

Suggested RESOURCES



Below is a list of resources to help you dig deeper into today's sermon topic! However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you'll read. As you read these, practice discernment: "chew the meat and spit out the bones"!!!

- Larry Crabb - *Becoming a True Spiritual Community: A Profound Vision of What the Church Can Be*
- John Ortberg - *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them: How Community Pays Tremendous Dividends in Happiness, Health, Support, and Growth*
- Philip Yancey - *Disappointment with God*
- Craig Groeschel - *Hope in the Dark: Believing God is Good When Life is Not*
- Janet Hagberg & Rocert Guelich - *The Critical Journey: Stages in the Life of Faith (2nd Edition)*

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Contact Us

Questions?
Call (586)932-2080
or email admin@themission.church
Want to use a room in the building?
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alan.lubnow@themission.church



The Devil's #1 Tactic

Week 2 of Series: In a Desert
July 27, 2025

We don't want you to just "go to church"
We want you to encounter God!
May you experience His love, His grace,
His mercy, His goodness.

Welcome to The Mission. We're glad you're here!

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Ways to

CONNECT

All groups listed below are open attendance; contact the leader to jump in!

Random Acts of Kindness

Bring \$10 donation to bless someone in an act of kindness and enjoy dinner together. Led by Heather M., 1st Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Savory Grill. Email heathermarin53@gmail.com

Read the Word

Reading Scripture aloud for one hour, then discussion, led by Rebecca S., Tuesdays at 7-8:30pm in the Prayer Room. Email admin@themission.church

Mission Men

Men's Bible study and life group, led by Patrick O., Tuesday nights at various homes for the summer. Email pomalley111@yahoo.com

Prayer on Wednesdays

Group and individual prayer, led by Kellie K. every Wednesday 6:30-8pm in the Prayer Room.

Young Adults on Thursdays

Bible study for young adults (18-29), led by Noah Y., every Thursday 7-9pm in the Youth Room. Text Noah at (586)453-8038.

Widows Walking the Way

Widows enjoying breakfast and fellowship every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30am, led by Alison G. Email alisongavel@ilj.com

WW's Walking the Way

Widows & widowers sharing their journeys, every 3rd Sunday of the month 3-4:30pm in The Mission lobby, led by Alison G. Email alisongavel@ilj.com

Men's Brunch

Men's fellowship and food at The Corner House, July 27 (today!), after the 11am service, led by Kirk M. Email kirkmcwilliam1968@gmail.com

Kingdom Warriors

Putting faith into action with monthly service projects all over Metro Detroit, next project TBD, led by Kirk M. Email kirkmcwilliam1968@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Upper Room Worship & Prayer Night

Join us for a special night focused on worship & prayer called "Upper Room." It's Friday, August 1 at 7:00pm in our sanctuary. This event is open to everyone, so invite your friends and family!

Youth Pool Party

It's that time of year again! If you are a middle or high schooler at our church, you are invited to the Mission Youth Pool Party Saturday August 9 12-4pm at the Lubnows' house! Please email melissa.lubnow@themission.church for more details.

Volunteer Appreciation

If you help make church happen on a Sunday morning, we want to honor you with lunch! Stay after church on Sunday, August 10 for food, fun, and fellowship with one another! Please RSVP so that we order enough food.



Mission Kids

Every Sunday during the 11am service, while adults are in the sanctuary, our kids are learning about God's love with age-appropriate lessons and activities! If you have questions about our MKids program or would like to express interest in volunteering, please email logan.monbleau@themission.church

Check it Out!

Tis the season for summer reading! Behind the barn door in the lobby, we have a library with over 1,000 books covering a range of topics, including Pastor's Picks, books related to our sermon series, and even Christian fiction! Why not take advantage of this free resource and explore loving God with your mind this summer?

Radical Generosity

Did you know our church tithes the first 10% of what is given? This is a way we live out radical generosity, which is only possible because of what you give! One of our local partners is Friends of Foster Kids – an organization based in Sterling Heights that serves children in the foster system within the tri-county area! If you'd like more info, visit their website at friendsoffosterkids.org

Mission Youth

Every Sunday during the 11am service, we offer Mission Youth to teach and pour into our teens, in addition to monthly serves and fun events! If you have any questions about our Youth program, please email our Youth Coordinator at melissa.lubnow@themission.church

Summer of Life

We invite you join us in prayer that this would be a "summer of life" for our church! Please pray for: testimonies of God's goodness / mountain-moving answers to prayer / authentic community on Sundays and various get-togethers / that God would truly inhabit the praises of His people when we sing / strong church attendance / for spiritually hungry people to begin attending / an increase in tithes & offerings / new volunteers / against the devil and his schemes to steal, kill, & destroy / however else you may feel led.

Got Testimony?

How has God been moving in your life? We'd love to know! If want to share, write it on your connection card and give us permission to publish it in the bulletin or contact our Prayer Director directly at kellie.kopp@themission.church