



**FAITHFUL
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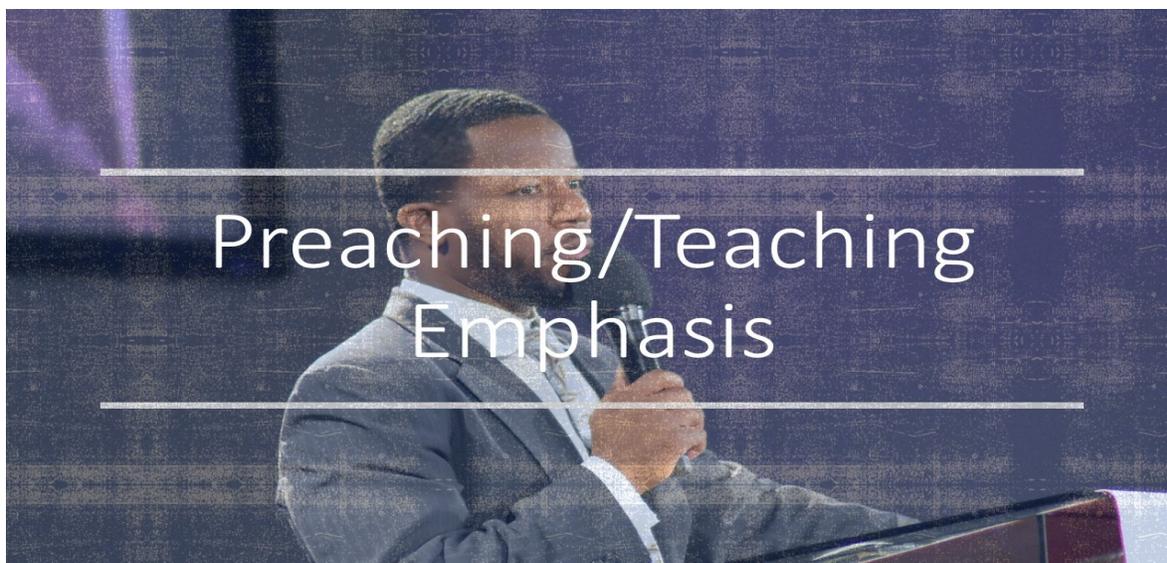
Our Vision

Our vision is to reach, grow, and empower committed followers of Jesus Christ, who live life to the fullest, through growing in relationship with God, strengthening relationships with others, and bringing life to the world through service.

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Live Out Your Faith ... Are you **GROWING** today?



Faithful Followers: **Intentional Discipleship**

This year we are seeking to grow in our relationship with Christ through active and intentional pursuit of God. The call to follow Christ (*discipleship*) is a call to relationship! Like any relationship, a disciple's relationship with Christ must be cultivated, will experience challenges, and will ultimately bear great fruit to the glory of God. Following Christ is not formulaic, a momentary decision, or strictly cerebral. Following Christ is a relationship that is intentionally cultivated. This is how we GROW.

Intentional **Discipleship** Themes:

- ⇒ Growth in Christ
- ⇒ Development as a Disciple
- ⇒ Active pursuit of godliness/Christ-like character

#FaithfulFollowers

#IntentionalDiscipleship

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Hide the Word in your heart by committing the Scripture to memory. Meditate upon the Word and apply it to your life!

