THE **CAMPBELL ROAD** PLANS FOR **2024**

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OUR THEME FOR THE YEAR

"For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel" (Ezra 7:10)

One of the greatest blessings God gave us are His written words: the Bible. We come to know God through His words (1 Corinthians 2:10-16). Through His words we are given everything pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3), we are equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is called our bread that sustains us (Matthew 4:4), and our light that leads us (Psalm 119:105), and our sword that protects and penetrates us (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). Those who keep the word of God are promised a great reward (Psalm 19:11; 2 Timothy 3:15).

While we know all of this, the problem for many of us is devoting the time to reading God's words. There was a statistic shared by American Bible Society, in 2021, about 50 percent of Americans said they read the Bible on their own at least three or four times per year. But in 2022, it dropped 11 points. Now only 39 percent say they read the Bible multiple times per year or more. It's the steepest, sharpest decline on record.

Our theme this year comes from the hymn, "Speak, O Lord." It was written in 2009 by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The powerful words of this hymn help remind us of how invaluable the Word of God is in the lives of God's people. The words call for us to have eager and open hearts to receive the truth from God's words, allowing God to accomplish His transforming work in each of us.

The Shepherds would like to encourage each of us to make this year a year of listening to the Lord through daily time in His words. May we be inspired to regularly read, live, and share the words of life as we study and sing the message of this wonderful hymn. May our faith be strengthened, our will submitted, our lives more greatly transformed as we turn the words of God and humbly ask, "Speak, O Lord."

DEVELOPING THE THEME

Each 4th Sunday we'll deliver a lesson from our theme.

January: Speak, O Lord as We Come to You to Receive the Food of Your Holy Word

The Word of God is described as our daily bread (Matthew 4:4), that which is sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:10). The Word of God is designed to sustain the soul. Are we coming with hearts eager and prepared to receive this food?

February: Take Your Truth, Plant it Deep in Us, Shape and Fashion us in Your Likeness

Jesus described the Word of God in one parable like a seed being sown. When that seed was received by good soil, great fruits were produced. What does it take to receive God's words, to deeply root it in our hearts, and what will be the result?

March: That the Light of Christ Might be Seen Today in Our Acts of Love and our Deeds of Faith

The faithful men and women of old are described in Hebrews 11 as those who acted, "by faith." What kind of actions and deeds will flow from those who are faithful today, who have the Word rooted deep in their hearts?



April: Speak, O Lord and Fulfill in Us All Your Purposes For Your Glory

What is God's will for us today? What is our role in that plan? How has God used people in the past to accomplish His purposes? How can God use us not only to further His will, but to bring Him the glory He seeks?

May: Teach Us, Lord, Full Obedience, Holy Reverence, True Humility

To be transformed into the image of Christ requires instruction, learning more of who Christ is, more of God's will, and pursuing that pattern in our own life. How can we as disciples of Christ, learn and grow in obedience, reverence, and humility? And what do these three attributes have to do with one another?

June: Test Our Hearts and Our Attitudes in the Radiance of Your Purity

How does one know if they are walking in step with the Savior? Paul wrote that we are to test ourselves to see if whether we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). Through the Word of God we can see God as He is, and see ourselves as we are. When considering the two, how does my life measure to Christ's perfect pattern?



2024 THEME

July: Cause Our Faith to Rise, Cause Our Eyes to See Your Majestic Love and Authority

The greater we come to know the Word of God, the more clearly we'll come to see our God. Like looking at mountains, what seems small from a distance becomes grander and more majestic the closer one gets. What is revealed about God through His words that help us to see His majestic love and authority?

August: Words of Power that Can Never Fail—Let their Truth Prevail Over Unbelief

The words of God will never fail. God promised they will never return void. This powerful truth can be a strong evidence for those who are wrestling with doubts and unbelief.

September: Speak, O Lord, and Renew Our Minds, Help us Grasp the Heights of Your Plans for Us

What difference can the words of God make on the way we think? How can they help us to see God from a higher, greater perspective? How can they help us to see ourselves and our purpose on Earth from a greater perspective?



October: Truths Unchanged from the Dawn of Time that will Echo Down Through Eternity

There are two certainties given about the words of God—they are truth and they are unchanging. What help does the unchanging words of truth offer to those who live in a constantly changing world of uncertainty?

November: And By Grace We'll Stand On Your Promises, And by Faith We'll Walk As You Walk with Us

The foundation stone upon which God's people can securely stand are the promises of God. Each promise is a demonstration of God's incredible love and grace. That's seen in what God has done, as well as what He continues to do day by day as He walks with us—are we walking with Him?

December: Speak, O Lord Till Your Church is Built and the Earth is Filled with Your Glory

Until the day the Lord returns, and every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Him as Lord, our prayer ought to be for the Lord to continue to speak, to fill this world with the knowledge of Him, that all may come to glorify Him.



