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Know that the Lord,
he is God! It is he who
made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.

~Psalm 100:3



About Us

Sowing the Word Ministries is a non-profit organization founded by faith in Christ Jesus, through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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Our Mission

Sharing God's good news with others so they may develop an intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This ministry is to God's honor and glory, now and forever more!

Our Beliefs

Abide in Christ (John 15:4)
Our Lord tells us what we are to do as branches in Him. *Abide in me, he said, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.*

Abiding requires a belief in the sacrificial work for Jesus Christ on our behalf. It is a dependence upon His provision of life and strength that is emphasized in *John 15:4 - if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.*

Praising God!

The [Gloria Patri](#), was named for its first two words in [Latin](#) and is commonly used in Christian churches today, known as the Doxology, which is typically sung as an expression of praise to the Holy Trinity.

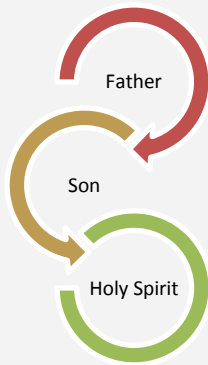
Sung in Latin - *Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Translated in English it means - [Glory](#) [be] to the [Father](#), and to the [Son](#), and to the [Holy Ghost](#). As it was in the beginning, both now, and always, and to the ages of ages. [Amen](#).

Thank you!

Sowing the Word Ministries would like to express heartfelt gratitude to First Baptist Church of Edwardsville for their generous support and contribution to our 2012 Living Bible ministry. Thank you again so much for your dedication and service to Christ, allowing us to continue our efforts in sharing God's good news with others!

Living by Faith



Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.
~Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)



"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." ~John 13:17 NKJV

Connecting the dots...

During choir practice, as we were all waiting patiently for our turn to share the three hole punch (to assemble our choir books for worship that Sunday), the punched holes scattered all across the floor behind the pulpit. We all chuckled and went on with choir practice while Cindy painstakingly picked up every single dot.

I recall thinking that if we all made a unified effort, we could quickly pick-up the dots and return to our positions, but we forged on nonetheless with our hymns, as if somehow it didn't happen. Cindy later returned to practice with a smile on her face.

That Sunday morning, before stepping out the door to church, I reached for my three hole punch to better assemble my choir book, and in His perfect timing, the holes scattered all across my kitchen floor. The Holy Spirit immediately said to me, "connect the dots".

Now, I had no idea at the time what the Lord was trying to reveal to me, but I knew by faith that I would find out sooner than later.

Following Sunday School that morning, Cindy mentioned the need for counselors at LSBC Junior High youth camp, and at

that time, the Holy Spirit clearly said to me again, "connect the dots". I knew immediately that God was calling me to task, to feed his sheep and, later, through obedience, I would find that each of those precious children were the "dots", scattered about; all 68 of them.

Is God reaching out to you, calling you to task for His name sake? Do you know how to listen for His voice? Surrender to Him and ask Him to reveal himself more clearly to you. And then, be prepared to obediently connect the dots.

Author – M. Daly

The Hidden Kingdom (a children's story)

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Blayton, and two little girls named Isabelle, and Taylor, and every night they would say their bed time prayers. It went something like this. "Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep, God bless Mommy, Daddy, my brothers and sisters, and everybody I love." Amen

Soon the children began asking, "Who is the Lord?" Where does he live, and why can't I see him? Well, Grandma explained, The Lord is the creator of all things. He made you, and me, and the birds and fish, and all the animals and trees. "The Lord lives in the Hidden Kingdom". Where is this hidden kingdom? The children wanted to know.

Look up in the sky. You have seen the rain, the sun and clouds, rainbows, stars and even the moon hanging there in the sky. Did you know that beyond that sky is a big beautiful city? "Who lives in the beautiful City,"

they asked. There is a man named Jesus who you will see when you get there. He will know you and you will know him. In that beautiful city there are all kinds of beautiful animals and angels that fly. There are people dressed in white robes and they are all singing beautiful songs of praise to the Lord, and the light is so bright that you feel all warm inside. There are people there that used to live down here on earth with us, and one day we all will live together in the Hidden Kingdom. How will we get to the Hidden Kingdom? The children asked.

