

Let us not  
become weary in  
doing good, for at  
the proper time we  
will reap a harvest  
if we do not  
give up.

Galatians 6:9, NIV

The Herald

## Thoughts from a Pastor...

I have recently begun to teach a five-part series called “The Normal Christian Life.” I am fairly certain I am in over my head. How do you teach what a normal Christian life is? Your answer might be “by looking at the Word of God.” I am so glad you went there, but the Word of God encompasses thousands of years. This includes many different people groups, tribes, and countries. So, I am left with the task of sorting through thousands of years of culture to discover what the normal Christian life is.

If you do not understand this to be an impossible task, I want you to think about the change in culture in our own country that you have experienced personally. Think about what the culture was like for your parents’ time on this earth. Now, think about the culture your kids or grandkids grew up in. I can tell you that my kids are not living in the same culture that I experienced. The idea of a normal Christian life is going to be skewed by the lens through which we see the world. How we were raised. The blessings and trials that we experienced growing up. Were we raised inside the church or outside the church? The truth is that we all come with pre-conceived ideas of who God is, what He desires for and from us, and what a normal Christian life looks like.

As I work through these messages, I hope you will keep in mind the enormity of this task as I desire that all of us live out a Christian life that brings honor and glory to God. The Bible has a way to speak truth into every culture, as does Ephesians 1:7-10. It says, **“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.”** Let us all seek to shed the lens that has any earthly ties and look at the world through a biblical lens. My hope is that we all obtain a life free in Christ, learning to walk in step with the very Spirit that dwells within us.

In Christ,

Pastor Ben Larsen

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Great Opportunity, Great Commission!

Pastor Ben is teaching a series on the “Normal Christian Life”. One of these messages will be “Our Commission”. I had started this article before I saw his messages series so I am still writing. Perhaps this will “prime the pump” of your thinking and meditation.

The Great Commission is a powerful, final, sending message from Jesus to His followers.

Matthew 28:18-20 reads: *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

It appears Jesus gave this message just prior to ascension so these are some of Jesus' last directions to his disciples. Since the disciples were commissioned to begin this world evangelization and the formation of the Church, most believers see these as commissioning word to the Church and all believers. In a few weeks the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit would come and the outworking of this command would begin.

Several things to note. The command/commission flows out of Christ's authority as creator and redeemer of humanity. The very Son of God is giving all his followers directions for their life as a follower/disciple. The core of this command is “make disciples”. This is accomplished by telling the message of the good news or gospel of Jesus Christ. His death is for our forgiveness and salvation. This message is for everyone to hear, and every believer to carry out. Every time I read these words I recognize how I fall short. I want to learn from the model of Jesus. He didn't grab every person on the road and compel them to believe in him as Messiah, but he was always aware of where his Father, by the leading of the Spirit, was guiding him to speak and act. Wouldn't it be great if we all did this? We wouldn't all do it the same, but we could all be led by the Spirit in this way. Just Peter didn't speak in the same way that Matthew or John did or even later the apostle Paul, but they all took the message and made disciples.

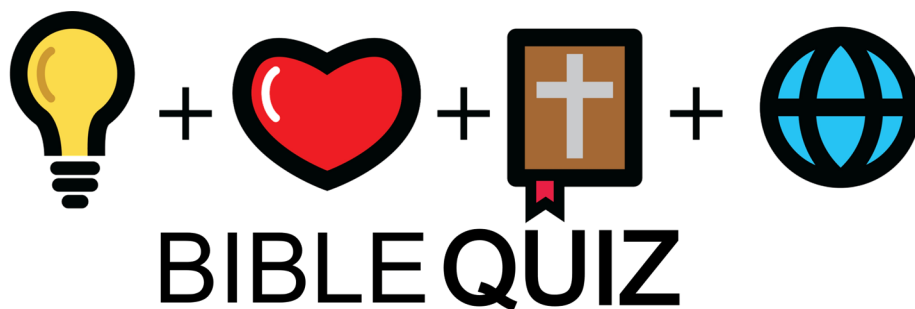


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Since we are to “make disciples” this implies not just bringing them to believe in Jesus for salvation, but then “baptizing them” and “teaching them to obey” the full message of Jesus. When we learn more about spiritual gifts we recognize some have special abilities, spiritual gifts, at helping people come to faith and others are gifted at teaching and training these new believers to grow and obey all the teachings of Jesus. Together the Spirit uses followers to transform the world.

