

## **New Sunday School Class**

Starting next Sunday, March 2nd, there will be a new co-ed adult Sunday School class, with Julie as the lead teacher.

#### **Bible Studies for Life**

A new sermon series/BSFL unit starts next Sunday. The unit is titled *All Signs Point to Jesus*. Books are available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule.





# **Ladies Bible Study**

The Spring Ladies Bible Study meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Books are available for purchase on Amazon (ISBN: 978-1988984193)

# **New Ministry Partnership**

Pastor Ron Flowers and his church plant are using our facilities to meet on Sunday mornings at 11:30 AM & Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM for Bible study.

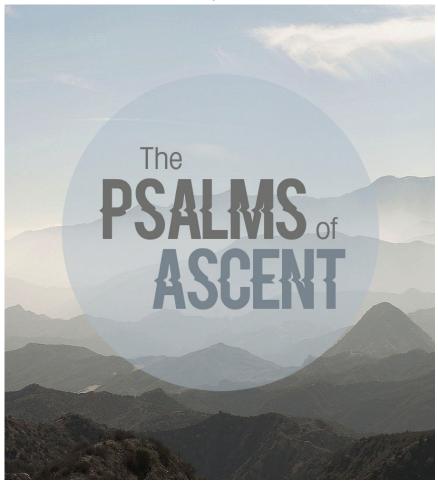


You can learn more about Pastor Ron & the Living Streams Worship Center at thelivingstreams.com

Living Streams Worship Center is planning to hold a baptism service toward the end of March!



**February 23, 2025** 



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# Sunday, February 23 2025

The Gathering for Worship Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:12-15

<u>The Point:</u> Worshiping alongside others encourages us in our faith.

<u>The Bible Meets Life</u>: It's a scene I will never forget, perhaps the most impressive gathering of worshipers I've ever seen. The band started playing and every single person in a crowd of 90,000+ stood to their feet. I saw the power of gathered worship right before my eyes. Their hands were in the air, and all of them started singing in unison, "The eyes of Texas are upon you," as the Texas Longhorn football team ran onto the field. It was worship alright.

On another occasion, I experienced a similar scene, also in a football stadium. But this time it was the Dallas Cowboys Stadium as 90,000 men gathered for a Promise Keepers event. Those men stood and started singing at the top of their lungs, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing." It didn't matter how each man sounded when he sang. All that mattered was how all of us sounded together. And it was something that drew me into the worship of a God worthy of all the worship of those men. I didn't see a single man sitting it out with arms folded.

When the church gathers to worship, we become something none of us can be alone—and it brings the encouragement every disciple needs.

Live It Out: The Starting Place. As you think about your own habits related to corporate worship. What are some ways you could grow in this area of worship? Spend time in prayer asking God to show you how you can grow in your participation in worship. The Growing Place. Identify a worship setting that's different than what you're used to, perhaps in a cross-cultural setting. Invite someone from the group to go with you (outside of your normal worship time) to experience corporate worship in a different way. The Sowing Place. The verses that follow Hebrews 13:15 build on the truth that praise is on the lips of those who confess Jesus. Praise, however, is only one mark of worship. Read Hebrews 13:16-19 and discover other evidence of a lifestyle of worship that naturally flow from the heart of a follower of Christ. Put these principles into practice this week.

# **Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series**

# **All Signs Point to Jesus**

Sunday, March 2 The Sign of His Glory

(John 2:1-11)

Sunday, March 9 The Sign of His Grace

(John 4:46-54)



# **Opportunities for Ministry & Service**

## Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Indoor Worship 10:00 AM Online Worship 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

# Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship6:30 PM Youth7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 3/12

# Thursday

Jail Ministry

#### **Service Attendance**

Sunday, February 16

Indoor: 36 Online: 97

Wednesday, February 19

Online: 51
No Youth

# **Monthly Budget & Offerings**

Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

February Offering
To Date:

\$11,850.00

#### Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday,

March 12th at **7:30 PM**.

### **Prayer Requests**

Candy Anderson Danny Anderson (Eddie's Brother) Gary Clontz Marlene Crider Lela Crump Peggy Dean John Efird Cindy French Sam & Wanda Goodwin Ray Greene Mike & Renee Helms Rodney Johnson Richard Lovingood Pam Majewski Lorraine McClellan Debbie McKnight Richie Raines Carolyn Street

# Bible App

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