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# THIS Changes Everything!

## April 24<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m.

**Easter  
at the  
Palmer Arena**





## A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer  
Senior Minister

Well, this is a very special month for us because it is the month we celebrate and remember what God did for us on the cross and through the resurrection. Holy Week, Passover, Good Friday, and Easter are exciting times in the Christian calendar because of what they mean to us. This is not just about our worship services but about all of our lives. We have the great, good, glad news and it is life changing. So can I suggest that you spend a little extra time this month reading the accounts of the crucifixion and the resurrection, and also read the Resurrection chapter, I Corinthians 15, several times.

To help us all focus on what this good news is all about, we are going to show the movie *The Passion of the Christ* on Palm Sunday evening and I invite you to come and share in that. And then, of course, there is our very special service, **Easter at the Palmer Arena**. This service gives all of us the opportunity to be together in one service and to also reach out to our friends and neighbors. Remember, there are people who would not go to a church building, who will come to the Arena if you invite them. So let's make this year a special year as we share the good news with as many as we can.

So how can you present the great, good, glad news? First, by how you live, that is your words, actions and attitudes. Your first and greatest testimony is a life lived well for Jesus Christ. Second, by what you say. We have nothing to be ashamed of but we do have something worth sharing. Third, by your concern for others. When we talk to people about their relationship with the Lord, or even just invite them to our Easter service. If we do it out of love and concern for them, that speaks volumes to them. Fourth, by your enthusiasm. There is an older chorus that says "Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King". We have something worth getting excited about. What we have changes everything and it is worth sharing.

Here are some things you can do to help get ready for Easter at the Arena. Please begin to pray everyday that the service will honor God, lift up Jesus, and speak to the hearts of many. Pray for all the people who will be working before, during and after the service and please pray for me, that I "...may proclaim it clearly as I should" (Colossians 4:4) as I get ready to preach.

You can also help greatly by helping us advertise the Easter service. Please put a yard sign in your yard, pass out posters, put a poster in your car window and at your school or workplace and hand out invitation cards. Most importantly, please be inviting everyone you can to join you at the Arena for a great time of worship.

What we have found through the years is that the best advertising we have is word of mouth, so tell everyone you can about this very special service.

Well, it is a special month and I am looking forward to sharing it with you as we celebrate the Great, Good, Glad News and as we share that message that changes everything. See you every Sunday in worship and I will be praying that you will be growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's make this year a special year as we share the good news with as many as we can.

Drew

# Preaching Schedule

## April Series:

The Great, Good, Glad News

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Not Ashamed and Ready to Share**

*Romans 1:16-17*

April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Life Changing News**

*Colossians 1:3-6*

April 17<sup>th</sup>

**News On Which We Stand**

*I Corinthians 15:1-2*

April 24<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER at the Palmer Arena**

**This Changes Everything**

*I Corinthians 15:1-8*



# CAST N BLAST

**FISHING - SKEET SHOOTING**

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**BREWER FARM - COVINGTON**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

**REGISTRATION: 10 AM CST**

**COST: \$5.00**

**COOKOUT @ 12:30**

Wear Appropriate Weather Apparel.

If Fishing: Bring Poles-Tackle-Bait (Live and Artificial).

If Shooting: Bring Case Shotgun Shells (25 minimum per shooter) Hearing & Eye Protection.

Young Children Activities and Games provided.



# TIME IN THE WORD

## What Research Says About Spending Time in the Word

Recently the Center for Bible Engagement conducted a research project of over 40,000 respondents of all ages (13 to 80 years old) and from all across the United States to discover the Bible reading habits among people professing to be Christians. The following is an overview of the research findings.

Consistent with other studies, the research reveals that the majority of people identifying themselves as Christ-followers own a Bible but do not read it and claim that they are too busy to do so. Moreover, although they attend church, volunteer, and participate in small groups, most lose the day spiritually in terms of their thought-life and often, moral behavior.

Through the creative use of open-ended questions, we've also made several new discoveries that eluded previous researchers. Our data shows that most people (97%), including three-fourths of mature Christ-followers, do not know what the Bible is (the unerring, inspired Word of God) or what it is for (a life guide). We also find that scriptural engagement is a much better indicator of spiritual growth than church attendance. There is a significant difference in the moral behavior of someone that consistently engages (reads or listens to) the Bible four or more times a week, compared to someone that doesn't. However, there



is no such difference in the moral behavior of someone that claims to be a Christian and reads the Bible less than four times a week and the individual that is not a Christ-follower.

