



HOUSE OF THE HARVEST

JOHN 4:35



Prayer
Love
FOOD
...in that order

FROM THE FOUNDERS

ADAM & JENNIFER WALKER

There are a lot of ways that people would describe Jesus. For me what stands out most is that He was drawn to the broken, He lived in a counter-cultural way, and He brought transformation to everything and everyone around Him through living the way His Father intended for us to live.

When we think about House of the Harvest, these are the things that we want people to notice. Our desire is for House of the Harvest to be a place where people are drawn to the broken, a place that isn't afraid to function in a completely counter-cultural way, and a place where people can grow in learning to be better ambassadors of the Kingdom of God and more accurate representations of their Father. We want to create a culture that allows people to see, experience, and understand Jesus and their calling as a follower of Him.

We are honored to have the blessing and privilege to lead such an amazing community effort. It has changed our lives in more ways than we could possibly put into words. Our prayer is that it will do the same for all of our community and those who participate in our ministry in any capacity. Our vision is to be a place that sparks transformation in people's lives...transformation into more giving, loving, encouraging, and inspiring servants of Jesus. After all, if he were here with us in his physical body, I think places like House of the Harvest would be where you would find him most. We are all on a journey together...to be more like him, more healthy versions of ourselves. And it's our calling to walk alongside each other on that journey. It's our calling to be a neighbor to anyone who needs one.

Adam and Jennifer Walker



PRAYER, LOVE, FOOD... IN THAT ORDER

It's not just on our shirts. It's what we believe and it's what we do. We realize that most people come to find us because of our passion to provide food and other necessities to those in need in our community. It's how we started and why House of the Harvest exists.

However, we also realize that nothing on earth is more important than relationship. At House of the Harvest we believe that healthy relationships stem from relationship with our Father first. After all, when we believe in the same Father...we are all brothers and sisters....no matter what we look like or where we come from. And second of all, our Father created us to live in community. He created us to love, care for, and bring out the best in each other. He desires relationship with us and for us to be in relationship with each other. And that is our greatest need.

So every Saturday morning. it's our desire to promote prayer, love, and food...in that order.



OUR STORY

HOW IT ALL BEGAN...



House of the Harvest started in the winter of 2015, as a supplemental food pantry for students in need at Sparkman Middle School. Those early days consisted of a small cabinet in Jennifer's (my wife) classroom. SMS had a Lunches of Love program that just couldn't quite meet the needs of our students, so Jennifer pulled together her SGA student team to start collecting food items for their classmates.

From there it became a community effort. Numerous SMS employees, community members, and churches came alongside us to get our students what they needed. In just a few short weeks, the food demand increased as other schools in the Sparkman family reached out with families in need. Two Huntsville organizations, The Manna House and The Light Church were really instrumental in collaborating, providing, and serving alongside us to allow us to continue to provide for a rapidly growing number of families.

Just a few months later, in November of the same year, the Harvest Volunteer Fire Department moved into their new facility on Wall-Triana Highway and sold their previous location to us for one dollar...and just like that...House of the Harvest became a community facility in its current location.

We have been here every Saturday since, providing prayer, love, and food to anyone in our community that is willing to receive it. A lot of things have changed over the last seven years, but our DNA remains the same. On the surface, we distribute food to the needy. Underneath, we are a place for people to find acceptance, dignity, community, love and support...or as I like to say, "Jesus."

OUR PRIMARY MINISTRY

DISTRIBUTION



House of the Harvest is open every Saturday morning for our time of food distribution to the needy in our community. During this time, we serve a yearly average of around 175 families each week. The majority of these families are local to the Harvest/Toney area, but we also serve several families from the Huntsville area, Hazel Green, Limestone County and even as far as parts of southern Middle Tennessee.

Our grocery distribution consists of about \$75 worth of groceries to each household that is served. Thanks to our partnerships with the Manna House, Publix, Big Lots, and Hazel Green Foodland the

impossible becomes possible each week. We also have strong working partnerships with several local churches to include Ford's Chapel United Methodist, Toney United Methodist, Harvest Baptist, The Light, and Wooley Springs Baptist.

All of these places and more, as well as the multiple businesses and individuals that support our efforts, allow us to continue doing what we do at House of the Harvest. As a result of these combined community efforts, each of our families is able to continue receiving our services. We applaud and thank all of our partners for what they do.

