

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NIV)

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

Judges 21:25 (NIV)
²⁵ In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

All of us have been saddened by the recent shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. To be sure, these are difficult times that demand followers of Christ to call out to God for his mercy and help.

I have been somewhat taken back at the focus of the media and the discussions surrounding last week's shooting. Perhaps a partial solution is found in gun regulations and stricter security governing our schools (this is where the mass media seems to be focused), but I can't help but wonder if there is a deeper problem and a better solution. Perhaps my thoughts seem a bit old fashioned and simplistic and would get booed in a town hall filled with grieving and angry students and parents, but I'm not hearing good reasons for the problems we are facing, and consequently few effective solutions.

Personally, I think that the problems we are seeing are largely spiritual in nature. One does not have to be a biblical scholar to understand that sin has brought damage and brokenness to our world. Sin is the reason there is death, crime, selfishness, pride, human depravity and the propensity for humanity to do evil. When a nation turns from the Lord, then we can naturally expect to face an array of problems. Study the book of Judges and you will find some outrageous, painful things that took place in Israel's history, contextualized by the statement; "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." Judges 21:25.

What has been the thrust and mantra of post modernity? — "Do as you wish." "Be your own person." "Truth is what you make it or believe it to be." "There are no absolutes." These views in part have also been the driving force behind many of the policies in the past forty years (abortion, same sex marriages, removal of the 10 commandments from courtrooms and gender/racial switching come to mind). Many feel that "doing one's own thing" is a new level of enlightenment, freedom, and self- awareness, but actually it has been around since The Fall. Perhaps what we are witnessing are the first fruits of a nation that is doing "what it sees fit.

It seems to me that we are more divided, depressed, angry, depraved, and medicated than ever before. I refuse to accept that shootings are the new norm, but maybe they are part of a nation that no longer tells their children that they are made by a loving, righteous, caring creator who sent his Son to save us from our sin?

Church, we are here for such a time as this! Let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us not stop giving the reason for the hope that we have in Christ. Let us not stop letting our light shine before those around us. Let us not compromise or shrink back in our resolve to live for Jesus in his love and ways. Let us not do what we see fit, but only that which God sees fit. Let us not live in our own strength and understanding, but in the love and understanding that comes from our Lord. Let us not remain silent, but speak the truth in love to those around us. Let us be careful not to get sucked into movements of politics, opinions and emotions that in the end will not solve our deeper societal problems. Let us be quick to listen and slow to speak. Let us press into God with all of our hearts, turn from our wicked ways and seek the One who can heal our land.

John 16:33 (NIV)

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

We had so much fun snow tubing!!! If you weren't able to go with us this year, have no fear, we do it annually and would love to have you join us next February. We are amping up for the spring retreats both for high school and for middle school and we know God is going to do some amazing things that only He can do. Time and time again, He speaks to us, not in a loud voice, but in a gentle whisper. Even though that whisper is calm, it has the power of a mighty earth-shaking wind that radically changes our thinking, choices, and life as a whole. It's in those moments of gentleness that we, sinful creatures, know without a doubt that God sees us. Not only sees us, but that He KNOWS us. Let that simmer a minute...next time you hear God or the Holy Spirit getting your attention, don't shrug it off. Stop what you are doing, and like Samuel, answer God with, "Here I am Lord".

Upcoming Fusion events for March, and April:

March

Mar 2nd-3rd: High School Retreat (Planet Wisdom)

Mar 4th: NO FUSION

Mar 11th: Fusion birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

Mar 11th: Middle school retreat sign-up deadline

Mar 18th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

Mar 24th: ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

Mar 25th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

<u>April</u>

April 1st: NO FUSION (Happy Easter!)

April 8th: Fusion birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

April 15th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

April 20th-22nd: Middle School Retreat

April 22nd: NO FUSION

April 29th: FUSION 6pm-8pm

<u>May</u>

May 6th: Fusion Parents Meeting (in music room after each service)

May 6th: Fusion birthday/game night 6pm-8pm

May 13th: NO FUSION, Happy Mother's Day!

May 20th: Missions week sign up deadline

May 20th: Fusion 6pm-8pm

May 27th: NO FUSION, Memorial Day Weekend

For more information about these events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, check out our Fusion Youth table in the youth building, or see Pastor Matt.



