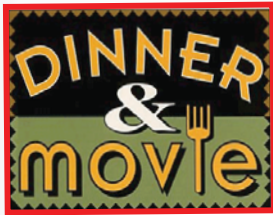




# VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH

## February Ministry Update



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# ELDER UPDATE

Do you know that there are people all around you who **need hope and help** in their marriages?

This year's Valentine's event is designed around that exact need.

The event is for our church family as we all need to be encouraged to keep working on our marriages. It's also a **wonderful opportunity to reach out into our community** and to bring hope to those around us. We want to reach our communities with the hope that only Jesus Christ can bring.

Our Valentine's dinner and movie should be a great way to accomplish this. Who doesn't need help in putting together Valentine's plans? We'll provide an attractive solution and in the process share some hope and provide immediate next steps by offering Equipping-U classes that begin two days later focused on the three main sources of conflict in a marriage: finances, parenting and relationships - All the classes will be built on the **foundation of God's Word** which speaks abundantly on these topics.



How will you use this outreach to impact the community around you? It really doesn't get much easier than this!

Please **pray about how God might use you** to impact the life of someone else with this simple and fun outreach and then act on what He leads you to do.

Could you sponsor a fire station (a fire department is often made up of multiple stations), a police precinct or some other public servants? If so, why

## Here are some ideas:

- \* I plan to attend. (\$25 per couple)
- \* I plan to attend + to invite and sponsor one or two other couples (\$25 per couple)
- \* I plan to attend + am committing to host a whole table & find 3 couples to fill it (\$100)
- \* I plan to attend + am going to take the big risk and invite a group of public servants

not do this together with your small group or with some others from your neighborhood? Call the station ask,

how many people are at that location and ask how you can get an invitation into the hands of each person, explaining that you want to invite them to a Valentine's dinner free of charge as a way to thank them... Then create invitation letters for each of the workers



and drop them off.

If, after your prayer and invitations, God surprises you and more people say, "yes", to your invitations than you can afford to cover, don't worry. **That's a fabulous problem to have!** After you cover what you're able, we'll find a way to cover the rest - God will provide the needed financial resources.

We've even printed some **snazzy invitations** to simplify the process. Let us know your plans, and we'll get a supply of invitations to you.

Your elder team,

Al Gonnerman, Mario Arindaeng, Tim Badal, Scott Capp, Keith Duff, Jon Pilkington & Ray Prigodich



# FIREPROOF

## YOUR MARRIAGE

*Friday, February 13, 6:30 pm*

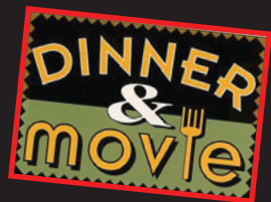
We'll make your Valentine's Day planning a breeze – and inexpensive, too. (Don't worry, we won't tell.) Just invite another couple and join us for a great dinner (we'll even dim the lights for you) and then a free showing of the much-acclaimed movie, *Fireproof*.

While there's no secret bullet for fireproofing your marriage, there are some fundamental principles that can set you on the right track. *Fireproof* tells the story of a struggling marriage and addresses the issue of modern-day relationships head-on. The messages conveyed are clear. Marriage is anything but easy, relationships require patience, and there is hope for struggling marriages.

*Fireproof* will help you realize that there is hope, no matter how great or how poor your marriage is. And if you're not yet married, "Fireproof" will be good preparation, should God lead your relationship to that point.

This is a great and easy opportunity to invite another couple who need hope for their marriage – or who need Christ in their marriage – or both. It doesn't get any easier than inviting someone to a Valentine's event because, let's face it, everyone, especially guys, can use a little help when it comes to Valentine's planning.

Tickets are \$25 per couple and are available at the Welcome Center or online ([www.villagebible.org/valentine](http://www.villagebible.org/valentine)).



## *Family Time Training Seminar*

We are thrilled to host a **Family Time Training Seminar** that will be led by the family devotions idea guru, Kirk Weaver.