We should also note that the words “Go and make disciples” might best be translated “as you are going, continue this task to make disciples”. This task/opportunity isn't just for missionaries, but for every one of us, in the daily course of life, to be actively making disciples. This begs the question, who am I discipling? I should be. If I claim to be a redeemed daughter or son of God I should have someone I am helping to know Jesus better, trust him more completely and obey him more joyously. LWC needs more faithful disciples who are making disciples. Will you join in?

Pastor Dennis



According to one account of Jesus' ascension, commonly called the Great Commission, he told the disciples to do several things. Which of the following was not part of Jesus' instructions?

- A. Make disciples
- B. Perform miracles
- C. Teach
- D. Baptize

*Answer on Back of Newsletter*

# Missions Moment— Gideons—*taken from gideons.org*

## Answering The Call To Win Others For Christ

For those on mission to share the Gospel, The Gideons International is an evangelical association that equips and mobilizes Christian business and professional men, along with their wives, to increase their impact in winning others for Jesus Christ worldwide.



Our single mission is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ by strengthening one another, sharing the Gospel message, and distributing copies of God's Word in hotels, hospitals, shelters, and other places where people often seek hope.

## Over 2.6 Billion Lives Impacted Worldwide

In partnership with local churches in the more than 12,000 areas where we serve worldwide, The Gideons International has reached over 2.6 billion people with hope of the Gospel. With more than 240,000 Gideons and Auxiliary members dedicated to this mission, we know that it is not merely about placing a book into someone's hands—it is about seeing God's Word take root in hearts and transform lives.

## Over 125 Years of the Lord's Faithfulness

Founded in 1899, The Gideons International serves as an extended missionary arm of the church. Here are just a few of the major milestones from the history of our Association.

**1898:** Founders John Nicholson & Samuel Hill pray about the need for Christian businessmen to fellowship together in strengthening their faith and sharing their witness while traveling.

**1899:** Led by the Holy Spirit, Nicholson, Hill, & WJ Knights choose name for their new association: The Gideons

**1908:** The first order for a Hotel Bible to be placed by the Gideons is made by a Gideon for the Superior Hotel in Superior, MT

**1934:** Wives of Gideons (The Auxiliary) first share Bibles at women's homes, hospitals, and YWCA's

**1941:** On Dec. 2, 1941, some of the first Service Testaments from The Gideons were distributed to the US Navy personnel at Pearl Harbor.

**1946:** Gideons begin distributing Testaments to 5th–12th grade school students.

**1950:** South Africa becomes the first country organized on the African continent. Japan becomes the first country organized in Asia.

**1978:** The first Scripture blitz ever conducted by The Gideons takes place in Mexico City, Mexico

**2001:** The one-billionth copy of God's Word was placed by The Gideons

**2024:** Gideons conduct the first-ever international Scripture blitz (ISB) in Cambodia, distributing over 100,400 Scriptures in Phnom Penh.

## **Back To School and Bible Studies**

This is the time of year when many of us are thinking about joining a Bible study group, setting up a Bible study or just wanting to do an individual study. I would like to invite you to visit our library and browse through our Small Group/Individual Bible Studies area. We have a variety of study formats. Some have leader/participant guides, books, CDs and/or DVDs. Listed below are just a few of the titles available.

