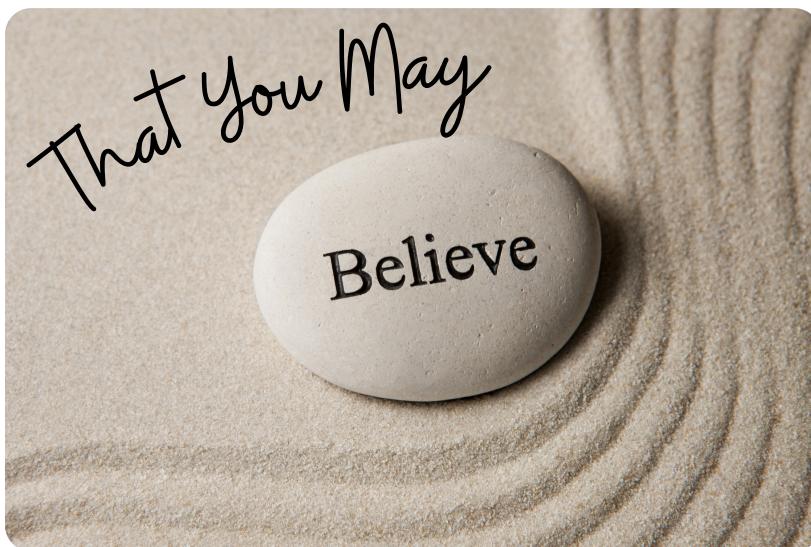


# NEWSLETTER



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February is a good month! First of all, my lovely wife was born on February 1st. (I'll let you guess the year). Secondly, this year our daughter, Rebekah, will be married on February 7th! We are going to gain a son-in-law. Ryan Anderson is a great guy and perfect for Rebekah. Pray for them as they begin a new life together.

Another reason February is a great month is that we will begin a new sermon series through the Gospel of John on the 1st. I have titled this series "That You May Believe". This is, of course, a direct quote from John's Gospel in a few locations and the purpose for which he wrote the book.

**John 20:30-31**, "Jesus

performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

I'm looking forward to this series for many reasons, but the main one is the rich theological truths found in the Gospel. Just a quick look at the brief outline below will help you understand the direction John takes his readers. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, John is not as concerned with the progression of events as we might expect in other historical writings. John's true focus was on revealing who Jesus is. That focus makes this a timeless book, one that will give

us great understanding today.

**The Revelation of Incarnation (John 1)**

**The Demonstration of Incarnation (John 2-12) - we will study the 7 Signs of Jesus**

**The Intimacy of Incarnation (John 13-17) - Jesus' connection and preparation with the disciples**

**The Victory of Incarnation (John 18-21) - He was dead, but He is alive!**

I challenge you to read and reread the Gospel of John. Come prepared each Sunday to find the truths of who Jesus is, and then let those truths transform your life. Make it a great February! I know I intend to.

*Pastor Doug*

# Dear Miss Verity:

Dear Miss Verity,

Hello, my name is Brenda and I am a college student. My professor said the Bible is an unreliable document which has been changed many times over the years. He said it is full of fables. Is that true?



Dear Brenda,

Sadly, many college students have encountered this false narrative and accepted it with nothing to support it. Here are a few reasons to reject this uninformed view of the Bible:

- The Bible is 66 distinct books
- The books were authored by 40 different authors over 1,600 years
- The writers lived on 3 different continents and spoke in 3 different languages
- The message from book to book carries the same theme of God's love for mankind

Let's talk about the Bible being changed making it unreliable. As you will see the facts tell us the Bible is the most accurate ancient document on the planet. Let's compare it to other ancient writings:

- Plato's Republic written 400 BCE
- o Earliest copy we have is from 900 CE. (1,300-year gap)
- o We only have 7 copies. (0% accuracy)
- Julius Caesar's Galic Wars - Written 100 BCE
- o Earliest copy is from 900 CE (1,000-year gap)
- o We only have 10 copies (0% accuracy)
- Homer's Lliad written 800 BCE
- o Earliest copy 400 BCE (400-year gap)
- o 643 copies (95% accuracy)
- New Testament written between 50-100 CE
- o Earliest copy 125 CE (25-year gap)
- o 24,000 + copies (99.5% accuracy)

## Names of God

*God is Love*

1 John 4:7 CSB

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."*

This is only the tip of the iceberg for the concrete evidence proving the reliability of the Bible. We have not discussed the many fulfilled prophecies, the archaeological evidence, or the historical evidence from secular historians. You can trust the Bible with your life!

