

PITTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH
The Spiral - "Keeping the people informed"



"The Purpose of the Gospel"

"Make the gospel the center of your life. Turn to it when you are in pain. Let it be the foundation of your identity. Ground your confidence in it. Run to it when your soul feels restless. Take solace there in times of confusion and comfort there in times of regret. Dwell on it until righteous passions for God spring up within you. Let it inspire you to God-centered, death-defying dreams for His glory." Pastor J.D. Greear, Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary (2011)



Dear Church Family,

When you unpack the word "Gospel," what images come into your mind? You might think about Jesus on a hill preaching or a cross and empty tomb or a church service with a pastor preaching the Gospel. You might even think the Gospel is the beginning of the journey into Christianity before we get into "deeper things." But the Gospel (the good news about who Jesus is, what He has done, and how that changes everything for us) means far more this! The Gospel isn't just the door into Christianity, rather, the Gospel is the foundation that our life is built upon. The Gospel is the power of the Christian life and ultimately guides the purpose of the Christian life. The Gospel gives us the wonderful news that Jesus has come and He saves, but the Gospel also gives purpose to your life, mission, and future. The Gospel is good news that we believe, but it is also good news that we have an opportunity to live out this good news every day.

I hope you have noticed that we have been on a journey on Sundays focused on being "God's People for God's Purposes." We've explored the life and calling of Moses. We've spent a lot of time focusing on the themes of surrender, preparation, obedience, pausing to listen to God's voice, and responding in faith. We've even begun an additional study on Wednesday nights called "Ignite Your Purpose," a study designed to help you identify and execute your God-given and unique purpose. This study has allowed us to thoughtfully consider where God has taken us, what He has done through us, and who He has made us to be so that we can discern what His perfect and pleasing will truly is.

But the pursuit of being God's people for His purposes doesn't end with a six-week sermon series or Bible study. If God is making your purpose clearer, praise Him for it! If you have already known what His will is and He has affirmed it over these last few weeks, hallelujah! And if you're still feeling like you're stuck in the wilderness or that you're waiting for the burning bush moment, you're in a great place. All of us need to be encouraged and prepared for the mission ahead!

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It is my joy to preach an upcoming series of messages as we prepare for Easter titled "The Purpose of the Gospel." The reality is we know more of God's purpose for our lives than we think. We know that because of Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, new creations, and a part of His family (Romans 8:15-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:3-7). We know that God desires for us to daily surrender our lives to Him in worship for His plans to be accomplished through us (Romans 8:29). We know that we are called to love God, others, and to walk in obedience and holiness (Matthew 22:37-40 & Titus 2:11-14). We know that He has a mission for us to accomplish as His church (Matthew 28:18-20). And ultimately, we know that our eternity with the Lord is safe and secure (Revelation 21:1-4 & 1 Peter 1:3-5). You don't have to wonder if God wills to use you or if He has plans for you because He already declared them! But where we are going, who we are going to reach, and how we are going to fulfill those Kingdom purposes could be a big question mark in your life right now.

Because of the Gospel, so many things have already been decided. Yet because of the Gospel, there is so much more to explore, to learn, to believe, to grow in, and to walk in faith with. The Gospel has already settled who we are and whose we are, but it has not exhausted where God is leading us or how He will work through us. In the coming weeks, we are going to learn:

- What the Gospel Declares
- What the Gospel Produces
- What the Gospel Creates
- Where the Gospel Sends
- How the Gospel Sustains
- How the Gospel Ends

I hope you will make plans to join us March 15th – May 3rd as we explore "The Purpose of the Gospel." The Gospel has done an incredible work in our church family, and I look forward to exploring its depth in even greater ways.

You are loved!

Peter



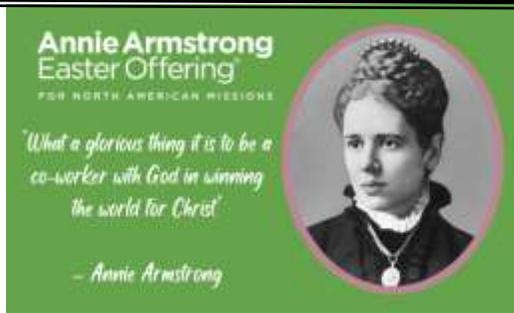
PBC Leadership Team Meeting**Monday, March 16th 6:30pm**

All PBC Committee Leaders and members are invited to join us for an evening of training and purpose-filled planning on March 16th in the Fellowship Hall. Serving as a follow-up to our January Leadership Team Meeting, we will gather to discuss how each ministry can help fulfill our church's purpose. We will also discuss what committees have planned for the upcoming quarter and pray for one another as we serve the Lord together. Make plans to attend.



