

**CLASSES BEGIN ON THURSDAY - REGISTER NOW!:** The North Carolina School of Biblical Studies continues to offer free online Zoom classes. Sign up today!

“Developing Leadership Practices That Work”. Thursdays, online at 7 p.m. CST, beginning January 7. In this 10 week course, different methods of leadership that will support open communication and encourage member participation will be explored. Any leader, aspiring leader, or encourager of leaders can benefit from this class.

Register now at NCSBS.NET or call 336.766.6078.

“Journey Through the Word, Part 2”. This is a class for women only and will help you understand how the characters and events of the Bible fit together for God’s purposes. Class begins Thursday, January 7, at 6 p.m. CST and will continue for 10 weeks.

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SEE THE FLYERS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

The Arnold church of Christ is hosting a Creation Seminar, January 15-17. See the full schedule at <https://arnoldcoc.org/event/creation/> or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Attend in person or watch on Arnold’s Facebook page.

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL :** Also check out the flyers from WBS regarding the Bibles for Millions campaign and the new social network for Christians called Mathetis. This also provides availability to a 13-week Bible curriculum to equip Christians to reach the lost.

The Cape

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### SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

#### TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays on Channel 9 (Fox 23)

“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays

“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

#### Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: [Collegechurchofchrist.org](http://Collegechurchofchrist.org)  
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

## Crises Reveal Our Character

*What would you do if you were fired from your job and put in prison because your employer's wife told horrible lies about you?*

*What would you do if you had run for your life because you helped defend a neighbor from an injustice?*

*What would you do if you were offered something you greatly desired but knew was illegal and life-threatening to obtain?*

*What would you do if suddenly you discovered that all that you had believed in the past was not true, and instead of serving God you were actually fighting Him?*

*What would you do if you were offered a considerable amount of money to betray a friend?*

*What would you do if you found out that the woman to whom you were engaged became pregnant before the wedding, and you knew it wasn't your child?*

These are not hypothetical questions. They really happened, and the answers to these questions reveal the type of character each person possessed at the time the crisis occurred. You can probably identify each of the people in the above scenarios: Joseph (Jacob's son), Moses, Eve, Paul, Judas, and Joseph (and Mary). Some of them faced the crisis with faith and resolve, and withstood the challenge. Others failed. But what these examples teach us is that when crises occur, our character will be revealed.

All of us have faced and will continue to face many challenges in our lives. They may be strong temptations; they may be difficult choices; they may be heart-breaking health issues. And many of our crises are not personally our own – they may involve our spouse, parents, children, family or friends. Still, they are heavy burdens.

As we reflect back on 2020, it's easy to see that there were countless crises that shaped, molded and revealed our character. Not much we can do about them now except to determine that in 2021 we will learn from our mistakes and enhance our strengths.

How we handle crises reveals who we really are. It also reveals how we have prepared for the inevitable challenges. We may not know exactly the kind of crises that may be coming in 2021, but they will come. How we prepare today for them will determine how these crises affect us. Roy Disney once said, "*When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.*" Our three basic optional responses to crises are: 1) Joseph was able to overcome the crisis with Potiphar's wife because he had already established his values, even as a teenager; 2) Moses overcame a poor decision by developing spiritually while in the wilderness; 3) Judas allowed his crisis to destroy him.

What will 2021 reveal about your character?

*Joe Chesser  
Fruitland Church of Christ  
Jackson, MO  
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## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember, with cards and prayers, those in nursing homes and those who cannot get out because of their health. These include Helen Coburn (who is now home from rehab), Joan England, David Mattingly, Carson Pitman III, Pat Smart, Betty Tanner and the Volkerdings. There are several members who chose to stay in because of the pandemic, so also remember them in your prayers. And, of course, continue to keep Mark McAllister in your prayers as he undergoes chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Helen Coburn (LifeCare Ctr)	Betty Allen (hospice)	Sunday a.m. Worship: 43
Joan England (Life Care Ctr)	Donna Barnes (cancer)	Contributions: \$2,145.00
David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr)	Tom & Mary Bollman	Budget: \$3,059.12
Mark McAllister (glioblastoma)	Michele Campbell (back)	Family First: \$20.00
Carson Pitman III	Liam Clark	
Pat Smart (stroke/fall)	Angie Northern Fabing	
Betty Tanner (shut-in)	Scott Hartline	
Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Karen Hubbs (brain cancer)	
	Chris Hutson	
	Suzanne Meert (cancer)	
	Kevin Plemons (brain tumor)	
	Barry Tate (stroke)	
	Scott Taylor (cancer)	
	Donna Thieman (cancer)	
	Tony Wells	

Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.

### DIRECTORY CHANGE:

Mark McAllister's new email address is [markmcallister006@gmail.com](mailto:markmcallister006@gmail.com)

Please make this change to your directory and online contact list..

### CHILDREN'S HOME PICKUP IS 2 WEEKS AWAY:

Supplies requested for the January 18, 2021 pickup are Dishwashing detergent (Dawn, e.g.), Non-aerosol deodorant, HE Laundry Detergent, Instant Rice, Muffin Mixes and Pickles.

<u>Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>	
Jan. 8 – Calvin Box	