CAM (College Age Ministry)

CAM (College Age Ministry) January Newsletter

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope"

God's Word is so incredibly powerful! We have been studying the book of Revelation with all its intricate details and questions. We also have been studying James, where the concepts are so easy, yet so difficult to remember to apply due to our sinful nature. If you are having questions, doubts, or crave for that hole in your life to be filled, we encourage you to come join us on Sunday mornings from 9am-10am and/or Monday nights from 6:30pm-8pm. We are planning events for this spring/summer/fall for CAM and are so encouraged by the feed back we have been getting. God bless!

March

Mar 5th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 12th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 19th: CAM 630pm-8pm

Mar 26th: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

April

April 2nd: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 9th: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 16th: CAM 630pm-8pm

April 23rd: Help at Bethel Food Pantry 4pm-7pm

April 30th: CAM 630pm-8pm

If you are in college or age 18-25yrs old, please feel free to come see myself, Faith, JR and Robin Crushong, Jaime and Rick Rivera, or Dave and Heidi Poe to get plugged in to our Monday evening bible study and our Sunday morning Sunday school class, or find us on the CAM Facebook page.

Pastor Matt & Faith:)



Shirley Smith

Yes, I Carry TicTacs

Waiting at an airport gate when your flight has been delayed can be long and boring. However, three years ago in June, while waiting at Newark Airport to come home from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, it was anything but quiet and dull. As we sat there tired and reflecting on our visit, we heard loud screaming coming from the women's restroom off to the side. It caused all the travelers to stare at the restroom and wonder what in the world was going on in there. After a few minutes, a team member came over to me and said she thought the person may be speaking Creole. (She had heard Creole in the DR because we minister to Haitians.) I thought to myself, "Lord, we are in New Jersey. There may not be another person in the terminal who knows a little Creole. What should I do?" I waited another minute or two and felt compelled to go into the restroom. I reached into my purse and grabbed my box of TicTacs. To this day, I don't know why I did that. As I entered, I saw this very tall Haitian woman all alone yelling into her phone. Her grimacing face was angry and her black skin was almost glowing red with hate. I walked up and stood in front of her. Then I took her hand that was not holding the phone and poured 4 or 5 TicTacs into her palm. She stopped screaming, looked at me, and said "Sank ou."

When she took the phone from her ear, I asked her, "Ou vle mwen priye pou ou?" (Do you want me to pray for you?) Immediately, she started crying. Through huge tears rolling down her cheeks, she sobbed, "Wi, wi." I took her hand and prayed for her saying, "Lord, whatever this problem is, help her know what to do. I don't know what is wrong, but you do. God, you know what she needs. Give her peace and calm."

She stopped crying and put the TicTacs in her mouth. I said, "Orevwa." and walked out. I was shaking like a leaf and hurried back to my team. A few minutes later, we watched as she walked quietly out of the restroom and went up the stairs.

Sometimes God has you at the right place at the right time.

I learned you must be obedient to the Holy Spirit when that happens. Since that day, I always carry TicTacs. I've given them to a frightened woman on a turbulent flight, to confused children that I work with, to worried adults, and ailing elderly people whom I visit. God is so good! He can use a willing heart and a couple of TicTacs to make a difference in someone's life. I hope you will try it. 5

For the month of APRIL, we will be collecting food for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

We only need TWO THINGS: Cans of Chunky Soup and boxes of Macaroni and Cheese. A large wooden box will be placed in the foyer on April 1st for donations.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE –

VOLUNTEER IN AWANA

Children look forward to AWANA all week! It's where they hear the gospel and learn the Bible in a fun setting, complete with games, theme nights, and special events. But AWANA can't happen without dedicated volunteers who serve each week. Volunteers make all the difference in these children's lives.

Whether you like to teach, be a listener, work with kids, play with puppets or keep records, we have a place for you. One thing is for sure – you will have fun!

Help us reach more kids with the gospel!

At FBC, AWANA is held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm September 6-April 11.

*** To volunteer or for further information, please contact Neil Tate at 717-226-7378, Melanie Tate at 717-515-0591, or mntate90@gmail.com. ***

[Volunteers are cleared to work with children and youth].





SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH @ 10:00 AM

The Haiti team will be sharing stories & videos No Sunday classes * No kid's church

'Answers for Women' Conference coming in April WHEN? April 6-7

WHERE? Florence, KY (Florence Baptist at Mt Zion)

This conference is called *LIFE...contending* for life from beginning to end... you will learn how to contend for life at every level. The most vulnerable in our society today are the unborn, the disabled and the elderly. Our culture is increasingly devaluing human life, putting the lives of precious humans, made in God's image, at risk.

For all the information to this link

https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women/

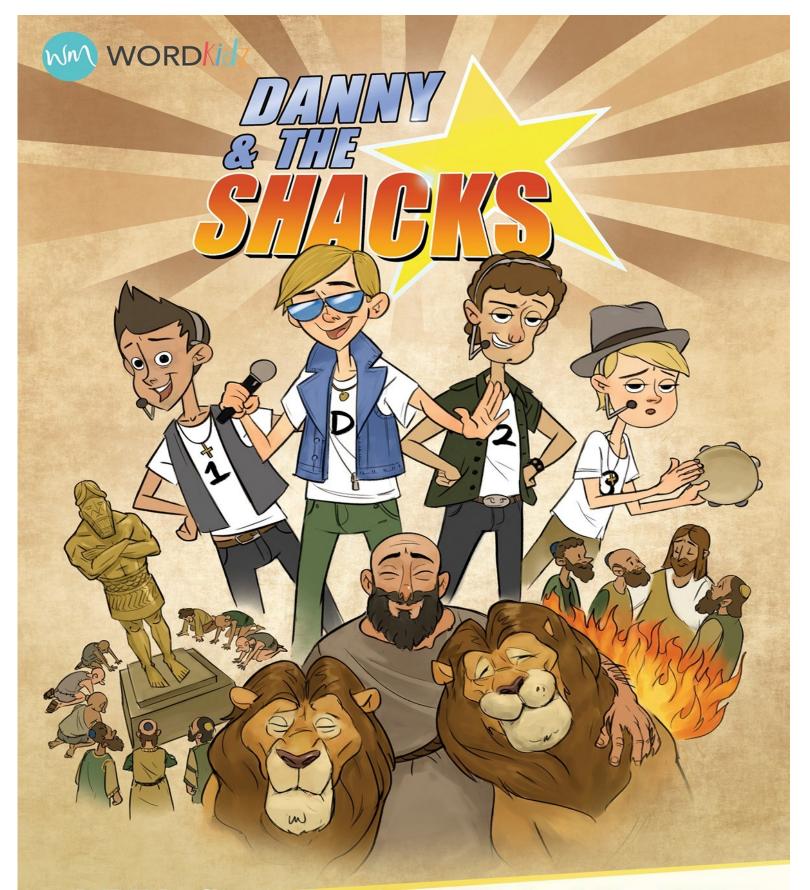


Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Have you been having a desire to get involved, be part of something bigger, or to be used by God, but teaching just isn't your thing? We are looking for individuals who have a heart to help the less fortunate, who can bring structure, organizational skills, planning, ideas, and creativity to the ministry of Operation Christmas Child in our area! If you are feeling God's tug on your heart to become involved with this incredible, life changing ministry, please follow the Holy Spirit's leading and join this amazing outreach. We are one body in Christ and every part is just as vital as the next!

For info, see Fran Rohrer



A Bible Story-Inspired Musical For Kids

Coming to FBC soon!
Practices will be during Sunday classes starting June 10th.
For ages 3-11

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

This past Wednesday, February 21,2018, all of America woke up to hear on the news that Billy Graham had passed away in his sleep at the age of 99. He was known as America's pastor.

No other evangelist has ever reached as many people as Billy Graham. According to an article in the USA Today, Billy preached to 215 million people in person in 195 foreign cities in 185 countries.

He conducted 417 crusades in addition to rallies and services adding up to 226 events in the USA.

Billy's reputation was stellar in that he was never touched by sex or financial scandals. People have made fun of our vice president Mike Pence for following the Billy Graham rule of never being alone with another woman. Yet Mike Pence is known for being a true believer in Christ and strives daily to walk the walk. His wife Karen is also a strong believer.

Billy's integrity is seen in that he helped to found the Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability (ECFA), in 1979. Today it has 2100 members consisting of churches, denominations, educational institutions, rescue missions, camps and many other 501(c)(3) organizations.

