

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



JESUS IS *The life* .

*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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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

CLARITY



CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH
New Series Starting September 10



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September 3, 2017

Pastor Glenn Gunderson

EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:14 (The Apostle Paul)

1. The Evidence of the Empty Tomb

Luke 24:6-7

Objections to the Resurrection

• **Objection #1 – “He Didn’t Really Die” – The Swoon Theory**

• **Objection #2 – “The Body Was Stolen” –**

The Stolen Body Theory

Matthew 28:12-15

Three Possibilities ...

#1 The Roman Government

#2 The Jewish Authorities

They have absolutely no motive. They would have loved to produce the body – it would have crushed the growing movement of Christianity, which they desperately wanted to put out of existence, and would have saved a lot of time, money, and effort on the part of the Roman government in terms of persecution.

#3 The Disciples

“We’re going to steal the body and then we’re going to lie, and claim the body was resurrected. Then we’re going to have the unspeakable privilege of living as penniless evangelists, wandering around the rest of our lives, being beaten, whipped, thrown in jail, and put to death.”

But Glenn ... people die for their faith all the time – what’s the difference?

People will die for their faith if they believe that it is true. But, people will not die for their faith if they know

it’s false.

• **Objection #3 – The Hallucination Theory**

These people had such an anticipation of resurrection and were so excited about Jesus rising that they actually projected their own hallucinations because of this strong desire. They thought they saw Jesus because they wanted to see Him so badly.

However,

#1 Hallucinations are not group events!

#2 They weren’t expecting the resurrection!

#3 Jesus appeared to believers and unbelievers alike!

• **Objection #4 – The Wrong Tomb Theory**

What if the disciples all simply went to the wrong tomb? After all, it was early in the morning when these exhausted, emotionally-drained, psychologically-jaded disciples saw a tomb, which looked like Jesus’ tomb. It was empty, they jumped for joy, thought that He was alive, and the rest is history.

However,

#1 This was not a little execution. This was the biggest execution in history, with crowds of people. I can tell you today the name of the person, Joseph of Aramathea, whose tomb it was. He would have certainly pointed out that they had gone to the wrong tomb.

#2 If this was the wrong tomb, that means there was a right tomb – that means there was a body somewhere – that means the Roman authorities and Jewish leaders could have easily produced this body and crushed the growing movement.

So What Are We Left With?

Over 500 witnesses recorded in the Bible who saw Jesus alive. A faith with a resurrection message at its core that spread like wildfire – timid fishermen and accountants, who are suddenly and radically changed – refusing to back down on their claims even in the face of horrific torture! The very same disciples who three days before backed down and denied Jesus Christ when challenged by

a servant girl.

2. The Evidence of Fulfilled Prophecies

John 10:36-37

3. The Evidence of Eyewitness Accounts

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

* Some of the Many Prophecies about Jesus' Death and Resurrection:

He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
He would enter the temple (Malachi 3:1)
He would be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9)
He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)
The silver would be thrown into the temple (Zechariah 11:13)
The silver would be used for potter's field (Zechariah 11:13)
He would be forsaken by His disciples (Zechariah 13:7)
He would be accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11)
He would remain silent before accusers (Isaiah 53:7)
He would be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5)
He would be whipped and spit upon (Isaiah 50:6, Micah 5:1)
He would be mocked (Psalm 22:7, 8)

His hands and feet would be pierced (Psalm 22:16)
He would be crucified with thieves (Isaiah 53:12)
People would shake their heads at Him (Psalm 109:25)
His clothes would be divided and lots cast for them (Psalm 22:18)
He would be offered gall and vinegar to drink (Psalm 69:21)
The exact words of His death cry were predicted (Psalm 22:1)
Not one of His bones would be broken (Psalm 34:20)
His heart would literally burst (Psalm 22:14)
His side would be pierced (Zechariah 12:10)
Darkness would fall in broad daylight (Amos 8:9)
He would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9)
He would be resurrected from the dead (Psalm 16:10, 30:3, 41:10, 118:17, Hosea 6:2)
****These are only a few of the 300 prophecies about Jesus!!***

Acts 1:3

4. The Evidence of the Resurrection's Impact

The Fact of the Christian Church

It is worldwide in scope. Its history can be traced back to Palestine around A.D. 32. Did it just happen or was there a cause for it? These people who were first called Christians at Antioch turned the world of their time upside-down. They constantly referred to the resurrection as the basis for their teaching, preaching, living, and – most significantly – dying.