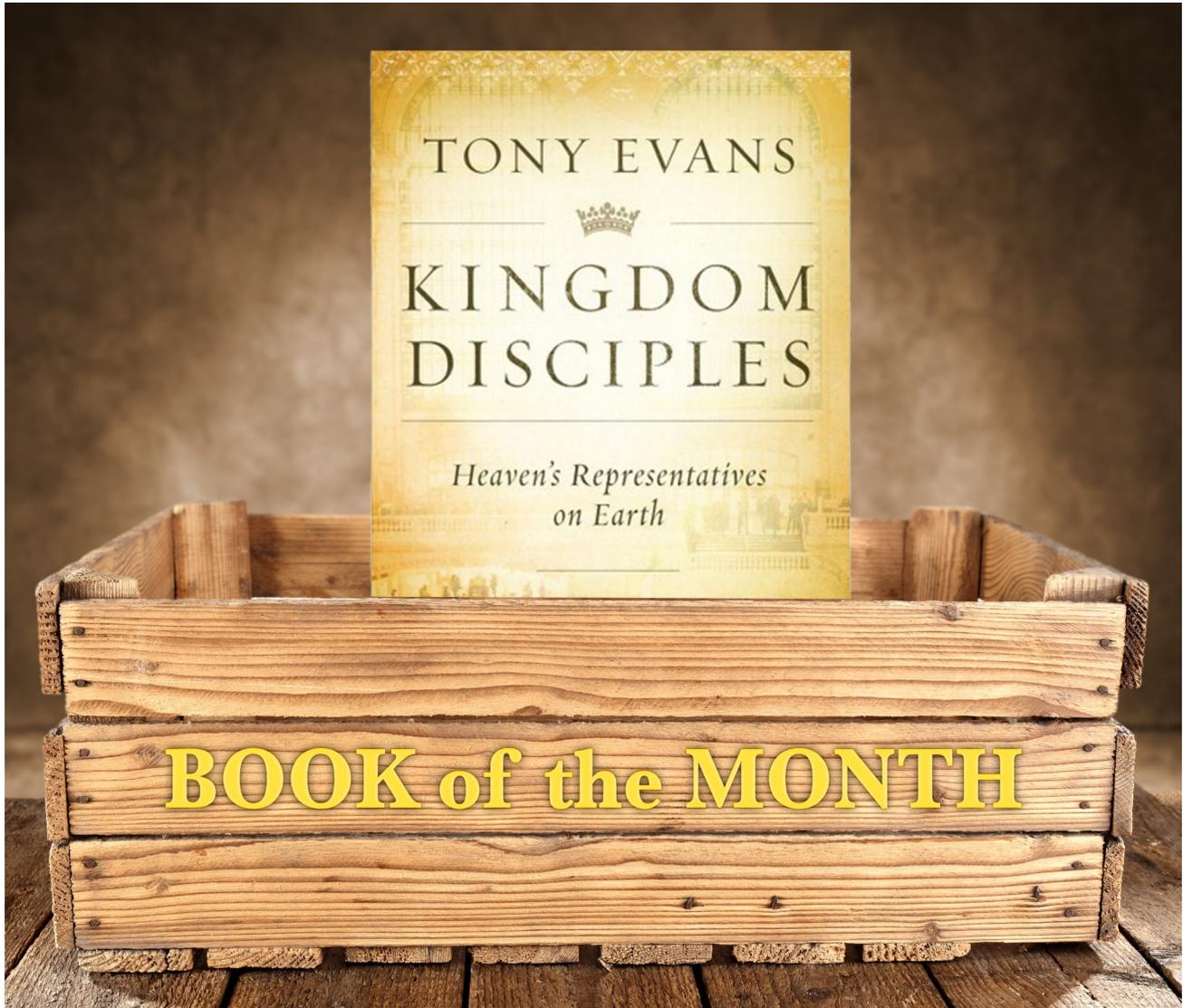


Memorization

Scripture(s) Meditation

This month's Scripture:
2 Peter 1:3-11

Each month, we will be reading one book that will encourage our faith and deepen our knowledge of God. Read with us and share insights with us on Social Media using the hashtag **#BGCBOM**



