# ASBURY CIRCUIT RIDER

#### Treading Water (Do fish know they're wet?

Does a fish, living in a fish bowl, realize that there is a world just outside where creatures take in oxygen straight from the air? A place, inhospitable to a creature with gills, custom made to extract oxygen from water? The fish knows only the water around it and may seek hiding from the tap-tap-tap of the knuckle on the side of their gated neighborhood. Sides that act like walls, keeping the water from spilling out, offering protection of the fish's habitat. Yet restricting the fish's movement and experiences.



We too, swimin a fishbowl. We too, know the hiding places in our homes and neighborhoods. And, like the fish, we really don't notice that we are wet. Until someone taps on the sides of our world, exposing the existence of the unknown just outside our hood. We can choose to hide. But even hiding places get exposed when someone or something breaks the sides of our bowl. And we spill out onto the floor. Gasping for air in an inhospitable environment.

We are sculpted by our environment. We don't know that we are wet.

Michigan winters aren't what they used to be. Long before now, we expect our ground to be frozen solid enough to hold the weight of a pickup truck. But just last week, I noticed how the ground gave way to my truck's weight and deep threads of

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### Special points of interest:

\*\*\* City of Flint Neighborhood Planning will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:30pm.

\*\*\* UMW will be meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 1pm. All are welcome to attend.

\*\*\* CWU (Church Women United) will be meeting at Asbury on Friday, March 6th from 9am to 12Noon.

#### How to have more courage (The way of courage)

We end our three-week, mini-series, that began with Jesus telling us to love our enemies, with the way of courage. And this week we focus on life-or-death sorts of enemies. Are we really supposed to love them too?

During the first century, the Jewish people were threatened and on the brink of war. The burning question was, "What sort of savior do



we want?" There is a story from the Gospels that usually

comes up around Easter, that needs to be told now. The story involves a man called Barabbas. But this story is also a story about all of us.

You see, there are always two ways before us. And the more we feel under attack, the more tempted we are to choose a savior who

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promises to put an end to our enemies. Whatever voices in our head that tell us that killing is wrong are drowned out by shouts of desperation.

This is also a story that reinforces that the gentle way of Jesus is not just for bloggers who annoy us and neighbors who get on our nerves. When Jesus says to love your enemies, He means the people who have chosen the way of evil and are literally seeking to destroy you.

The cross and resurrection are about life and death. Loving our enemies in this way requires a belief in love more powerful than death. And loving in this way takes more courage than anyone I know actually has within them.

There is a quote by a man named Gilbert Keith Chesterton that comes to mind. ""The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." This is truer than we would like. While there are examples where one person has shown a love that approaches the love shown to us by God, in Jesus Christ, there aren't many. The way of Jesus, sometimes called the way of the cross, is a way for the courageous.

Our culture too often thinks of courage as taking on our enemies. Standing up to others. Lately, standing up to enemies has become synonymous with namecalling. I picture two nine-year-olds on the school playground, trading

childish names for one another in a verbal tic-for-tac battle.

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the tires, leaving tracks. The clay ridges will harden leaving a sculpted reminder of the truck's presence.

While sculpted fits the clay ridges better than the water in a fish bowl, both the ground and the fish are sculpted. The fish is sculpted by the water that is its home. Both are left with the imprints of its circumstances. And so are we.

But let's not get too far ahead. For now, settle back into the comfort of who you are. Take a selfie. Look deeply into the person that appears in the photo. What color are your eyes? Your hair? What color is your skin tone? Do you have wrinkles, or freckles, or scars? Like the stillness of the self-photograph, the person you see is sculpted. Let's focus on how you became you, for now.

Over the next few weeks, we are taking a trip together. But we aren't the only ones. This is a trip that we all take to one extent or another. Along the way, we will reference the stories of three men. Jesus of Nazareth, Joel McKerrow, and Matthew Vines, made this trip at different times, leaving from different places. But their stories offer insights into our own trip.

