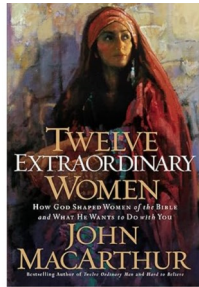


## Ladies Fall Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

It is not too late to join, please contact Leigh Ann or the church office to sign up!

Books are available for purchase on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/fGZGxq9>



*As you meet these women in Scripture and get to know more about their lives and characters, they will challenge you, motivate you, encourage you, and inspire you with love for the God whom they trusted, served, and loved, teaching us that:*

- ▶ *Our personal struggles and temptations are the very same kinds of trials that all believers of all ages have confronted*
- ▶ *Even in the midst of our trouble, God remains eternally faithful*
- ▶ *Through God, anyone can become extraordinary*

*From Eve to the Samaritan Woman, these twelve women each serve as reminders of both our frailty and our potential. Together, they all point us to Christ and His grace.*

## Backpacks of Hope

The backpacks ministry has started back up for the Fall semester. Pray for this ministry and for the Monroe Middle School students who will receive food each week this semester. Bags will include a selection from the following items:

Applesauce, Beanie Weenies, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Cups (Fruit Medley, Orange Slices, Peaches), Grits, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Pop Tarts, Pork & Beans, Pudding Cups, Raisins, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli, Shells & Cheese, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup

If you feel led to purchase these food items or easy-to-make items that middle schoolers would enjoy, please drop items off in the church office throughout the school year!

**BACKPACKS  
OF HOPE**



September 8, 2024



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## Sunday, September 8 2024

Purpose Abandoned

Psalm 8:1-6; 14:1-7

**The Point:** God created us with purpose, but our sin keeps us from living out that purpose.

**The Bible Meets Life:** A few years ago, I was given a grand piano. It didn't cost me anything except the lunch I bought for the men who helped me get it home. While I love to play, I had no intention of playing this piano. A local church wanted it gone because its soundboard was cracked and would no longer stay in tune.

Over the next several months, this grand piano resided in my garage as I slowly worked on it and gave it new life—as a bookcase. With nothing more than another free meal, more men helped me haul this piano bookcase to my office, where it resides next to my lamp—that was once a clarinet.

I love my piano bookcase, but there is something far greater I'd rather have done with it. I wish I could've played it. That's the purpose for which it was built. It's the same with us. We've lost the purpose for which God created us, but instead of returning to Him to regain that purpose, we settle for something less in our lives. Something far less.

**Live It Out: Reflect.** Take time to reflect on the fact that God has created you for His glory. Are you living your life for His glory or your own? Make any changes necessary to give Him all the praise.

**Confess.** What's a part of your life God is revealing to you that you may be living apart from His purposes for you? Confess that to Him, repent, and thank Him for His forgiveness. **Forgive.** A sign of maturity is sharing God's forgiveness with others. Is there someone who hurt you? Ask God for the grace to forgive, even as He has forgiven you.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Thrive: Living on Purpose

Sunday, September 15 Purpose Restored  
(Acts 3:14-26)

Sunday, September 22 Purpose Lived  
(Galatians 5:16-26)

**BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE**

## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

1:00 PM Deacon's Meeting 9/8

### Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

### Thursday

Jail Ministry



### Deacon's Meeting

TODAY at 1 PM  
in the sanctuary.

### Service Attendance

Sunday, September 1

Indoor: 44

Online: 127



Wednesday, September 4

Online: 58

Youth: 12

### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

September Offering

To Date:

\$4,505.00



## Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Jean Granger

Ray Greene

Christine Hinson

Rodney Johnson

(Renee Helms' Son)

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)

Wellspring Prep

## Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal  
will be Wednesday,  
September 18th  
at 7:45 PM.



## Youth Litter Pick Up

The youth group will pick up  
litter around Oakland's campus  
this Wednesday.  
Please wear bright colors  
& close-toed shoes!