If you are a parent, you probably realize that God's Word calls you to be the spiritual trainers of your children – not the church, not the youth group, not the Sunday School teacher... These can all (and we hope do!) help in the process, but the real weight of the responsibility rests with you!

Sometimes, this responsibility sounds monumental and impossible – so much so that we put it off and put it off until, at some point, we regretfully realize that our kids aren't kids any longer! (By the way, it's never too late to reach your children for Christ – that will be the focus of our April 25 seminar focused on parents of adult children.)



impossible to begin training your children in the ways of the Lord. If God commands it, then know that it is doable!

This is exactly why we are hosting this training event – to give you some tools to begin implementing regular family devotions in your home. In the process you'll learn some great tips for making this time both fun and doable within the time frames of our hectic lives.

***We want to help you become the spiritual leaders of your family.***

If you would like that as well, then please join us for this one time **Equipping-U evening seminar on February 22 from 6 to 8pm.**

Have no fear!  
It's not



## *Feb. 14: Winter Walk to Help the Hurting*



**Wayside Cross Ministries** is planning its **third annual** winter walk, **Feb. 14, 2009**, one mile in length, to help at-risk youth and the ministry's transitional living center for homeless women and children. Walk proceeds will benefit the **Lifespring Center and the Urban Youth Ministry of Wayside Cross Ministries**. Each walker will receive a special free gift. The walk will begin at 9 am (onsite registration at 8:30) at the Aurora Community Center, Root Street and College Avenue. If you are interested and would like more information about **Walk a Mile in My Shoes 2009** please contact Scott Capp or Mike Fair at 630-264-2335.



9 am, Aurora Community Center, 501 College Ave.

Helping... Wayside Cross Ministries'  
Urban Youth Ministry and Lifespring Ministry

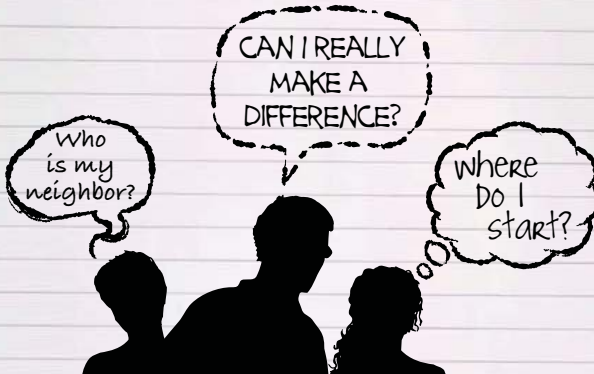
Information or register to walk:  
[www.villagebible.org/walk](http://www.villagebible.org/walk)

# MISSIONS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Friday and Saturday, March 6 -7

## Living Intentionally in the 'Burbs

MISSION ON YOUR DOORSTEP 2009



### The Great Commission in our Neighborhoods...

Jesus' command in Matthew 28 is clear, "make disciples of all nations." So, for 2,000 years Christ followers have gone to neighborhoods around the world to share the Gospel.

But, something has been happening. "The nations" are on the move. The ethnic makeup of neighborhoods in America has been changing. In 1970, one person out of every 140 living in DuPage County was not white. By 2010, one out of every four will not be white. Our new neighbors were born in different cultures, speak different languages and have different values than many of us.

what does  
it mean to  
make Disciples?

The world has moved next door. Those of us who were not called to be missionaries overseas can now be missionaries in our own zip code! God has brought the nations to our doorsteps and is calling us to serve Him in DuPage County. Today, more than ever, we have the chance to grasp the full meaning of loving God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The big question is, "How?"

### How do we love our new neighbors?

If you are a Christ follower living as a missionary in your neighborhood is not an option. (Matt. 28:19) Mission on Your Doorstep is meant to inspire, inform and equip you to reach the nations living in your own community.

