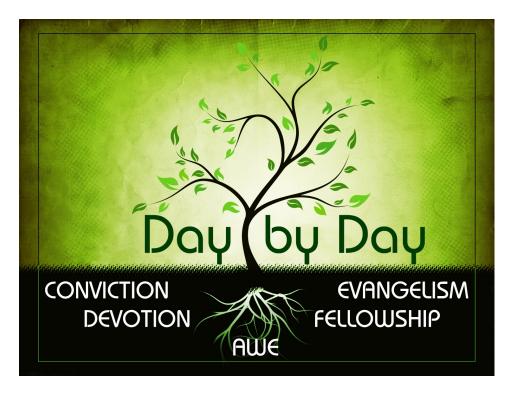
Our Practical Plan for Personal & Congregational Growth in 2016



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- Acts 2:47

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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- John 15:8

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Our Theme for 2016

Jesus of Nazareth—a worker of indisputably mighty works, wonders, and signs—had been crucified outside Jerusalem. Three days later, his grave had been found empty. Over the course of the next forty days he had appeared to hundreds—eyewitnesses of his majesty.

He had told his closest followers to remain in Jerusalem. They had watched as he ascended into the heavens. Two angels had promised that Jesus would come again, "in the same way as you saw him go."

Shortly thereafter, on the Jewish day of Pentecost, they had been all together in one place. A sound like a mighty rushing wind had filled the entire house and they had all been filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

A crowd of thousands gathered at the sound of that mighty rushing wind and Peter, standing with the eleven, led them to the most important conclusion of all: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). Three thousand souls responded in submissive obedience.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And **day by day**, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number **day by day** those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

Day by day. That's our congregational focus for 2016. To be "of Christ." Every day. Everywhere. To follow in the footsteps of these earliest Christians—men and women whose lives were powerfully changed because of their conviction, devotion, awe, fellowship, and efforts to spread the good news.

Conviction

The transformation of those earliest Christians began that day because they were **convicted**. As they heard the conclusion of Peter's message,

They were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:37-41)

Witness was born, exhortations were made, and these men and women were convinced. They believed. Their lives were transformed by their faith in Jesus as Lord and Christ.

Though we live 2,000 years later, faith still comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Rom 10:17). When we open God's word, we too are recipients of the apostles' testimony, of God-breathed exhortations, of timeless wisdom and instruction.

To help us grow in understanding and conviction, Bible reading calendars are made available at the beginning of each month. Our plan:

- Sundays: a psalm (to lift our hearts in worship)
- Weekdays: a chapter from the Gospels (to fix our eyes on Jesus), a chapter from Acts or one of the New Testament epistles (to refresh ourselves on what it means to be followers of Jesus), and a chapter from the Old Testament (to expand our knowledge of God's great plan to save mankind)
- Saturdays: a chapter from Proverbs (to help us grow in wisdom)

"Man shall not live by bread alone." Let's take Jesus seriously and open our hearts to God's word each day so that our conviction might grow.

Devotion

In Acts 2:42, Luke draws special attention to the **devotion** of those first Christians. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." If we are to bear fruit as faithful disciples of Jesus throughout 2016, we must be similarly devoted to the same ideals.

Every first day of the week in 2016, we will assemble to "offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name" (Heb 13:15). We will assemble for "the breaking of bread" to commemorate our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. We will gather together to hear the proclamation of the apostles' teaching and to pray. Our assemblies will be all about glorifying God and stirring one another up to love and good works (Heb 10:24-25).

Every Sunday at 9:45 AM and Wednesday at 7:00 PM we will have Bible classes for people of all ages. We take the challenge of growing in our understanding and devotion seriously. We invite you to do the same.

"Church" is not simply somewhere we go on Sundays. It's who we are. We're a body with many members (1 Cor 12:12-13). We're a family (Eph 2:19), brothers and sisters in Christ who care for one another (1 Cor 12:25). This "one another" aspect of our identity is made clear in Philippians 2:4 where we are called to "look not only to [our] own interests, but also to the interests of others." With that calling in mind, after each of our evening assemblies, we have the opportunity to focus on the needs and challenges of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please note your group for the year and plan on playing an active role in our mutual encouragement and accountability.

