



MARCH 26, 2023

# Peace I Leave

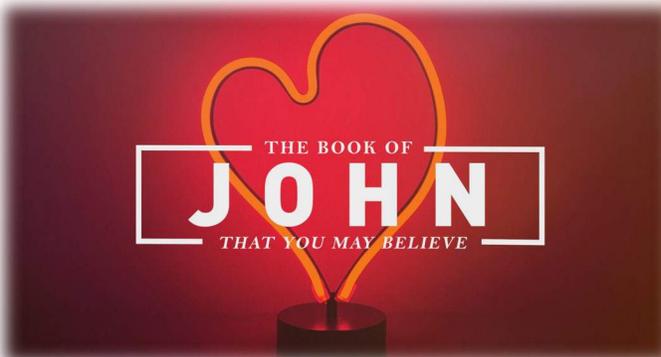
## Scripture

- 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.  
17 He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.  
18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.  
19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too.  
20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you.  
21 The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him."  
22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it you're going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"  
23 Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.  
24 The one who doesn't love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.  
25 "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you.  
26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.  
27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful.  
28 You have heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me,

you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

29 I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe.

John 14:16-29 CSB



## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: John 1-11, Winter 2022-23; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible, Volume 5, Matthew to John; William Barclay's Commentary on the Gospel of John, Volume 1; The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, John 12 - 21.*





# God's Word - Devoted to Him

## The Great Life

*"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your heart be troubled."*

*John 14:27*

Whenever we experience something difficult in our personal life, we are tempted to blame God. But we are the ones in the wrong, not God. Blaming God is evidence that we are refusing to let go of some disobedience somewhere in our lives. But as soon as we let go, everything becomes as clear as daylight to us. As long as we try to serve two masters, ourselves and God, there will be difficulties combined with doubt and confusion. Our attitude must be one of complete reliance on God. Once we get to that point, there is nothing easier than living the life of a saint. We encounter difficulties when we try to usurp the authority of the Holy Spirit for our own purposes.

God's mark of approval, whenever you obey Him, is peace. He sends an immeasurable, deep peace; not a natural peace, "as the world gives," but the peace of Jesus. Whenever peace does not come, wait until it does, or seek to find out why it is not coming. If you are acting on your own impulse, or out of a sense of the heroic, to be seen by others, the peace of Jesus will not exhibit itself. This shows no unity with God or confidence in Him. The spirit of simplicity, clarity, and unity is born through the Holy Spirit, not through your decisions. God counters our self-willed decisions with an appeal for simplicity and unity.



My questions arise whenever I cease to obey. When I do obey God, problems come, not between me and God, but as a means to keep my mind examining with amazement the revealed truth of God. But any problem that comes between God and myself is the result of disobedience. Any problem that comes while I obey God (and there will be many) increases my overjoyed delight, because I know that my Father knows and cares, and I can watch and anticipate how He will unravel my problems.

*From My Utmost For His Highest*

*"Believing prayer ushers in God's peace.*

*Not a random, nebulous, earthly peace, but his peace. Imported from heaven.  
The same tranquility that marks the throne room, God offers you."*

