

THE CONNECTION

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Study of Revelation

by Pastor Len

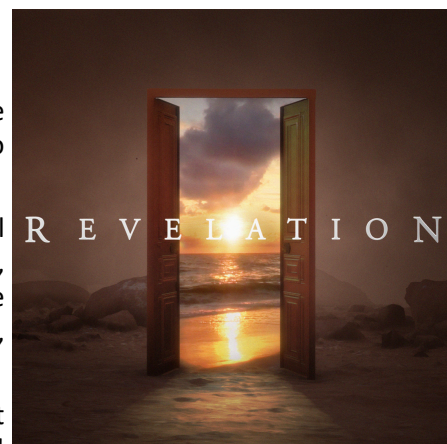
On January 5, I plan to begin a journey through the book of Revelation with the adult Sunday School class. I'd love for you to join me for the journey and I'd also encourage you to invite someone else.

I believe everyone will enjoy this study. It promises to be comprehensive (we will look at every verse), casual (you can participate at your own level of comfort), and caffeinated (there will be coffee and cappuccino available). Side note: we also have classes for children and teens with teachers who love God, his Word, and those who attend their class.

While the book of Revelation is known for describing the end times, and that provides quite a bit to try to understand and reflect on, there is so much more! There's heartfelt letters from Jesus to His Church. There's a description of what heaven will be like. And so so much more!

My desire is to not convince you what I believe will happen and when it will happen. Spoiler alert: I don't really know for sure what will happen or when it will happen. My desire is simply to let the Word of God speak and do what I can to help position each person to hear what God wants us to hear in order that we'll know what we're supposed to know and do what we're supposed to do. In the process, no doubt, we'll be stretched. We'll be challenged. We'll be encouraged. We'll be convicted. We'll be changed.

Because we have a few that serve during the Sunday School hour, I'll be providing a recording that will be available on the church website.



Sanctity of Life

by Pastor Len

Humanity carries the imago dei (made in the image of God). Therefore, we believe that ALL human life is sacred. That's the foundational belief behind Sanctity of Life and the impetus behind Sanctity of Life Sunday which will be promoted this month among thousands of churches.

In my mind, Sanctity of Life is a reminder of what we're for...LIFE. We want everyone- from womb to tomb- to experience the life their Creator intended and His love through us.

One local ministry that exists because they believe in the sanctity of life is Positive Alternatives. As you may know, Rebecca has been working there the last six months and Selah has also been volunteering there. In addition to helping women (and men) understand that there are better options than terminating a pregnancy, they provide other valuable resources. After all, being for life is more than just being against taking it. They provide diapers, wipes, formula, baby furniture, and clothing up to the age of 3. They also provide a variety of educational classes, ranging from how to deal with teething, behavioral issues, co-parenting, divorce, and finances, to dealing with shame, trauma, unforgiveness, and everything in-between. Everything they offer is free and confidential, including early pregnancy ultrasounds. As an unashamedly Christ-centered ministry, they also seek to lovingly share the love and hope of Jesus Christ by presenting the Gospel and praying with the clients.

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In addition to the unborn and infants, we believe it's important to make sure that those on the other side of the arch of life are loved and valued. That's why for our Giving Tree, we not only collected items for Positive Alternatives, but we also collected items for area shut-ins. Thank you again for your generosity!

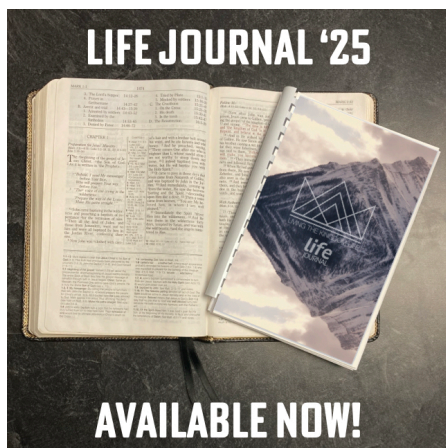
If you're interested in doing more, Positive Alternatives is always accepting donations and are especially in need of boys clothing (used or new) from 6 months to 3T. Another way you may choose to support life is by attending the Sanctity of Human Life Memorial Service that is scheduled for January 19 on the Tuscola County Courthouse steps. Let me know if you'd like some other suggestions of how you can show value for life from womb to tomb.



Mobile Pantry by Pastor Len

As I shared last winter, when we began hosting the mobile food pantries, I was told that many suspend their distributions during the winter months. Sadly, it's during these months that the need is often even greater. That's why we've scheduled our next distribution for January 11. It's hard to know how cold it may be by then (I wouldn't complain if it was like last Saturday - 55), but I'm hoping to have extra volunteers this time to allow breaks to warm up inside. For that to happen, we'll need all hands on deck. I'll make sure to have plenty of hot liquids to keep us going and lunch will be provided. If you're able, please sign up at the Connection Center.

Life Journal 2025 by Pastor Len



There are a number of life rhythms that are conducive for experiencing life to the fullest. In my opinion, the most important one is connecting with through His Word. I also know that doing so can be overwhelming. That's why several years ago, we began providing the Life Journal. Each year, I select a chapter of the Bible to read each day.

Copies of the Life Journal for 2025 are available in the Lobby and digital copies are available on the church website as well. The theme for 2025 is KINGDOM. In addition to reading the book of Matthew, which we'll be learning from on Sunday mornings through a number of miniseries with "kingdom" in the title, the reading plan has been specifically designed to better understand the Kingdom of God and what it means for us to live as citizens of that kingdom.

THE KINGDOM by Pastor Len



As many of you know, we began a study of the book of Matthew in December called Kingdom Come. I greatly enjoyed the five weeks we spent examining the first two chapters of Matthew along with Advent.

As we begin the new year and continue our study of Matthew, we'll see how Jesus' earthly ministry began and the initial invitation for others to follow Him.

This month, we'll learn some important things about being a member of The Kingdom (CITIZEN): the importance of baptism, how to overcome temptation, the role of repentance, and fishing for the Kingdom.

Join us as we learn to live the Kingdom life in greater measure.

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