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# Next Steps

# 2026

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## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism (Greek, baptizo - to dip, sink) is the religious practice of immersing a person in water that predates Christianity. Baptism was how proselytes to Judaism (Gentiles who adopted the Jewish faith) were initiated into the Jewish community. John the Baptist took baptism a step further by requiring all people, Jewish and Gentile, to be baptized to signify repentance. John's baptism pointed toward something - Someone - greater, Jesus (Acts 19.1-7).

Now, baptism by water represents something even more important than entrance to Judaism or even simply repentance. Water baptism is a physical representation of a profound spiritual truth. We have all been immersed in the Holy Spirit of God and initiated into the Christian community (the Church).



## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism is one of the two ordinances (the other is Communion) mandated of all believers in Jesus Christ. Throughout the New Testament, baptism is either commanded (Matthew 28.19-20) or assumed (Acts 22.16) for all who believe in Christ.

**Scan QR code to get more info about baptism  
or text “baptism” to (888) 670-6167**



## WHY BE BAPTIZED?

### **1. Baptism is a central part of the Great Commission:**

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*  
(Matthew 28.19-20)

### **2. Baptism does not save anyone, but it is a public demonstration of our salvation.**

*“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.”* (Acts 2.41)

### **3. The Bible never separates the act of getting saved from the act of getting baptized:**

*“They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.’ And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.”* (Acts 16.31-33)

*“So beginning with the same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?’ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.”* (Acts 8.36-38)

## BAPTISM AT HARVEST CHURCH

Baptism is a vital part of the mission of Harvest Church:

*Inspired by the Great Commission, we exist to equip and empower disciples of Jesus who are dedicated to serving the Hesston community and spreading the gospel in our region.*

Therefore, obedience in baptism is one of the highest priorities of Harvest Church. We desire to make baptism available frequently and immediately, utilizing several local resources.

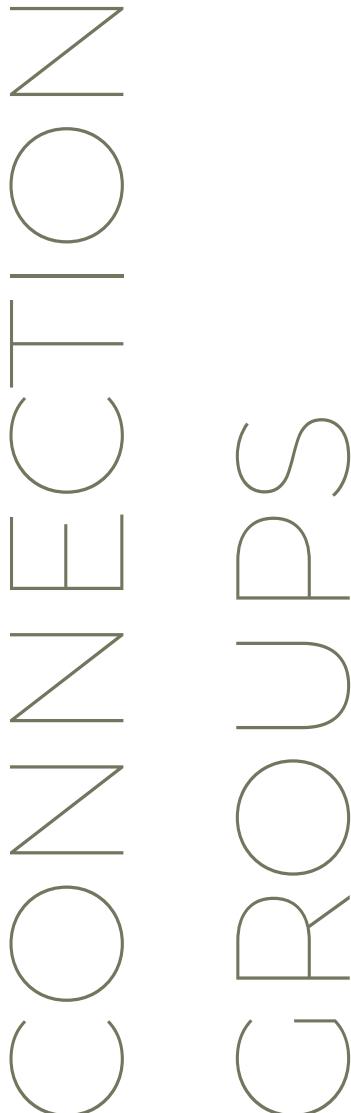
If you are a believer in Christ who has not yet been baptized, you should be baptized immediately. We would like to schedule that baptism today.

## OUR MISSION

Inspired by the Great Commission, we exist to equip and empower disciples of Jesus who are dedicated to serving the Hesston community and spreading the gospel in our region.

## OUR VISION

Grounded in God's word, prayer, and faith in the Holy Spirit, we will live worshipful lifestyles and develop authentic relationships in our church and community.



## ONE OF OUR VALUES

Authentic Spiritual Depth

*“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”*

Colossians 2:6-7

God desires us to be deeply rooted in Him, and He has instituted the process of discipleship to make this happen. This church emphasizes interpersonal discipleship and personal spiritual discipline as the means for becoming deeply rooted in Christ.