*Max Lucado*

# SOAP

**Scripture** - Read the passage of the day

**Observation** - Write the point of the passage

**Application** - How does this passage apply to you

**Prayer** - Ask God to help you use the Scripture today

## Remain in Me

Main Passage for April 2 – John 15:1-17 CSB

**Monday** - John 15:1-4

**Wednesday** - John 15:9-11

**Friday** - John 15:14-15

**Tuesday** – John 15:5-8

**Thursday** - John 15:12-13

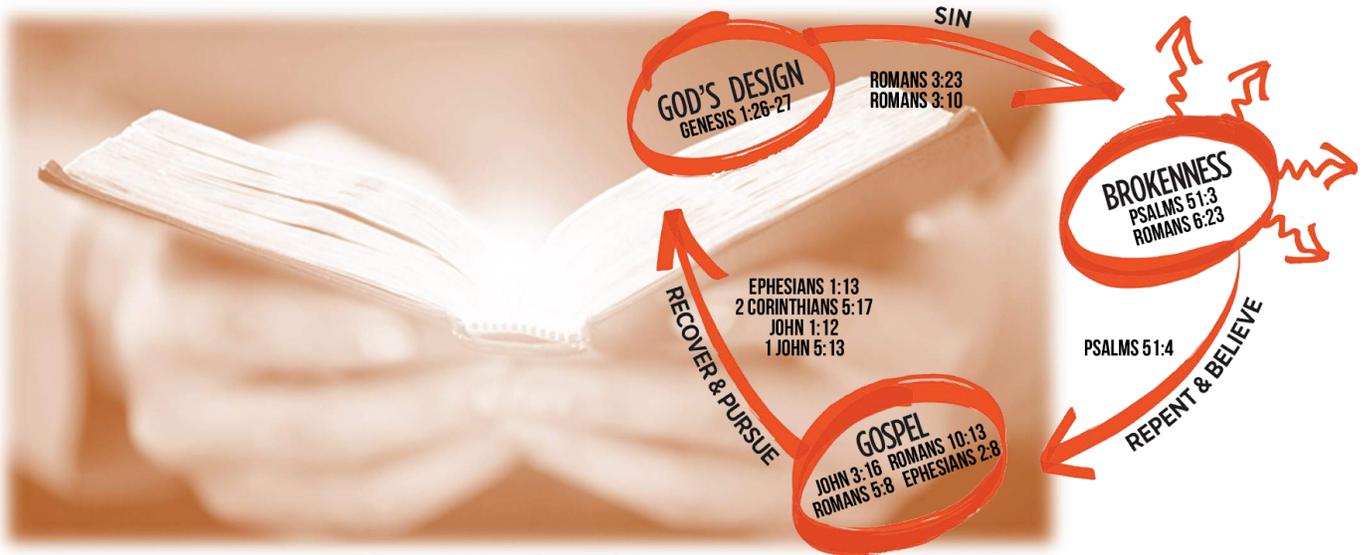
**Saturday** - John 15:16-17

Memory Verse: John 15:5

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me."*

## Mission Statement

To glorify God by leading others to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.





# CONNECT CHURCH

## Attendance & Offering

On Campus & Online	809
Offering	\$ 18,996.51



## *The Holy Spirit, the outpouring of God's love into our hearts*

*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.  
Romans 5:5*

From time to time in the Scriptures, we are reminded that generous giving began in the heart of God. It is at the very core of the effort God made to redeem mankind through the work of Jesus at the cross.

"God has poured out His love into our hearts," Paul wrote. We cannot afford to consign these words to mere theological rhetoric. Paul had experienced his love. Having been raised and trained in a law-conscious frame of thought, he knew what it was like to feel as though he could never measure up. He knew the debilitating demands of a religion that said that one was never good enough.

And then he had come into touch with the grace of the God of Jesus Christ. This was a dimension of Israel's God he'd never known. And once he became aware, he never stopped extolling the praises of a God who led with His love, His generous love. And that is what most of this chapter is about.

This was not a conditional generosity that flowed from heaven. "When we were still powerless," Paul wrote, "Christ died from the ungodly." These familiar words threaten to pass over our heads without the contemplation they deserve. They offer at least two messages to us. The first is that we were and are loved by God, through Christ, even though we have done nothing to deserve His affection. In fact, we have often thwarted that love, much as a teenager who irrationally rebels against his family.

To be continued...  
From *generosity*

**generosity**  
Generosity is the God to try to

A New World Ministry by  
**Gordon MacDonald**  
with Patrick Johnson of The National Christian Foundation

## *Text to* **Tithe**

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*Secure*

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**Wednesday Evening Meal - March 29th**  
**Crispy or Honey Butter Chicken with Chips**  
**\$7.00 Per Person**

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## CONNECTION GROUPS

### SUNDAY

- Ladies** - 9 AM - Cindy Hutchison: cabh928@aol.com
- Parents of Young Children** - 9 AM - Marlon Francis: m4francis@gmail.com
- Adults** - 9 AM - Rajiv & Sarah Khatri: Sarah.Khatri@gmail.com
- Students** - 9 AM - Tristan Nelson: Tristan@cc.today
- Families** - 9 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net
- Young Adults** - 10:30 AM - Maria Madrigal: thechargelt@gmail.com
- Adults** - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net
- Adults** - 6:00 PM - Derek Lee: dk1mk1lee@gmail.com
- Adults** - 6:30 PM - David Kent: david.kent@wginc.com

### MONDAY

- Men** - 7 PM - Edgar Gregory: edgar.gregory@prattwhitney.com

### TUESDAY

- Ladies** - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com
- Adults** - 6:30 PM - Sylvia Thomas: ceebeepia@gmail.com

## CONNECTION GROUPS

### TUESDAY

- Adults** - 6:30 PM - Richard Cooper: richruth142@yahoo.com
- Men** - 7 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com

