

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

2020 VISION MESSAGE

Sunday, January 12 @ 10:45 am

As we move into 2020, Pastor Troy will deliver his annual vision message, *Foundations*, on Sunday, January 12. During this message, Pastor Troy will introduce the special emphases and objectives we believe God will be taking LVBC in the days ahead. Please make plans to join us!

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

In 2020, Pastor Troy will preach through all 50 chapters in the book of Genesis. This series, *Foundations*, will consist of 4 mini-series totaling 47 individual sermons throughout the year. As the first book of the Bible, Genesis is filled with the foundational components for our beliefs as Christians. Join us on Sunday, January 12, at 10:45 am, as we begin this exciting new series!

CREATION TO CHAOS

COVENANT TO CANAAN

JOURNEYS WITH JACOB

FROM A PIT TO A PALACE

begins Sunday, January 12 begins Sunday, March 29 begins Sunday, June 28 begins Sunday, September 20

COMING 2020

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

March 29 - April 1

EASTER

Sunday, April 12

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

June 21 – 25

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12 - 16

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

FOUNDATIONS

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus told one of his most familiar parables, and it focused on two men who each built a house. There are a lot of similarities between the two men in Jesus's story. First, both men are involved in the same activity — they both build a house. Second, they both build in the same location. We know this because the storm hits both houses at the same time. Third, they both build the structure of the house in the same way. The only difference Jesus pointed out was the foundation — he doesn't indicate the houses are different from each other in any other way.

On the outside, there isn't any perceivable difference between these two people and the lives they've built. But the unseen, below-the-surface difference, is the one that really matters! The "wise man," Jesus said, "built his house on the rock." The "foolish man," on the other hand, "built his house on the sand." The result of the difference is tragic. When the storms of life come (and they will come), the man whose life is built on the solid foundation will not fall. The person with the sandy foundation, however, cannot withstand the storm and "great was the fall of it."

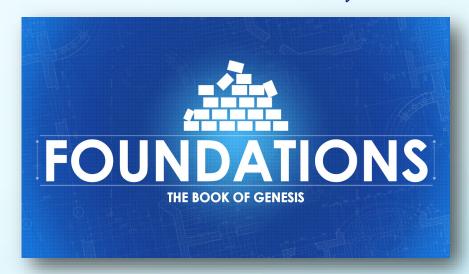
A foundation cannot be seen, but it is crucial to the structural integrity of any building. The same is true with our lives. What we build our lives upon is the determinative factor to standing or falling through the storms of life. As we move into 2020, our focus for the year will be just that: FOUNDATIONS. We will revisit some things we've focused on in the past to seek to shore up and fortify areas where we may have weakened a bit.

One of the central components of our focus on FOUNDATIONS will be our Sunday morning sermon series. We will go verse-by-verse through the 50 chapters of Genesis on Sunday mornings. I've outlined the entire book into 47 sermons. As the first book of the Bible, it is filled with foundational components and principles that will be beneficial to us individually, and collectively as a congregation.

On Sunday, January 12, I will be preaching the theme message for 2020. In this message I will cast vision for our church for the coming year, and will introduce the special emphases and objectives we believe God will be taking us to in the days ahead. I can't wait to take this journey with you!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Troy



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

JANUARY

12/26 - 1/10	Zimbabwe Mission Trip
1	New Year's Day Church Office Closed
7	WMU Meeting
12	2020 Vision Message Kingdom Kids Special Performand
22	Women's Bible Study Begins
26	Newcomer's Lunch

FEBRUARY

7	WMU Meeting
8	D-Group Training
11	LV Senior Adult Meeting
12	Children's Ministry Valentine's Day "Jesus Is Love" Celebration
28	Youth Retreat (through 3/1/20)

SENIOR ADULT MEETINGS

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet at 10:30 am, on the second Tuesday of every month, for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- NO January Meeting
- Tuesday, February 12

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

Begins Wednesday, January 22

Our church has adopted The Baptist Faith & Message (2000) as our official doctrinal statement. This document highlights our fundamental Biblical beliefs, and is the confession that all members affirm their agreement with upon joining Lookout Valley Baptist Church.

