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What do these exhortations have in common? Growth and the knowledge of God. We grow as we know God more and more. As a tree cannot grow if severed from its roots, so we too cannot grow apart from God's Word. Rather, we must be rooted in his Word so we can be built up in him (Col. 2:6-7; see Ps. 1:2-3). When we read, observe, think on, and seek to understand Scripture, our faith is refined, renewed, and nourished.

4. God's Word offers protection against error.

Have you ever heard a teaching from Scripture and wondered if it was right? The only way to be certain if someone is speaking the truth is to compare the teaching with Scripture. The more we dig into Scripture and study it closely, the more easily we'll detect counterfeit versions of the gospel and reject them (Gal. 1:8-9).

When Paul and Silas brought the gospel message to the city of Berea, the people examined the Old Testament Scriptures closely to make sure what they were hearing lined up with truth (Acts 17:10-11). They confirmed the gospel message with Scripture and received it with joy. Like those Bereans, we'll grow in discernment when we hear things that are new or different. "Did God actually say?" we might wonder, but we can know for sure when we study God's Word ourselves.

5. God's Word brings conviction.

Regular study of God's Word unearths areas of sin we either accidentally missed or purposefully hid. Because Scripture is useful for reproof and correction, studying it can show us where we've sinned and teach us how to live as new creatures in Christ.

The author of Hebrews compares Scripture to a double-edged sword that expertly separates our thoughts and motives, revealing what's really in our hearts (Heb. 4:12). It stings when the text exposes our sin, but conviction is a gift from God and evidence of his kindness. He doesn't want us to continue living in a way that's both harmful to us and disobedient to him, so he uses his Word to offer correction so we can repent and walk in holiness."

Living closely to Scripture will help us see our sin, say no to it, and run after Christ instead.

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The Scroll

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To worship God, love others, and share Jesus.

May 2026

Pastoral Perspectives

Dear Church Family,

One of the key aspects of our faith is spending time in the Word of God. This is common knowledge amongst believers, but many do not exactly understand why it is so critically important. The following is an article by Glenna Marshall that does an excellent job helping to explain why God's Word is so important for us.

5 Reasons to Study God's Word

Like many of the spiritual disciplines we employ for growth and nourishment, Bible study isn't explicitly commanded. So why should we study the Bible even when it feels hard?

Many biblical principles point to the value of deeply examining God's Word. Let's consider five.

1. God's Word reveals the gospel.

Have you ever watched a spectacular sunset and marveled at God's creative work? Have you ever stood at the ocean's shoreline and watched the waves come only as far as the Lord allowed? Romans 1 tells us that we can look at creation and understand that there is a Creator. His divine attributes can be clearly seen in what he has made (v. 20). This concept is often called natural or general revelation—God revealing himself in creation.

Still, a sunset won't tell you how to be freed from the snare of sin. Crashing waves, as awe-inspiring as they are, can't communicate that Jesus died to redeem you and make you a child of God. We need the written Word of God, also called special revelation—God revealing himself through special means to tell us the truth about who he is, who we are, and how we can be rescued from sin.

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The Bible isn't merely a list of dos and don'ts and hows. Jesus told the religious leaders of his day that they were searching the Scriptures to earn God's favor through legalism, but it was accomplishing nothing for them. But Jesus said, "It is [the Scriptures] that bear witness about me" (John 5:39).

We study God's Word to understand why Jesus came to die for us, to grasp God's kindness in sending Jesus to save us, and to rest in the confidence of his finished work on the cross.

2. God's Word speaks to us.

Scripture is inspired by God, meaning that every word in Scripture was given by God through men by the work of the Son and the Holy Spirit (Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:16-21). It's inerrant, meaning it's without error, and it's useful for guiding all areas of the Christian life.

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul encourages the young pastor to hold fast to the words of Scripture as the means of both perseverance and spiritual growth. He explains that God's Word is able to equip Christians for whatever they face in life, whether it's suffering, correction for sin, or obedience to God's commands. He explains, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Scripture is necessary for the Christian life because it is God's very word from his very heart. We often want a direct word from the Lord, but in the Bible, we've received everything he wanted us to know. He knows we need specific instructions and encouragement to live as his people who have been changed by his gospel. He has given us the Bible to instruct, train, and correct us so we're equipped for every season of the Christian life.

Any amount of time we spend in Scripture is worthwhile, but it's often through consistent study over time that we realize these blessings from God's Word.