**Remember:
Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 8, 2026**





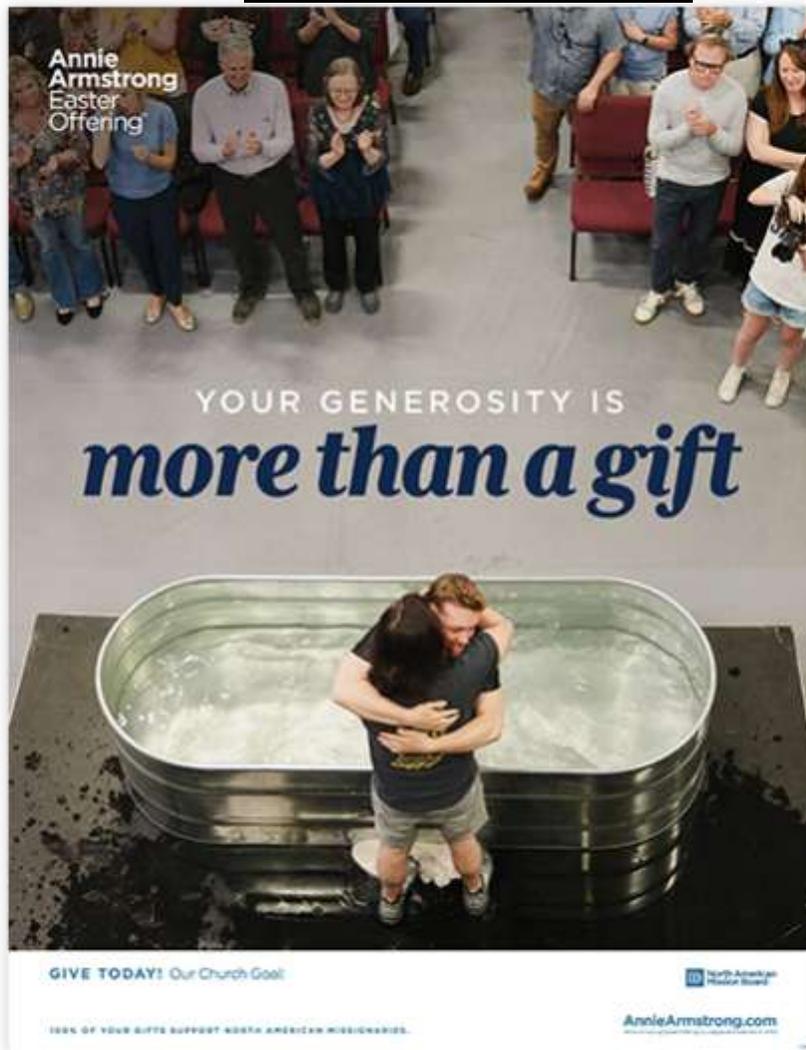
When you and our church pray and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, your generosity joins with thousands of other churches to send and support missionaries across North America. You're helping plant churches where none existed. You're meeting real needs in hard-to-reach places.

You're sharing the hope of the gospel with people in communities that desperately need it.

That is why your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is more than a gift—it's a lifeline of hope.