(For further study:  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-accurate.html>)  
2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

Could we with ink the o-ccean fill.

And were the skies of parch-ment made.

Were ev-'ry stalk on earth a quill.

And ev-'ry man a scribe by trade.

To write the love of God a-bove

Would drain the o-ccean dry.

Nor could the scroll con-tain the whole.

Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

O Love of God, how rich and pure!

How mea-sure-less and strong!

It shall for-ev-er-more en-dure

The saints' and angels' song!

"As high as the heavens are above the eath, so great is His love."

Psalm 103:11



# He Restores My Soul

*By Joan Word*



*Psalm 23:2-3 - He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

"He restores my soul"...and who more than Jesus knows how to do that? Because Jesus became a man and dwelt among us, He knows what we go through on a daily basis. Our circumstances, our bad choices, our physical aches and pains, but most of all our broken hearts, He knows how to heal them all...He leads us into rest in green pastures and beside quiet waters.

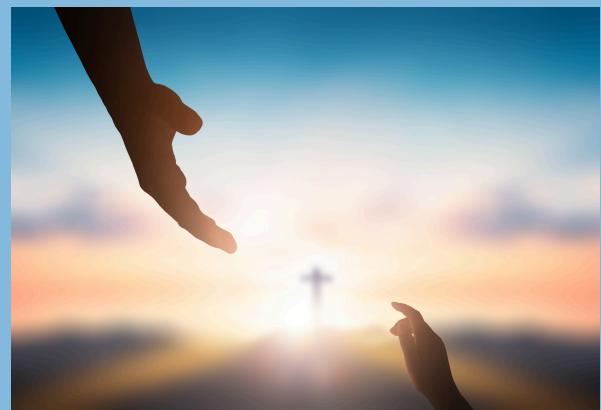
To me, a green pasture is an open field of soft green grass, clover, wildflowers sprinkled about, but, most of all, a calming peaceful place. During the day, it's a place of warmth and sunshine. In the evening, it's covered by a cool, crisp breeze as the sun goes down. An open field so large predators are reluctant to approach for lack of cover. And with quiet waters nearby lending their soothing sounds to the air, who could not be calmed in such an environment? Who would not feel safe there knowing the Good Shepherd is standing watch over the field?

Follow Jesus to the green pasture He has prepared for you! When family or friends betray you, use you, and walk away from you, follow Jesus to the pasture. When divorce, death, finances or health issues overwhelm you, follow Jesus to the pasture He has prepared just for you and rest. Trust Him to keep watch over you through the dark night. Remember, he knows what it's like to be betrayed, beaten beyond recognition, lied to, lied about, left alone in pain, and have His Father turn His back on Him. Yet, He overcame it all!!! When Jesus rose from the grave, man's words and actions were of no consequence. He was fully restored...better than before!! He can do the same with you and your painful situation if you fully rest in Him. Remember, it doesn't matter what people say or do to us, how we look, how rich or poor we are, how many children we have or don't have, how many degrees we have or don't have...it only matters that we get to sit at Jesus's table when He calls us home. Seek Him with your whole heart. Obey His Word. Then, trust Him through the night and let His peace restore you.

## Promise of God

*Romans 8:38-39 CSB*

*"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



Our church has been asked to serve a mission cause. Inlow Baptist Camp, about 60 miles outside of Albuquerque, NM needs our help. This is a camp I have been personally involved with since 1950, as a 10 yr old camper, and later as counselor, camp missionary, and longtime volunteer.

**CALL TO ACTION:** Therefore, May 10-16, 2026 Surrey Hills BC will begin a new annual mission endeavor. We are looking for men and women also if they desire, to spend a week working to help get ready for the camping season and to do general work.

**GETTING THERE:** We will leave SHBC after worship on May 10 and drive 8 hours to camp. I suggest you bring a sack lunch and then we will probably stop for a fast-food supper. Our team will be staying at the camp and eating at the camp.

**COMING HOME :** We will return home on Saturday, May 16.

**COST** will only be \$150:

-\$50 for camp food

-\$25 for auto gas

-\$20 for food while traveling & a Mexican dinner on Friday evening in Albuquerque.

**WHAT TO BRING :** We do not have to take any of our own tools as the camp will have everything we need.

**WHERE TO STAY:** We will each be provided with an \*individual private room w a full bed\* at the Elliott Lodge, and the camp provides bedding and towels, and wash rags.

The camp is located in the beautiful Manzano Mountains southeast of ABQ, and it will still be cold at night and comfortable during the day. The camp elevation is 7,750 feet.