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### **Small Group & Individual Bible Studies**

(selected studies from the SGBS shelf)

**Victory Over Darkness** by Neil Anderson

**The Bait of Satan** by John Bevere

**Extraordinary** by John Bevere

**Experiencing God** by Henry and Richard Blackaby

**The Smart Step Family** by Ron Deal

**The Jesus Style** by Gayle D. Erwin

**Return to Intimacy** by Jimmy Evans

**Strength Based Marriage** by Jimmy Evans

**It's Not Too Late** by Tony Evans

**Family Life Homebuilders Couples Series**

**Family Life Homebuilders Parenting Series**

**Starting to Go Where God Wants You to Be** by Doug Fields

**The Victorious Life** by Bill & Anabel Gillham

**One Race, One Blood** by Ken Ham

**The Coming Economic Armageddon** by David Jeremiah

**I Never Thought I'd See the Day** by David Jeremiah

**Where Do We Go From Here?** by David Jeremiah

**The End Times** by D. James Kennedy

**The Complete Know Series** by Paul Little

**Countering Culture** by David Noebel

**Isaiah, the Servant of the Lord** by Dr. John Oswalt

**Passport to Purity** by Dennis & Barbara Rainey

**Financial Peace University** by Dave Ramsey

**Made to Crave** by Lysa Terkeurst

**The Truth Project** by Focus on the Family

**Courageous Bible Study** by Sherwood Baptist Church and Lifeway

**The Unknown God** by Jeff Schreve

**Foundations** by RC Sproul

**The Birth of an Exciting Vision (A Study of Acts)** by Chuck Swindoll

**That the World May Know (DVDs)** by Ray Vander Laan

**Wurmbrand Group Study Kit** by Voice of the Martyrs

## Between the BookENDS

*Article Submitted by: Georgie Neff*

The commentary section (200) also has many possibilities for Bible studies. There is also a current CBD (Christian Book Distributor) catalog with even more ideas. Stop in and browse around!

### CDs new to our library:

*Adventures in Odyssey* (11 new additions/replacements)

### DVDs new to our library:

*Unsung Hero*

*Duke and the Great Pie War* (Veggie Tales replacement)

*Sherlock Holmes and the Golden Ruler* (Veggie Tales)

### Books new to our library:

*Housewife Theologian* by Aimee Byrd

*No Little Women* by Aimee Byrd

*Theological Fitness* by Aimee Byrd

*Bringing Up Boys* by Dr James Dobson

*Sisterchicks in Wooden Shoes* by Robin Jones Gunn

*The Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Down* by Neta Jackson

*Slaying the Giants in Your Life* by David Jeremiah

*Castaway in Cornwall* by Julie Klassen

*The Wish* by Beverly Lewis

*The Ebb Tide* by Beverly Lewis

*The First Love* by Beverly Lewis

*The Stone Wall* by Beverly Lewis

*The Orchard* by Beverly Lewis

*The Heirloom* by Beverly Lewis

*The River* by Beverly Lewis

*The Road Home* by Beverly Lewis

*Long Time Coming* by Vanessa Miller

*The Beijing Betrayal* (#6 in the Marcus Ryker Series) by Joel Rosenberg

*Living Above the Level of Mediocrity* by Chuck Swindoll

*Israel and the Church* by Amir Tsarfati and Steve Yohn

### Jr books: blue label

*The Prince Warriors* (set of 4) by Pricilla Shirer

*Drums of War* (set of 3) by Peter Reese Doyle

### Easy Reader books: red label

*Sparky* (5 books)

*Veggie Tales* (18 books)

### Preschool book: yellow label

*Love Gave* by Quina Aragon (a Preschool book)

We now have books to complete the following series:

*Tales from Ivy Hill & On Devonshire Shores* by Julie Klassen

*Home to Hickory Hollow & Sylvia Miller* by Beverly Lewis

And many more! Thank you so much for the great donations!

Recently the library committee met and went through many book donations and cleaned out/reorganized the closet. We set up give away tables in fellowship hall for a couple weeks and then donated what was left to the Hill City library. I have cleaned all of the Adventure in Odyssey CDs and some DVDs due to scratches and food causing them to skip or stick. Not all were fixable. Some of the broken cases have also been replaced. If you should run across any extra CDs, I have two Adventure in Odyssey sets with missing CDs (#10 is missing disk 1 and #25 is missing disk 2).

