

CHURCH NEWS

Longview Baptist Church E-Newsletter

Not only a new year but a new decade is upon us! It is a time when we begin to look back and identify things that we would like to change or do better in the future. I hope and pray that at the top of our priorities is our own spiritual condition and formation as a disciple. More important than physical or financial health is our spiritual health. Key to our spiritual health is our daily involvement in the Word of God. Just as eating is essential to our physical strength, without daily feeding our soul the bread of the Word of God we will find ourselves weak and not fitting for the spiritual battles that we face.

Romans 12:1-2 speaks of us not being conformed to this world but being transformed by the renewing of our mind. How does this renewal happen? I am convinced it is by reading, thinking, meditating and memorizing scripture! As your pastor, I want to do all that I can to help you, encourage you, and equip you for this endeavor. Attached you will find a Bible reading plan. I know you can find these in a lot of places but I particularly like this one. It is called the Discipleship journal reading plan. Each day you will have four readings, two in the Old Testament and two in the New Testament. This will help you from getting “bogged down” as some do through stretches of the Old Testament. Second, it contains “catch up” days. Whether we want to admit it or not we do have days that we will occasionally miss. Often the feeling is that once we get behind we just quit! This reading plan has built in days where you can catch up if you have fallen behind.

Let me give you a three part challenge that will touch every person in our church

Begin-For those of you new to reading your Bible daily, choose one of the four passages for that day and simply read it. You won't read the entire Bible in one year but that is not really the point! It is not about accomplishing a task, it is about knowing God and letting the scriptures begin to transform you.

Grow- For those of you a little more seasoned in your Christian faith, read all four passages every day that are assigned. In so doing you will have gained the big picture of the whole Bible and exposed yourself to many things that maybe you have never read before. It will be a great learning experience.

Go Deep- Finally, for those of you who have read your Bible consistently for years I want to challenge you to take one of the four passages each day and truly study it! Even if you choose only one passage for the entire week that would be fine. Study the author, the setting, the context, the individual words for all that they mean. Then think on it all day. Even consider memorizing a portion of it. Finally write and journal all that you have discovered from this passage including ways in which God is leading you to change and transform (application) through this passage. You can find a good journal at a local bookstore or order one online at Amazon.

If each of us would do this we would see growth and transformation in our spiritual lives during the year 2020. This is my challenge to you and one I am looking forward to taking part with you in this coming year.

In Christ
Bro Robby

Please see the attached file for your
“Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan”

Or copy and paste this link to your browser

<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Discipleship-Journal-Bible-Reading-Plan-9781617479083.pdf>

Printed Bible Reading Plans will be available in the Connection Room

The weather is finally changing bringing about a sense of excitement for the holidays this year. As we get closer to Christmas, I would like to ask each of us to devote ourselves to a few things. First and foremost my challenge to our students this winter as well as to our church has been to continue to invest in people with the intentions of sharing Jesus with them. What better time of year than the holidays to tell the story of Christ to those around us! Only through evangelism and intentional Gospel conversations will we see our church grow both numerically and in depth. I pray that everyone has someone that they will invest in for the remainder of the year. Secondly, I would ask you to engage in Bible study this winter. At a recent conference I attended the statistics given were mind-blowing. People that read their Bible once a week see little to no change. Twice a week, little to no change. Three times a week, little to no change. But for people that engage with the Scripture four or more times per week sees loneliness drop by 30%, anger drop 32%, bitterness in relationships including marriage drop 40%, alcoholism and drug use drop 55%, feeling spiritually stagnant drop 58%, and viewing pornography drop 61%. On the other side of the coin, sharing your faith jumps 180% and discipling others jumps 230%. We cannot afford to not be engaged in the Scriptures and heavily involved in the local church. So this year, during the holiday season, refresh

yourself by engaging in the Scriptures daily and share your faith intentionally. It just may save a soul.

In Christ,

Josh



6:30-8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

5:00 to 6:15 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS
\$5 a plate

Beginning August 14th
Sign-up on Realm or call the church office before each Monday.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Charlotte Scull



Wednesday Night
Small Group - Robby Poole
Small Group - Joanne Timothy
Small Group - Roger Paul



Calendar of Events



Wednesday, December 4

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group

Sunday, December 8

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, December 11

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group

Sunday, December 15

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service /
10:30 AM Choir Presents"
Messiah Heaven's Glory

Wednesday, December 18

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Children's Christmas Program

Thursday, December 19

2:00 PM Sr. Adult Christmas Party
Roy & Lisa Nugent's House
Bring A snack or Dessert & \$10 Gift

Sunday, December 22

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25

No Wednesday Services

Sunday, December 29

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
No Evening Services

Wednesday, January 1

No Wednesday Services

Sunday, January 5

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Services

Wednesday, January 8

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group

Sunday, January 12

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Services

Wednesday, January 15

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group

Sunday, January 19

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Services

Wednesday, January 22

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group

Sunday, January 26

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Services

Wednesday, January 29

5:00 - 6:15 PM Wed Night Supper
6:30 - 8:00 PM Teamkid, Youth, Small Group



04-Dec-19	Taco Soup
11-Dec-19	Chicken Spaghetti
18-Dec-19	Pizza / Salad
25-Dec-19	No Supper
01-Jan-20	No Supper
08-Jan-20	Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Veg, Dessert
15-Jan-20	Ham, Sweet Potatoes
22-Jan-20	Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, dessert
29-Jan-20	Gumbo

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday nights 5:00-6:15 P.M.
Register on Realm Or Call Church office
318-466-5313

Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required!
Please make your meal reservations by 11a.m., on the Monday prior to that week's meal prior to the Wednesday supper. \$5 per person
We invite you and your family to join us for a delicious dinner followed by various Small groups, Teamkid, Youth Group, & Bible Studies.