**WHAT WE'LL DO:** Many men don't want to be involved in the other church missions endeavors, but this is something you can put your hands on, right up your alley. We will be doing hands on stuff (building, tearing down, cleaning up, working with wood, in the dirt, etc.) and we can use men of all trades. The camp manager's name is Clay Pope. He is a deacon, contractor, and a very knowledgeable man and you will love working with him.

This will be a time we, as men, can fellowship and get to know each other. I believe it will make us stronger as church members and Christians. Wives can go also. I can guarantee that if you go for the first time, you will want to go back year after year. You will see an abundance of deer, maybe a bear, and maybe a mountain lion. But don't worry they don't eat Baptists. LOL

**SIGN UPS:** If you are interested, please call me, Doug Simpson, at 317-885-6410. Or you can see me at church. I would like to know how many are going by March 1. I am praying for at least 10 men and women to go.



# Meet the Congregation

## Kevin & Denise West



Denise West was raised in a Christian home and attended church regularly, not only because she loved the Lord, but because her dad was the Pastor! Her parents, Doug and Deloy Simpson are also members of Surrey Hills Baptist Church. Although Denise is having some serious eye problems, she doesn't let it stop her from enjoying quilting and playing the piano, two of her favorite activities.

Kevin served in the armed forces (Army) for 15 years. He wants to use his gift of teaching here at SHBC by helping to teach the Bible to others.

As you can tell, Denise and Kevin both want to find places to serve at SHBC and use their spiritual gifts to advance God's kingdom. Hope you get to know them. They are very friendly and compassionate people.

Their favorite verses are:

1 John 4:4 - You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Isaiah 55:5-9 - Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you. Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Interviewed by: Rick Word

### ACROSS

1 Trades  
 6 It may be gray  
 10 Carmel to Joppa (dir.)  
 14 Assistants  
 15 The \_\_\_ should bury their dead (Matt. 8:22)  
 16 \* \_\_\_ and female created him them\* (Gen. 1:27)  
 17 Stupid  
 18 "There be now an betwixt us" (Gen. 26:28)  
 19 Modern-day Persia  
 20 Actress Moore  
 21 Large computer co.  
 22 "Why \_\_\_ thou not?" (1 Sam. 1:8)  
 24 Defensive alliance  
 26 "Eli the \_\_\_ sat" (1 Sam. 1:9)  
 27 CSI data

30 "From thence they went to \_\_\_" (Num. 21:16)  
 31 Not urban  
 32 "We are thy bone and thy \_\_\_" (2 Sam. 5:1)  
 33 \* \_\_\_ with the dew of heaven" (Dan. 4:33)  
 36 Island greeting  
 37 "He that hath an \_\_\_" (Rev. 2:7)  
 38 Dry measure (1 Sam. 1:24)  
 40 Crave  
 41 "Christ must \_\_\_ have suffered" (Acts 17:3)  
 43 "Samuel \_\_\_ and went to Eli" (1 Sam. 3:6)  
 44 "As a \_\_\_ that is told" (Ps. 90:9)  
 45 To think  
 46 Is appropriate

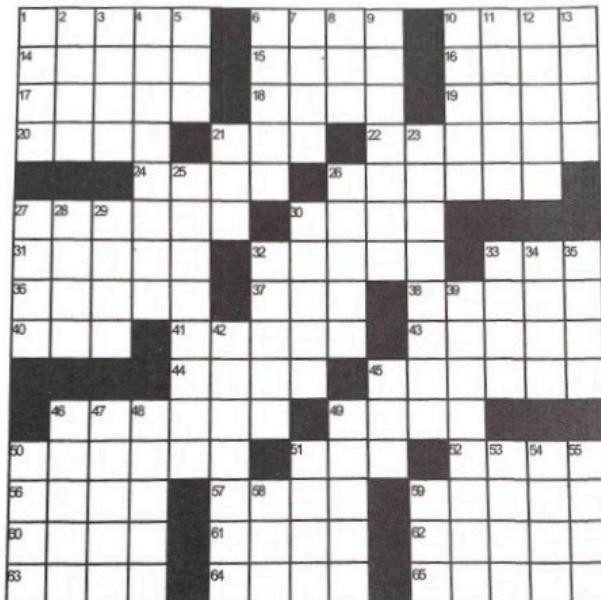
49 "Hannah \_\_\_ up after they had eaten" (1 Sam. 1:9)  
 50 Roman stoic  
 51 Yang's partner  
 52 Rocket builders  
 56 Alabama's Crimson  
 57 "Their \_\_\_ shall be broken" (Ps. 37:15)  
 59 Aka buffalo  
 60 "Barzillai was a very \_\_\_ man" (2 Sam. 19:32)  
 61 "He that gathered little had no \_\_\_" (Ex. 16:18)  
 62 The pride of Vidalia, GA  
 63 Made of gold and silver (Est. 1:6)  
 64 Epochs  
 65 Stone on Aaron's ephod (Ex. 28:19)

