Walk Thru the Bible With Us at OTLive!

On Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Morris Hall, Garber will sponsor an outstanding, fun, educational event! Walk Thru the Bible is an internationally recognized event that has been attended by millions of people around the world.

What is a WalkThru event like?

In the short span of 3 hours, our live presenter will teach us 40 Old Testament bible stories, each with a key word and a muscle memory movement. 40 stories! By the end of the morning, participants will be able to recite the main characters and timeline of these 40 stories in just 3 minutes! It is an amazing teaching technique, and one that will make you want to dig deeper in your bible with a renewed enthusiasm!

Join us as we — those new to the bible and those who have studied the bible for years — Walk Thru the OT together and experience it like never before!

STUDENTS (grades 6-12) and ADULTS will be in Morris Hall.

OTLIVE FOR KIDS (Grades 1-5): while the adults are learning their 40 stories, our children will be learning on their level! Children grades 1-5 are invited to do their own Walk Thru event in the Big Room of the Children’s Education Building.

CHILDREN 4 YR PRESCHOOL, TK, AND KINDERGARTEN: 4 year preschool, TK, and Kindergarten will be separate and will learn some of the same material the older kids learn in a setting more appropriate to their age.

NURSERY: Nursery will be available for younger children in the Conderman Nursery Building.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER:
Online at www.connect2garber.com or drop by the church office M-TH 8:00-5:00; Fridays 8:00-noon.
Make this a memorable family day! $10/pp or $30 family max.

GOD’S GRAND STORY
Six Week Follow Up Bible Study beginning Feb. 14

Have you longed for a great understanding of the Old Testament? Have you wondered how all of the pieces fit together? Have you been confused about all those good kings and bad kings, judges and priests, desert experiences and messages of hope, and what it all means?

Welcome to God’s Grand Story: His Word. Your Life. In just a few short weeks, you’ll understand the big picture of the Old Testament, and how it impacts your life personally. There are daily devotional readings and prayers that tie into the weekly Bible study. Together, we’ll study these themes:

- Beginnings
- Wilderness Experience
- Promised Land
- United Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom
- Captivity and The Coming Kingdom

God’s Grand Story is the story of God’s work to redeem, restore, and renew His people. Step into His Story with us!

The Walk Thru the Old Testament Live Event will serve as a launch for the God’s Grand Story: A Six-Week Churchwide Bible Adventure in the Old Testament.

REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER; ALSO SEE ARTICLE ON BACK PAGE.
PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE ASAP!
Our Garber Boy Scout Troop 132 will be conducting a “Scouting for Food” food drive on Saturday, February 3 in area neighborhoods. If your neighborhood is not included, or if you will not be home, you are welcome to bring canned/dried food items to the church RCS shelves on **January 28 or February 4** and the Scouts will take it to RCS with their collected foods.

Last year this food drive collected a very large amount of food for RCS! February and March months often see low amounts of food at the RCS Food Pantry, yet the demand is high. Thank you for supporting our scouts and RCS!

**HAITI MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING**

If you are interested in going on the Haiti Mission Trips **either this summer or this fall**, you need to attend this meeting! You will learn about the mission and ministry scope of the trips, the dates and cost.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28  7:30 pm in Room 123**

For further information or if you cannot attend this meeting, please contact  
Mary Coleman 637-4022 or mcoleman@garberum.com

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

ADULTS: 12Noon (after 11am services) in Room 123  
STUDENTS: 5pm (prior to FUEL) in Student Center

We will go over important dates & trainings; registration forms will be available. If you want to go on this year’s ASP mission trip, you MUST attend a meeting, or schedule a time to meet with Lara Lee King or Mary Coleman.

Questions? Email GarberASP@gmail.com

ASP is a home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountain regions of NC, TN, WVa, and VA. Student/adult teams work in the summer for one week at a time to repair homes to make them warmer, safer, drier for the upcoming winter months.

**EMPTY BOWLS 2018**

**Thursday, February 22**  
**11:00-2:00**

Temple Baptist Church, Kingdom Way, New Bern, NC

*Empty Bowls* is a fundraising event that supports Religious Community Services and the Craven County Bank of the Arts. Ticket price includes two bowls of soup, bread, beverage, and your choice of pottery made by a local artist.

