



I am a big fan of the ministry of a guy named Louie Giglio. Under god's leadership, he, along with some others, helped bring the Passion Movement into being. If you are not familiar with this student movement of God, take time to "Google" it in the near future.

In a new book, *Simple Pursuit*, Louie Giglio makes a startling statement, "There is a huge difference between knowing a lot **about** something and truly **knowing** something." For the Christ follower then, we can't be satisfied with just knowing **about** God, we must go on to actually **knowing** Him! Let me challenge you to chew on this verse for a while: Isaiah 26:8 says, "Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your truth, we wait eagerly for You; for Your name and Your renown are the desire of our souls."

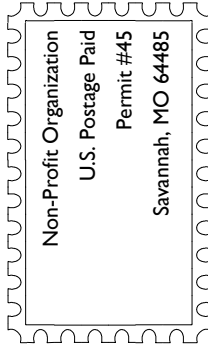
Here are some key words to consider:

1. "Walking", What is your lifestyle?
2. "Wait eagerly", What excites you as you walk?
3. "Desire", What will satisfy your soul?

Let's make this a personal motto for 2017, to pursue **Knowing God** and not just knowing **about** Him!

In closing, let me say a personal word of thanks to all who remembered us with Christmas cards and other gifts. We are also, so very grateful for our Christmas bonus, as well! God bless you all as we face the challenges, problems, joys and victories ahead in 2017!

Pastor Mark



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# The Enlightener

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...." Ephesians 1:18

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## OUR MISSION:

**TO CONNECT  
PEOPLE TO  
GOD AND  
CONNECT  
PEOPLE TO  
EACH  
OTHER**

**TO PRODUCE  
POWERFUL,  
POSITIVE  
LIFE  
CHANGE**

<b>Serving January 15, 2017</b>	<b>Serving January 22, 2017</b>	<b>Serving January 29, 2017</b>
<b><u>8:30AM Service</u></b>	<b><u>8:30AM Service</u></b>	<b><u>10:00AM Service</u></b>
<b><u>Ushers</u></b> Ted Coats Gary cole Wilburn Moran Kelly Speer Mark Vincent Keagon Vincent	<b><u>Ushers</u></b> Corky Cundiff Gary Lowrance Don Lawrence Steve Cole Ron Leeson	<b><u>Ushers</u></b> Vernie Shat Rodney Cole Terrel Clark Wes Morgan
<b><u>Invocation</u></b> Judy Gibson	<b><u>Invocation</u></b> Pastor Mark	<b><u>Invocation</u></b> Don Lawrence
<b><u>Greeter(s)</u></b> Charlette Cantrell	<b><u>Greeter(s)</u></b> Jeff & Ginger Esely	<b><u>Greeter(s)</u></b> Vernie Shat Wilburn Moran
<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b> Ginger Esely	<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b> Debbie Walker	<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b> Caryl Walker
<b><u>Security Team</u></b> 1st - Doug Watson, Steve Lewis 2nd - Rick Phillips	<b><u>Security Team</u></b> 1st - Aaron Jones, Phil Gould 2nd - Nick Nigh	<b><u>Security Team</u></b> 1st - Kelly Speer 2nd - John Grisamore
<b><u>Nursery</u></b> Shelly Lundy	<b><u>Nursery</u></b> Steve & Debbie Cole	<b><u>Nursery</u></b> Rodney & Geneva Cole Patty Wilson
<b><u>Van Driver</u></b> Kelly Speer	<b><u>Van Driver</u></b> Keith Toalson	<b><u>Van Driver</u></b>
<b><u>Intercessory Prayer</u></b> Rick Smith	<b><u>Intercessory Prayer</u></b> Pastor Dan	<b><u>Intercessory Prayer</u></b> Stephanie

<b>BUDGET OFFERING</b>			
<u>12/4/2016</u>	<u>12/11/2016</u>	<u>12/18/2016</u>	<u>12/25/2016</u>
<b><u>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS</u></b>			
\$7,608.00			
<b><u>BUDGET RECEIPTS</u></b>			
\$ 9,665.37	\$ 4,415.15	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 16,125.90
<b><u>BFT RECEIPTS</u></b>			
\$ 100.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b><u>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</u></b>			
\$ 1,031.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 405.53	\$ 276.00
<b><u>LOTTIE MOON</u></b>			
\$ 1,275.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 415.00

<b><u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK Weekly Hall Guides</u></b>		
<u>Jan. 15, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 22, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 29, 2017</u>
Tom Toalson 816-617-8600	Bill Christenson 816-324-1864	Gary Cole 816-567-4058
Caryl Walker 816-324-4237	Ted Coats 816-324-3936	Rodney Cole 816-428-4209

<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
<b>MONDAY-THURSDAY</b>	
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	
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<b><u>VISITATION TEAM</u></b>		
<u>Jan. 15, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 22, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 29, 2017</u>
Donna Morris Valinda Robertson	Carole Paxton Fonda Gabriel	Bob & Debbie Coats

<b><u>PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS</u></b>		
<u>Jan. 15, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 22, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 29, 2017</u>
	Charles Morgan	Gary Cole

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>				
<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan 1</u>	<u>Jan. 8</u>
<b><u>SUNDAY WORSHIP</u></b>				
188	n/a	156	141	156
<b><u>2nd WORSHIP</u></b>				
44	n/a	n/a	39	54
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>				
188	n/a	n/a	129	171

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15 - January 21, 2017

### January 15: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time  
8:30am Worship  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
5:00pm Church Business Meeting

### January 16: MONDAY

### January 17: TUESDAY

9:00am Room to Run

### January 18: WEDNESDAY

5:15pm Dinner - Cheesy Chicken & Noodles  
6:00pm AWANA - Super Section Night  
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study  
7:00pm Choir

