

Generations

Together on God's Abundant Journey

How Can They Believe If They Have Not Heard?

As pastors and church leaders, summer can be a very busy time. Students are headed to camp. VBS hosting is in full swing. Things are pulling us in every direction. Life can feel overwhelming. What if this summer you had the opportunity to reshape not just your ministry, but how you see the next generation and your own voice?

The conferences at Green Lake Conference Center aren't just one more thing on your schedule, though. When you attend a conference in Green Lake, you leave refreshed and inspired for the next chapter of your ministry. The upcoming Gen Z and Preaching Conference and Creativity in Preaching Lab are transformational experiences. Real-life solutions to common ministry challenges leave pastors feeling refreshed and ready to lead well and steward their resources effectively.

These conferences aren't information-heavy events that weigh you down and leave you feeling more tired than when you arrived. These events are formation focused. You spend time engaging with ideas instead of inhaling statistics. The long-term impact prepares you to engage your congregation and young adults in a new way.

Gen Z is unlike any generation before them. They face unique challenges like identity crises, a mental health epidemic, and skepticism about the church as an institution. Pastors and church leaders should come prepared to learn tools to build authentic connections and disciple the next generation effectively.

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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Luke 10:2

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Romans 10:14-18

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

1 Timothy 4:11-13

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

John 12:21-22



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The Gen Z and Preaching Gathering will take place June 22–26, 2026. This week focuses on how generational dynamics shape preaching, with particular attention to Generation Z. Led by Tanya Gericke, the gathering includes teaching, interviews with Gen Z youth and young adults, and conversations centered on preaching that form both heart and mind. Each day creates space for worship, reflection, and dialogue, alongside time to enjoy the setting and pace of Green Lake.

The Creativity in Preaching Lab will take place August 17–21, 2026. The lab centers on practice. Participants experiment with new approaches to preaching, engage in guided discussions, and receive feedback within a shared learning environment. It is designed as a space to rethink habits, explore creativity, and develop rhythms that sustain long-term engagement with Scripture and proclamation.

Visit <https://glcc.org/preaching> to register for both of these conferences and learn more. Each conference is offered at a rate of as low as \$50 per person for a dorm room or \$200 for a hotel room! Register today to save your spot.

We pray that this time will be refreshing, Christ-centered and impactful for your ministry. Whether you come for one or both gatherings, we trust the Holy Spirit will meet you where you are and lead you to a closer relationship with Him. We can't wait to see you there!

