

Keeping CHRIST first in our lives.

March 16, 2014



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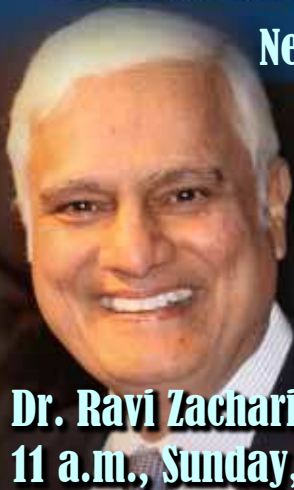


PRAY

# ABT

THE FAMILY CHURCH  
Sunday Morning News

Next Sunday!



**Dr. Ravi Zacharias**

**11 a.m., Sunday, March 23**

Dr. Ravi Zacharias is one of today's leading voices in Christian Apologetics and will be speaking at ABT next Sunday. Dr. Zacharias has authored or edited over twenty books, including **Walking From East to West**: (Zondervan, 2006), **The Grand Weaver** (Zondervan, 2007), and **Beyond Opinion** (Thomas Nelson, 2008), which includes contributions from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries' global team. More recent titles include **The End of Reason: A Response to the New Atheists** (Zondervan, 2008) and **Has Christianity Failed You?** (Zondervan, 2010).

## OFFERING ADMONITION

**I**n hard times, we will not lose faith. As we are faithful, God will see us through and reward us with great blessings.

**HE >>> I**  
"HE MUST INCREASE; I MUST DECREASE."  
JOHN 3:30  
2014 MARCH TO MAY CAMPAIGN

## READ



READ

The word "read" (past tense) is translated only once in the NKJV of John and that is in John 19:20 where the Jews were upset when they **read** the title "King of the Jews" placed on the cross by Pilate. Paul tells us that he will not boast except in that cross. We **read** so we can know Jesus Christ.

**ABT Glacier Cruise**  
**June 13, 2014**

**\$70 pp**



Bring visitors and win tickets or purchase prorated tickets.



**MOVIE NIGHT!**  
**7 P.M.**  
**MARCH 28!**

**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**

**VEGGIES-SPACE**  
THE FENNEL FRONTIER

**FREE POPCORN!**  
**FREE CORN DOGS!**  
**FREE ADMISSION!**



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## Read

**C**hapter 5 of John begins with a paralytic man who had for thirty-eight years sought a miracle by the Pool of Bethesda. When Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be made well?", he could only envision access to the waters.

Jesus did not have to move the man an inch; He healed him just where he was.

This miracle, however, drew the attention of the Jews and they immediately targeted Jesus for healing on the Sabbath.

Like the man who was hopelessly trapped in his physical infirmities, the Pharisees were hopelessly trapped in their spiritual blindness, a condition that was not so easily healed.



So Jesus began a dialog regarding who He was. First, He presented Himself equal with God in power and authority (v.19-30). He then provides His witnesses: John the Baptist (v.31-35), His works (v.36), and the Father, Himself (v.37-38). Finally, He presented the Scriptures. "You search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they that testify of Me" (v.39). Regardless, His audience was totally deficient of any contact with the Spirit of God and refused to accept Jesus.

The Bible is recommended reading the way breathing is a recommended activity. Breathing, however, requires access to oxygen to produce its ability to sustain life; the Bible requires access to the Spirit to bring life from the Scriptures. This is the primary reason Jesus, in Matthew, had to ask eight times of the learned spiritual leaders of Israel, "Have you not read..?" Without the Spirit of God leading us, we are always learning but are never able to come to the truth.

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*college in the country, the nation's*  
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*university in the world.*

TRUSTEES, PASTOR JERRY PREVO



It is a simple request to encourage everyone to "read the Bible," but this is similar to encouraging someone with an unassembled desk to simply read the instructions. You are not finished. The Bible is to be studied, meditated upon, and hidden in the heart. It is a sword to be mastered, a light to be shined, and the means to be strengthened. Every Christian is a former spiritual paralytic who was healed by Jesus and told to "rise, pick up your mat, and walk." Yet, without the Spirit, we continue to lie spiritually immovable because our belief in Jesus flounders on orthodoxy and not obedience.

We read the Bible for one reason, to know Jesus Christ. He is its length, width, and depth. He is the Word made flesh.

**Wednesday Fellowship  
Dinner**

**WHAT'S COOKIN'**

**Tuna Casserole**  
Carrots  
Spinach Salad  
Apple Sauce Cake

In the ABT Cafeteria

Adults - \$5  
Children - \$3

**Mar. 19**  
6 p.m.

**Pastor's Class**  
**Auditorium**  
**Sundays - 10 a.m.**



## CONGRATULATIONS

to those adults who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week!

