

SPRING SERMON SERIES

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April 27th, 2025

Is There More to Life Than This?

(Ephesians 1:1-14)



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April 27th - "Is There More to Life Than This?"
May 4th - "Why Do I Feel so Powerless?"
May 11th - "Can People Really Change?"
May 18th - "Why Is Everyone So Divided?"
May 25th - "Does My Life Even Matter?"
June 1st - "What If There's A Better Way to Live?"
June 8th - "What Would Love Do?"
June 15th - "What If Home Could be Different?"
June 22nd - "Why Is Life So Hard?"

What's the Point?

Even as believers, we can lose our sense of direction. We serve, we give, we try—but sometimes we still find ourselves asking, "What's the point?"

This series is a deep dive into the book of Ephesians—a letter packed with reminders of who we are in Christ, why we matter, and how we're called to live in a world that often pulls us in the opposite direction. This series will help you reconnect with God's calling, rediscover your identity, and walk with purpose every day.

Join us at Ashland Community Church to explore this podcast series, Mondays April 21st to June 2nd, 6:30 - 8:15PM for Pizza, Podcast, and discussion *.

Why Believe:
EXPLORING THE CRITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH

Skip explores topics and tough questions people have about God, Jesus, the Bible, and the Christian Faith.

* Tell John Wallace (wallaceji@me.com) you are coming so we know how much pizza to buy. And, if you can, bring a friend who is openly searching for truth.

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Weekly Topics

April 21st - "Is Jesus Divine?" - Pastor Hurman Hamilton

April 28th - "What Is the Evidence for the Resurrection?" - Vince Vitale

May 5th - "Does Heaven Exist? - John Burke (author of "No Perfect People Allowed")

May 12th - "Is the Bible Trustworthy?" - Pastor Chris Workman

May 19th - "Is Jesus the Only Way?" - Vince Vitale

May 26th - "What Are the Key Messages of Jesus? - Nancy Ortberg

June 2nd - "Why Does A Loving God Allow the Innocent to Suffer?" - Best selling author John Ortberg and Pastor Hurman Hamilton

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP - Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM. They will be meeting in the dining room downstairs.

OFFERING BOXES - If you would like to leave an offering to go to the general funds for Ashland Community Church, you can drop it off in one of the offering boxes that are just to the right and left of the doors before you leave the worship center. There is also an offering box just to the left of the door if you leave the worship center from the door in the front of the worship center. Thank you for your gifts that are enabling us to increase our ministries!

BAPTISMS - We are tentatively planning to have some baptisms in at the Ashland Beach in June. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Ernie at the end of today's service.

PRAYER - Toward the end of our closing song two of our deacons will come up to the left of the stage to offer prayer for anyone that would like to speak with them. They will, then hang around for a few more minutes in case anyone needs prayer.

MEXICAN POT LUCK LUNCH - On Sunday, May the 4th, we will be celebrating Cinco De Mayo (because Austin said it was a good idea!) by having a Mexican pot luck lunch. We're need main dishes, side dishes, salads and desserts. (It's ok if everything is not Mexican!) You can use the sign up sheet in the bulletin or see Tess after today's worship service.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED - We would like to provide family photos for Mother's Day. Please see Tess or Ernie if you would be interested in helping with that.

BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP - We need a babysitter at the Madden's home on Thursday nights from 6:15 - 8:15 pm for 2-5 toddlers. Pay is \$40 per night. Please see Ernie if you are interested.

"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?"

"What's the Point? - Part 1

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I am _____.

Who are the TWO most important people to live in the history of the world? _____.

Ephesians 1:1-10 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.

I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. (NLT)

7 Spiritual Blessings

1. In Christ we are holy and blameless!

4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. (NLT)

2. In Christ we are adopted!

5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. (NLT)

#3 In Christ we are forgiven!

6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. (NLT)

#4 In Christ we can know God's mysterious will!

8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. (NLT)

#5 In Christ we are included!

Ephesians 1:13-14 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. (NIV)

#6 In Christ we have the Holy Spirit!

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance (NIV)

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