

New Membership Orientation Class

“Moving from Membership to Discipleship”



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Brief History of Harvest Revival Christian Fellowship

In September 1999, Harvest Revival Full Gospel Baptist Church was organized as a mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The organizers were Tyrone Sellers, Monetah Sellers and the late Renee Grant. The mission was spiritually supported by the late Bishop Curtis G. Norton, Sr. and the Merrick Park Baptist Church of Jamaica, NY.

In January 2000, Harvest Revival rented space from The Bridge Home located in Cambria Heights, NY and held its first worship service on January 2, 2000. Through much fasting and prayer, and preaching of the Gospel the church membership grew.

In September 2000, Harvest Revival was officially recognized and consecrated as a Church and Elder Tyrone Sellers was installed as Pastor. The service was officiated by Bishop Curtis Norton, Sr. and witnessed by Merrick Park Baptist Church, members of Harvest Revival and other clergy by the laying of hands and commissioning to do the work of Jesus Christ.

In January 2001, Harvest Revival rented 113-61 Springfield Blvd for use of corporate offices, weekly prayer and bible study, various meetings, and youth activities while keeping its Sunday Worship Services at The Bridge Home, 120-50 Springfield Blvd. In June 2001, Harvest Revival moved its Sunday Worship Services to 113-61 Springfield Blvd and within one month entered into a sales contract to purchase the building. On September 18, 2001, the purchase of the property was completed. As the need for additional space became apparent due to the growth of the congregation prayer began for new facilities. In September 2003, Harvest Revival purchased 119-33 Springfield Blvd and on August 7, 2004, the new sanctuary and building was dedicated to the service of the Lord. In October 2011, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit the church's name was decided to be changed to Harvest Revival Christian Fellowship. In December 2011, Harvest Revival

Christian Fellowship was incorporated began having services in the new name.

Harvest Revival has vibrant Worship Services as well as healing and deliverance Prayer Meetings. Our motto is “Harvest Revival, the Church for Spiritual Revival and Joy!” Over the years, Harvest Revival has faithfully distributed clothing while evangelizing in the community. The Women’s Ministry has donated toys to children during the Christmas Holiday, and visited Nursing Homes. Outreach ministries, Food Pantry, Community Awareness Activities, After School Program, Summer Vacation Bible School, Senior Citizen Day Program, and Youth and Family Recreation Programs are provided through the Harvest Life Center, Inc. The Harvest Life Center, Inc. is a not-for profit organization birthed from Harvest Revival’s need for service to the community.

Truly God has anointed and appointed this ministry. For eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor has it entered into the hearts of man what God has ordained for this ministry. To God be the Glory, for the things God has done, for what God is working out right now and for the great things God has promised to do!

Points of Emphasis for New Member Orientation

What to Expect from Your New Church

- † Prayer lifted for you and your family's needs.
- † Encouragement.
- † Insightful teaching of the Word of God.
- † Anointed preaching.
- † Intentional and powerful worship and praise.
- † Friendship in times of distress.
- † Consistent weekly programs for your family.
- † Fellowship.
- † Opportunities to grow in your gifts and talents.
- † Opportunities to serve in the building of God's Kingdom.

What Does Your Church Expect From You

- † Attend Bible Classes and Prayer Meetings.
- † Attend worship services regularly.
- † Pray for the total ministry of the Church.
- † Giving of your tithe and offerings through this ministry.
- † Be understanding and patient with others.
- † Be kind and tender hearted.
- † Respect the Pastor as the overseer of your spiritual life and the Church.
- † Respect the Pastor's family as the first family of the Church.
- † Speak only good things about the Church and its members and worship experience everywhere.
- † Understand that this Church is built on Christ and not tradition.

