

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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"...fan into flame the gift of God which is in you..." (2 Timothy 1:6-7)



IN AUGUST 2002, this younger couple moved from Texas to West Virginia and started the work God assigned to them: GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES AFLAME FOR CHRIST



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GOD'S METHOD? Preach (Ray) and Teach God's Word for the Salvation and the Sanctification of God's People. From the beginning of our eternal life in Christ (John 17:3), God instilled in us love for His Word. In 1997, He called us to be teachers of His Word. In 2001, He called us to full-time ministry. In 2002, He called us to West Virginia to do the work of the ministry.

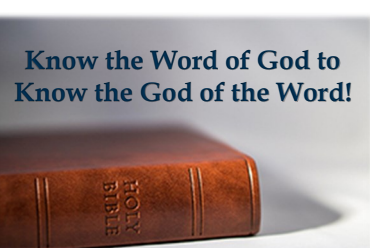


AND BY GOD'S GRACE, FOR 21 YEARS, WE HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING OUR LORD BY PROCLAIMING HIS WORD TO PRECIOUS SOULS in churches, in homes, in the inner city, online – to groups or one-on-one – wherever God opens up to us a door for the Word! All the projects we have done were done to proclaim the Gospel and teach the Word. God has worked through His Word to transform countless lives. All praise and glory goes to Him!

WE ARE ALSO THANKFUL TO GOD FOR ALL THOSE HE HAS RAISED UP TO COME ALONGSIDE AS CO-LABORERS FOR THE KINGDOM OVER THESE 21 YEARS! Every prayer. Every gift. Every labor. ALL are a blessing from God! We are overwhelmed with His goodness to raise up helpers these many years, and we are extremely thankful to ALL who respond to His call.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR HIS ADDITION OF GWEN CORNMAN TO THE STAFF!

Gwen joined us in January of 2007, and she has been a gift from the LORD from day one. Every task is done prayerfully, diligently and thoroughly. God sent us a faithful co-laborer whose compassion and mercy have encouraged countless lives.



Know the Word of God to
Know the God of the Word!

AS WE CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, IT IS EVEN MORE APPARENT THAT GOD'S CALL TO PREACH AND TEACH HIS WORD IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN OUR DAY! Unfortunately, today Biblical illiteracy is prevalent among professing Christians. By not being grounded in the Scriptures, many are falling for deception and false teachings. According to a 2022 Barna study, only 39% of Americans say they read the Bible multiple times per year and only 10% report daily Bible reading, which is a 4% decrease in the last few years. Without a Gospel-centered Biblical worldview, God's people are ill-prepared for the significant challenges of our day – including the increasing threat of anti-Christian persecution.

EVERY BELIEVER NEEDS TO LEARN TO LEAN UPON THE LIVING GOD ALONE. The Bible is God's gift to us-the revealing of Himself! **Over these years, we have encountered many trials of faith,** and God has sustained, encouraged, and matured us by His Spirit through His Word. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH HIS WORD UNTIL WE HAVE NO BREATH!**

ANOTHER PRAISE IS HOW GOD IS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES through our Monthly Scripture Devotions! Husbands and wives are doing these together each day – united in the Word and prayer! **Praise God for how He is working in these couples!**



IT IS VITAL FOR EVERY BELIEVER TO FEED ON THE WORD OF GOD FOR DAILY NOURISHMENT to strengthen our faith in the Biblical Triune God and to live in accordance with His Word in a way that leads to the salvation of souls, the ongoing sanctification of those who believe, and the glory of His Name.

THANKFUL TO GOD OUR FATHER, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND YOU – DEARLY BELOVED,

Ray, Tressa and Gwen

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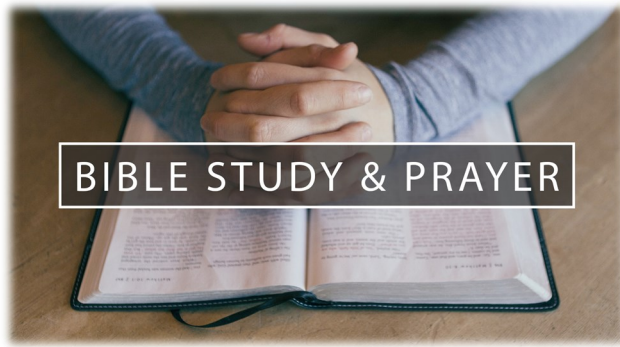
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**NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANY OF THE WEEKLY STUDIES, PLEASE CONTACT US!**

WEEKLY GROUP STUDIES/MEETINGS INCLUDE:

- ⇒ **9:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING LADIES (FROM TEENS TO 90's!) BIBLE STUDY** currently in the book of GENESIS taught in person by Tressa at Lumberport Baptist Church
- ⇒ **7:00 PM MONDAY NIGHT YOUNG LADIES (College Age) BIBLE STUDY** currently in the book of GENESIS taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom.
- ⇒ **10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** currently in the book of 2 CORINTHIANS taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING** led by Ray ONLINE via Zoom
- ⇒ **10:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY** led by Gwen in person -- Summer Book Reading Discussion: The Autobiography of George Muller
- ⇒ **6:00 PM WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** taught by Ray at Lumberport Baptist Church. **NEW STUDY IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL STARTS AUGUST 23RD!** 
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY** in the book of 2 CORINTHIANS taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** currently in the book of 2 TIMOTHY taught ONLINE by Ray via Zoom
- ⇒ **9:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY** led by Gwen online via Zoom -- Summer Book Reading Discussion: The Autobiography of George Muller

BOOKS CURRENTLY BEING READ IN THE SHAW HOUSEHOLD:

- **The Autobiography of George Muller** -- His own story of struggles and triumphs as he establishes orphan homes to care for thousands of children -- depending only upon God's daily response to prayer.
- **The Pastor's Wife by Sabina Wurmbrand** -- Her true story of living as a pastor's wife in Communist Romania including the imprisonment of her husband, her own imprisonment and her work in the Christian Underground Church.
- **The Preeminent Christ by Paul Washer** -- The value and preeminence of the Gospel.
- **Revival by Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones** -- A truly profound book about revival.

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