### WEDNESDAY

- MOPS** - 9 AM - Michele Williams: drbmw37@gmail.com
- Widows** - 5:30 PM - Patti Snow: snowbreadman1@aol.com
- Students** - 6:30 PM - Tristan Nelson: Tristan@cc.today
- Adults** - 7 PM - Dale Faircloth: dale@cc.today
- Adults** - 7 PM - Sam Burton: skburton@tropicalpcb.com
- Adults** - 7 PM - Mike Eleveld: mike@cc.today
- Ladies** - 7 PM - Molly Maharaj: merrymolly@rocketmail.com
- Ladies** - 7 PM - Amanda Gentry: abaeja@gmail.com

### THURSDAY

- Adults** - 7 PM - Leslie Dakers: ladakes@hotmail.com
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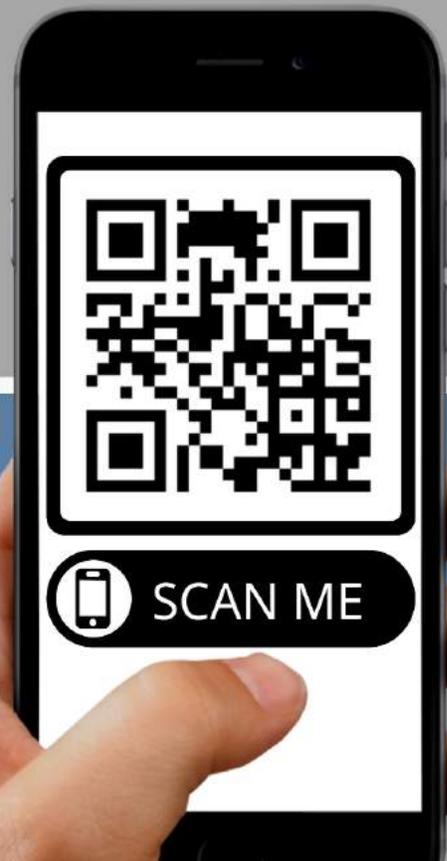
### SATURDAY

- Adults** - 6 PM - Neil Picart: neilpicart@gmail.com

# Connect Card

## CAMERA CAPTURE

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE





# CONNECT CHURCH

HE IS  
**Risen**

• CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION •  
EASTER SERVICES  
APRIL 9th - 9:00 AND 10:30 AM



*Join Us for  
Refreshments  
on the Patio Today!*



*Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!*

**Step by Step Through the NT**  
*March 26th*

**Awana - Tye Dye Night**  
*March 29th*

**Imperishable Beauty**  
*March 31st*

**CT - The Passion of the Christ**  
*April 1st*

**Church Picnic**  
*April 2nd*

**VBS Registration Opens**  
*April 2nd*

# CONNECT CHURCH



STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE  
**NEW TESTAMENT**

THOMAS D. LEA  
TOM HUDSON



## Step by Step

Through the New Testament

Bible Study for Adults

Begins March 26th

6:00 PM



Workbooks available for purchase in the Resource Center  
For more info. - [DJ1MK1LEE@gmail.com](mailto:DJ1MK1LEE@gmail.com)

## Imperishable Beauty

**Women's Ministry Event**  
**Fashion Show, Dinner, Speaker**  
Our View of Beauty through  
the Lens of the Gospel

March 31st - 6:00 PM

Activity Center

Cost - \$15.00

For more info.- [sarah.khatri@cc.today](mailto:sarah.khatri@cc.today)





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## THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Connect Teen Movie Night