Just a reminder to check your shelves for overdue books. When checking out and returning DVDs and CDs please make sure all disks are in the case! Leave a note on the item if a disk is missing or not working. If you can note the disk number and track number, it also helps me find the problem easier.

Most of all, delight in His Word!

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and night. *Psalms 1:2*

*September Librarians: Pam Fowler and Bonnie McCaskell*





# Keeping the Family Strong

By: BJ Reese

## Whose House IS This?

*(Much has happened this summer, which has left me with a great many concerns for the people I care about. It has become obvious to me that I cannot fit all of my thoughts into one article. So, this will be the first of several . . .)*

When we are troubled about something, we are encouraged to ask for help. To approach a trusted friend or confidante, hoping they can help us sort out the problem. Or, to seek godly counsel from a pastor or other mature Christian whom we admire.

We know it is okay to do that . . . but when does seeking godly counsel become something ugly?

As I prepared to write this month's article, I felt a strong conviction in my spirit. In my efforts to seek comfort over a family issue, I had crossed the line --- I had begun to gossip . . .

In early July, my husband Richard needed to make a trip to Minnesota. His father was dealing with some serious health issues, and Rich strongly felt that he should be there. Normally, I would go with him, but my schedule demanded that I stay here. It's a good thing we listened to that . . .

What was expected to be a few days became nearly three weeks. I fully supported Rich's need to be there, even though I was an emotional basket case! Not because he was gone . . . but because of family conflicts he would face there.

Rich's dad, and all four of his siblings, have a good relationship with Richard. Sadly, they do NOT have that with each other. There is so much hatred and bitterness between them, it breaks my heart to think about. Consequently, I allowed my sorrow and frustration to lead me into a place of sinful disobedience over the whole thing.

Specifically, I was rebellious to all that the Bible says about forgiveness, kindness, building up our neighbors, or using my tongue unwisely. Every time someone asked me how Rich's dad was doing, or how things were going there, I began to cry. Those tears were drenched in frustration and anger, over the way Rich's family members treat each other.

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So, I would go off on a long tirade about everything THEY were doing wrong. Giving almost NO thought to how judgmental and gossipy *I* was being. I shared my angry thoughts with anyone who was willing to listen. I may have even made it sound **worse** each time I talked about it.

In each case, my comments were based on MY feelings. On things I had seen or heard . . . from each individual, about the others. I had no true inside information. No “other side of the story” to balance against what I had already heard. Only **pieces** of the puzzle, which I had heard from each person, one at a time, or had seen each person do.

Worst of all, NONE of them were here to speak for themselves. To respond to my diatribe or explain their actions. I was talking behind their backs. I had never shared my frustrations with **them** at all. Never given **any** of them the chance to share **their** side of the story.

**Exodus 20:16** tells us, *“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”*

Even if what I was saying WAS true, is it FULLY Truth if I don’t know the whole story? Did I honor God in the way I handled my feelings? I don’t think so. I shared those frustrations with EVERYONE but the people involved.

**Matthew 18:15** tells us, *“If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone.”*

It doesn’t tell me to share it with half of the people I know **first**; to get **them** all stirred up about it before I’ve ever even talked to my brother! It doesn’t tell me to recruit other people to join my anger and share in it with me. It tells me to talk to the person with whom I am upset — FIRST! And to talk to him alone.

Couldn’t I apply this same guideline to anything I may have heard ABOUT someone, from somebody else?

Then, God reminded me of what we read in John 8:7, when the scribes and Pharisees bring the adulteress before Jesus. After hearing their complaint, He tells them, *“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.”*

I am certainly in no position to be casting stones at other people. It is not my place to judge — especially when I don’t know all the facts. And, in casting judgment — through conversations with everyone **else** — have I not lapsed into **gossip** also? May God forgive me, I am guilty of such sins regarding my in-laws.

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On top of all that, there was one more sad truth. I had spent those three weeks saying things **about** my in-laws --- to **other** people --- that I would **not** want my husband to hear me say.