3. God's Word helps us grow.

We're exhorted often in the New Testament to grow in our faith. Peter encourages us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" as we wait for his return (2 Pet. 3:18). Growing in knowledge of God is one of the ways we live as new creatures in Christ (Col. 1:10). Paul tells us that proving ourselves faithful involves rightly handling God's Word, which requires deeply examining Scripture to understand and wield it correctly (2 Tim. 2:15).

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Student Scoop

Hey y'all! Our Student Ministry is doing great! We are excited about what is coming up in the church and new opportunities to grow together as a faith family. We are looking forward to being at Big Creek Missions at the end of May, so I encourage you all to keep praying for that and for everyone involved.

We are studying the life of the disciples for our Midweek curriculum. It is very in-depth as to who they were before, during, and after Jesus' Ministry on earth, as well as how they died. We focus on how they were transformed after Jesus got hold of them. This reminds us that we don't have to be perfect to come to Jesus. He wants us where we are. He wants our problems, hurts, worries, and struggles. That is the reason He died on the cross for you and me. For those of you who are parents, you want your kids to come to you if they are going through something. You want to help them and encourage them.

So, my challenge to myself and my church family is, let's stop treating God like He is a distant God and start treating him like the Father He is, a perfect one. Let's take our hurts, struggles, and addictions to Him first, rather than as a last resort. I hope this encourages someone, as it has encouraged me!

Thank you!

Student Director FBC Dawson
Dustin Aspinwall

Upcoming Events

Connect



Connect will be on **Sunday, May 3**, at the Spoon's house. Join us as we eat and fellowship with one another. Childcare will be available in the Fellowship Hall, so we'll see you there!

Food Box Ministry

The Food Box Ministry helps so many people in the community who need food, but they also have their souls fed with a devotion. Come and help if you are available. Our next Food Box Ministry will be **Thursday, May 21**, at 1:30 pm.



Youth Heading to Big Creek Missions



Join us in prayer for our students and chaperons that will be heading to Big Creek Missions from **Sunday, May 24–Saturday, May 30**. We will hold a special prayer time for everyone going on **Sunday, May 17**, during the Morning Worship Service. Our Youth will return and give their report on the trip the following **Sunday, May 31**.

Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

Please review the changes for the FBC Dawson Memorial Day holiday schedule:



- **Sunday, May 24:** Memorial Day Service AM & **No** Evening Study
- **Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- **Tuesday, May 26:** **No** Senior Adult Bible Study
- **Wednesday, May 27:** **No** Evening Activities

Announcements

Graduation Sunday



Graduation is quickly approaching and we would love to celebrate your high school or college graduate! Please call the church office or fill out the form (scan the QR code on the left to access) by **Wednesday, May 13**, to add your graduate to the list. Graduates will be recognized **Sunday, May 17**.



FBC Dawson VBS 2026 will be **Sunday, June 14–Wednesday, June 17!** The theme this year will be **Illumination Station**. Be on the lookout for more details to be announced soon!

The Scroll Deadline for June











If you have an article or addition for *The Scroll* newsletter for June, it is due to the church office by **Wednesday, May 20**. Putting things in *The Scroll* is a great way to get news, updates, announcements, and other information that is pertinent to the church body out to them. Feel free to take advantage of this important communication tool.

Annie Armstrong
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MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Janice Dale
3 Connect at 6:00 pm Youth at Rage Room	4 Jimmy Dillard	5	6 Supper Menu: Pork Pot Roast, Rice, Veggies, Rolls, & Dessert	7  Sally Hammond	8	9
10  No Evening Study Bob Davis	11 Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm Joyce Barfield	12 Ann Woodruff	13 Supper Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert Mary Powell	14	15 Lewis Banks	16 
17 Business Meeting Graduation Sunday 	18	19 Collier Jones	20 Supper Menu: Pulled Pork, Fries, Rolls, & Dessert The Scroll Deadline	21 Food Box Ministry 1:30 pm	22	23 Luke Davis
24 No Evening Study Youth Big Creek Missions 	25  Office Closed Youth Big Creek Missions Don Laing	26 No Senior Adult Bible Study Youth Big Creek Missions	27 No Evening Activities Youth Big Creek Missions	28 Youth Big Creek Missions	29 Youth Big Creek Missions Fran Barry	30 Youth Big Creek Missions
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May 3



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May 17 in Morning Worship Svc
Deadline **Wednesday, May 13**

