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You Don't Know Jesus...

A New Message Series Starts August 28/29:
He Had Friends in Low Places

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

fall 2016 semester

Fellowship Meal 5:00-6:15pm | \$5/Adult • \$3/Child • \$15 Max/Family | Most Classes Start @ 6:00pm



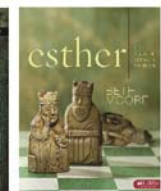
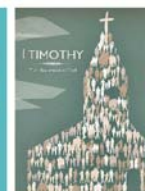
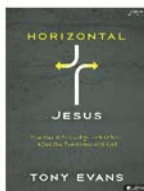
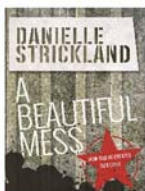
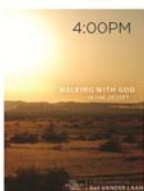
Adult Discipleship Classes

theMix

MS/HS Students | MS @ 6:00pm/HS @ 7:30pm



Newborn - 5th Grade



Pick up a FISH schedule in the lobby for class descriptions.

(Delayed Start)



You Don't Know Jesus...

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

I first remember meeting Jesus in preschool Sunday School, where my Aunt Faye showed us a picture of a kind man, with beautiful hair and brown eyes. She told us the most amazing stories: how he walked on water, healed a blind man, and rose from the dead. Aunt Faye made sure we knew that Jesus loved us. This was the Jesus I gave my heart to when I was eight years old.

When I was in Middle School, I met Jesus again. One of the periodic "He's coming soon" panics was sweeping our corner of the world. I was told Jesus would come like a thief in the night. This was hard to integrate; thieves, in my world, were not nice people. But I remember what Aunt Faye said: "Jesus loves you, Clay." I wasn't sure how to wrap all this into one picture. Was Jesus the kind man who loved me, or the coming King who would judge the world and wipe out the wicked? Just to be on the safe side, every night I would ask Jesus to save me, just in case I wasn't saved and just in case he came back during the night, broke in like a thief, took my Momma and left me (I was pretty sure my brother would be left with me).

In college, I was introduced to Jesus as the radical. Someone put a copy of the

Cotton Patch Gospel in my hand, and for the first time I realized Jesus cared about things like racial division and injustice. This was new to me. I had grown up in the South with a mild strain of prejudice, but thought I was okay, because, after all, Jesus was white. At least he was in the picture in Aunt Faye's classroom. Somehow, my brain made the connection that Jesus was a Jew, probably with olive skin, and often mistreated because of his racial background. I never knew that.

In seminary, I was exposed to all kinds of thinking about Jesus. Some scholars said he wasn't really God's son, just a really good teacher. Other scholars said we couldn't really know much about Jesus because he lived so long ago. There were other voices, each with an opinion about Jesus.

It was about this time, in a counselor's office, that I was introduced to the deep grace of Jesus. While I was surrounded by theories about Jesus, I began to experience at a soul level the grace of Jesus, pouring over the wounds of my soul, healing the cuts, and transforming the pain of my own mistakes and sins. It was coming full circle; I was back to Jesus as first I knew Him. But He was beyond Aunt Faye's simple picture. He was the gracious, living Savior who knew me by name.

I had begun to serve Jesus as a pastor and a teacher by this time. People would come to me, telling me what Jesus would do; or telling me what Jesus would say; or remonstrating me because Jesus would make a different choice that wouldn't make anyone mad. By this time, I knew Jesus well enough to know Jesus couldn't be fit into a box. Whenever we try to bend Jesus to be who we want Him to be, we end up with a picture that tells only part of the story.

In the years I have served and followed Jesus what I've come to know is this: Jesus is a real person. You can't caricature Him with a sentence or a few paragraphs. He is more than can be captured by words. He is even more than that picture Aunt Faye showed me when I was three. You only really get to know Jesus when you do life with Him, when you follow Him.

Make sure the Jesus you know isn't just a picture; make sure He is the one you are following. Only then will you know the real Jesus.

Grace,

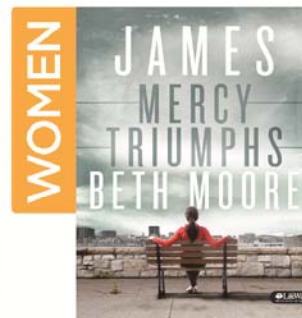


TUESDAY
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
START AUGUST 30

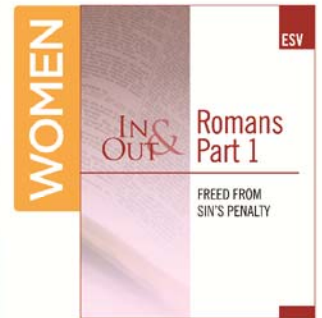
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10:00-11:30am
Room 100



10:00-11:30am
Room 118



6:00-7:30pm
Room 208

STARTINGPOINT

Welcome these new members!



Stephen Craven



John & Courtney Ives,
Ava Grace, Jordan,
& Brandon

NEW STAFF

Welcome

Heather Merritt
elementary associate



Haiti Mission Trip Information Meeting

August 28 @ 12:30pm | McManus Hall | Childcare not available

This meeting is for anyone interested in learning more about traveling to help those in the community of Delmas know Jesus, and support our church-to-church partnership with MEBCH in Port au Prince and the World Orphans Organization.



Parent/Child Dedication
AT ALICE DRIVE

September 18/19

If you are interested in participating in this upcoming dedication, all information must be submitted no later than September 9.

Contact Mandy Easton: x250 | measton@adbc.org

STEWARDSHIP

Our ministry fund giving for August 21 totaled \$33,185.

There are many ways you can financially be a part of the ministry of Alice Drive. You can give through the offering baskets; give online by going to alicedrive.org; set up an automatic draft through an ACH transfer from your bank; utilize your bank's bill pay service; drop a check by the office or in the secure drop boxes found around the Main Building any time of the week; text to give by texting ADBC to 50155. If you have questions about any of these options, contact Mark Partin, Administrative Pastor: mpartin@adbc.org.



August 28 @ 9:45am | Room 221

To sign up, contact Mandy Easton: x250 | measton@adbc.org

This one hour class will help parents and kids (grades K-5) learn together what every child needs to know about Jesus, faith, Heaven, baptism, and spiritual growth. Starting Line is our process for child baptism and meets monthly so you can attend at a date convenient for you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28

- Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
- LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)
- 9:45a Starting Line Class, 221
- 12:30p Haiti Mission Trip Interest Meeting, McManus Hall
- 4:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F
- 5:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center

Monday, August 29

- 7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center
- LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
- 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

Tuesday, August 30

- 10:00a Grief Share Class, 100
- James Class, 118
- 6:00p Precepts: Romans Pt. 1 Class, 208
- 7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3
- 8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, August 31

- 2:00p Praying Ladies, 119
- 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A
- 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center
- 5:30p FISH Market Booksales, East Hall 2nd Floor
- 6:00p Adult Discipleship Classes
- Awana (newborn-5th grade)
- The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3
- 7:30p the Mix (High School), studio4.3

Thursday, September 1

- 10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B
- 5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony
- 6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room
- 7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

Sunday, September 4

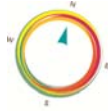
- Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
- LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)
- 9:45a Group Link, Lobby
- 5:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center

Monday, September 5

- 7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center
- LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
- 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Jason Troutman, Facilities Coordinator—14 years



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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK Starting Point Hosts

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 8/21 & 8/22	LIFE GROUPS 8/21 & 8/22
8:30am.....283	Adults.....384
9:45am.....525	Students.....201
11:00am.....576	Children.....178
Monday Night.....152	Preschool.....287
Total.....1,536	Total.....1,050

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | August 31

Spaghetti casserole, tossed salad w/ asst. dressings, garlic bread, & dessert
Kids' Menu: Little Caesars pepperoni pizza, chips, & cookie
\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15 max/family

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WORSHIP
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Classic
Childcare for 5 & under
9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary
LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
8:00pm Adult LIFE Groups