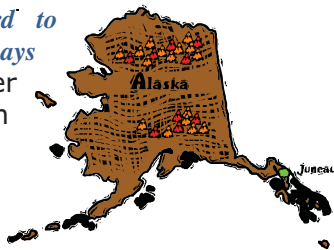
For more information or to join us, call or email  
Scott Capp: [missions@villagebible.org](mailto:missions@villagebible.org)

# SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

## ALASKA MISSION TRIP

June 19-29

Are you looking for a way for the Lord to stretch your faith and use you in ways you never thought possible? Consider using your gifts this summer on an adult short-term mission trip to Port Alsworth, Alaska, to help our missionaries James and Sharon Walsh who operate the Tanalian bible Camp.



The camp is located in the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 160 miles southwest of Anchorage, and is accessible only by plane. It exists to reach Native American families living in the remote areas of Alaska.

This trip will offer *many different serving opportunities* depending on your gifts and passions. The needs range from counselors for the kids who come to the camp to kitchen, cooking, and support projects.

The total cost per person is expected to be \$1,200. Application deadline, Sunday, March 1. For more information, please see Scott Capp or Tom Nelson or email [missions@villagebible.org](mailto:missions@villagebible.org).

View last year's blog: [www.villagebible.org/alaska](http://www.villagebible.org/alaska)



### Training Dates

|        |            |       |                                  |                 |
|--------|------------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday | February 8 | Lunch | Informational Meeting            | 12:30 - 3:00 pm |
| Sunday | March 8    | Lunch | Training #1 and Meet James Walsh | 12:30-3:00 pm   |

- Minimum age: 17 (seniors in high school)
- Optional Mt. McKinley/Denali National Park tour June 29 - July 3
- The rest of the training dates and further details are in the application packet, which is available at the Welcome Center

## *Prison Ministry*

**“I was in prison and you came to visit me...[And] whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”**

**(Matthew 25:36,40)**



Get in on the ground floor of this new ministry team that is focusing on a weekly ministry into the Kane County Jail.

If you're at all interested, you'll want to make sure that you attend a REQUIRED ONCE-A-YEAR training session with us at the Kane County Jail on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. This doesn't commit you to the ministry, but does give you the opportunity to participate, should you decide to do so. Please let us know if you're interested.

Dave Haidle • Phone: 630-365-2124

Email: [prison@villagebible.org](mailto:prison@villagebible.org)

# SUPPER CLUB

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 pm

Yorkville: home of Joanne Buenz

Sugar Grove: home of Karen Elwood



This is a time for women to come together and enjoy fellowship over dinner, --and you don't have to prepare it or pay for it!

It's a time possibly to meet new women, and to build relationships.

From time to time we do a service project or a craft together.

And there are times we just have fellowship and laugh together.

We meet in different homes each month, so if you'd like to host a supper club contact Patty Calhoun at [women@villagebible.org](mailto:women@villagebible.org), or feel free to call 630-553-2690.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center or at [www.villagebible.org/supperclub](http://www.villagebible.org/supperclub)

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# Men's Breakfast

**Saturdays, February 21 and April 18**

**7:30 - 9:00 am**

with basketball following

**Location:** Village Bible

**Suggested Donation:** \$5.00

Once a month we call the men of the church together to be part of our Men's Breakfast. You are invited to join us for a great breakfast, fellowship and a time to grow in Christ with the men of VBC. Along with breakfast, we will also enjoy a time of worship and prayer for one another and our families.

RSVP at [www.villagebible.org/men](http://www.villagebible.org/men)

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SHARPENS  
IRON**

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 14

All-day event in Rockford

### Keynote Speakers:

- *Chuck Stecker* is President and Founder of A Chosen Generation.
- *Dan Seaborn* is President and Founder of Winning At Home, Inc.



### Location:

Rockford First Evangelical Free Church

RSVP at [www.villagebible.org/men](http://www.villagebible.org/men)

**"As Iron sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another."**

- Proverbs 27:17

# MEN'S MINISTRY

## Guy's Night Out

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 6-9 pm**

**Buffalo Wild Wings on Orchard Road in Aurora**

### *Calling All Men ...*

Let's get together for a night of low key fellowship, fun and food. Whether you're new and wanting to find ways to connect, or you're looking to deepen the friendships you already have... check the box in the Friendship Registry, or send an e-mail to [men@villagebible.org](mailto:men@villagebible.org) so we'll know you're coming.



