

Dear Bible Center Church,

We are so thankful that you could be here to worship with us this morning! If you're brand new, even better; we're glad you decided to come



and check us out! If you're looking for a place with biblicallycentered teaching, a warm and caring congregation, and a family-

focused environment, then look no further–Bible Center is the place for you.

My name is Chad Cowan, and since May of 2013, I've been the care pastor here at the Bible Center Church.

This month, we're in the middle of a preaching series called "Vital Signs," and we're looking to the Scriptures to show us what is vitally important to the Church. Today, we'll be taking a look at God's design of diversity in the Church.

We've all been given a gift to use for God's glory. Today you'll see that you are an essential, irreplaceable, and important part of God's plan for the times in which we live, and we desperately need you to be using the gifts that you've been given.

Again, we're glad you're here and thank you so much for coming to worship with us today.

God bless you and your family,

Pastor Chad Cowan
PASTOR OF CARE MINISTRIES

Announcements

Got Questions?

If you're new, have questions, or need help with registration, giving, or BC Central, hosts and hostesses are available. Look for them in the black and white shirts standing under the ? sign at the Info Desk. They'll be happy to assist you!

Sign Up For Email Updates

To receive weekly email updates about what's happening at Bible Center Church, please go to *BibleCenterChurch.com* and sign up at the bottom of the page.

School Committee Meeting Today

3:30 PM • Southridge Campus Room 3103

New ABF For Singles

Bible Center is planning to re-start the Potter's Clay Adult Bible Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM. This class is for adult singles 40 years old or younger. If you are interested in participating, please check the box on the Communication Tab, or see Pastor Bill Tanzey for additional information.

Ladies Low-Impact Exercise Class

Begins Monday, January 11 • 6:00-7:00 PM • Every Monday & Thursday • FREE! • Oakhurst Campus Preschool Lunch Room • Want to stay healthy for the New Year and burn more calories? This exercise class is a great option for challenging the whole body without all the stress! Whether you're just getting started, dealing with an injury, or simply want to stay fit, this class is great for women of any age and at any skill level. No registration needed and please bring your own mat. For more information, please call Annabelle Monk at (304) 744-1295.

New ManUP! Book Study

January 14 • ManUP! Ministries will start a new book titled, *If: Trading Your 'If Only' Regrets for God's 'What If' Possibilities* by Mark Batterson (\$15). For more information about days and venues, fill out a Communication Tab and drop it in the offering basket, go to *BibleCenterChurch.com/men*, or see Pastor Bill Tanzey.

Winterplace Tubing (3rd-5th Grade)

Friday, January 15, 2016 • For information and registration, go to *BibleCenterChurch.* com/register. Registration forms, available on the church website, must be received by Wednesday, January 13.

New Member Candidates

The Board of Elders is pleased to present Ray & Claudia Garrison and Donna Sue Peros to the church family for membership. Active members are invited to provide feedback to the Elders by the end of January 17. The Elders will then vote during their next meeting.

Informational Meeting for GO Team: Romania

January 17 • 10:15 AM • Southridge Campus worship center (in front of the piano) • Would you like to be used by God to affect change in the lives of young people through sports? Join our GO Team to Romania this summer (July 31-August 6)! Missionary Eric Murphy uses sports (basketball, soccer, tennis, baseball, and volleyball) and English lessons to bring young people together for youth camps. If you are interested or would like more information about this trip, come to our meeting! You may also fill out the Communication Tab and place it in the offering baskets, or email Tiffany Korth at tkorth@BibleCenterChurch.com.

Combined Meeting for Deacons and Finance Committee

Sunday, January 24 • 3:00 PM • Southridge Campus, South AWANA Room

OWLS Fun Night & Ice Cream Social

Friday, January 29 • 6:00 PM • Oakhurst Campus RIM • \$3/person • We will have ice cream floats and popcorn while we enjoy a few games of bingo and fellowship! Sign up on the OWLS page on BC Central or contact Leslie Lanham at *llanham@BibleCenterChurch.com*.

Special Missions Project

For our January/February Special Missions Project, we will be giving towards the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS). Please write *JETS* on the memo line of your check.

CCRA Basketball

Watch the *ccrawv.org* website for schedules (2015-16) and updates about the church league. K-2nd Grade team schedules will placed on the website.

Notes of Sympathy

• To Jon Burdette, whose father, Foster, passed away.

Comments / Prayer Requests:

Share with us ways you see God at work around you:

If you are a guest of

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regular attender, please list their name(s):

Change in contact information

Best Phone:

Address:

State:

Zip:

First Time Guest Second Time Guest

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 24, 2016 WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Equip classes are designed with 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in mind to teach the application of Bible knowledge for use in everyday life. Lessons can be applied immediately to better equip people to serve in Christ's name in the world in which we live today.

Classes begin with a special, half-hour prayer time led by each of the teachers in their classrooms.

Untangling the Church: History & Science (Part 1) Pastor Chad Cowan Room 3105-06

Part 1 of this class will take you through 2,000 years of church history. From the early church, to medieval times, to the Reformation, and to the present day...you will learn how God has shaped His people and guided them as they developed a deeper understanding of His truth.





A Baker's Dozen: 13 Great Stories From God's Word Pastor Bill Tanzev Room 3101-02

Join Pastor Tanzey in re-examining a loop of 13 great Bible accounts that are all threaded together into the life-changing saga of the Bible. We'll dig deeply into, and drink deeply from, these powerful, intertwined stories which make up the Greatest Story ever told. This class' last session is April 20.

