

OUR PRACTICAL PLAN FOR  
PERSONALLY AND CONGREGATIONALLY  
HELPING EVERY SOUL LOVE THE LORD IN 2024

Love the  
**LORD**  
your God  
with all your



**HEART**



**SOUL**



**MIND** &



**STRENGTH**

# our theme

“...and you shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your mind and with all your strength.”  
(Mark 12:30)

Every year, we as a family at Eastland set a goal for our study and for our walk with God. This year's theme is “Love the Lord Your God”. Each quarter will focus on a different way in which we can love God better. We will learn to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Everything from the songs we sing to the discussion in our classes to our plans for VBS to our guest speakers throughout the year will be meant to help us better fulfill the first and greatest commandment. We want to understand what it means to be whole and complete in our service to God and in living lives dedicated to Him.

As we look at the heart, soul, mind, and strength which we offer to God, we will also look at how He is offering to transform those four areas of our life. We will search the Scriptures for the warnings about how Satan is trying to transform our heart, mind, soul, and strength, too.

We will look at Biblical examples of people who got these areas right and examples of people in the Bible who failed to give God their all. And every step of the way, we will try and make practical applications for how we can love God better.

We make a vision as a family so that we can focus as a family. Be prepared to participate, grow as an individual, and help others to grow, too.

Mark your calendars, set your resolve to be involved, and above all else, pray for the success of the Eastland family as we seek to love the Lord our God.

2024

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My Jesus, I love Thee,  
I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies  
of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer,  
my Savior art Thou,  
if ever I loved Thee,  
my Jesus, 'tis now.

## *My Jesus,* **I LOVE THEE**

By William R. Featherstone

I love Thee because Thou  
has first loved me  
and purchased my pardon  
on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing  
the thorns on Thy brow.  
If ever I loved Thee,  
my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life;  
I will love Thee in death  
and praise Thee as long  
as Thou lendest me breath  
and say when the deathdew  
lies cold on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee,  
my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory  
and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee  
in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

# QUARTER *One*

January 7th -  
March 27th



## HEART

*Jeremiah 31:33; Proverbs 3:1-5; Proverbs 4:23*

### *January* **DON'T LOSE HEART**

As we kick off the year, let's navigate challenges and setbacks with a focus on resilience and unwavering faith. Through biblical teachings and practical wisdom, discover how to maintain a steadfast heart in the face of adversity and the weariness life can bring.

### *February* **A HEART FROM GOD**

There is a heart that God wants to give you. What does it look like to have Him write upon your heart? Let's find out how to write His laws upon our hearts and align our hearts with His.

### *March* **A HEART FOR GOD**

Now that we've talked about the heart God wants to give you, let's ask ourselves: have I given my heart to Him? Our hearts ought to long for God and yearn to be near Him. Let's develop a genuine passion for Him!



**“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God .”** *(2 Thessalonians 3:5)*

# QUARTER *Two*

March 31st -  
July 3rd



## SOUL

*Psalm 62:1; Psalm 42:1; 1 Peter 2:11*

### *April* **THE LIFE I LEAVE BEHIND**

Sometimes we need to reflect to move forward. We must know what we are surrendering to grasp what God wants for our lives. Let's learn about repentance and the freedom that comes with letting go.

### *May* **THE LIFE GOD OFFERS**

There is a life that God intends for you to live. Let's explore His promises, His direction, and seek to root our souls in Him. We are made in His image, and our souls ought to reflect His purpose.

### *June* **MY DEDICATED LIFE**

This month we are going to talk about dedication. What does it mean to dedicate ourselves to something? How can you measure dedication and commitment? Our souls belong to God- what does that look like?



**“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul...”** *(Deuteronomy 10:12)*

# QUARTER *Three*

July 7th -  
October 2nd



*Romans 8:5-6; Proverbs 12:8; Nehemiah 4:6*

## *July* AN INFLUENCED MIND

External things can influence how we internally think. Conforming to the world is exactly what happens if we don't make intentional choices with a discerning mind. How can we navigate this world's influences and align our thoughts with God?

## *August* THE MIND OF GOD

God doesn't think like we do, but He does give us insight into how He thinks and how to see the world the way He does. Let's set our minds above, have the mind of Christ, and meditate on the wisdom that is pure and divine.

## *September* MY MIND MADE CLEAR

A clear mind leads to a clear path. When we are focused and have a mind for the things of God, then we are ready to do the work that needs to be done. Let's learn to think intentionally, pray intentionally, and anchor our minds in God's truth.