Harvest Revival Christian Fellowship

Harvest Revival 12 mission statements are:

- 1) Jesus Christ is in the center of our existence. Without Jesus, our service is in vain. With Jesus, we serve with love and are willing to Forgive.
- 2) Our foundation is the Word of God. We preach the Word of God, and we teach the Word of God. Preaching is Proclaiming and Teaching is Explaining.
- 3) We are predestined to evangelize the lost at any cost. We witness that others may be saved.
- 4) We believe that God is to be praised and worshiped in spirit and in truth. We must give God true worship. God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.
- 5) We pray for spiritual freedom and deliverance because the Word of God says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty". We claim authority over strongholds and to live victoriously.
- 6) We are a praying and fasting church. Through prayer and fasting we will be able to flow in the anointing of God.
- 7) We are a church of Faith. Faith is confidence, assurance and reliance on God, trusting God for who He is. God is all we need Him to be. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. God expects us to walk by faith and not by sight.
- 8) We are committed to the Spirit of Excellence. We owe God our best, and giving God our best effort is what we do.
- 9) Our purpose is to influence our community, borough, city, nation, and world in which we live with the uncompromising message of Jesus Christ.
- 10) Our purpose is to equip and empower the people of God with godly principles for kingdom living. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Character, Commitment, Consistency and Cheerful giving are attributes we desire to have.

- 11) We are committed to strive to be a haven of hope within our community by promoting and providing community awareness and empowerment, education, youth, and senior activities, and teach the importance of financial independence as amplified in the Word of God.
- 12) We believe we can do what God says we can do. We believe we can be who God says we can be. We believe we can have what God says we can have.

Scripture References:

1 Samuel 15:22, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 9:29, 16:15-18, Matthew 25:34-40, John 4:23-24, 4:34-38, 13:31, 35, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12-14, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 9:6-7, Galatians 3:26-29, Hebrews 11:6

Our Tenets of Faith

- a. We believe in the Triune God – the Eternally Self-Existent, “**I AM**”, the Creator of heaven and earth and Redeemer of mankind manifested in three persons; Almighty Father, Divine Son and Holy Ghost. (**Genesis 1:1, John 5:7, John 1:1, 4:24, Matthew 10:20, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**).
- b. We believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God, inerrant in the original autographs and the only rule of faith, guide for practice and indisputable and ultimate authority of the Revelation of God, His Will and His Way. (**2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalms 19:7-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21**).
- c. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the Father, born of a virgin, very God of very God for, and by whom all things were created (**1 John 1:1-10**).
- d. We believe in the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He, by the grace of God tasted death for every man and that all must be born again through faith in Him or are forever lost. Redemption is accomplished by the cross and blood of our Lord. Jesus Christ, by grace through faith, believing in the heart that God raised Him from the dead. Salvation is by Jesus Christ and none other for God has highly exalted Him and given a name, which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, earth and those under the earth. We further

believe that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. **(Hebrews 2:9, John 3:1-18, John 6:44-49, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:9, Philippians 2:9-11).**

- e. We believe in the physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He ascended bodily into the heaven and is now at the right hand of the Father as our Mediator, High Priest and Advocate. **(Acts 3:12-26, John 20, Hebrews 9:24, 1 Corinthians 15:12-28).**
- f. We believe in water baptism and Holy Communion – The Lord’s Supper as the ordinances of the church to be observed as public declaration of salvation through Jesus Christ and the commemoration of His death, burial and resurrection in victory over satan, death, hell and the grave. **(Matthew 3:11, 14, 26:26-29, Luke 22:17-23).**
- g. We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ both for His Saints and with His Saints in reign to victory. **(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-55, Revelation 19:19-20, 20:1-6).**
- h. We believe in the authority of the believer over the enemy Satan and the victory to be gained by the exercise of that authority in the areas of deliverance, healing and holiness. **(Ephesians 1:20-23, 6:10-7).**
- i. We believe in the personality and reality of Satan as the enemy of the Kingdom of God, Saints of God and of the Lord; and in his ultimate defeat by the Lord Jesus Christ and potential defeat in the lives of spirit filled believers clothed in the Armor of God. **(Revelation 12:9-10, Matthew 4:2-11, Isaiah 14:12-17, John 8).**
- j. We believe in the autonomy of the local church as an independent entity with regard to matters of government, polity operation and discipline. **(1 Corinthians 5:5, 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15, Acts 11:22, Titus 1:5).**
- k. We believe that God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family, the basic structure of human society (Genesis 2:24). God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of the context of marriage between a man and a woman. (Genesis 19:5; 26:8-11; 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4). Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality,

pedophilia, and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the bible, the Church, and a Christian life. (Lev. 18:22; Lev. 20:13)

