

•INSPIRE•

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Wednesday Noon
Monday Women's Bible Study

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Mondays from 7-9pm. A podcast, from Andy Stanley, titled "What Makes You Happy". Meeting at Martin's Supermarket (upstairs). Please see Kellee Skaggs for additional information.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

The book of James, half-brother of Jesus, a letter to the church is written to Jewish believers in his day, but the content of the letter is timeless and timely. James writes that we should turn to God in our trials and live our faith in God's Word. He casts an unfavorable eye on the ways of the world, and calls on believers favoritism in the church and an unhealthy view of money. Finally, he calls all believers to pursue

Jesus's Grace and Mercy with passion.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in Carol Plew's mail box. *FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date.*

There are also several dates open in November and December this year.

•GROW•

Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students
Class has begun!
Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike
pastor_mike@redeemerwarsaw.org
cell: 574-527-9483

Trunk or Treat

Next Saturday, October 19, 4-6pm How can you help you ask?

VOLUNTEER—decorate your vehicle, help serve food. Next time you are shopping, pick up a bag of candy and drop it off. **If you are donating candy, please drop it off by Saturday.**

•Change•

Property Purchase

At the Special Voter's Assembly held on August 22, the Voter's approved to purchase the property next door via a mortgage from the current owner. We now look to put this purchase to work for Him. Next will be the conversation as to how this will be accomplished.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center

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Do you know someone who is looking for employment? Our daycare is hiring.

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Redeemer Volunteering & Events

Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: _____

☐ I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of: _____

on this date: _____

Please use this insert and place in Carol Plew's mail box

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

☐ Sunday Morning Bible Study

☐ Wednesday Noon Bible Study

☐ I would like assistance from the Youth Group
(yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

☐ I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

★ Trunk or Treat! Yes, I would love to decorate my vehicle.

★ Trunk or Treat! I would love to help serve refreshments!

☐ Volunteering at Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.
I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.
October 20, Jan Hammaker from Lincoln school will be leading a brief presentation at the end of 1st service and at the beginning of 2nd service.

The Only Place to Find Hope

“Is there hope?” That’s a basic question of life.

A) People everywhere are looking for _____ in all the wrong places.

- 1) But there is only one place to find _____ hope.
- 2) The Bible says real hope is found by turning to _____: *“May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* (Romans 15:13 GW)
- 3) That kind of hope is only available in a _____ with Jesus.

B) Hope can lift anyone from _____, giving them room to breathe.

- 1) Paul reminds us, *“When there was nothing left to hope for, Abraham still hoped and believed. As a result, he became a father of many nations, as he had been told: That is how many descendants you will have. Abraham didn’t weaken. Through faith he regarded the facts: His body was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old, and Sarah was unable to have children... That is why Abraham’s faith was regarded as the basis of his approval by God.”* (Rm. 4:18-20,22 GW)
- 2) God is up to something good in your life, even if you can’t _____ it.
 - The Bible puts it this way: *“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God—those whom he has called according to his plan.”* (Romans 8:28 GW)
- 3) Not that every event in your life will be good. But, when you put your whole life together, God works every _____ of it together for good.

C) God doesn’t say everything works together like WE Want, or that every _____ will have a happy ending.

- 1) Instead, we can have confidence that the Master Designer of the _____ causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him.
- 2) Hope isn’t the same as _____.
- 3) It’s confidence, every part of our life will makes sense, in _____.

Close: We can’t even imagine the good that God has in store for your future. But, we can trust that He is always working for our good.

Answers: A) hope, 1) real, 2) God, 3) relationship, B) despair, 2) see, 3) piece, C) story, 1) universe, 2) optimism, 3) eternity.

"Dry Times"

Isaiah 35:6b-7 - *For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.*

Much of California and Arizona is naturally desert without irrigation. Those who live there realize how precious water is. Cacti grow in the yard, and in the extreme heat the ground cracks where the pond used to be. All the toads move underground. Long showers are out of the question, and the water bill is a constant concern. Water was an even bigger concern for the people of Israel and Judah in Isaiah's day. If the rain came when it was supposed to, all was well with the crops. But even in a good year, people depended on wells and cisterns. There simply weren't many rivers or streams that lasted all year long. Lots of them dried up when the rainy season ended.

There are times when our hearts may feel like a desert -- dry, cracked, almost lifeless. It's hard to live in a spiritual desert, as we wait on God to come and bring new life. In the meantime, we endure, like those toads underground, waiting for the next rains. It isn't fun. Sometimes we wonder if the dry time will ever end -- if God has forgotten us, or if maybe (perish the thought) He was never there in the first place.

It was to people like us that Isaiah was speaking. God had not forgotten, He promised, *"Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you'"* (Isaiah 35:4).

Isaiah was promising the coming of Jesus, who is our Source of life. He is our Maker, but He is also the One who suffered and died for us so that we might share in His everlasting life. Now that He has risen from the dead, Jesus gives living water to everyone who trusts in Him.

Jesus said, *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"* The Gospel writer John explains, *"Now this He (Jesus) said about the Spirit"* (John 7:37-39). Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His people at Pentecost, and He continues to give the Holy Spirit to all of us who believe in Him now. Even in our driest times, the Spirit is with us, sustaining us, strengthening us, and keeping us in Christ.

This doesn't mean we don't still have dry times -- we do. We are by nature desert, just like the deserts of California or Arizona. But God has made waters to break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. God knows our need, and He supplies us when we need it most. Let us keep trusting Him.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, how often we find ourselves in deserts of our own making. Refresh us with your living Word; keep us healthy through Your Spirit who makes life happen, even in the most unlikely places. In Jesus' Name. Amen.