

•INSPIRE•

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Wednesday Noon
Wednesday Women's 7pm
for more information, contact the office.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30pm,
meeting upstairs at Martin's Supermarket led by Kellee Skaggs. "Present Over Perfect" by Shauna Niequist. Leaving behind busyness and frantic living and rediscovering the person you were made to be. *Present Over Perfect* is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

He Is Our Righteousness
We would all answer, "Yes!", without much thought, to the question, "Does our Lord teach justification by grace through faith?" But, when we stop and think, do we know where He teaches it and how? We know He must teach justification by grace. St. Paul is where we usually turn to for help with this doctrine. In this study we will look together at The Good Samaritan, which is not usually thought of in the justification context. We will discover how this parable does, in fact, teach justification by grace, and it

does so in a beautiful and memorable way.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Youth Group Bible Study

Cultural issues that don't line up with God's design.

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 Barb Lindquist or Liz Slone with questions. Thank you

•Grow•

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.

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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. Amount collected to date is \$77,148.17.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center

2019 VBS

We need you! June 17-20 6 to 8pm. Contact the office. Behind the action or front and center, So many chances to be His hands and feet!

Volunteering

There are so many opportunities, here are just a few. Redeemer Little Steps Daycare-reading to a class or helping serve lunch. Lincoln Elementary-lunch buddie, homework help or Boomerrang Backpack. 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.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale to benefit the National Youth Gathering in July. If you want to add to the sale, please bring in your items and place them at the Welcome Center.

May 17 & 18

Hospice Music Outreach

The Mission Board is seeking a CD player & CD's for an outreach opportunity. Requesting that the CD's be in good condition, Christian or instrumental (calming). FYI-they will not be returned. There will have a collection box in the Welcome Center.

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!

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Thursday Evening 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!*

I would like to help with Vacation Bible School



"Proof Positive"

To simply have faith in our faith is an empty faith.
We have faith in Jesus... So, our faith is in more than wishful thinking.

A) John conveys to us his Gospel is " _____" that he is an eyewitness to these events and that his testimony is certain.

- 1) He tells us, on Good Friday, a soldier pierced Jesus's _____.
- 2) The next thing he wrote was, "*The one who saw this is an eyewitness. What he says is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth so that you, too, will believe. This happened so that the Scripture would come true: "None of his bones will be broken."* (John 19:35-37 GW)
- 3) Then after Peter and he had run and seen the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene saw Jesus & touched him. And when Jesus spoke to her, she _____!
- 4) Next she tells the disciples, but they are _____.
- 5) So, Jesus appears to the Disciples... They see & touch Him, He talks to them and they _____.

B) Then John tells us about the episode with Thomas, that he will not believe unless he sees and _____ Jesus... Why does he insist on touching him?

- 1) _____ is simply making a point, if Jesus' body is really resurrected, he wants to touch Jesus's Body.
- 2) What is John showing us through Jesus's appearance to Thomas?
•That the risen Jesus was in His _____, not just a dream, a vision, or a spirit.
- 3) The Apostles – not just Thomas, but all of them – are _____, not only of an empty tomb, but of a living, breathing, eating and drinking Jesus.

C) If you believe Jesus was born in manger, and died on the cross, but didn't rise again... You're _____ a Christian!

- Paul tells us, "*If Christ hasn't come back to life, our message has no meaning and your faith also has no meaning.*" (1 Cor. 15:14)
- 1) Only a _____ resurrection is enough to save us.
 - 2) Jesus is appearing to them & others, so they can be _____ to His bodily resurrection.
 - 3) John also tells us the reason for his testimony, "*But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in him.*" (John 12:21 GW)

Christian, what do you believe?...

That Jesus is the Son of God... then so believing, you have life in His name.
And pass this mystery of faith on: **Jesus has died, is risen, and will come again.**

"One Reason Among Many"

Revelation 2:10 - (Jesus said) "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Today Christians find themselves surrounded by all kinds of doubters and deniers. They are all sure that the Savior's story of salvation is a sham; they just are hard-pressed to tell us why they know it is a fake. In contrast to what these skeptics and cynics think they know, Christians base their faith on some pretty serious facts. Here's one we don't often think about. Look, do you think these disciples would have been martyred, holding fast to the preaching of a prank? Do you think these cowering, cringing cowards could be turned into lions for the Lord if they had not believed in a risen Christ? They knew and armed with the knowledge of a living Lord Jesus they went into all the world and proclaimed, "Christ is risen!"

Under the city of Rome, there are over 600 miles of catacombs: 600 miles of graves cut into the rock. In these alcoves the dead have been laid to rest. Believer lies next to unbeliever. What I would like you to do is look into the Christian graves. Well, maybe you had better do so with a medical examiner. A forensic expert will be able to explain how many of those skeletons tell terrible tales. There are heads severed from bodies, ribs and shoulder blades broken, bones calcified from having been burned with fire. Despite the awful sufferings these bodies endured, the inscriptions on those Christian tombs shout of victory and triumph. One says, "Here lies Marcia, put to rest in peace." Another says, "Lawrence, borne away by angels." Yet another reads, "Being called away, he went in peace." Now, having seen the graves of the believers, take a look at those tombs which hold the bones of those who had no faith in the risen Lord. Without a faith in Jesus, they say things like "Live for the present hour since you can be sure of nothing else."

Another is bitter as it says: "I lift my hands against the gods who killed me at the age of twenty." A third pleads: "Traveler, do not curse me as you pass. I am in darkness and cannot answer." That, my friends, is a dramatic difference! What could give hope to family and mourners who had seen a loved one be victimized by hatred and die in horror? What could bring joy to those who had seen justice and judgment so unfairly pronounced? There is only one answer: the living Lord Jesus. The reality of the Savior's resurrection is what brings souls from darkness into light, from horror to hope, from hell to heaven. Those early believers knew the pain they might have to suffer for their faith. If they were going to endure until the end they had to be sure -- *absolutely sure* -- that Jesus' resurrection was not just some cosmic joke made up by the disciples. And this is the point: they were sure. **THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, grant that we, also, may be faithful until death, so we may receive the crown of life. Let us bear witness to our doubting friends that we are sure that because Jesus lives we will live also. In Jesus' Name. Amen.