**Tickets are $25/pp; more info and tix purchases are available at**  
Emptybowlsnewbern.org
Each Sunday morning for worship . . .

an arrangement is placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one and to the glory of God. Traditionally, these arrangements have been floral, but Garber now also has a tradition of placing “Alternative Arrangements” on the altar. Alternative Arrangements are given in loving memory or honor of someone or some special occasion and represent a mission that Garber sponsors. The money given to place the arrangement is the same (or cheaper) as paying for flowers and all the money goes directly to the mission of your choice.

We have been very blessed to have Ms. Blythe Restelli step up to “refresh” our older Alternative Altar Arrangements and to also create two new arrangements for Backpack Blessings and Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Thank you, Blythe, for your willingness to help and for your creative touches!

Our other arrangements include: Appalachia Service Project (ASP), Religious Community Services (RCS), MERCI Clinic, Eastern Pregnancy Information Center (EPIC), Sazi’s Well/Clean Water for Haiti, and Russia Ministry. Finally, please remember that you can always place an Alternative Arrangement in Morris Hall for that service, as well!

For more information, or to sign up for one of these arrangements in honor/memory of your loved ones/special dates, please call or come by the church office, 637-4022.

Our newest arrangements:

Left: Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Right: Backpack Blessings
Below (LtoR):
Sazi’s Well/Clean Water Haiti
Appalachia Service Project
Religious Community Services
Eastern Pregnancy Info Center
Bottom Row (LtoR)
MERCI Clinic
Russian Ministry

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MOSAIC NEWS

It’s not too late to register for the October MOSAIC trip to St. Petersburg, KY to tour The ARK Encounter and Creation Museum.

If you are interested, please contact Sue Webb, Senior Ministries Coordinator as soon as possible.

“Walk Thru the Bible” with us and a host of others on February 10
Morris Hall 9:00 to 12:00
Sign up to go to lunch with the MOSAIC group after the event to
Famous Subs and Pizza at 12:30 pm

Mark your calendar and join us for a
“Birthday Celebration and Fun Night”
February 16 5:30 - 7:30 pm Morris Hall,

For more information and to request a reservation, please call or email Sue Webb, 252-637-4022 or swebb@garberumc.com

SAVE THE DATE...
Join us this summer in Children’s Ministry!

Kids In Christ Preschool Summer Camp Session 1
June 19th - 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kids In Christ Preschool Summer Camp Session 2
June 26th - 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

VBS and Adventure Camp
July 16th - 20th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Look for more information and registration forms for ALL Summer Programs coming in March!
The Biltmore House is a North Carolina treasure. Situated beautifully near Asheville, it was a marvel in construction at the time it was built, and it is a marvel even to modern builders. The grounds are also inspiring. Mr. Vanderbilt engaged the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, the famed designer of New York’s Central Park, San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park, and of the Village Pinehurst. The integration of building and grounds, vista and cove is remarkable.

Our first visit was over 30 years ago. Nothing prepared me for the grandeur of Biltmore. I was disappointed to learn we would only see 25 or 30 rooms. However, the self-guided tour wore us out. One absolutely had to spend time in the gardens to recover from the immensity of the house. Indoors and outdoors, Biltmore promised and delivered wonder and awe. Yet all of this was but the vision of a man.

During our tour, we entered a room with beautiful tapestries. These 14th or 15th century masterpieces depicted several narratives from mythology, but most were from the Bible. Jerri and I had invited another pastor’s son to go with us, so I began explaining the stories portrayed in the tapestries. As Randy listened politely to my story-telling, so too did a growing number of other tourists. By the time we had traversed the 30 or 40 feet, my group had grown to over 20 people. The house had inspired them as it had us, but they were glad for a guide, novice at that, to bring a deeper understanding and appreciation.

A Walk thru the Old Testament may be compared with a walk through the Biltmore House. A pilgrim can take the walk all alone. However, one is greatly helped by a map and a knowledgeable guide. Self-guided tours can be inspiring, but a guide brings greater clarity and a fuller view.

The Old Testament has more “rooms” than the Biltmore House, more stories, more meaning. However, too few of God’s people have ever taken a genuine tour. Then once outside, being unguided, we miss the integration of the building with the gardens.