Beginning Wednesday, January 22, our elders will be teaching through the Eighteen Articles of the BF&M in an effort to bring greater clarity and understanding of our distinctives. If you are not involved in a Discipleship Group, or serve in our children's or youth ministry, this will be an important study to be a part of. Please make plans to join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, as we learn and grow together!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If your New Year's Resolution was to find a place to volunteer and serve at the church, we have just the solution for you! Actually, we have two opportunities for you to serve!

<u>PATROL & SECURITY TEAM</u>: These team members help keep our physical campus secure during our morning services. Team members will help greet new guests, keep an eye on the parking lots, and assist with any needs that may arise during our time together. Volunteers serve once every six weeks.

WELCOME TEAM GREETERS: Our front door Greeters are often the first faces that people see when they enter the parking lot and walk through the front doors. Greeters are to welcome guests and members to LVBC and help them feel at home. Volunteers in this ministry will serve once every four to five weeks.

If you would like to serve on either of these two vital teams, please contact Pastor Wade (wade@lookoutvalley.org | 825-5335).



KINGDOM KIDS TEACHER NEEDED

Our Kingdom Kids ministry is currently searching for someone with a heart for children and teaching them about the love of Jesus. If you are willing to serve once a month on our teaching team, beginning in February, please contact Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).

*All training and teaching materials are provided.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

On Wednesday, January 15, at 7:30 pm, our Choir will resume their weekly rehearsals. Choir members, please be sure to pick up your parts CD from the choir loft.

If you would like to join the choir, now is the perfect time, as we prepare for our annual Missions Conference and Easter Sunday! Contact Tracy Trivette (tracy@lookoutvalley.org) for more details.



D-GROUP TRAINING

February 8

During this new year, we are placing a renewed focus on personal discipleship. To help in our discipling efforts, we are hosting a D- (Discipleship) Group training on Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for all of those interested in learning more about personal discipleship. This training will focus on the importance of ongoing discipleship within the church, and creating and organizing a new D-Groups. If you currently lead a group, want to start a new group, or desire to be in a group, we hope you will attend this specialized training on February 8!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 22

Ladies, we invite you to join us for a new women's inductive bible study through the book of James. This exciting new study will meet on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30 pm, beginning January 22. The cost of the materials for this study is \$5.00 per person. Please contact Kim Casey for more details.

To sign up for this study, please visit the following link or use the QR Code provide.

https://www.lookoutvalley.org/womens-bible-study/



882 And Your right hand will lay hold ... And Your right hand will lay hold ... If I say, "Surely the #darkness will loverwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," Even the #darkness is not dark 1 to You. And the night is as bright as the day. And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You. Darkness and light are alike to You. Li Some and You are fourfully supported by a work of the content of the cont 19 O that You would a slay the wicked, 10 Even there Your hand will alead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of 10 *Ps 23:2, 3 11 *Lit bruise: b Depart from me, therefore, emen of 11 If I say, "Surely the adarkness will bloodshed. 20 For they a speak 1 against You wickedly, And Your enemies 2 btake Your name in vain 21 Do I not ahate those who hate You, And do I not bloathe those who rise 13 For You *formed my ¹inward parts; You *wove me in my mother's womb. 14 I will give thanks to You, for ¹I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Whenterful no Your works 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; 40:5 15 'Lit bones were "Job 10:8-10; Eccl 11:5 "Ps 63:9 They have become my enemies. 23 "Search me, O God, and know my a Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. 15 My 1-frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the b depths bTry me and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there be any ¹⁴ hurtful way 18 *Ps 40:5 *Ps of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed 19 °Is 11:4 °Ps 6:8; 119:115 °Ps 5:6; 26:9 20 °Or of 'Some mss read lift themselves up against You *Jude 15 °Ex 20:7; Peut 5:11 21 °2 Chr 19:2; Ps 26:5; 31:6 °Ps 119:158 23 °10b 31:6; Ps 26:2 °Ps 7:9; 7:70v 17:3; Jer 11:20; 1 Thess 24 And blead me in the everlasting way. substance; And in ^b Your book were all written Psalm 140 The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of For the choir director. A Psalm of David. 1 "Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; 2 Who adevise evil things in their 17 How precious also are Your athoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! They b continually stir up wars. 18 If I should count them, they would "outnumber the sand. Prov 15:9; 28:10; Jer 25:5; 36:3 °Ps 5:8; 143:10 °Ps 16:11 140:1 °Ps 17:13; 59:2; 71:4 °Ps 18:48; 86:14; 140:11 2 °Ps 7:14; 36:4; 52:2; Prov 6:14; 1s 59:4; Hos 7:15 °Ps 56:6 When bI awake, I am still with You. by referring to its two extremes (merism), vv. 8–9 specify all 139:17 Your thoughts. As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thought" (v. 2). spatial reality, the whole creation. 139:10 lead me...lay hold of me. Though this language trast with my inought (V.2). 139.18 When I awake. The sleep of exhaustion overcome every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 58: 119:148), and waking only floods my soul once more with the sense of the presence of this God. 139.19-22 My zeal for You sets me against all Your adversions.

