

explore God CHICAGO | 7 WEEKS 2019 JAN-FEB

We all have questions about God, faith, and purpose. **Explore God Chicago** is a unique effort to come together and look at these questions in an open, authentic way.

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Does Life Have A Purpose?

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Is There A God?

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Why Does God Allow Pain And Suffering?

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Is Christianity Too Narrow?

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Is Jesus Really God?

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Is The Bible Reliable?

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Can I Know God Personally?

Imagine CHICAGOLAND if. . .

- More than 1000 churches simultaneously preached on the 7 Big Questions about God in January 2019
- Thousands of Explore God discussion groups launched at the same time
- Christians in your church had spiritual conversations in their communities
- Billboards, radio ads, and yard signs all over Chicagoland invited people to Explore God together

What Is Explore God? It is a City Wide Outreach Initiative not only to help us as a church explore questions about God, but to reach out to our Friends, Family Members, and our Community to help us Explore God Together. The Hope is that many people in the Chicagoland will come to faith and that we all might grow together.

Sermon Series: We will preach a 7-week Sermon Series on the 7 Big questions beginning January 13, 2019

Discussion Groups: We will encourage our existing small groups to consider using discussion Guides in small groups on the 7 questions and will likely host a small group just based on these 7 questions.

What we can All Do: I would urge every one of us to pray for this movement that many in the Chicagoland would come to faith. Then I would encourage all of us to consider who we might invite – Family, Friends, Neighbors, co-workers, classmates to consider joining us for this powerful series to explore God with us. This is going to be a great adventure for us as a church!

Christmas Season 2018 At the Springs

By Pastor Dave Izenbart

The Series: THE Christmas Story

Don't you love the Christmas Stories? Maybe you love *The Grinch who stole Christmas*, or *It's a Wonderful Life*, or *A Christmas Carol*, or *Home Alone*, or even *Christmas Vacation*. As beautiful and fun as those tales are, they are only echoes of THE Christmas Story that happened 2000 years ago in Bethlehem (Well maybe not Christmas Vacation – that has nothing to do with THE Christmas story). Without THE story none of the others would exist. Those who witnessed this amazing and world-changing reality have stories to tell. They can testify to who Jesus is and what He has done. Join us as we hear their stories of Christmas from the perspective of those who were eyewitnesses. Let us enjoy a rich, meaningful and Merry Christmas this Year!

The Schedule: ***Please Note The Times of Services***

- Dec. 9 - The Story of the Wise Men – 9 & 10:30
- Dec. 16 - The Story of the Shepherds – 9a.m. (Normal Worship Service), 10:30a.m. (Children's Program)
- Dec. 23 – The Story of Mary and Joseph – One Service 10a.m.
- Dec. 24 – Our Story
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6p.m.
- Dec. 30 – Who Am I to God? One Service 10a.m.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Carmella Abramczyk Darryl Blackwell Anna Shirer
2 Becki Hackett Martell Hines Bob Rimdzius	3 Caden Grant <i>Joshwa & Jennifer Crick</i>	4 Alexis Crandell	5 Hannah Reder Sarah Reder	6	7 Richard Koning	8 Thea Ausema <i>Gregory & Victoria Fields</i>
9 Jacob Grutzius <i>Martin & Tricia Schrantz</i>	10	11 Ed Ritzema	12 Mariana Blackwell Jim Grutzius Claire Murvihill Bev Vazquez Jim Winicky <i>Jason & Sharon Perry</i>	13	14 Micah & Marcus Carpenter Lillie Kennedy- Ulmer <i>Ron & Ada Stovall</i>	15 Lisa Aardsma
16	17 Rich Doornbos Roseann Grutzius Lawrence Majoch Sheila Scrutchions <i>Larry & Hayley Aguirre</i>	18 Julia Alverio Gene Guidera <i>Jonathan & Kristin Freel</i>	19 Malik Curtis Beckett Denman Lina Jursa	20 Marie Jones Noelle Kelly Quinton Kelly Katie Sikkema	21	22 Keith Turner
23 Carol Pegg Adam Toeset	24 Jim Barnick Izaiah Osborne <i>Merry Christmas</i>	25 Valerie Cranford	26 Cindy Van Ort	27	28 Faye Edwards Deanna Lawal Katie Lindstrom Ava Zehnder <i>Izaac & Beth Ebeywa</i>	29 Rosey Scalzitti
30 Cheryl Flory Stacey Goldston Luke Thrall	31 Susan Maul- Jones Fran Shirer					



Please join us for the Springs Kids Christmas Worship Service, titled ***Our Family Jesse Tree***, on Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. This will be a unique worship service as our children and their families bring us the story of the Jesse Tree through music, art, Scripture, and readings.



May the greatest gift
to be received
this Christmastide
not be the one
that is really wanted
but the One
who is truly needed