



(Above) Our students serving at the Valentine's Banquet in February!

ALIVE

YOUTH MINISTRIES
SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH

In **Sunday School**, our **High School class** is going over the *Gospel Project* series. *Gospel Project* is a Bible study that invites students to dive deeply into God's story of redemption through Jesus Christ.

The Spring 2019 study, "***Into the Promised Land***", continues the three-year chronological journey through the storyline of Scripture. Volume 3 focuses on God's provision in leading His people to the land of promise, as well as the people's struggle with faith in the proceeding generations.



Our Sunday morning **Middle School class** teaches *LIVE*, a teaching curriculum specifically designed for junior high students; each week they'll study about God, people from the Bible, and what scripture says about the issues they face today. In March, students will begin a new 3-week series called "***Pain and Struggles***". This series will help students learn that life hurts, but God heals. God can begin healing us when we identify our pain, rather than covering it up. When we share the stories of our pain, God can use us to help others who may be going through similar struggles.

On **Sunday nights** this month, we'll be going over a new series called "***Outcast***", a 4-week series about people from the Bible that God used in some incredible ways! Sometimes teens can feel like the outsider looking in and can wonder how and why God would ever want to use them. But God has a way of taking those the world might discard and using them in a big way. This series looks at examples of outcasts and outsiders to see how God wants to use them and us.



On **Wednesday nights** we'll be starting a new series called "***Sincerely, God***", a 4-week series on the Bible. We all know reading it is important (or at least that's what we've been told), but if we're being honest, we probably don't give it the time or attention we know we should. Sometimes we avoid Scripture because it seems boring or irrelevant. Other times we avoid it because it's too time-consuming, inconvenient, or maybe even convicting. So how do we change that? In this 4-week series, we'll encourage students to both see and engage with the Bible in a new way as we help them discover that the Bible is a love letter, a guide, an invitation, and something that's meant to be lived (not just read).

WHAT WE'RE DOING THIS MONTH



VALENTINE'S BANQUET

A BIG thank you to all of our students, volunteers, and patrons who helped make the **Valentine's Banquet** a huge success! We raised \$840 in profit, thanks to the generous donation of food and cooking by Bob White and Eva Powell. Many adults said they really enjoyed the evening and can't wait for next year. Way to go everybody!

MARCH MISSION MADNESS

This year, we will be going back to **March Mission Madness**, this time in Alpharetta, GA! March Mission Madness (MMM) will take place March 15-17; at MMM students will spend each day serving the community through projects including landscaping, painting, and other activities. Each night they'll join other students from around Georgia in worship. Cost is only \$40 per student (thanks to the success of the Valentine's Banquet!), and covers lodging, food, and work supplies.

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COOKOUT

Join us on Sunday, March 31, for a cookout at Pastor Rich's house from 6-8pm! We'll have a bonfire, grill out some burgers, and enjoy some fellowship together. Bring a friend!

LARGER THAN LIFE GAME NIGHT

On Sunday, April 28, Sardis Baptist Church will be hosting its first-ever **Larger Than Life Game Night!** This event is a great chance to invite your friends to an awesome night of games, prizes, and free food!



SENIOR SUNDAY

Save the date! Our church's **Senior Sunday** will be on May 5! Senior Sunday is a special day to recognize and honor our graduating seniors and their families.



TIPS FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

Five Ideas for Communicating Christ to Your Kids

Jim Burns – *President of HomeWord and Executive Director of the HomeWord Center for Youth and Family at Azusa Pacific University*

If you find it challenging to talk with your teen about God and spiritual issues, you are not alone. It's not that parents don't want to talk about faith with their kids, but rather that they don't know how to get started. Here are five practical suggestions to get faith conversations started in your home.

1. **Be yourself.** You don't need a seminary degree to talk to your kids about God. You don't have to speak like a pastor giving a sermon. Just be yourself in conversations with your teenager. Share your understanding of who God is and why He matters to you in a way that reflects the real you.
2. **Don't limit your faith conversations to Sunday mornings.** Don't get caught in the trap of compartmentalizing faith issues to certain days or times. Let your kids know that spiritual issues are important in your life all of the time! Don't go overboard, but make faith issues an ongoing discussion with your family.
3. **Let your kids catch you in the act of doing something spiritual.** Spending time alone with God is great, but how will they know about the value you place on spiritual disciplines if they never see you engaged in them? Let your kids "see" you involved in these disciplines. Your actions teach your teenagers much about your faith, and likely communicate more than your words.
4. **Look for natural opportunities to engage in faith conversations.** Be on the lookout for opportunities along the road of life where issues almost beg to be discussed in light of your Christian commitment and faith. Try utilizing news items and entertainment media sources as springboards for faith conversations.
5. **See yourself as a "fellow-learner" rather than a teacher.** Taking the posture of a "fellow-learner" takes much of the pressure off of you and sends the message that you don't claim to know everything about the Christian faith. It's truly healthy when your teen asks a faith question that you need to reply with, "I don't know the answer. Let's figure it out together."

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