

## •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

Demons, Satan, evil and  
you! What do we know,  
what does the bible say,  
and who can we turn to?

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

### Youth Group Bible Study

Focus on the Psalms and  
National Youth Group  
preparation.

### Sunday School Teachers needed

Would you consider  
becoming a teacher? We  
are on a rotation schedule.  
You would teach once a  
month/every six weeks.  
10:15 to 11 between

services or 15-20 minutes  
during 2nd service  
Sermon. Curriculum is  
already done for you.  
Please see Liz Slone with  
questions. Thank you

## •GROW•

### Youth Group

#### **TODAY 3pm**

Our youth-family-NYG-  
picnic-planning-cookout  
pool party! This all-in-the-  
family event will take  
place June 30, 3pm, at the  
Brinkerhuff's. We will  
discuss last minute NYG  
plans and needed items,  
swim in the pool, have  
games, and grill dinner.  
Please bring a side or  
dessert to share.

### Mail Boxes

Periodically, please check  
your mail box in the  
Fellowship Hall. If you do  
not have a box, please  
notify Liz in the office and  
she will make a spot for  
you! Thank you.

### Mom's Group

#### **Daughters are invited!**

Next mom's group is  
Friday, July 19th from 6-8  
at Pottery Bayou. Please  
see Amanda or Christa for  
questions if you are  
interested in attending.

## •CHANGE•

### Church Improvements Building Fund

Thank you to those that  
have given to the debt  
reduction fund. After your  
weekly tithing, please  
consider dropping a little  
extra into an envelope and  
putting it in the plate.

It all adds up!

Amount needed is approx.  
\$165,000.00.

**Debt Reduction  
Envelopes are available  
at the welcome center**

### Volunteering

Redeemer Little Steps  
Daycare-reading to a class  
or helping serve lunch.  
You can volunteer  
everyday or once a  
month. The choice is  
yours. Interested in  
learning more? Stop by  
the office or talk with Tami  
Beery. Let's be His hands  
and feet. He created us to  
love and to serve those in  
need.

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-Gilbert K. Chesterton

The riddles of God are more  
satisfying than the solutions of  
man.

Tolerance is the virtue of  
people who do not believe in  
anything.

Do not be so open-minded  
that your brains fall out.

God is like the sun; you  
cannot look at it, but without it  
you cannot look at anything  
else.

## 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 : Faith V Trust

- We're looking at another practical step in living for Jesus... faith verses trust.
- We often don't trust God completely... Faith and Trust are two different things.
- *"Blessed is the person who trusts the Lord. He will be their confidence.* (Jeremiah 17:7 GW)

### 1) We have Peace when our trust is in God \_\_\_\_\_.

David said of His experience with God, *"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the person who takes refuge in him."* (Psalm 34:8 GW)

- a) When we truly trust God, we seek Him \_\_\_\_\_ doing anything else.
- b) Trusting people instead of God sets us up for failure.  
*"This is what the Lord says: Cursed is the person who trusts humans, who makes flesh and blood his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord."* (Jeremiah 17:5 GW)
- c) We can't rely on our own \_\_\_\_\_ of situations and circumstances.  
*"Trust the Lord with all your heart & don't rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him & he will make your paths smooth."* (Prov. 3:5-6 GW)
- d) So, seek God's principles, then do what He tells you.

### 2) The difference between faith and trust.

- a) **Faith is** \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) At times our faith can fail, but trust that God won't.  
Jesus said, *"...I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. So when you recover, strengthen the other disciples."* (Luke 22:32 GW)  
And Hebrews, *"So don't lose your confidence. It will bring you a great reward."* (Heb. 10:35 GW)
- c) **Trust is** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"Those who trust the Lord are like Mount Zion, they can never be shaken."* (Ps. 125:1)
- d) David was sure of God's love for him, so he trusted God.  
Paul said to Roman Christians, *"I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love which Christ Jesus our Lord shows us."* (Rm. 8:38-39 GW)

### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God.

- a) God \_\_\_\_\_ for us when we rest in Him.  
God said to king Jehoshaphat, *"You won't fight this battle. Instead, take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the Lord for you..."* (2 Chr. 20:17 GW)
- b) Resting in Him \_\_\_\_\_ God's divine intervention.  
*"Be still and know that I am God"* (Ps. 46:10 GW).
- c) Those who trust the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ abundantly.  
Solomon tells us, *"A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched."* (Prov. 28:25 ESV)

**Close:** Trusting God means everything; fiancés, tithes, offerings, family, work, etc.

## "No Excuses"

*Psalm 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

There are folks who work for Lutheran Hour Ministries who spend a great deal of time on the road. So much time away from home can be a difficult thing for them to endure. Still it is what needs to be done if LHM is going to succeed at bringing Christ to the nations.

As a one-time frequent-flyer, I found another thing which was difficult to endure: baggage inspection by the TSA. Standing in slow-moving lines whose length could compare favorably with any ride at Disneyworld was a great frustration. Taking off your shoes, removing your computer, unpacking all the liquids, and having a metal-detecting wand swept over you was perturbing.

Then, of course, I always had to open my bag for a hand inspection. It seems the microphone I carried with me looks like an explosive, and the wires which I wrapped around it appeared to be incredibly suspicious.

As the years passed, I wondered, do they ever catch anybody with anything?

Now I know. A TSA blog covering the single week before Christmas says the eagle-eyed folks at our airports confiscated

1. 73 pistols ... 62 of which were loaded and 26 of which had a round in the chamber;
  2. six hand grenades at one airport and one grenade with military ordinance at another;
  3. a wide assortment of knives, switchblades, and a nasty looking machete.
- Now on its blog the TSA was very nice as it talked about its confiscations. They seemed sympathetic to the folks who had lost an expensive handgun and almost apologetic as they explained how a person with a firearm at the airport can be arrested and fined up to \$11,000. Most of all they said they were saddened because every time such an article was confiscated it caused a great delay in line for the other passengers.

Oh, one other thing they said. They wanted people to know that even though bringing the firearm to screening was an accident, it still was a crime.

That's a point I believe the Lord would understand. You see, when the Lord judges sinners, He hears a great many excuses. High on the list of explanations which are put before Him has to be the statement, "I didn't know it was a sin," or "Yes, I knew I was doing wrong, but I had a very good reason for doing what I did."

The truth is the Lord's grace and mercy doesn't mix well with our excuses and explanations. His Son entered this world to carry our sins and forgive us. When we acknowledge, rather than try to justify our transgressions, we receive the cleansing which is promised in 1 John 1:9: "For if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, grant that I offer you a repentant heart and not a poor excuse for all I have done wrong. Then let me rejoice in the forgiveness which the Savior has won with His life, suffering, death, and resurrection. In His Name I pray. Amen.