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### In our Prayers

Curtis Young Mirium Watson Rachel Bastine Shirley Craig Norma Buzzard Christopher Lewis Sarah Tanner Mary Lyons Barbara McIvor Elizabeth Wright Austin & Mary Suffle Judy Tanner

#### FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR IN NURSING CARE

**Mary Nations** 

Mary Russell

Elaine Lamoreaux

For those of you who might not have heard, our dear Mary Russell went home to be with her Lord yesterday. She served Him for many years using the gift He had given her on the piano and organ.

Visitation will be at Brown Funeral Home Monday, March 2nd, from 3pm to 8 pm and the service will be Tuesday at 11am.

Please keep this family in your prayers for strength during this difficult time.

Hope this finds all of you well and keeping warm.

(Posted February 28th by Becky Britton)



## Coming up this week



Mar 2	Mon	5:00pm	outh Choir
		7:00pm	Flint Jubilee
Mar 3	Tues	10am-2pm	Water Distribution
		4:30-7:30pr	n City of Flint Planning
		6:00pm	Community Gospel Choir
Mar 4	Wed	12Noon	Pastor Book Club
		6:00pm	Beginners Bible Study
		6-8:00pm	Rec Nite
Mar 5	Thu	1:00PM	UMW
		6:00pm	Worship Band Practice
Mar 6	Fri	llam-2pm	Asbury Cafe Open
Mar 7	Sat	10am-12N	Japanese Jiu Jitsi
Mar 8	Sun	8am-10am	ı Japanese Jiu Jitsi
		9:30am	Café Open
		10:30am	New Beginnings
		Con	temporary Worship



REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR **CLOCKS BEFORE GOING TO** BED TONITE.





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#### Asbury Worship Series Woven (Coming March 1)

The Season of Lent, which begins February 26, is seven weeks long. Including the partial week that starts on a Wednesday, we count forty days until

Easter. That is when we don't count Sundays.

#### **Book Club News**

We chose to recast the Daniel Plan as a set of tools within a larger framework that we are calling *Life raft*. When I tell people about the Daniel Plan their mind jumps straight to dieting. Worse, they imagine a diet of vegetables, or worse, they imagine a vegan diet. And this is usually enough to turn off their listening.

We each hear through filters that come out of who we are at the time. This sculpting comes from our family, our ancestors, our community and society. And we are also shaped by whatever religious beliefs we adopt from those around us.

Our next subject for book club also comes with loads of context. When we hear the word "homosexual" our responses are conditioned by our sculpting. For the next few weeks, we will explore the sculpting, unraveling, and reweaving of a family living in Wichita, Kansas.

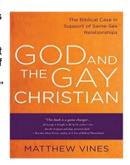
Matthew Vines learned the Bible from his parents and from the church that shaped his view of God. His views of sexual identity and sexual orientation were shaped by how he learned to interpret words translated from ancient texts. Matthew never questioned what he

These forty days are symbolic of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness following His baptism. We believe that this time is steeped in Holy mystery. But our traditions can reduce the Holy Mystery that we claim for it when viewed by those just outside the fence that separates traditional believers from everyone else.

We design worship at Asbury, based on what little we know about the people that God plans to send to worship with us. This goal leads us to

knew to be as divine truth. That is, until he decided to tell his family that he is gay.

Matthew shares that he later learned that his father would describe the day that Matthew came out of the closet as the "worst day of his life." This news broke during the year after his dad's sister died. And this was his worst day?



Matthew was like a lot of young adults. He had a lot of the same hopes of other people his age. Matthew wanted to be loved for who he is. He imagined that someday he would meet someone to share his life with, and raise children. But when Matthew realized he was gay, his hopes were called into question.

The Bible, that Matthew knew condemned gay relationships. His dad's worse day became a starting point for both of them to first come unraveled as the indisputable truths they both knew shattered.

Leadership in Worship & Service

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#### Asbury Café

Plan to meet outside the sanctuary each
Sunday before worship for coffee, tea,
snacks, conversation and so on. The music
will start when it is time to wrap up and
head in for worship.

set aside our customary language.

