



GOOD NEWS May 27, 2020

Back to Indoor Church

Sunday May 31, 2020 — 10:30 AM

Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



Help Keep COVID-19 From Spreading

- ? Do you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath?
- ? Have you had close contact with a person who may have COVID-19?
- ? Have you traveled in the past 14 days?

From The Pastor...



Want some encouraging words? I Thessalonians 5:11 says, *"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* The context of this verse is found in the preceding two verses: *"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him."* For the believer, it is always a WIN – WIN! This is why the Apostle Paul could say with confidence, *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."* - Philippians 1:21.

The Apostle Paul again writing to the church at Thessalonica: I Thessalonians 4:18, *"Encourage each other with these words."* What words? Again, let's look at the previous two verses, *"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."*

Can you even begin to imagine this airborne reunion? We will see and be united with our saved loved ones who preceded us in death. We will see Jesus face to face! We will be with the Lord forever which means no more sickness, death, sorrow, loneliness, temptation, fear, worry, doubt, and on and on...

Yes, these are encouraging words. Thank you Holy Spirit and thank you Paul for preserving these words for us to savor in the year 2020. Jesus IS coming soon – are you ready to meet Him?

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



SERVICES LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Every Sunday morning at 11am

ONLINE LIVE PRAYER MEETINGS

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at 7pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS

Check with your Sunday School teachers for times

Get updated prayer requests and announcements.

To sign up, text your name to 479.422.1079

Friendship Birthdays—Week of May 31—June 6

June 1 – Antonie Turner

June 4 – Debra Drymon



For generations, God's people waited for God's promise of restoration to be fulfilled through exile, restoration, and silence. In The Gospel Project: Jesus the Messiah, the whole church will see how God's plan was fulfilled and the promised Rescuer was revealed when He spoke to a young woman named Mary. She would have a Son. He was the One God's people waited for. His name was Jesus. And He would change everything.

Sunday's lesson "Jesus Teaches About New Birth" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

Most classes meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.



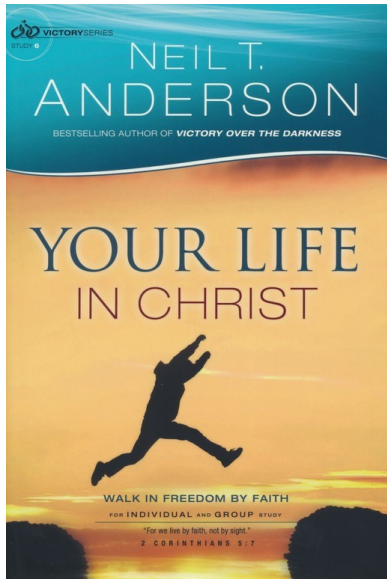
Online giving is easier than ever!

[CLICK HERE](#) to try out our new online giving service, Generosity By LifeWay!

Tithes & Offerings—Sunday, May 17—\$4,197.00

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



ATTENTION MEN!

Men's Discipleship Study on Zoom - Wednesday, June 3 2020 - 6:30pm
Victory Series 6 "Your Life In Christ" by Neil T. Anderson. We will cover Session 2: Faith Appraisal (Part 1) - pages 33-54.

All men, young and old, are invited to join us on this 6 week adventure! Invite a friend to join us!

Men's Study overview - In *Your Life in Christ*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to walk in freedom by faith, according to

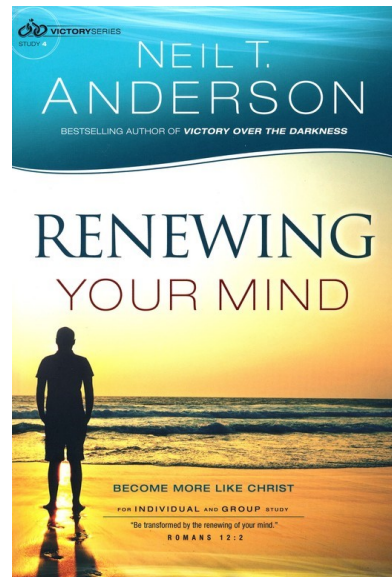
God's will. In this sixth of eight **Victory Series** studies, you will discover how to discern God's will and assess whether you are walking in faith according to God's Word. You will learn biblical principles of leadership and how to disciple others and help them find true freedom in Christ from a biblical worldview perspective.

ATTENTION LADIES!

