



## Beargrass Christian Church

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## Bible 101 A Basic and Simple Survey of the Bible

Do you have questions about the Bible such as:

- Who REALLY wrote the Bible?
- What and why are there TWO Testaments?
- Is it myth, fairy tale or truth, and how can we know for sure?
- Is the Bible “outdated” now?
- What about those apparent “contradictions” found in the Bible?
- Do we take the Bible literally, symbolically or what?
- What is the significance of each book in the Bible?
- How can the Bible make my life better?
- How do I go about reading the Bible? It seems so archaic.



These and *many other questions will be addressed* in a Bible Study beginning on January 11, and will continue every **OTHER** Thursday through April. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Each session will begin with a light supper at 6:30 pm. The study will be from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. People who have the time are invited to stay after 8:00 for Q&A and further discussion. Please RSVP to the church office each week of the study so the light supper arrangements can be accurate. Daniel Spurlock will teach this class. Daniel has spent over 45 years intensely reading and studying the Bible and theology. His desire is to help people better understand the Bible and see the *enormous* love God has for us all, and how this can make our lives better. All are welcome!

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# BEARGRASS NEWS

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## **A Sermon Series, "By God!"**

*By Leigh Bond*

As we begin the New Year and the season of Epiphany, we are going to be "giving credit where credit is due." As people of faith and followers of Jesus, we have been empowered (by God!) to continue his ministry and mission. For the most part, we will be making our way through the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. If you haven't read it lately I encourage you to review it. If you have never studied the Bible, Mark is a good place to start. Here is the line-up:

### **January 6/7**

"Defined, By God," Mark 1:4-11

### **January 13/14**

"Called, By God," I Samuel 3:1-10

### **January 20/21**

"Invited, By God," Mark 1:14-20

### **January 27/28**

"Authorized, By God," Mark 1:21-28

### **February 3/4**

"Healed, By God," Mark 1:29-39

### **February 10/11**

"Amazed, By God," Mark 9:2-9

## **Wednesday Evening Programming Resumes!!**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

5:45-6:15 pm—Children's Handbells  
(grades 1-5)

6:30-7:30 pm—Children's Choir and Bible Study  
(grades 1-5)

ARK wing open for childcare 5:30-8:00 pm

## **The Beargrass Youth Ministry Presents... Family Feud...A Game Show & Silent**

### **Auction Event**

*By Tiffany DeTienne*

On Sunday, January 28, the Youth Ministry will be hosting a Family Feud Game Show and Silent Auction event. All the proceeds from this event will help to support the youth ministry's summer mission trips. Come cheer on our Beargrass families as they compete to win our family prize pack! Refreshments and snacks will be provided. The silent auction items will include sporting event tickets, finely crafted woodworking items, themed gift baskets, and special gift items. The cost to attend the event is \$2 for children grades 5 and under, and \$5 for youth and adults; the maximum charge is \$12 for families. This event is family friendly and appropriate for all ages.

## **Beargrass Youth Silent Auction Donations**

*By Tiffany DeTienne*

Consider donating an item for our Silent Auction at Beargrass on January 28! This is a BIG fundraiser for the youth. The funds raised will help offset the cost of youth mission trips. How can you help? Donation forms for the silent auction are on the Beargrass website. Please ask places you patronize if they will make a donation of an item or gift certificate. You can put together a basket or just collect an item that can be combined with other items. Some ideas for baskets include: Sports Theme, Family Night Out, Family Night In, Devotion Basket, Christmas, Fall, Lego, Art Basket/Easel/Desk, Picnic Basket, Cookie Basket, Restaurants, Home Cooked Meal, Louisville Attractions, the sky's the limit! The Youth appreciate your support!

**In the Beginning: Genesis  
Wednesday Bible Study  
10:30 am, Room 202  
Starts January 10  
By John Hull**

Genesis is a story of origins. *In the beginning*—Genesis begins with the universal context of the creation of the world (*the heavens and the earth*). Then Genesis narrows the focus to human origins and eventually to the origin of Israel (*the generations of Jacob*).

Much of the Torah is concerned with instructions for Israel, guidelines set down during the time of Moses. Genesis narrates from the time before Moses. The stories are often entertaining. They help establish Israel's identity. Where did we come from? Who were our ancestors? How did we come to be God's people? And Genesis also links Israel to a later time—the time of conflict with the neighboring Arameans, Moabites, Ammonites and Edomites. Join us on Wednesday mornings as we read and reflect on these entertaining stories of origin.

**Parent and Me Drive-In  
Friday, January 19  
6:30 pm  
By Steven Straub**

Children ages 2 through Kindergarten are invited to a special event in Chalice Hall! A Parent and Me Drive-In will be held on Friday evening, January 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Children will have the opportunity to pick out their car, customize their car's features, and take their car to a car wash. At the end of the night, the children will have the enjoy some snacks while watching a Veggie Tales movie on the big screen. The night promises to be an event little children will not want to miss! Please RSVP (896-1161) to the church office by Wednesday, January 17, so enough supplies can be purchased.

**JYF Bowling Outing  
Sunday, January 7  
12:15 pm  
By Steven Straub**

In addition to our regular Sunday night meetings, JYF (3rd, 4th, and 5th grades) will have a bowling outing on Sunday, January 7. We will gather in the Activities Building at 12:15 pm. We will be back at the church around 3 pm. Please sign up in the church office by Friday, January 5, so appropriate transportation arrangements can be made.

**Auditions for Children's Musical  
Wednesday, January 31  
By Steven Straub**

The Children's Choir will present the musical *Old Testament Fast Forward* on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are welcome to audition for speaking parts and/or solos. Auditions will take place on Wednesday evening, January 31, during regular programming that night. Children auditioning for a speaking role will need to be prepared to read from the script. Children auditioning for a vocal solo will need to be prepared to sing a short part from the show. Scripts and more information about auditions will be distributed starting on Wednesday evening, January 10. Please contact Meg Blackwell or Steven Straub if you have any questions.

**Summer 2018 Dates  
By Steven Straub**

**Junior Camp**—June 18-22, 2018  
(for those who have completed 4th or 5th grade)

**Mini Camp**—June 1-3, 2018  
(for those who have completed 3rd grade)

**Camp 101**—June 22-24, 2018 OR  
July 20-22, 2018  
(for those who have completed 1st or 2nd grade;  
parent/guardian attends with child)

**Vacation Bible School**—June 10-14, 2018  
(children ages 4 through completion of 5th grade)

**Mission Day Camp**—July 16-20, 2018  
(children who have completed grades  
2nd–5th grade)

**Donations to Beargrass  
By Marikeith Mercke**

The following people have made a donation to The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund in memory of Sue Brandt: Bertha Glenn and Dennis and Lorna Harrell.

The following people have made a donation to The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund in memory of Pat Jennings: Dr. Michael and Ann Sly, Jim and Anne Willhite, and Dr. Stephen and Phyllis Schnacke.

## Mary Lee Duthie Recognized as Deacon Emerita

*By Mike Puckett*

Mary Lee Duthie was posthumously recognized as “Deacon Emerita” on November 19, 2017 her 90th birthday. Her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Michael Mountjoy, accepted the plaque on her behalf.

Mary Lee’s maiden name was “Ridgeway” and her family lived in Dallas and was connected with the Disciples of Christ early in her life. Mary Lee met and fell in love with a young Navy enlistee, George Duthie from Buffalo, on the campus of Southern Methodist University in 1945. When she finished her work on a journalism degree three years later, she skipped her graduation ceremony and married George on that same day.

Mary Lee and George would spend the next 67 years together, with 62 of those in Louisville after George accepted a job offer with Stewart Mechanical in 1953. In that same year they accepted an invitation to Beargrass and immediately connected with this church family. To say the legacy she would leave with this congregation and the wider community over 62 years was impactful would be a tremendous understatement.

Mary Lee and George jumped into the life of this congregation with great zeal. They were active in the couples’ gatherings of the day and were involved in the Round Robin and Friendship Sunday School classes. She taught children’s classes and served the congregation and the Board in many capacities over the years. When females were first elected to the Board in 1975, Mary Lee was one of them.

Mary Lee was a woman of many interests. She was a businesswoman, operating a retail clothier, MC’s, for 18 years with daughter, Carolyn. She loved travel, near and far, and spent countless hours with her hands in the soil—she was a passionate gardener.

What she loved most, however, were her family and God and both were ever-prominent in her life. Nothing was more important to Mary Lee than time with family members. Mary Lee and George have 4 children—Carolyn, Anna Lee, Bruce and Daniel; 12 grandchildren; and now, many great-grandchildren.

Mary Lee’s love for God’s people was equally evident through her service and generosity to others. She served the Board at Lexington Theological Seminary, volunteered at Senior Citizens East and with Meals on Wheels, and spent many holidays serving meals to the homeless at Wayside.

My research of Beargrass history over the past couple years verified what most of us here already knew—this congregation has never had a more generous couple than Mary Lee and George. Their faith in God moved them to lead by example in contributions of time, talent and treasure. And the bar they set for the rest of us was nothing less than amazing.

At her funeral in 2015 her grandson Taylor said: “Grammy was kind, gentle, giving, incredibly loving and full of integrity. Love truly is the cornerstone of her legacy.” Taylor’s Grammy is the person all of us knew at Beargrass. Mary Lee reflected God’s love and was a blessing to all of us. With deep gratitude we are glad to recognize this good and faithful servant of God as “Deacon Emerita.”

## Resolve to Get (More) Involved!

*By Leigh Bond*

As we consider resolutions for the New Year, I would like to share some information that I included in a recent sermon. New research by the “Giving USA Foundation” confirms that people who are religiously affiliated are more likely to make a charitable donation of any kind to churches and charities. Sixty-two percent of religious households give to charities of any kind, compared with forty-six percent of households with no religious affiliation.

Frequent attendance in worship is linked to both the likelihood of giving to religion and to making larger gifts to religion. People who attend services once a month or more are 11 times more likely to give to churches—and they give almost \$2000 more per year than those who attend less than once a month. Coming to worship every week to thank God makes a difference! God-filled people are grateful, joyful and generous people! So please show up in 2018—and resolve to get involved!

## Primary Adventures Outing

**Sunday, January 21**  
**12:15 pm**  
*By Steven Straub*

All Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders of the church are invited to attend a special outing. On Sunday, January 21, after lunch at a local restaurant, we will be heading to Sky Zone. The cost is \$15 per child. We will meet in the Activities Building at 12:15 pm and return to church around 3:30 pm. If you are interested in going, contact the church office (896-1161) by Friday, January 19.