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Truth, Encouragement & Personal Growth

St. Cloud Women's Bible Study has been meeting since 2007. Although a few have come and gone, the majority have been faithful attendees each month. They set a schedule at the beginning of the year to enable them to work around this commitment. They even have people Skype in from around the States.

They meet for 3-4 hours one Sunday a month and are working though each book of the Bible. It is often slow moving because they cross reference the particular book they are studying with other Scripture to get a complete understanding. Solid understanding and growth are the goal, so there is no pressure to get through any number of verses each time.

Terri Moore leads the Bible study and, although the majority of the group are Biblical Unitarians, there are several faithful Catholic members who are growing in the understanding of biblical truth.

The group has an understanding that the Bible is the final authority and all questions are answered by Scripture.

Why not consider starting a Bible study in your church or at your home? Even the best Bible students can benefit from such a study, and it is a great opportunity to introduce someone to the saving truths of Scripture.





Terri Moore has been leading various women's Bible studies for the past 17 years. She has embraced the task of writing Bible studies that reflect the truth that is found in God's Holy Scriptures. She starts with the book of Genesis and is working her way through the Bible. You can find her introductory studies of The Bible and the first Genesis study at: (Study through the Bible) https://kogmissions.com/bible-studies.

These first studies are free to use and download. If you are interested in top quality material that embraces truth and would like to support a like-minded sister rather than buying trinitarian biased material at a store, you will be able to purchase them soon! (Details coming soon!)

She has completed Genesis through Numbers so far and new material will be available as it is finished.

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Sweet Fellowship



We rejoice with our brethren that will be gathering in Krasnoyarsk over the next week. Pastor Maksim will be taking about a 20-hour train ride from Omsk, as will Sister Natalia and her daughter from Novosibirsk, and Sister Zhanna will be flying in from Azerbaijan. They will be staying with some elderly relatives of Natalia that she shared the hope of the kingdom with after being baptized. Maksim has been corresponding with them for some time now and they wanted to meet him.

The two ladies and Maksim will also take a 2-3 hour drive off road to a small

village where another relative lives that also has been corresponding with Maksim. They will spend a few days

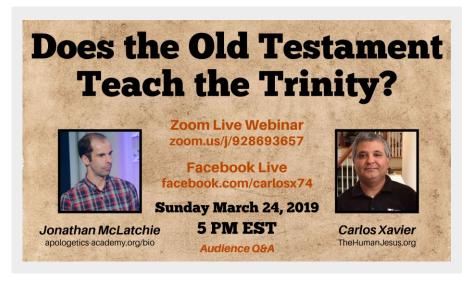
there studying with her and helping her around her house and in her yard.

Both the couple and the widow have been very blessed to have the books that have been translated and the quarterly Kingdom newsletters available, even though pastor Maksim is many miles away.

It will be such a blessing for the ladies to finally meet as well! They have been talking by phone with each other over the past year and are thrilled to be able to finally meet each other!



Please continue to pray for Maksim's strength and discernment. May God continue to empower him to be able to do the many tasks he does each day and all the traveling on the weekends. May his spirit also be energized as he meets with the sisters and shares the kingdom hope with the others.



Join us for an Online Debate on Sunday March 24th at 5 PM EST. We are excited to partner with Restoration Fellowship and Carlos Xavier.

We will be taking audience questions at the end of the debate.

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God's Truth: Key to Church Growth

by Terri Moore

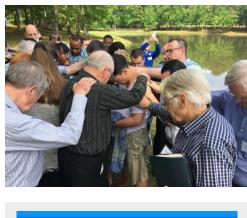
It is a fact that many churches are experiencing frustration and lack of growth, if not actual decline and death. But the Church of God, Faith of Abraham, has key qualities inherent in its identity that can provide the foundation for a growing and thriving believing community. The discussion in the book User Friendly Churches by George Barna* makes the point that churches experiencing growth, both numerically and spiritually, are those that are unapologetic about the gospel message and accurately teach the truths of Scripture. With its unique Biblical understanding, the Church of God can impact the world with the word of God.

The Greek word for truth, "aletheia," has the meaning of being "true to reality." Scripture "truth" is not only an intellectual concept or just some ideas pulled from various Bible passages. Truth is reality. It is the opposite of illusion. When the church teaches truth, it is putting forth the explanation according to God of the realities of existence and life with Him in the expectation that lives will be changed to align with that reality. It is the church that is grounded and confident and living in the reality described by Scripture that has answers to offer the world, in general, and individuals, in their specific needs. This is where growth happens.

The Church of God has a firm grasp of much of the reality, the truth, of God's perspective on humanity and its timeline which needs to be offered to and applied in individual lives, churches, and communities. We know the Bible speaks to any situation people find themselves in. We know, but are we convinced? Do we hesitate to boldly share this with others or even enact it in our own lives? Or are we certain, confident, positive, and secure in the reality portrayed in Scripture? Only when we are sure it is true and are experiencing the actual work of God personally and in situations around us will we find we have a basis for church growth today. People need answers, not busyness. They need meaning, not going through the motions. People need purpose and true spirituality in place of the hype and despair that comes from treasures of the world.

*User Friendly Churches is a summary of concepts discovered by George Barna's evaluation of trinitarian churches showing numerical growth. In spite of these churches' false teachings, or maybe because of the success of groups that are not even teaching Biblical truth/reality, the principles presented in this book can provide starting points for the Church of God to examine its own approach to church life, ministry and service, and spiritual and numerical growth. This paper briefly outlines some of Barna's findings.

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