"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing, you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." *(Romans 12:2)*

# QUARTER *Four*

Oct. 6th -  
Jan. 1st



*Isaiah 40:29-31; James 1:22; Proverbs 24:16*

## *October* THE WEARINESS OF LIFE

We need to acknowledge and address the weariness that life can bring. Life can be hard because this life isn't heaven. Let's explore how to navigate challenges, setbacks, and fatigue with a perspective rooted in the resilience that God gives us to overcome.

## *November* THE STRENGTH GOD GIVES

God is the true source of strength. God wants us to be strong, and He offers us tools to run without growing weary and mount up with wings like eagles! How can we draw strength from the immeasurable strength of God?

## *December* THE STRENGTH TO SERVE

Strength is meant for service. Our strength isn't just meant for personal endurance, but it is also meant for serving others and fueling our efforts in the kingdom. As we end the year, let's learn how to serve with the strength God gives us.



"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."  
*(Colossians 3:23)*

# ON ZION'S *Glorious* SUMMIT

BY JOHN KENT

On Zion's glorious summit stood  
a num'rous host redeemed by blood!  
They hymned the King in strains divine;  
I heard the song and strove to join.

Here all who suffered sword or flame  
for truth or Jesus' lovely name,  
shout victory now and hail the Lamb  
and bow before the great I AM.

While everlasting ages roll,  
eternal love shall feast their soul,  
and scenes of bliss forever new  
rise in succession to their view.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts on high, adored!  
Who like me Thy praise should sing,  
O, Almighty King?  
Holy, holy, holy!

# Calendar

**APRIL 13th**

Saturday

**MEN'S DAY** with Terry Francis

**APRIL 14th- 17th**

Sunday-Wednesday

**SPRING MEETING** with Terry Francis

**JUNE 17th- 20th**

Monday-Thursday

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** with Jordan Shouse

**SEPTEMBER 7th**

Saturday

**LADIES' DAY**

**OCTOBER 27th-30th**

Sunday-Wednesday

**FALL MEETING** with Josh Creel

**NOVEMBER 22nd**

Wednesday

**PRAYER MEETING**

# Adult CLASSES

## *Quarters 1 & 2*

### SUNDAYS

**MARK**

**UNDERSTANDING FAITH IN CHRIST:  
THEMES FROM GALATIANS**

### WEDNESDAYS

**1ST SAMUEL  
EXODUS**

## *Quarters 3 & 4*

### SUNDAYS

**1ST-3RD JOHN, JONAH, & ESTHER  
1ST & 2ND TIMOTHY, TITUS**

### WEDNESDAYS

**2ND SAMUEL  
CHARACTER STUDIES**

# Blessed ASSURANCE

BY F. J. CROSBY

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring from above  
echos of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I, in my Savior, am happy and blessed,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

# Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

## Our Love Grows

MONDAY, JUNE 17 - THURSDAY, JUNE 20

JOIN US NIGHTLY FROM 7:30PM-8:45PM

WHERE WE WILL HAVE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES  
WHICH FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

MONDAY: WITH ALL OUR HEART (HANNAH)

TUESDAY: WITH ALL OUR SOUL (RUTH & NAOMI)

WEDNESDAY: WITH ALL OUR MIND (DANIEL)

THURSDAY: WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH (TWELVE SPIES)

# WHERE HE LEADS I'll Follow

BY W.A. OGDEN

Sweet are the promises; kind is the word,  
dearer far than any message man ever heard.  
Pure was the mind of Christ, sinless I see,  
He, the great example, is a pattern for me.

Where He leads I'll follow, follow all the way.  
Where He leads I'll follow, follow Jesus every day.

Sweet is the tender love Jesus has shown,  
sweeter far than any love that mortals have known.  
Kind to the erring one, faithful is He.  
He the great example is and pattern for me.

Where He leads I'll follow, follow all the way.  
Where He leads I'll follow, follow Jesus every day.

List' to His loving words, "Come unto Me."  
Weary, heavy-laden, there is sweet rest for thee.  
Trust in His promises, faithful and sure.  
Lean upon the Savior, and thy soul is secure.

Where He leads I'll follow, follow all the way.  
Where He leads I'll follow, follow Jesus every day.

