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GEAR UP FOR LEARNING BOOK BAG DRIVE

SPONSORED BY SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

This annual drive helps low-income children in our community get a good start to the upcoming school year.

*Book bags must be new.

Place bags in the bin in the lobby through July 31.



THE MESSAGE SERIES
CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND



July 24/25: Setback



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 11-12, 2016 | willowcreek.com/summit

The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event telecast LIVE in HD from Willow's campus near Chicago every August to hundreds of locations in North America. You are invited to join an expected 305,000 people committed to getting better as leaders in 2016.



**Simulcast Live at
Alice Drive Baptist Church**
9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Regular Host Rate: \$119
Register at alicedrive.org/gls16
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Why I Love the Bible... *From the Archives*

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

I love the Bible because my mother taught me to love the Bible. When I was growing up, she had a book of Bible stories her mother had given her when my sister (the oldest) was born. Mama had a gift for reading a story with intonation and expression. We could hear the hammers building Noah's Ark, see the waves frothing right before Jesus calmed the storm, and feel the presence of God when Mama read "I will never leave you or forsake you..." In an old farm house that creaked and shifted in the wind, it was comforting to hear the Word brought to life in Mama's words.

I love the Bible because the church I grew up in gave me a Bible in a translation I could understand. All that was read in our rural church was the King James Version; beautiful language, not understandable to a seven year old. During VBS the church gave us all a copy of the "Good News for Modern Man" translation. It was simple and easy to understand. I read the New Testament through in that translation four or five times by the time I was eleven.

I love the Bible because I had great teachers who loved the Bible. When I went to college, I was blessed to have gentle teachers who pried away my prejudices and opened my eyes to the world of the Bible. They taught me to ask respectful questions on my own.

I love the Bible because someone introduced me to The Cotton Patch Version of the New Testament by Clarence Jordan. Armed with a Ph.D. in New Testament, Clarence Jordan reset the New Testament into the Southern United States. Jesus was born in Gainesville, Georgia; grew up in Valdosta; died and rose again in Atlanta. Paul wrote letters to Washington, D.C. (Romans), Birmingham (Ephesians), and Selma (Thessalonians). For the first time I got it – the Bible was supposed to apply to my world! It was about real life.

I love the Bible because of Marvin Tate. Dr. Tate was my major professor during my Ph.D. studies. He shrewdly judged that I did not have a scholarly temperament, but was to be a pastor and preacher. He steered me to write a dissertation on 92 verses of the Bible (*The Function of Chapters 29-31 in the Book of Job*). Live for eighteen months with 92 verses and you realize you are in the presence

of words of unnatural origin. I learned to love the original languages of the Bible, appreciate the artistry of the writers, but most of all see the signs of the Holy Spirit at work.

I love the Bible because Dick Lincoln challenged me to read it through in a year. I had read the Bible through, but never in a disciplined way. If you read the Bible through in one year you will see truth come together as never before.

I love the Bible because the truth of God still leaps off its pages and pierces my heart. One moment you are just reading words you have read dozens of times before and the next moment you read "But food does not bring us near to God...(1 Corinthians 8:8)." Convicting.

Let me ask this: If you loved the Bible, would it make any difference in you? In your family?

Grace,

Stewardship

There are many ways you can financially be a part of the ministry of Alice Drive. You can give through the offering baskets; give online by going to alicedrive.org; set up an automatic draft through an ACH transfer from your bank; utilize your bank's bill pay service; drop a check by the office or in the secure drop boxes found around the Main Building any time of the week; text to give by texting ADBC to 50155. If you have questions about any of these options, contact Mark Partin, Administrative Pastor: mpartin@adbc.org.

You can take ^w
a next step!

GROW Character Class

July 31 • 5:30-7:30pm | McManus Hall

Invest a Sunday evening in learning about spiritual habits of Bible reading, prayer, giving, and fasting.

Questions are welcome, and childcare is provided.



Welcome these new members!



April Bethune



Cynthia Bethune



Tom Bleakley



Jimmy & Cindy Dimitriadis



Aloysia Eron



Darlene Ford



Wes & Tiffani Gaddy



Bruce & Tamara Munger,
and Laurel



Hannah Peet



Rachael Phillips



Jessica Thompson



Trish Villari



August 1-3 • 9:00am-noon | studio4.3

Lots of fun in the sun for preschoolers 3 years old (by Sept. 5) - 6 years old. We'll splash all around in the water, make exciting crafts, and learn Bible stories. Be sure to bring a towel, wear a bathing suit, and get ready to get wet!
Cost: \$25 - includes a t-shirt, bag, water bottle, and a snack.
Register online or on the preschool hall now through July 29.

FUSION Lock-In August 4-5 • 6:00pm - 9:00am | Meet in room 218

FUSION is our summer program for completed 4th and 5th graders designed to get kids ready for middle school. We're finishing off the summer with a bang, and we're inviting the rising 4th graders to join in the fun!

There will be lots of pizza, games, movies, and of course, Jesus!

This is for kids that have completed 3rd-5th grade.

Cost: \$10 - register online or on the kids' hallway now through August 3.



CALENDAR

Saturday, July 23

Inasmuch Day, Meet at the project sites

Sunday, July 24

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

5:00p Outreach Visitation, Worship Center

Monday, July 25

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center

Bible Study with the Interns, 218

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

Tuesday, July 26

*Preschool Storytime Canceled

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3

8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, July 27

1:00p FUSION 4th/5th graders Service Project, 218

2:00p Praying Ladies, 119

*Wednesday Programming has ended for the summer

*No Fellowship Meal

5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony

6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room

Middle School Coffee House, studio4.3

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

7:15p Stewardship Team Meeting, Admin Building

7:30p High School Coffee House, studio4.3

8:30p College Bible Study, Off Campus

Thursday, July 28

10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B

Sunday, July 31

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

2:00p First Aid Training, 203

4:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F

5:00p Outreach Visitation, Worship Center

5:30p GROW Character Class, McManus Hall

6:00p Vision Council Meeting, Off Campus

Monday, August 1

9:00a Splash Camp, studio4.3

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center

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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK Student Mission Teams

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 7/17 & 7/18

8:30am.....248

9:45am.....551

11:00am.....551

Monday Night.....127

Total.....1,477

LIFE GROUPS 7/11 & 7/18

Adults.....367

Students.....137

Children.....159

Preschool.....280

Total.....943

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We will resume August 24.**

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WORSHIP
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional
Childcare for 5 & under
9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary
LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
8:00pm Adult LIFE Group