

AUGUST 27, 2017



JESUS IS *The Truth* .



*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6*

SUNDAYS **8:30 | 9:45 | 11:11AM**

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WELCOME

PURPOSE CHURCH



We're so glad you're here and we hope you feel at home! I am usually in the lobby at the Connect Center after each service. Please come by and introduce yourself. If you have any questions, our friendly volunteers are here to serve you!

GLENN GUNDERSON

LEAD PASTOR



HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Stop by the CONNECT Center in the lobby where you will find friendly people who will answer your questions and help you connect.

WE LOVE KIDS

We provide fun places for them to learn about Jesus.

NURSERY - for children age 30 months and younger.

FAMILY ROOM - a place for parents and children to watch the service together.

PURPOSE KIDS - for children age 30 months - Grade 4 with interactive Bible lessons. Ask a volunteer at the Information Center for directions.

STUDENTS, COME HANG OUT WITH US!

If you are a student, Grades 5-12, we have three awesome student ministries just for you! We meet on Wednesday nights (7pm).

SUNDAYS

FSM - Fifth/Sixth 9:45 and 11:11am

JHM - Junior High 9:45am

HSM - High School worships in our main services and serves throughout the morning. We can't wait to meet you and get you plugged in!

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER.

God created you to share life with others. No matter what age or stage of life you're in, we have a group for you! We have Sunday morning and midweek, on campus and off campus groups. Stop by the Connect Center in the lobby so we can help you find a group that's right for you.

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POMONA PASTORS IN PRAYER

In response to the recent events in Charlottesville, the Pomona Pastors in Prayer publicly denounce the spirit and movements of white supremacy, Nazism, racism, and prejudice. We follow and believe in God who has created people of all colors, ethnicities, tribes, and races to be equal, and loves them equally. Every human bears the image of God, and should be treated with nothing less than the glory that God created them to be in the world. To remain silent or neutral in this moment in history would be in direct violation of that belief, and our call to be a movement of love in the world around us. Any displays of the violation of such basic human dignity will not be tolerated within the walls of our churches, the borders of our city, nor the country in which we live. We stand united in faith that we can rise above these acts of human darkness, and shine the light of God where it is most needed.



HERITAGE WALL

We are displaying a sample of our plans to create two Heritage walls in our lobby. Please visit our table in the north side of the lobby to learn more about this project and how you can support it in sharing the heritage of our church with future generations.

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Pastor Glenn Gunderson

THE TOP TEN REASONS WE KNOW THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS TOLD THE TRUTH

"Why would the apostles lie?...If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it? What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!"

Peter Kreeft

1 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS INCLUDED EMBARRASSING DETAILS ABOUT THEMSELVES.

"The principle of embarrassment" is used by historians to test whether an author is telling the truth.

Mark 8:33

2 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS INCLUDED EMBARRASSING DETAILS AND DIFFICULT SAYINGS OF JESUS.

Mark 3:20-21

3 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS LEFT IN DEMANDING SAYINGS OF JESUS.

Matthew 5:38-44

4 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHED JESUS' WORDS FROM THEIR OWN.

1 Corinthians 7:10-12

5 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS INCLUDED EVENTS RELATED TO THE RESURRECTION THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE INVENTED.

Matthew 28:11-15

6 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS INCLUDED MORE THAN THIRTY HISTORICALLY CONFIRMED PEOPLE IN THEIR WRITINGS.

Pilate, Caiaphas, Festus, Felix, the entire Herodian bloodline, etc.

7 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS INCLUDED DIVERGENT DETAILS.

"Divergent details actually strengthen the case that these are eyewitness accounts."

Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek
"I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist"

(The four Gospels) "would have been received in evidence in any court of justice, without the slightest hesitation."

Simon Greenleaf, the Harvard law professor who wrote the standard study on what constitutes legal evidence

8 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS CHALLENGED THEIR READERS TO CHECK OUT VERIFIABLE FACTS, EVEN FACTS ABOUT MIRACLES.