Grandma went to get her Holy Bible to show the children the book that Jesus had left for them. This is "The Book of Life", called "The Holy Bible". In this book you will find the hidden treasures to the Hidden Kingdom, said Grandma. In this book the Hidden Kingdom is called "The Heavenly Kingdom." You must read it to find out all the answers to all the

questions that you want to know about the Kingdom. Keep this book and read it all of your life, and as you grow, you will get to know Jesus better and better, and he will become your best friend. Even though you cannot see him, he can see you from the Kingdom. You can talk to him about anything and everything. He will be your secret friend. Then one day you will want to share him with others. Jesus will come and live with you, in your heart, until you go to the Hidden Kingdom and live with him forever. Make sure you keep the words that you read from your Book of Life (Holy Bible), close to you at all times. Remember the words you read about the kingdom. Hear them, see them, think of them, act upon them and share them. In these words you will find the greatest treasure of all, the way to the Hidden Kingdom. The End.

Author - Valinda

Surrender All!

If you would like to accept Jesus Christ by faith as your Lord and Savior, pray the following prayer...



"Father, I know that I have grieved your Spirit and broken your commandments and that my sins have kept me from building an intimate relationship with you. I am sorry Father, and I so want to turn from my sinful past and live a life that leads to you only. Please forgive me Father and I ask that you help me from sinning against you again. I believe that you are God the Father, maker of Heaven and Earth and that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, and is alive today in our hearts through the Power of the Holy Spirit. I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and I so want to live the life that you have intended in my life. I pray Father too that you will teach me to trust and obey you all the days of my life. I ask these things in Jesus' Name -Amen."

How to experience a New Life in Christ!

Everyone is a sinner and is separated from God. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" ~Romans 3:23*

God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die for our sins. *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" ~Romans 5:8*

Death means separation forever from God. Eternal life, however, comes by trusting Jesus Christ. *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ~Romans 6:23*

In order to begin a new life in Christ (i.e. be saved), you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as your Savior.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" ~Romans 10:9

This is God's promise to you -if you accept Jesus, He will accept you. *"For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" ~Romans 10:13*



Surrender All
to Him today!

You may not have another opportunity in your life journey.

Putting on God's Armor



Why do I need it?

What is God's Armor?

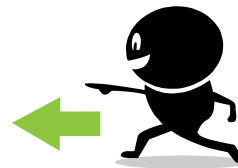
We are engaged in a spiritual battle - all believers are subject to Satan's attacks because we are no longer on Satan's side. This is why Paul tells us to use **every piece** of God's armor to resist Satan's attacks and to stand true to God, even in the midst of those attacks.

What are the Pieces that make up God's Armor and how do we apply them to daily living?

- **Belt** (Truth)
- **Breastplate** (Righteousness)
- **Shoes** (Readiness to spread the Good News)
- **Shield** (Faith)
- **Helmet** (Salvation)
- **Sword** (The Spirit; the Word of God)

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Etch God's Armor into your heart, mind and soul, forever...



Puzzled?

Seek Him word search

Ask the Savior	Fellowship	Love another
Baptism	Forgiveness	Meditate on His Word
Blessings	Glorify Him	Mercy
Body of Christ	God our Father	Praise Him
Child of God	Grace	Prayer
Confidence	His Strength	Redemption
Conviction	Hope	Servant
Faithful	Jesus Christ our Lord	Surrender All

Let us pray...

Father, we come before you today with humbled hearts full of joy. Your peace which surpasses all understanding is such a blessing in our lives and we are truly thankful Father.

Teach us Father each day not to lean on our own understanding, but to trust and obey you always so we may fulfill your calling in our lives. May our love for Christ shine through so brightly that it will lead others to you.

In Jesus' precious name – Amen.

Why/How should I pray?

