

Our Storyline

You were created for connection: connection to Christ and to a community of His followers. But fear gets in the way, which can make you feel hopeless. And no one in a church should ever feel hopeless. We understand. We've experienced the same fear and failures. But we've accepted Christ's invitation to live without fear and to open ourselves to deep, meaningful connections. When you open up and overcome fear, you can go from hopeless to hopeful and start living a life overflowing with joy, grace and compassion.

Desolation

Exodus 3:1-12

Encountering God (Exodus 3:1-3)

Theophany: a visible manifestation of God

The Word of God (Exodus 3:4-6)

“Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:5

The Heart of God (Exodus 3:7-10)

Israel: “misery...crying out...suffering.”

God: “I have indeed seen...I have heard them...I am concerned.”

The Promise of God (Exodus 3:11-12)

What is God's promise to Moses? “I will be with you.” -Exodus 3:12

“The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places.” -Ernest Hemingway

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Discussion Questions

- What is your most embarrassing moment?
- What are some unhelpful things you have turned to for alleviating the brokenness you feel?
- How has opening yourself up to the Lord brought healing in your life?



ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Our original goal was \$10,000 which seemed miraculous. That was our goal because that is how much it costs in Haiti to dig a well. But we raised \$20,025 and will be able to help two villages have access to clean water. Thank you for your miraculous generosity!

ABOVE ALL

In two weeks we will begin a sermon series on Colossians. It is sure to speak strongly with relevance to our lives today. Barry would like to encourage you to read through this short but powerful letter from the Apostle Paul before he launches his first message on January 23rd.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We support Hallman Elementary families by providing a safe place for kids to go after school on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The After School Program is launching on Tuesday, January 18th and we still need a couple more volunteers serving either Tuesday or Thursday from 3-4:30pm. If you are interested, please fill out a connection card & Pastor Karen will contact you.

COOKING UP SOME BUNCO FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:30-8:30 PM IN THE GYM

Bring small prepackaged store-bought snacks to share. Be ready for competition, laughter, and connection with others!

FAMILY CONNECT

January 30th is a 5th Sunday which means it's time for Family Connect! Families, join us in the Gym after church for pizza & BINGO as we celebrate and strengthen our partnership in guiding your children to relationship with Jesus. Sign-up in the Lobby.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:30—8:00 PM

It is a new year, and with a new year comes our Annual Membership Meeting, where our Elder Board will update you on the past year, as well as plans for the future. We will also vote to approve the budget, new elders, and affirming Tyler as our new Senior Pastor beginning May 1st. This will be in person, as well as on Zoom. Programs will be available for children, nursery through 5th grade.

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

Welcome