

SUNDAY MORNING  
**COFFEE CONNECTION**

**9:30am in the Fireside Room**



**MEET**



**CONNECT**



**GROW**



**SERVE**

**10:00AM  
WORSHIP SERVICES**

**THE GATHERING / CONTEMPORARY  
LEGACY / TRADITIONAL**

**"COME EARLY, STAY LATE!" CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

FOR WE ARE HIS  
**workmanship,**

*created in Christ Jesus*

FOR GOOD  
WORKS,

*which God prepared*

BEFOREHAND,

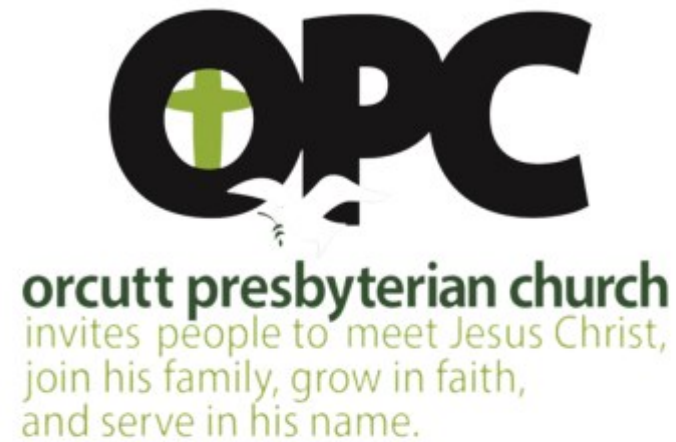
*that we should walk in them.*

EPHESIANS 2:10



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## Navigator Disciplemaking Tool

# DAILY ABIDING: TIME SET APART FOR GOD

Regardless of what you call time with God, such time is a core spiritual discipline in abiding with God.

Here are a few common terms:

### MORNING WATCH.

This name conjures up the image of a watchman at his post early in the morning. All is still. No one stirs. He is alone with his thoughts and his God. Watchful and alert, he waits for the sun to rise. "My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning" (Psalm 130:6 ESV).

### DEVOTIONS.

Very simply, the term "devotions" speaks of our desire to live a life devoted to God. We set aside a portion of each day as an act of devotion. We reserve this time as holy, set apart for one thing: meeting with God.

### APPOINTMENT WITH GOD.

Clearly, this indicates an arrangement to meet God at a particular time and place. It is a date, a rendezvous.

### QUIET TIME.

"Quiet" refers primarily to our heart's gaze rather than our physical setting. The idea is to silence our compulsive inner restlessness and come into God's presence. Although the ideal setting for a quiet time might be a hushed, serene spot, that isn't always possible. Quiet times are not always quiet. You can keep your date with God with children playing nearby; at other times, amid the buzz at a fast food restaurant, or on an airplane at 35,000 feet. The "quiet" in quiet time doesn't require physical silence, but there is no way to get around the "time" part. We must make time for God.



## A Practical Plan the Four Rs

**Read:** Choose a book of the Bible and read a portion each day. Read slowly and thoughtfully.

**Report:** Make notes about what you read, engage yourself with what God has written to you.

**Reflect:** What difference does this Scripture make for you today? How might you apply any commands or instructions?

**Respond:** Talk to God. Let your reflection inspire your prayer.



THIS TOOL IS MEANT TO BE SHARED. To download a copy visit [navlink.org/daily-abiding](http://navlink.org/daily-abiding)  
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## PASTOR CHARLIE

As I approach the 2-month ‘anniversary’ of my time with you, I continue to get my feet more firmly planted beneath me. I have had numerous opportunities to spend time with individuals and groups, which has increased my sense of personal connection with you and my understanding of some of the challenges and opportunities before us.