This came about in the 1970's when public and political concern arose over questionable fundraising practices in the nonprofit sector. They have seven standards that must be followed in order to be a member. This includes adhering to an evangelical statement of faith, having financial oversight by engaging an independent certified public accountant, assurance of compliance with all applicable regulations, laws and biblical mandates. Other standards include Transparency, compensation for top leaders that demonstrate integrity and propriety in conformity to ECFA's policies. Truthfulness in communications and providing timely gift acknowledgments to all givers.

Billy Graham founded the magazine *Christianity Today* in 1956. He also started his well known radio program "*The Hour of Decision*" in 1950. It was by the encouragement of two men asking him to start a radio program. He half jokingly told them if he could raise \$25,000 dollars by midnight he would do it. He announced it at the crusade that evening and had \$24,000 dollars with him when he returned to his hotel room where he found two \$500 donations waiting for the radio ministry.

The "Hour of Decision" ran for 66 years until the host, Cliff Barrows died in 2016 at 93 years old. By 2010, the "Hour of Decision" was syndicated across 581 radio stations in the U.S.A. and over 400 radio stations across the world. It was in 5 languages, in 55 countries and 6 continents.

He counseled, prayed and comforted 12 presidents, beginning with Harry Truman through President Obama. In 2001 when we had the Twin Towers in New York City attacked, it was Billy Graham the nation turned to for comfort.

He made great use of the media in proclaiming the gospel. In 1951 he formed World Wide Pictures (WWP) and produced his first film, "Mr. Texas". World Wide Pictures would go on to produce over 125 films. The Restless Ones in 1965 was viewed by over 2 million people, and we are told had 120,000 decisions made for Christ, Time to Run in 1973, The Hiding Place in 1975, the story of Cory Ten Boom and the Holocaust and Joni in 1979, the story of a 17 year old teenager who became paralyzed in a diving accident and how she came to Christ.

I remember working with believers from other churches in our area to bring *The Hiding Place* and *Joni* to the Majestic Theater (this is before they remodeled). We would rent the Majestic for so many days and then have to sell tickets for the movie.

Billy was a prolific writer. He penned 33 books on advice, inspiration and his own autobiography. I have many books written about him, like Seven Who Were Saved, testimonies from some of his earlier crusades, a book covering his London Crusade, a biography by John Pollock,

a book on The Hour of Decision, a book on his New York Crusade, a book on the Holy Spirit and Seven Deadly Sins.

Vice President Richard Nixon in 1957 at Madison Square Garden in New York City became the first national leader of prominence to attend one of Billy's crusades.

Billy Graham broke up the segregation barrier by insisting as early at 1952 that churches and in1953 all his crusades would all be integrated. He developed a great relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King claims that "had it not been for the ministry of my good friend Dr. Billy Graham, my work in the civil rights movement would not have been as successful as it has been."

He also hired the first African-American evangelist in 1957. His name was Howard Jones. Billy held off 20 years going to South Africa until 1973 when they stopped apartheid.

Who could forget Ethel Waters, an African-American, a product of a botched abortion singing "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"? And how about George Beverly Shea singing How Great Thou Art? He sung it 99 times at the New York Crusade at Madison Square Garden. Remember Cliff Barrows directing the 1500-2000 voice choirs with Ted Smith on the piano, Don Hustad on the organ?

George Beverly Shea first met Billy Graham when they worked on a radio show in the early 1940's called "Songs In The Night". He also wrote the music to the now famous song I'd Rather Have Jesus at the age of 20. He died at the age of 104. I heard him sing How Great Thou Art at the age of 101. He also wrote the words to the song The Wonder Of It All.

Billy Graham had a simple message. God loves you, Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead. Give your life to Him as He is the only way to heaven.

His largest crusade was attended by 3.2 million people in South Korea over a four day period in 1973. The final day had 1.1 million people attending the service. During those 4 days around 75,000 people made decisions for Christ. This is remarkable attendance since at that time there was only 30 million people living in South Korea.

Billy Graham considered his crusade in Altoona, Pennsylvania a flop, yet for John and Bea Love it was what they needed. They committed their lives to Christ and went on to raise 6 children who became believers, and they led their children to Christ. They are all involved in various Christian ministries.