January Book of the Month

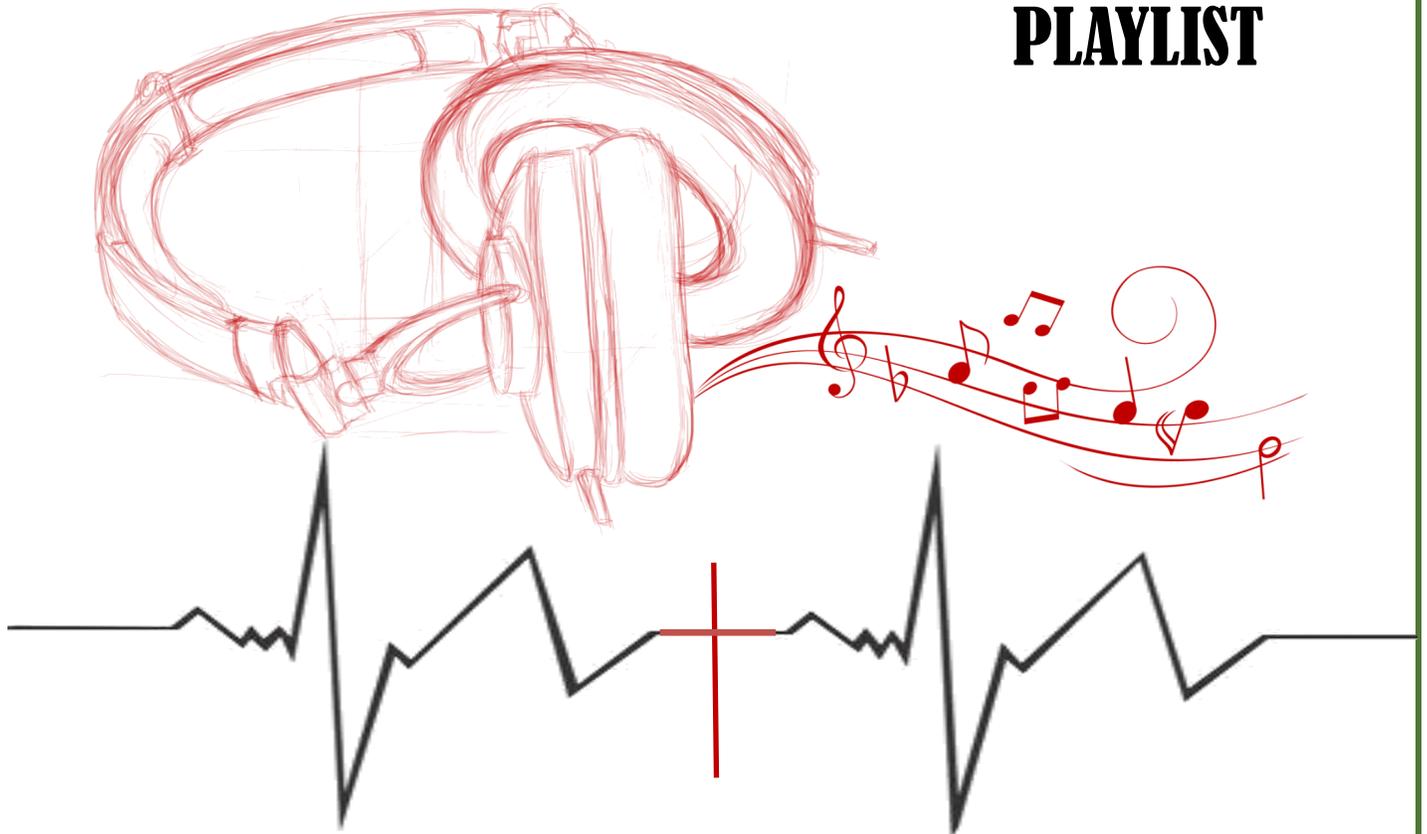
Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth by Tony Evans

Purchase here:

https://smile.amazon.com/Kingdom-Disciples-Heavens-Representatives-Earth-ebook/dp/B06X91WCX1/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1545483792&sr=8-1&keywords=Kingdom+Disciples

One of the ways we encourage our Spirits is through singing songs, hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts (Colossians 3:16). Listen and learn some of the songs on this playlist. Our choirs and praise team will be ministering some of these songs during the month. Prepare to "make a joyful noise" with us in worship by allowing these songs to minister to your Spirit through the month.

