Yorkshire Inspire – November 2026

Dear Yorkshire Friends,

While on vacation, when I have time, I often take up reading, usually about the church and what is happening as folks have studied the churches across America. Over my last journey, I spent some time with a book entitled Becoming the Church People Choose and an extended article entitled The Comeback Plan. They call us to remember what requirements we must have of our members. What are the expectations that really matter to followers of Jesus Christ? In another article, Cynthia Woolever suggests there are 7 – here is her list:

1. Commit to Spiritual Growth. A range of activities, programs, or disciplines provide the stimulus for continued spiritual and personal growth. People choose to participate in Bible study, a prayer group, a discussion group, or a learning group. The participants care about one another, hold one another accountable, and encourage one another to a more mature faith.

2. Commit to worshipping with others. Membership requires being a faith community. Community develops when people share experiences and encounters with the divine. In congregations, people gather to worship. Regular attendance at worship services allows community to happen.

3. Commit to financial support. All organizations need money to maintain facilities, pay staff, fund programs and serve the community. Just as a responsible family member takes of a share of the household expenses, a faithful church member takes on a share of the household of God expenses. The Biblical guidelines about financial support are unambiguous. Giving to the church should be planned, proportional to household resources, and shared with great joy.

4. Commit to congregation's mission and vision. This membership requirement begins with an emotional investment in the church's future. Responsible members support the church's core purpose and future vision with their words, attitudes, and actions. Volunteerism is the mark of it, serving in ways that match the gifts of the members with the tasks to be done.

5. Commit to the needs of the community and world. We must maintain an outward focus if we are to fulfill one of Jesus' Great Commandments – to love others as we love ourselves. This membership requirement means we must demonstrate care for those who are not members of our congregation. There are dozens of ways to make this happen.

6. Commit to hospitality. This welcoming behavior demands that we make friends, offer forgiveness, express encouragement, share a meal, invite someone for coffee, and doing a simple, kind deed.

7. Commit to prayer. Pray for the congregation as a whole – that faithful decisions are made, programs and activities change lives, and relationships are healed. Pray for the pastor and other key leaders in the church, the needs of the community, and the transformation of the nation and world.

The Gallup Organization in research for an article, "Growing an Engaged Church," observes: "Four of the seven member-expectations suggest less about behavior, or "doing church," and more about an attitude or "being the church." Commitment to Spiritual Growth, the Congregation's Mission and Vision, Hospitality, and Prayer are about being church. And Gallup issues a warning: "Those who meet the expectations of "doing church," (Worship, Financial Support, and Committing to Needs of Community and World) without and sense of "being church," are actively disengaged from the congregation's mission and vision." With humor they say that "a small percentage of these persons are "C.A.V.E. Dwellers: Consistently Against Virtually Anything."

Where do you put yourself as you evaluate these crucial expectations?

Better Disciples, More Disciples,
Yours in Christ's love,

Pastor Roger

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 10am Annual Church Conference 10am Chem Care Bag Stuffing
8 530p Youth Group	9 7pm Women's Bible Study	10	11 6am Men @ Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	12 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	13 Youth Group Unite Fall Retreat	13 Youth Group Unite Fall Retreat
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THE MEN AT THE SIXES BIBLE STUDY STARTS A NEW STUDY ON NOVEMBER 4TH

UNBREAKABLE COURAGE: STRONG FAITH IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY, CHAOS, AND EXHAUSTION

The Men at the Sixes meets every Wednesday at 6 A.M. to study the Word of God. We currently have eighteen devoted brothers in Christ who meet each week. Every Wednesday they are greeted with plenty of hot coffee, delicious doughnuts and an organized Bible study session with both video and discussion activities. We promptly begin at 6 A.M. and finish at 7 A.M. It is a great way to start your Wednesday and have a mid-week spiritual "pick-me-up." The bonds formed with the men attending become long lasting and provide an added spiritual support group for those who attend. We are looking for more "Kingdom Men"to join us in our study of God's Word each week.

