



The Torch

January 2020

What's Next?

I have stopped counting...at some point, it doesn't matter anymore – 2019 is going down in my record book as the year of change...everything has changed, on every level, in every relationship, in every context. I wake up, put my feet on the floor and say, "OK, God...what's next?"

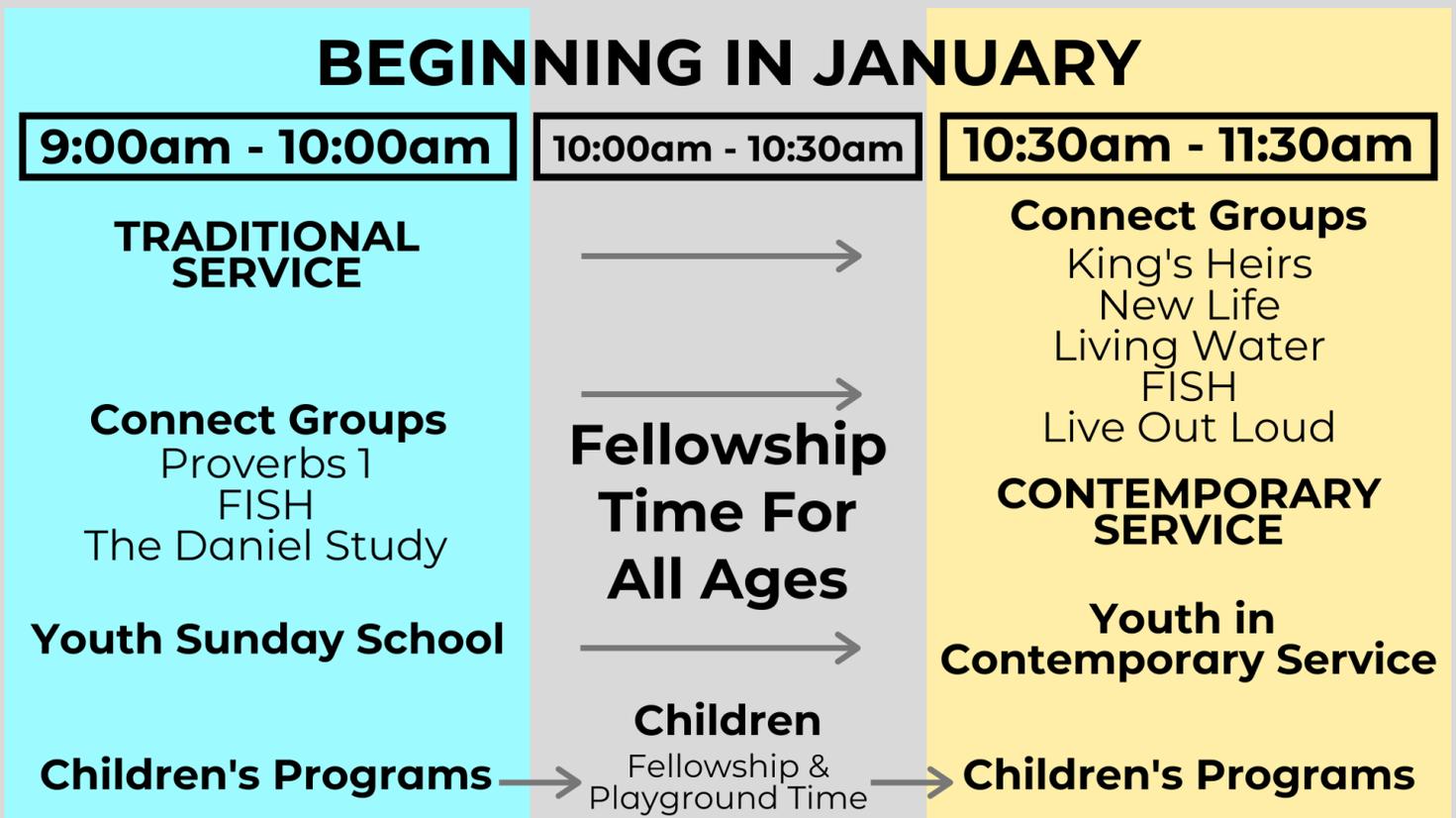
Whenever God is on the move, there always seems to be significant change – Noah and the ark; Abram moving from Haran; the separation of Ishmael & Isaac; the separation of Jacob and Esau; the selling of Joseph into slavery; Moses and the Exodus; conquering the Promised Land...the birth of John the Baptist; the birth of Jesus, the Messiah; the selection of the 12 disciples; the death and resurrection of Jesus; the coming of the Holy Spirit; the conversion of Saul/Paul... Next...Next...Next...In one sense, the Bible is the account of God's movement throughout history. The eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, Creator of the universe, continues His movement through time. God is always on the move, and significant change is always one of His markers! The good news is, if you have become His adopted child through the simple act of placing your faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sin, you have the incredible opportunity to walk through this life with a God and Savior