### *"The Why's"... of Guys' Night's Out*

- Get to know some new guys.
- Realize that everyone else is just a regular guy, too.
- Join other Christian guys "just having fun together."
- Build new relationships as a foundation for discipleship.





## Generations

Growing Disciples of Every Generation

*Family fellowship  
and  
equipping for all  
generations*

**Sunday evenings, 5-8 pm**

### Generations Fellowship Dinner

**5-6 pm**, all ages

We kick off each night by sharing a meal together. Nothing fancy - pizza, tacos, burgers, etc. The point is to kick back a bit, relax and enjoy spending time with both our nuclear family and our church family!

*\$5 suggested donation for those 13 and up,  
\$3 for children 12 and under; or \$20 per family.*



**6-8 pm:** Age 3-6th grade

**6-8 pm:** Junior High - Awana Leaders in Training (LIT)

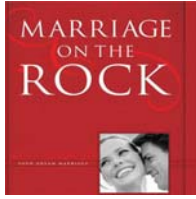
Awana is our Sunday evening Bible-centered program for children *age three years through sixth grade* that focuses on learning and memorizing

God's Word in a fun atmosphere. Awana supports parents in providing consistent, positive teaching and training that stresses strong moral and spiritual values.



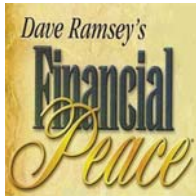
# GENERATIONS

**Equipping-U classes are part of our Sunday evening Generations ministry and meet from 6-8 pm.**



## Marriage on the Rock

Society requires years of preparation for almost any significant career endeavor, but demands no real preparation for one of the most crucial undertakings in life: marriage. In an age of disposable marriage and information overload, where can couples turn for real answers that will make their relationships work? Only to God. Marriage on the Rock clearly details God's principles that will turn disillusioned, divorce-bound marriages into satisfying dream relationships.



## Financial Peace

Debt is all around us. And it's in our church, too. More than 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. Over 35% of Christian marriages end in divorce, and money problems are the number one cause. Financial Peace University has a long history of helping families successfully confront these problems head on.

This program is a biblically-based accountability curriculum that will teach you to manage God's money and resources in a godly way. It will empower you to make the right financial decisions to achieve your financial goals, teaching you to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before. On average, families reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700 in just 91 days – and the marriage strengthens in the process! Sound impossible? What if it's not? Give it a try – what do you have to lose?

**effective parenting**  
in a defective world



## Effective Parenting in a Defective World

Our kids are growing up in a culture that promises them fulfillment in a dizzying number of ways. So many opportunities and so many dangers confront our kids every day. Some may look pretty good to you: school, sports, music lessons, etc. Others, such as the latest dangerous thrill-seeking fad, may keep you up at night. So what are you to do? Sign your kids up for every activity and hope something sticks? Anxiously guard them against the dangers outside your door? How can parents make the right choices? Join Tim and Amanda Badal as we unpack God's Word and become the parents that we're called to be.



## The Truth Project

A recent major study revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world: only nine percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to unbelievers. We spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy, and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation. This study is designed to counter this downward slide within the body of Christ. Are you up to the challenge? Join Kevin O'Brien as we seek to find God in a world of chaos.

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## *ALIENS JUNIOR HIGH ICE SKATING DAY FEBRUARY 21*

### **Attention all junior high students!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to invite your friends to something fun? Then come with your friends to our ice skating day at the **Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva on Saturday, February 21, from 2:30 to 7:00 PM.** We'll meet at church at 2:30 PM, venture out to the skating rink



to skate and then end up at a final destination to have some pizza and pop! We hope that you and your friends can come! Permission slips with all the scoop are available at the Welcome Center!

## *REFUGE SENIOR BANQUET – MARCH 14*

It's the time of the year to show our seniors who'll soon be graduating how much we love and appreciate them! Plan on attending our annual senior banquet on **Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 PM** at the **Lakewood Creek Clubhouse** for a night of eating a delicious 5 B's catered meal, followed by a time to share memories of our seniors! Then on **Sunday, March 15**, after church, we'll venture somewhere for a fun activity together! Don't miss out! You need to turn in your money and permission slip by **February 25!**



## *GOSPEL CHOIR TOURING SEASON*



On *February 22*, we will welcome the

*Wheaton College Gospel Choir* as our guests.