# Annual Reading Schedule

<b>Jan 1-7</b> Gen 1-12 Ps 1 Pro 1	<b>Feb 12-18</b> Ex 7-14 Ps 7 Pro 7	<b>Mar 25-31</b> Lev 16-24 Ps 13 Pro 13	<b>May 6-12</b> Num 35-36 Deut 1-5 Ps 19 Pro 19
<b>Jan 8-14</b> Gen 13-23 Ps 2 Pro 2	<b>Feb 19-25</b> Ex 15-24 Ps 8 Pro 8	<b>Apr 1-7</b> Lev 25-27 Num 1-3 Ps 14 Pro 14	<b>May 13-19</b> Deut 6-13 Ps 20 Pro 20
<b>Jan 15-21</b> Gen 24-30 Ps 3 Pro 3	<b>Feb 26-Mar 3</b> Ex 25-32 Ps 9 Pro 9	<b>Apr 8-14</b> Num 4-10 Ps 15 Pro 15	<b>May 20-26</b> Deut 14-23 Ps 21 Pro 21
<b>Jan 22-28</b> Gen 31-38 Ps 4 Pro 4	<b>Mar 4-10</b> Ex 33-40 Ps 10 Pro 10	<b>Apr 15-21</b> Num 11-18 Ps 16 Pro 16	<b>May 27-June 2</b> Deut 24-31 Ps 22 Pro 22
<b>Jan 29-Feb 4</b> Gen 39-46 Ps 5 Pro 5	<b>Mar 11-17</b> Lev 1-9 Ps 11 Pro 11	<b>Apr 22-28</b> Num 19-26 Ps 17 Pro 17	<b>June 3-9</b> Deut 32-34 Josh 1-6 Ps 23 Pro 23
<b>Feb 5-11</b> Gen 47-50 Ex 1-6 Ps 6 Pro 6	<b>Mar 18-24</b> Lev 10-15 Ps 12 Pro 12	<b>Apr 29-May 5</b> Num 27-34 Ps 18 Pro 18	<b>June 10-16</b> Josh 7-14 Ps 24 Pro 24

<b>June 17-23</b> Josh 15-24 Ps 25 Pro 25	<b>Aug 5-11</b> 1 Sa 25-31 2 Sa 1-2 Ps 32 Pro 1	<b>Sept 23-29</b> 1 Kgs 22 2 Kgs 1-6 Ps 39 Pro 8	<b>Nov 11-17</b> 2 Chr 6-15 Ps 46 Pro 15
<b>June 24-30</b> Jdg 1-7 Ps 26 Pro 26	<b>Aug 12-18</b> 2 Sa 3-12 Ps 33 Pro 2	<b>Sept 30-Oct 6</b> 2 Kgs 7-13 Ps 40 Pro 9	<b>Nov 18-24</b> 2 Chr 16-25 Ps 47 Pro 16
<b>July 1-7</b> Jdg 8-15 Ps 27 Pro 27	<b>Aug 19-25</b> 2 Sa 13-19 Ps 34 Pro 3	<b>Oct 7-13</b> 2 Kgs 14-20 Ps 41 Pro 10	<b>Nov 25-Dec 1</b> 2 Chr 26-33 Ps 48 Pro 17
<b>July 8-14</b> Jdg 16-21 Rut 1-2 Ps 28 Pro 28	<b>Aug 26-Sept 1</b> 2 Sa 20-24 1 Kgs 1 Ps 35 Pro 4	<b>Oct 14-20</b> 2 Kgs 21-25 1 Chr 1-4 Ps 42 Pro 11	<b>Dec 2-8</b> 2 Chr 34-36 Ezr 1-6 Ps 49 Pro 18
<b>July 15-21</b> Rut 3-4 1 Sa 1-9 Ps 29 Pro 29	<b>Sept 2-8</b> 1 Kgs 2-8 Ps 36 Pro 5	<b>Oct 21-27</b> 1 Chr 5-12 Ps 43 Pro 12	<b>Dec 9-15</b> Ezr 7-10 Neh 1-5 Ps 50 Pro 19
<b>July 22-28</b> 1 Sa 10-16 Ps 30 Pro 30	<b>Sept 9-15</b> 1 Kgs 9-14 Ps 37 Pro 6	<b>Oct 28-Nov 3</b> 1 Chr 13-23 Ps 44 Pro 13	<b>Dec 16-22</b> Neh 6-13 Ps 51 Pro 20
<b>July 29-Aug 4</b> 1 Sa 17-24 Ps 31 Pro 31	<b>Sept 16-22</b> 1 Kgs 15-21 Ps 38 Pro 7	<b>Nov 4-10</b> 1 Chr 24-29 2 Chr 1-5 Ps 45 Pro 14	<b>Dec 23-29</b> Est 1-10 Jon 1-4 Ps 52 Pro 21



# THE *Greatest* COMMANDS

BY JANICE DETWEILER

Love one another, for love is of God.  
He who loves is born of God and knows God.  
He who does not love does not know God,  
for God is love. God is love.

Love bears all things, believes all things,  
love hopes all things, endures all things.

God is love, God is love, God is love.

Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
with all thy soul, all thy strength, all thy mind.  
Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
for God is love, God is love, God is love.

“...AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL  
YOUR **HEART** AND WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL**  
AND WITH ALL YOUR **MIND** AND WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH.**”  
(MARK 12:30)

Love the  
**LORD**  
your God  
with all your



**HEART**



**SOUL**



**MIND**

&



**STRENGTH**