One of these challenging opportunities became a Lenten season of gaining a deeper understanding of how our worship dynamic on Sunday morning can contribute to a greater sense of unity around our mission as a church and a better experience of that unity (in love) with one another ‘across’ the patio. Hopefully we will find some ways that will strengthen and further us in living into those goals, as well as become aware of ways that detract from that. What we experience and learn during this time I hope will be valuable in growing our worship experience together.

One of the things we tried on our first Sunday (last Sunday as I am writing this) was our **9:30 Coffee Connection**. I loved the way Sherry Grant and her team (Garry Grant, Cindy Baeza, and Sonya Wallin) transformed the Fireside Room in a welcoming and charming place to gather, to share morning coffee and treats, and enjoy the company of one another prior to worship. I also loved the turnout! Thank you for packing out the room and spilling into the patio! My only disappointment was that I didn’t have more time to talk with more people. I especially enjoyed getting to talk to two of our youth for a little while. I’m thinking I need to get there earlier this week!

The other thing we did differently was start both worship services at the same time, with the preaching pastors remaining in both services for the entire time. I know that felt so much better to me that I was able to worship in song, in preaching, and in praying, as well as having some extra time with people afterwards. All in all, I felt it was a good start to Lent!

Looking ahead to the first Sunday in March, we have some special things lined up. First of all, it’s **our combined worship service**. You may have noticed the term “One Church Service” has not been used lately. You can pin that on me. My first Sunday was that “one church” service, which caused a little hiccup in my spirit, because the immediate implication (to me, at least) was that we are *one church* on the first Sunday of the month, but not on the other three. What is implied is that when we worship as the Legacy and the Gathering we are *two churches*, instead of one church mutually supporting one another as we worship in *two different settings*.



Hence, I’ve been calling it the “One Service” Sunday. The problem is, I don’t like the name. It needs a name that doesn’t describe what the service is, but *who we are* in that service. We *are* one church, but I would like something that captures a vision of the church a little differently. The words *Tapestry* and *Fusion* come to mind...but, I don’t know. What do you think about a new name for that service?

OK, on to the other special things lined up in addition to the joy of all being together for worship and a meal, will be a **presentation by the youth on their winter camp trip** to Hume Lake. That will include music, personal testimonies, and a video or slide show. Also, on that **Sunday we will kick off the campaign to raise money for the Rod Hawkin’s Memorial Scholarship Fund**, or *Rod’s Fund* for short. There will be a special offering that day, which is intended to be over and above your regular giving to the church.

Last, we will have a **Called Congregational Meeting** immediately following the service to nominate and elect the three (3) remaining At-Large Nominating Committee members. Be sure you talk to whomever you want to nominate ahead of time to see if they are willing to serve, if elected.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

*Charlie*





**March 7, 1987      Mike & Shauna Wilson**

**March 19, 1960      Vern & Reola Eason**

**March 31, 1962      Keith & Margie Bowker**

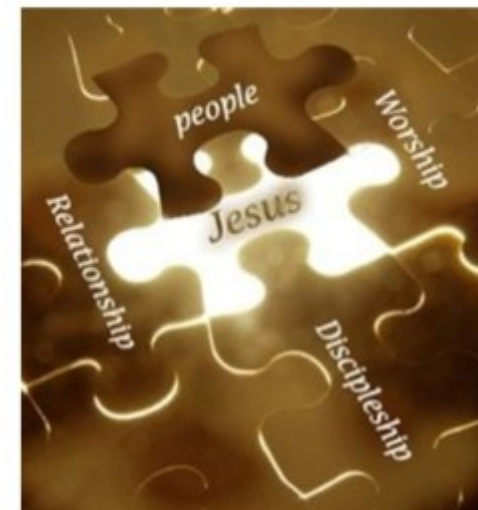
## Missing Pieces

I have always felt a gaping hole in my life. I have tried putting the border around and a few giant sections get completed but there are always holes. And they always seem to be in the tricky sections where the colors blend and there is no clear definition.