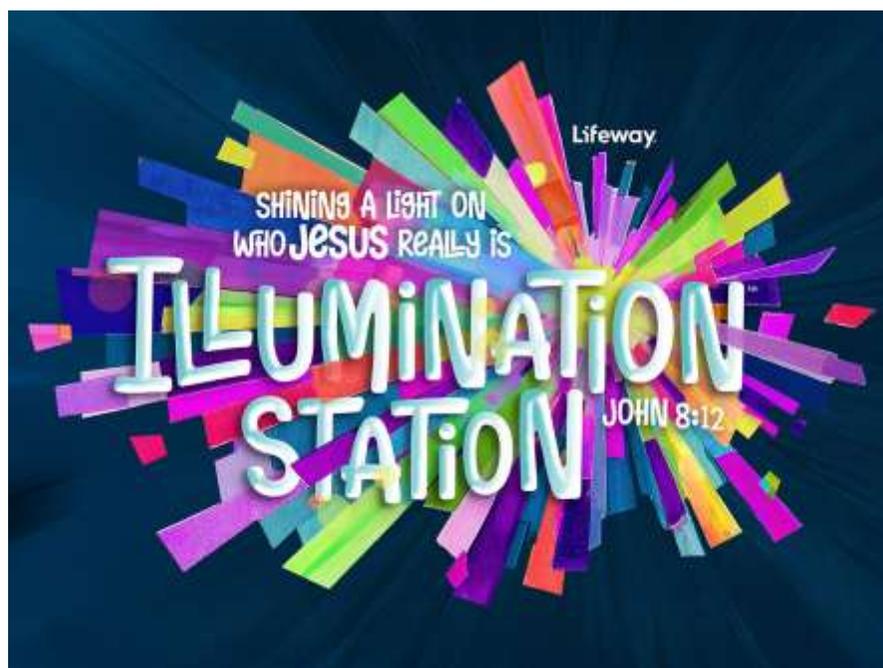
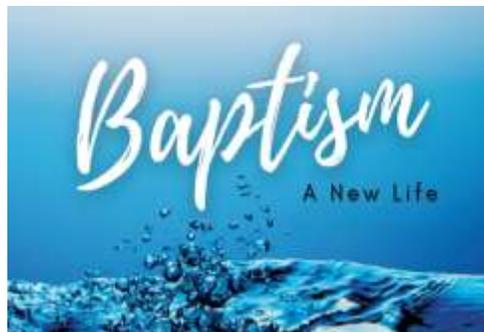
On Sunday, March 1, Prayer Guides will be distributed to our congregation. We will receive the offering through Easter Sunday (April 5th). **Our goal this year is \$11,001.** Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted 11,000 churches across the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada.

Let's make it 11,001!



Baptism Sunday

Baptism Sunday will be Sunday, March 22, 2026. What a special time for our church to be a part of a believer's journey. If you are prepared to take this next step through baptism, please let Pastor Peter know.



Save the date!

June 15-19 2026

For ages 4 (entering 4 year old PreK) -
to those who just completed 5th grade.

Vacation Bible School Pittsboro Baptist Church

Pre-register on-line beginning in mid-April
www.pittsborobaptistchurch.org

PBC Business Directory

The 2026 edition of the *Pittsboro Baptist Church Business Directory* is now available. It lists businesses owned by church family members/attenders or where they are employed. There is a wide variety of business listed, offering items or services that you may need. It always helps to "know someone." Pick up your copy in the church vestibule or on the table outside the church offices.