occurs in 73:23–24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought 139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place

139:13–16 You Yourself put me together in the womb and ordained the span of my life before I was born.

139:13 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the

innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity—that which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see

139:14 fearfully . . . wonderfully . . . Wonderful. You know me as the One who formed me (see vv. 15–16), but I cannot begin

to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look

upon him with awe and wonder (see note on v. 6)—and praise

139:15 in secret . . . depths of the earth. Reference is to the

womb: called a "secret" place because it normally conceals (see

(vv. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.

4 a Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of 5 The proud have a hidden a trap for me, and cords;

139:19 O that You would. Jealous impatience with Gospatience toward the wicked—whose end will come (Is 11:4).

But the psalmist leaves it to God.

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139:20 take Your name in vain. Perhaps by calling down cocon those trying to be the faithful servants of God.

139:21-22 A declaration of loyalty that echoes the pictorequired by ancient Near Eastern kings of their wassals Le. "With my friend you shall be friend, and with my enemy for shall be enemy," from a treaty between Mursilis II, a Hittle loss and Tette of Nuhassi, 14th century a.C.).

139:23-24 Famine me see the intenrity of my devotor and the control of the control of

139:23–24 Examine me, see the integrity of my dev keep me true (see 17:3–5 and note).
139:23 heart. See note on 4:7. anxious thoughts. 5

It is no light matter to be examined by God.

139:24 the everlasting way. See note on 16:9–11.

salvation, of 2battle the wicked; they not be exalted. May the amischief of their lips cover them. 10 "May aburning coals fall upon them; May they be acast into the fire, Into 1 deep pits from which they "La floor fire, and the fire, and the fire, cannot rise.

11 "May a 'Islanderer not be established in the earth;

"May avil hunt the violent man speedily."

23 tongues 5

3 They a sharpen their tongues as a

the wicked;

b Preserve me from violent men

Who have 1 purposed to 2ctrip up my

^bPoison of a viper is under their lips

They have spread a bnet by the Give ear to my voice wh You! They have set snares for me. Selah. 2 May my prayer be ¹count aincense before You;

The blifting up of my hand
evening offering.

Set a aguard, O Lord, love 6 I asaid to the Lord, "You are my God; Give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my supplications.
7"0 God the Lord, athe strength of my 44:10 4Ps 112:10 Esth 9:25; Ps 0:2, 3 4Ps 7:16; Pros mouth: Keep watch over the bdoc You have b covered my head in the day 4 aDo not incline my heart thing, 8" Do not grant, O LORD, the adesires of To practice deeds 1 of wick men who bdo iniqu Do not promote bhis evil device, that And cdo not let me eat of 9" As for the head of those who surround 5 Let the arighteous smite n kindness and reprove it It is boil upon the head;

Do not let my head refuse ²For still my prayer ^cis ³ag wicked deeds. 6 Their judges are athrown sides of the rock, 3 *Lit to *Ps 34:13; 39:1; Prov 13:3; 21:23 *h *Ps 119:36 *ls 32:6; Hos 6:5; Mai 3:15; Prov. toorings! *Lit And my proper *Or in spate of the 9:6; 19:25; 25:12; 27:6; Eccl 7:5; Gal 6:1 *Ps 2 6 *2 Chr 25:12

140:6–8 Do not let these wicked men attain their evil designs

140:9–11 Let the harm they plot against me recoil on their heads (see note on 5:10).

140:10 burning coals. See note on 11:6. fire . . . deep pits. This Combination, together with the conjunction of fire and dark-ness in Job 15:30; 20:26, suggests the idea that the fire of God's

12 I know that the LORD will the cause of the afflict And bjustice for the poor

13 Surely the arighteous will to Your name;

presence.