When I shared this with my counselor he simply said, “ God is perfect. He created you in His image. He did not leave any gaping holes.” I was stunned. I “knew” that but I didn’t believe it. Then my counselor went further, “God may have not handed you those puzzle pieces because you aren’t prepared for them yet.” To this day I ponder and keep in my heart these words.

I believe our church family feels like it is missing pieces. But God has a plan. (Jeremiah 29:11) God does not always reveal His plan immediately. (Heb 11:1) But we have the promise!

*Meredith Brough*



**Phil 1:6**  
**Being confident of this,**  
**that He who began a good work in**  
**you will carry it on to completion**  
**until the day of Christ Jesus.**






Children's Ministry  
is looking for volunteers!  
Please see Lauren, if you are  
interested in teaching our  
preschoolers - 6th grade children  
OR if you'd like to care for the  
babies in the nursery.



HAPPY  
*Birthday!*  
— TO YOU —

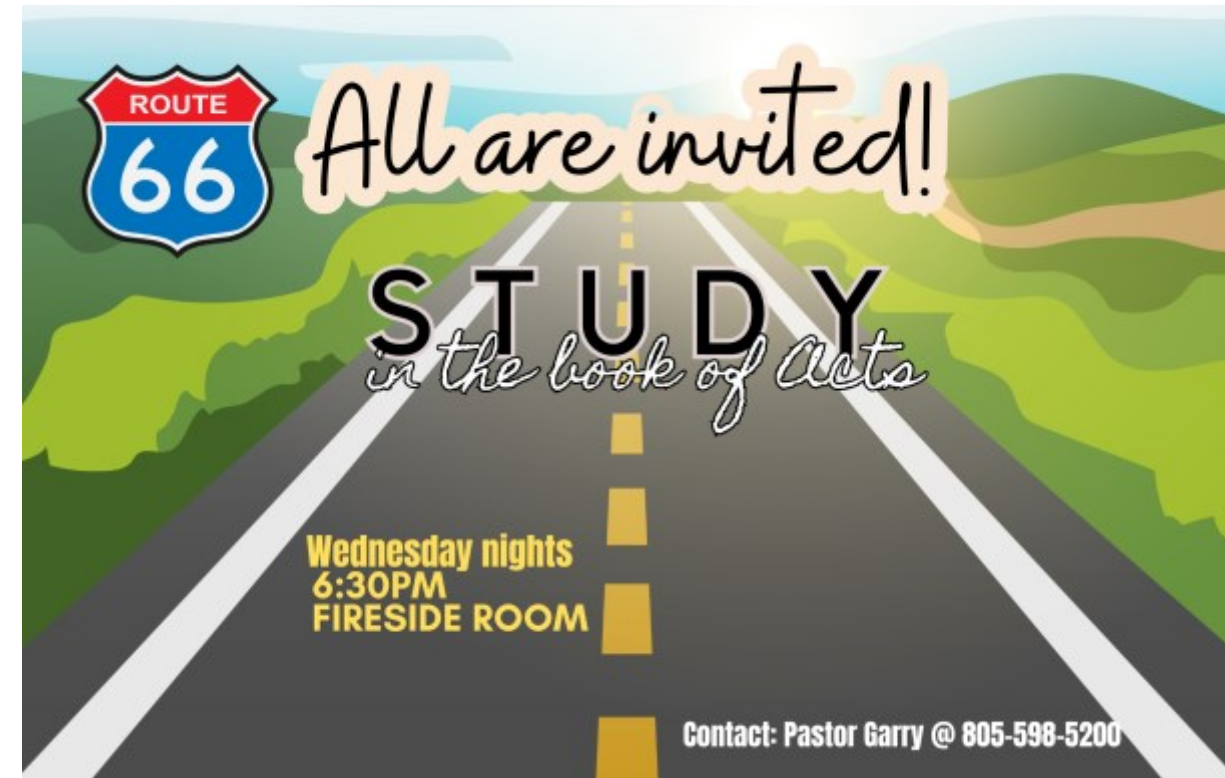
1	Stephanie Wells	17	Lauren Hotchkiss
3	Steve Morgan	20	Betty Noonan
11	Janice Holland	25	Warren Wells
12	Lee Carroll		



Matthew 25:37-40  
*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"*

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"*

**OPC FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
**FRIDAYS FROM 2- 4 PM**  
**Volunteers needed.** Call the church office for info!

