

WC: Worship Center
SMB: Student Ministry Building
FLC: Family Life Center

* each week unless otherwise specified

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH

NO EXCUSE MONTH

This month we are asking you to commit to being here at least four out of five Sundays. All those that meet the challenge will receive a gift as a small way for us to say 'thanks for being a faithful part of LMBC'. Your attendance matters, not because we want to boast of great numbers, but because we want our body to be healthy and whole. If you choose to accept the challenge be sure and keep your event page each week and bring them to the designated table for your gift on March 31.

- 3** *Choir Practice, 4:30 p.m., L112 (WC)
Deacon Ordination Service, 6 p.m., Auditorium (WC)
- 6** *Teens, *check lmbc.org*
*Activate, 6:45 p.m., Gym/2nd Floor (FLC)
*West Ridge Bible Study, 7 p.m., Auditorium (WC)

10 startingpoint

Starting Point is the first step towards church membership. If you are interested in becoming a part of LMBC, please attend our next session on Sunday, March 10 in the HIS Way Cafe (SMB). We ask that you pre-register by calling the church office at 304-736-7676, send us an email at lmbc@lmbc.org or visit lmbc.org.

- 14** Widow's Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Renaissance Room (FLC)
- 16** Bridal Shower for Abby Miller
See right for details

- 31** Communion, 6 p.m., Auditorium (WC)



Baby Dedications

- Reese Annalee Chapman, daughter of Nick & Natalie Chapman



Bereavements

- David Angus, George Angus's father
- Lewis Black, Jr., Kimberly Bailes's father
- Kenny Ferguson, Darell Ferguson's brother
- Helen Perry, Deborah Martin's mother
- Esta Reed
- Gerald Sturgeon, Toni Jones's father



Baptisms

- Elija McMullen
- Ellianah McMullen
- Diana Waugh
- Nora Waugh



New Members

- Diana Bledsoe
- Betty Elmore
- Celeste Pierce
- Greg & Bonnie Rohrberg
- Jessica Spurlock

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

*Nurseries are available during
all services on Sunday and
on Wednesday evenings from
6:45-8:15.*

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See pages 12-15
for times and locations

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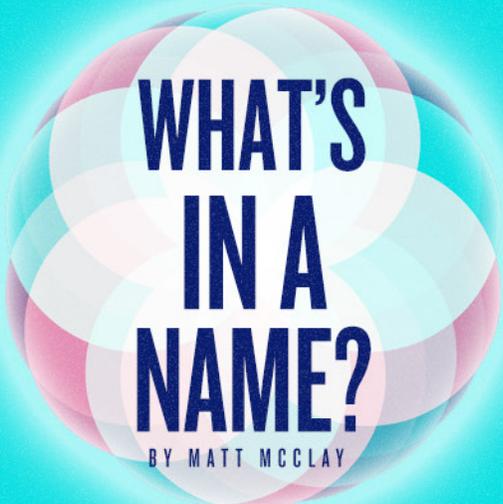
1 Trust Christ and follow Him in believer's baptism.

2 Complete an information card during a service or contact us so we can ask you a few simple questions.

3 Attend Starting Point. (Next session: Mar. 10)

4 Complete The Journey, a two-week small group Bible study of orientation to our church.





WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY MATT MCCLAY

Take a few minutes to read Acts 3-5. While reading, take note of any time the phrase “the name of Jesus” is mentioned or referenced. You may want to underline or highlight each occurrence. After reading, ask yourself: Why is the name of Jesus such an important factor in the book of Acts?

Consider two mega-themes in the book of Acts regarding the name of Jesus.

#1 - There is salvation in the name of Jesus.

A quick survey of the book of Acts reveals that only by one name, the name of Jesus, can people be saved from their sin and restored to a right relationship with God.

There is no other name that brings salvation.

The early Christians in Jerusalem became infamous for making a very controversial statement: That only through Jesus could people be saved. The city of Jerusalem was strategically located within the Roman Empire, and was exposed to a variety of world religions. Additionally, the people of Israel were steeped in Judaism, looking for the promised “Messiah” to come. The proposition that one man could save the world was shocking.

Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:10-12)

The life of Jesus, as witnessed by the apostles quoted above, was a living testimony to the power of his name. Jesus lived a perfect sinless life, died for the sins of humanity on a cross, and victoriously raised Himself from the grave three days later. What a powerful name: Jesus! We can’t save ourselves,

let alone save anyone else. Jesus is the only one strong enough to save.

The name of Jesus is unstoppable.

Because people were being saved so quickly, the religious and political power players in the region began to feel threatened by the name of Jesus. They had a secret meeting, and then called in Peter and John, commanding them not to even speak the name of Jesus.

“But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.” Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:17-18)

Did Peter and John stop speaking the name of Jesus? Absolutely not! They continued to spread the gospel, and people continued to be saved. This angered the Sanhedrin (a Jewish religious deliberative body) to the point that they brought the apostles in to be flogged (beaten).

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. (Acts 5:40)

What do you think? Did the apostles finally cease to share the name of Jesus in Jerusalem? Nope. They actually rejoiced in the fact that they were able to suffer for the name of Jesus.

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. (Acts 5:41-42)

Jesus is the name you have been waiting for.

Long before he physically walked the earth, Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection had been foretold. The Jewish people had been anxiously waiting for the Messiah, who would save their nation. Many Jewish people, after learning the good news that Jesus was the Messiah, believed in his name and were saved!

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. (Acts 5:42)

Even Gentile (non-Jewish) people who studied Judaism realized that Jesus was the promised Messiah, and put their faith in His name. Acts 8 provides an account of an important Ethiopian man who embraced the good news of Jesus.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He did not open his mouth. In His humiliation He was deprived of justice. Who can speak of His descendants? For His life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, Himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:32-35)

Salvation is available to anyone who calls on the name of Jesus.

People are saved when they call on the name of Jesus. Before becoming a great missionary for Jesus, the Apostle Paul came with a lot of baggage. He had actually been persecuting Christians and advocating for their deaths! After he learned the truth about Jesus, a wise Christian man named Ananias advised him on how to be saved. Simply put, Paul was saved when he called on Jesus' name.

"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His name." (Acts 22:16)

Can I channel the words of Ananias, and ask you a pointed question? What are you waiting for? Call on the name of Jesus and be saved TODAY!

#2 - There is power in the name of Jesus.

The work of the Holy Spirit, done in the name of Jesus, was the fuel of the early church. For these Christians, Jesus changed everything!

People were healed in the name of Jesus.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. (Acts 3:6-7)

People were baptized in the name of Jesus.

Baptism is more than a mere religious ritual. Jesus commanded for all of His disciples to be baptized (Matthew 28:19), because the first step of obedience to Christ is to publicly identify oneself with the name of Jesus. Baptism does not save anyone, but it is a very important component of following Jesus.

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Acts 8:12)

So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. (Acts 10:48)

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:4-5)

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His name. (Acts 22:16)

Why is being baptized so important for people who believe in Jesus? Because baptism identifies us with Christ. In a world of perfectly-manicured social media selfies, the vulnerability of being publicly immersed in water to identify yourself with Jesus is a bold statement of faith.

People became bold gospel witnesses in the name of Jesus.

The early church faced pressure and persecution from both the religious community and the Roman government. How did these former cowards (Remember Peter?) muster the courage to go toe-to-toe with the biggest imperial government to ever exist? The answer is found in whose name they carried: The name of Jesus. Consider the following examples.

So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. (Acts 9:28)

Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 21:13)

Talk about unshakeable faith! These young believers were ready to die for the name of Jesus. What would it look like if we were prepared to die for the name of Jesus? In our American culture, we likely will not face the opportunity to die a physical death for Jesus, but we are compelled daily to die a social death for Jesus. When we boldly identify with the name of Jesus, and put our identity in Him, He gives us courage and peace.

People are entrusted to proclaim the name of Jesus.