I am speaking metaphorically, of course. So let me clarify. Who can fully understand the Sermon on the Mount without touring the Old Testament? Who can fully understand the Letter to the Hebrews who has not visited the Room of Psalms? Who can think fully about salvation or about the Church without knowing the Exodus or the formation of God’s people Israel? The Old Testament brings meaning to the New Testament. The Letter to the Hebrews cites or alludes to the Psalms over a hundred times. The Church is often described using the language and titles of the Old Testament. The Sermon on the Mount assumes we know the Ten Commandments.

To provide us with a map for the Old Testament and a background for the New Testament, we are offering a Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament Seminar on February 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. With the adult and youth session, we are also offering a children’s session for 1st through 5th grade. Younger children will also be cared for. The day gives us a “map of the house and grounds” of the Old Testament mansion. One does not see everything nor learn everything. One is, however, situated to encounter the best views and to enjoy the coziest spaces.

Registration may be done online at connect2garber.com, or you may come by or call the church office. If you think the house that George Vanderbilt is impressive, what until you get a tour through the “house” that God built that we call the Old Testament.

Following our Walk thru the Old Testament, you are invited to participate in three “tour extensions.”

1. You can add on the Lenten discipline of daily devotions using The Grand Story Guidebook.
2. You can participate in a six week Wednesday evening The Grand Story small group study. The first begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. The Ash Wednesday service begins with prelude music at 5:00 p.m. and the service at 5:15 p.m. Finishing about 5:45 p.m., there is time to move to your small group.
3. You can share in Sunday Worship following the themes of The Grand Story:
   - Sunday, Feb. 11, considering “Beginnings” read Genesis 12:1-6, “The Life of Faith”
   - Sunday, Feb. 25, considering “Promised Land” read Joshua 1:1-9, “Taking Ground for the Kingdom”
   - Sunday, Mar 11, considering “Divided Kingdom” read Amos 3:7 and Joel 2:12-14, “A Very Vocal God”
   - Sunday, Mar 18, considering “Captivity and Coming Kingdom” read Zechariah 8:1-17, Micah 4:1-5, and Isaiah 65:17-25, “The Depths and Heights of Knowing God”

February 2018
Dear Garber Church members: Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts for many of our students at BDQ. Your generous hearts made this time of year a blessing to our families. You show the love of Christ by giving to others. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Medlin
School Counselor, BDQ

Garber family, Thank you so much for the many ways you showered my mother (Libby Kopliner) with love. I can’t begin to express how grateful I am for each of you and for every act of kindness. You have made this valley we are passing thru easier to bear because you have shown us the face of Christ. God bless you.
Dennis and Karen Clevenger

Dear Garber Church Family: We the residents of NOAH would like to thank you for all you do to make our lives special. We enjoyed the choir and musicians. Thank you for making our Christmas special. We are blessed by your living kindness. I know that God is pleased by your generosity and unselfishness that is shown to the elderly. I pray that the Lord richly bless all of you, your Pastor and your families. We truly look forward to your visits in 2018.
Sincerely, Betty Spain, President, Tenant Association

Your dedicated, hard-working staff/pastors are doing an outstanding job of getting the library back in working order. Will let you know as soon as it is open for business. Check it out - there is new fiction we shelved before Christmas and many inspirational books as well. Coleen Brock

Garber Church is once again excited to host a Backpack Blessings build on February 23 and 24. There will be sign-up sheets on both sides of the campus on February 11.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL AGES
RESUMES WITH:
GOD’S GRAND STORY: HIS WORD. YOUR LIFE.

Continue the learning on Wednesday evenings with God’s Grand Story Bible Study. Adults, FUEL Students, 180 Students, and Kids in Christ students will all be participating in this study beginning Wednesday, February 14 thru March 21.

ADULTS will meet in small groups in neighborhood homes and/or homes located near the church. We will also offer 1-2 small groups at the church. Please sign up on the enclosed registration form for this study (this registration is different from the Walk Thru event registration). Each group will decide their own meal arrangements. Groups will meet from 5:45-7:00 pm, following midweek communion.

FUEL STUDENTS, 180 STUDENTS, KIDS IN CHRIST will study in their normal Wednesday evening format, including dinner, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Please Note: The Walk Thru the Old Testament Live Event will serve as the launch for this study, but while you will miss out on lots of fun and knowledge, you do not have to attend the Live Event in order to participate in the God’s Grand Story study.

February 14
Ash Wednesday Services
12:15 in the Sanctuary;
5:00pm music prelude; worship at 5:15
in the Sanctuary

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