The list of Biblical infractions goes on and on. The Bible has a LOT to say about gossip, judging others, and using our tongues unwisely. About forgiveness and kindness. I won't go into them, because I didn't bring this up to launch a Bible Study. I shared my summer frustrations so I could help us all take a good look in the mirror. Here, at the Little White Church, **we are** a family. A group of people from an assortment of places and backgrounds. Our pastors, elders, deacons, and deaconesses are a huge part of that family. An **important** part of that family.

But they are **not** the HEAD of the family. **God** is! **None** of us is qualified to be the patriarch or matriarch of our little church family. When there are choices and decisions to be made, we know where to go . . . to God. Jesus left His Holy Spirit here, to guide, teach, and encourage us. When we need to know God's thoughts on something, He left us the Holy Bible, to show us the way.

We love the little church home that we share . . . where we gather to worship each Sunday. But it is **not** OUR house! It is **God's** house. A place **He** has provided, where believers have been gathering since 1889. **We** are commanded to conduct ourselves, here, in a way which glorifies **Him**.

Just like any other family, our church family is also subject to dysfunction. Disappointment, anger, frustration. Misunderstandings. Gossip. Judgmental behaviors. Because every family is built from **humans**, every family is subject to all of these dark forces, and more. Our church family is no exception to that statement.

But, how much power do we want to give to those dark forces and emotions? How much influence do we want them to have over our family?

This is God's house, my friends. We are HIS family. Subject to HIS commandments. HIS judgments -- not our own. Are we **really** willing to allow poor communication practices and human willfulness to tear down what God has kept alive in Hill City for 136 years?

Isn't it time we all start LIVING the Word we study on Sundays? **Acting** like we KNOW **Whose** House this is . . . and put HIM back in charge of ALL our family business?

To His Glory . . . BJ Reese

# Echoes of God's Glory in Creation

Roseanne Hilton

## Reflections from Psalms 31 & 32

**David often wrote about God being his rock of safety, his fortress, and rightly so, as David was a hunted man. The action-filled story is in I Samuel; all about David fleeing from the forces of King Saul, in addition to having to deal with conspiracies, rumors and the suspicions of his neighbors, who were afraid to help him. David's only consolation was the shelter of God's presence.**

**His prayer: “Bend down and listen to me; rescue me quickly. Be for me a great rock of safety, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me. You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of Your name, lead me out of this peril. Pull me from the trap my enemies set for me, for I find protection in You alone.” Ps. 31:2-4 New Living Translation**

**These physical rocks of safety were not the only hiding places David wrote about. In Psalm 32 he expressed his joy at the forgiveness of the LORD. He compared the joy and relief of forgiveness to the safety of being in those caves in the rocks.**

**After the misery of hiding his sin: “Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.' And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.....For You are my hiding place.” Ps. 32:5,7a**

**Then the LORD answered, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”**





## Have You Met? - Jack Jewett's Story

I was raised in a middle class family of good parents with a younger brother and sister.

Married in 1961, to my first wife at too young of an age, I had two sons Jeff and Jason, and was divorced 17 years later.

I met my current and last Bride Mary in 1976. Starting in 1979, I lived with her for 8 years before we recorded our marriage. We moved to South Dakota in 1988.

My business career, started at the age of 20 in the life insurance business. I then added other types of businesses. I did have a fun job as a commercial pilot flying a fleet of Hot Air Balloons for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company for about three years.

I was raised in a secure, encouraging way by my parents and though I was okay as I was. In business I came to believe more money and things were evidence I was successful. I thought I could achieve all that I could perceive. I was the founder of a group of 24 companies and became a multi-millionaire at the age of 33. My life was all about money and things.

You see, I did not know that God had a plan for my life. A plan for good and not evil. (Jer. 19:11) I did not know that "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)

Seven years later I was a million dollars in debt and all had collapsed. My marriage to my first wife was not good and my family was a wreck! God has placed a God shaped hole in each of us and desires it be filled with HIM. I tried to fill it with drink, women, toys, and anything but Him.