- l. We stand fast on the scriptures (Romans 1:25-27, I Corinthians 6:9-11, and I Timothy 1:9-10) and believe that homosexuality is as sin. We determine to show compassion to all, with however, no compromise. Accordingly, this church, or its members shall conduct any marriages between persons of the same sex and shall not condone, support, or facilitate any activities that conflict with this tenet of faith.
- m. Definition of Marriage
 - 1) We believe the original definition of marriage came from God. (Genesis 2:24)
 - 2) We believe Jesus Christ upheld this definition of marriage. (Matthew 19:4-5)
 - 3) We believe the Early Church upheld this standard of marriage between male and female. (Ephesians 5:31)
 - 4) We believe the Bible in its entirety condemns any form of sexual activity outside of the biblical definition of marriage. (Hebrews 13:4)
- n. Defined Sexual relationships strictly forbidden by God
 - 1) Adultery - Sexual union between male & female while married to another. (Exodus 20:14, Proverbs 6:32, Matthew 5:28)
 - 2) Fornication - Sexual union between individuals prior to marriage. (1 Corinthians 6:9)
 - 3) Homosexuality - Sexual union between males. (1 Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:27)
 - 4) Lesbianism - Sexual union between females. (Romans 1:26, 27)
 - 5) Bestiality - Sexual union between humans and animals. (Leviticus 18:23)
 - 6) Incest - Sexual union between members of same biological family. (Leviticus 18:6-17)

FULL GOSPEL DISTINCTIVES

- a. We believe the Full Gospel includes: (A) the proclamation of both eternal power of Calvary and the potential power of Pentecost; (B) the baptizing power of Jesus Christ for salvation because of Calvary,

and (C) the filling controlling power of the Holy Ghost for service and Holy Victorious living because of Pentecost (**Ephesians 5:18; Acts 20:27**).

- b. We believe in the perpetual and continuing ecclesiastical value of all spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ until the end of this Church Age, which will be consummated by the return of our Lord Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 4:11-13, I Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12**).
- c. We believe in the Divine personhood of the Holy Spirit and His present-day ministry to Believers, including the sovereign distribution of spiritual gifts, which empowers Believers for service in the Contemporary Church (**I Corinthians 12:7-11**).
- d. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Giver of spiritual gifts to the church. We further believe spiritual gifts are given for the perfecting of the Saints, for work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the Body of Christ and are given without regard to ethnicity, social class, or gender (**Ephesians 4:7-12; Galatians 3:26-28**).
- e. We believe in the full autonomy of the local church as an independent entity under the Lordship of Christ, through pastoral authority, with regards to: A) government, polity, and operations (**Titus 1:5; Acts 15:1 – 35**), B) discipline (**I Corinthians 5:5; Matthew 18:15-17; II Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15**) and C) with the added value of the Episcopacy as a covering (**Titus 1: 5; Acts 15:1-35**).
- f. We believe in the value of biblical terminology for leadership in the contemporary church: Bishop, Overseer, Pastor, Minister, Elder, and Deacon. We believe all of these are designations for servant-leaders (**Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 6:4; I Timothy 3:1-7**).
- g. We believe in the formal and intentional praise and worship of Almighty God as a proper, spirit-led, corporate acknowledgement and response to His person and work (**Psalms 46-50; John 4:23, 24**).
- h. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, who brings men and women at salvation into relationship with Himself and His Body, the Church. We further believe that it is the baptism

of the Holy Ghost that places one into the Body of Christ. All Believers have been baptized by Christ with the Holy Ghost (**Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; I Corinthians 12:13**).

