

New Harvest History



In February 2005, Pastor Ivan and Pastor Tina embarked on a significant journey that would shape the future of New Harvest Christian Center and their family. Relocating to Battle Creek, Michigan, they brought with them a vision of community, faith, and transformation. This move marked the beginning of a new chapter for the church, characterized by a commitment to spiritual growth and outreach.

Initially, the church began its humble beginnings at Heritage Towers with just eight members. Despite the small size, the foundation was laid for a welcoming and nurturing environment. In July 2005, the church moved into the Orchard Park location, allowing it to expand significantly and serve over 40 families. This growth reflected the dedication and passion that Pastor Ivan and Pastor Tina instilled in their congregation.

By March 2014, the church took another significant step by relocating to the downtown area, further solidifying its presence in the community. Throughout these transitions, New Harvest Church became known for its vibrant youth programming and worship-filled experiences, attracting diverse congregants and fostering a deep sense of belonging. The commitment of Pastor Ivan and Pastor Tina to both spiritual growth and community outreach has made New Harvest Church a dynamic hub for faith and connection in Battle Creek.

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Mission & Vision

Write the Vision

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:1-3

Mission To Reach The Unreached



New Harvest Christian Center (NHCC) is committed to reaching masses of people in various generations, ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses that haven't been reached. NHCC is committed to ...

- Breaking barriers and exceeding beyond limitations and setbacks.
- Gaining new territory, insight revelation and knowledge to be relevant to reach what others deemed as impossible.
- Reach the unreached

Vision

A House of Great Praise & Worship

We envision building a house of true worshippers that faithfully exalt unto Christ and bring glory unto God through awesome praise and worship every aspect of their lives.

We envision leaders equipping and empowering believers to experience Christ through the revelation of the uncompromised Word of God.



Through the revelation of the Word we envision believers developing a daily walk of love, faith and obedience.



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Affirmation of Faith

An affirmation of faith serves as a declaration of our beliefs about God, reflecting our identity as children of God and our commitment to following Christ's teachings.

We hold the Bible to be the inspired and infallible written Word of God. We believe in one God, who exists eternally within the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ, the Son, resides the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).

We affirm the redemptive work of Christ on the cross, providing salvation for those who repent of their sins, healing for the body, and prosperity for all who trust in and rely completely on the Bible's account of these redemptive blessings.

We believe that cleansing from sin is achieved through faith in Christ's redemptive act on the cross, along with repentance and water baptism. Furthermore, we believe that individuals must sanctify themselves from worldly influences and live a life of holiness unto the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We affirm that the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2:4, is a gift available to all believers, as indicated in St. John 1:33 and St. John 7:38-39.

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, whose presence enables Christians to lead holy and separated lives in this world.



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Membership


All members are expected to obey the principles and precepts taught in the Word of God. Members are expected...

To Protect the Unity of your Church

- **By acting in love toward others:** "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."
- **1 Peter 4:8**
- **By refusing to speak negatively of others:** "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."
- **Ephesians 4:29**
- **By following the spiritual leaders:** "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account."
- **Hebrews 13:17**

This guidance is essential for New Harvest as it emphasizes the importance of unity within the church community. Here's why each aspect is significant: **Protecting the Unity of the Church:** Acting in love fosters a supportive and nurturing environment where members feel valued and accepted. This creates a strong foundation for relationships, helping to mitigate conflicts and promote harmony. Refusing to speak negatively about others ensures that the church remains a place of encouragement rather than criticism. This positive communication helps to build trust and strengthens the bonds between members, which is crucial for a thriving community. Following spiritual leaders provides a sense of direction and accountability within the church. It helps maintain order and encourages members to grow spiritually under the guidance of those who have a responsibility to care for their well-being. By prioritizing these actions, New Harvest can cultivate a loving, responsible, and growing church environment that aligns with its mission and values.





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To Share the Responsibility of your Church

- **By praying for its growth:** "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."
- **Matthew 16:18**
- **By inviting the "unreached" to attend:** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."
- **Matthew 28:19**
- **By warmly welcoming those who visit:** "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
- **Romans 15:7**



This guidance is essential for New Harvest as it emphasizes the shared responsibility within the church community. **Sharing the Responsibility of the Church:** Praying for the church's growth signifies a collective commitment to its mission. It encourages members to actively participate in spiritual development and fosters a sense of ownership over the church's journey. Inviting the unreached to attend promotes outreach and the expansion of the church community. It aligns with the mission of spreading the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission, allowing New Harvest to grow in diversity and impact. Welcoming visitors creates an inviting atmosphere that reflects Christ's love. This not only makes newcomers feel at home but also encourages them to become integrated into the church, fostering growth and vitality within the congregation.