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ~Psalm 145:18-19 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." ~Matthew 21:22 KJV

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." ~Matthew 7:7-8

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." ~John 14:13-14 ESV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ~Ephesians 6:18 NIV

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open upon their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. ~1Peter 3:12 KJV

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you," declares the Lord. ~Jeremiah 29:12-14 ESV

Daily Morning Prayer

Thank you Jesus for today
Walk with me each step of the way
Hold my hand in work and play
Protect and guide me, this I pray.
Amen



Meal-time prayer

God is great; God is good; let us thank Him for our food. By His hands we are fed, give us Lord our daily bread.
Amen

Bed-time prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.
Amen

Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children
~Luke 18:16

Meditating on God's Word

Do you have a Holy Bible to keep you grounded in God's Word?



Meditating on God's Word on a regular daily basis is absolutely essential in a believer's life. If we try to manage in our own strength, we will soon find ourselves drifting away from God. Pray daily that the Power of the Holy Spirit will guide your way as you begin your life journey anew, following Christ. And then, thank the Father often for the blessings He sends your way.



If you do not have a Holy Bible, please contact Sowing the Word Ministries via email at prayerfully@sowingtheword4him.org, or by writing to us at 1063 S. State Route 157, Suite 2-110, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

May God abundantly bless you as you trust and obey Him today.

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

Law:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

History

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

Poetry:

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

Major Prophets:

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Minor Prophets:

- Hosea
- Joel Amos

- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

General Letters:

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude

Prophecy:

- Revelation

New Testament

Gospels

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

History

- Acts

Paul's Letters:

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

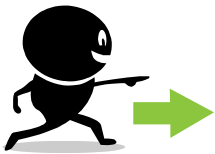
Sowing the Word Ministries (2012 Fundraising Events)

Based on God's leading this year, the ministry has obediently embraced two fundraising opportunities. ALL proceeds earned will go directly to the following organizations:

- **Soles for Jesus** – a non-profit organization that collects gently used shoes and delivers them to people of Africa who desperately need them.
- **The Greatest Journey** – an exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Please join us in prayer – that God will abundantly bless those involved in these efforts and especially those that are directly in need of these programs.

Thank you!



We are grateful to Papa Murphy's Pizza (Edwardsville, IL) for providing STWM an opportunity to sponsor these fundraising events at their establishment this year. Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Soles for Jesus** and **Operation Christmas Child – The Greatest Journey**. And, with all praise to God, STWM has been blessed with an opportunity to spread God's good news, as each packaged pizza will include a fundraising flyer – to include God's Word of truth. Two weeks prior to these scheduled events, every packaged pizza will include a STWM flyer (as shown below) – *whatever you did for the least of these...you did for me*"

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Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. *Jesus*

Sowing the Word Ministries invites you to...

"Raising the Dough for Jesus"

Soles for Jesus
"whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me"

Fundraising event
Thursday, September 27th

Papa Murphy's PIZZA

Join the **TAKE 'N' BAKE** Revolution™

Edwardsville Location
207 Harvard Drive by Buffalo Wild Wings

Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Soles for Jesus**, a 501c3 non-profit corporation that provides new and gently used shoes to people of Africa who desperately need them. These people don't have commodities like bicycles, vehicles, bus passes, or other transportation. They simply need shoes on their feet to support them in their journey. Visit Soles for Jesus online at: <http://www.solesforjesus.org/>

Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to sharing God's good news with others! Visit us online at www.sowingtheword4him.org. Stay grounded in God's Word by bookmarking the Daily Message.

Thank you for your support and may God abundantly bless you as you seek Him today!

Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. *Jesus*

Sowing the Word Ministries invites you to...

"Raising the Dough for OCC"
Operation Christmas Child

the Greatest Journey
An exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Christ.

Fundraising event
Thursday, November 15th

Papa Murphy's PIZZA

Join the **TAKE 'N' BAKE** Revolution™


Edwardsville Location
207 Harvard Drive by Buffalo Wild Wings

Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. **The Greatest Journey** is an exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Christ. Visit OCC online at: <http://www.samartainstitute.org/index.php/OCC/>

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Thank you for your support and may God abundantly bless you as you seek Him today!

STWM will also be supporting 100 needy children again this year through Operation Christmas Child (shoe box drive). This means that 100 needy children will receive a shoebox full of love. If you are called by God to contribute to either of these needy causes, please contact us via e-mail at prayerfully@sowingtheword4him.org, or by mail. More Blessings!

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“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3-4 NKJV