- i. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Ghost for all Believers and that the Holy Ghost verifies and validates the Believer as part of the Body of Christ (**Romans 8:9**).
- j. We believe in the spirit-filled life as desirable, valuable, and an issue of obedience for all Believers who are commanded to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We acknowledge that within the Body of Christ, the term, “filled with the Holy Ghost” is often used interchangeably with the term, “baptism of the Holy Ghost.” When referring to the controlling presence and power of the Holy Ghost, as a result of the submissive will and desire of the Believer, we allow such alternation of terms. We believe it is the will and command of God that every Believer be “filled,” “walk in,” be “led by,” and “live in” the power of the Holy Ghost (**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16, 18, 25**).
- k. We believe that it is God’s desire that all Believers live under the “Divine Direction” of the Holy Ghost. We believe that the filling of the Holy Ghost is an ongoing ministry of the Spirit in the life of the Believer, that enables the Believer to live a life of power, victory, and glory to God (**Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:8, 4:31**).
- l. We believe the Holy Ghost fills or empowers Believers for service in the Kingdom of God. Being filled with the Holy Ghost is the result of continuing submission to Divine power and control (**Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18**).
- m. We believe all Believers are baptized with the Holy Ghost and all Believers should be filled with the Holy Ghost (**I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18**).
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- o. We believe the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the filling of the Holy Ghost are distinct, separate, valid, and valuable ministries of the Holy Ghost which may occur simultaneously at salvation.

- 1) Being filled with the Holy Ghost may and should occur subsequent to salvation in obedience to biblical exhortation.
- 2) The baptism of the Holy Ghost occurs once and for all at salvation.
- 3) Being filled with the Holy Ghost should not only be a continuous reality, but an ongoing characteristic of the believer's consecrated holiness (**Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; I Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18**).
- 4) We believe in speaking in tongues, as our heavenly language, that builds us up in our most holy faith. Tongues is an indicator, not a qualifier. (**Jude 20, Acts 19:2-6; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 14:14-15**)

Full Gospel Flavor

We embrace the *Vision* of the *Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship* as expressed through the acronym – “*Flavor*” to assist us in implementing essential *Full Gospel Distinctives*.

F – First class (decently and order)
L – Loyalty
A – Assimilate full gospel distinctives
V – Vibrant worship
O – Orderly flow
R – Redemptive atmosphere

First Class – Harvest Revival is committed to *Excellence* in Ministry. From the Pastor to the member, our Ministry should be the best that it can be.

Loyalty – Harvest Revival members should be excited about their church. The “*Vision*” of the church should be articulated to all members so they may plan to be and stay a part of the great things God will do through the ministry.

Assimilate Full Gospel Distinctives – *Full Gospel Leaders* must know and embrace the distinctives of the *Fellowship*. Leaders should allow the *Spirit of God* to be in control of the *Ministry*.

Vibrant Worship Atmosphere – Harvest Revival must be an exciting place to *worship*! All should foster energy in *Praise* and *Worship*. Moreover, teach *sound doctrine* as it relates to worship and praise.

Orderly Flow – Harvest Revival strives to have an orderly *flow*. Services should begin on time, flow with the *Holy Spirit*, and have a structured spontaneity. Everything is done in *decency* and in *order*.

Redemptive Atmosphere Harvest Revival should have the *Evidence of God's Presence* with “*People getting Saved*”. If *God* is here, the church is *alive*, and *growing*!

BAPTISM

1) What is Water Baptism? Water baptism is a holy act commanded by God's word. In baptism, the body of the believer is submerged completely under water. In this act of obedience and faith, the believer is identifying him or herself with the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 10:48, Romans 6:4, Matthew 3:13-17, 28:19, John 3:22-30, 4:1-3)

2) Who can be baptized? Anyone who will repent (turn to Christ) and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be baptized. (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38-41)

3) Should babies be baptized? No. Baptism is for those who are mature enough to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. A baby cannot take a step of repentance nor can a baby understand enough to believe on the Lord. There is no command in the Bible to baptize babies.

4) How does water baptism give us identification with Jesus Christ? When a repentant believer is baptized, he or she shares in the benefits of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and becomes with Christ. (Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-4)

5) What does water baptism accomplish in us? In a true experience of water baptism:

- a) We bury “The Old Self” – the nature of sin. (Romans 6:6)
- b) We experience a “New Birth” of resurrection life. (Roman 6:5, 11)
- c) We receive the circumcision of the heart. (Colossians 2:11-12)
- d) We are placed into the Body of Christ – the Church. (1st Corinthians 12:13)