

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Wednesday Noon
Wednesday Women's (on
summer break)

**Women's
Wednesday Bible
Study**

—Summer Break—
Will resume in the fall.

**Wednesday Noon
Bible Study**

"The Natural Knowledge of God in Our Christian Witness". This study will examine what it means to have a *Natural Knowledge* of God, what *Natural Revelation* and *Natural Law* are, and how they fit with His *Special Revelation* through Jesus and His written Word. We will look at how this Natural Knowledge is spoken about in the Bible, and how it is used by both Christians and unbelievers.
For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. - Rom. 1:19

**Sunday Morning
Bible Study**

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

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**Youth Confirmation
Class**

Parents & Students
Class will begin on
Wednesday, September 18 at
6:30pm. Questions? contact
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**Church
Improvements
Building Fund**

HVAC News: the loan with LCEF has been paid in full! Thank you to everyone that diligently gave beyond their regular tithing to make this possible!

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**

Little Steps Daycare

Dear members of Redeemer,
I would like to let you know that Friday, August 30 will be my last day as the director at Little Steps Daycare. I was offered a position to work at Lakeview Middle School in the life skills classroom as an assistant. This has been a very difficult decision to make. However, this is what is best for my family and myself. I have worked in the schools as a teacher, a substitute, and as an assistant for twenty-two years. It is where my heart is. Abbie Stewart will be stepping up into the director's position as interim. As a member of Redeemer Church, I will continue to support Little Steps Daycare one hundred percent.
God's Blessings,
Faith Doyle

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The Daycare Committee is currently considering two candidates for director to replace Faith. In the interim, Abbie Stewart will be our acting director. Please be in prayer, asking God, to lead us to the right person to continue our wonderful ministry. Pastor Mike and the Daycare Committee

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

☐ Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare. I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement. *Stay tuned-it is going to be epic!*



Practical Living Series : A Heart for the Hurting

Reading the Gospels, it's obvious how much Jesus cared about hurting people.

1) Jesus came for _____ People

- a) People came to Jesus, for one of 3 reasons: a need, a hurt, or a _____.
 - He made it clear why He came, *"The Spirit of the Lord is with me. He has anointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin and the restoring of sight to the blind, to forgive those who have been shattered by sin, to announce the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18-19 GW)
- b) When God created the nation of Israel, he established the "year of the Lord's favor," which is also called the "Year of _____."
- c) Jesus came to help hurting people; those in debt, trapped in sin, imprisoned.
- d) And Jesus wants _____ to serve them, too; *"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."* (John 13:15 NLT).
 - Are you following Jesus' example by helping hurting people? _____

2) Jesus also came for the _____

- a) The phrase "broken heart" is from the _____ and is thousands of years old.
 - "David said: *"Insults have broken my heart, and I am sick. I looked for sympathy, but there was none."* (Psalm 69:20 GW)
- b) What causes a broken heart? Here are some of the most common ways:
 - **Disappointment:** when things don't turn out as we've planned.
 - _____: by someone we love or we think loves us.
 - _____: by others or ourselves, by holding on to past hurts.
- c) Jesus said about the Father, *"He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted"* (Luke 4:18 NKJV).
 - Psalm 147 tells us, *"[God] is the healer of the brokenhearted. He is the one who bandages their wounds."* (Ps. 147:3 GW)

3) God also cares about _____, so should we

- a) When Jesus said in Luke 4:18 that he came *"to proclaim liberty to the captives"* (NKJV), he wasn't just talking about _____ prisons.
- b) What are some of those prisons?
 - **Addictions & Compulsions:** anything you want to change, but can't.
 - _____: they lock us up in self-imposed prisons & we hold them inside.
 - _____: Half of the world can't read or write. Without proper education, they're stuck. Especially, proper understanding of God's Word.
 - **Fear:** It keeps us from trying new things, we limit God and ourselves.
- c) Know this for sure: Jesus cares about you. He wants you to be free.
 - *So if the Son sets you free, you will be absolutely free."* (John 8:36 GW)

Close: Will you listen to the legalists, perfectionists, or conformists who want to take away your freedom. Or to Jesus, as he offers to make you "Absolutely free!"

"Obtain the Prize"

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Athletes who won in the Olympic Games at Olympia, in the Isthmian Games at Corinth, in the Pythian Games at Delphi, or in the Nemean Games in Argolis were the most honored people in the whole Greek community. Whether St. Paul ever watched the Isthmian Games at Corinth, I don't know, but I would not be surprised if he did. He was that kind of man. One thing he knew: the people to whom he was writing at Corinth knew all about the games there.

Discipline is part of that game. In modern life, there is too much of that aimless running about which accomplishes nothing except to wear people out. Following Christ, on the other hand, puts a man or woman on course. It provides a purpose for life. Following Christ enables people to find themselves and then to find each other at the same time.

St. Paul had a game plan for his life. He was going to follow Christ. As a man, Paul was not all strength with no weaknesses. He knew very well just where his weaknesses lay. But he had a game plan. He undertook to follow Christ: he was not going to run aimlessly. He was not shadow boxing. He was in training, like an athlete out to win: "I discipline my body and keep it under control," he writes, "lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

We are in this together as Christians, and we are going to win together. We help each other by using the gifts God has given us. We don't expect life to be handed to us on a "silver platter," to use a common saying; rather, we follow with resolution and determination in the steps of Christ, who gave Himself for us all.

And remember, errors are made even by the best players. Parents make mistakes, and so do their children. Don't let the thought of failure prevent you, my friends, from going for the prize. If you have not been in it before, get in the game, follow Christ. If you have tried hard and feel you have not succeeded, don't give up. Fight the good fight. Run the race with full determination. With Christ, you will obtain the prize.

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant us the faith to run the race of life with bold determination as we follow Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.