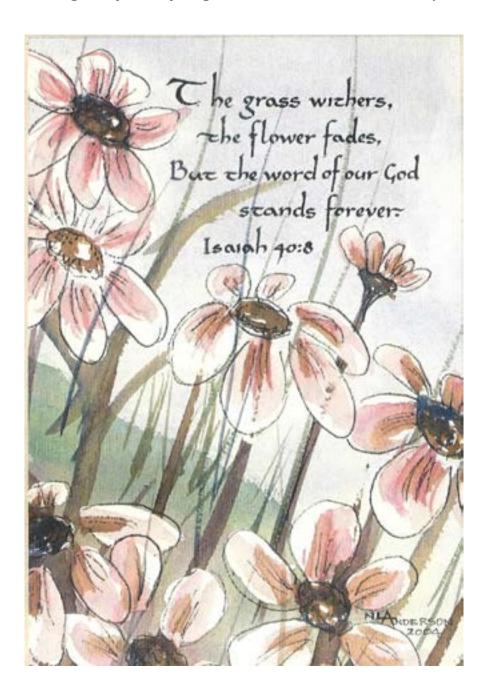
Living the journey together.

Ordinary '20





We are a Christ-centered circle of believers with an outward focus.

● ● COMMUNITY | Always invited

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Welcome!

Thanks for joining us at HarvestDowntown! Whether you are new to the church, or have been a part of the church for a long time, I want to invite you into our community known as HarvestDowntown. We are a Christ-centered community that wants to see our city and world transformed by the power of Christ working through His Church.

We believe that everyone is invited into the Community of Christ and into relationship with God through Jesus. We believe that humanity is

always worshiping someone or something—it's just a question of what or whom. We also believe that the follower of Jesus is always sent into the world to live in such a manner that others will see their lives and glorify our Father in heaven.



We value our children and want to provide a safe environment for

them to also grow in their faith and if you remain a stranger, it will make it hard on them! If you want to know more or you are just intrigued, please introduce yourself to us. We would love to get to know you and help you find the right church that will inspire you to be a participant in the Body of Christ—His Church.

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GOD SEEKS, WE RESPOND

Felipe Olavarría



Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26

Did you ever notice how this verse links affirming someone's value with feeding them? I didn't - not until just now. The whole chapter is part of Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount,

and here Jesus reminds us (commands, actually) to "not be anxious about your life"

Let's back up to late March. I was NOT obeying that command. I feared how the *Stay At Home* order would affect our business. I fretted over whether our house remodel would finish before baby arrived. And yes, I stressed a bit about labor and delivery, too. In almost every way possible, I was anxious about my life.

Guess what? It all worked out. And looking back, one of the most meaningful ways it worked out was thanks to you. Elaine Marie, our little COVID Quarantina, arrived April 17th, and then meals arrived so regularly, I didn't cook for a month!

Best of all, with the meals came you—your faces, smiles, congratulations, sometimes even hugs! A new baby is something to celebrate, something you want to share with people you care about. Not just share with texted pictures and video calls, but in-person: "Here, hold the baby!"

Everyone suffered loss during the isolation, and this was our keenest, until the meals came. And with each meal, connection. And with each connection, with each bite you brought, came the voice of Jesus reminding me, "Don't worry! Don't be afraid. You are tremendously valuable to me. I love you, and I've got this."

Thank you!

Too often we think that it is we who found God - whether there was a season in which we decided to search for Him, or a time so hard that we believed there was nothing left for us to do.

When I came to Christ, I certainly thought the whole story was that I went to church, invited by a friend, and I decided to accept the Gospel as presented to me. Little did I know that it was Jesus Himself who had been seeking me, and His Holy Spirit who had done the work needed in my heart.



Back in New York, I had a coworker named Leroy. He was living a very depressed and unhealthy life. He wasn't aggressive against the Gospel but certainly wouldn't care to listen. One day he came to me as we were working and said, "Felipe, I had a dream last night and I do not know what it means". In his dream he was taken to heaven by an angel, and it was beautiful and peaceful. Then from there, the angel showed him hell, and it was full of suffering and pain. Then the angel told him, "God doesn't want you there, he wants you here. But right now you are not coming here, you are going there". I was shocked at how direct his dream was and so I proceeded to share the Gospel with him once again. He sat there listening and then very calmly said, "Thanks man. I appreciate you explaining that, I just don't think it is for me". We spent months working together, many more conversations occurred, and then one day I never saw him again.