Pittsboro Baptist Church

February 2026



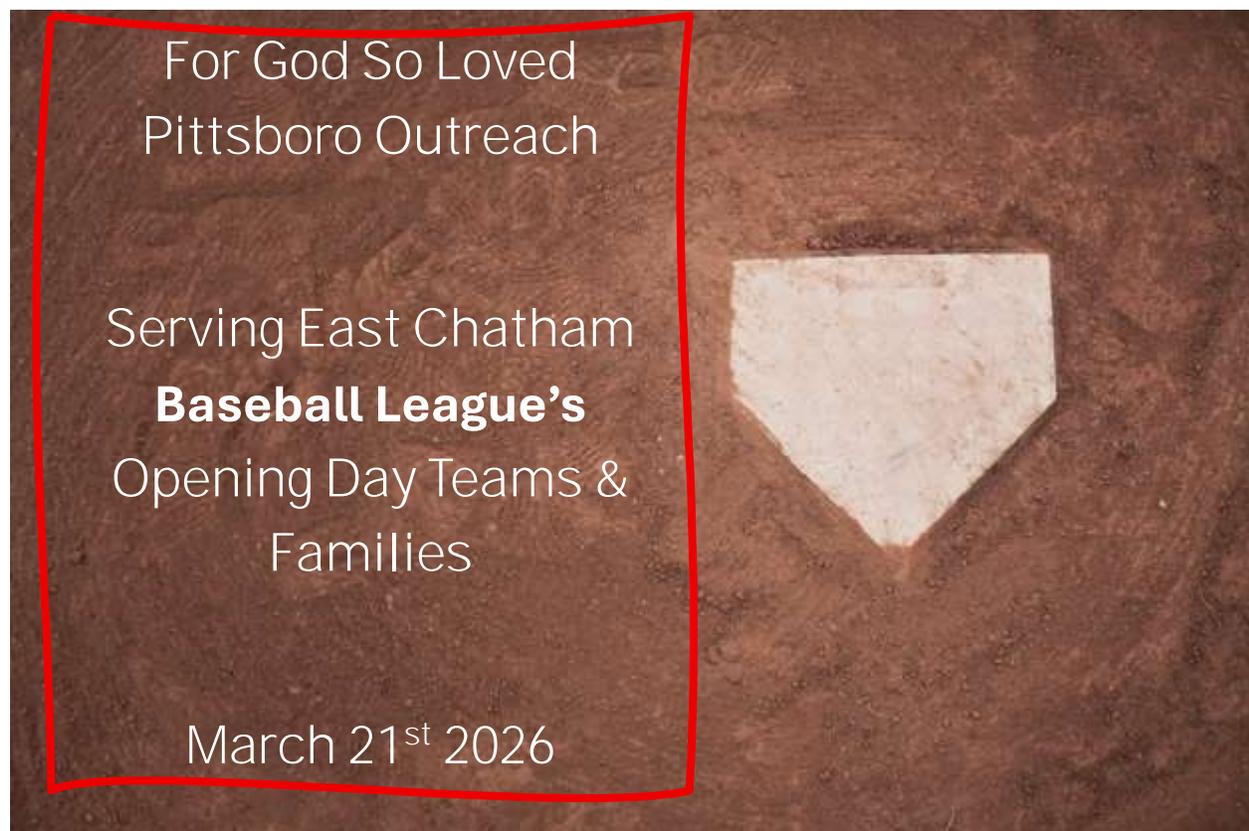
***Commit to the LORD whatever you do and
He will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3***



Outreach Opportunity

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CA4A92DA1FE3-48158857-east>

"Take Me Out to the Ballgame!" For the third consecutive year, PBC has an opportunity to serve families participating in East Chatham Little League Baseball's Opening Day festivities. On this day, PBC supplies hamburgers and hotdogs for the league's teams and families as a part of a fundraiser for ECLL. We need your help to make this a success as we use this day as an opportunity to be present and generous in our community, but also ready and available to invite families to join us in worship, to share Christ, and to offer prayer support as needed. Signups for the event are coming soon. We would love for you to join our team and serve.



2026 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING

March 22, 2026

12pm-2pm

PBC Fellowship Hall

WHO: All current volunteers and interested volunteers in Children's Ministry

WHAT: A tune up for seasoned volunteers and indepth training for new volunteers

WHY: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
1 Corinthians 15:58



**Next Book Club meeting:
March 23, 7:00p.m.
Church Fellowship Hall**

*All ladies are invited to join us to discuss
Leota's Garden by Francine Rivers*

Shining His Light: Eli Truesdale

At PBC, we are continually encouraged by the ways God is working in the lives of our students. This month, we are excited to highlight **Eli Truesdale**, an 8th grader whose growing faith, love for learning, and commitment to Christ shine brightly in his everyday life.

Eli's favorite subject in school is Logic, a class taught by Mr. Ayala. What makes this class especially meaningful to him is how directly it connects to his walk with the Lord. Through Logic, Eli is learning how to defend the Christian faith, recognize logical fallacies, and thoughtfully structure conversations with people who need to hear the truth of the Gospel. For Eli, this is more about practical discipleship rather than academic knowledge. He loves that what he learns can be immediately applied as he seeks to live out and share his faith with confidence and humility.



Growing up in a Christian home and attending Christian schools has deeply shaped Eli's worldview. Scripture has always been central in his life, providing discipline, direction, and a biblical foundation that now strengthens him as he learns to explain and defend what he believes. While Eli accepted Christ at a young age, he shares that he truly began to understand what salvation means a couple of years ago at Crossroads Summer Camp, and since then his faith has continued to mature in meaningful ways.

