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# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation**

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**Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation</b>	
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

May 21, 2017



## **ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS 2017 V.B.S.**

**June 12-16 @ 6:00 pm nightly**

**Mon. "On the Road to Calvary — the road to Sacrifice"**

**Tues. "On the Road to Emmaus — the road to Recognizing the  
Resurrected Lord"**

**Wed. "On the Road to Damascus — the road to a  
Changed Life"**

**Thurs. "On the Road to Jericho — the road of Service"**

**Fri. PIZZA & AWARDS**

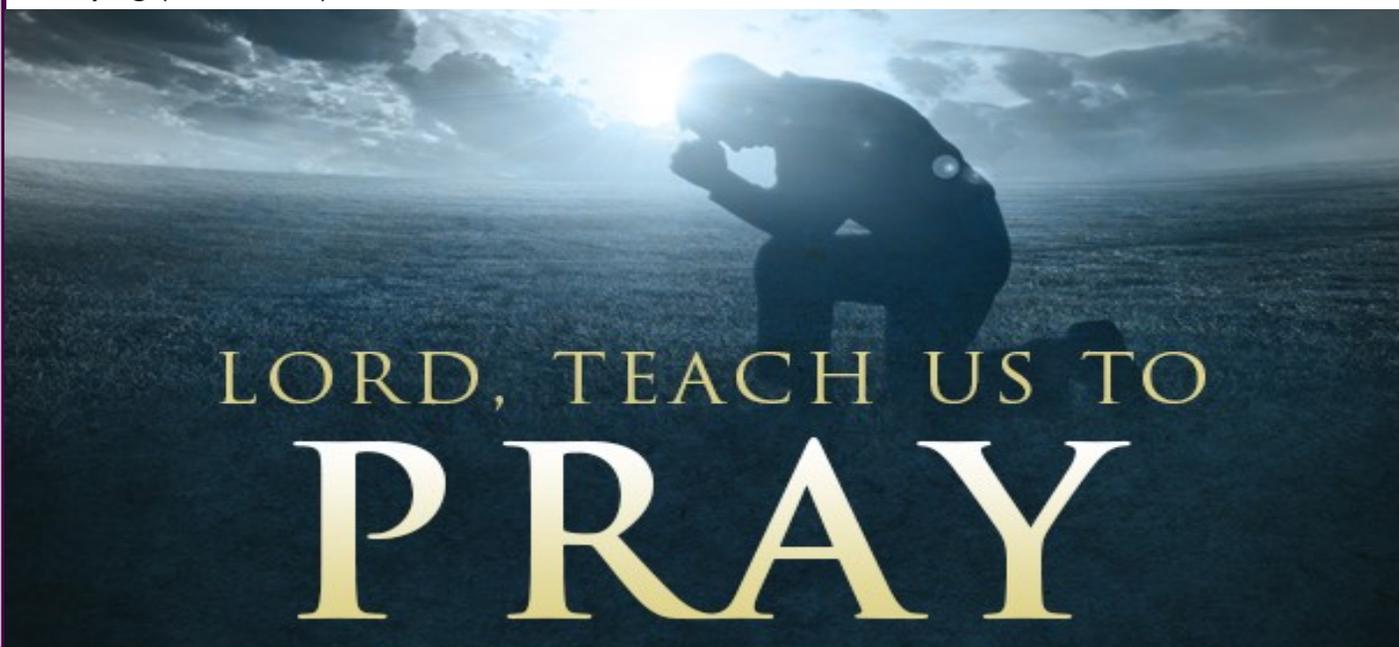
**START INVITING YOUR FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY!**

