#### Our Focus For 2024: I Love To Tell The Story

Each year we choose a theme to aid in our spiritual growth as a congregation. This theme serves as a general focus for our sermons and Bible classes throughout the year. It also is meant to be a motivation to encourage one another to be "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

This year, the elders have chosen as our theme, "I Love To Tell The Story". Take a moment now and meditate upon the words of Hymn #516 from which comes the title of our theme, "I Love To Tell The Story"...

- 1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
- 2. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet; I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy word.
- 3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest; And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

<u>Chorus</u>: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

This wonderful hymn reflects the passion that exists within the hearts of God's children. Those who know and are humbled by the reality of the price that was paid for their deliverance. Those who have a deep love and appreciation for the Son of God who came to "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Those who find their souls greatest need met by being adopted into God's family. This is a message we not only want to share, but love to share with others. This year we will focus on cultivating a deeper love of our Savior and a greater sense of urgency in sharing the message of salvation with others.

Below is the schedule that, if the Lord wills, we will be following this year in our auditorium Bible classes. The Sunday morning class will conclude our journey through the New Testament. The Wednesday evening class will be a study of the life of Christ.

Also included is a schedule for monthly sermons based upon our theme. This is included so that you may plan ahead in inviting someone you know to come and here a portion of the story we love to tell – the story of Jesus and His love!

May God bless you and your family this year as we strive to acquaint the weary and heavy laden with the Gentle Shepherd who calls all to come unto Him. May God bless us in this effort and may He be glorified by it!

# 2024 Theme: I Love To Tell The Story

**Hymn:** #516 – I Love To Tell The Story

Focus: Encouraging evangelism by developing a deeper love and appreciation of our Savior

#### **2024 Theme Based Sermons Schedule**

January 21, 2024: Is The Seed Still In The Barn?

February 18, 2024: Come And See

March 24, 2024: God Gives The Increase

April 21, 2024: Jesus, The Word Became Flesh
May 19, 2024: Jesus, Teaching With Authority
June 16, 2024: Jesus, Calling The Heavy Laden
July 21, 2024: Jesus, He Went About Doing Good
August 18, 2024: Jesus, He Loved Them To The End

September 22, 2024: Jesus, His Crucifixion

October 20, 2024: Jesus, Three Days In The Grave

November 17, 2024: Jesus, He Is Not Here December 15, 2024: Jesus, He Is Coming Again

#### **2024 Auditorium Class Schedule (Sunday Mornings)**

January - March 2024: Timothy & Titus Eddie Caskey
April – June 2024: Philemon, James, 1 Peter Charlie McCollum

July - September 2024:2 Peter, 1-3 John, JudeCraig ShortOctober - December 2024:RevelationEddie Caskey

### **2024 Auditorium Class Schedule (Wednesday Evenings)**

January - March 2024: Jesus, The Bread Of Life - Quarter 1 John Ezell
April - June 2024: Jesus, The Bread Of Life - Quarter 2 Bobby McKee
July - September 2024: Jesus, The Bread Of Life - Quarter 3 Eddie Caskey
October - December 2024: Jesus, The Bread Of Life - Quarter 4 Anthony Short

## **Additional Efforts**

- Bible Studies Obtained Through The Website
- First Principles Side Class
- Evangelism Workshop
- Monthly Scripture Reading & Song Nights Based On "Evangelism" Songs