who deeply loves you and has promised to never leave you. You have a place and a purpose in this world. God has woven your life story into His unfathomable plan to redeem humanity and all of creation! 2020 begins...but it is not some random collection of hours, days, and months. 2020 is the beginning of the unfolding of what God has in store for you, and the next generation of people who will discover what it means to have faith and hope in Jesus Christ. Who is God drawing through your life this next year? Who has God connected you to and given you an open door of opportunity?

Yes, change can be a little unnerving and uncomfortable, but it is God's way of bringing people to Himself and of creating for Himself a people who will change their families, their friends, their communities, and their world! In 1 Corinthians 2:9 Paul says, ***"However, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' – the things God has prepared for those who love Him."*** God continues to do things beyond what we can even imagine...He will do them in 2020, and He will do them in your life as well!

Next!
Pastor Bruce

Beginning January 5th we are moving to a two service format. You can see the schedule below and more details of classes and where they will be meeting on the next page. We are excited to see how God uses our new schedule to bring Him glory and grow our church.



9:00am - 10:00am

Traditional Service in the Worship Center

OR

Connect Groups:

Proverbs 1 - Led by Pastor Hoss Hughes - West #9

FISH (Friends In Service for Him) - Led by Bob Koenig - West #5

The Daniel Study - Led by Richard Powell - C 5 & 6

High School - Led by Danny Klingenberg - College Room

Middle School - Taught by Adriana Newton - Family Activity Center

Infants through 5th Grade - Children's Church - Begin in A4

10:00am - 10:30am

Fellowship Time For All Ages

10:30am - 11:30am

Contemporary Service in the Worship Center

OR

Connect Groups:

King's Heirs - Led by Dick Fancon & Marv Musgrave - D Building

FISH (Friends In Service for Him) - Led by Greg Latta - West #5

New Life - Led by Frank Schuster - C 3, 4, 5 & 6

Living Water - Led by Jerry High - C 1 & 8

Live Out Loud - Led by Stephen Crabbe - West #8

Infants through 5th Grade - Sunday School - Begin in A4

Let's Be Clear About the Future...

Next year, 2020, marks sixty years since Mr. Ed Brunell gave his twenty acres to First Baptist Church for the establishment of a church on the east side of Tucson. That was December 23, 1960. On New Year's Eve, 1971, a group from First Baptist Church gathered on the property for a season of prayer to ask God's help in starting the new church. Ten months later, in October 1972, a group from the eastside met with the senior pastor of First Baptist church and "drew the line," as they said, to get the church going. The first service of First Baptist Church East, as El Camino was known then, was held at Magee Junior High School September 19, 1973, forty-six years ago.

El Camino started because a group of dedicated people pushed, and pushed hard, to get First Baptist Church to begin this ministry. Every Saturday in October 1973, a group of about sixty met at Far Horizon's Clubhouse to pray for God's blessing on this new church. Then, they canvassed the neighborhood inviting people to join them at Magee Junior High for Sunday church.

Volunteers from First Baptist Church would arrive early at Magee to set up the room and bring the necessary equipment for the service. The church began with approximately 200 people, most of whom were from First Baptist downtown.

In February 1976, First Baptist Church held a contest to pick a name for the new church. Because of the strong Spanish language influence in the Southwest, *El Camino* (The Way) was chosen. In the Spanish Bible, the name is used more than 800 times, and throughout the Old Testament it often refers to the "Savior's coming." It is literally, "The Way for the 'lost' of the world to receive salvation and everlasting life."

What can we learn from El Camino's past? First, through Mr. Brunell's personal adversity, many people over the next 60 years would be blessed. God works in mysterious ways to achieve his purposes. Second, the people who started this church wanted this church very badly. They lobbied hard to start it, physically worked hard to make it happen, and would not take "no" for an answer. Third, they prayed hard and consistently to follow God's will. Fourth, they prayed before going out into the community two-by-two to invite people in. By their knocking on doors with a personal invitation to come be a part, they became "The Way" to show others God's way to salvation. To the community, their actions said, "What we are doing matters to us, because your spiritual future matters to us."

In January 2020, we will move a little closer to becoming *The Way* as we begin our two Sunday morning services—the Traditional and the Contemporary. Our goal is to meet the needs of our community better and more completely. In addition, there will be two Saturday night services, the Country Gospel service and the Arabic church service, both of which reach additional groups of people around us.