Luke 1:1-4

2 Peter 1:16

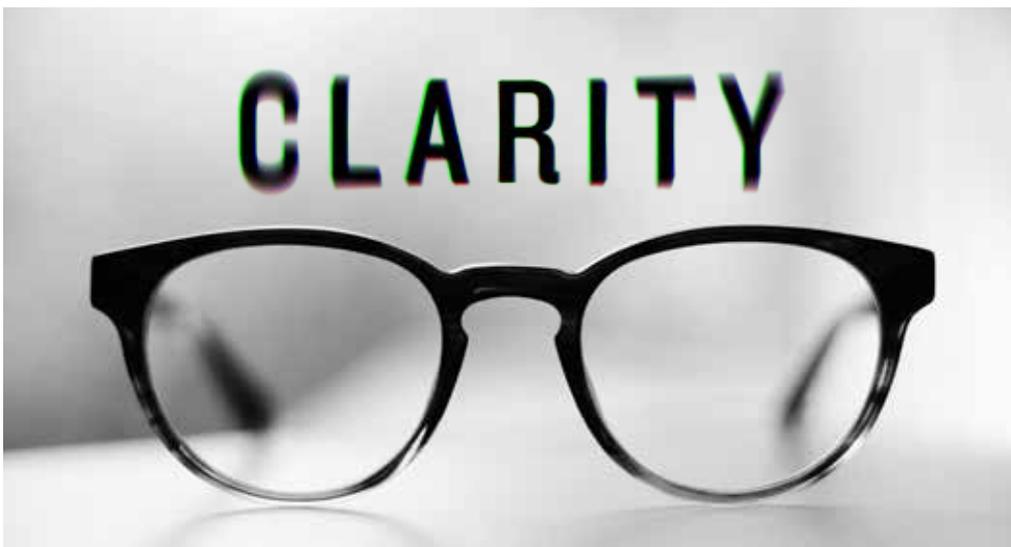
2 Corinthians 12:12

9 NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS DESCRIBED MIRACLES LIKE OTHER HISTORICAL EVENTS: WITH SIMPLE, UNEMBELLISHED ACCOUNTS.

The legendary "Gospel of Peter" vs. Mark 16:4-8

10 THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS ABANDONED THEIR LONG-HELD SACRED BELIEFS AND PRACTICES, ADOPTED NEW ONES, AND DID NOT DENY THEIR TESTIMONY UNDER PERSECUTION OR THREAT OF DEATH.

PRE-RESURRECTION BELIEF	POST-RESURRECTION BELIEF
Animal sacrifice	Unnecessary because of Christ's sacrifice
Binding Law of Moses	Nonbinding because it was fulfilled by Christ's life
Strict monotheism	Trinity (three persons in one divine essence)
The Sabbath	Replaced by Sunday worship
Conquering Messiah	Sacrificial Messiah (he'll conquer when he returns)
Circumcision	Replaced by baptism and Communion



CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH
New Series Starting September 10

CONNECT WITH GOD WITH OTHERS OTHERS WITH GOD

STARTING POINT

Starting Point is a lunch gathering hosted by Pastor Glenn every quarter where you and your family can get to know the Vision, Mission, and Values of our church in a small group setting.

Whether you would like to become a member of Purpose Church, get baptized on September 24 or just want to get to know us and Pastor Glenn better, Starting Point is for you!

See you on Sunday, **September 10 in C101 at 12:30pm!**
Lunch will be provided. Childcare available up to Grade 4.
RSVP with Tina. TinaT@PurposeChurch.com, x3017

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

If you are just out of high school, in your 20s or in your 30s, we have an exciting opportunity for you:

The Gathering—September 10 at 6pm in the B Building.
Stop by the Young Adult table next to the Connect Center for more info. SamanthaH@PurposeChurch.com, x3006

GET ROOTED!

Rooted is a 10-week small group experience designed to help you deepen your connection with God and to find a lasting connection with a LifeGroup. Rooted has already impacted over 1000 men and women's lives here at Purpose Church. If you have not experienced Rooted yet, this fall is the perfect time for you to get Rooted! A new session is starting in just a few weeks and groups are forming now. Take a card from the bookrack, stop by the Rooted table in the lobby, or go online at purposechurch.com/rooted to find out more or to register.

Groups@PurposeChurch.com, x3031

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is a place to find a warm, caring environment that is like an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

Weekly meetings take place on **Thursdays in H108 at 9:30am.** The Fall 2017 Session will be September 7 through December 7.