During his first big crusade in Los Angeles, California in 1949 some well known individuals made decisions for Christ during that time. Jim Vaus was well known for being an electronic whiz and wiretapper for organized crime. He had stolen \$15,000 worth of electronic equipment from a local telephone company and radio station. After coming to Christ he sold his house and automobile to make restitution.

Stuart Hamblen had been a hillbilly singer and composer from Hollywood who was described in Billy's book *And Seven Were Saved* as a hell raiser who lived it up to the hilt and then got religion.

He ran with women, played the horses, had a radio show and plenty of fame and money. Stuart's wife encouraged him to attend Billy's crusade since he was promoting him on his radio show. He attended, came under conviction and woke Billy up at 3AM in the morning to pray with him for salvation.

He went on to write the song This Old House and It Is No Secret What God Can Do.

The third famous person who found Christ at his Los Angeles crusade was Louis Zamperini, the well known track star and Olympic athlete. He was stranded in the ocean for 47 days before the Japanese captured and tortured him. After his conversion he went back to Japan to witness to any captor he could find. His story is written in a book called *Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand*.

When giving the altar call he always had the choir sing the hymn *Just As I Am*, which, as you know, has great words and it was the hymn to which he and his friend Grady Wilson walked down the saw dust trail to the altar to give their lives to Christ. Mordecai Ham was the evangelist who was conducting a 3month crusade in Billy Graham's town.

Billy will lie in the Capitol Rotunda on February 28^{th} and March 1^{st} . He now joins his wife Ruth who went to be with the Lord on June 14, 2007.





MARCH MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come out and join the fun. Have some great food and fellowship on

March 17th at 7:30 am. If you would like to help cook breakfast. contact Pastor Carl.



Life Together Groups Spring 2018

WHO: **Bob** and Shirley Smith

WHAT: Multiple topics, call for availability 528-4348 WHERE: Smith's home - 640 Buttonwood Rd. York Springs

WHEN: Sunday nights 6:30 - 8:30pm



WHO: Kevin and Mary Ann Filler

WHAT: **Abundant Living in the End Times**

WHERE: Thomas home - 320 Montclair Rd. Gettysburg

WHEN: Sunday nights 6:30-8pm



WHO: Van and Kristen Weber

WHAT: Book of Romans; study the Roman road to salvation

WHERE: Weber home - 71 Regiment Dr. Gettysburg

WHEN: Wednesday nights 6:30-8:pm

WHO: **Pastor Carl**

WHAT: Men's Bible study of the book of Hebrews

WHERE: FBC Music Room

WHEN: Thursday mornings 5:30-7pm



WHO: Wanda Gallimore

WHAT: Women's Bible study titled "Deeper Still" WHERE:

Gallimore home - 85 Apple Way Rd. Gettysburg

WHEN: Every other Thursday 12-2:00pm



WHO: Pastor Carl

WHAT: Bible study on the book of Mark

WHERE: FBC Music Room

WHEN: Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11am

Sunday, April 1, 2018

EIS RISEN

celebrate the savior

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30 AM

this is an outdoor service weather permitting

COMBINED

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

© 10:00 AM

no Sunday classes or kid's church

Can you guess the hymn?

Answer on last page

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus, a pardon receives.

Reach Out! Post Card.

It's always nice to receive a card or a phone call when you're going through a difficult time. Below are some of our members who would benefit from a call, card, or visit.

One Cent for
United States, and
Island Possessions,
Cuba, Canada and
Mexico.
Two Cents
For Foreign.

Stephen & Meagan Stremmel - 145 Brookside Ln Biglerville, PA Phone 677-0667

Linda Punchard 80 Maple Ave Gettysburg, PA Phone # 334-8672

Cathy Hertz 2370 Mummasburg Rd Gettysburg, PA Phone# 339-8283

J.R. Crushong - 735 Fairview Fruit Rd. Gettysburg, PA Phone# 968-9689

Danise Kelly -1760 Shriver's Co. Rd Gettysburg, PA Phone# 717-778-8712

Bobby and Lucille Smith - CALLS ONLY! 717-659-4348

This side is for the address.

Sweet Hour of Prayer Sweet Hour L. M. D.





MISSION: TO CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD

Meet together to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of being a mom.