No matter the service or the ministry, we must look to our past and follow what the founders of El Camino did years ago. We must pray for God's blessing and leadership; we must roll up our shirtsleeves and go to work; we must pray, then go into our community making personal contacts heart-to-heart, just as the church founders did, extending personal invitations to come sit at the feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And lastly, we must want El Camino to succeed for Christ as badly as those who pestered First Baptist Church for 13 years to give birth to El Camino.

Volunteers Needed!

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

CONTACT: HHUGHES@ELCAMINOCHURCH.ORG

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BAND

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CHOIR



Sound
Image
Producer
Camera

**MEDIA
MINISTRIES**

Contact: hhughes@elcaminochurch.org



Family Ministry

Needs YOUR help!
Opportunities to serve with babies through 5th graders.

Contact: kduran@elcaminochurch.org



**WEEDS & SEEDS MINISTRY
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Are you available on:
Monday -OR- Wednesday -OR- Friday
7:30am
Snacks & Coffee Provided!

Contact:
rchristensen@elcaminochurch.org



Family Ministries

Preschool

The preschoolers participated in the Young People's Choir performance, Sunday, December 8th by singing a few songs. They were adorable and did a fantastic job!! A big **THANK YOU** to Robin Abbott and Linda Moreno for teaching the songs to the kids!



Awana

	
Sundays 4:00pm - 6:00pm	Clubs for 2 year olds (by August 31st) through 8th Grade

December is always a crazy month, but we did have a lot of fun with the Awana kids! We had Bring a Friend night and Happy Birthday Jesus night. During Bring a Friend night, the kids brought 2 friends! Happy Birthday Jesus night was great because we had cupcakes baked by the wonderful Linda Moreno!! They were delicious! Almost from the beginning of this year, the Awana kids brought in offering to purchase Christmas gifts for the kids at the Gospel Rescue Mission. The T&T and Sparks group

raised \$333.33 for that purpose!! The gifts were delivered to the kids at the Gospel Rescue Mission the week before Christmas and pictures will be coming in the February Torch.

Wildside

The Wildside room was decorated for Christmas and it looked wonderful, thanks to the amazing talents of Stephanie Pirro and Len Raymond!! We've had a great time with the kids as they continue learning about Jesus and how His life is an example for how we should live our lives. On December 6th, we had a great discussion with the kids about what eternal life means and how we should live our lives in accordance with that. We also had a blast playing limbo with scooters!! On December 20th, we had our Christmas party, which included making ornaments out of wire and drinking hot chocolate!!



Good News Club

We've steadily increased in numbers as we've gotten closer to the end of the year. We now have 161 kids registered between the two schools and have had close to 20 confessions of faith.

Please continue praying for these kids! Some are in difficult family situations and others are believing the lies that society is bombarding them with especially the homosexuality and gender lies.



Young People's Choir

The kids did a fabulous job when they performed *Miracle on Main Street* on December 8th!! The set was incredible and the actors did a great job with the drama! We are very proud of all the kids and how hard they worked to learn the music and their lines. A big **THANK YOU** to Amber Todd, Rachael Volner, Ruthie Goltz, Danny Klingenberg, Kaitlyn Wright, and everybody else who helped put the musical together!

If you have any questions about these ministries please contact kduran@elcaminochurch.org.

Upcoming Events

12/29	NO Awana	1/15	Good News Clubs
1/1	NO Good News Clubs	1/17	Wildside Preteen Youth Group
1/3	Wildside Preteen Youth Group	1/19	Awana
1/5	Awana	1/22	Good News Clubs
1/8	Good News Clubs	1/26	Awana
1/12	Awana	1/29	Good News Clubs

El Camino Student Ministries

Happy New Year!! (well almost)

Isn't New Year's great?! I love the fact that we get a fresh start once a year. Every year on January 1st we get the chance to put aside all of our shortcomings, all of our failings, and move forward with a hope for a better future. A hope that this year we are able to be slightly better, that we'll move forward having improved ourselves. As I think about New Year's I'm reminded of a saying Pastor Hoss mentioned during our college group a while back. He said that when we sin we are called to "repent and do the next right thing." We don't have to carry that burden of sin anymore. Christ has taken it from us and we are free to pursue righteousness without looking back. In many ways God has gifted us New Years as a way to remember and walk in grace. We can take that moment on January 1st to repent of our former failure and sin and move forward boldly knowing that His forgiveness has set us free from our guilt, to pursue relationship with Him!

As we confidently launch into this new year, I wanted to take the time to highlight a few upcoming Student Ministries events for the month of January. First, on New Year's Eve (December 31st) we are having a New Year's Party for both our Middle and High School students. We'll meet in the FAC at 8pm and we'll have games food and fun until 1:00am when parents can pick their students up on the way home from their New Year's parties!



This January we're also having Adriana Newton teaching Middle School Sunday school about the book of Philippians while I'll be teaching the High School Sunday School class on Revelation!

Youth Group will also resume on January 3rd for Middle school with a study on God's Mercy and High School on January 5th with a new series on God's Love.

Finally, start getting excited for some of the fun camp fundraiser activities that are going to be starting up in this new year to help raise money for our kids to go to camp! Here's a teaser: Chili Cook-Off for rodeo weekend!!

Thanks again for all of your interest, prayer and support as we seek to disciple the students here at El Camino!

In Christ,
Danny Klingenberg
Director of Student Ministries





REVELATION
STUDYING THE END TIMES

High School Connect Group
Sundays 9:00am
College Room

dklingenberg@elcaminochurch.org



High School Youth Group
4:00pm Sundays
College Room

GOD'S LOVE

dklingenberg@elcaminochurch.org



Philippians

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECT GROUP
9:00AM IN THE FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

DKLINGENBERG@ELCAMINOCHURCH.ORG



Middle School Youth Group
Fridays 7:00pm
College Room

MERCY

dklingenberg@elcaminochurch.org



"Fresh Starts"

A SISTERHOOD OF WOMEN HELPING OTHER
WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SPOUSE

Widowed Ladies!

If you are a widow and would like to join our group for lots of fun and fellowship - please come!

Fresh Starts would like to give a big THANK YOU to Pat Spear, who hosted our December meeting at her home and gave us a tour of her miniature collection. We had a great time Pat!

Our next meeting will be lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant at Broadway and Craycroft. The time will be determined soon, keep checking the announcement slides!

Wed, Jan. 4th

Lunch at Olive Garden

Time to be determined

*RSVP for all events to
Barbara Lunsford - 520.909.2887*



"Fresh Starts" †

A SISTERHOOD OF WOMEN HELPING OTHER WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SPOUSE

Wednesday, January 15th

Lunch at Olive Garden

Time to be determined

Contact Barbara Lunsford with questions.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



P 3 1
Fitness

Tuesdays &
Thursdays
8:00am

Family Activity
Center

Contact Beth Davis
bdavis.p31fitness@gmail.com



MEN'S *ministry*

Wow! Another New Year and another opportunity to make New Year's resolutions. I exercise regularly but I always notice something different in early January. I notice an obvious increase in the number of people out exercising.

I conclude that the increase is the result of people making New Year's resolutions to get in shape and improve their health.

Although I know statistically that many of these January exercisers will soon drop out and return to their old habits, I often find myself whispering a prayer for some who appear to be struggling, that they would exercise long enough that it would become a lifetime habit. We all know that exercise is important, but we need to work at it and continue long enough for it to become a habit.

As important as physical exercise is, spiritual exercise is infinitely more important. The Apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:8 that "bodily exercise profits a little, but Godliness is profitable for all things, having promise for the life that now is and of that which is to come."

So whether you are able to get into the bodily exercise habit or not, you need to resolve this year to do what you can to grow in Godliness.

So men, I would challenge you to consider getting together with other men on Monday nights at El Camino 6:45pm-8:00pm. It's a choice only you can make. Ask yourself: Am I doing something on Monday night that is more important than meeting with a group of men and getting in shape (spiritually)?

As I always say, come once and try us out. We won't make you sign a contract. The contract is between you and God.

Have a blessed and happy New Year,

Bruce Johnson
Men's Ministry





The Blessings Ministry is currently made up of seven people from El Camino that are committed to feeding people literally and spiritually.

Our first priority is to pray for those in the ministry as well as our recipients. We pick up a variety of free food from Chipotle, Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, and Pizza Hut. We sort the food and prepare it for distribution. We then fill the bags in accordance to clients' preferences. Finally, we head out to deliver. Our current usual delivery day is Monday, but we can adjust in accordance to the clients' schedule. We would love to be able to deliver more days due to the fresh food we receive throughout the week, but we need more help in that area!

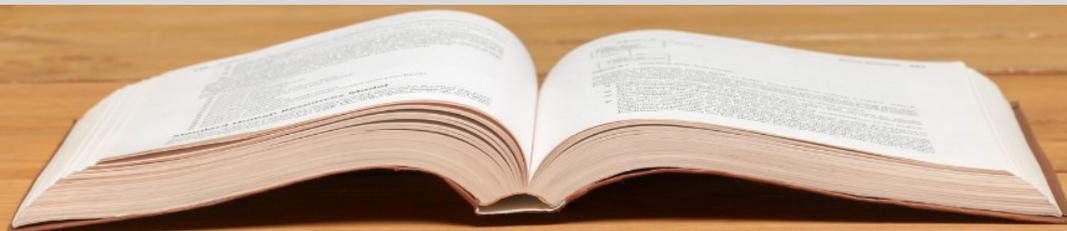
God never blesses us with too much food. Our surplus is shared with DeLon Thompson who feeds the homeless and Ramon Rodriguez who delivers pizzas to the seminarians in Nogales, Mexico.

We desperately need committed people to pick up from the above restaurants as well as more delivery drivers.

We thank God for the provisions this ministry offers, and for its growth; we pray that God will bless the continuance of it.

"Let your  light shine before others so they may see your good works and glorify the Father." ~Matthew 5:16

Please call the church office (520.886.7770) for more information about the Blessings Ministry.



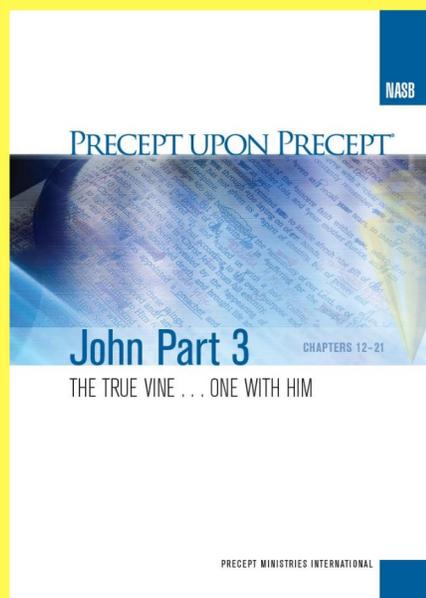
El Camino Bible Studies

Thursday Mornings

Precepts Bible Study

**THURSDAYS - 9:00 AM
C 3/4**

BEGINNING JANUARY 16TH



WORKBOOK - \$30

Monday Evenings

Men's Bible Study

1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

Mondays in D Building
(begins 1/20)
6:30pm Fellowship
6:45pm Study

MEN'S VIDEO STUDY

MATT CHANDLER

TO LIVE
IS CHRIST
TO DIE
IS GAIN

Mondays
(begins 1/20)
6:30pm Fellowship
6:45pm Study
D Building

MONDAY NIGHT PRECEPTS STUDY

This is a continuing study. Review night to catch up on January 6th.

Philippians
How to Have Joy

6:45 PM - WEST #9 **WORKBOOKS \$20**

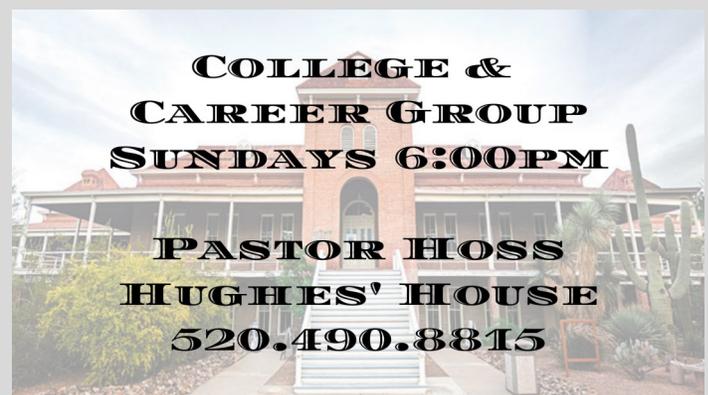
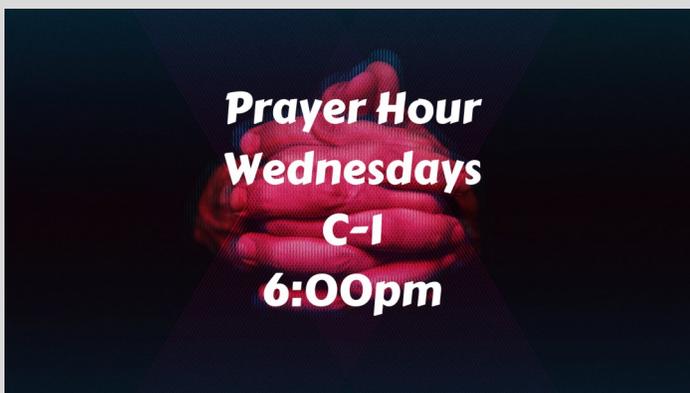
FUTURE MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES...

Study of Jonah
"How a Merciful God Can Use a Disobedient Prophet"
\$5.00
Feb 10 - Mar 6

Study of Malachi
God's final word in the Old Testament to a privileged nation deep in sin; promising John the Baptist & the Lord Jesus, future judgement & restoration for the nation
Mar 23 - April 27
(Precepts - \$8.00)

These short studies are small commitments and small steps for those with limited time. They are also an opportunity to experience the Precepts Ministry approach for the first time.

Additional Studies & Small Groups



Contact the church office for more information!

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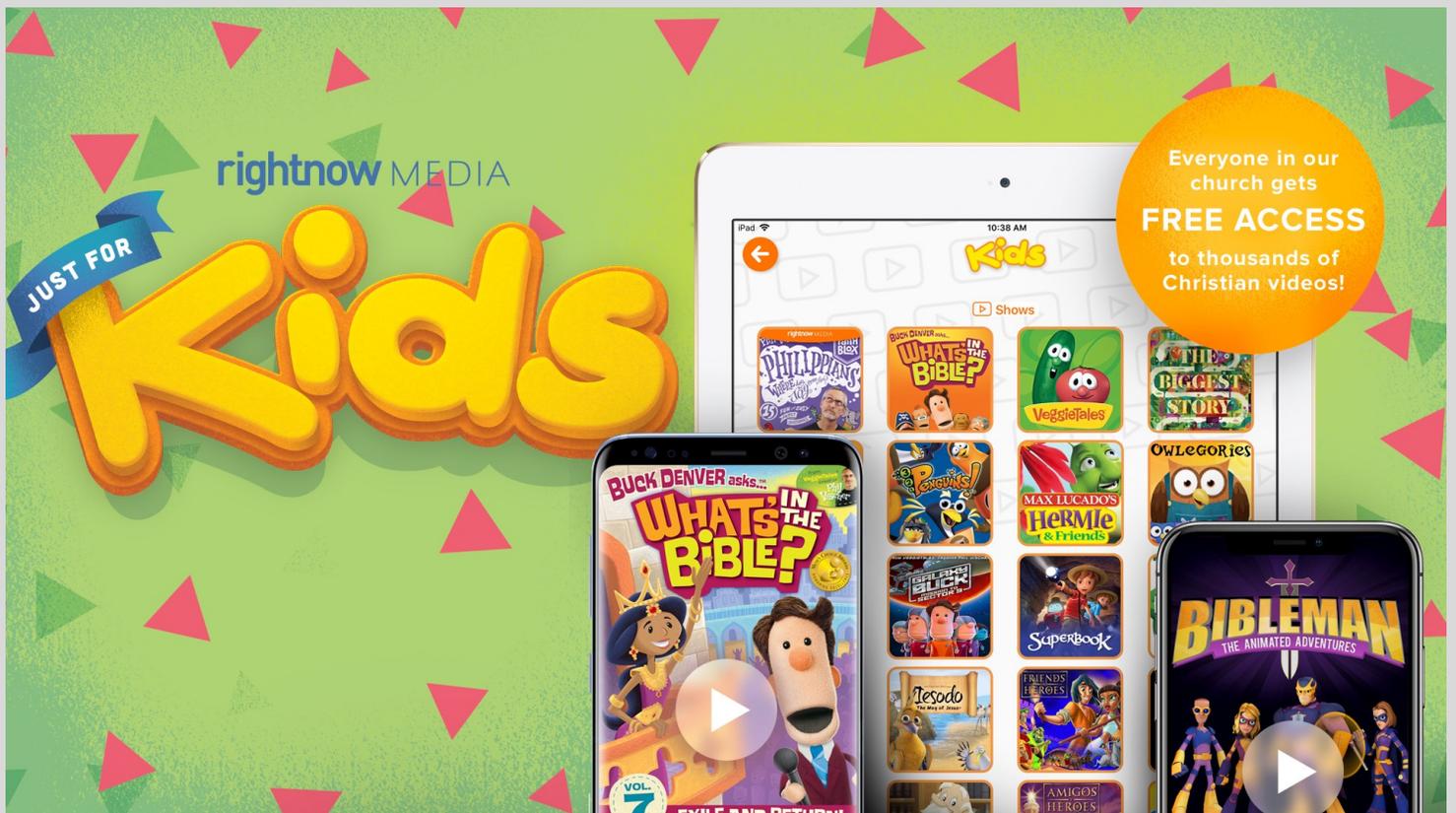
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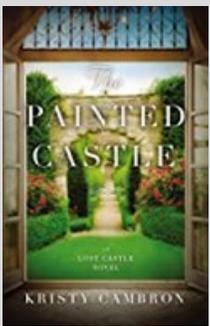


El Camino Library Ministry

FICTION

The Painted Castle (Lost Castle series #3)

by Kristy Cambron

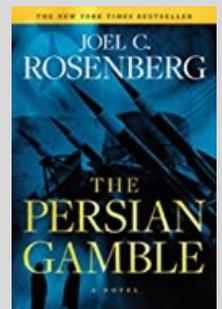


Set in three time periods—the rapid change of Victorian England, the peak of England’s home-front tensions at the end of WWII, and modern day—***The Painted Castle*** is an intriguing tale of stolen artwork, a hidden library, a famed artist, a discovered painting, and a regal queen. Art historian Keira Foley is hired to authenticate a painting of Queen Victoria at a centuries-old East Suffolk manor. As she works to unravel the mystery behind the portrait, two women emerge from the estate’s forgotten past. In Victorian England, talented artist Elizabeth Meade is determined to avenge her father’s brutal murder—even if it involves a betrothal to the very man she believes committed the crime. A century later, Amelia Woods—a World War II widow who has turned the manor into a boarding school for refugee children—works to protect the children in her care after receiving military orders to house a troop of American pilots.

The Persian Gamble (Marcus Ryker series #2)

by Joel C. Rosenberg

In the follow-up to the bestselling *Kremlin Conspiracy*, Rosenberg's latest international thriller tracks a terrifying nuclear alliance among three world powers - Russia, Iran, and North Korea - and the mission former US Secret Service Agent Marcus Ryker must risk to halt their deadly strategy. Shot out of the air in enemy territory in the middle of the greatest international crisis since the end of the Cold War, Ryker finds himself facing an impossible task. He must elude detection and capture by Russian special forces and also convince the US government to grant safe harbor to the one man responsible for the global mayhem - Russian double agent and assassin Oleg Kraskin.



Burning Sky

by Lori Benton



Willa was abducted by Mohawks twelve years earlier at the age of fourteen, adopted into the Wolf Clan, and given the name Burning Sky. After the deaths of her Mohawk family, Willa makes the journey back to her home. The Revolutionary War is over, her parents are missing, and the status of their homestead is to be determined by a magistrate because her parents were believed to be British sympathizers. Having faced loss repeatedly over almost half her life, Willa is determined to live alone, without any chance of getting hurt again. But a wounded naturalist lays across her path, as do two orphaned half-breed children.

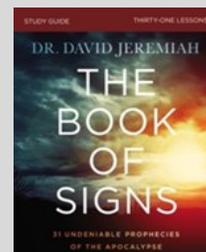
Though some childhood friends are glad to see her, many treat her badly. Though she trusts no one else, Willa clings to the God she loves. She believes that, although everything she loves has been destroyed, if she's still breathing, God still must have a purpose for her life. Her challenge is to find that purpose with God's faithful guidance.

NON-FICTION

The Book of Signs: 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse

by David Jeremiah

In this book, Dr. Jeremiah has updated content from previously published works in addition to writing new material on a wide variety of end-times subjects. He also brings current events into focus and helps us understand how they point to God's prophecies. The book is divided into five sections and includes international signs, cultural signs, heavenly signs, tribulation signs, and end signs.



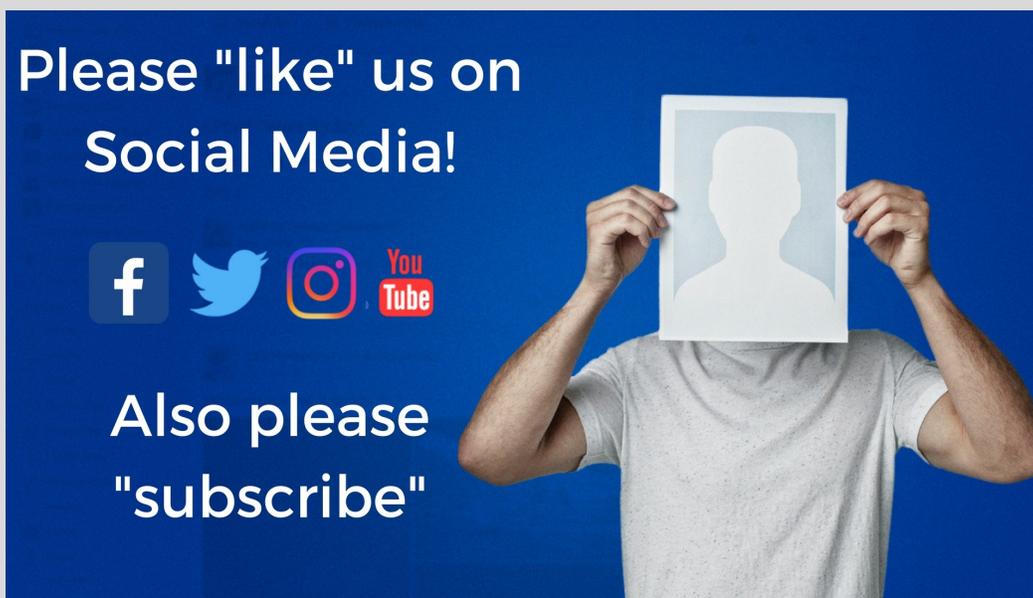
Dr. Jeremiah says, "I am confident you will find, as I have, that understanding the signs presented in the five parts of this book will help you live with confidence, hope, and a renewed sense of purpose. The end times may be near, but as Christians, our future is secure. Indeed, we live in a chaotic world, but we can be confident and at peace because God is the author of history, and because the return of the Prince of Peace may be closer than we think."



Why are people wearing these orange nametags?



If you see someone wearing one of these name tags on Sunday, they are part of our staff and Connection Team. They are here to assist you!



3 Ways To Give



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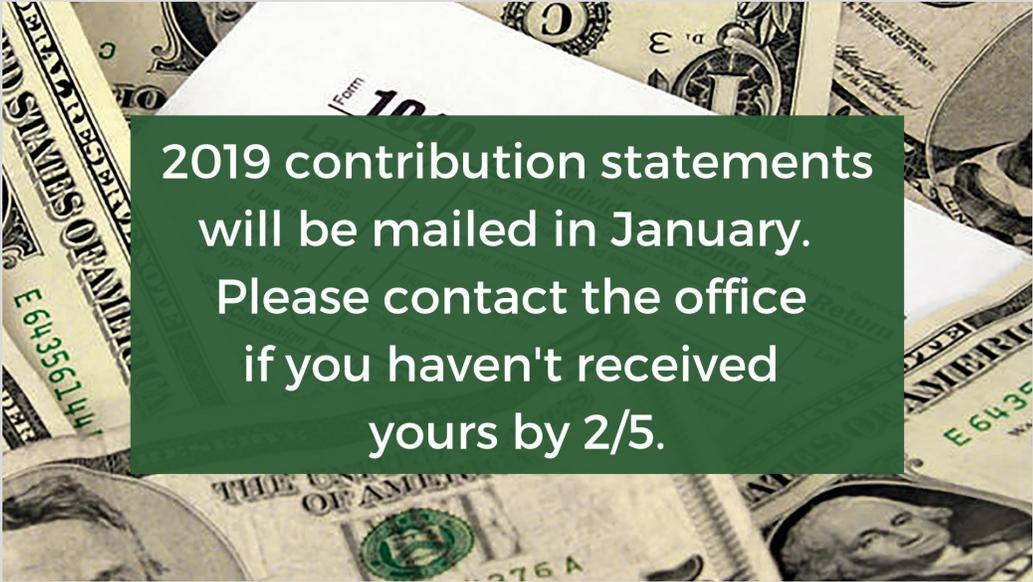
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What's Happening

Sundays

8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer in the Prayer Room
9:00 am	Traditional Worship in the Worship Center
9:00 am	Connect Groups in various rooms
10:00 am	Fellowship Time For All Ages in various areas
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
10:30 am	Connect Groups in various rooms
4:00 pm	Awana - various rooms
4:00 pm	High School Youth Group in the College Room
6:00 pm	College Group at Pastor Hoss' Home

Mondays

10:30 am	El Camino Missionary Fellowship (1st Monday)
6:45 pm	Precepts Bible Study in West 9 <i>beginning 1/16</i>
6:45 pm	Men's Studies in C & D buildings <i>beginning 1/20</i>
7:00 pm	Seek First (1st & 3rd) in various locations

Tuesdays

8:00 am	P31 Fitness in the Family Activity Center
9:00 am	Women's Prayer in Prayer Room
6:00 pm	Adult Small Group Bible Study (1st & 3rd) in the College Room
6:30 pm	Ladies Night Out at Kneaders (2nd Tuesday of the month)
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball in the Family Activity Center
7:00 pm	America's Matters in C1 (Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

At El Camino

Wednesdays

- 12:30 pm Fresh Starts Widows Ministry at Olive Garden
(3rd Wednesday of the month)
- 6:00 pm Prayer Hour in C-1
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Worship Center

Thursdays

- 8:00 am P31 Fitness in the Family Activity Center
- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study in C building *beginning 1/16*

Fridays

- 7:00 pm Wildside Preteen Youth Group in West 3
(1st & 3rd Fridays of the month)
- 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group in the College Room

Questions?

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information! 520.886.7770**

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