It is not my intention to make you sad with this story, but to show an example of how God reaches out to us in many ways, some supernatural. Since eternity past, God had planned for the redemption of mankind. Since eternity past, Jesus Christ had His eyes on the cross, knowing the price He was going to pay to satisfy God's wrath to save us for love. Since eternity past, the Holy Spirit was prepared to convict the world of sin and righteousness.

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" Romans 10:14

Even with supernatural circumstances and dreams, God's PRIMARY plan to seek after people is us, His Church. Now go and share the Good News to others with desperation, knowing the love with which God sought after you since the beginning of time.

Benjamin Weilert

Joshua 1:9



As a Christian, I find great comfort in the "God Stories" I can tell. Knowing I have the Creator of the universe helping me personally through my life encourages me on many levels. I also love to hear how God has come through for others as well. While we certainly have free will and can make any decisions we want, the gentle nudges of the Father can sometimes be obvious answers to prayer or the start of an ordeal that will leave someone stronger and refined from the challenge. I like to think that we all have a "God Story." Perhaps this story is a conscious connection that showed you how God moved. Perhaps you need to reflect on previous

experiences to see God's fingerprints. Either way, think about your own "God Story" as you continue to read.

In dark times, it can be challenging to see how God is moving in our lives. For the time being, we can only focus on the storm, as we aren't yet sitting by the fireplace years later and recalling for our grandchildren how we survived. These are often the unconscious moments where we don't yet realize that the Holy Spirit is guiding us along a path meant for our future selves.

I can think of many moments in my life where I couldn't yet see how God was moving until I was looking at the situation in hindsight. I couldn't understand why I had to move to Alabama for two years when I graduated from college until I completed that time, and I had grown to be a competent and independent adult. I struggled with many failed dates and relationships and wondered if God meant for me to be single—until I gave up one evening six years ago and met my future wife on that very night. In all these instances, I struggle and often lament the situation, only to find that these moments were meant to provide a story of how God eventually came through.

On the flip side, some of my best "God Stories" have come when I purposely seek His guidance or assistance. These conscious decisions sometimes provide more surprising results, no matter how big or small they may be. I still remember praying over my wife's hiccups in a parking garage in Golden and having them immediately vanish in answer to prayer. I can't recall how many times I've approached a situation in prayer—to make the "right choice obvious." Even somewhat mundane decisions like picking a place to live,

finding a church, or choosing which car to buy feel like they were much easier when I allowed God to make a single option the most appealing. Sometimes this required me to see that none of the options were right at that time. Waiting can sometimes allow a better result to reveal itself, even if it also requires a period of struggle.

Both types of God Stories come from a place of prayer. Just like we can't know what our friends are thinking if we don't talk to them, we can sometimes miss God's directions if we don't engage Him in prayer. This is not an easy first step to make. We need to train ourselves to come to God and "pray without ceasing"



Thessalonians 5:17). A key point here is that we also need to stop, be guiet, and listen. Sure, some might argue that the Holy Spirit will guide us on the right path so we can have those moments of clarity. That being said, the most powerful moment I ever had in prayer was when I was fasting and asking God if the woman I was dating at the time was supposed to become my wife. I have never heard anything more powerful from God than the resounding "YES!" I received as I was drenched in His love.

In the end, we probably have more God Stories than we think. Each plot twist in our lives might seem confusing at the time but yield results that can bring God the glory. If He appears absent right now, keep going. If you recognize His hand in your challenges, tell others of His goodness. If you see Him moving in others' lives, celebrate their victories. Until you can look back on your life, continue to be strong and courageous. "Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

COMPASS GROUPS

We want to connect every person and family to a Compass Group. Compass Groups are small groups that journey through life together. They meet regularly to do life together, study the Word, and pray for and serve their neighbors. We have several located around the city to center you on True North. Contact the leader of the group for the location and more details.