Outside the classroom, Eli is passionate about sports of all kinds. Whether it's football, basketball, or baseball, sports play an important role in his spiritual growth. While he still feels nervous before games and events, Eli is learning to place those anxieties in God's hands. Each competition becomes an opportunity to trust the Lord more deeply, developing faith, perseverance, and reliance on God both on and off the field.

Family has also played a significant role in shaping who Eli is today. He has two older brothers, Ethan and Eric, whom he looks up to and enjoys being around whenever he can. Their influence has helped him grow in maturity and character. Eli is also incredibly thankful for his parents, Jason and Kelly, who have faithfully taught him to trust God fully and walk by faith in every area of life. One lesson that has especially stuck with him is his dad's emphasis on consistency in his time in God's Word and in his work ethic. Whatever he does, he wants to do it for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

When asked about spiritual influences, Eli points first to his parents, as well as a close friend named Evan and his 6th grade Bible teacher, all of whom have encouraged him to pursue Christ wholeheartedly. As he looks ahead, Eli's prayer requests reflect a desire to honor God with excellence. He asks for prayer for his sports, his studies, and for the diligence to work hard, keep high standards, and remain consistent in God's Word each day. For Eli, starting his day with quiet time with the Lord is a top priority.

Eli's life is a powerful reminder that God is at work in the hearts of our young people. His hunger for truth, willingness to grow, and commitment to living out his faith encourage us all. We are grateful to walk alongside Eli as he continues to trust the Lord, grow in wisdom, and shine the light of Christ wherever God places him. *"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."* 2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV)



PBC Youth Ministry At a Glance ~

PBC Youth had a tremendous weekend as we took a group to Robbins, NC for **"The Pause" Winter Retreat** on February 20-22, 2026. Over the weekend, our students had 4 unique opportunities for worship, Bible study, prayer, and intentional focus on their personal relationship with the Lord. We studied about the need to "press pause" in our life to make time for God, the value of reading and meditating on God's Word, and being a witness for Christ when the world continues to "press play." We had a great time together in a fantastic space for our youth. Moore's Keep Christian Camp has wonderful facilities, our group stayed engaged with activity when we weren't in Bible study, and their team served us so well. This event will be one that we will repeat! A big thank you to Beth, Christina, Adam, and Harry for their willingness to serve our youth as leaders/chaperones over the weekend. They were of great support and help in making this weekend a success! On **March 15th**, we will host the **"No Other Name" Youth Night of Worship** (originally planned for February 1st). We are greatly looking forward to having students from our area come and worship the unmatched name of Jesus - our Savior and Lord - who alone is worthy of our praise and our lives! We are looking forward to enjoying a night of praise and worship, hearing an inspiring message from God's Word, and a having a great time together! This will be a perfect opportunity to invite friends for one purpose - to worship



No Other Name

Youth Night of Worship

Message by PJ Cuba (Conway, SC)

Worship Led By:



The Carlson Family

Sunday, March 15th 2026

5:30pm

Pittsboro Baptist Church

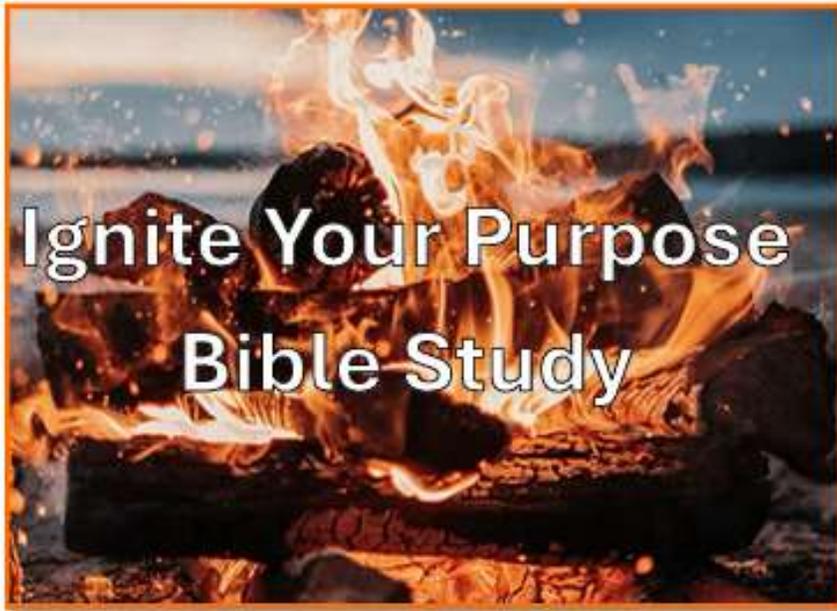
121 West Salisbury Street Pittsboro

We invite you to Pittsboro Baptist Church on March 15th for an evening of worship with area youth groups called "No Other Name." Our vision is to invite students to worship the unmatched name of Jesus—our Savior and Lord—who alone is worthy of our praise and our lives. Event is FREE. Please join us!

More info? Contact Peter McDonald / 336.504.4887 or pastorpeterpbc@gmail.com

For more event details and registration (not required), scan here:





Ignite Your Purpose Bible Study
Wednesdays, February 11th – April 8th

6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

*** We are diving deeper from our "Ignite Your Purpose Workshop" to discover our unique God-given and designed purpose! Join us as we study Scripture, pray, and discuss where and how God is leading us in discovering His purpose for your life.**

***Workshop not a prerequisite to attend. Join us!**

Listen Every Week to the PBC Family Podcast!

The PBC Family Podcast is a space for our church family to go deeper together. Each episode dives beyond Sunday's message to explore sermons, ministries, and life on mission at Pittsboro Baptist Church. Rooted in God's unchanging truth, we're learning how to reach the lost, disciple the church, and love others in the way of Christ so that all may know and follow Him. Listen every Tuesday for a new podcast episode on our Church app or on Spotify.



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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

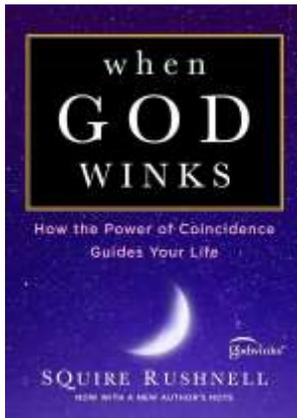
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

When gazing at a shelf filled with books sometimes a title will jump out, making you wonder, "What can this be about?" These three Pittsboro Baptist Church book titles had that affect on me. Maybe you too. Check one out next Sunday to find out what they are about. *KTS*

When God Winks- How the Power of Coincidence Guides Your Life by Squire Rushnell

It is not by accident that you just picked up *When God Winks*. Whether you call it synchronicity or coincidence, what brought you to this book today is worth remembering. In fact, you may have suspected all along that there is more to coincidence than meets the eye. These seemingly random events are actually signposts that can help you successfully navigate your career, relationships, and interests. Squire Rushnell shows us that by recognizing our "God Winks," we can use the untapped power of coincidence to vastly improve our lives.

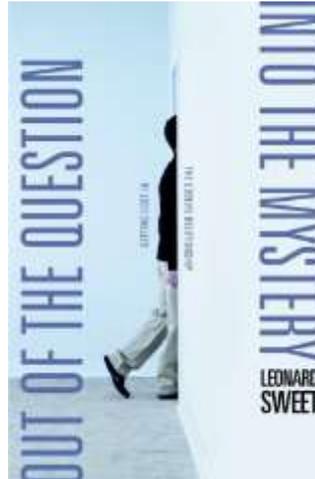


The author applies his compelling theory as to why coincidences exist to fascinating stories in history, sports, medicine, and relationships involving both everyday and famous people including Barbra Streisand, Charles Schulz, Oprah Winfrey, Kevin Costner, Mark Twain, and Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Out of the Question Into the Mystery by Leonard Sweet

How did we get the point, but miss the Person?

Christianity wasn't founded on a proposition. God sent Jesus to deliver a proposal: "Will you love me? Will you let me love you?"



In fact, Jesus not only got on his knees to deliver this proposal. Jesus was nailed to a cross to deliver God's proposal. Because of Jesus, we can reach for God himself, not simply for more precise statements about God.

Propositions inform us, but God's proposal of love in Jesus transforms us. God doesn't answer every question, God invites us into a mystery. God's proposal of love is truly *Out of the Question...Into the Mystery*.