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:12-17

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:12-20



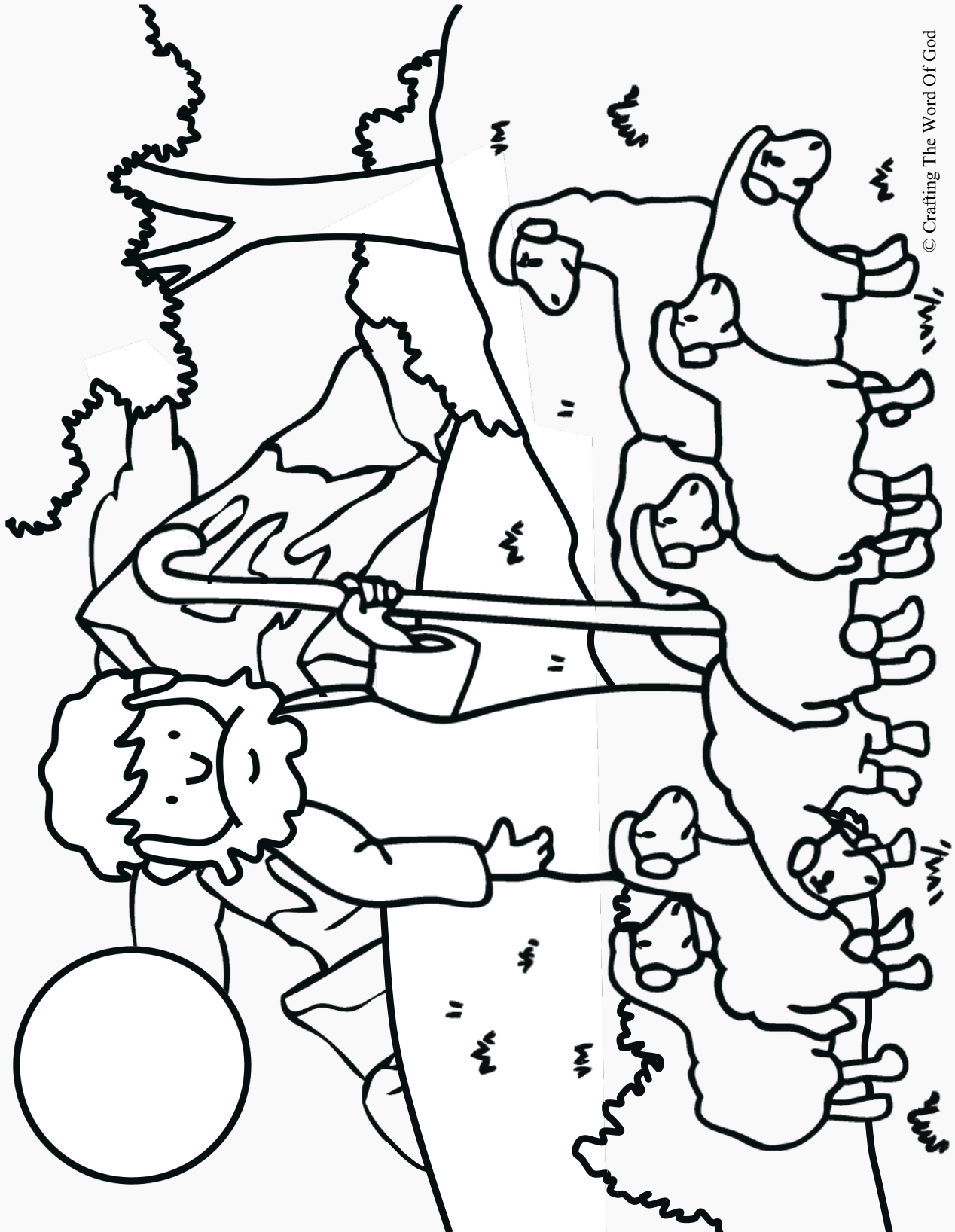


Bible in a Year Plan

Check out Tara-Leigh Cobble's *The Bible Recap* for more info and reflection questions.

| Date: | Scripture: | Date: | Scripture: |
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| May 1 | 2 Samuel 5, 1 Chronicles 11 + 12 | May 16 | Psalms 3, 4, 12, 13, 28, 55 |
| May 2 | Psalms 133 | May 17 | 2 Samuel 16-18 |
| May 3 | Psalms 106 + 107 | May 18 | Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61, 62, 64 |
| May 4 | 1 Chronicles 13-16 | May 19 | 2 Samuel 19-21 |
| May 5 | Psalms 1, 2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68 | May 20 | Psalms 5, 38, 41, 42 |
| May 6 | Psalms 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132 | May 21 | 2 Samuel 22 + 23, Psalm 57 |
| May 7 | 2 Samuel 6-7, 1 Chronicles 17 | May 22 | Psalms 95, 97-99 |
| May 8 | Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39 | May 23 | 2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21 + 22 |
| May 9 | 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18 | May 24 | Psalms 30, 108-110 |
| May 10 | Psalms 50, 53, 60, 75 | May 25 | 1 Chronicles 23-25 |
| May 11 | 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20 | May 26 | Psalms 131, 138, 139, 143-145 |
| May 12 | Psalms 65-67, 69, 70 | May 27 | 1 Chronicles 26-29, Psalms 127 |
| May 13 | 2 Samuel 11 + 12, 1 Chronicles 20 | May 28 | Psalms 111-118 |
| May 14 | Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122 | May 29 | 1 Kings 1-2, Psalms 37, 71, 94 |
| May 15 | 2 Samuel 13-15 | May 30 | Psalms 119 |

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Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer

What is Community?