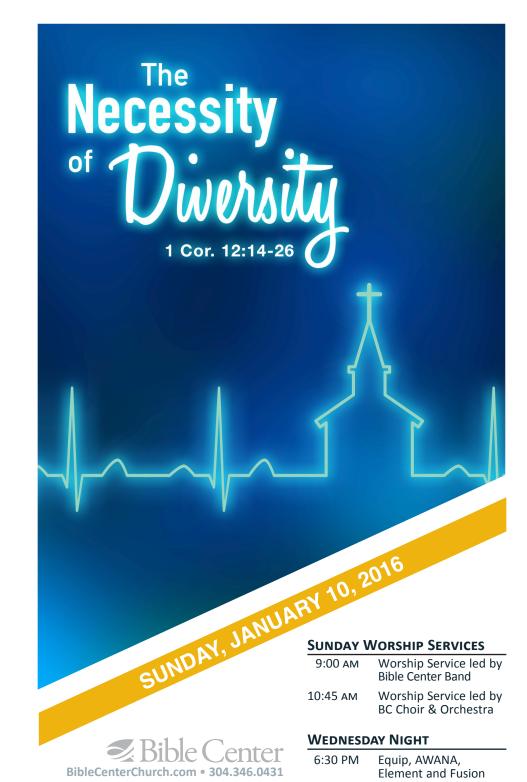
FACTS OF LIFE: Case Studies in Christian Living Pastor Lee Walker Room 3103

The Bible was written a long time ago, in countries far away, in a language unfamiliar to most today. So how in the world could it apply to you right now? Well, that's the point: It does. During the course of this class, we'll consider challenging, lifelike situations and ask ourselves, "How does Scripture apply to that?" Join us as we look at the Bible in the context of life today.



All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17



The Necessity of Diversity 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Second in a series titled: Vital Signs

Pastor Chad Cowan • January 10, 2016

- 1. Christ leveled the playing field. (vv. 12-14)
- 2. The church must <u>esteem</u> all members. (vv. 15-20)
- 3. Some members deserve special <u>honor</u>. (vv. 21-26)
- 4. Embrace God's diversity by...
 - a. Contributing to the body.
 - b. Resisting comparison.
 - c. Celebrating others.



January 11 - January 15, 2016

Pastor Caleb Korth, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship Ministries*





Joy In the Midst of Trials James 1:1-8

Is it really possible to have joy in the midst of trials? James was writing a letter to the early church to encourage and instruct them. One of the areas that he touches on is the area of trials. The believers in the early church had encountered many hardships and difficulties. Some were thrown in prison, others beaten, and then there were those who were killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. They also had to deal with many of the trials we encounter today, like financial needs, health problems, and the loss of a loved one. How could they really face these adversities with joy? How can we face our current problems with joy? The only way we can possibly face the trials and difficulties that come our way is with Jesus. With Jesus, we can face trials with an everlasting and undying hope; and, with Jesus, we can have joy in the midst of the storms of life. So is it possible to have joy in the midst of trials? Yes it's possible...with Jesus.

For Today: Trust Christ to get you through your next trial.

Tuesday

What Lasts?

James 1:9-12

Technology is a fascinating thing. There are always new developments being made to improve the quality of life. At one time, believe it or not, the 8-track was cutting edge, state-of-the-art technology! Technology is always changing, and it seems that nothing lasts more than a couple months before it is outdated and replaced. God places importance on how we live, not on how much we have. One of the things that God values is perseverance. God will reward those who "persevere under trial" with a crown of life. What is valuable to God should also be valuable to us. Perseverance is not the easiest thing to practice, especially when we are facing trials. The great thing is God doesn't leave us out on a limb by ourselves. He is there for us, encouraging us through His Word to persevere through trials and live our lives for what will last.

For Today: Thank God for always being by your side.

WEDNESDAY

Resisting Temptation
James 1:13-18, 4:7

This passage gives us the progression of sin. It goes from the very beginning stages of temptation all the way to the end result that sin has on mankind: death. There are countless examples of those in the Bible that were tempted; some gave in: Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, and David with Bathsheba gave in to lust. Others resisted temptation: Joseph fled from Potiphar's wife, and—the greatest of all—Jesus resisted Satan. Giving into temptation adversely affects not only our life, but the lives of those around us. Think about it: Adam and Eve's sin affected all mankind. Here is another thing to think about: Jesus was tempted in all areas like we are and did not sin, making Him the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let's focus on the example of Christ by resisting the temptations that come our way.

For Today: Ask the Lord to help you resist temptation.

THURSDAY

Quickly Listen *James 1:19-21*

Rush, rush! Deadlines! Due dates! Demands! It seems that the world in which we live in is always so fast paced. In today's Bible reading, we find there is something that we should always be quick to do: We should be quick to listen. Listening takes the focus off of self and puts it on other people. The first person we should be listening to is the Lord. Two things that we should be slow with are speaking and getting angry. God desires for us to live righteous lives. He wants us to live lives that honor Him in everything we think, say, and do. Our assignment today is to find a quiet place away from the hustle and bustle of the everyday life, and get alone with God. Let's take our Bibles and go somewhere where we can read and listen to what God is saying to us through His Word.

FOR TODAY: Take time to listen to God and others today.

FRIDAY

Listening and Doing *James 1:22-27*

Yesterday, we focused on listening. Today, the focus is on doing. "People vote with their feet" is a phrase that many of us have heard, and it's true. Our words can only travel as far as our actions take them. How much would we trust God if He never backed up His Word? One of the many reasons that we can trust God completely is because He backs up what He says with action. When God says that He loves us, it carries with it a great weight of sincerity because His action to back that up was the sending of His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Just as parents desire obedience from their children, God desires obedience from those who are a part of His family. We serve a wonderful, faithful, and loving Father; and one of the ways to show our love to Him is by living out His Word in our everyday lives.

For Today: Let others see Christ in your actions.