing barbecue and great fellowship. The special guest will be Phil Stacey from Season 6 American Idol. The cost is \$10 and your ticket will cover your food for the evening and the entertainment. The meal for this event will be barbecue chicken. To purchase tickets please see one of the Worship Team Members or you can go to our online giving site and designate your giving to the Music Department "Dinner Theater."

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