Instead of "Lent," we choose Easter preparations or some other phrase using more familiar words. Words that are more secular because they have multiple meanings in everyday



Wall Street, , Seung Hoon Park Susan Spiritus Gallery

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Matthew chose to devote years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. And in his book, *God and the Gay Christian*, he takes explores answers to these and other questions:

- Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not?
- How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate?
- Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen?
- What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations?

No doubt, this book, when it was released, sparked heated debate. Fortunately, this book also initiated sincere soul search-ing, and changes in attitude towards what it means to be a faithful, gay Christian.

We plan to finish our current book that describes the Daniel Plan in detail next week. In a couple of weeks we begin another book study.

I encourage you to come to our Wednesday gatherings. Our small group is a diverse group and we are delighted when new persons join us. I hope that you will join in on our discussion. We meet each Wednesday at Noon. There are still books available. While we appreciate donations to help with the cost of purchasing books, your participation is what matters the most. Please accept a copy of this book as a gift

You can contact our office with questions, by phone or simply type your question on our website's homepage — FlintAsbury.org.

Come join us for a light lunch, fellowship and discussion. Our food selections have been fantastic and we always have plenty to share.



#### Woven (Coming March 1) ... Cont. from page 4

Woven, is what we call our worship series that begins on March 1. The first month that we associate with Spring. And our series concludes on Easter Sunday.

For this next series, we reference a book, titled *Woven*, as a thematic outline.<sup>1</sup> Woven is about a spiritual awakening. The writer identifies three modes, phases, stages, or otherwise, poetic labels for his spiritual journey. The invitation is for us to determine how his journey relates to our own. And to be changed. He identifies these segmentations as sculpted, unraveled, and woven.

These milestones or places can be thought of as phases. The first place is our starting point. The place where our journey begins. We start here in our series by first celebrating together in the spirit of *Mardi Gras*. Fat Tuesday. We dance to the music, only partially aware that in doing so, our bodies are moving. One of the five critical foundations prescribed by the Daniel Plan. Some of us will indulge in a *paczki*, or two. After all, it is a party.

The next day is Ash Wednesday. This year we join with our friends in Flushing as we kick off the Season of Lent with worship. We haven't left home. We are still our sculpted selves. We still live within both visible and invisible fences that keep us safely separated from the other. And in some frightening ways, separated from God.

The first day of March. The month of Spring. We begin our process of unraveling by first meeting ourselves. We meet ourselves from a distance. As though we are strangers who encounter ourselves for the first time. Who are we? Am I meeting the person I expected to meet? We begin with the community that shaped our views. How we see the world.

By March 15, we hope to transition from the safety of our fenced-in world to a place where our sculpted self crumbles. We are in the wilderness with Jesus. We see, hear, and experience ideas that seem foreign to us. We try to imagine life outside the fence. We meet our unraveled self along the path we walk.

By the first Sunday in April, our attention turns towards new possibilities. Can we imagine resurrection? The place we are headed towards becomes more visible. We find a new weave by taking the deconstructed strands of our past beliefs and discover a new way of being and doing. A place where the inside and outside come together. We meet our woven selves.

I pray that you will plan to journey with us.

Here is the plan for March and the first two Sundays in April.



#### Fat Tuesday Celebration - February 25, 2020

Sometimes we just have to be bad to remind us that being bad is not worth it. Join us for a *paczki* and music at 6 pm in the Asbury Event Center in the lower level. While your here be sure to sign up for Daniel Plan 2.0 and take home a personal journal to help guide you through the Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday - February 26, 2020

Treat your *paczki* hang-over with a worship service to kick-off your participation in *Life raft*. We join with other communities at Flushing UMC for a worship service at 7 pm.

March 1 & 8, 2020

**Sculpted** 

March 15, 22 & 29, 2020

**Unraveled** 

April 5 & 12, 2020

Woven

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joel McKerrow, Woven - a faith for the dissatisfied. Sydney, Australia: Acorn Press, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Seung Hoon Park, an artist from Seoul, S. Korea, is creating the most unusual images with the use of an 8×10" camera and threading the film to mimic the look of woven textiles. He uses both 8mm and 16mm films to create his work, each with a different outcome.