## ANNIVERSARIES

03/19 John & Susan Shelton      03/22 Chuck & Becky Krichbaum  
03/20 William & Doris Hardesty

## BIRTHDAYS

03/16 Jeremy Reynolds	03/20 Nelson Escudero
Sheldonia Simmers	Richard Lee
Carolyn Williams	Ray Maines
03/17 Duane Marvin	03/21 Elizabeth Barnes
Jamie Whitesell	Marilyn Cowles
03/18 Heather Butcher	Sherree Evans
Peter Frost	Darryl Nelson
Carol Merrill	Cindy Scott
John Whitley	Gordon Spidle
03/19 Alicia Baker	Steve Williamson
Lisa Blackford	03/22 Trevor Ireland
Nick Hilton	Nate Kile
Michael Williams	Jason Kircannon

## RECOVERY ALASKA

- FOR WOMEN:**
- Drug and Alcoholism
  - Eating Disorders
  - Sexual Addiction
- FOR MEN:**
- Drug and Alcoholism
  - Sexual Addiction

- FOR MEN AND WOMEN:**
- DivorceCare
  - Depression
  - GriefShare
  - Anger Resolution

THURSDAYS, RM. 207 (7 - 9 P.M.) CONTACT  
PASTOR TONY SMITH AT 333-6535 OR  
TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.  
[www.recoveryabt.org](http://www.recoveryabt.org)

## GOD gives the increase.

Saved This Week.....42  
Saved This Year .....165  
Total Baptized 2014 .....75  
Total Joined 2014 .....37

### Baptized

Shane Bohlman, Shawn Chapman  
Emily Railing, Jared Randall  
Jonathan Steigleman

### Joined by Statement

Diane Hunter, Blayton Reid



For a missionary adventure, join us after church Sunday evening, Mar. 16, in room 202, as we prepare shoe boxes, if you are looking for a ministry with eternal rewards, come visit and connect with

Operation Christmas Child.

For information, contact Jim Turnbull at [jturnbull@ancbt.org](mailto:jturnbull@ancbt.org), or phone 333-6535.

Every Monday, Seniors  
Wednesday, and on the Move  
Friday - Big Gym

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



## FOUR SERVICES

ALL WITH DIFFERENT MUSIC AND MESSAGES

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 10:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE .... 11:00 A.M.  
EVENING SERVICE ..... 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

SERVICE ..... 7:30 P.M.



## Top FIVE Bus Routes out of 15

March 9, 2014

Route	Team Captain	Riders
21B	DeSoto	37
5	Griffith	34
21A	Brandon	34
17	Lin	33
16	Ramos	32



Congratulations Team for doing an outstanding job!

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# ABTAPP

Use the ABT App to follow along in the "He Must Increase" campaign. Here you will find the scheduled reading and memory verses.



## SHARE THE GOOD



Do you wish you could share Pastor Prevo's sermons with a friend? That's what the ABT app is all about! From the app, send a link to Facebook, Twitter or email and share the word of God as if they were sitting right next to you at church! Also share activities and events from the ABT app.

## ABTAPP

**GET THE APP TODAY!!**

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GO TO ITUNES (APPLE) OR GOOGLE PLAY (ANDROID) AND LOOK FOR "ANCHORAGE BAPTIST TEMPLE."

SCAN THE APPROPRIATE QR AND YOU WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE SITE TO DOWNLOAD.

*Ladies, Turn Fellowship Into Exercise!*

## FAITHFUL WORKOUTS

Faithful Workouts at ABT is returning on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. We will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10-11a.m. in room 203 for a brief challenge and workout. Child care is provided for \$3 per family. Please contact Rhoda Carter for more information at Rhoda.carter10@yahoo.com.



**Want to lose weight, feel better, and get fit?**



**JOIN US for a women only fitness class!!**

Meets Tues/Thu, 1-2 p.m. (in the ABT mini-gym) every week.

**ALL fitness levels welcome!** Go at your own pace! Bring towel/mat, hand weights (ok if you don't have them), and water bottle.

Child care is available for \$3/family- **BUT YOU MUST** notify us ahead of time so we can ensure there's room. To register or for questions:

Barbara Eaton: DrB@DrBarbaraEaton.com  
Camie Stephen: Camie@Tenantwatch.net  
Debbie Clary: Debbie.Clary@gmail.com

## ABT - ANY TIME! - ANY PLACE!

WATCH ABT LIVE! LISTEN TO MESSAGES. GIVE ONLINE. KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH DATES AND EVENTS.



**ABT IS ALWAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**ABT LIVE**



## Nursery Needs

For our regular weekly services

### ADULTS NEEDED!

**Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday 11 a.m. Wednesday**  
Infants-1 <sup>cow\*</sup> Middlers - 1 Toddler I - 1  
Middlers - 2 Toddler II - 2 <sup>cow\*</sup> Toddler II - 1  
Toddler I - 2 \* every other week

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR TONY SMITH AT 333-6535 OR TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.

## Help Needed Next Week!

We are expecting a much larger than normal attendance due to our guest speaker, Dr. Ravi Zacharias . **PARKING: We need at least TWELVE people to help in the parking lot on Sunday, March 23.** Contact Pastor Don Barnhart at 333-6535 or email dbarnhart@ancbt.



