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WORLD MISSION OFFERING

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL: \$150,000
RECEIVED TO DATE: \$100,903

67% Lottie Moon International Missions
22% Annie Armstrong North American Missions
11% Dixie Jackson State Missions

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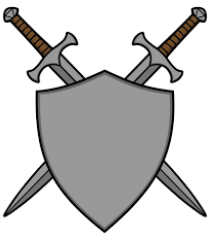


THE 3D SERIES: DEFENSE, DOCTRINE & DISCERNMENT

SEASON 2 (2024) GREG KOUKL'S TACTICS: A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVELY DISCUSSING YOUR CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS

Sundays at 4-5:15 pm (1/21/24 to 3/10/24)

First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, AR
with Parker Howard, MA, JD



More info [HERE](#)

Gerald Jones Sunday School class collected food for CEO and gifts for the Baptist Women's Shelter and Northwest Arkansas Children's Hospital. Thank you for your kind hearts!

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PRAISE RECORD - DECEMBER 31

Morning Worship In Person 447
Morning Worship Online 15
Received for week \$43,413
Budgeted for week \$34,772
Received month to date \$231,560
Budgeted for month \$173,861
Received in 2023 \$2,260,373
Budgeted in 2023 \$2,086,334
Expenses in 2023 \$1,965,265

DEACON OF THE WEEK
JANUARY 7-JANUARY 13

Bill Lohmar

ETC - JANUARY 7

Babies - Evan and Morgan House
Preschool - Charlie and Sarah Jaynes

HOSPITALIZED

Don Dunn - Home Hospice

SYMPATHIES

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to friends and family on the loss of Dr. Talmadge Nelson, on December 20.

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to Craig Shy and family on the loss of Craig's mother, Susan Porter, on December 21.

The church extends Christian love and sympathy to Gary and Tammi Ledbetter on the loss of Tammi's mother, Frances Reed, on December 29.

Memorial Service will be held for Frances Reed at 1pm Friday, January 12 in the FBC Sanctuary

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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

CEO Collection Day

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:15 pm Comm Orientation, Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 am Men's Bible Study, CR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 am STASH Busters
10:30 am Women's Disciple Groups
5:45 pm Club 56
Adult Bible Study, M105
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
Wednesday Women's, E320
Mission Kids

6:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study, N125
11:30 am Game Day, Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Disciple Groups

The Voice

VOLUME 71 - January 4, 2024 - NUMBER 1

He must increase, but I must decrease.
John 3:30

As we enter this new year, what is your heart's desire?

When the followers of John the Baptist expressed concern that he was losing many of his followers because they had chosen to follow Jesus, John expressed his heart's desire: Jesus must gain more prominence and I must lose my life in Him.

Our culture pushes us to increase: bigger houses, abundant money in savings, extra applause for accomplishments, multiplied followers on social media, increasingly extravagant vacations. Everything must be bigger, better, nicer.

Followers of Jesus choose a different path. True meaning in life does not consist of the world's insistence for gaining and growing but of Jesus gaining and growing in us.

How does Jesus increase while we decrease?

While there are several spiritual disciplines we can develop that would put our lives in a healthier relationship with God – deepening a prayer life, memorizing scripture, focus in fasting, and so much more – I encourage you to prioritize growing deeper relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ. The reality is we need other followers of Jesus to help us so that He might increase and we might decrease.

Growing deeper relationships includes a commitment to gathering with other believers in worship but extends beyond simply showing up for church each Sunday, even in a leadership role. Truly gathering with other believers is more than engaging in personal and private worship while sitting in a large room with several other people. It entails blending our hearts together in song, sharing our joys and sorrows with one another in prayer, living our lives together in fellowship inside and outside the buildings.

When we are absent, our heart grows cold. When we are present but not connected, our heart grows calloused. When hearts grow cold and calloused, too often they become caustic and cranky with brothers and sisters in Christ. Does this describe you more than you want to admit? It does not have to be this way in 2024. There is a way forward for you. Jesus must increase.

Are you ready for Jesus to increase in you? Show up for worship, open your heart, lift your voice, raise your eyes, connect your lives. Let your heart's desire echo the words of John the Baptist: Jesus must increase in me.

Bro. Doug



Deep Discipleship: The Gospels & Acts

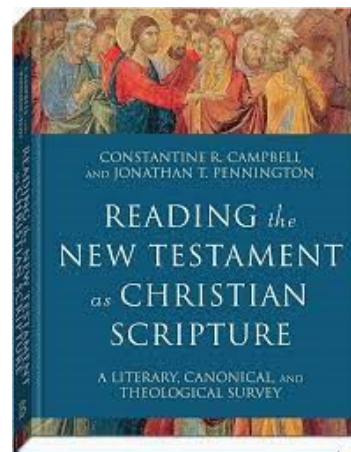
Thursdays, 4-5:50pm

January 18-May 2

Led by Josh Mauldin

Join us for this survey of the Gospels and Acts. The class will include reading, discussion, study questions, and lectures to help us understand the structure and meaning of the first five books of the New Testament.

You can register [here](#) for the class or for more information check [this page](#) on the church website or contact Josh: jmauldin@fbcfayetteville.org. There is no cost, but students are responsible for supplying their own textbooks.



JOHN PART 2 "The True Vine, One with Him"

Beginning Wednesday 5pm

January 17

In the Great Hall

Books \$16

Precept

Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

DAVID FALKNOR SR.
by
Gloria Falknor

SUSAN PORTER
by
Jon Dermott,, Cheryl Hertel, James Mark & Leigh Frogge,
Pheobe Adams Sunday School Class

TALMADGE NELSON
by
Gary & Edith Harvey,
Don & Karolyn Farrell

PHOEBE ADAMS
by
Alan & Gail Pugh

IN HONOR OF

DAVID & BARBARA MOORE
by
Ben, Daphne Moore & Family,
Spenser, Laura Keese, & Family



Guest Preacher - January 7! Dr. Derek Brown

Dr. Derek Brown is the Executive Director of Arkansas Baptist Children & Family Ministries. As a Professional Counselor and Ordained Minister, he has worked with children and families for over 20 years. At ABCFM, he leads over 170 employees and hundreds of volunteers in the missional effort to build, strengthen, and restore Arkansas families for God's glory through counseling, foster care, campus care, adoption, and advocacy ministries in over 40 locations across the state of Arkansas. He is married to Ariel Brown, LPC and has three children: Leila 15, Gavin 11, and Jonas 9.

BUILD YOUR BIBLICAL FOUNDATION BY STUDYING EXODUS 1-18 VERSE BY VERSE.

Study Begins January 4

Group meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 11 am

North Building Room 125

\$16 study book.

GOD OF DELIVERANCE
A STUDY OF EXODUS 1-18
JEN WILKIN

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1:00-4:00 PM

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CONTACT INTERNATIONAL MAMA VICKY WITH QUESTIONS

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CEO Collection, January 7

Items Needed:
Canned Fruit
Boxed cereal less than 24 oz

Please leave
donations at the
Information
Center in the
CEO cabinet.

Committee Orientation



Sunday, January 7
5:15 pm in the Chapel

ALL members of committees are asked to attend
to verify their contact information and set meeting times for the upcoming year.