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To Serve the Ministry of your Church

- **By discovering your spiritual gifts & talents:** "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
- **1 Peter 4:10**
- **By being equipped to serve:** "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
- **Ephesians 4:11-12**
- **By developing a servant's heart:** "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- **Mark 10:45**

To Serve the Ministry of your Church: Discovering your spiritual gifts & talents is crucial because it allows individuals to identify how they can best contribute to the church community. Recognizing these gifts fosters a sense of purpose and encourages members to actively participate in service, enriching both their own spiritual journey and the lives of others. Being equipped to serve is important as it ensures that church members are prepared and knowledgeable in their roles. This equipping not only enhances personal growth but also strengthens the overall ministry by building a more capable and confident body of Christ, ultimately leading to more effective outreach and support efforts. Developing a servant's heart is vital because it reflects the example set by Jesus, who prioritized serving others. Cultivating this attitude within the church community fosters a culture of humility and love, encouraging members to put the needs of others before their own, which can lead to deeper connections and a more compassionate atmosphere.





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To Support the Affirmation of your Church

- **By attending faithfully:** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." - **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- **By living a godly life:** "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - **Colossians 3:17**
- **By giving regularly:** "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - **2 Corinthians 9:7**



To Support the Affirmation of your Church: Attending faithfully is significant as it promotes unity and fellowship among church members. Regular attendance allows for stronger relationships to form and encourages collective worship, which can inspire and uplift the entire congregation, creating a supportive environment for spiritual growth. Living a godly life is essential because it serves as a testament to one's faith and beliefs. When church members embody Christian values in their daily lives, they not only affirm their commitment to God but also serve as positive examples to others, inspiring them to live in accordance with biblical principles. Giving regularly is important as it supports the financial health and sustainability of the church. Generosity reflects a heart of gratitude and commitment to the church's mission, enabling it to carry out its programs and outreach endeavors effectively, while also fostering a spirit of community and shared responsibility among its members.



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Membership Requirements

All members are expected to obey the principles and precepts taught in the Word of God. Members are expected...

- **Have faith in and confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior.** Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)** - "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."
- **Agree with and faithfully follow the church's purpose, mission, and vision. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)** - "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
- **Be willing to serve in a church auxiliary.** Galatians 5:13 (NIV)** - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."
- **Participate reasonably in Sunday Services, Bible Study, weekday services, events, and more. Acts 2:42 (NIV)** - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
- **Complete the New Members Classes. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)** - "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
- **Dedicate time to daily prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)** - "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- **Your spirit requires feeding for growth in your relationship with the Lord. Matthew 4:4 (NIV)** - "Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- **Approach God and share your innermost thoughts, desires, and fears. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)** - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- **Prayer is simply a conversation with your heavenly Father. Matthew 6:6 (NIV)** - "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."



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Believer's Bible Basics

The teachings in Scripture are crucial for believers, providing guidance, knowledge, and comfort on their spiritual journey. They emphasize God's commandments, the importance of faith, and the power of prayer in overcoming challenges. Scripture acknowledges human sinfulness while promising freedom through Jesus. Believers are encouraged to act on these teachings and find hope in the return of Jesus, making these teachings essential for spiritual growth and reassurance.

- Provides life to believers (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- Illuminates believers (Psalm 119:103-105)
- Represents knowledge and power for believers (Matthew 22:29)
- Offers solace to believers (Romans 15:4)
- Reminds believers that God loved them first (1 John 4:19)
- Outlines the Commandments of God (Exodus 20)
- Identifies the greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:41-46, Mark 12:28-31)
- Affirms that God is the Shepherd of His people (Psalm 23)
- Highlights the strength of faith for believers (Matthew 21:18-22)
- Proclaims God's power over all things (Mark 4:35-41)
- Emphasizes the power of prayer and praise (Acts 16:23-26)
- Declares that all have sinned (Romans 3:23)
- Confirms that believers are free from sin (Romans 6:12-14)
- Urges believers to act on the teachings from the Word of God (James 1:22-25)
- Shows that faith is demonstrated through actions (James 2:14)
- Promises believers that Jesus will return (1 Thessalonians 4:16)



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Moving Forward

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And to not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Dear Believer,

Seek guidance from God through prayer, asking Him to lead you to your place within His body. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, the body of Christ consists of many members, each with a unique role or duty to fulfill. Every member is essential, and no single member holds greater importance than another.

By actively engaging in one or more ministries, you will witness God's mighty work in, with, and through you. Your growth in Christ will be enhanced through participation in worship, Sunday Bible enrichment classes, Bible study, and various forms of Christian development offered at New Harvest Christian Center. Additionally, your personal prayer life and time spent in Christian study will significantly influence your spiritual growth.

We are a church family that embraces everyone for who they are, forgiving past actions and loving one another because of Christ. As we advance in God's will, we are confident that He has already paved the way and fought our battles. We claim victory while recognizing that the work lies with us. Our church is dedicated to rolling up our sleeves and undertaking a significant mission for the Lord.

God has bestowed upon us a vision, and although we may not see it with our natural eyes, we will not be swayed because we walk by faith, not by sight. Therefore, with God by our side, our future is indeed VICTORIOUS!