### January 19: THURSDAY -

6:00pm Youth Ministry

### January 20: FRIDAY

### January 21: SATURDAY

7:00pm YOUTH - Digging Deeper @  
Midland Ministry

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22 - January 28, 2017

### January 22: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time  
8:30am Worship  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

### January 23: MONDAY

### January 24: TUESDAY

9:00am Room to Run

### January 25: WEDNESDAY

5:15pm Dinner - Beef Burgers/Mac&Cheese  
6:00pm AWANA - Love Your Leader  
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study  
7:00pm Choir

### January 26: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry

### January 27: FRIDAY

### January 28: SATURDAY

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29 - February 4, 2017

### January 29: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time  
8:30am Worship  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
YOUTH trip to KC for Winter Jam

### January 30: MONDAY

### January 31: TUESDAY

9:00am Room to Run

### February 1: WEDNESDAY

5:15pm Dinner -  
6:00pm AWANA - Fav Football Team  
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study  
7:00pm Choir

### February 2: THURSDAY - Groundhog Day

6:00pm Youth Ministry

### February 3: FRIDAY

### February 4: SATURDAY

*Thank You!*

The Food Pantry thanks your for your continued support supplying empty shopping bags. We could also use clean egg cartons, please leave these in the Church Office.



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The next Enlightener date will be:  
**January 25, 2017**  
Submission deadline - 1/23 by 9am



## How to Spend an Hour in Prayer each Morning.

Dr. Alvin Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Study Ministry at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, gave me a list that made you analyze your day and start it fully in the presence of God. It seems around this year we become a little more analytical about our lives and what changes we would like to see. Here is the list he gave me. Start by plugging in a couple of things. Don't shoot for a solid hour right off the bat. Work your way up to that. Remember, building any relationship; your kids, your spouse, your friends, does not happen overnight.

(5-10) **Prayer: Adoration-** take time to thank God for yesterday. It can be a daunting and foreign thing to really take stock of what you should be thankful for if you haven't done it before. It may be helpful to write a list in a journal. Take time to reflect over yesterday and last week. Look for the places that God worked that you may have forgotten or simply not taken the time to recognize.

(2-5) **Prayer: Ask God** to bless your time in His Word. God's word is a double-edged sword! Don't you want to make sure that you are prepared for the surgery? It's not that the surgeon doesn't know what he's doing (the Holy Spirit is overqualified!) but you want to make sure that spiritually you are prepared for it?

(8-15) **Psalms: Meditate on a Psalm a day.** Don't just speed through these. Let them simmer. It will force you to see God through the eyes of people who were enamored with him. One of the greatest ways to grow your spiritual vocabulary is by watching the worship of others. Psalms will do that for you.

(5-10) **Hymn:** From the Gaither's to Hillsong, Lauren Daigle to Michael W. Smith, Christian Music is awesome. Find a genre, style, artist, or song list that does a couple things: speaks about God, makes you focus on him, allows you to meditate on his attributes, or inspires you to follow him deeper. Listen and drink deep.

(15-25) **Meat:** Find a book of the Bible and map out a course. "I'm going to tackle James". Read everything you can to get you prepared to take in the book. If you have a study Bible use the notes. Then draft up a plan. Focus on a chapter at a time, or a passage, or a book if you want to. (By the way: reading a whole book, start-to-finish, will give you a grasp and appreciation for the subject that you can't get otherwise) Now you have your plan, so start it up. You may fail a couple times but keep going. Read. DON'T SET A WORLD LAND SPEED RECORD. Rick Warren is quoted with saying "It's not how much you get through this (Bible), it's how much it gets through you!" Read it at a pace that allows you to really pull everything out of it. Imagine the Word being a Bag of Tea. Allow it to steep until you are changed by it.

(5-10) **Wait-** Dr. Reid said this is one of the most important things. Grab a coffee. He likes to get out his appointment book and schedule his day. The most important thing here is that you give the Word adequate time to marinate into the deepest parts of you.

(5-15) **Prayer- Meditation.** As you meditate on the word, as you read it and as it spoke to you, speak to God about what He revealed to you. What sin did he reveal? What promise did He make? What trial was overcome? What principles does he want you to instill? Talk to Him about it and seek his heart about what to do.

(5-15) **Prayer- Intercession.** Pray here for your list. Make sure on this list you have the following: Your church, your small group, sick, needy, non-immediate family, and special situations. Keep a record of what you pray for and go back through them sometimes. It can be amazing to see later how God comes through when you didn't see Him working.

(10) **Prayer- Family.** Make yourself a list of your spouse, parents, and kids. Rotate them. "Today I want to ask you Lord to bless my wife..." Focus all your time on that person. Ask God to bless them, work in them, reveal himself to them, and use you to love and lead them.

(10) **Prayer- Petition.** We often take time to pray for others but don't take near enough time bringing ourselves. Ask God to destroy sin hold-outs and build up holy places in your heart. Ask him to reinforce your faith in weak areas, and to deal with strongholds of doubt. As the Spirit leads you to see these things, make them the conversation of your heart with God.

(5) **Prayer- Praise.** Thank God for what he is doing, has done, and will do today. Before the day begins, anoint it and deliver it to God as his gift from you to Him.

Right there you have found a plan for spending between an hour and 2 hours with God. Like I said, start small. Add a couple of these to your time with God each day and as that relationship grows, see what God grows in your heart.

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**Pastor of Discipleship & Education**  
Juston Davidson  
**Youth Pastor**  
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**Senior Adults/ Children's Minister**  
Stephanie Mefford

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Greg Smith  
**Musician(s)**  
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