

“WHAT SORT OF MAN IS THIS,
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Matthew 8:23-27

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Jesus Is The Calm In The Storm

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" Matthew 8:23-27

Different people hear a story like this in different ways. Some people just accept the story at face value. They see the story in their minds' eye as they read. They see the

Upcoming Events

September 21st 7 PM

Dinner Theater

September 22nd and 23rd 6 PM

Girls Ministries Sleepover

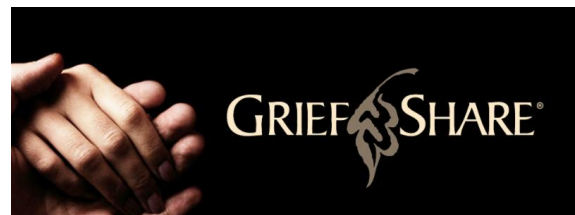
October 3rd 7 PM

Womens Ministry Coffee and Chocolate

October 10th- 7PM

Department Head Meeting

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

waves crashing into the boat. They imagine Jesus as they have always imagined Jesus, their imagination defined by a stained glass window or an illustration in a childhood Sunday School lesson. The scene happens exactly as Matthew describes it. Jesus is roused from sleep, a bit irritated at the disciples. He yells at the wind and it stops in its tracks. Jesus, the miracle worker, can stop a storm with a single shout. Jesus is mostly divine.

Other people just don't buy it. They want to emphasize his humanity. Human beings live at the mercy of nature. We do what we can but, at the end of the day, we just have to ride the storms of life out. They see this story as a metaphor for life and for faith. The faith they see in Jesus has more sustaining power than the fickle faith of the disciples. Jesus is a man like us. The story still has power...but it loses its magic.

And then, I suppose, there are lots of other people who either reject the story out of hand or think it suitable for children and that's about it. Regardless of how you see the story, storms will come in your life. From rain showers to hurricanes, no one escapes getting wet from time to time. At some point you are going to realize that your boat is very small, and the sea is very big, and the wind is much more powerful than you.

When that time comes, I want you to know that Jesus is right there in the boat with you. No matter how you see this story now, I trust it will take on a whole new meaning for you then.

Gracious Lord, we cry to you when we're sinking. Our faith is fickle and our boats are small. When we feel overwhelmed, give us the assurance that you are stronger than the wind and the waves. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

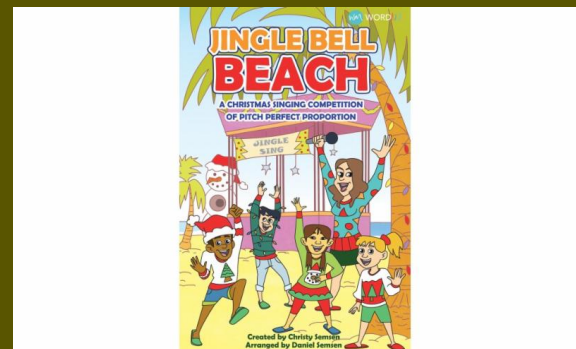
Junior Bible Quiz



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 on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact Pastor Sydney at smorrow@harvestassembly.org

Kids Christmas Musical Practice



Sunday Nights at 6 PM

Can you believe that we are starting our Kids Christmas

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.

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.

Girls Ministries Sleepover



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

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. Drop off on Friday is at 6:00 p.m. and pick up is on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. 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.

Worship Department Dinner Theater

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\$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

Service Times

Saturday

7 pm 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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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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