### DOWN

1 "He is risen, as he \_\_\_" (Matt. 28:6)  
 2 Hannah abstained from this (1 Sam. 1:15)  
 3 The first man  
 4 Elkanah's other wife (1 Sam. 1:2)  
 5 Nazareth to Jerusalem (dir.)  
 6 Seasoning (Sp.)  
 7 Enlarge  
 8 "She wept, and did not \_\_\_" (1 Sam. 1:7)  
 9 Cleaves

10 "Saul sought to \_\_\_ David" (1 Sam. 19:10)  
 11 "Gather up thy \_\_\_" (Jer. 10:17)  
 12 "By the \_\_\_ of God they perish" (Job 4:9)  
 13 "But Hannah \_\_\_ not up" (1 Sam. 1:22)  
 21 "That which growth of own accord" (Lev. 25:5)  
 23 Frivolous, silly people  
 25 Second-largest ocean  
 26 Equals  
 27 What Hannah does at Shiloh (1 Sam. 1:9-10)

28 "The greater light to \_\_\_ the day" (Gen. 1:16)  
 29 Canaanite chariot material (Josh. 17:16)  
 30 First sign of growth (Mark 4:28)  
 32 Senses  
 33 Stop!  
 34 This wind brought the locusts (Ex. 10:13)  
 35 Formal "you" in KJV  
 39 Cleaning feathers  
 42 Edible  
 45 Charged particle



46 Neutral color  
 47 "The days of thy mourning shall be \_\_\_" (Isa. 60:20)  
 48 The raven \_\_\_ Elijah (1 Kings 17:6)  
 49 Chances

50 Wound that killed Eglon (Judg. 3:21)  
 51 YMCA counterpart  
 53 Paul forbidden to preach here (Acts 16:6)  
 54 Chimney dirt

55 Green Gables dweller  
 58 Bashan's were made of oak (Ezek. 27:6)  
 59 It may be feathery or scaly



## Missionary Prayer Guide

### Meet

### Joe Brewster

OKC, Southpark; OKC, The Well

### Serving in Colombia/Panama

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:

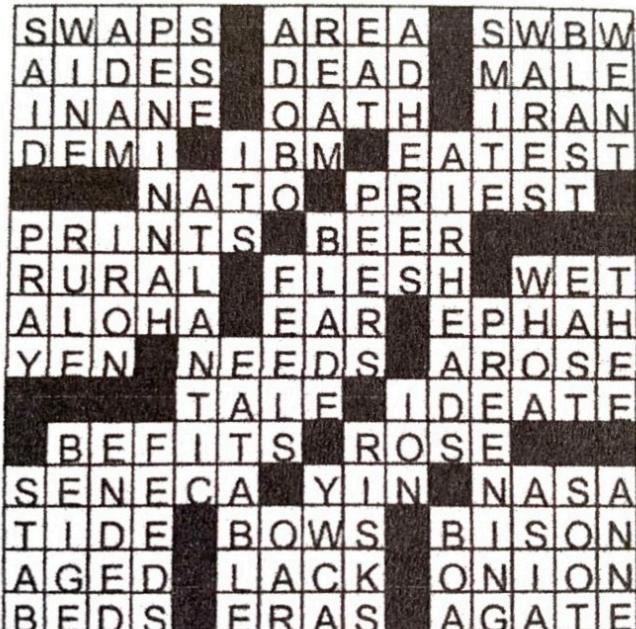
[jbrewster@imb.org](mailto:jbrewster@imb.org)

Joe serves with the IMB in Colombia and Panama, leading four different teams in the region. In his role, he trains missionaries, and evangelizes and discipiles the many displaced and unreached indigenous peoples.

### How to Pray:

Pray for Joe, his wife, Megan, in this season of transition as they begin to send their three children off to college. Pray for the indigenous peoples of Colombia, that they would hear the Word. Pray for the country of Colombia, as it continues to suffer from intense violence and unrest.

***"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)***



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### Fear Not of God

*Isaiah 43:1b CSB*

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine."*