"Faith is not simply a decision that is made or a commitment that is promised... Rather, faith is a new life that we practice. And that life is practiced in the context of relationship."—Leonard Sweet

God made us for relationship. For up-close engagement. For the give-and-take that unfolds when two beings interact on a deeper level.

When you discover the authentic life of trusting God and living in love—the GodLife relationship, as Leonard Sweet calls it—your priorities will shift from trying to nail down just the right doctrine to following the living Jesus every moment of every day.

God's chief desire is to enjoy an honest, open-access relationship with you. In this fresh and provocative book, you will be introduced to the mystery and adventure of this GodLife relationship.

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Owner's Manual for Christians: The Essential Guide for a God-Honoring Life

by Charles Swindoll

It's never too late.

Whether you're a new Christian or you've walked the road for decades, it's never too late to find the critical truths that make life make sense.

We often start out believing that common sense will be enough, that we're prepared for the road ahead with our good values and quick thinking.

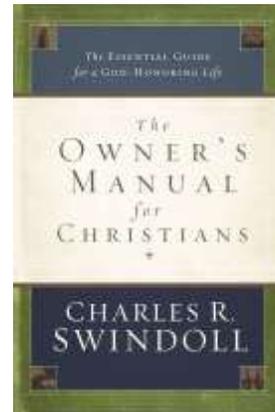
It doesn't take long to learn otherwise. A broken friendship. An obsessive career. Financial distress. Even empty success. We come back to God, searching for insight, for hope. And He provides.

Nothing can replace studying the Bible. Best-selling author and pastor Charles Swindoll has spent decades studying its pages and teaching its precepts.

But if sixty-six books seem overwhelm-

ing, *The Owner's Manual for Christians* is the perfect starting place: a biblical summary of the major truths that anchor the Christian life. From grace to freedom, these chapters walk the reader through the keys to a life well lived, drawn from the Creator of life itself.

Life is often confusing, but it does not have to be impossible. Read *The Owner's Manual for Christians* and find hope for the road ahead.



Library Schedule



	9 - 9:30a.m.	10 - 10:30a.m.
March 1, 2025	Judy Beaver	Sue Devinney
March 8, 2025	Cindy Springle	Susie Griffin
March 15, 2025	Deborah Dismuke	Roderick Parker
March 22, 2025	Ann Mills	Kathy Shaffer
March 29, 2025	Kathy Shaffer	Kathy Shaffer

March



Ushers

Jimmy Griffin, Ron Watson,
Matt Cashion & Rich Trogdon

Greeters

Al Goodwin & Henry Cain

Infant



March 1	Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
March 8	Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
March 15	Jon & Melissa Harshman
March 22	Tara & Jenna Smith
March 29	Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith

Toddler



March 1	Tara, Micah, Mali McDonald
March 8	Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
March 15	Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
March 22	Hunter & Hannah Brown
March 29	Chelsea Shandrick & Sunny Allen



March 1	Cari Ann Walls & Olivia Melton
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March 29	Cari Ann Walls & Olivia Melton



1 Courtney Phillips
3 Jean Groom
Charity Deichler
5 Rhonda Myers
10 Jenna Smith
11 Celia Parker
13 Emma Weatherington
17 Billy Lewis Griffin
Owen Powers

19 Jasmine Vrvilo
Jimmy & Susie Griffin ♥
29 Percy Crutchfield
Jeff Christian
Alex Christian
Kathi Fassinger



Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2026

Prayer for March

**Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us to the start of a new month. We pray that when this month is over, we will be closer to you than we are at this moment. Please bless our family and friends and keep them safely in your care. We ask for your healing hand to be upon those who are ill and we ask for your hand of provision to meet each need. We thank you in advance for all you will do. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am—Sunday School Breakfast 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Church Service 2:30pm - Griefshare 4:00pm—Choir Practice	2 9:30am - Staff Meeting 10:00am - Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am—Women's Bible Study 10:30am—3L's 6:30pm—Women's Bible Study	4 8:00am-Men Bible study at Bojangles 10:00am - Prayer Quilters 5:00pm—The Table 6:30pm- Dinner, Parent Connect, JD's & Youth 7:00pm—Ignite your Purpose	5	6	7
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