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I met my Bride Mary when I was her instructor as a hot air balloon student and then obtained her private pilot's license from me; we became best friends before we became a couple. Years later, I evolved into the mortgage and real estate businesses in South Dakota at the age of 47. On various occasions, my Bride Mary witnessed to me about God and His Son Jesus.

Fast forward to one night in Nemo, SD at the Nemo Community Church. I was in a Bible Study with Mary and for the first time I heard Bible verses from Romans 9:16-18. Verse 16 says "It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy."

WAIT! I thought it did depend on me! I had never heard this before. If it was not up to me then who?

The I heard Romans 10:9-13. 9 That if you confess (agree with God) with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess an are saved. 13 for, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Well, I knew I had never done this. I had felt for some time worthless and empty and I could not go on this way anymore. There was a hole or void in me that nothing before had ever filled. Not money, toys, alcohol, women, etc.

You see I came to understand that SIN was anything I did other than GOD'S WAY. I realized God had sent HIS SON JESUS for me like I was the only one on earth to save me from myself and from Hell.

I finally came out of my MAN CAVE, with my hands up, and that night I surrendered and believed HE (Jesus) died, was buried, and arose again so I could be forgiven. He would take all my sin on Himself and forgive me of all my sin and guilty feelings.

My life as a Christian was not all at once perfect. However, I had a NEW priority, one that was to be all about people and relationships rather than money and things.

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I did desire to develop opportunities to introduce Jesus Christ to other men and disciple them to the point they can share in the same desire with others.

As I have grown in my journey with Jesus I have also grown in my relationship with my Bride Mary. God has given me the blessing of seeing her as a most precious gift. Under God and before ALL others, she is my number one priority.

Mary and I have recently come to a point where we believe God desires us to work in the Hill City Area of SD specially. We have been encouraged by pastors and others to be the founders and servants to the Hill City Area Ministry Center to also be called the Hill City Gathering Place. I have personally felt called by God to work with men, which in turn then affects the whole family. The Gathering Place has given me more chances to work one on one and to multiply HIS efforts for the Kingdom.

In summary, I wish to repeat God's Word that spoke to me, like I was the only person on earth, and that changed my life forever.

Romans 10:9-13

9 That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 13 for, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

If you are like I was in Nemo, SD and wish to change your life today, I invite you to pray this prayer.

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. Turn 180 degrees and go the opposite way. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I am willing, by God's strength, to follow and obey Jesus Christ as the Lord of my life. AMEN!

## Announcements

Office/Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> .

The family of Bruce and Jill Johnson (former long-time members of The Little White Church) invite friends to a memorial service for Bruce. In April 2025, Bruce passed away in Mesa Arizona. The service will be held at LWC on Tuesday, September 2 at 2:00 pm.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Please come and share this fellowship time with Jill and family.

**Youth Group Kickoff Party at Palmer Gulch KOA – September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-9 pm.**  
Come hang out and have fun as we get ready for the school year! Bring a swimsuit and towel. Dinner provided.

**Sunday School for ages 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade will begin**  
**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am.** More info to come!

**Sunday Night Adult Bible Study will begin on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

*Wednesday Morning Women's Life Group, in conjunction with Ministry to Women, invite you to SHE-BREWS, HE-GRILLS BIBLE/BOOK STUDY KICKOFF* on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. Food Provided. Desserts Appreciated. Sign up at Welcome Table. Come learn more about the Fall Studies!

**Ministry to Men Gathering – Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm** at the home of George Clinton. Bring your sons or bring a friend!  
Food will be provided.

Join M2W this fall for *Songs Along the Way*, a study of selected Psalms, offering insight into the nature of God, helping us express our hearts to Him while He reveals Himself to us. Identical sessions offered Mondays at 10am and 6pm, Sept 15 through Dec 15. \$15 materials cost. Let us know which session you're interested in attending at [lwcm2w@gmail.com](mailto:lwcm2w@gmail.com)!

**Wednesday Morning Life Group will study "The Coming Economic Armageddon" by Dr. David Jeremiah.** Study will be held Sept. 17-Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the library. Cost is \$12.