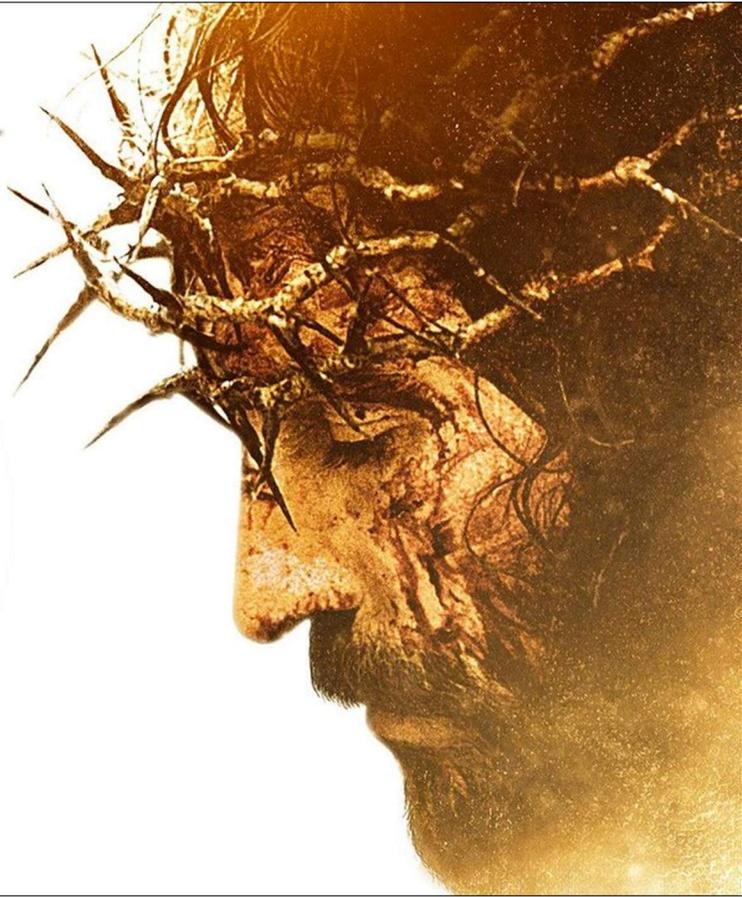
**April 1st**

**5:30 PM**

Worship & Prayer following the movie  
Register online at [cc.today](http://cc.today)

Parental Permission required  
for students 17 and under

For more info. - [tristan.nelson@cc.today](mailto:tristan.nelson@cc.today)



## 2023 Church Picnic

**FUN FUN FUN**

**BBQ / Games / Inflatable Slides  
Car & Motorcycle Display**

**April 2nd**

**5:00 PM**

**Royal Palm Campus**



Registration to display car/motorcycle - [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. - [mike.eleveld@cc.today](mailto:mike.eleveld@cc.today)



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## CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

April 2nd - 5:00 PM

Display Your Special Vehicle  
at the Church Picnic!

Registration Required: [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
Registration Dates: 3/12 - 3/26



For more info. - [mike.eleveld@cc.today](mailto:mike.eleveld@cc.today)

**SAVE the DATE!**

**April 2, 2023**

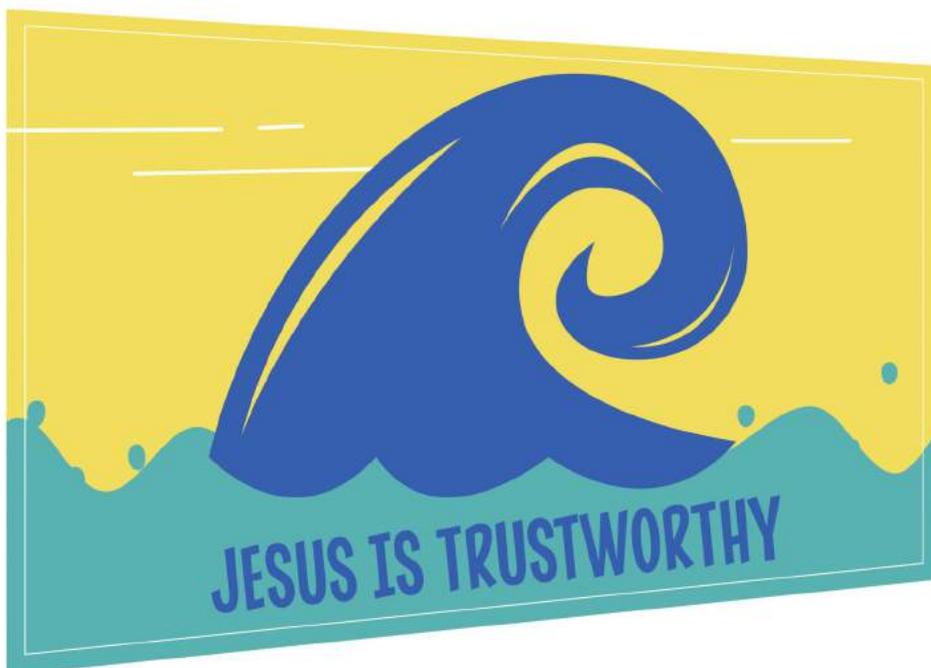
**VBS Registration Begins!**

Registration for Children and Volunteers  
Register online - [cc.today](http://cc.today)



Vacation Bible School  
June 12th - 16th

For more info: [stacy.gatlin@cc.today](mailto:stacy.gatlin@cc.today)





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