Women's Discipleship Study on Zoom - Thursday, June 4, 2020 - 6:30pm
Victory Series 4 "Renewing Your Mind" by Neil T. Anderson. We will cover Session 2 Living Under Grace

All ladies, young and old, are invited to join us on this 6 week adventure! Invite a friend to join us!

Women's Study overview - This six-session study shows the believer how to live under grace with a renewed mind. Anderson also shows the reader how to overcome anger, anxiety, depression, and loss.



God has established prayer as the means by which we receive his supernatural help. And without supernatural help, we cannot live a life worthy of the gospel. Everything that distinguishes Christians from the world in a Christ-exalting way is a work of God's supernatural grace. And God has ordained that this grace flows to us through prayer. That's why prayer must be central, not peripheral, in our lives and families and ministries. -John Piper

Join us Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening for online prayer!



Jeremiah 16:14-15

"Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' but, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers."

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News.....from Mary Ann



There are few greater encouragements to a child's faith than seeing their parents and grandparents worship God with reverence and joy.

Family Worship

When families worship together, children receive an amazing intergenerational experience, and thus have the opportunity to be influenced by the example of their parents and the congregation.

Children are more likely to cherish and delight in the worship of God if they witness that heart for worship in the church. When they see their parents and other adults bow their heads in earnest prayer, or lift their hands in praise, the genuine worship they observe can stir their hearts to worship. Children can observe parents listening intently to the sermon, taking notes and processing the truth they are hearing. They observe this hunger for the Word of God, which can stir the same longing in their own hearts.

Learning to sit still in the church service can be difficult for children, but as they begin to listen carefully, they will understand more. Little by little, children will learn about God's greatness, His love, His holiness, His judgment, and His faithfulness. They will begin to know how He works in the world.

What a benefit there is when children witness their mother or father singing with conviction, praying in reverence, listening intently to the sermon, or receiving the Lord's Supper in joy. In these moments a child witnesses the importance of faith and worship.

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JASON HELOPOULOS *Children in Worship—Let's Bring it Back*



Gospel Project for Kids

John 3:16



God so loved the world,



that he gave his only begotten Son,



that whosoever believeth in him



should not perish, but have everlasting life.

BIBLE STORY: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

STORY POINT: Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who believe.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:16

Ways to help your kids engage in the service...

EXPLAIN! Quietly explain the different parts of the service to your kids so they can understand what is going on.

JOIN IN! Kids learn by copying what they see. So, if you sing, respond, pray, and engage in the service, your kids will too.

WORSHIP BAGS- We will have Worship Bags ready for the kids. Inside these bags you will find crayons, colored pencils, and sharpeners to use with the activity pages. Each week we will put different quiet time activities for them to do. We suggest that you wait until the sermon message begins to let the kids start the doing these. You can also bring any quiet time items from home for them to do.

We will write your child's name on the bag to keep at church, each week you will take out the activities they complete and leave everything else in their bag for your child to enjoy next week.

Hey Kids! Dance With Us Down VBS Memory Lane!



If you **LOVE** VBS music and have a tendency to break into song motions, tune in on **Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. EST** for the Very Best Sing-along—**Mark it on your calendars and share with all your VBS families and every kid you know!**

When: Thursday, May 28

Time: 7:30 p.m. EST

Where: The comfort of your own home

How: Stream live from the [Group VBS Facebook](#) page

It's basically guaranteed to be the greatest and most joyful socially distant dance party you've ever attended!

Keeping Current: Apps



TikTok

The Scoop

Where Instagram posts are typically centered around creating beautiful Photoshopped scenes, posts in TikTok generally present overdone images. For example, girls attempt to look desirable using excessive and clearly overdone makeup. They even admittedly try to gain attention with their videos and memes

Some girls, known as “egirls,” create posts where they’re playing video games, taunting boys, or listening to sad songs by Billie Eilish.

Our Take on TikTok

Many of the egirls use their internet identities to become what they think boys their age fantasize about. This is a big concern for us at *Children’s Ministry Magazine*. As kids get more involved with the app and copy their peers, what starts as innocent may quickly become inappropriate.

While TikTok does have a separate section for kids under age 13 and reportedly monitors posts to limit inappropriate content, the app isn’t foolproof. We definitely recommend close adult supervision of any kids who are using the TikTok app.

Check out all of our previous [App and Website Reviews!](#)

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