### Treading Water (Do fish know they're wet?) ...cont. from page 2

You are invited. You will be home in time for dinner on Easter Sunday. But if you go with us, dinner will taste different than you remember it. But stuff happens only in the present. The present is reality. The future is fiction.

The Gospel of Mathew begins by claiming that Jesus of Nazareth is a descendant of a former King, who was a descendant of Abraham. Evidence is offered by listing out members of His family tree. Why? Because the ancestry of Jesus matters. The human Jesus was sculpted by the people around Him. That Jesus was of Jewish descent shaped how He learned about the world.

The qualifier that we use after the name of Jesus also matters. Nazareth today is a city. When Jesus lived in Nazareth it was a tiny village. Every body knew each other. It was smaller even than the Eastside of Flint.

Jesus went to school in Egypt. The family of Jesus moved to Nazareth from Egypt, after Joseph received word that it was safe for them to move back to the region of Palestine. Where we live as we come of age shapes and forms us.

Matthew grew up in Wichita, Kansas. His family attended a Presbyterian Church in their home town. Matthew's parents lived out the beliefs that were shaped by the same factors that shaped Matthew. Joel grew up in Sidney, Australia. The church of Joel's youth was spent in an Anglican, mega-church. Like Matthew, Joel grew up with two parents who shared their beliefs about God with their children.

All three men were sculpted by the beliefs of the people they turned to for truth. They learned to speak the language

of the fishbowl that was their home. All three were sculpted by persons claiming to know divine truth. And all three learned that truth is very contextual for each of us.

This is the list of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, who was a descendant of Abraham.

Matthew 1:18

We walk only in the shoes covering our own feet and see the world through the eyes God gave us. We each swimin a fish bowl without realizing we are wet. Until the sides of the fishbowl are shattered.

Joel writes in his book, *Woven*, that "We are birthed not just from parents but from a long line of people. The family home is painted with their stories, layered thick on the walls, whether we can see them or not. They are a river running deep through our self-landscape." <sup>1</sup>

We are sculpted not just by the home where we grew up, but also by society.

Jesus was born in the midst of an occupied nation. Political and religious leaders, like King Herod, held authority over his family, and Roman Governors and soldiers held authority over them.

We, on the other hand are more influenced by many of the same factors that sculpted Joel and Matthew.

Companies spend roughly \$600 billion each year on advertising. Persuasive messages telling us what we need to find acceptance. In our country, each of us see over 4,000 advertisements every day. One advertising agency, Young and Rubicam, claims that "Belief in consumer brands has replaced religious faith as the thing that gives people purpose in life."

This makes consumption the chief rival to God in our culture. Joel writes that, "We worship in our shopping mall cathedrals. We listen to the sermons of advertisements. The media is the mediator of our spiritual journeys, the shaper of our theology and our worldview. It is our modern-day priest." We are, in part, shaped by society. Sculpted to fit into a particular mold.

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God knows how to cut through all of the advertising, all of the noise, and even be heard, at times, over the other voices in our heads. But we hear God's voice through the filters of our sculpting. Until the ridges that that mark the tracks of our sculpting are broken down by experiencing life through our interactions with people sculpted differently.

As winter slowly gives way to longer days over the next few weeks, I invite you to make this trip with me. We worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. I hope to see you there. You can find more information about us on our website at FlintAsbury.org.

If you haven't yet signed up for the Daniel Plan, be sure to do so.<sup>3</sup> Each person living in our community who signs up receives your very own copy of *The Daniel Plan Journal*.<sup>4</sup> If you are not a part of the Asbury Community, we still invite you to participate with us, but we ask that you purchase a copy on your own. These journals can be purchased on Amazon or from other vendors. You can also go to the <u>Daniel Plan.com</u> store to buy this and other resources.



#### YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP ...

#### Why the Daniel Plan is so important ...

I have never met Pastor Steve Willis. But there is something that he said that is haunting me. And I hope that it will haunt you too. Pastor Steve's call to action is powerful, timely, and the shoe surely fits our community. We were poisoned by our public water system. But we can recover. Our children can recover. But the problem, at this point, is not someone else's problem. It is our problem. We have the solution and Pastor Steve's challenge is a call to step up and do something about hour health.

The fight for good nutrition was never more real to me than when I watched my kindergarten-aged son struggle with adapting to his physician-prescribed, mind-altering drugs. Lucas had been having discipline problems in school, would frequently struggle with the ability to focus on tasks at hand, and found himself well below grade level in many academic areas...This is more than a health issue; it is a social justice issue. Millions of our children are not reaching their God-given potential because we, as adults, won't take the steps necessary to get them the nutrition they need. For the church, this problem has to be seen as a moral issue. For the sake of our children and our nation's future, we have to do better. 1

Lagree. We have to do better. Teachers, healthcare professionals, counselors, clergy, and others are anticipating the first part of Pastor Steve's story to be a common story. Children with higher concentrations of lead in their bodies are prone to exhibiting behaviors that are not conducive to learning, including lower cognition. The only known solution is available to us. But not in a drivethrough or at a liquor store.

But how is a community that sits in the middle of one of the least healthy counties in Michigan going to be able to regroup and move forward with the necessary changes to help ourselves and our children?

First, we are going to admit that we are incapable. We are going to stop making excuses for ourselves. We are going to guit pointing to some other power, whether it is the force, the ineffective excuse, "I'm spiritual, but I don't go to church" and the hundreds of other absurd claims that I hear every year as to why I don't see people on Sunday mornings. We are going to repent — that is, we are going to change. Our lives matter. Our children's lives matter.

The Daniel Plan

Faith, Friends, Fitness, Food and Focus

I found myself making a declaration this past week that I have declared before. I wrote and said that responding to God's will for our lives is a human right. And as a human right, we need to treat this right in the same way that we protect other human rights. But it is very difficult to respond to God's purpose for us when our health is less than it needs to be. The Daniel Plan is not the solution on its own, but it is a roadmap that points to and can help us pursue the solution. But the solution begins with God. Without God's power any plan is a non-starter.

By the way, Pastor Steve's son, Lucas, soon was off the drugs and today he is an A student. This story is not a one-of-a-kind, never to be repeated miracle. It is the sort of miracle that God offers every one of us. It is the miracle of making better choices. It is the miracle of taking care of ourselves and each other.

Make a New Year's Resolution for 2020 to commit to The Daniel Plan.

We will begin on Sunday, December 29, by writing down a resolution for 2020. For most of us, our resolution will begin in the same way. "In 2020 I will make my health and well-being a priority by participating in the Daniel Plan." And then we will write down a goal for each of the five areas: faith, food, friends, fitness, and focus. During the first five weeks of 2020, we will learn about each of the pillars of success, possibly modify our goals, and meet regu-

larly with others who have made this same New Year's Resolution.

Join us each Sunday and invite your friends and neighbors. I lead a short Bible study in the Asbury Café at 9:30 am. Dusty 2.0, the musical, will be performed on Christmas Eve at 6 pm. We are praying for a big turnout, and that most of our visitors will return to participate in the Daniel Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Warren, Rick. *The Daniel Plan.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan;

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### Life Group Questions & Notes

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Christ, a descendant of David, who was a descendant of Abraham.

Matthew 1:18-21 (GNT)

NOTES FROM WORSHIP				

### **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS**

- I. Read Matthew 1:18-21. You may also want to read chapter 2 of Matthew down to verse 22 or so. Jesus was born into a Jewish family. They moved to Egypt while Jesus was an infant and later moved to Nazareth. In what ways do you suspect all of this impacted the adult Jesus?
- 2. Read the article in this week's Circuit Rider, *Treading water*. In what ways were you sculpted by your childhood family? By your experience with church? Did any of your views about God change after you became an adult? Are they still changing?
- 3. How can the members of your group help you this week and on-going to help you to be more receptive to hearing and understanding the Word of God? Pray for each other to have the Holy Spirit bless you with more courage.

