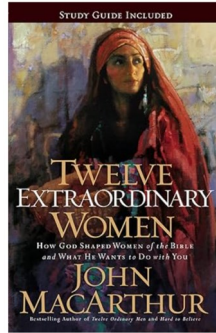


### Ladies Fall Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday,  
September 3rd @ 6:30 PM

If you are looking to sign up, please contact Leigh Ann or the church office. 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.*

### Youth Slushies Night

The youth are having homemade slushies this Wednesday. If you know of a middle or high school student looking to join a youth group, please encourage them to come out on Wednesday at 6:30 PM to the Fellowship Hall!



### Youth Litter Pick Up

The youth group will pick up litter around Oakland's campus and along Oakland Road on Wednesday, September 11th (rain date: September 18th). Please wear close-toed shoes & bright colors!



September 1, 2024

Ecclesiastes 1:9

what has been  
is what will be  
and what has been done  
is what will be done  
and there is nothing  
new under the sun

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## Sunday, September 1 2024

Purpose Questioned  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

**The Point:** Apart from God, life is meaningless.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Life can often feel like a hamster wheel.

- ▶ The salesman clinches a deal, only to spin again on that wheel to find another customer.
- ▶ The fry cook sends out dish after dish, only to clean the grill and start all over again tomorrow.
- ▶ You mow the yard, only to have to do it all over again next week.
- ▶ You clean the house thoroughly, but before the cleaning supplies are put away, the dust has already started to return.

Do this long enough and you might gravitate to that one question that's a perennial favorite among three-year-olds: "Why?" While the kid directs his question to everyone else, as adults, we often ask that question of ourselves. "Why am I doing this? What's it all for?" You can come to the end of your life with that three-year-old's "why" still reverberating in your head.

The whirl of the hamster wheel can blur your vision to the fact your life has purpose, but that purpose is only realized when you look to the One who gave you that purpose. As King Solomon found out, looking anywhere else for your purpose is meaningless.

**Live It Out: Read further.** Block out some time to carefully read the rest of Ecclesiastes. As you meditate on Solomon's words, consider what the Lord is teaching you. **Search your heart.** Take some quiet time away from the rush of life and ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart with the question: What am I looking to apart from God for meaning in my life? **Share the gospel.** We are surrounded by people with no purpose. Point them to Christ, the One who gives purpose to our lives.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Thrive: Living on Purpose

- Sunday, September 8 Purpose Abandoned  
(Psalm 8:1-6; 14:1-7)
- Sunday, September 15 Purpose Restored  
(Acts 3:14-26)

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## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

- 9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Indoor Worship  
10:00 AM Online Worship

### Tuesday

- 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday

- 6:30 PM Online Worship  
6:30 PM Youth

### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Deacon's Meeting



Sunday,  
September 8th  
at 1 PM in the  
sanctuary.

### Service Attendance

Sunday, August 25

Indoor: 43

Online: 101



Wednesday, August 28

Online: 36

Youth: 14

### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



August Offering

To Date:

\$12,852.00

## 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

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)

Wellspring Prep



## Bible Studies for Life

A new sermon series/BSFL unit starts TODAY. The unit is titled *Thrive: Living on Purpose*. Books are available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule.

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