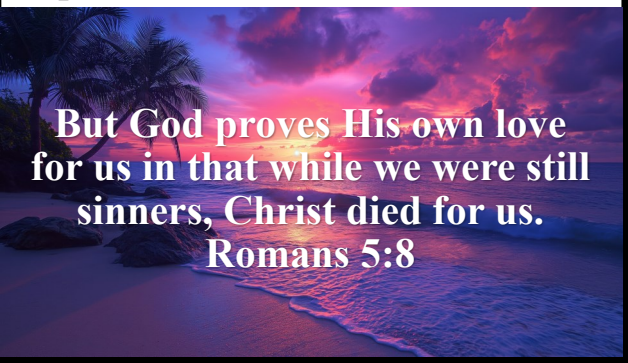




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September 2025: Verse of the Month



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

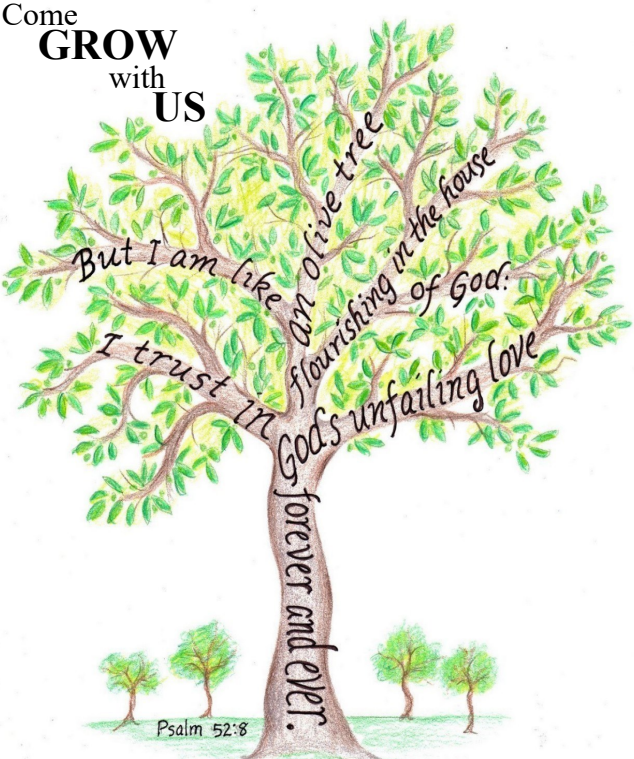
9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Worship Service Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Youth (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

September 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

Truth

Ask anyone today, "What is truth?" and you're sure to start an interesting conversation. Try it on a university campus and you're likely to receive laughter, scorn, and derision. The concept of truth has clearly fallen on hard times, and the consequences of rejecting it are ravaging human society. So let's go back to the starting point and answer the question: What is truth?

One of the most profound and eternally significant questions in the Bible was posed by an unbeliever. Pilate—the man who handed Jesus over to be crucified—turned to Jesus in His final hour, and asked, “What is truth?” It was a rhetorical question, a cynical response to what Jesus had just revealed: “I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.”

Two thousand years later, the whole world breathes Pilate's cynicism. Some say truth is a power play, a metanarrative constructed by the elite for the purpose of controlling the ignorant masses. To some, truth is subjective, the individual world of preference and opinion. Others believe truth is a collective judgment, the product of cultural consensus, and still others flatly deny the concept of truth altogether.

So, what is truth? The Bible teaches that truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God; His self-expression. Therefore God is the author, source, determiner, governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth.

The Old Testament refers to the Almighty as the “God of truth” (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5; Isaiah 65:16). When Jesus said of Himself, “I *am*...the truth” (John 14:6, emphasis added), He was thereby making a profound claim about His own deity. He was also making it clear that *all* truth must ultimately be defined in terms of God and His eternal glory. He is truth incarnate—the perfect expression of God and therefore the absolute embodiment of all that is true.

The apostle Paul traced the relentless decline of human ideas in Romans 1:21-22: “Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.” Whenever someone tries to dissociate truth from the knowledge of God. Paul went on to write, “Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting” (Romans 1:28). Abandon a biblical definition of truth, and unrighteousness is the inescapable result.

Truth is not subjective, it is not a consensual cultural construct, and it is not an invalid, outdated, irrelevant concept. How each person responds to the truth God has revealed is an issue of eternal significance. To reject and rebel against the truth of God results in darkness, folly, sin, judgment, and the never-ending wrath of God. To accept and submit to the truth of God is to see clearly, to know with certainty, and to find life everlasting.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson

Dianne Avery

Gary Clontz

Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Mike & Renee
Helms

Rodney Johnson
(Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.



Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be
Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 PM.

Bulletin/Newsletter Blurbs

Do you have a small business that offers services that our church members may be interested in? Send your business/contact info and service details to the church office to be 'advertised' in the bulletin.