Care Groups for 2016

- 1st Sundays (Last Names A-C) led by Bob Davis & Eric Tustin
- 2nd Sundays (Last Names D-G) led by Craig Davis & Ed Moore
- 3rd Sundays (Last Names H-Q) led by D. Campbell & David Pike
- 4th Sundays (Last Names R-Z) led by Mark Berry & Kevin Joy
- 5th Sundays (Groups Leaders & their wives)

Awe

"Awesome" is a word that gets thrown around far too flippantly and frequently. Almighty God is truly awesome.

- "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds?" (Exo 15:11)
- To Moses the LORD said, "Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you." (Exo 34:10)
- The very name of the LORD is "glorious and awesome." (Deut 28:58)
- Nehemiah prayed, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant." (Neh 1:5-6)
- "God is clothed with awesome majesty." (Job 37:22)
- "By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation." (Psa 65:5)
- And so, we are encouraged, "Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." (Psa 66:5) "Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!" (Psa 99:3)

Is it any wonder then that **awe** was experienced by the first Christians in Acts 2? "Awe" is an intense feeling of reverence, admiration, and fearful respect. It was when disciples of Jesus lost that sense of awe that they very quickly got themselves into trouble. The same is true today. At the root of ungodliness and unrighteousness is a failure to honor God as awesome (Rom 1:18-21).

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb 12:28-29). We aim to grow in our understanding of the gravity of that God-breathed charge throughout 2016. When awe is lacking, real transformation will not be experienced; with a healthy sense of awe comes renewal (Rom 12:1-2).

Fellowship

"Fellowship" is a beautiful word used throughout the New Testament to describe the close relationship Christians enjoy with God and one another. Fellowship is partnership—the sharing of a common faith, a common hope, a common goal, and a common way of life—which leads to a close-knit sense of community.

Acts 2:46-47 describes the beautiful **fellowship** of the first Christians. "Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people."

2016 presents bountiful opportunity to serve, to show hospitality, and develop closer relationships with one another. But to make the most of these opportunities, we have to be deliberate and devoted.

Can you invite someone into your home or out for a meal? Can you host a singing or Bible study? Can you help an elderly brother or sister around their house? Can you visit someone who is shut-in? Who could use an extra dose of encouragement?

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Evangelism

Acts 2 concludes with this powerful statement: "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

2016 will be filled with opportunities to invite others to "Come and see" (John 4:29). As disciples of Jesus, we must be always "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us]; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Pet 3:15). We aim to grow in our ability to answer that vital call throughout the year.

On a personal level, you know dozens of people in desperate need of responding to the gospel. Your heart grieves as you think of brothers and sisters who have walked away from God. Have you prayed for them? What could happen if you did? Remember, "the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16). With that truth in mind, throughout 2016, pick a different person each month and pray for them every single day. Pray for receptive hearts, opportunities, wisdom, and boldness. Pray that God might use you to impact them, then watch in faith for opportunities!

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A Wealth of Opportunities

- ⇒ **Assemblies of worship** on Sundays at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM
- ⇒ **Bible classes** for people of all ages on Sundays at 9:45 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- ⇒ **Care Group meetings** after each Sunday evening assembly
- ⇒ **Daily Bible Reading Calendars** available at the start of each month
- ⇒ **Kids Songs & Bible Drills** every 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM
- ⇒ **Singing Practice** every 4th Sunday of the month at 5:15 PM
- ⇒ March 5 (Saturday): Men's Morning-in-the-Word discussion led by Jason Hardin
- ⇒ April 9 (Saturday): Women's Morning-in-the-Word discussion led by Becky Davis & Mary Beth Henderson
- ⇒ April 24-27 (Sunday-Wednesday): Spring Gospel Meeting God's Dream: History of the Church presented by Roger Shouse
- ⇒ July 10-15 (Sunday-Friday): Vacation Bible School

 The Living and Abiding Word of God

 sermons for adults presented by Doy Moyer
- ⇒ August 12-14 (Friday-Sunday): Youth Lectureship presented by Jason Hardin & Jamie Helmick
- ⇒ September 10 (Saturday): Women's Morning-in-the-Word discussion led by Becky Davis & Mary Beth Henderson
- ⇒ October 8 (Saturday): Men's Morning-in-the-Word discussion led by Jason Hardin
- ⇒ November 13-16 (Sunday-Wednesday): Fall Gospel Meeting The Next Steps presented by Jordan Shouse

Special Events

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING • APRIL 24-27

God's Dream: History of the Church presented by Roger Shouse

- God's Dream
- The Dream Lost
- Trying to Discover the Dream Again
- The Dream Comes to America
- Catching God's Dream Today