There is so much work that goes into bringing our Saturday distribution together and so many people that work behind the scenes in all the pickups, drop-offs, organizing, and distributing. It is a large community effort to bring it all together and we could never begin to recognize all that everyone does. But in the end, what develops is a beautiful place of ministry where volunteers and families served alike are blessed by what happens here. It's a testimony to God's goodness and faithfulness and a reminder that He can do amazing things through people committed to loving Him and loving others. Prayer, love, food...in that order.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN

AT HOUSE OF THE HARVEST

In the Bible Martha's home was a place where Jesus loved to stay. Luke records Martha as "opening her home" to Jesus and his followers as a place to stay and Martha having prepared meals for them.

Martha is a significant name to me as well. My grandmother (pictured to the right), Martha Walker, was the real life picture of Jesus' Martha. She had seven children and 26 grandchildren. Her home was always open to anyone and her kitchen was always busy.

It was a place for anyone to find food, but mostly a listening ear and an open heart. No one could ever count all the people who ate from her kitchen. No one could ever count all the people who benefited from her kindness. Her kitchen was home.

My prayer is that everyone who enters our kitchen at House of the Harvest will be reminded of their Martha and while they are here, they will find a small taste of home.



BREAKFAST

Every Saturday morning around 5:30 AM our breakfast crew is hard at work in Martha's kitchen, preparing over 200 meals for members of our community.

Our breakfast ministry has grown from serving breakfast wraps in the parking lot to a full-service kitchen that prepares coffee, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy to anyone who comes to eat on Saturday mornings.

Over the years, this ministry has provided a great time of fellowship and created community in our families at House of the Harvest. People gather around sharing meals together and our kitchen certainly creates space for that.



A PLACE FOR MINISTRY

HOH PROGRAMS

From the very beginning, we had a vision for HOH to be more than a place for people to come and receive food. It has always been on our hearts to inspire and encourage others to find how God wants to use them to minister to others and to create a space to facilitate that growth. We have been blessed to create new ministry programs that happen at HOH each Saturday in a limited amount of space. Thanks to a team of regularly committed volunteers, we have programs that continue to grow. As we move forward, our vision is to continue to expand in how we serve our community and the world through the leading of God's Spirit and the passion of God's people. Below are some of our other ministries.



LYDIA'S PLACE

Every Saturday at House of the Harvest, our Lydia's place ministry is open to help serve the needs in our community. Through this program, we give out products like baby diapers & wipes, toddler and adult pull-ups, feminine hygiene products, and protein shakes that many of our families need to make life better. This ministry also gives another point of connection and another opportunity to understand the needs and people of our community better.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Our Around the House ministry is open on most Saturday mornings, helping to provide our families with much needed items around the house. This ministry started as a clothing ministry but it has since grown into furniture, cribs, toys, shoes, and all sorts of items that help our families make their house more "home."

Through this ministry program, we have been able to bless children with beds, families with tables to gather around, mothers with clothes for their children, and even families with washing machines and air conditioners.



A PLACE FOR MINISTRY OUTREACH



LOCAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

We make numerous efforts throughout the year to donate to local schools in a variety of ways, to include paying off student lunch debts at the end of the year, sponsoring classroom "calm down kits" for schools that need them, sponsoring a sensory room for special needs children, and just honoring the efforts of teachers by sponsoring faculty lunches.

OLA MINISTRY PROGRAM

House of the Harvest works very closely with the OLA ministry program to support the needs of up to 200 Latino students in our community. This small church in Huntsville serves a meal to a growing number of Latino students every Saturday. For many of these students, food needs are an ongoing concern. Working closely with this church allows us to alleviate some of the cost and gives them much needed fellowship time.



INTSABA FARM, ESWATINI AFRICA

As part of our outreach at House of the Harvest, we have been able to support the needs of over 400 children in this small country in Southern Africa. Through this ministry food has been able to be grown and distributed to children at risk of starvation in their local village. We were also able to support an investment in teaching capacity building and psychosocial support for children in need in the village.

GET INVOLVED YOU CAN HELP



TO THE VOLUNTEER

House of the Harvest is completely run by community volunteers. And you can help any time. You don't have to sign up...just show up. We are open every Saturday morning from 7:30-9:00 and many of our volunteers arrive around 7:00 to begin setting things up. Everyone is welcome and everyone can help...including children. We look forward to having you!