Who would you trust to carry the most important message in the world? Most of us would trust a close friend or relative, but who would trust an enemy? That's exactly what God did with the Apostle Paul. Paul, who until recently had been killing Christians, was entrusted by Jesus to carry the name of the Lord to the entire world! Ananias, as a Christian, was apprehensive to take in Paul and mentor him. But God revealed His great plan to Ananias.

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel." (Acts 9:15)

God doesn't just use the "best of the best." He uses those with baggage, pasts, and hurts. He uses those who aren't the best communicators. He uses both loud and shy people. He uses both rich and poor people. He uses both old and young people. The main point is this: God uses people to proclaim the name of Jesus. God's grand plan, the Great Commission, is for the name of Jesus to be transmitted from one human heart to another.

God wants to use you. What will you do with the powerful, beautiful name of Jesus?

Missionaries of the Month



Tim & Kathy Laughlin
Ireland



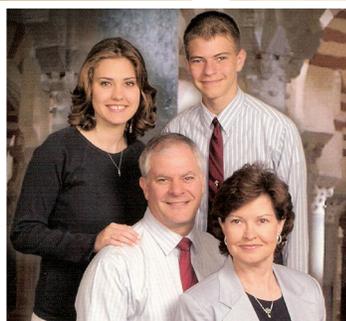
Rick & Jennifer Peace
Ireland



Doug & Amber Staley
Ireland



Josh & Denise Steward
Ireland



Mark & Hillary Stipp
Spain



Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky
Spain



The Rices, our missionaries to Slovakia, have experienced a lot through the year. Through prayer, stepping out in faith, and following God's will, they've been encouraged by the growth they've seen since last year.

February 2018

We were very excited to learn that our church fellowship was holding a one day seminar for those interested in church planting. Fifty people attended this meeting, during which the need for new churches in Slovakia was discussed.

September 2018

I approached our pastor with a desire to start regular meetings regarding a new church plant. We began praying and sharing ideas for future possibilities.

December 2018

The fellowship sponsored a church planting course I mentioned at the beginning. I have been through several similar courses in the States, but I wanted to use the time for networking, fellowship, continued learning, and idea sharing. Darko and I attended, and we had great discussions regarding the course materials. It was especially encouraging to hear of other works being started and to know that we should have support during this process.

TODAY 2019

The leaders in our church in Bernolákovo know of our desire for a new church plant to be started close by. Darko also brought up the subject at our church's annual business meeting on Sunday, so our members will be praying and considering possible involvement in these plans moving forward.



Lewis Kids connection calendar

SUNDAYS

in the Worship Center, lower level

During the morning worship services, the Lewis Kids' Connection (LKC) program teaches children 4 years old through 5th grade important biblical lessons in ways they will enjoy and remember.

9, 10:45 & 6 p.m.

4's/Preschool (L103)

Kindergarten (L105)

9 a.m.

1st /2nd Grade (L108)

3rd/4th Grade (L113)

5th/6th Grade (L109)

10:45 a.m.

1st - 3rd Grade (L107)

4th - 6th Grade (L109)

WEDNESDAYS

in the Family Life Center

Our Wednesday night program called "Activate!" aims to help kids live out their faith every day.

6:45 p.m.

Preschool - 6th grade

STUCK FOR A BUCK

Wednesday, Mar. 13

Who will stay on the wall longer:
Mr. Jeremy or Mr. Jake?

Bring some bucks to help your favorite teacher
stay stuck the longest!

All money will go to helping the teens
on their upcoming missions trip.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

April 12 & 13

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunts!

Hunt in the Dark at 8 p.m. on April 12 Renaissance Room, FLC

Traditional Hunt at 11 a.m. on April 13 Renaissance Room, FLC

Sensory Hunt at 2 p.m. on April 13 SMB

REFUEL

STUDENT MINISTRY
CALENDAR

Wednesdays in March

simply
Jesus

EVERY WEEK IN THE SMB:

SUNDAY MORNING STUDENT HOUR AT 10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45 P.M.

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DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Opportunities for serving abound here at LMBC. Each month we will be posting specific needs both inside and outside the church to give you a chance to join us in making a difference.