PLAYLIST



| Track | Artist | Listen |
|---|---|---|
| I Will Follow* | Chris Tomlin | https://youtu.be/1ohvhmGSfxI |
| Follow Me | Casting Crowns | https://youtu.be/LraPDltKlvI |
| Following Jesus* | Son Quest Rainforest VBS (Children's Song) | https://youtu.be/2fGLgCPFeUY |
| I Will Follow You* | Donnie McClurkin | https://youtu.be/NwhEFsp5BI8 |
| You Love Good | Phil Thompson | https://youtu.be/yMJJzO2nUI8 |
| My Soul Follows Feat. Travis Greene * | David & Nicole Binion | https://youtu.be/GRc-h5DGqK0 |

*Sing along with us in our Sunday worship services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 1215 PM

In this information age, it's easier than ever to access the knowledge we seek. Podcasts can be a great way to encourage your faith through Biblically-based teaching during your week... "so faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Here is a podcasts we recommend:



PODCAST

Pod Cast:

The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans

Who is Dr. Tony Evans?

Dr. Tony Evans is one of the country's most respected leaders in evangelical circles. As a pastor, teacher, author and speaker, he serves the body of Christ through his unique ability to communicate complex theological truths through simple, yet profound, illustrations. While addressing the practical issues of today, Dr. Evans is known as a relevant expositor. New and veteran pastors alike regard him as a pastor of pastors and a father in the faith.

What is "The Alternative"?

The Urban Alternative, a national ministry that seeks to restore hope and transform lives through the proclamation and the application of the Word of God.

How can I listen to the Podcast?

Option 1) If you have an apple device, download apple podcast then subscribe to The Alternative

Option 2) If you don't have an apple device, go to <https://tonyevans.org/tony-evans-sermons/> you can listen there

G.R.O.W. (Grow Reading Our Word)

In 2019, our desire is to continue to grow in faith through reading the Word of God. The Word of God provides what followers of Christ need for knowing and doing God's will. It is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (*2 Timothy 3:16*). Therefore, reading and meditating upon the Word of God, daily, is essential for spiritual growth and development. Our hope is that reading the daily scriptures in the **Kingdom Bible Reading Plan** will empower you to better understand and apply your faith to your daily living. Ultimately, our prayer is that as you read, your love for our great and awesome God will increase and your love will be reflected in your obedience to Him.

Kingdom Bible Reading Plan access:

http://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/blog/3325_FINAL.DeRouchie.pdf

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Make the Word come alive through your actions this month. Live it out! Here are some ways you can live in faith, fellowship, and service this month. Share what you are doing using the hashtag #BGCROW or #BGCRALEIGH or #LIVEITOUT

#LIVEITOUT

Living in *Faith*

1. Think about how you want to grow as a follower of Christ this year (be specific). Write them out! How will you be intentional? What will you do this year to grow in these areas (be specific)? Write out your plan. Commit to praying about these areas this month.
2. Join us in committing 2 Peter 1:3-11 (Learn a few verses or commit to learning the entire passage).

Here are some helpful articles and tools on scripture memorization:

<https://learns scripture.net/dashboard/>

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/how-to-memorize-scripture/>

Living in *Fellowship*

1. Being connected to other believers for encouragement and accountability is important. A good place to connect with others is in a Life Group. Life Groups start this month. Connect with a group by going [here](#).
2. Find someone in the church or in your circle of friends/family that loves the Lord. Share the ways you desire to grow as a disciple and your plan with them (#1-Living in Faith). Ask them to help you remain accountable.

Living in *Service*

Outreach Opportunities

Looking for ways to engage in kingdom work around you? Food insecurity is a crisis in our community that requires our response as Christians. 255, 970 people in the Raleigh area are food insecure; 22.3% of this population are children. Help plant seeds of hope in the lives of families in need and ensure that no one goes hungry through these service opportunities.

[LIFE Harvest Food Pantry at Baptist Grove](#)

Hours of operation for 2019 are 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10am-12pm. Midweek opportunities to stock, sort, and receive are also available. Contact Min. Cynthia Jacko-Wise at outreach@baptistgrovechurch.org for more information!

[Food Bank of Central](#)

Various volunteer opportunities ranging from packing and distribution to gardening and administrative assistance available. Click here (http://www.foodbankcenc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=getinvolved_volunteer) to get started!

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