If you are interested in starting up or hosting a HarvestDowntown Compass Group or if you have any general questions about our Compass Groups, please contact David Wilson at david@harvestdowntown.org.

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Sundays: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Leader: Ben McFarland

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Sundays: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

LADIES' EVENING GROUP

Leader: Linda Bayles

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Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

LADIES' DAYTIME GROUP

Tuesdays: 9:00-11:00 a.m.



OUR VISION

- Connect families and individuals with a Compass Group
- Nurture a Lifestyle of Desperate Worship
- Cultivate Missional Living

To serve as a catalyst for spiritual change within our city

OUR MISSION

WEEDING THE SOUL

Elijah

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Matthew 13:7

I have a lot of experience picking weeds. In college I caught the gardening bug, which led to multiple classes on gardening and working at a plant nursery on my summer break. The task I found myself often asked to do, as a gardener-intraining, was to pick the pesky weeds that no one wanted around.

Weeds can be very deceiving: they often look like the plants you want to keep around. They can produce flowers that look beautiful. Weeds can add a vibrant green to a previously bare space. Often they interweave with the plants you want to develop, making it hard to determine which plant is the weed.

The problem with weeds is much deeper than how they appear on the surface. Weeds steal water and nutrients. They hog space and often hide underneath the

plant you are growing to slowly creep in and take over. Weeds can have intricate root systems, so by the time you realize it needs to be plucked, it could present a challenge to get rid of entirely. No one wants weeds in their garden. So why do we let weeds grow in our souls?



Jesus taught about seeds being sown as an analogy of the Word

of God being planted in a person's heart. The parable makes clear that various types of soils reject the sower's seed for various reasons, and thus so do people reject the truth of Jesus. In the midst of discovering my joy of gardening, the Lord revealed to me what kind of soil I tend to be without the work of my Gardener. My life can be full of weeds.

The weeds of my soul are the worldly distractions that sidetrack me from the Lord. And just like real-life weeds, the ones of my soul are often very deceiving. They can appear beautiful. They can go unnoticed for a long time, allowing their impact to become deeply rooted in my life and thus harder to get rid of later. When weeds abound in my soul, they slowly suffocate the fruit God is working to produce in me.

If you're like me and have weed problems, be encouraged – Jesus is a patient Gardener willing to put in the work alongside us to pluck out those distractions. The best strategy for getting rid of weeds is to pick them one by one, making sure you remove all their roots. The process is painstakingly slow and hard work; it can take a long time to clear away the weeds from a patch of soil. And just when you think the work is over, the same weed can rear its ugly head again and again. And yet the only remedy is to pick each weed with submission to God, who can be trusted to grow in us the fruit of a life with Him. Join me, brothers and sisters; let's keep weeding one another and ourselves. The harvest will be worth all the work.

THE LAST WORD

Amy Marshall

Words shook me.
I felt the reality of death in them – stark, unveiled, shimmering and pain-laced.
A brief utterance in time,
But the weight in its wake bends eternity.



O God of bodies, Your presence feels our fear; Our tears are Your heart language. Fragility does not offend You.

O God Resurrector,
There's Light
 coming out the edges
 of The Sentence,
For You are present there,
 already, now.
It's just the first clause;
The Word at the end is Yours,
 is You.

DAD'S GOD STORY

Jim Blase, Harvest member currently living in Serbia



The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

"Does your mother know what has been happening to me?"

"Yes, Dad, she knows and has been praying for you."

After a pause, the words he spoke next touched me deeply and revealed just how much God had done deep inside of him over these last few days.

"A man sure can make a mess of his life."

Most people wouldn't recognize that as a confession of sin, but knowing his past, I knew that is exactly what it was. Over the past few days God had done a supernatural work in my father's heart, a work I had been praying for for many, many years.

My parents had divorced 24 years prior. Though my father's actions were the main reason, he would often criticize my mother and put blame at her feet for their broken relationship. My mother had remarried, and my father was alone and possibly near death in this hospital room after having had a heart attack months earlier. He was struggling to survive quadruple bypass surgery at the age of 84. With tubes down his throat for days, he couldn't speak or move or do anything but stare at the ceiling and think and ponder and listen. It was the best thing that could have happened to him. It was during those days that he was finally humbled before God, admitted his sinfulness, and received the forgiveness only Jesus could offer.