THANK YOU!

... to those who hosted or helped with D:NOW in any way. You truly made a difference!

BE BOLD
UNSHAKEABLE FAITH



Our food pantry has some specific needs and we're hoping you will help us fill them. We need regular size containers of:

- Canned meats and vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Mac-n-Cheese

We are also in need of:

- Men's Jeans sizes 30-38
- Detergent
- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste & tooth brushes

A collection bin is in the main lobby.



community rewards

... to all who have signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program on behalf of Operation Christmas Child. Simply by doing your weekly shopping, you are helping to cover the cost of shipping the gifts and gospel message around the world.

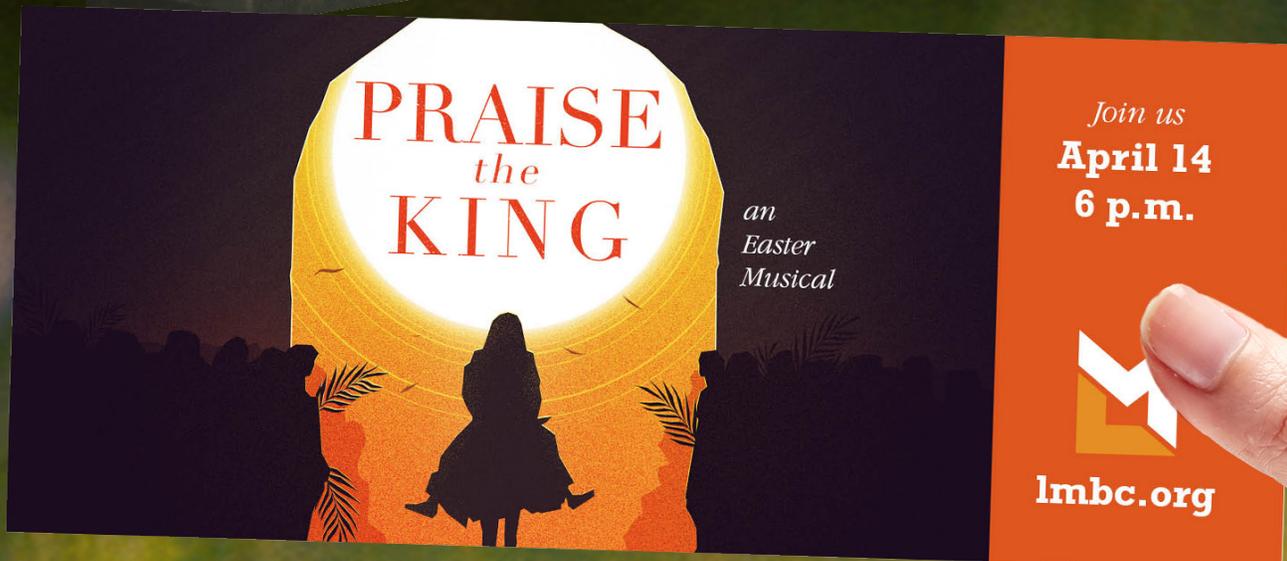
If you haven't signed up yet it's not too late and it's easy to do. Simply ...

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign in or create your online account
3. Find and select "Lewis Memorial Baptist Church" and click "Enroll"



Be a
**DIFFERENCE
MAKER**

and *pick up a ticket to share with someone who needs to hear the message of the Gospel.



*Tickets will be available in all lobby areas beginning in March



WINTER/SPRING 2019

* denotes a temporary elective group

KIDS

*** SUNDAYS ***

4's/Preschool			
9, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.	LKC Crew		L103
Kindergarten			
9, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.	LKC Crew		L105
1st & 2nd Grade			
9 a.m.	LKC Crew		L108
3rd & 4th Grade			
9 a.m.	LKC Crew		L113
5th & 6th Grade			
9 a.m.	LKC Crew		L109
1st - 3rd Grade			
10:45 a.m.	LKC Crew		L107
4th - 6th Grade			
10:45 a.m.	LKC Crew		L109
Wonderfully Made (for children with special needs)			
10:45 a.m.	LKC Crew		L111