CALENDAR

- ⇒ **B.L.A.S.T. Weekend:** January 12-14 with Jarrett Ferguson
- ⇒ February Special: Walking Through Ephesians
- ⇒ Elder Workshop: March 7-9
- ⇒ Spring Gospel Meeting: April 7-10 with Don Truex
- ⇒ Summer Gospel Meeting: June 14-16 with Aaron Kemple
- ⇒ Preacher Camp: June 24-28
- ⇒ Teacher Camp: June 24-28
- ⇒ **VBS**: July 22-26
- ⇒ **Annual Singing:** August 9th



- ⇒ Men's Weekend: September 13-14 "The Book of James"
- ⇒ Fall Gospel Meeting: October 6-9 with Don Hooton
- ⇒ **LEGACY Weekend:** November 2-3 with Joseph Casimier and

David Smitherman



Message from Your Shepherds

Invaluable, precious, living, powerful, able to change lives and save souls. Such is the Word of God which communicates to us the will and purpose of our Creator. Join us in 2024 as we ask the Lord to use His Word to shape us into the individuals He desires us to be. Let each of us dedicate ourselves to gaining an even deeper understanding of God's Word through dedicated study. Then pray for wisdom to properly examine our lives against His standard and apply what we've learned in humble submission. Let us have the spirit of Samuel, who said, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening!" And let us pray for opportunities to show God's love to others and to share with them the gospel of His saving grace.

- Your Shepherds Martin, Terry, Rick, Matt, Breck, Rickie, Gerald, James



Groups

The Elders have chosen to create groups designed to provide a focus for specific activities of our congregation. This will be a forum within which everyone can exercise their faith and love for God through specific service. The group functions align with our purpose and work as Christians.

The hope is that from volunteering to engage in a particular function, renewed energy, greater fellowship, and devotion will result. Every Christian should volunteer for a group, regardless of age; there is something for everyone and all are needed.

We have seven groups. The following is a brief description of each.



Encouragement Group

Addressing the spiritual needs of **our members**. This group will study from Scripture and other sources on what is and how to encourage. They will write notes, send emails, make phone calls, and personal visits. Each week the group will look to the "Outreach" document that is prepared on Sunday for those individuals who have spiritual needs, volunteering to fulfill these needs.

Evangelism Group

Engaging external evangelism opportunities. This group will contact guests who have specifically asked for studies or "more information on..." This will connect to the Website and other avenues where those seeking God have asked for contact. This group will organize and utilize in-home neighborhood Bible studies. This group will send texts emails or make calls to every visitor on the day following their visit. Please do not forget the need for socialization. Bible study over a cup of coffee and a pastry makes the connection better. Invite visitors to lunch after services. Invite visitors with families to the grade bible studies such as the 4th & 5th grade, JH and HS devotionals. These activities are the focus of this group.

Service Group

Assisting in the physical needs of **our members**. Providing transportation to worship, assisting in needs at home, providing rides to doctors, organizing meal deliveries and/or collecting funds for meals, etc. are all part of this groups function. Benevolence activities will be directed from this group, coordinating with the Deacons to fulfill these needs.

GROUPS

Enfolding Group

Helping **new members** to become part of our congregation. This group will invite new members to activities outside of worship. They should also introduce themselves to each new member who has joined us in the past 12 months. Invite new members with families to the grade bible studies such as the 4th & 5th grade, JH and HS devotionals. Members of this group should introduce new members to others in the congregation with similar backgrounds. Enfolding may need to be done with some of our existing members who struggle with inclusion. Some new members will be new converts. These individuals will require studies to be conducted to further their education in the Gospel and increase faith. This group will provide these studies.

Song Worship Group

Improving our collective song worship. This group will gather in homes for fellowship and praising God. Study the meaning of the words and ideas of songs and learn the music. They will help in introducing new songs into our collective worship.

Deeper Study Group

In-depth study of subjects not usually available in weekly collective Bible Classes. Often more difficult or complex subjects cannot be studied at worship services. In this environment the study of these subjects will allow the expenditure of serious energy and focus, in addition to personal study. The specific subjects will be determined by the leaders, recommendations of the Elders, or the members of the group. The subject matter of study will be posted prior to sign-up.

Prayer Group

The study of prayer and praying for specific members or needs. This group will study prayer, its function and use in various circumstances. Praying for specific members or needs as they arise, being as specific as possible, will be a major part of the groups function. The leader(s) of this group will review the Outreach document for opportunities or needs in this area.

GROUPS ARE CHANGED EVERY JANUARY AND JULY. Sign-up for the groups occurs in December and June. Members can only be part of one group at a time. There is also a limit of 55 members in each group, assigned on a first come, first served basis when groups are changed. The hope is that each group will meet in-person monthly. Evangelism, Encouragement, Service, Enfolding, and Prayer groups will communicate weekly to address their unique function. Song Worship and Deeper Study groups will usually meet in-person monthly.

The frequency and method of meeting will be up to the discretion of the leader of each group. The purpose for meeting in-person is to develop deeper relationships within our congregation. The leaders will contact members though various methods. Virtual meeting through Zoom or Teams, emails, text messages, phone calls, and Telegram Messenger are all useful methods and have been well utilized, varying upon the groups function and the leaders' preferences.