On Wednesday, November 4th we begin a new study called Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, and Exhaustion by Max Lucado. This is a six-session study using the Biblical text in 1 and 2 Kings focused on the life of Elijah. "Elijah may be the perfect hero for our times. The struggles he faced are all too familiar: standing firm for God in a world determined to turn away from him, feeling outnumbered and overwhelmed, and wrestling with moments of loneliness, anxiety, and discouragement. And yet, despite impossible opposition, Elijah chose to trust God when the road ahead looked uncertain."

"The Unbreakable Courage Bible Study invites you to deepen your faith by drawing from Elijah's story of hope and resilience. Each session provides practical application from the highs and lows of his life. You'll learn to:

*Trust God in uncertain times
* Find strength in solitude and prayer
* Stand firm in your faith
* Rely on God's power – not your own
* Live in expectation of God's intervention."

Deepen your trust, grow your faith, and discover that God's strength is made perfect even in weakness. Step forward, like Elijah, in "unbreakable courage."

Contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792 if you are interested in joining the Men at the Sixes or if you would like more information about this new Bible study. We would love to have you join us in studying God's Word. This study will take us through Christmas. More studies are being planned for the winter and spring. More information on these new studies will be shared in the December issue of the Yorkshire Inspire newsletter.

Men @ The Sixes

The Men at the Sixes Bible Study has a spiritually and biblically packed fall planned.

November 4 - Unbreakable Courage Session #1
November 11 - Unbreakable Courage Session #2
November 18 - Unbreakable Courage Session #3
November 25 – Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM

December 2 - Unbreakable Courage Session #4
December 9 - Unbreakable Courage Session #5
December 16 - Unbreakable Courage Session #6
December 23 - Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM
December 30 - Breakfast at Stonybrook Family Restaurant at 6 AM

January 6 – The Men at the Sixes will Begin a New Series (TBD)

Contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792 for more information about Men at the Sixes and/or if you would like to be part of this exciting, growing ministry here at Yorkshire Church.
We are always looking for more Kingdom Men to join us in our weekly study of God's Word in a supportive community of spiritual brothers.



Adult Sunday School
In the Sanctuary

The Adult Sunday School will be starting a new four week series beginning Nov 1-Nov 22nd.
The series by Mark Batterson is titled “All In”
You are one decision away from a totally different life.

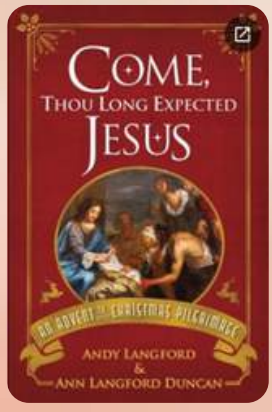
The Gospel costs nothing. You can't earn it or buy it.
It can only be received as a free gift by compliments of God's grace. It doesn't cost anything, but it demands everything. It demands that we go "all in", a term that simply means placing all that you have into God's hands. Yet we're afraid that if we go "all in" that we might miss out on what this life has to offer.
It's not true.
The only thing you'll miss out on is everything God has to offer.

Advent Series
Coming in November!

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

This year's Advent series, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,
by Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan,
invites us on a meaningful journey as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth.
Through Scripture, reflection, and discussion, we will explore five important themes:

- An Early Prophet: Isaiah
- Two Later Prophets: John the Baptist and John the Theologian
- The Mother of God and First Disciple: Mary
- The First Witnesses: Angels, Shepherds, Simeon, and Anna
- Grace Born in Bethlehem



November 29: Session 1 – Fellowship Hall
December 6: Session 2 – Fellowship Hall
December 13: No Session (Joyful Noise Preschool Fellowship)
December 20: Session 3 – Fellowship Hall
December 27: Sessions 4 and 5 – Sanctuary

Join us as we discover God's promises, reflect on those who prepared for and witnessed Jesus' coming, and experience the hope and joy of Christmas.
Come, open your heart to the Good News and draw closer to Jesus this Advent season!