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 10-15

The Living and Abiding Word of God lessons for adults presented by Doy Moyer

- Foundation and Need for Authority
- Christ the King
- How God Communicates His Will
- Can We Trust the New Testament?
- Using the Bible to Prove the Bible?
- Is Jesus the Only Way?
- Reasoning from Scripture
- God and Patterns

FALL GOSPEL MEETING • NOVEMBER 13-16

The Next Steps

presented by Jordan Shouse

- The Next Steps to Spiritual Growth
- The Next Steps of Forgiveness
- The Next Steps in Marriage
- The Next Steps of Being a Light
- The Next Steps in the Church
- The Next Steps to Prepare for Eternity

Sunday Adult Classes

JANUARY-MARCH

That You May Have Certainty: The Gospel According to Luke (1) (taught by Jason Hardin & Kevin Joy)

- Jan 3 Luke 1:1-38
- Jan 10 Luke 1:39-80
- Jan 17 Luke 2
- Jan 24 Luke 3
- Jan 31 Luke 4
- Feb 7 Luke 5
- Feb 14 Luke 6
- Feb 21 Luke 7
- Feb 28 Luke 8
- Mar 6 Luke 9
- Mar 13 Luke 10
- Mar 20 Luke 11
- Mar 27 Luke 12

APRIL-JUNE

That You May Have Certainty: The Gospel According to Luke (2) (taught by Jason Hardin & Craig Davis)

- Apr 3 Luke 13
- Apr 10 Luke 14
- Apr 17 Luke 15
- May 1 Luke 16
- May 8 Luke 17
- May 15 Luke 18
- May 22 Luke 19
- May 29 Luke 20
- June 5 Luke 21
- June 12 Luke 22
- June 19 Luke 23
- June 26 Luke 24

Sunday Adult Classes

JULY-SEPTEMBER

Witnesses of the Faith: The Acts of the Apostles (1) (taught by Jason Hardin & Nathan Matthews)

- July 3 Acts 1:1-5
- July 17 Acts 1:6-26
- July 24 Acts 2:1-41
- July 31 Acts 2:42-47
- Aug 7 Acts 3:1-4:31
- Aug 14 Acts 4:32-5:11
- Aug 21 Acts 5:12-42
- Aug 28 Acts 6:1-7
- Sept 4 Acts 6:8-7:60
- Sept 11 Acts 8
- Sept 18 Acts 9:1-22
- Sept 25 Acts 9:23-43

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Witnesses of the Faith: The Acts of the Apostles (2) (taught by Jason Hardin & Eric Tustin)

- Oct 2 Acts 10:1-11:18
- Oct 9 Acts 11:19-12:25
- Oct 16 Acts 13
- Oct 23 Acts 14
- Oct 30 Acts 15:1-35
- Nov 6 Acts 15:36-16:40
- Nov 20 Acts 17:1-18:22
- Nov 27 Acts 18:23-19:41
- Dec 4 Acts 20:1-21:14
- Dec 11 Acts 21:15-23:35
- Dec 18 Acts 24:1-26:32
- Dec 25 Acts 27:1-28:31

Wednesday Adult Classes

JANUARY-MARCH

AUDITORIUM: Meeting God in the Old Testament

(taught by Dewayne Campbell, Craig Davis & Eric Tustin)

In our study of the Old Testament, we spend a great deal of time examining the lives of human heroes, but we often overlook the greatest hero of them all: God. This class will explore the character of God as revealed in the Old Testament. It will provide us with crucial insights into the nature of the God we still serve today.

CLASSROOM #8: Marriage: A Reflection of God's Image (taught by Jason Hardin & Ed Moore)

There is hope for marriage. The same God who provides a perfect plan for redemption from sin has provided a perfect plan for marriage. For your marriage to be everything your heavenly Father intended, you need to be one with God so you can be one with your mate. This class is all about how God shapes us and our marriages into reflections of his image.

APRIL-JUNE

AUDITORIUM: The Christian in the 21st Century

(taught by Nathan Matthews & David Pike)

In an increasingly corrupt culture, modern Christians face many challenges. Technology, for example, can provide a wealth of information at our fingertips but also prove to be a devastating pitfall. Can the Bible, written so many years ago, provide any guidance for us today? YES! This class will help us as modern disciples navigate our ever-changing environment.