#### How to have more courage (The way of courage)...cont. from page 2

But name-calling too often leads to violence. While we can laugh at the lunacy of it all, we also realize that these childish grownups often have access to destructive forces. What kind of savior do we want? Can we follow a savior who demands courage from us?

Pilate asked the crowd, "Which one of these two do you want me to set free for you?" "Barabbas!" they answered.

Matthew 27:21

Jesus is arrested. But there is still a chance to save Him. What will I do? What would You do? The momentum of the crowds is against Him. Going against popular opinion is risky. And what can one person do anyway? Yet, Jesus was arrested because He dared to speak truth to power. This is the Way of Jesus. Are you ready?

Most of us are not ready. But it's inspiring to read about people who seem to be. And it isn't very comforting to imagine ourselves being ready. I love the stories of Peter's enthusiasm bubbling over. But there is nothing written about Peter speaking up when the authorities offered to release Jesus. Forgetting about the irony that any human can actually save the Savior. Where was Peter's enthusiasm then?

Fortunately, like the question we tackled last week about how to have more patience, there is a way to have more courage. It is the way of the cross. And it is the way of embodying God's Spirit within us. Even as our body shakes, and our instincts tell us to put our support behind the Savior who will put a stop to our enemies, the Holy Spirit will move us forward. Forward along the way of Jesus.

This is the Way of Jesus. Are you ready?

On Tuesday, February 25, we are throwing a party. After all, it's *Mardi Gras*. Sometimes known as Fat Tuesday. We celebrate a tradition of turning our attention to God and seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Beginning the next day, we launch the Daniel Plan, version 2.0. The "new and improved" designation is a reference to the new and improved you. We are calling this version 2.0 plan, *Life raft*.

If you haven't yet signed up for the Daniel Plan, be sure to do so.<sup>2</sup> Each person living in our community who signs up receives your very own copy of *The Daniel Plan Journal*.<sup>3</sup> If you are not a part of the Asbury Community, we still invite you to participate with us, but we ask that you purchase a copy on your own. These journals can be purchased on Amazon or from other vendors. You can also go to the <u>DanielPlan.com</u> store to buy this and other resources.

We worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. I hope to see you there. You can find more information about us on our website at <a href="FlintAsbury.org">FlintAsbury.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> xxx.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Warren, Rick, Dr. Daniel Amen, Dr. Mark Hyman. *The Daniel Plan*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Warren, Rick, and the Daniel Plan Team. *The Daniel Plan Journal - 40 Days to a Healthier Life.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.

### Welcome to the Asbury Community

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### Neighborhood Connection



We envision a community in love with God, each other, and our neighbors evidenced by the transformation of ourselves and our neighborhood. We are a center for worship & spiritual growth, a center for connections and a center for health & wellness.

Our goal is a revitalized community where every resident can use their talents and passions for the common good, where children grow into citizens who contribute to building and maintaining a vibrant neighborhood, and all residents are able to enjoy safety, good health, a culture that fosters life long learning and satisfying lives.

We believe that such an ambitious goal can never be attained without God's grace and abundance and Christ calls each of us to be disciples willing to share our witness through words and acts.

Bible Study & Meal

Spanish & English

Cena y Studio Biblico

En Ingles y Espanol

Come for a time of fellowsip, study, and a family meal where we offer adult Bible Study an discussion and AWANA program for kids from 2 years old to 12th grade.

Ven con nosotros a un tiempo de convivio, studio, y cena para toda la familia donde ofreceremos studio Biblico con platica para adultos y AWANAs para ninos de 2 a 16 anos.

Every Monday from 6:30-8:30pm starting Monday, March 9, 2020.

Todos los Lunes empesando el dia Marzo 9, 2020 de las 6:30-8:30pm.

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Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread along, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

RSVP to Gus@cstoneepc.com or text to 810-923-3847 with name and number of attendees and if any children are coming.

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