



LET'S VISIT

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BELIEVING IN GOD

What would you say if I asked you to tell me why you believe in God? How would you answer that question? At first blush it seems an easy question to answer. There are numerous books in my library that can give me a reason to believe in God. These books provide arguments for the existence of God. Reading those books serves to strengthen my faith. But their reasons are not necessarily our reasons.

Truthfully, I believed in God before I ever studied or read any of those books. In fact, I believed in God before I knew the reasons. After going to school, I know it is necessary for me to breathe. I know that without air I would die. Yet, before I knew that, I just breathed.

I must admit, I was extremely fortunate. I was born into a home where prayer was heard regularly. I never questioned that there was a God to hear those prayers. I just accepted that as a fact. I was taken to church regularly and that has always seemed to be normal and right. Long before I knew how the church came to be, before I knew the reasons for its existence, I felt at home in the church.

I am a Christian, and every day Bill Gaither's song is more applicable. Truly, "The Longer I Serve Him the Sweeter He Grows". The more I learn about Jesus, the more I love Him. The more I learn, the more I praise Him for my salvation.

In America, in a court of law, a person is presumed innocent, at least until they are proven guilty. My own faith in God is like that. I never said, I will not believe until God's existence is proved. Rather, I believe and will continue to believe until it is proved that there is no God. You see, the Bible feels no necessity for proving God. The Bible assumes the existence of God. The very first words of the Bible are, "In the beginning God. . ."

From there it goes on to give us a progressive revelation of God. Moses teaches us the laws of God, Amos reveals the Justice of God, Hosea shows us the love of God. The Psalms lead us to communion with Him, Micah tells of His ethical standards and then Jesus comes and shows us the Father. Do you remember what Jesus said to His disciples in John chapter 14? It was the night he ate the Passover with them. He told them He was going away. He said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God". Have you ever looked, really looked at that passage? Jesus did not say, if you believe. He did not say you should believe. He simply said, ye believe. Then he told them about the Father's house and the way to it.

Our faith in God does not depend on reasons or arguments. God took care of that in our creation. You can call it instinct, insight or intuition. But whatever you call it, we were born believing. As we study and learn, as we live and experience, our belief can be strengthened and enlarged. Conversely, our belief can be perverted and misdirected. Therein lies the danger.

We do not have to understand God to believe in Him. If we really look at it honestly, we understand very few things that we do. Sir Arthur Eddington was an English Physicist of the early 20th century who wrote a book entitled The Nature of the Physical
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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There

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In Remembrance

For The Pantry. . .

May 24 – Canned Pasta



**May 17, 2026
\$ 2,757.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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World in 1928. Here is a quote from the book: "I am standing on the threshold about to enter a room. It is a complicated business. In the first place, I must shove against an atmosphere pressing with a force of 14 pounds on every square inch of my body. I must make sure of landing on a plank traveling at twenty miles a second around the sun. I must do this while hanging from a round planet, headed outward into space." Only a few scientists understand what is involved in the process of walking into a room. The rest of us just walk in.

Most of us do not understand the composition of water, but we drink it. We don't know what electricity is, but we use it. Who can understand the process of love and yet many have sacrificed their lives because of love. To say "I believe in God" is more than an intellectual assent. It means to trust in Him, to commit our lives to His will. We trust in God because we realize our own inadequacies. No person ever really finds God until there is a felt need in their life that only God can fill.

How do we believe in God? There is a plain and straightforward answer in Mark chapter 9. Jesus

and three disciples had been on the mountain. Jesus had been transfigured before their eyes, Elijah and Moses appeared and they talked together. It was such a wonderful experience that Peter suggested they stay there. However, Jesus knew there was work to be done in the valley. At the foot of the mountain was a father. He had brought his epileptic son. The father had asked the apostles to heal the boy. They were unable to heal him and now the father asked Jesus. Jesus told him, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" You see, many want to believe in God, but find it hard. Faith never comes easy. The father said to Jesus, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief". Lord I believe, help me to believe more.

So, I believe in God. God is so great I can never know all about Him. He is so near I cannot help but know Him. The Bible tells us that God is love., I have loved and I have been loved. Seeing and feeling love, I have come to believe in it. Believing in love is believing in God. A small part of God to be sure, but still God. Every day we can know a little more of God. Lord I believe, help me to believe more.

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**Make Your Plans
To Be Here!
May 31, 2026**

Trent Davidson from High Plains Children's Home will be here to deliver a presentation on the work that we help support at High Plains Children's Home during the Bible Class Hour. PLEASE! PLEASE! make your plans to attend Bible Class that Sunday to hear the presentation and find out more about this good work that the Center Church of Christ helps to support.

**One reason sin flourishes is
that it is treated like a cream
puff instead of a rattlesnake.**

Billy Sunday



Friends and Family Day

Sunday June 7, 2026

Make your plans to be here and invite your friends and family to come and join us!



Covered Dish Lunch

Following the morning worship!

Hospitality group 3 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are: LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Liela Klein, Lieza Klein, Tiffanne Klein, Trish Lout and Brittany Ortiz.

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We always have an enjoyable time at our Wednesday night fellowship meal. Please make your plans to join us for our next one on Wednesday, May 27th!

Glenda Wagstaff (friend of Betty Miller) is having serious health issues. We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bo Alpha** who passed away this week.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Pat & William Ford** (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Doug "Goob" Milford** (cousin of Amanda Molloy) **Gene Perkins** (Tim Perkins aunt) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Stephen Wiggins** (preacher at San Augustine) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

- September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
- December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
- December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

Communion Preparation - May
Larry & Melonia Molloy



Across The Preacher's Desk

In the long ago, when God appeared to Moses out of that burning bush, He was sending Moses on an errand to the ruler of Egypt. He was going on a mission to the king for his King. He needed credentials.

God asked him, "What is that in thine hand?" Moses answered, "A rod." What was simply a stick in the hand of Moses, by the power of God became the force that brought the plagues on the land of Egypt, divided the Red Sea and brought water from a rock. All of that when Moses used it as God directed him. Little things, when placed in the hand of God become great things.

In the hands of a young shepherd boy by named David, a sling and five small smooth stones were enough to bring down a Philistine giant. A young boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish when placed in the hands of Jesus and with his blessing became enough to feed five thousand.

Each of us have in our hands a decision. The decision of whether or not we are going to live God's kind of life. God can take our life and make it something big, wonderful, useful and beautiful. When we submit ourselves to the Lord, when we allow God to direct our lives, we can become a mighty force for good.

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**