I was especially interested in the research that supported the benefits of spending time in the Word. The study revealed that Christians who are engaged in scripture most days of the week have

lower odds of participating in these behaviors:

- Getting drunk = 57% lower odds
- Sex outside marriage = 68% lower odds
- Pornography = 61% lower odds
- Gambling = 74% lower odds

Here's the bottom line: scientific research reveals that spending time in the Word on a regular basis (a minimum of four times a week) significantly improves your life by helping you to overcome temptation and positioning you for real spiritual growth. Is it any wonder why the enemy (Satan) wants to keep you out of the Book?

For more information on this research and to find helpful tools visit the Center for Bible Engagement website: <http://www.centerforbibleengagement.org/>

## New Adult Study This Month

Join us on Sunday morning, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. for a new study with Francis Chan's book, "Crazy Love."

*Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. The answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.*

This study will last 5 weeks and will be taught by our Student Minister, Kiley Garrison. Read the book before each class and share in the discussion.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chapters 1 & 2

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 3 & 4

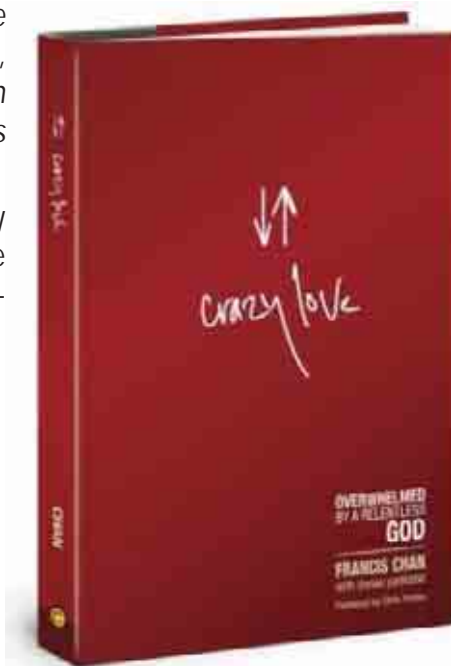
April 17<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 5 & 6

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Easter at the Arena -

"This Changes Everything!"

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Chapters 7 & 8

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 9 & 10



**DREW'S CLASS**  
**Series-**  
**How To Share Your Faith**

April 6-Know the Message

April 13-Putting It Into Words

April 20-Be Bold

April 27-Be An Example

Join Drew in the sanctuary @ 6:30 every Wednesday evening.



## Ready or Not, Here We Come!

The Children's Ministry Department is preparing for our annual move to the Palmer Arena for our annual Easter service – and we need everyone to be aware of what will happen and how you can help.



**WHAT WILL HAPPEN?** The "Safety Zone" (Children's Programming for Easter) will host the nursery and preschool classes only. (All Kindergarten and older children will sit with their parents or family in the Arena.)

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Volunteer to help in one (or more) of the following areas: \*Registration workers \*Nursery caregivers \*Preschool helpers (either the 2 & 3 or 4 & 5 year old classes) \*Setting up the children's classrooms at the Arena on Saturday April 23rd \*Returning to the church (immediately following the service) \*Pray for the children and the Children's Ministry volunteers, that Easter at the Arena will be a beautiful morning where the children will be in a safe and secure environment where they can be loved and hear the amazing news of God's great love for them!

## Mark Your Calendars!

"Boys Building Bash"  
– a Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade boy's only event – Sun. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

*EASTER AT THE ARENA*  
Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

"Drive-In Movie Night"  
– a Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade event where the kids make their own cars at home to bring to the movie – Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**  
June 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>



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Summer registrations forms are in! See Ms. Kenna to get yours and get your child registered for camp ASAP.



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## "Boys Building

Bash" Each of our boys (Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade) is encouraged to join us on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for our first ever "Boys Building Bash".

At our "Boys Building Bash", the boys will experience different "building" activities as well as a "building" devotion and even a "building" snack time.

If your young man is planning to attend this afternoon of building and Bible fun, they MUST RSVP to Ms. Kenna on or before Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

To RSVP, please see Ms. Kenna, e-mail here ([kenna@secondchurchofchrist.org](mailto:kenna@secondchurchofchrist.org)) or call her at the church office (442-7306).

NEEDED: High School or adult men to help with the different building activities. If you can help, please contact Ms. Kenna ASAP.

## CIY Believe

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

We will leave from the church to go to Anderson University in Anderson, IN on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Then we will stay in a hotel overnight and return to the church around 6:30 on Saturday night. **Note that some students will need to get out of school early to leave for this event.**

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