*** WEDNESDAYS ***

Activate Preschool (ages 3 - 4)			
6:45 p.m.	LKC Crew	FLC (2nd Floor)	
Activate (K - 5th grade)			
6:45 p.m.	Deide McComas	FLC (Gym & 2nd Floor)	

STUDENTS

*** SUNDAYS ***

Middle School Student Hour			
10:45 a.m.	Jon & Laura Armstrong		SMB 2nd Floor
High School Student Hour			
10:45 a.m.	Matt McClay		SMB 2nd Floor
The Bridge (College & Career)			
10:45 a.m.	Charles & Tamara Meadows		S101

*** WEDNESDAYS ***

Refuel (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	Student Ministry Staff		SMB 2nd Floor
The Public Schoolers (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	David King		S106
Leprechaun F.R.O.G. (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	Don Hampton		S200
Fortnite Squad (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	Jon Armstrong		S104
Fierce Followers (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	King/McCabe		S204
She Shed (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	Armstrong/Burdick		S100
The Stuttering, Fiery, Big, Small Men of Star Wars (Middle School)			
6:45 p.m.	Jeff Burdick		S202
Refuel (High School)			
6:45 p.m.	Student Ministry Staff		SMB 2nd Floor
Nameless (High School)			
6:45 p.m.	Mandie Smith		S205
Marky-Mark and the Funky Bunch (High School)			
6:45 p.m.	Mark Adkins		S201

The Bacon (High School)
6:45 p.m. Matt McClay/Mat Johnson Matt's Office

Indecisive (High School)
6:45 p.m. McClay/Lowe S102

God Girls (High School)
6:45 p.m. Abi Black S203

Fall (High School)
6:45 p.m. Deanna Brammer Tim's Office

The Bridge (College & Career)
7 p.m. Charles & Tamara Meadows S101

ADULTS

*** SUNDAYS ***

Grace
9 a.m. Richard Hodge L106

A group of mostly couples, ranging in ages from forties to late sixties who love to study and apply God's Word, and enjoy sharing their lives together.

***The Journey** (for prospective new members)
9 a.m. Tim Yates HIS Way Cafe

The next sessions take place Mar. 17 & 24.

Through the Bible
10:45 a.m. Jared Blankenship S104

Join other adults of all ages for a walk through each book of the Bible with discussion.

Wall Builders
10:45 a.m. Steve Bragg S100

This group meets for an in-depth Bible study that focuses on Scripture application.

Cornerstone
10:45 a.m. Tim Koletka S102

Maranatha
10:45 a.m. Chuck Daniel FLC (Renaissance Room)

*** TUESDAYS ***

Getting Past What You Can't Get Over
1 p.m. Smith/Estep S102

Loss enters everyone's life at some point. Divorce, relationships, death, and employment can be challenging. Come join us as we share how to draw strength from our faith, family and friends.

Life Together
6 p.m. Tim Yates S100

Believing, Belonging, and Becoming
6 p.m. Thurman Lowder S102

*** WEDNESDAYS ***

Broken Together
6:45 p.m. Thompson/Bailey Thompson Home

Adults of all ages who share their burdens and encourage each other in life. For more information, contact Dan Thompson at 304-360-0849.

Abundant Life
6:45 p.m. Gary McMullen L112

A life group focused on Jesus and His Word; a time of fellowship, prayer, discussion, and outreach.

West Ridge Bible Study
7 p.m. Tim Yates WC Auditorium

Selah
7 p.m. Nathan McClay L109

This group is open to all adults and studies a variety of topics.

Friends of God
7 p.m. David & Mary Lemming North Side House

It's Always Something
7 p.m. Chuck Daniel L107

First Responders Group
7 p.m. Mike & Eugenia Hayton L113

*** THURSDAYS ***

Institute of Biblical Studies: Study on the Book of James
9 a.m. Jeremy Shaffer S100

Institute of Biblical Studies: Ecclesiology
10:30 a.m. Tim Yates S100

Watchmen on the Wall
7 p.m. Thompson/Gothard S104

Each week, this group has a brief study before devoting the rest of their time praying together.