Baptism illustrates how we have been buried with Christ and raised to new life. That imagery came to life in the experience God gave my dad at the end of his intubation. As the tubes were being pulled out of his throat, for a moment he couldn't breathe. Then suddenly the blockage was gone, and his lungs were filled with fresh and glorious air. He said it felt like he was getting a new life. He was talking to me like someone who had been born again.

In the days that followed, my father's attitude towards God, church, prayer, and Scripture all changed. He looked forward to going to church which he hadn't

done in 24 years. He liked it when I read him Scripture. One day after I prayed with him, he had tears in his eyes. He said he had no idea prayer could be so satisfying and touching. He was suddenly concerned about my siblings' priorities in life and their status before God.

All this happened in June of 2015. On August 17, the day before my birthday, he died. The surgery had been too hard for his old worn out body, but God didn't put him through that surgery to fix his physical heart. God put him through that procedure to give him one more chance to repent and reach out to Jesus so he could have a new spiritual heart. And though he never got to see my mother before his death, he knew he had her forgiveness. They will have opportunity to reconcile in an even more complete way when they meet again in our Lord's amazing presence.

HARVESTDOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS



Come on over to Harvest every Thursday to pray for our city and world. Prayer starts at 7am. Switchback coffee will be served. A link to join via Zoom is available on our website, harvestdowntown.org

PRAYER FOR OUR CITY & WORLD THURSDAYS @ 7 AM

THE BEST NEWS I'VE HAD TODAY!

Kurt Trempert



What's the best news that you have had today? What made it good news?

I would suggest that whatever motivates you determines what you would define as the best news that you have had today. For some, they are deeply motivated by relationships. Others are motivated by projects and accomplishments. Still others tend to be motivated by the processes and procedures that

shape how we engage with the world around us. However, most of us are motivated by a mixture of these three core motivations.

So, what's the best news you've had today?

The reality is that we are all happy about something at every moment of every day. We are also certainly sad about, angry about, and afraid of something at the very same moment. Ironically, that which drives our excitement, sadness, anger, and fear can be the very same thing. Your answer to what the best news of the day is will likely expose what your fears are.

At the risk of sounding super-spiritual, what if the best news of the day was rooted in the Person and work of Jesus? What if my best news every day was knowing that the eyes of the Master are upon me and He wants to be with me? What if the best news was that everything works together for good for those who are called by God? Or, what if the best news today was that I came to realize that Jesus wants to direct my steps and empower me to accomplish His purposes?

I think that as followers of Jesus, we are called to give people the best news of their day. We have the best news for mankind within us, and we are to give every man, woman and child repeated opportunities to accept or reject the good news that we have within us. The source of the best news of the day is ultimately Jesus Himself – but too often we have to force ourselves to see the Reason for the Hope that is within us. If it takes something extraordinary to make us notice the Person and work of Christ in our lives, then we must know that those outside the church rarely recognize the finger-work of God in the world – let alone their individual lives!

I believe that the good news can be captured in four basic themes: Christ as our Savior, Christ as our Redeemer, Christ as our Healer, and Christ as our Supreme Authority. He came to save, redeem, heal, and deliver mankind. Plain and simple – Jesus is the very best news that we could ever have, but most of us struggle to talk about Him in our everyday conversations. Structuring my understanding of Jesus around these four basic themes of

His identity and purpose in my life has certainly helped me recognize the work of Christ in my own life, and this helps me know how to bring Jesus into my casual yet intentional conversations.

What is the good news that my neighbor needs today? Do they need to know that Jesus will save them from their current struggle? Do they need to know His healing? Do they want to hear how Jesus is going to use their struggle for His purposes? Do they need to know that they have an identity in Christ that gives them a sense of belonging? How does Jesus answer these core questions that most of us face every single day?



I encourage you to use your search engine on your phone to ask, "What does the Bible say about Jesus as our Savior?" Or, "...about Jesus as our Redeemer?" "Sanctifier?" "Healer?" "King?" Another option is to memorize one verse that reveals each characteristic of the good news of who Jesus is. For instance, for Savior, most of us have memorized John 3:16. For Sanctifier or Redeemer, I have memorized Philippians 1:6. For Healer, I look to James 5:15. For His kingship and authority, I have memorized Matthew 28:18.