Saving Grace Ministry Team

The desire of the Saving Grace ministry team is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call or email the church office. All help will be confidential.

August Attendance

Sunday, August 3 (49 Indoor + 222 Online)

Wednesday, August 6 (44 Online)

Sunday, August 10 (54 Indoor + 259 Online)

Wednesday, August 13 (74 Online)

Sunday, August 17 (45 Indoor + 202 Online)

Wednesday, August 20 (259 Online)

Sunday, August 24 (50 Indoor + 236 Online)

Wednesday, August 27 (42 Online)

Sunday, August 31 (46 Indoor + 290 Online)



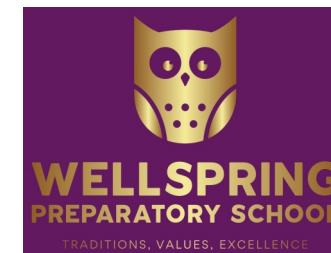
Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

- Please pray for Haley as she continues to process all that she learned at Cru25, and that she would continue to seek refreshment from the Lord in her time with Him.
- In September, Haley & another Unto staff person will be filming instructional videos to be used to train students and staff in how to assemble, clean, and distribute water filters. Please pray that the filming would go well and that these videos would be an effective training tool.
- Please continue to pray for Haley's good friend going through cancer treatment. Pray specifically that her neutrophil count would increase. Neutrophils are a type of white blood cells that are especially important when it comes to helping the body fight off infections. Pray for protection against any infections while her immune system is compromised.



Wellspring Prep

Pray for Wellspring Prep! They kicked off their 2025-2026 school year on August 25th. Pray for Stephanie as she teaches & challenges the kids through a nurturing, faith-centered classroom environment!



Living Streams Worship Center

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Ron & Living Streams Worship Center. September marks six months that they have been meeting in our facilities!

You can learn more about Pastor Ron & his church plant at thelivingstreams.com

Youth Community Service Hours

Does your youth need service hours for school or clubs? The youth group will have a few opportunities to do community service hours throughout the school year. Opportunities will be announced on Wednesday nights.



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August 2025 Offerings

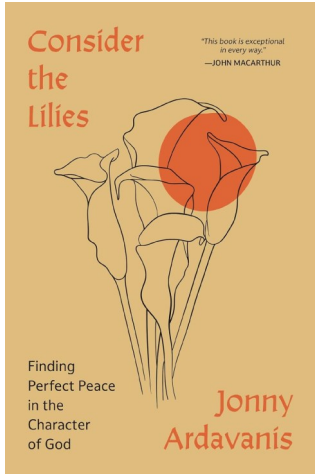
\$14,200.00

Budget Needs for September

\$17,571.84

Consider the Lilies: Finding Perfect Peace in the Character of God

By Jonny Ardavanis



Find freedom from anxiety as you lift your gaze from the problems and pressures of this world to the changeless and powerful character of your heavenly Father.

Is my cancer back? Is my job secure? Will I ever get married? Are my children safe? Our lives are often a chronicle of trouble, pain, and uncertainty --and God's children yearn for peace. Many who wrestle with anxiety and despair know that the Bible calls them to "trust God," but what does that even mean?

In *Consider the Lilies*, pastor, podcaster, and speaker Jonny Ardavanis shows us God's consistent response to those who are worn down by worry and badgered by melancholy: He proclaims His own character.

Drawing on that perspective-shifting model, Jonny offers biblical insight on how to ground our thoughts and fix our gaze on who God is.

- Compassionate, biblical, and timely, *Consider the Lilies* explores:
- How dwelling on the character of God is the surest pathway to peace
 - The root causes of anxiety and worry in the Bible
 - What the Bible says about the integration of our physical and spiritual lives
 - Why worry grieves God's heart as our Father

Consider the Lilies is for those who long for liberation from their anxiety and fear--and desire to deeply know the God they are called and enabled to trust. If you are starved for hope and gasping for peace, consider the character of your heavenly Father, who welcomes all who are anxious, fearful, and melancholy to trust in Him.

Jail Ministry

Pray for the jail ministry team and the people they minister to; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.



SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	3 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	5	6
7 Session 1: The Greatest Name 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	8	9 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	10 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	11 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	12	13
14 Session 2: The Greatest Need 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	15	16 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	17 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	18 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	19	20
21 Session 3: The Greatest Sin 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	22	23 No Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	24 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	25 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	26	27
28 Session 4: The Greatest Gift 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	29	30 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study				



PRAYER

REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Louise Parker

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

THE GREATEST TRUTHS OF ALL TIME

September 7: The Greatest Name

September 14: The Greatest Need

September 21: The Greatest Sin

September 28: The Greatest Gift

October 5: The Greatest Command

October 12: The Greatest Return

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE.**

Bible Studies For Life Summary

The Greatest Truths of All Time

We live in a world obsessed with goats. Not the farm animals, but the acronym that refers to the Greatest Of All Time [G.O.A.T.]. We love to determine who is the greatest player in a given sport, or the greatest president, car, invention, and discovery in history. It's both fascinating and trivial, depending on your personal interests.