They will sing a handful of songs during our worship service and then during the Adult Bible Fellowship hour they will perform a full selection of *gospel music*.

From its inception, the Gospel Choir has always been an intentionally diverse choir of women and men praising God. The choir's purpose has been to worship and serve God and to spread His good news in song to "the nations." Through their diversity, the students have been blessed to see God bring people to Himself and to bridge cultural and spiritual gaps for His glory. The choir has also had the opportunity to minister at Chicago's Annual Gospel Festival and throughout the United States.

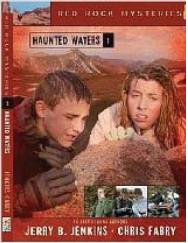
We are excited to have the choir lead us in  
worshiping our Savior and Lord!

# LIBRARY UPDATE



**Red Rock Mystery Series**, by Jerry Jenkins and Chris Fabry. We now have books 1-15 in this series.

Bryce and Ashley never lose their taste for adventure. Wanting to get to the bottom of any mystery, these twins find themselves on a nonstop search for the truth. Recommended for ages 8 to 12.



Bryce and Ashley Timberline are normal teenage twins, except for one thing—they discover action-packed mystery wherever they go. Whether it's searching for a missing writer or fearing for their lives at the bottom of a canyon,



## BOOKS

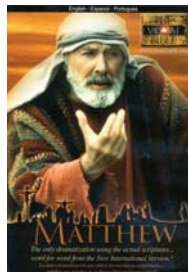


**The Last Flight Out** Rescuing the woman he loves will be Dan Hogan's biggest adventure yet. Dan, a repo pilot, is hired to rescue his lost love, medical missionary Dr. Ann Williams. Sporadic reports to Ann's family reveal that

ruthless drug runner General Salazar has terrorized her Colombian village seeking slave labor. It's time to get her out. Despite the imminent danger, Ann refuses to leave without the oppressed villagers that she's come to love. With a rescue plane large enough for only 10 and General Salazar breathing down his neck, Dan appears to have met his match.



**Bella** Once a famous athlete, José now cooks at his brother's restaurant--and shuns the world. Waitress Nina is struggling to succeed--and discovers she's pregnant. When a simple act of kindness brings them together, José not only confronts his own past, but shows Nina how the healing power of love can help her embrace the future. Mature themes. Parent check-out required.



**Matthew** This powerful and entertaining film is taken word for word from the text of the New International Version translation. Filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco, and South Africa, Matthew features a cast of thousands,

historically accurate costuming and award-winning directing.

## DVD's

# MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Matt and Crystal Kehn serve in Mbarara, Uganda with Juna Amagara Ministries. Uganda has been their home now for three years, during which time God has provided them with a house, two thriving healthy boys, a car and, most importantly, a renewed commitment to their marriage.



Last year Matt started ABIDE (Amagara Bible Institute of Discipleship and Evangelism) with five students. ABIDE training is a six-month long concentrated effort to help students who have graduated from high school to become servant-leaders while they are waiting to begin college or university studies. At the end of each intense classroom study week the ABIDE team goes into local communities for outreach. Those who complete the program are commissioned to go into the world to continue changing lives for Christ wherever they are. This month, ABIDE is starting its second season with 10 young men. They will be the first to work out of the new ABIDE House in Mbarara, where up to 12 young people can live during training. Visiting missionaries will take part in the training, and former ABIDE students will offer their own insights.

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message,  
so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...  
Pray that I may proclaim it boldly, as I should.” Colossians 4:2-4*

Crystal has enjoyed being part of a missionary moms and play group this year. She has also been having a lot of fun starting to preschool Asher at home and loving Stephen as he develops. A great highlight of the year has been building deeper friendships with Muslim neighbors and their children.

The Kehns praise God for giving them electricity in their home this past Christmas, after two years without it, for fellow missionaries' friendship, for continued growth and for the strengthening of their marriage.