All meetings include childcare for under 3 and participation in AWANA for 3-12th grade.

MEETINGS BEGIN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17 FROM 6-8 AT FBC

March

Birthology Blessings

Frank Giorno- 1

Cynthia Lustig - 3

Heidi Poe-3

Joe Hurda - 8

Vicky May- 9

Wanda Gallimore -9

Brenda Scyphers -11

Lily Poe -12

David Green -15

Pat Reuse-15

J.R. Crushong -16

Sherry Hess - 20

Victoria Double -22

Bari Roden -23

Mary Wingert - 23

Todd Hirneisen -28

Emma Stremmel -29

Aaron Stremmel -29

Austin Crushong -30

Bob Smith - 30

Brianna Crushong -30





Elmer and Marge Bley -2

Bobby and Lucille Smith -3

Neil and Melanie Tate -24





Upcoming Awana Events: March 10 - AWANA GRAND PRIX @ FBC

March 26 - AWANA LEADERS APPRECIATION DINNER

plug in & serve

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HANDYMAN

TEAM

Serve on a Board

Soup Kitchen

PRAYER INTERCESSORS

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Easter Egg A WAN

Adams Christian Prison Ministry

Dramas & Plays

PRAYER WARRIOF

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Sunday School Teacher

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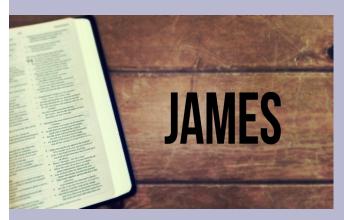
Hospitality

Life Together Group facilitator USHERS & GREETERS

SUNDAY CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES...

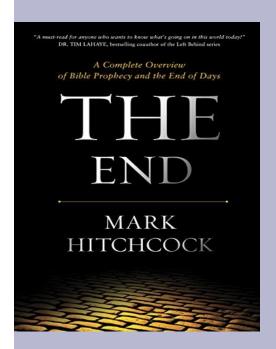


Walk through the New Testament Sundays @ 9am. Wanda Gallimore leads.



Dive into the book of James Sundays @ 9am.

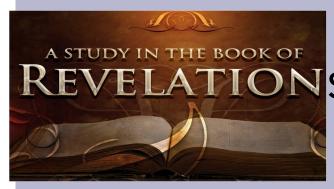
McBeths lead



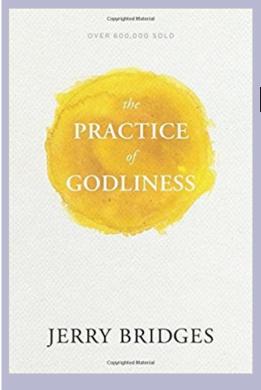
This takes you through the prophecies foretelling of the end times.
Sundays @ 10:30 am. Mark
Punchard leads.



Open discussion in the kitchen area Sundays @ 9am



CAM Study for ages 18-25
Sundays @ 9am Crushong,
Rivera & Poe lead.



It is our duty as Christians to pursue godliness. Ladies Only! Wednesdays @ 10:00am

Jan Newton leads.

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March **EVENTS**

March 1

Lay Visitors -11:00 am

March 2-3

Senior High School Retreat

March 5-9

Sonshine Book Fair

March 10

AWANA Grand Prix

March 11 Combined Service Haiti Team sharing

March 17 Men's Breakfast

March 24

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

March 26

AWANA Leaders Appreciation Dinner

March 27

Soup Kitchen

March 30 Good Friday Office closed



ANSWER TO HYMN: To God Be the Glory

SUNDAY CLASSES

Book of James

Led by Mac and Arla McBeth Sundays @9:00am in the preschool room

Revelation

Led by Riveras, Crushongs & Poes 18-25 year old's Sunday mornings 9:00am

Basic Bible Knowledge New Testament Study

Led by Wanda Gallimore Sundays @ 9:00am in Lewis Hall

The End

by Mark Hitchcock Led by Mark Punchard Sundays @ 10:30am

BREAD PICK-UP Holtzople - 3 Hess/VanArsdale - 10 Merson - 17 **Gipe - 24** Holtzople -31

ATTENTION!!!

There is a still time to order your Easter flowers. Order forms are on the welcome center. Orders must be in by March 6 and will be delivered during the last week of March.