CLASSROOM #8: Solomon: The Half Has Not Been Told

(taught by Jason Hardin & Ed Moore)

Born with all the benefits, blessed with wisdom, and bestowed with incredible riches, no one began with more promise than King Solomon. However, the wisest man came to play the fool. This class will explore how Solomon's life was derailed by fleshly passions, but we will also look into the invaluable wisdom he has left behind. There is still much to learn.

Wednesday Adult Classes

JULY-SEPTEMBER

AUDITORIUM: Galatians: Crucified with Christ

(taught by Craig Davis & Eric Tustin)

Written to confront false teaching that could lure the faithful away from Jesus, the defense Paul mounts of genuine Christianity is still relevant and meaningful today. This class will carefully study *Galatians* in order to learn how we might also say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

CLASSROOM #8: Building Authentic Relationships

(taught by Ed Moore, Mark Berry, Jeff Blubaugh & Matt Henderson) What does it mean to have an authentic relationship with my Creator? He calls me to love my neighbor as myself. What does it mean to have a healthy self-image that I might answer the call to love my neighbor to such a profound degree? This class will study the God-defined "nuts and bolts" of relationship. Relationships were God's idea. With his wisdom and help, we can build authentic relationships for our joy and his glory.

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

AUDITORIUM: The Devil, Demons, and Angels

(taught by David Pike & Dewayne Campbell)

What does the Bible say about the origin of Satan, the demons who help him, and the angels of God? Speculation abounds about these things, but only the Bible can definitively give us answers about this unseen realm. This class will use God's word as a guide to study this fascinating and important topic.

CLASSROOM #8: "Your Word is a Lamp": How the Bible Came to Be (taught by Jason Hardin & Craig Davis)

Our personal copies of God's written revelation to mankind are easily taken for granted. How did the 66 individual books of the Bible come to be compiled into one authoritative volume? Why the 66 that are included? Can we trust the eyewitness testimonies? Is the Bible a historically reliable document? What should we make of the various translations? This class will explore this wide variety of important topics.

Children's Bible Classes

The development of young hearts matters to God.

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man. (Prov 3:1-4)

Young people can grow to be fantastic examples in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12). But they don't develop these qualities by accident. They must be taught, molded, led, and equipped to form faith of their own. Parents, teachers, and mentors must walk with them and guide them.

We take our Bible classes very seriously at Laurel Canyon. Our goal is to use God's word to shape and inscribe seven fundamental truths on the tablets of young hearts:

- 1. A grasp of the big picture of the Bible (Acts 8:30-31; 18:26)
- 2. Respect for authority (Eph 6:1; Lev 19:32; Rom 13:1; 1 Pet 5:6)
- 3. A sincere commitment to personal purity (2 Tim 2:22; 1 Cor 6:19-20)
- 4. Solid reasons for faith and hope (Rom 1:16; 2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 3:15)

- 5. The ability to make wise choices (Prov 3:13-18; Col 4:5)
- 6. A "God-first, others-next" way of thinking (Matt 6:33; 22:36-40; Phil 2:3-4)
- 7. An authentic, developing connection with Jesus (John 15:4-5; Matt 4:4; 1 Thes 5:17)

Those seven ideals from Scripture form the cornerstone of our Bible classes at all age-levels:

- Our littlest hearts (6 mths-4th grade): Shaping Hearts for God
- Our developing hearts (5-7th grades): Get Them Talking
- Our maturing hearts (8-12th grades): Making It Personal

What Do We Need From You?

- Your involvement: make the most of this opportunity by making sure your children and grandchildren are present and prepared for class.
- Your prayers for our teachers and our collective effort.
- Your willingness to contribute resources and efforts of your own for the good of the body.
- Our teachers must remember:
 - Each teaching opportunity is important, a window we won't get again (Eph 5:16).
 - You are trying to shape and save souls, not simply finish a workbook (Matt 19:14).
 - Teaching is an awesome responsibility (James 3:1), but it is one God enables us to meet and maximize for our good and his glory (Matt 28:19-20; Eph 4:11-16).

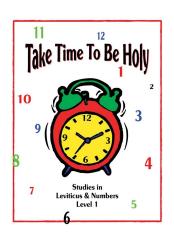
6 Months - 4th Grade Classes Shaping Hearts for God

Even the youngest of children brought to Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM can be taught about God and his word. These sessions aren't about babysitting or killing time while parents and grandparents are doing something more important. These are valuable opportunities that have been carefully designed for the shaping of little hearts in what matters most.