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REGISTER FOR AWANA TODAY

Register today for \$80 per child for 9 months of fun! AWANA runs Wednesdays from August 30 through May 30 and we have two separate programs: 3:30-5pm and 7-8:30pm. Avoid the first-day registration rush and register TODAY in the lobby near the south doors, on your browser at PurposeChurch/awana.com and pay by credit card, or in the Children's Department in F100 and pay by cash or check (made payable to Purpose Church). AdventureClub@PurposeChurch.com

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD SEWING GROUP

Beginning on **Tuesday, September 5, we will be meeting every Tuesday at noon in H103** to sew simple dresses for girls who otherwise might be in rags. It's a wonderful thing to sew a dress that gives self-esteem and assures a young girl that she is worthy of love and respect. Dress a Girl Around the World is a part of Hope 4 Women International, bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. If you can sew a straight seam, the Lord can use you in this ministry. Bring your sewing machine and be blessed! Contact: Jan Van Alstine. jvan8374@aol.com, 909-596-1250

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There are times when worship overflows effortlessly from a heart full of gratitude and praise. And there are times when God seems far and we feel we have nothing to offer. Throughout it all, God shows us His steadfast love. Our Tuesday morning Bible study will be Lauren Chandler's 7-session study "Steadfast Love." Learn to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. For there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord, the one whose soul is anchored in His steadfast love. Starts on **Tuesday, September 5, at 10am in H100**. We will have a "Pot Trust" our first day if you would like to bring your favorite brunch dish to share. Facilitated by Bev Smith. Book cost is \$14. For more information, please contact Denise. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

WOMEN OF FAITH PRESENTS SISTERS

We're Celebrating the Art of Friendship! Get together with your girlfriends for an experience filled with laughter, storytelling, and wisdom. Learn creative tools for celebrating the art of friendship and nurturing lasting relationships. Join us **Thursday, September 14 at 7pm** in the Worship Center as SISTERS (Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe and Jan Silvius) share big doses of laughter, storytelling, and lessons learned along the way. Register and purchase tickets online at womenoffaith.com/sisters. General admission is \$30. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

WOMEN'S PAINT PARTY

Get Your Paint On! All supplies are provided. No experience is necessary and is limited to the first 38 who register. The cost is \$15 for each paint party participant. Free childcare is available for children ages five and under by reservation. This event is for women of all ages on **Saturday, October 7, 9-11:30am in H100**. For childcare, please contact Denise by September 30. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

ESCUELA DE VIDA – COMUNIDAD ESPERANZA

Starting in September, our hispanic ministry, Comunidad Esperanza, will offer a Life Study Group in Spanish, Escuela de Vida, on Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

Un proyecto que apunta al crecimiento y formación espiritual de cada creyente en Jesucristo. MiguelD@PurposeChurch.com, x3039

HOMELESS MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Do you have a heart for the homeless and feel called to lead a Bible study with them? Global Impact is looking for 2-3 individuals that would like to be part of a team to conduct a weekly Bible study. Studies will be held at the local shelter in the evenings.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

International Bible Study will be meeting in a Claremont home starting **Thursday, September 7, 6:30pm**. For more information contact Bibi: 909-532-9896.

NORTH POMONA WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY

Join a North Pomona Women's Home Bible Study with Carol Allen for a "Joy of Living" Study on Genesis. Genesis is the book of beginnings. It tells us about God's creation of the heavens and the earth, and of all that is on the earth, including human beings—made in God's image.

Thursday evenings, 7pm, starting September 21. Book cost is \$23. Call 909-620-5657 for more information.

THE CHURCH EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO:

- Sister Mahaba Zaki, family and friends, on the recent passing of her father in Egypt on August 8.
- Noreen, Dawn, Dale Shein, family and friends, on the recent passing of their husband and father Russell Tin Aung Win, on August 16.
- Desiree Bryner, family and friends, on the recent passing of her mother Dorothy Bryner on August 18.

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If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list this morning, you can find one at the Information Center or Adult Ministry bookcase in the lobby.

To receive it weekly through email, please send your information to RondaB@PurposeChurch.com.

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