**NURSERY WORKERS: We need TWELVE extra workers.** Please contact Tony Smith at 333-6535 or tsmith@ancbt.org.

**Your faithfulness is vital for the success of this event!**

**Men's Basketball Night Fellowship and Basketball - All adult males are invited.**

Mon. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**ACS Big Gym**

# Get Acquainted! Get Connected! Get Involved!

ABT's Sunday Adult Bible Fellowships, 10 a.m.

## ***14 Classes from which to choose!***

Pastor's Auditorium Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Auditorium
Ambassadors' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 111
Couples' Class	Multi-generational couples 30's and up	VIP Room
Faithbuilders' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 212
FIRST Class	New Christians/New Members	Rm. 119
Kingdom Seekers' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 110
Korean Class	Korean Speaking	Rm. 113
Ladies For Christ Class	Women's Class	Rm. 118
Marriage Builders' Class	Married/engaged couples (all ages)	Cafeteria
Pathfinders' Class	Adult couples/singles	Rm. 208
Real Life	Single Adults 30 and up	Rm. 202
Senior Saints' Class	60's and up	Rm. 117
Spanish Class	Spanish Speaking	Rm. 209
Velocity 180*	Young Adults 18-35 Couples/Singles	Rm. 207

\*(Starts at 9:30 a.m.)

## ***Remaining Faithful In Hard Times***

### ***Theme***

Giving up during hard times only adds to our problems. It is faithfulness that turns the tide and brings restoration.

### ***Scripture Reading***

Job 1:1-3 "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east."

42:6 "Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

42:10 "And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before."

42:12-13 "So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters."

### ***Relating to the Scripture***

Job was blessed of the Lord. At the height of his blessings, Satan attacked him in every way that he could. Job lost his children, his livestock, his crops and his wealth. During this time, Job was often tempted to lose faith in God. Though he complained bitterly from time to time, he kept his faith. That faith led him to repentance and prayer for his friends.

Because of Job's faithfulness through hard times, God restored Job in every way. He gave him ten children. His livestock was doubled. His friends and family brought him gold and money. "... every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold" Job 42:11. Even the years of his life were doubled. Job lived 140 years after his calamity; making his total life span 210 years. (Jamieson, Faussett, and Brown Commentary, Job 42:16 notes)

Faithfulness to God is always rewarded. Like Job, we can rest assured that as we faithfully support the Lord's church each and every week, God's blessings will be poured out in our lives. And if hard times are upon us, it is no time to lose faith, but it is time to be more faithful than ever. Let us show our faithfulness today as we give to the Lord's work.

### ***Offering Admonition /Confession***

In hard times, we will not lose faith. As we are faithful, God will see us through and reward us with great blessings.



# Ambassadors' Class RM 111

Every Sunday  
10 a.m.

Pastor Tony Smith

Connecting Biblical Truth with  
Practical Application



# JESUS' BAPTISM AND YOUR BAPTISM

Mar. 16, 2014



*Matt 3:13-17 "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (NKJ)*

## I. WHAT WAS BAPTISM ALL ABOUT?

- John baptized people as a sign of their \_\_\_\_\_ for their sins, but Jesus had no sin, so why was Jesus baptized?
- It's because Jesus' baptism was His way of \_\_\_\_\_ with you and me, - sinful humanity.
- Just as Jesus did not die for His \_\_\_\_\_, He was not baptized for His own sin either.
- He didn't come to \_\_\_\_\_ baptism, but He came to fulfill it and to give it a \_\_\_\_\_ full meaning-which now means death to sin and the old way of life and resurrection into a brand-new way of living.
- God says, "You are my \_\_\_\_\_. You are my \_\_\_\_\_. I love you and I'm proud of you."
- Baptism symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_ that we're not only cleansed from our sins, but we are now what the Bible calls \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

## II. LET'S LOOK AT \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS, FROM THE BIBLE, WHY YOU \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE BAPTIZED.

- First, you need to be baptized because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- The second reason you need to be baptized is because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

- So baptism isn't simply an "\_\_\_\_\_."
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ for every follower of Jesus Christ.
- If you want to be a \_\_\_\_\_, if you want to be in His family, you need to be baptized.

*The Bible says, I Jn 2:3 "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."*

- Third, Baptism is your public \_\_\_\_\_ that you publicly \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ.
- Baptism doesn't make you a \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's the outward \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_ commitment.
- Baptism is an \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus. It's saying, "I'm not ashamed of Jesus Christ." Luke 9:26
- People were baptized as soon as they \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized." (NKJ)*

*Acts 18:8 "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." (NKJ)*

*Acts 2:41 "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (NKJ)*

- The fourth reason to be baptized is that Baptism is not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation, it's also a symbol of our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your baptism says you're not just a \_\_\_\_\_, you are also a \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_?

- There's only one qualification in the Bible: you must \_\_\_\_\_.
- You must \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ is who He said He is, the Son of God, that He died for \_\_\_\_\_, that He rose again from the grave on Easter.

**If you have just been saved, the first thing you need to do is \_\_\_\_\_ and then be baptized.**