**ALL ages WELCOME**  
**There will be adult classes held in the  
auditorium.**

## LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Wendell Winkler

1. **When Faced with Important Decisions.** Before selecting the twelve apostles, the Lord prayed all night ([Luke 6:12-16](#)).
2. **Before Great Events.** Pentecost grew out of a season of prayer ([Acts 1:14](#); [Acts 2:1-47](#)).
3. **When Suffering Physical Afflictions.** [James 5:13](#) encourages, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray." Did Paul pray concerning his thorn in the flesh? ([2 Corinthians 12:7-9](#)). Upon being "sick unto death," Hezekiah "prayed unto the Lord" ([2 Kings 20:1-11](#)).
4. **When Anxious or Distressed.** David said, "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him, even unto his ears" ([Psalm 18:6](#); cf. [Psalm 118:5](#); [120:1](#)). We are to cast our care upon the Lord confidently knowing he cares for us ([1 Peter 5:7](#)). Instead of being anxious, we are to take everything to God in prayer with such resulting in the peace of God coming as a garrison to guard our hearts against the intrusion of all future anxious alarms and fears ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).
5. **When Problems Arise.** When the problem arose in the early church concerning the neglect of Grecian widows, the matter was immediately taken to God in prayer ([Acts 6:1-5](#)).
6. **Before Entering Trials.** Oh! The strengthening hours Jesus spent in Gethsemane in prayer just before the ordeals of His trials and crucifixion ([Matthew 26:35-46](#)).
7. **When Suffering Persecution.** Upon being lacerated with the whip and being cast into prison, "at midnight Paul and Silas prayed" ([Acts 16:23-25](#)).
8. **Before Separations.** Upon leaving the Ephesian elders, to see their faces no more, Paul "kneeled down and prayed with them all" ([Acts 20:36-38](#)).
9. **After Great Events in Our Lives.** Immediately upon having fed the five thousand Jesus went up into a mountain apart to pray" ([Matthew 14:21-23](#)).
10. **In the Midst of the Busy Activities of Life.** As Jesus' fame was spread abroad and: great multitudes were coming to hear Him and to be healed by Him, "he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed" ([Luke 5:15-16](#)).
11. **When We Sin.** [Psalm 51](#) is David's penitential prayer after sinning with Bathsheba.
12. **When Dying.** Did not Stephen thus pray ([Acts 7:59-60](#))? Yes, and our Lord prayed when He was dying ([Luke 23:34](#)).



## CARE TO BE COMMITTED

*Jason Cambell*

If you are unaware, the Washington Redskins have been under fire over the name “Redskins.” Considered a form of ethnic stereotyping, many have cried out saying that Native Americans have been disparaged by the name as well as the logo of this NFL team. What I find interesting is that, on May 16th of last year, Washington Post ran an article stating that 78% of Native Americans **say that the issue of the Redskins name is “not too” or “not at all” important.** Naturally, many challenged the statistic itself while others said that even if 1% was offended we should get rid of the name and logo. On the other hand some Native Americans posted that they were “proud to be Native American and of the Redskins.” I want to focus on a particular comment from Twitter about this debate. In the midst of defending and attacking the statistic one person came out and said, “I’m fine with them keeping it and offending some. I’m fine with them caving and changing it. Just want it to go away!”

Think about his response. I don’t want to read about this anymore. I don’t want to hear about this anymore. Do whatever you want and leave it (and me) alone! Wherever you side on this argument over the name of Washington’s team, I hope you can agree with me that this response is pitiful. It is one thing to be unsure of where you stand; it’s another to be unwilling to stand!

I think this attitude of apathy has crept into the church. There are certain things that we as Christians just don’t think are worth the fight. When difficult matters come up, we bow out and let the battle take place. It’s not that we don’t care; it is just that we would rather not cause a scene. Apathy takes many forms, and we often mask our apathy with the following:

**1. Tolerance.** Now, there is a good kind of tolerance found in Scripture. We are to be patient with our brothers who are weak in the faith (Rom. 14:1-4; 13). It is one thing, however, to tolerate a brother who is weak, and another to be permissive against unfaithful living! We might say I don’t want to seem intrusive or judgmental when Christ actually told us to judge with the righteous judgment (John 7:24).

**2. Uninformed.** I don’t want to get involved because I just don’t know enough. I used the example above of saying that “it’s one thing to be unsure,” and I think that is true. Some times Scripture is difficult to understand (2 Pet. 3:16); however, in the same chapter Peter told us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).” We should never allow ignorance of Scripture to hinder us from growing; in fact, if challenged on a matter of doctrine we ought to become more passionate in our Bible study to find the right answer.

**3. Loving.** I don’t want to get involved because I don’t want to come across as hateful or callous. This is probably the most commonly used as well as the most unbiblical response in this article. We have the wrong perspective when it comes to this excuse. We think by allowing sin to continue in someone’s life we are showing love and patience; when we view these actions from the perspective of eternity, we realize we are hurting our loved ones by knowing their final destination if they continue! We must “teach the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).” You can’t separate love from truth.

As a Christian, are you prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you (1 Pet. 3:15), or are you giving approval to worldly practices (Rom. 1:32)? Care to commit, stand on the Rock!