They request prayer for the upcoming ABIDE training, for finances to complete the ABIDE House and for a vehicle for this program. Please check out the missionary bulletin board in the foyer for more information on the Kehns and our other missionaries. Crystal has an interesting section in their newsletter on "Bringing Up Boys."

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of God's work. God has used your faithfulness both to Him and to His church to facilitate the ministry of our congregation, of outreach organizations we support in our community and of our missionaries who are spread around the globe. Looking through our annual report several days ago, we were struck with how many amazing things God has been doing in our midst – way beyond anything we could ever have accomplished on our own. To God be the glory, great things He is doing!

The year 2008 was tight financially for many of our church families, as well as for the church itself. At several points during the year it would have been easy for us to panic. Nevertheless, we believed that if we remained faithful in our stewardship of what God had given to us, He would take care of the rest. And, as the Lord has consistently done in past years, He once again provided for our needs in an amazing way. We ended the year with ministry and missions expenses exceeding contributions by only \$6,376 – less than one percent of our total annual budget of \$721,000!

We suspect that 2009 will bring to us, both as individuals and as a congregation, a growing array of economic challenges. We're moving into the new year

with caution from a financial standpoint, but with excitement from a ministry standpoint – asking God for wisdom to be wise stewards, and trusting Him to provide whatever is needed to accomplish the ministry he has called us to do.

For some reason, during the first few months of the year we tend to see a slump in giving, together with a spike in expenses (especially for heat and snow removal). This year is no exception as, **at the end of the first three weeks, our contributions are already more than \$14,000 short**



of our expected expenses. While this deficit sounds rather daunting, we're confident that God's plans are much larger, and we're excited about all the opportunities He is placing before us.

Let's join together in prayer, thanking God for the work He is doing, seeking His guidance as we move forward, bringing before Him our needs as a church and striving to act in obedience to His will, in the expectation that ultimately we will see glory and praise brought to His name!

# VBC CALENDAR

- Feb. 1: Student Ministries Super Bowl Parties  
Feb. 1: Generations Family Super Bowl Party  
Feb. 5: Guys' Night Out - Buffalo Wild Wings  
Feb. 7: Prison Ministry Training  
Feb. 12-15: Student Ministries Cornerstone University Visit  
Feb. 13: Valentine's Dinner and Movie Outreach  
Feb. 13: MOPS  
Feb. 14: Wayside Cross Walk-a-Mile Outreach  
Feb. 15: New Equipping-U Classes Begin  
Feb. 19: Women's Supper Club in Sugar Grove and Yorkville  
Feb. 21: Student Ministries Alien's Jr. High Ice Skate  
Feb. 22: Wheaton College Gospel Choir  
Feb. 22: Family Time Devotional Training with Kirk Weaver  
Mar. 6-7: *Missions on Your Doorstep* Conference  
Mar. 14: *Iron Sharpens Iron* Men's Conference  
Mar. 14: Student Ministries Refuge Senior Banquet  
Apr. 17: Women's Spring Banquet  
Apr. 25: Visionary Parenting Conference -  
*Never Too Late: Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Child*  
Jun. 6-12: Summer Family Camp in Northern Wisconsin  
Jun. 19-29: Alaska Mission Trip  
Jun. 21-27: Lake Ann Student Camp  
Jul. 2-13: Mexico Mission Trip



Sundays, 3-5 pm: co-ed **volleyball** @ church  
Sundays, 5-8 pm: Generations - new classes begin Feb. 15  
Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 am: **men's basketball** @ church

Upcoming **Membership Class**: Feb. 8, 12:30 pm, Room 101  
Upcoming **New Attender Lunch**: Feb. 8, 12:30 pm, Room 101  
Upcoming **Baptism Class**: Feb. 8, 3 pm, Room 100

 = **one-time events**  
 = **recurring events**

## FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

# HYPOCRITE - A STUDY ON ROMANS 2



**hyp·o·crite**  
(hip'ə krit)

Function: *noun*

Meaning:

1. a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion
2. a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings