

# RENEW

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ROMANS 12:2 “...BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND...”

ISSUE NO. 6



*“We fail in our duty to study God’s Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work.”*

*- R.C. Sproul*

## Why discipleship?

There is a lack of biblical discipleship in our churches. Despite the fact that Jesus commands us to “make disciples” and “teach them” to observe all that he commands, many churches are missing the mark. A church that is not making disciples by teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded is a church that is not fulfilling the great commission. If we are not teaching and leading people to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ then we are missing the point of Christ’s commandment altogether.

The results of this lack of biblical discipleship are striking when you look at what is happening to North American churches. Upwards of 80% of churches in North America are stagnant or in decline. A lack of discipleship is one of the leading factors in this decline since many churches fail to disciple believers and thus fail to mobilize them for ministry. Just look at the Southern Baptist Convention. Though our convention has reported

more than sixteen million members, only six million actually attend church on the average Sunday. There are 10 million people whose names are on the church rolls of Southern Baptist churches that are no longer active in those churches. Part of it has to do with the lack of discipleship.

On the flip side, churches that do place a greater emphasis on discipleship are finding that only a small percentage of believers attending those churches are willing to participate. Many believers are too busy to devote that much time and energy to church and others don’t see the value in it because they don’t feel the need for discipleship themselves. Whatever the case may be, between churches that lack biblical discipleship and believers who don’t want to be a part of it, we have a problem. There is no doubt that making disciples takes time, it takes effort, it takes resources, and it means that we have to be growing as disciples ourselves.

Anything less than that is disobedience to the command of Christ.

It is time we dare to be disciples and live to see lives transformed by the gospel. That means we take the time to grow and to help others around us grow as well. Bonhoeffer says, “Being a Christian is less

*“Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God’s will.” - Bonhoeffer*

about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God’s will.” What is God’s will? That you make disciples. Every believer is called to both be a disciple and to make them. Will you?

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# THE BASICS

## MEMBERSHIP 101

Required For Most  
100 Level Classes

**Membership** is more than your name on a church roll. We are called to accountability, service, and sacrifice. Come learn what it means to be a member of Temple Baptist Church.

**Teacher:** Scott Perry

**Length:** 3 Weeks

**Dates:** Sun, Feb 12 - Sun, Feb 26  
Sun, Mar 4 - Sun, Mar 18

**Times:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## DISCIPLESHIP 201

Required For Most 200  
Level Classes

**Discipleship** is more than church attendance and claiming to be religious. It's about transformation. This class helps believers discover what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus.

**Teacher:** Craig Tanner

**Length:** 6 Weeks

**Dates:** Wed, Feb 8 - Wed, Mar 14

**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

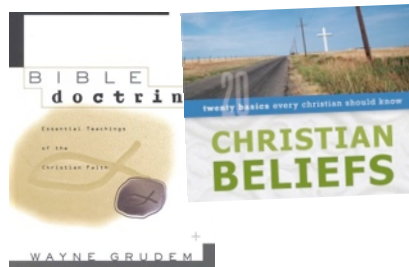
**Prerequisite:** Membership 101



*"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also." John 12:26*

## Bible Study

The following Bible Study classes will meet on a regular basis. There is no start or end date. You can join them at anytime provided you meet the prerequisites.



### Christian Beliefs

What started as a bible study on the 20 basic christian beliefs has grown into so much more. This Bible Study is designed to give the average layperson a better understanding of the essentials of Christian theology. This is a study that takes us past just the basics. Theology is important because what we believe affects how we live.

### Wednesday Morning (Men Only)

**Teacher:** Scott Perry

**Date and Time:** Every  
Wednesday Morning at 6:00 a.m.  
Class ends promptly at 7:00 a.m.  
for those of you that need to get  
to work!

### Sunday Evening

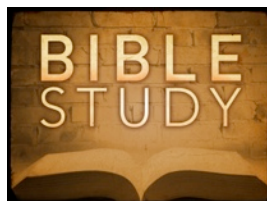
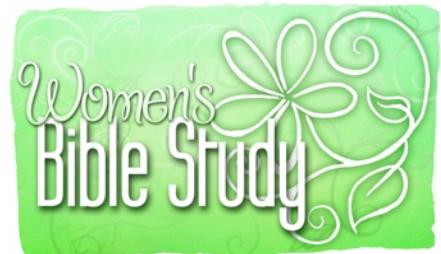
**Teacher:** Craig Tanner

**Date:** Sunday Evenings

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** 101 & 201

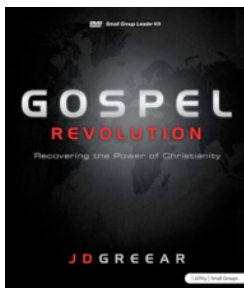
There will be a women's bible study on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month starting in February, facilitated by Angie Fink. Meet in the church library at 9:30 a.m. to study the New Testament!



### Thursdays at Noon

**OPEN BIBLE STUDY:** Everyone is welcome to join us for Bible Study every Thursday. There are various studies being offered throughout the year, facilitated by Mary Ann Center. Bring your lunch, enjoy the fellowship, and spend time in the Word!

# Wednesday Evening Classes



## The Gospel Revolution by JD Greear

Could the gospel be lost in evangelical churches? In this study, Greear shows how moralism and legalism have often eclipsed the gospel, even in conservative churches. This Bible Study is designed to take you deeper in your understanding of the gospel. It is about discovering the power that made Christianity revolutionary. The teaching centers on the idea that *“the gospel is not just the way we begin in Christ; it is also the way we grow in Christ.”*

**Teacher:** JD Huitt

**Length:** 8 Weeks

**Dates:** Wed, Feb 8 - Wed, Mar 28

**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** Membership 101



**Teacher:** Carol Lueken

**Length:** 8 Weeks

**Dates:** Wed, Feb 15 - Wed, April 11

**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** Membership 101

James is a practical study on how to live out your faith in your daily life. This is an 8-session, video driven study by Beth Moore. Though he was a skeptic at first, Beth will explore how James, Jesus' own brother, turned from an unbeliever into a disciple after just one glimpse of the resurrected Savior. Learn to put your faith into action!



*A Study Of David:  
Anointed, transformed,  
redeemed is a Bible Study by  
Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer,  
and Kay Authur. These three  
women explore their lives and  
the life of David in this six-  
session Bible Study.*

**Teacher:** Marilyn Wright

**Length:** 6 Weeks

**Dates:** Wed, April 18 - Wed, May 23

**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** Membership 101

## Am I Really a Christian?

Foreword by Kirk Cameron

**Am I Really a Christian?** After all, Jesus himself said that some people will do seemingly “Christian” things in his name but will not truly know him. To be sure there is clarity from God’s perspective. He is not confused about who does and does not know him. Though our self-awareness is limited, we have been given biblical criteria to help us evaluate whether we are indeed followers of Christ.

This study will lead us in understanding the importance of examining our standing with God and helps us to fearlessly ask the hard questions. Maybe you know you are not a Christian and you wonder what it really means to be one.

“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!” - 2 Cor. 13:5

**Teacher:** Craig Tanner

**Length:** 6 Weeks

**Dates:** Wed, April 18 - Wed, May 23

**Times:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** None



**Teacher:** Mary Ann Center  
**Length:** 8 Weeks  
**Dates:** Sun, Feb 12 - Sun, Apr 1  
**Times:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Prerequisite:** Membership 101

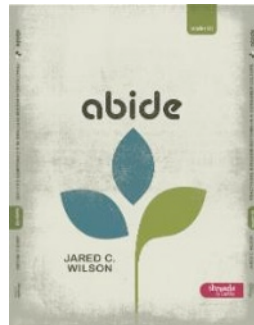
## THE DANIEL PLAN

Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Many of us are looking for ways to get healthier. The Daniel Plan small group study is a six week plan from Rick Warren and several medical authorities and wellness professionals that focuses on six core principles to help you implement healthy habits into your lifestyle. The plan is based off of the biblical story of Daniel, who forsook the king's food in order to honor God's best for him.

**Teacher:** Mary Ann Center  
**Length:** 6 Weeks  
**Dates:** Sun, Apr 15 - Sun, June 3  
**Times:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Prerequisite:** None

# Sunday Evening Classes



## Abide

Prayer. Fasting. Service. These are just a few of the spiritual disciplines of the Christian life. While all who abide in Christ agree about the essential nature of these practices, most of us live with a sense of frustration when it comes to implementing them. Examining the Sermon on the Mount, in this class we will discuss how to start truly finding what it means to be a Christian.

**Teacher:** Ron DeClue  
**Length:** 5 Weeks  
**Dates:** Sun, Feb 12 - Sun, Mar 11  
**Times:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



## Kingdom Man

Our culture has redefined manhood by repositioning their role. Men are often times portrayed as weak, self-serving, and unfocused. The Bible clearly communicates that man was created to exercise dominion over the various areas of his life, taking responsibilities for himself and others entrusted to his care. When a man functions within the principles of biblical manhood, those around him benefit from his leadership and care. The study challenges and equips men to fully understand their position under God, learning to operate under the authority of Jesus Christ. Learn to accept your role and responsibility as a leader in God's kingdom.

**Teacher:** Lester Turilli  
**Length:** 6 Weeks  
**Dates:** Sun, Mar 18 - Sun, Apr 29  
**Times:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

# Christian Beliefs

**How do we know the Bible is God's Word? What is sin and where did it come from? How is Jesus fully God and fully man? What are spiritual gifts? When and how will Christ return?** Ever find yourself asking questions like these? This class is designed to discuss the basic teachings of the Christian Faith that every Christian needs to know. After starting the class last September I soon realized that the topic of Bible Doctrine and Christian Beliefs is not something you can wrap up in a short 10-week Bible Study. On that note, this class will continue in the Spring. Some of the topics we will discuss include: Redemption, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification, Perseverance, Death, Glorification, the Nature of the Church, the Gifts of the Spirit and the Return of Christ. You are welcome to join us for the class even if you didn't start it in the Fall.

**Teacher:** Craig Tanner  
**Date:** Sunday Evenings  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Prerequisite:** 101 & 201



*Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith by Wayne Grudem*