In Genesis, the first time God says something is not good is a reference to man living alone. Even God exists in trinitarian community. It wasn't until after 200 A.D. that Christians even started constructing churches. The early church continued to thrive, only because they lived in community with one another.

Why Should You Practice Community?

Community is an opportunity to engage in discipleship, be held accountable, fellowship, and encourage one another. A few years ago, I was playing a game of Ultimate Frisbee with my friends. Before I knew it, I was on the ground. I couldn't move. One of my friends called an ambulance. Someone else brought me a makeshift pillow to prop up my head. Before I knew it, 10 different people were offering to help me in some way while I waited for the ambulance. Then I spent the next six months either waiting on surgery or recovering from it. I wasn't able to walk alone, literally or figuratively. My mental health was at an all-time low. I was sick for months from different medications. I loved being outside, but spent the whole summer in bed.

You have to invest in community because you never know when it will be lowering you to the feet of Jesus. That's what we find in Mark 2. A man cannot walk, and his friends carry him on a mat up to the roof, tear apart the roof, and then lower him to Jesus.

To be part of community, you have to learn to be someone who will carry your friends to Jesus. You also have to be someone who will let others carry you to Jesus.

How Can You Practice Community?

One of my favorite ways to practice community is to share a meal with someone. Commit to opening your home one night of the week to feed your friends, neighbors, and other church members.

Be willing to pray for one another. How can you carry each other's burdens? The early church in Acts was committed to praying together and "had everything in common." How can you share your abundance with those around you?

It doesn't matter if you've devoted your whole life to studying scripture or are someone just interested in Jesus; we all need community. We need to be surrounded on our best and worst days. A community mourns with us, but celebrates us, too. They know how to pour into our cup and speak Jesus to us.

Scriptures to Study:

- **Mark 2:1-12**
 - We need friends who will carry us to Jesus and to be humble enough to be carried.
- **Genesis 2:18**
 - God says it is not good for man to be alone.
- **Acts 2:42-47**
 - The early church is devoted to caring for each other; financially, spiritually and relationally.
- **Phillipians 2:1-4**
 - An encouragement to be a unified community of believers.
- **Romans 12:3-8**
 - This passage emphasizes the importance of relying on one another.



May Events around the Region

Please note all times are listed in EST unless otherwise stated.

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
|--------|--|---|-----------------|
| May 3 | FUSE Youth Event | Rochester FBC 1000 Main St., Rochester | 3:30 PM |
| May 3 | Regionwide Worship Event | Rochester FBC 1000 Main St., Rochester | 5:00 PM |
| May 4 | NE Central Pastors and Spouses | Culver's 6386 S. Scatterfield Rd., Anderson | 6:00 PM |
| May 5 | Healthy Boundaries Course (Session 2) | via Zoom | 7:00 PM |
| May 7 | Bethel Association Pastors | Mission BBQ 1213 Veterans Pkwy., Clarksville | 11:30 AM |
| May 8 | Young Adults in Ministry Gathering | Seymour FBC 505 Community Dr., Seymour | 10:00 AM |
| May 11 | Laughery Association Pastors | Versailles Baptist Church 228 Washington St., Versailles | 10:00 AM |
| May 11 | Coffee Creek Association Pastors | Denny's 175 S. Honeyrun Pkwy., Scottsburg | 1:00 PM |
| May 12 | Pastors and Staff Zoom Call Presenter: Rev. Jaime Flores, Latino Strategist | via Zoom | 10:00 AM |
| May 12 | Evansville Association Pastors | Evansville FBC 320 Cherry St., Evansville | 12:00 PM CST |
| May 13 | ABC IN/KY Region Staff Meeting | Plainfield FBC 1012 Stafford Rd., Plainfield | 9:00 AM |
| May 14 | Judson Association Pastors | Olive Garden 4015 S LaFountain, Kokomo | 12:00 PM |
| May 14 | Long Run Association Pastors | Mo's Steakhouse 7 Ogle Industrial Park Dr., Vevay | 6:00 PM |
| May 16 | Summer Camp Fair | Indian Creek Baptist Camp 1770 Avoca Eureka Rd., Bedford | 10:00 AM |
| May 17 | Sand Creek Association Pastors Sunday Event | Otter Creek Baptist Church 8250 E. Scott St., Nebraska, IN | 3:00 PM |
| May 19 | Madison Association Pastors | Culver's 2481 Franks Dr., Madison | 7:00 PM |
| May 20 | Logansport Association Pastors | Streamliner Restaurant 201 E. 9 th St., Rochester | 11:30 AM |
| May 21 | Martinsville Area Pastors | Greek's Pizza 10 E Morgan St., Martinsville | 1:00 PM |
| May 25 | Region Office Closed | Memorial Day | |
| May 26 | Monticello & Tippecanoe Association Pastors | Christo's Restaurant 1018 Sagamore Pkwy. W., West Lafayette | 10:00 AM |
| May 27 | North Pastors Pastor Lester Jeffries, convener | Vinatelli's 615 Annette Dr. Markle | 12:00 PM |
| May 30 | Deacon Training RSVP by May 22 | Veale Creek BC 1702 E 150 S., Hwy. 257, Washington | 10:00 AM |