The Fact of the Christian Day

Sunday is the day of worship for Christians. Its history can also be traced back to the year A.D.32. Such a shift in the calendar was monumental, and something cataclysmic must have happened to change the day of worship from the Jewish Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first day. Christians said the shift came because of their desire to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

The Fact of the Christian Book - The New Testament

In its pages are contained six independent testimonies to the fact of the resurrection. Three of them are by eyewitnesses: John, Peter, and Matthew. Paul, writing to the churches at an early date, referred to the resurrection in such a way that it is obvious that to him and his readers the event was well-known and accepted without question. Are these men who helped transform the moral structure of society, consummate liars or deluded madmen? These alternatives are harder to believe than the fact of the resurrection, and there is no shred of evidence to support them.

5. The Evidence of Changed Lives!

John 8:32

Material used is from Ray Johnston, Pastor of Bayside Church, Roseville, California

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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.
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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.
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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that can help people overcome their hurts, habits, and hangups. Join us on Tuesdays at 6:30-8:30 pm in H100.
A really great night to come is Sept. 5 when we will be celebrating our 4 year anniversary. Several Purpose Church pastors will be there to encourage our group. We will have dinner, dessert, and short testimonies from people who have found victory in Jesus while attending Celebrate Recovery. Hope to see you there!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Students in Grades 5-12 won't want to miss our Student Ministries Fall Kick Off this Wednesday night, September 6! Each of our ministries, Fifth/Sixth, Junior High, and High School will be celebrating the start of our new school year in small groups. Each ministry is going BIG and having unique and fun activities planned for your students.

High School (HSM) - 6pm
- B100

Junior High (JHM) - 6pm
- E200

Fifth/Sixth (FSM) - 6pm
- E303

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TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join Lauren Chandler, in the study "Steadfast Love." In this seven-session Bible study, 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. This study is facilitated by Bev Smith. Book cost is \$14. For more information, please contact Denise. DeniseD@PurposeChurch.com, x3019

REGISTER FOR AWANA TODAY

It's not too late to register 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. Register at PurposeChurch.com/awana and pay by credit card, or in the Children's Department in F100 and pay by cash or check (made payable to Purpose Church). There are payment plans and scholarships available. 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

CELEBRATION CHOIR

If you like to sing, then our Celebration Choir is a great place for you to get plugged in to serve here at Purpose Church. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Music Suite (C104) right here in the Worship Center. The Celebration Choir sings every Sunday morning in our 8:30am service and once a month in our 9:45am service. Just show up on Wednesday evening at 7pm and they will help get you plugged in! CalliD@PurposeChurch.com, x3044

CELEBRATION ORCHESTRA

If you play a brass, woodwind, or string instrument and would like to participate in our Celebration Orchestra, we would love for you to jump in and give it a try. The orchestra rehearses about once a month and accompanies the Celebration Choir each week in the 8:30am service as well as once a month in the 9:45am service. If you would like more information, contact the director, John Burroughs. jburroughs82@gmail.com

SHUTTLE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Help bring the Gospel to public school students through the Released Time Program by driving a shuttle/bus to a Pomona elementary school at lunch time. Students are released at lunch for a fun bus-based Bible club. Volunteer bus drivers, with proper license and under 70 years of age are asked to contact Sharon Brower at 909-625-3134.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

We care and pray for the families affected by the devastating floods in Texas and Louisiana. For those who would like to give towards emergency relief and recovery, please designate your gifts for "TEXAS." We are also looking for people who may be interested in going to Texas to help in recovery and relief efforts. Please contact Global Impact Ministries if interested. NancyM@PurposeChurch.com, x3014

PURPOSE CHURCH PROOF-READING VOLUNTEER TEAM

We are looking to form a volunteer proof-reading team for church publications. Do you enjoy looking for errors? Do you naturally spot them? Could you spare too hours a week? If this sounds fun, we want to talk with you! Either fill out a connect Card with your name, email, and phone or contact ChanelD@purposechurch.com. Thank you!
ChanelD@PurposeChurch.com, x3031

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.



If you would like someone to contact you regarding events in this program, please write the article title on a Connect card with your contact information. Place it in the offering plate or one of the offering boxes in the lobby. If you need to contact a pastor after hours, call 909-629-5277 x8004 and leave a message with a phone number.

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.