TO THE DONOR

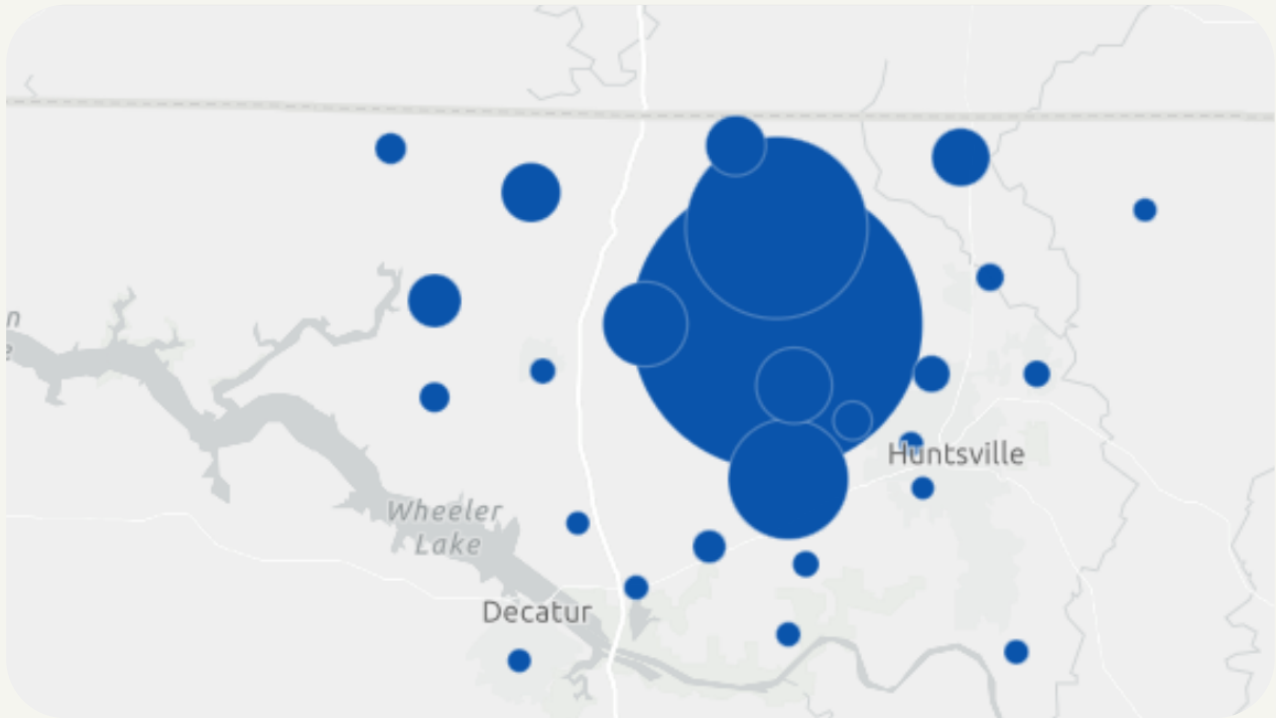
We are a community effort and every donation goes directly to supporting our families in need. You can donate financially or in the form of collecting items to support our distribution. We accept financial donations through our website houseoftheharvest.com and at our mailing address: P. O. Box 389, Harvest, AL 35749. Any donated items can be dropped off on a Saturday morning during our distribution or to schedule a time you can email walkeradamk@gmail.com.



TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our services are open to anyone in the community that needs to benefit from them and all it takes is showing up on a Saturday morning 7:30-9:00. We are a community facility for the benefit of the families in our community. Everyone is welcome and nobody is turned away. It is our prayer that what you find here is a family of people that wants to offer help and hope in an environment that is both welcoming and receiving. Prayer, love, food.

THE AREAS WE SERVE OUR IMPACT



The number of families we serve each week fluctuates with the seasons and different times of the month, but we have seen an average of around 175 each week since we opened our doors in November of 2015.

The map above shows a sample of one of our Saturday distributions and the zip codes that people come from to receive our services. The larger the circle, the more families were represented by that zip code.

A strong majority of the families we serve come from the Harvest/Toney areas. However, we also serve families from all over the Huntsville area, Limestone County and other parts of North Alabama.

To the right you can see a snapshot sample of the zip codes that we serve in a given week and the number of families from that zip code.

Zip Code	Community	Families Served
35749	Harvest	46
35773	Toney	36
35757	Madison	17
35613	Athens	14
35614	Athens	10
35758	Triana	8
35750	Hazel Green	8
35739	Ardmore	7
35620	Elkmont	6
35806	Huntsville	6
Other	Other	18