Looking Ahead

Save the date for these upcoming events!

Gen Z and Preaching

June 22-26

Green Lake Conference Center
(W2511 SR 23 Green Lake, WI)

Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries Conference

June 27-July 1

Green Lake Conference Center
(W2511 SR 23 Green Lake, WI)

ABWM of IN/KY Summer Conference

June 27

First Baptist Church of Greenwood
(1589 Averitt Rd. Greenwood, IN)

FABM (Church Musicians) Conference

July 19-25

Green Lake Conference Center
(W2511 SR 23 Green Lake, WI)

IM World Missions Conference

July 29-31

Rosen Plaza Hotel
(9700 International Dr. Orlando, FL)

Youth Leader Zooms

August 4 and October 6 at 7:00 PM

Contact Kristi Jones for more info.

Creativity in Preaching Lab

August 17-21

Green Lake Conference Center
(W2511 SR 23 Green Lake, WI)

Region Biennial

October 2-3

Greater Hope Christian Church
1228 Lodge Ave. Evansville, IN

| FUSE STUDENT GATHERINGS | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 04.12.26 | FUSE/Seconds Combo @ Indian Creek Baptist Camp 3-5:30pm (South West) |
| 04.19.26 | FUSE @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp 3-6pm (South East) |
| 05.03.26 | FUSE @ First Baptist Church Rochester 3:30-5pm (followed by dinner and Region Wide Worship service from 5p-7p) (North) |
| 09.20.26 | FUSE @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp 3:00-5pm (followed by dinner and Region Wide Worship from 5-7pm) (South East) |
| 10.11.26 | FUSE @ Liberty Baptist Church (Tipton, IN) 3:30-5:30pm (North) |
| 10.25.26 | FUSE @ First Baptist Church Bloomfield 3:30-6pm (South West) |

Young Adults in Ministry

Anyone in their 20s who serves in ministry is welcome.

May 8, 2026 • 10 am • FBC Seymour
505 Community Dr. Seymour, IN

Deacon Training



Saturday, May 30
10 AM to 2 PM EST
Lunch Provided

Veale Creek Baptist Church
1702 E 150 S #257
Washington, IN

RSVP to ABC-IN/KY
317.635.3552 Ext. 3
by May 22



Thank You to Our Supporters

We are grateful to these sister churches who have given to the Region Offering in the month of March to support the Ministry of the Region. (Please note that fiscal months do not follow a regular calendar.)

Bear Creek Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church of Bloomfield

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Judson Baptist Church

Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church

Lebanon Baptist Church

Liberty Baptist Church

Little Blue River Baptist Church

Macedonia Baptist Church

Miami Baptist Church

New Liberty Baptist Church

of East Enterprise

Oak Grove Baptist Church

Oakdale Baptist Church

Riverside Avenue Baptist Church

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Tampico Baptist Church

Tea Creek Baptist Church

Tell City First Baptist Church

Versailles Baptist Church

Vienna Baptist Church