

Ponderings From the Pastor

Convictions

By Brad Taylor

What convictions do you hold that you will not give up, you will not surrender, you will not deny? If you'll think about what the Bible teaches, every person should have basic convictions. And God gives us convictions to guide our life, to protect us, to motivate us, to be our best, to live a godly life. And if I should ask you, "Do you know what your convictions are?" Some of you might say "Yes," but probably some of you would say, "Well I hadn't thought about it."

Your convictions reveal who you are: the way you think, choices you make, decisions you make, which way to go, how to spend your money, how you relate to others. Your convictions are a major part of your life. So, convictions are based on principles. Here's what the Word of God says, and that's what I believe.

So, I ask you a question: what convictions do you have that you will not surrender, you will not give up and you will not deny? One of these days you're going to meet the Lord and give an account for your life. A person of strong godly convictions can make an awesome impact upon their friends, upon their business associates, whoever it may be. We're to be godly people. We're to have strong convictions based on the Word of God, not based on some political opinion, not based on some opinion of some club somewhere. Our convictions are to be based on the Word of God because those things are going to pass away. The Word of God will never pass away.

Join us as we begin a new series of messages about "Convictions" we should have as believers in Christ.



April Daily Bible Reading plan to read the Bible through in 2022

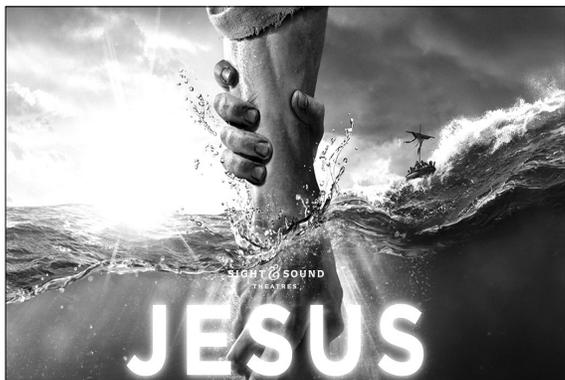
The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year. To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

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April 10 ----- Reflection -----					



The Crafty Christians (formerly Crafty Ladies) made baby blankets for the Hope Pregnancy Center. All are welcome to come, no matter if you craft or not. They will teach you or just feed and visit with you! Crafty Christians meet the second and fourth Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sight & Sound Theaters 'Jesus' to be shown



From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, JESUS is an action-packed musical stage adventure for the whole family!

Experience the greatest rescue story of all time.

OGBC will be showing this movie twice in April. The first showing will be 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10 and again at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch this incredible movie.



Because He Lives!

Submitted by Mindy Taylor



As I prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter, many wonderful songs and lyrics come to my mind. The words that were put to music describing the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has brought me through some very dark times in my life.

I pray as you look forward to these special days to remember and celebrate, and you put Him in the place of honor and look for opportunity to raise to life someone that is hurting or lonely that needs Christ.

I have written some verses from some songs that tell of the Easter story. Look for ways to share it with others and invite them to worship with you! Why? Because He lives!!

I believe in the Son; I believe in the risen One; I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

Amen, Amen; I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives. The moon and stars they wept. The morning sun was dead. The savior of the world was fallen. His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us. The weight of every curse upon him. One final breath he gave. As heaven looked away. The son of God was laid in darkness. A battle in the grave The war on death was waged. The power of hell forever broken. The ground began to shake The stone was rolled away. His perfect love could not be overcome. Now death where is your sting Our resurrected king has rendered you defeated. Forever, he is glorified!

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose! With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a Victor

from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign! He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus. He came to love, Heal and forgive. He bled and died to buy my pardon. An empty grave Is there to prove my savior lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

April 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

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Sat

					1 Adult Game Day 11am-2pm	2
3 Chili Supper fundraiser for youth	4 Shelly Benton bday	5	6 LaDonna Prince bday; Noon Day RSU BCM	7 Nicole Zugelder bday	8	9
10 Ashlynn Holloway bday; VBS meeting noon; Movie "Jesus" from Sight and Sound Theater 6pm	11	12 David Drew bday	13	14 Crafty Christians 10am-2pm; Movie "Jesus" from Sight and Sound Theater 1pm	15 Deloris Watson bday; Good Friday	16 Barbara Carpenter bday
17 Easter egg hunt following worship (no evening prayer meeting)	18	19	20 Janeen Zillman bday	21	22 Bill Brownlow bday	23
24	25	26	27 Charles Mosley & Glenna Scott bdays	28 Jeanna Newton bday; Crafty Christians 10am-2pm	29	30 MS Walk—see Denice Jackson for more info

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard

On April 3 at 5 p.m., the youth will have their Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction to help support their trip to Falls Creek this year.

There will be no cost to eat, but donations will be accepted at the door!

If you can bring a chili or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

On April 24 at 12:30 p.m., we will have a movie and pizza for the youth after service!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the youth, please email me at: ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com

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April Van Schedule

April 6 — Toney Robbins, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike and Gail Mayfield

April 13 — Brittaney Day, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Toney Robbins and Michelle Hill

April 20 — Brittaney Day, Sharon Lee, Mike and Gail Mayfield

April 27 — Brittaney Day, Keith Hardison, Sharon Lee, Mike and Gail Mayfield

April Sermon Calendar

April 3 — Personal Convictions on Eternal Security

April 10 — Personal Convictions About God

April 17 — Personal Convictions on the Crucifixion

April 24 — Personal Convictions on Heaven