*** SATURDAYS ***

At the Grove
10:30 a.m. Julie Tritz Chateau Grove

WOMEN

*** SUNDAYS ***

JOY

10:45 a.m. Mary Ellen Black L106

Women of all ages study scripture together in a small group environment. You can expect to be challenged and encouraged; and to connect in community.

*** MONDAYS ***

Daughters of the King

6:30 p.m. Rebekah Shaffer S100

This group of ladies meets for an in-depth study of God's Word.

*** TUESDAYS ***

At His Feet

10 a.m. Beth Jenkins L107

All ages are welcome for this ladies' Bible study group which focuses on various books and topics of the Bible.

Encounter

10 a.m. Cally Hogsett Encounter Bible Ministries

This outreach group is focused on managing a Bible curriculum that students complete through the mail.

*** WEDNESDAYS ***

Breaking Chains

6 p.m. Sandy McMellon McMellon Home

This group is for ladies of all ages, and meets to challenge each other to break every chain for spiritual growth.

Inside-Out

6:45 p.m. Mary Ellen Black L106

This group is for all ages and stages of life. No matter what we are studying, we meet to get into the Word and let the Word get into us, so that we are changed from the inside out. (Gal. 2:20)

4Ever His

7 p.m. Leah Adkins L108

These ladies pursue God through His Word and a variety of topical book-based studies.

*** THURSDAYS ***

At Home with the Word

6:30 p.m. Vicki Tardy Tardy Home

For more information, contact Vicky Tardy at 304-525-2022.

*** ONCE A MONTH ***

Caring Hearts (widows)

Mar. 14 Emma Lee Browning Renaissance Room (FLC)

Caring Hearts widows meet for a special luncheon or activity on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Emma Lee Browning at 304-736-7342 for more details.

MEN

*** MONDAYS ***

Monday Night Basketball

7 p.m. Jeff Black FLC Gym

*** WEDNESDAYS ***

West Ridge Wisdom

10 a.m. Jeremy Shaffer S100

Men of Truth

7 p.m. Steve Bragg HIS Way Cafe (SMB)

Men of all ages come together to study mutually selected books from God's Word and discover how His Truths in His Word may be applied to their lives.

Iron Sharpeners

7 p.m. Matheny/Miller L111

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) Group members fellowship with one another and work to strengthen their daily walk with God, while sharpening their knowledge of God's Word.

SENIOR ADULTS

*** SUNDAYS ***

Willing Workers

9 a.m. Richard Sexton L112

This group is made up of senior adults who enjoy a sweet time of fellowship and studying the Word together.



Come **GROW** with **US**

Our Life Groups meet throughout the week in various locations on and off the church campus. We view these groups as vital to a believer's spiritual growth, because they offer a setting in which Christians can discuss the Bible, learn how to apply it to their lives, and encourage and challenge one another.



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**CHARGE YOUR FAITH.
PLUG INTO THE WORD.**

MARCH

1st Exodus 6:1-13; 6:28-7:7

OFF

4th Exodus 11:1-10

5th Exodus 12:1-30

6th Deut. 16:1-18; 1 Cor. 5:6-8

7th Exodus 12:31-42; 13:17-22

8th Exodus 14:1-31

OFF

11th Exodus 15:1-21

12th Exodus 16:1-36; Numbers 11:1-9

13th John 6:22-40

14th Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Cor. 10:1-13

15th Exodus 19:1-25; Hebrews 12:18-28

OFF

18th Exodus 20:1-21; 24:1-18

19th Exodus 25:1-9; Hebrews 9:1-10

20th Hebrews 9:11-10:14

21st Exodus 32:1-35

22nd Exodus 33:1-23

OFF

25th Exodus 34:1-4, 29-35; 2 Cor. 3:7-18

26th Numbers 13:26-14:38

27th Numbers 21:4-8; John 3:1-21

28th Numbers 20:1-31; 27:12-22

29th Deut. 31:1-29; 34:1-12

OFF