

# 29<sup>TH</sup> PASTORS AND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## HARVEST LIFE CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS “OUR JOURNEY”

### INTRODUCTION

As part of our 29<sup>th</sup> Pastors and Church Anniversary Celebration, get ready for an exciting Sunday School Live with Pastor Deborah! We are hosting a Harvest Life Trivia Life Group Challenge!

For Family Monday, and to prepare for the Life Group Challenge, review these exciting highlights of our journey as a church family!

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### HIGHLIGHTS

God has blessed the Harvest Life Church family to accomplish great things over the past 29 years, through the power of Jesus Christ and the leadership of our Senior Pastors! Below are some of the highlights from our church history.

#### 1995

1. The Harvest Life Church was founded by Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes.
2. The first service was held in the music room - a classroom in Potomac High School.
3. Bishop Dukes created a newsletter called “The Harvest Times” and distributed it in local neighborhoods to invite people to church. As the church grew, a weekly outreach was implemented.

4. We held services at Potomac High School from 1995 – 2001.
5. The Grand Opening of Harvest Life Church took place on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
6. The official Pastoral Installation Service was held in July, officiated by Bishop Rufus Hayes.

## **1996**

7. Began television broadcast locally on cable access channels in Prince William County, VA, Fairfax County, VA, and in Washington, D.C. along with commercials inviting the community to our worship services.
8. As God continued to add more members to the church, we outgrew the music classroom and needed a larger space to worship. We moved to the auditorium at Potomac High School and held our worship services there until we moved into our Telegraph Road location.

## **2000**

9. Harvest purchased its current facility on Telegraph Road for 2.5 million dollars.
10. In order to occupy the Telegraph Road building, 2.5 million dollars worth of renovations were required, bringing the total cost for the building to 5 million dollars.

## **2001-2003**

11. Hosted the Nation's Capital's Commemoration for 9/11 at the Hylton Memorial Chapel – over 7,000 in attendance.
12. Recorded and released our first choir CD project for national distribution.

13. Cut the ribbon and moved into our new, 5 million dollar facility. Held dedication services throughout the month of October 2001 and started broadcasting internationally via television on The Inspirational Network (INSP).

## **2004-2005**

14. Harvest Life paid off Telegraph Road church in three years and burned the mortgage during our New Year's Service.
15. Recorded and released the second choir CD project for national distribution – debuted in the national top twenty (Billboard).
16. Our 1<sup>st</sup> professional music video, "God's Chosen People", began airing on national networks' gospel video programs.

## **2009-2011**

17. Completed and dedicated the 2,000-seat Harvest Conference Center in Nakuru, Kenya.
18. The Conference Center serves as a worship center, pastoral training campus, food and clothing distribution center and more to local residents.
19. Broke ground and began site work on Neabsco Mills Road for the new location of the Harvest Life Church.

## **2015-2019**

20. We made significant progress with the exterior, parking lot and structure of our new worship center.

## **2020-2022**

21. In 2022, Bishop Dukes and Pastor Deborah founded Churches United, a global organization designed to empower and unite churches. Churches United has more than 400 church congregations around the world – including United States, Europe and Africa. Bishop Lyle Dukes serves as the Presiding Bishop and Pastor Deborah Dukes serves as the Executive Director of Churches United.
22. In 2022, we held our inaugural Churches United Convention at our Headquarters building, Harvest Life Church – the theme was “Quantum Leap”.

## **2023-2024**

23. In 2023, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Churches United Convention at our Headquarters building – the theme was, “Church on Fire”.
24. Our worship center located on Telegraph Road was sold. The drainage system, parking lot, building exterior and more have all been completed. We are moving forward with completing the interior construction and design in preparation for the great day when we will occupy the building!