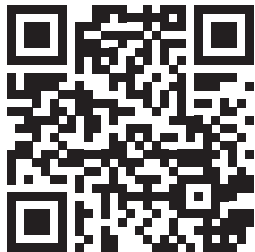


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For more information about Ignite and our path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our church's ability to impact the world with the gospel, please visit
WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite.



Day 1: An Expression of God's Glory

**"The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple."
Ezekiel 43:5**

J.S. Bach said, "All music should have no other end and aim than the glory of God and the soul's refreshment; where this is not remembered there is no real music but only a devilish hub-bub." He headed his compositions: "J.J." "Jesus Juva" which means "Jesus help me." He ended them "S.D.G." "Soli Dei Gratia" which means "To God alone the praise." (Kingdom Conflict, J. Stowell, Victor, 1985, p. 77ff.)

John Piper has said, "The glory of God is the beauty and excellence of His manifold perfections. It is an attempt to put into words what God is like in His magnificence and purity. It refers to His infinite and overflowing fulness of all that is good. But in general God's glory is the perfect harmony of all His attributes into one infinitely beautiful and personal being."

God wants your life and the life of the local church to be an expression of His beauty and excellence. "Lord, I pray that my life will be a testimony to the beauty and excellencies of your name. Help me to be an expression of your glory so that others may see your greatness and give you praise!"

•Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

•Prayer Focus: Pray for Whitesburg Baptist Church to glorify God in our passion to ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ. Pray for His glory to be seen and manifest in the life of our church.

Day 2: An Expression of God's Grace

**"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of Them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."
1 Corinthians 15:10**

There was a church that was rebuilding and wanted to make a spectacularly beautiful architectural statement, which would stand as a testament to God's regenerative power. They raised a lot of money and sent away for two massive glass window-walls. However, when the shipment arrived and was opened, they discovered that the glass had been broken in transit and was smashed into thousands of pieces. What to do? At first they decided to accept the loss and throw out the broken glass. "But wait," someone said. "Maybe we can use it after all. It's high-quality glass and there's so much of it...we shouldn't just throw it out." So they used it. They built plain walls and painstakingly glued the tiny shards of broken glass to them, where they glittered like diamonds. When word of the magnificent walls was spread, people came from all over to visit the church.

The local church is a place where broken lives tell the story of God's amazing grace. The local church is a beautiful picture of how God demonstrates the beauty of His grace in the lives of all kinds of people from all walks of life. As you pray, ask the Lord to let His church be a place of great grace!

•Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

•Prayer Focus: Pray that the grace we have been given by God is a motivation for us to extend grace to others. Pray that the generosity of His grace will help each of us to live generously.

Day 3: Evangelizing the Sinner

**AN UNSTOPPABLE FIRE
"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls."
Proverbs 11:30 (NASB95)**

Win Arn once said, "To grow in Christlikeness means to share His burden for the salvation of the world."

John Hyde, known as "praying Hyde" averaged leading four souls a day to Christ. His daily prayer was "Father, give me souls or I die."

George Whitefield said, "O Lord, give me souls or take my soul."

John Knox's wife would ask him why he was praying so late into the night and he would say, "How can I sleep when my land is not saved?" And he often prayed, "Lord, give me Scotland or I die!"

It is easy to determine when something is aflame. It ignites other material. Any fire that does not spread will eventually go out. A church without evangelism is a contradiction in terms, just as a fire that does not burn is a contradiction. (Christian Theology in Plain Language, p. 162.)

•Scripture Reading: Romans 9:1-3; 10:1

•Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to give you a deep burden and passion for those who are lost. Pray for our church to be aflame for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Let's start by spreading the gospel with our neighbors.

Day 4: Equipping the Saved

“A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.”
Luke 6:40 (NASB95)

High in the Alps is a monument raised in honor of a faithful guide who perished while ascending a peak to rescue a stranded tourist. Inscribed on that memorial stone are these words: HE DIED CLIMBING. A maturing, growing Christian should have the same kind of attitude, right up to the end of life.

God’s design and desire is that you become Christ-like. As a matter of fact, the term “Christian” means a follower of Christ. In Acts 11:26, when the followers of Jesus were first called “Christians” it was because their lives were visible testimonies to the person of Jesus Christ. Some have said they were “little Christs.” While every believer has a personal responsibility for their spiritual development, God has also given the local church responsibility for the spiritual well-being of its members. David Breese once said, “Strong sons of God are not perfected by childish pursuits.” I encourage you to become a strong son or daughter of the Father by:

1. Taking personal responsibility for your spiritual growth.
2. Taking advantage of the opportunities through your local church designed to help you become a “little Christ.”

•**Scripture Reading:** Acts 15:35-36; 18:11

•**Prayer Focus:** Pray for there to be spiritual hunger and a desire to grow among our church members. Ask the Lord to call out leaders and servants who are willing to be equipped and released into the Church.

Day 5: The Power of a Vision

“Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained”
Proverbs 29:18 (NASB95)

Watching a Nascar race in 1997, Chad Pregracke had an idea. If corporations would pay to sponsor race cars, perhaps they would pay to sponsor the clean up for sections of the Mississippi river near East Moline, Illinois. Although his friends thought he was nuts, Chad set out to clean up a 100 mile stretch of the mighty Mississippi. Seven years later, “Living Lands and Waters”, the non-profit group he founded, organize over 3000 volunteers annually to clean up garbage from the Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio rivers. To date, Chad and his non-profit organization has removed two million pounds of trash from America’s rivers. (April 2005, The Readers Digest)

Someone once said, “One man with a dream is worth more than a thousand who merely have an idea.”

God wants us to dream dreams and have great visions! God can and will use you to inspire and involve others in great endeavors when you have a passion for Him and His purpose for your life.

•**Scripture Reading:** Nehemiah 2:11-20

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