The bupright will dwell in

1 O LORD, I call upon You; a

Psalm 141

A Psalm of David

Ps 141 A prayer for deliverance from the wick ways. The structure of the first half (two Hebrew lines) is repeated in the second half, while at the plet develops a complementary theme (see no plet develops a competentially define see the Ps 140, the prayer is profuse in its physiological mouth, lips, heart, head, bones, eyes. 141 title See note on Ps 138 title. 141:1–2 Initial appeal for God to hear. 141:3–4 A plea that God will keep him from

ing or doing what is evil.

141:4 Do not incline my heart. Keep me fro

140:3 tongues. See note on 5:9. Poison of a viper. See 58:4 in Your presence. In contrast to the wicked (v. 11/7; 16:9–11).

140:4-5 Protect me from those proud and wicked hunters (see

140:5 The proud. See note on 31:23.

WELCOME HOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

During our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in November, our congregation voted to receive ten new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest church members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!

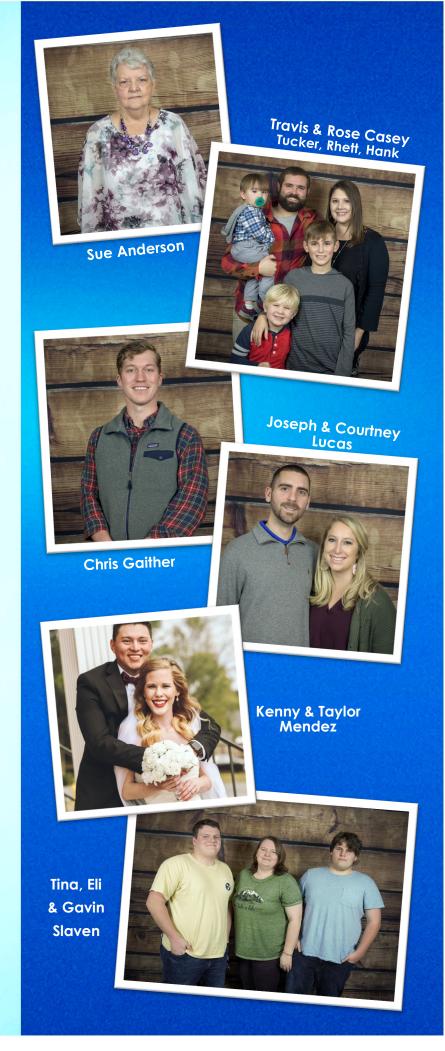
MEMBER'S MEETING

On Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Prior to our meeting, we invite you to join us as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see January's bulletin for cost and menu). Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will welcome new members, discuss membership issues, vote on new church members, and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

NEWCOMER'S LUNCH

If you have been visiting LBVC for several months or just a few weeks, we invite you to our Newcomer's Lunch after the morning service on Sunday, January 26. This free lunch will allow you and your family to learn more about church life at LVBC, hear from our Elders and Staff, and ask any questions that you might have. If you would like to attend this lunch, RSVP by emailing Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org) or by calling the church office by Wednesday, January 22.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPECIAL KINGDOM KIDS PERFORMANCE

Join us on Sunday, January 12, at 10:45 am, as the Kingdom Kids sing during our worship service. The Kingdom Kids will practice during their class time on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. If your child is performing, please have your child here at 9:30 am on January 12 for our final practice before service.

For more information, please contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison.





VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

WEDNEDAY, FEBRAURY 12

On Wednesday, February 12, all children are invited to join LVBC's Children's Ministry for their *Jesus Is Love* Valentine's Day celebration! During this time, we will be celebrating the love Jesus has for his children in the nursery and Kingdom Kids. All children are involved in making crafts, eating treats, and learning about Jesus' love for them. The party will begin at 6:30 pm and children are to go to their designated classrooms.

For more details, contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEW MINISTRY LOGO

As we kick off 2020, exciting new things are happening in our Youth Ministry, including the unveiling of their new ministry logo! Be on the lookout for more exciting news in the year to come.

WINTER RETREAT February 28 — March 11

Our annual Winter Youth Retreat will be in Gatlinburg, February 28—March 1. Cost is \$100, and includes lodging, meals, and your choice of snow tubing or ice skating at Ober Gatlinburg! Please contact Christina Wilson to register.