BIBLE CLASSES

Children's Bible Classes for 2024

Sunday 10AM | Wednesday 7PM

(Age 6-24 months)

Introduction to God, Jesus, the Bible, and major characters of Bible history primarily through singing

(Age 2-High School)

Quarter	Age 2-3	Age 4-High School
	Shaping Hearts	
Dec-Feb	Life of Christ (1) -	
	"Stop, Look, & Listen"	Captivity and Return
Mar-May	Life of Christ (2) –	
	"The Cross & Empty Tomb"	Wisdom Literature
Jun-Aug	Genesis – "All Things Made New"	The Life of Christ
Sep-Nov	Exodus – "God's Mighty Hand"	Acts

(11-12th Grade)

8 topical lessons on the things they need to know about God and His words.



- DEC-FEB-The Church
- MAR-MAY—Home and Family
 - JUN-AUG-Evidences
- SEP-NOV—The Big Picture of the Bible

Adult Bible Classes for 2024 Sunday 10AM | Wednesday 7PM

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY

- Daniel
- * Romans
- * The Holy Spirit

MARCH-MAY

- * Wisdom Literature
- New Testament Postcards
- Marriage

JUNE-AUGUST

- Judges
- 1&2 Timothy and Titus
- * Behold Our God, His Son, and His Word

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

- * Ezra/Nehemiah
- * Acts
- Life of Jesus



Which classes will you be taking this year?

LORD'S SUPPER REFLECTIONS

Lord's Supper Reflections

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus instituted a memorial of His death. Following the pattern of the earliest Christians, we share in this observance every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). To help prepare our minds in humble, loving appreciation for what our Lord accomplished on the cross, here are fifty-two reflections on Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection; one for each Lord's day of 2024. This year we'll trace the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus through the Bible:

January:

- 7 The Words Written About Me (Luke 24:44-48)
- 14 The Promised Seed (Genesis 3:15)
- 21 The Ark and Door (Genesis 7:15-16; 1 Peter 3:19-22)
- 28 The One through Whom the World is Blessed (Genesis 12:3)

February:

- 4 The Lamb God Provided (Genesis 22:8, 13-14)
- 11 The Stairway to Heaven (Genesis 28:10-12)
- 18 The Faithful Deliverer (Exodus 3:10; Hebrews 3:1-6)
- 25 The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:1-13)

March:

- 3 The Rock Moses Struck (Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:4)
- 10 The One Who was Lifted Up (Numbers 21:9)
- 17 The Blood Sacrifice (Leviticus 17:11)
- 24 The Scapegoat (Leviticus 16:6-11)
- 31 Worshipped by Angels (Deuteronomy 32:43)

April:

- 7 Our Mercy Seat (Leviticus 16:14-19)
- 14 Our Great High Priest (Leviticus 16:2-5; Hebrews 7:25-28)
- 21 Our Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 2:20; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- 28 Why Have You Forsaken Me (Psalm 22:1)

May:

- 5 Betrayed by His Friends (Psalm 55:12-15)
- 12 No Broken Bones (Psalm 34:19-20)
- 19 Raised from the Dead (Psalm 16:9-11)
- 26 Prophet, Priest, and King (Psalm 110:1-7)

June:

- 2 The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:5-6)
- 9 The Greater Jonah (Jonah 1:15; Matthew 12:40)
- 16 The Shepherd King who Brings Peace (Micah 5:2-6)
- 23 Salvation Riding on a Donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
- 30 Sun of Righteousness Rising (Malachi 4:2)

"This is my body, which is for you."



LORD'S SUPPER REFLECTIONS

July:

- 7 He will Save His People from their Sins (Matthew 1:21)
- 14 The Son of Man Must Suffer (Mark 8:31)
- 21 He Breathed His Last (Luke 23:46)
- 28 We Have Seen the Lord (John 20:25)

August:

- 4 The Crucified Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36)
- 11 The Prince of life God Raised from the Dead (Acts 3:15)
- 18 The Son of God Declared through the Resurrection (Romans 1:4)
- 25 The Love of God Demonstrated through the Cross (Romans 5:6-8)

September:

- 1 Christ, the Power and Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)
- 8 Do This in Remembrance of Me (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- 15 From Death to Life (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)
- 22 He Became Sin's Sacrifice (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- 29 He Became Poor so We Would Become Rich (2 Corinthians 8:9)

"This is my blood of the covenant."



October:

- 6 Redeemed Us from the Curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13-14)
- 13 Brought Near by the Blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13)
- 20 He Emptied Himself (Philippians 2:5-11)
- 27 Reconciled through the Blood of the Cross (Colossians 1:20)

November:

- 3 A Different Destiny (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)
- 10 Rescued from the Wrath to Come (1 Thessalonians 1:10)
- 17 Came into the World to Save Sinners (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
- 24 The Better Sacrifice by the Better High Priest (Hebrews 9:24-28)

December:

- 1 Confident Entrance through the Blood (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- 8 The Suffering Savior's Example (1 Peter 2:21-25)
- 15 The Propitiation for the Whole World (1 John 2:1-2)
- 22 The Living One (Revelation 1:18)
- 29 The Groom (Revelation 21:9-14; Ephesians 5:25-27)

"Do this in remembrance of Me."





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