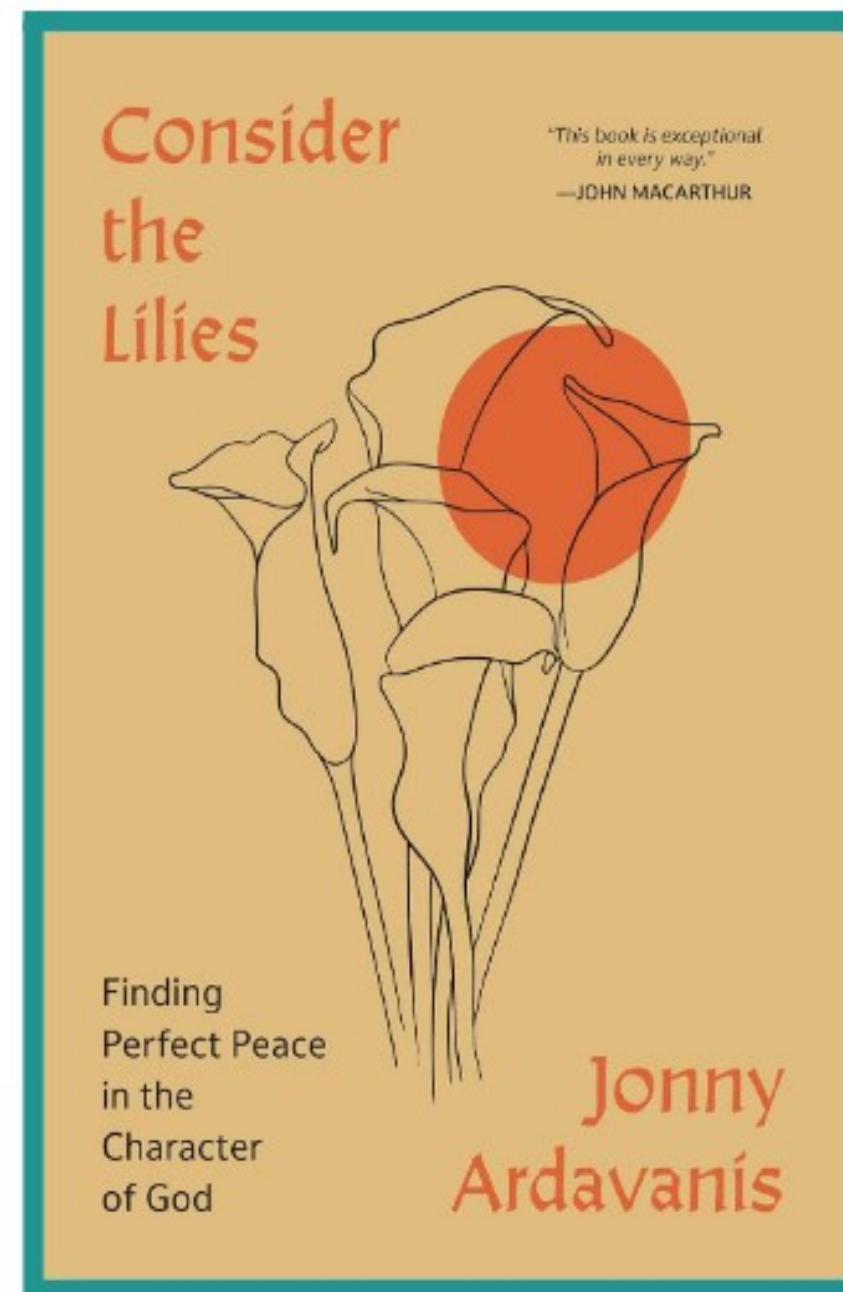


One GOAT list that's not trivial but worthy of study is what could be called the Greatest Scriptural Truths of All Time. This unit will dive into six of the greatest themes throughout the totality of Scripture. These six greatest truths are a must-know to anyone who calls Jesus their Savior, or is searching for truth and meaning in this life and the next. These GOATS of the Christian life are...

- The Greatest Name: YAHWEH
- The Greatest Need: Forgiveness
- The Greatest Sin: Not embracing Christ
- The Greatest Gift: Salvation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- The Greatest Command: Love God and Others
- The Greatest Return: The Day of the Lord

These themes aren't trivial but are eternal, with the power to transform a person from death to life, darkness to light, and night to day. Join us as we study God's Word together.

You are invited to attend our
Fall Ladies Bible Study
Beginning Tuesday, September 2nd @ 6:30 pm



Sign-up sheets will be available in the sanctuary,
or you may call the church office

Books available for purchase on Amazon