Everything our youngest children will learn in Bible classes throughout 2016 can be summarized by three major points:

- ⇒ Jesus is coming
- ⇒ Jesus is here
- ⇒ Jesus is coming again

Children will learn a different lesson each week. Suggested Bible reading schedules are included in each workbook, along with Memory Verses and Bible Knowledge Challenges. Children *can* learn about God's wonderful plan, the love of Jesus, and the reason for life on this earth. We aim to help in that process.



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Take Time To Be Holy

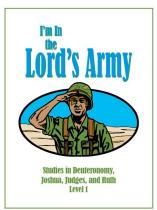
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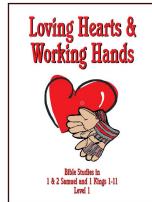
Leviticus & Numbers

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I'm In the Lord's Army Studies in Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, and Ruth



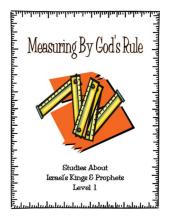


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Loving Hearts & Working Hands Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Kings 1-11

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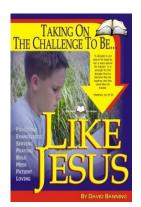
Measuring By God's Rule Studies About Israel's Kings & Prophets



5th-7th Grade Classes Get Them Talking

The goal of our 5th-7th grade Bible classes is simple and straightforward. Get them talking about God's word and how it relates to their lives. Here's our schedule for 2016.

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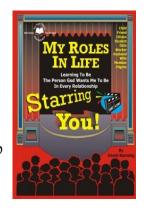


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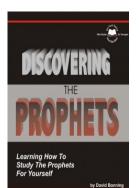
Taking On The Challenge To Be Like Jesus



My Roles In Life: Learning To Be The Person God Wants Me To Be In Every Relationship



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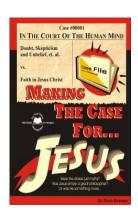
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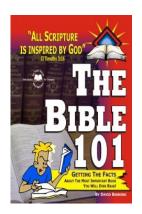
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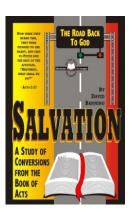


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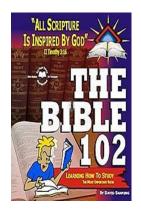
The Bible 101: *Getting The Facts*

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 PM

Salvation: A Study Of Conversions From The Book Of Acts



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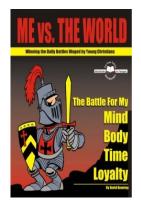
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The Bible 102: Learning How To Study

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 PM

Me vs. The World: The Battle For My Mind, Body, Time, and Loyalty

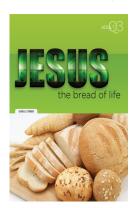
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8th-12th Grade Classes Making It Personal

As young hearts mature, learning how to make God's word personal is absolutely pivotal. On Sundays at 9:45 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM throughout 2016, our dedicated teachers aim to show young people how the Bible applies to them now and for the rest of their lives.

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SUNDAYS at 9:45 AM

Jesus, the Bread of Life A Study of the Life of Jesus (3)



Plugged In: High Voltage Prayer



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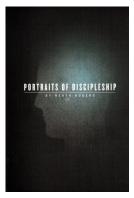
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Jesus, the Bread of Life A Study of the Life of Jesus (4)



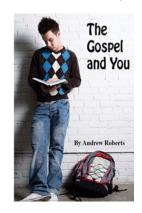
Portraits of Discipleship

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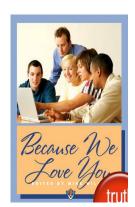


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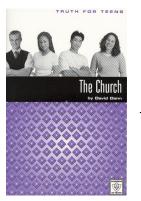
The Gospel and You

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 PM

Because We Love You



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SUNDAYS at 9:45 AM

The Church

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 PM
Acts (1)

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Reflections for the Lord's Supper

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus instituted a memorial of his death. Following the pattern of the earliest Christians, we share in this observance every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). To help prepare our minds in appreciation for what our Father planned from before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:20) and what our Lord has accomplished on the cross, here are fifty-two reasons why Jesus came to die, one for each Lord's day of 2016.