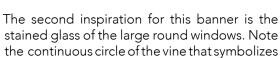
Wouldn't it be great if we could give our neighbors the truth about the identity of Jesus? We first must know the Truth ourselves and the Hope that is within us if we want to give Him away. What is the reason for the Hope that you have within you?

What's the best news you've had today?

WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE BANNERS?



The banner depicting the Vine and the Branches takes its primary inspiration from John 15 where Jesus states, "I am the Vine and you are the branches." This famous passage of scripture addresses His responsibility, our responsibility, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the Father's role. Certainly one can tell the kind of tree by the fruit it produces, and our tendency is to try and produce the right kind of fruit in order to not be cut off. However, it is not our responsibility to bear fruit – it is our responsibility to remain connected to the Vine. The production of fruit is a promise to all who abide in Him and who welcome the pruning work of the Father.



the abiding responsibility of the church. The stained glass also demonstrates our interconnectedness as branches. The red circle in the middle captures the Life-blood of the Church – the sacrifice of Jesus, the God-Man.



WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN YOU?

The banner of the hand with the crossed fingers takes its inspiration from Colossians 1, Philippians 2, and the Gospels. The index finger represents the divinity of Christ while the middle finger represents His humanity. The two fingers are intertwined to demonstrate that He was one Person with two intertwined identities – the God-Man. The other description of this ancient symbol of Christ is that God's love and justice met in one event – the cross. The three other fingers are positioned to form one circle representing the three Persons of the Godhead in perfect unity for all eternity.



HarvestKids

At Harvest, we are always worshiping, and on Sunday morning it's no different. At the 10:40 service, you are invited to bring infants and toddlers to the Annex before the service. School-age children are invited to participate in singing and a special kids' sermon before heading back.

Kids @ 9

At Harvest, we are always worshiping, and on Sunday morning it's no different. During the 9:00 service, all kids are welcome to join in worship with the whole church. We don't mind if they run around a bit and make some noise. If they are getting really loud (like crying) you can step out for a moment to calm them down. No need to feel bad about it. They're kids, and we love them!

Nursing Moms

Sometimes moms like a private space to nurse with their little ones but don't want to miss the sermon. If that's you, there is a room in the balcony in the corner behind the sound tables. It's comfortable and private, and you can still hear what's being said. Feel welcome to make you and your baby comfortable in there.



CALL FOR ART: PERSPECTIVES ON THE INCARNATION As 2020 starts to wind down, it's time to begin thinking about the next Perspectives art show, Perspectives on the Incarnation. This show will run during the Advent season and has a variety of topics to inspire your art. The deadline for your art is November 29th. All ages are invited to contribute. Sign up on our Perspectives Arts website at http://perspectivesarts.org/sign-up

HARVESTWOMEN

MINI RETREAT

We have a one-day retreat coming up!

Dec. 19 mini retreat - RSVP by Dec. 10 to Cindy Meinert

Cost is \$50 (includes all day at Camp Elim and two meals). Questions? Contact Amanda

DeJesus (719.235.6915 / sacrificalserving@gmail.com) or Cindy Meinert (719.235.8835 / indogirlco@yahoo.com).

Camp Elim requires a temperature log be filled out 10-14 days before attending the retreat... but it's very easy to do! Those forms are available at campelim.com/covid-19

HARVESTMEN

Join us for our HarvestMen Backbone Gatherings! Next Dates: December 5 and 19. We meet on Saturdays at 411 N Weber, from 7:30-9:00am. Breakfast and coffee are always provided! Please contact Felipe Olavarría (felipeolaval@gmail.com) or Chris Boos (christopher.boos86@gmail.com) with any questions.

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THE CHURCH WITH THE PURPLE DOORS

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9:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. At 411 N Weber and virtually through our website

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Pre-K - 5th Grade dismissed during service 10:40 a.m. JOIN US ON SUNDAY

CHILDCARE
Newborns through 3-year-olds
10:40 a.m.

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