## CONNECTION GROUPS

We desire to be a church of small groups; everyone is connected.

Small groups are great avenues for discipleship.

Small groups allow for deeper, authentic relationships.

Our relationship with God and other believers, encourage us to live worshipful lifestyles.

## WHAT ARE SMALL GROUPS AT HARVEST CHURCH

- Groups of 8-12 people who meet in homes or public spaces.
- Meeting frequency TBD by each group, but encourage at least 2x/month.
- Discussion topic will be the most recent sermon.
- Each group will have a leader to facilitate discussion.
- Trust and confidentiality are required.
- Goal of small groups is to “grow roots into Him” and then MULTIPLY!!

## HOW TO SIGN UP



Scan this QR code or visit [jointheharvest.church/groups](http://jointheharvest.church/groups)

## WHY SHOULD I SERVE?

The Bible commands that we serve.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* 1 Peter 4:10

*“.... do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”* Galatians 5:13

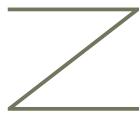
It is part of our mission.

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### FUN FACT

The words “servant”, “service” and “serve” occurs over 1,100 times in the NIV translation of the Bible.



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# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT HARVEST CHURCH

## WORSHIP ARTS & MEDIA

Leader: Hannah Mosher (413-522-5287)

*Serve on the worship team as a musician, singer, or as a sound board and powerpoint operator. Assist with Sunday worship on the media team by helping with the projected and bulletin content.*

## GREETING

Leader: Boyd Rodeman (316-217-3092)

*Serve on Sunday mornings by performing usher and greeting duties.*

## HC KIDS

Leader: Alyssa Miller (620) 217-9681

*Serve the children of the congregation through the delivery of an exciting Sunday school curriculum.*

## HC NURSERY

Leader: Amie Robinson (316-212-1399)

*Help care for the infants of partners and guests during the church service.*

## COFFEE & FOOD MINISTRY

Leader: Duane Wohlgemuth (620-951-0566)

*Help with planning and providing snacks and meals for the congregation both on Sundays and special events.*

## SETUP/TEAR DOWN (Contact Eric Mosher 413-768-7746)

*Help with setup and teardown both before and after church services. Light custodial duties.*

## **EXTRA NOTE**

As the church grows, more service ministry opportunities will be made available.  
Serving benefits both the served and the servant!!!!!!

## **FAQ**

Can I serve and not be a partner?

But someone else is already serving in a role I am interested in?

## **WHAT NEXT?**

Determine your spiritual gifts and pray.

Select your ministry and contact its leader.

## PARTNERSHIP AT HARVEST CHURCH

At Harvest Church we believe in partnership, not membership.



- Why? Church membership is not a biblical concept. Church partnership is.
- Part of church partnership is the commitment to obey Scripture and financially contribute.
- God initiates all church partnerships because Christ is the Head of the church, and He partners with us to accomplish His work in the world.



Membership – Typically where a person pays financial dues to an organization and receives goods and/or services in return. It can look more like a consumer where the member can cancel if the perceived value they receive doesn't meet their expectations.

Partnership – Active participants in a relationship that is more than just transactional. Each person cares about and supports the organization by investing time, talent, and financial resources to fulfill the Mission and Vision of the organization (Harvest Church).

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## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTNERSHIP**

- Faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Submit to baptism as a believer and as a public testimony of salvation.
- Agreement with the Statement of Faith.
- Completion of interview by an Elder.
- Acceptance by Board of Elders vote at a regular board meeting.

## **PARTNERS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- The annual budget of the church.
- The disposal of all or parts of the assets of the church valued over \$5,000.
- The merger or “closing” of the church.
- The acquisition of church property in excess of 5% of the church budget.
- Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- The appointment of Lay Elders.
- The calling or removing of a Vocational Elder(s).
- Multiplication – the decision to plant a new church in our region.
- Other issues the Board of Elders wishes to bring before the congregation for approval.