January

- 3^{rd} To Bear the Curse of Sin for Us (Gal 3:10-14)
- 10th To Fulfill the Will of His Father (Isa 53:10)
- 17th To Learn Obedience and Be Made Perfect (Heb 5:7-10)
- 24th To Show the Wealth of God's Love and Grace for Sinners (Rom 5:6-8)
- 31st To Show His Own Love for Us (Eph 5:1-2)

February

- 7th To Cancel the Record of Debt Against Us (Col 2:13-15)
- 14th To Become a Ransom for Sinners (1 Tim 2:5-6)
- 21st For the Forgiveness of Our Sins (Eph 1:7-10)
- 28th To Provide the Basis for Our Justification (Rom 5:9-11)

March

- 6th So That We Might Be Made Righteous (Rom 5:18-19)
- 13th So That There Might Be No Condemnation For Those Who Are In Him (Rom 8:1, 34)
- 20th To Make Us Holy, Blameless, Above Reproach (Col 1:21-23)
- 27th To Purify Our Consciences (Heb 9:13-14)

April

- To Obtain for Us All Things That Are Good (Rom 8:31-32)
 To Bear Our Griefs and Carry Our Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3-4)
- 10th To Bear Our Griefs and Carry Our Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3-4)
 17th That By His Wounds We Might Be Healed (Isaiah 53:5)
- 24th That We Might Not Perish But Have Eternal Life (John 3:16)

May

- 1st To Deliver Us from the Present Evil Age (Galatians 1:3-5)
- 8th To Reconcile Us to God (2 Cor 5:17-20)
- 15th To Bring Us to God (1 Pet 3:18)
- 22nd So That We Might Belong to Him (Rom 7:4)
- 29th To Give Us Access to the Holy Places (Heb 10:19-22)

June

- 5th To Become the Place Where We Meet God (John 2:18-21)
- 12th To Replace the Old Testament Priesthood (Heb 9:15-24)
- 19th To Become the Eternal High Priest (Heb 7:23-27)
- 26th To Become a Sympathetic and Helpful Priest (Heb 4:14-16)

July

- 3rd To Free Us From Our Futile Ways (1 Pet 1:17-19)
- 10th To Free Us from the Slavery of Our Sins (Rev 1:4-6)
- 17th That We Might Die to Sin and Live to Righteousness (1 Pet 2:24)
- 24th To Enable Us to Live for Jesus and Not Ourselves (2 Cor 5:14-15)
- 31st To Make His Cross the Ground of Our Boasting (Gal 6:14)

"Do this in remembrance of me."



Reflections for the Lord's Supper

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus instituted a memorial of his death. Following the pattern of the earliest Christians, we share in this observance every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). To help prepare our minds in appreciation for what our Father planned from before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:20) and what our Lord has accomplished on the cross, here are fifty-two reasons why Jesus came to die, one for each Lord's day of 2016.

August

7th To Enable Us to Live by Faith in Him (Gal 2:20)

14th To Create a People Passionate for Good Works (Tit 2:11-14)

21st To Call Us to Follow His Example of Humility (Phil 2:5-8)

28th To Create a Band of Crucified Followers (Luke 9:23-25)

September

4th To Free Us From the Fear of Death (Heb 2:14-15)

11th So That We Would Be with Him After Death (1 Thes 5:9-11)

18th To Secure Our Resurrection From the Dead (Rom 8:9-11)

25th To Destroy the Works of the Devil (1 John 3:7-8)

"This is my body, which is given for you."



October

2nd To Unleash the Power of the Gospel (1 Cor 1:18)

9th To Gain His Joy and Ours (Heb 12:1-2)

16th So That He Would Be Crowned with Glory and Honor (Heb 2:9)

23rd To Show That the Worst Evil Can be Used by God for Good (Acts 4:23-28)

30th To Serve as a Fragrant Offering to God (Eph 5:1-2)

November

6th To Fulfill Old Testament Prophecy (1 Pet 1:10-12)

13th To Serve as Our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:6-8)

20th To Fulfill the Charge of His Heavenly Father (John 10:17-18)

27th To Give Marriage Its Deepest Meaning (Eph 5:25-32)

December

4th To Create in Himself One New Man in Place of Jews and Gentiles (Eph 2:11-16)

11th To Ransom People from Every Tribe and Language and People and Nation (Rev 5:9-10)

18th To Rescue Us from the Fear of Judgment (Heb 9:27-28)

25th That We Might Regularly Examine Ourselves and Remember Him (1 Cor 11:23-28)



"This is my blood of the covenant."



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