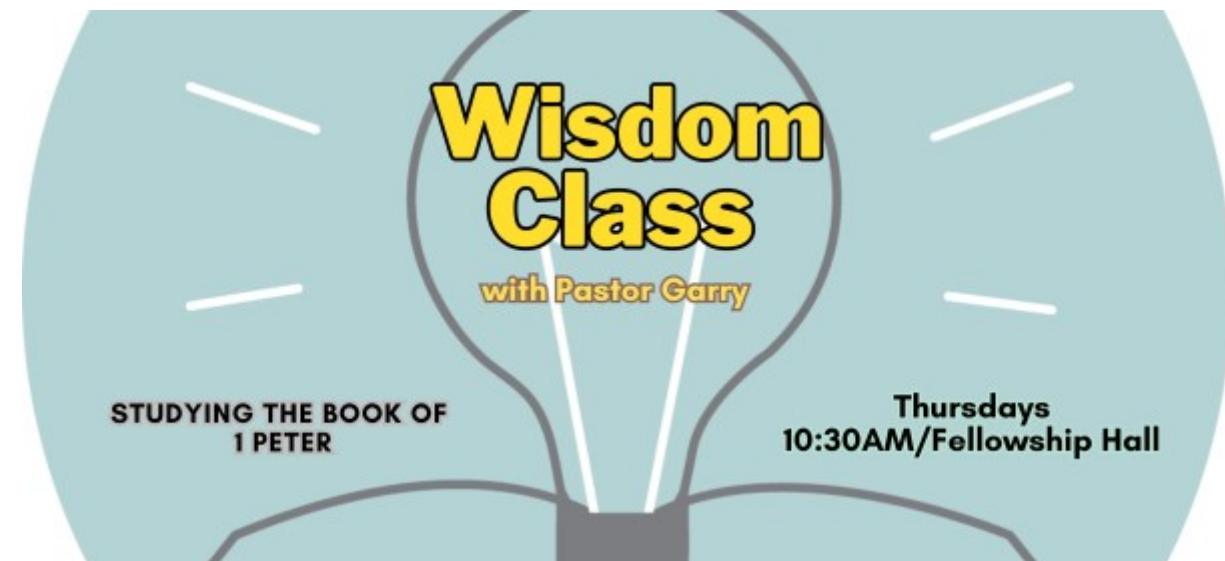


**ROUTE 66** *All are invited!*

**STUDY**  
*in the book of Acts*

**Wednesday nights  
 6:30PM  
 FIRESIDE ROOM**

Contact: Pastor Garry @ 805-598-5200



**Wisdom Class**  
 with Pastor Garry

**STUDYING THE BOOK OF  
 1 PETER**

**Thursdays  
 10:30AM/Fellowship Hall**



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
FR = Fireside Room GR = Game Room S = Sanctuary		WH = Wedaa Hall YB = Youth Building			2-4PM Food Distribution & Clothes Closet / OPC	
9:30AM <u>Coffee Connection</u> 3 10:00AM <u>Worship Service</u> in the Sanctuary *Following the Service: • All are invited to enjoy a meal in the Hall	4 Church Office Closed today	5	11:00AM Bob Franta's Memorial Service/S 6 6:00PM KFC/WH 6:30PM Route 66 Bible Study in the book of Acts/FR 6:30PM Jr. High & High School/GR 6:30PM Women's Study/S	7 10:30AM Wisdom Class/WH 1:00PM Meals Ministry/WH 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal/S	8 2-4PM Food Distribution & Clothes Closet / OPC	9
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