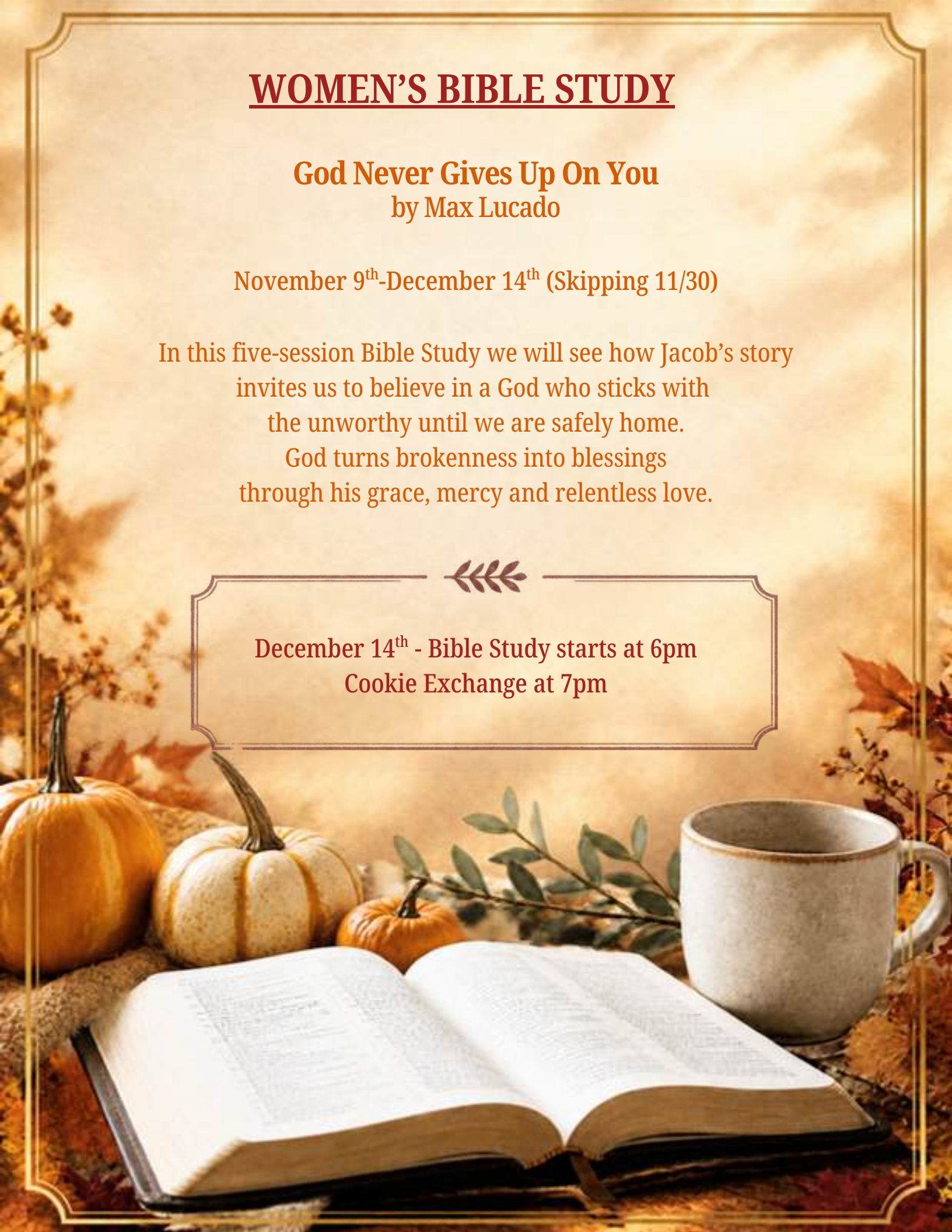
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

God Never Gives Up On You
by Max Lucado

November 9th-December 14th (Skipping 11/30)

In this five-session Bible Study we will see how Jacob's story
invites us to believe in a God who sticks with
the unworthy until we are safely home.
God turns brokenness into blessings
through his grace, mercy and relentless love.

December 14th - Bible Study starts at 6pm
Cookie Exchange at 7pm



Volunteers Needed!

Sound and Media Center

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Sound and Media Center for Sunday services. We particularly need volunteers for the Sound Board during the second service. If you are interested in helping please see Al Mink or Frank Herron.

Coming Soon!