**A Place at the Table (church) cookbooks** are available for purchase, \$10 each. Books can be purchased online through the church's website giving tab or by emailing [office@thelittlewhitechurch.net](mailto:office@thelittlewhitechurch.net). Would make a great gift!!





## LEVEL 1 TRAINING



Christian Life Ministries is leading a 14 week training this fall to equip the body of Christ to know themselves, know God, and love others!

**DATE:** STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:00-8:00

**LOCATION:** 1948 N PLAZA DR

**COST:** \$250 (INDIVIDUAL), \$350 (COUPLE), \$125 (ALUMNI)

\* INCLUDES TOPICS BINDER, BOOKS, AND AUDIO RESOURCES

\* FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 605-341-5305

### Topics

Mind Influences, Understanding Behavior, Relational Idolatry, What the Law Could Never Do, Design of Man, Settled Identity, Freedom in Grace, Renewing the Mind, Abba Father, Character of God, Obedience Springing Forth, Anger and Forgiveness, Breaking Bondage, God's Will

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# Exile & Return

A TIME TO BUILD



## Bible Study Fellowship®

*for Women*

This year's study, Exile and Return, invites you on a powerful journey through the Old Testament, where God's people were called to build His kingdom in a foreign land. Their story is our story—we, too, are strangers in a broken world, called to build for His glory. As we explore how God equips and positions His people, we're challenged to ask: Am I building my life for Christ? Exile and Return reminds us that our time to build is now.

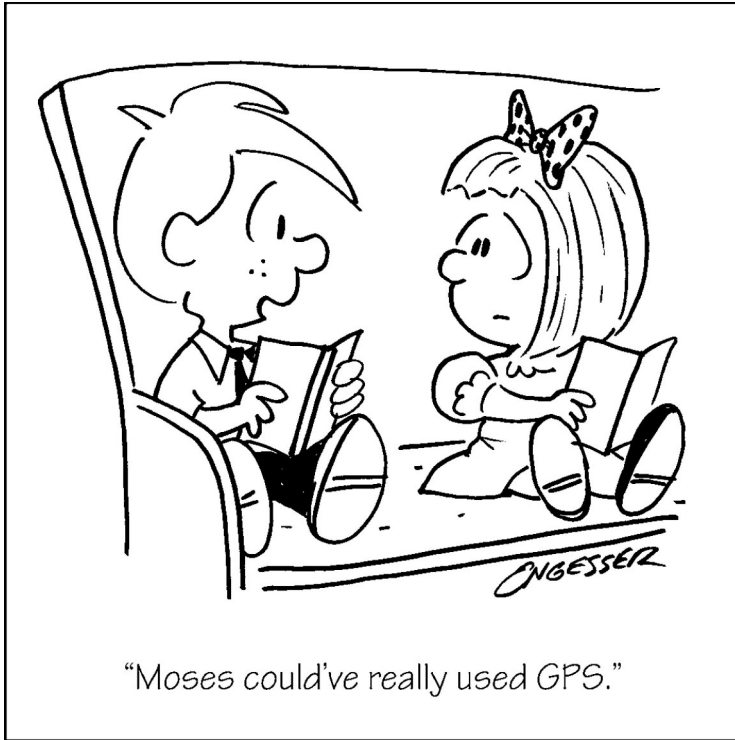
Books included in this year's study: Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

**BSF meets on Thursdays at LWC at 8:30 am.  
Study begins September 11th**

**NEW THIS YEAR—CHILDREN'S PROGRAM FOR  
AGES 0-5 YEARS!**

Sign up at: [join.bsfinternational.org](http://join.bsfinternational.org)  
or contact Stephanie in church office

# Heavenly Humor



Driving across South Dakota, I brought along two trusted aids: a GPS to help me navigate and an audio version of the Bible to keep me calm. Both did their jobs well, even though every once in a while the GPS interrupted the Good Book's narration. During on account of God leading the Israelites through the wilderness, this is what I heard: "And the Lord said to Moses... in 2 miles, take Exit 110."

Linda Fishel—Ludington, MI  
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