Adopt a Family

A tree will be placed in the narthex with angels who are looking for sponors for Christmas. These names are from New Life for Mothers and Children. There wishlist items are on the angel. If you would like to adopt an individual please take a angel tag, and purchase the gifts requested. All items must be wrapped with the angel tag on the outside and returned to the church by December 15th.



Children's Bible Sponsors

Beginning Nov 1st we will be looking for sponsors of Bibles for our preschool children. Each Bible is $10, chose a tag from the board and put your $10 in an envelope. We will purchase Bibles in bulk using the monetary donations received. We appreciate your support!



Reminders

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Angel Tree

Pick a name from the angel tree and adopt the individual for Christmas. Shop, wrap and return all items to the church by Dec 15th.

Annual Church Conference

Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 10am at Calvary United Methodist Church, 11 North Richland Ave, York. All members of Yorkshire Church are welcome to attend.

Veterans Cards

Gail Davis is collecting cards for Veterans. If you are interested in participating, there will be a table placed in the hallway next to the narthex for cards to be placed by Nov 8th.
Please see Gail with questions.

Guest Pastors

The following Guest Pastors will be joining us in November:
November 8, 2026 - Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders
November 15, 2026 - Pastor Megan Barnett

Youth Group Retreats

The Youth Group will be on the following retreats:
Unite Fall Retreat – Nov 13-Nov 15, 2026
Zeteo Event – Jan 29-Jan 31, 2026
Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers for successful events.

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on November 28th from 9-12noon.
Please see Wendy Mingora with questions.

Men's Group - Servant Project

**The Men's Group took on another servant project.
This time they went to Doris Bubb's home.
Thank you to the Men's Group for helping!**





















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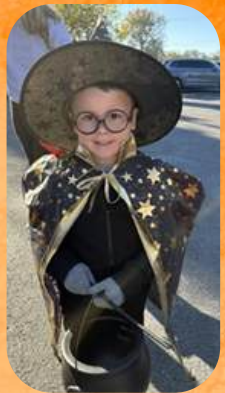










Preschool Field Trip to Flinchbaugh's























Preschool Friends!

2's Class





























Preschool Friends!
3's Class





















Preschool Friends!

4's Blue Room

































Preschool Friends!

4's Green Room

































Our MISSION STATEMENT

If someone asked you what was special about Yorkshire Church, how would you respond? What could we tell someone that was short- easy to remember and focused on what is truly important to us as a Church? Yorkshire's leadership team has been considering this very topic for quite some time. After much review and discussion, we've decided on these 7 words as our new "Mission Statement":

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People

A Mission Statement is an expression of the purpose and direction for an organization. These 7 words are easy to remember, easy to share, and focused on Jesus and his teachings. You will soon see Yorkshire's new "Mission Statement" displayed throughout the church, perhaps on a banner or on a brochure. Maybe projected in the sanctuary before our worship service, or listed on our website. But most importantly, we hope each of us will commit this to memory, and adopt these 7 words as both Yorkshire's "Mission statement" and perhaps our own as well.

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People.

Easy to remember; easy to share; focused on Jesus and his teachings. May they guide us as we go forward in mission as God's church at Yorkshire.



FOLLOW JESUS.

LIVE HIS WORD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

YORKSHIRE CHURCH CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

(APPROVED 2023)

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST - We value a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistently strengthening. Goal: Help all believers grow into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION - We value Biblical instruction that teaches the Bible as the inspired written revelation of the inerrant Word of God. Goal: Base all instruction and educational opportunities on the Bible's authority so that seekers find Christ and believers mature in Him.

PRAYER - We value prayer that deepens our spiritual intimacy with God. Goal: Become a church characterized by prayer relying on private and corporate prayer in the conception, planning, and execution of all the ministries and activities of this church.

WORSHIP - We value worship that is focused on God and is spiritually enriching. Goal: Share in worship that welcomes participation and strengthens our personal worship as well.

MINISTRY/SERVICE - We value ministry / service that seeks to honor God in all ministries and activities of the church. Goal: Maintain a high standard of excellence and encourage congregational participation in all ministries and activities.

FELLOWSHIP - We value the importance of fellowship that is joyful, inviting, inclusive, and enhances our relationships. Goal: Foster a community that encourages, comforts, and cares for one another.

Reference Acts 2:42-47