

**The  
ABCs of  
Discipleship**

# Being a Transformed Disciple!

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“The ABCs of Discipleship – Being a Transformed Disciple!”

+ Keep It Simple Saint!

Matthew 22:37-40

Philippians 3:7-8, 13-14

+ The Focus of Discipleship!

Romans 1:14-17

Luke 9:23-24

+ Disciples Run the Race Together Focused On Jesus!

Hebrews 12:1-3

OPENING SONG

***New Creation***

INVOCATION:

**Confessing and Being Assured**

BELIEVING TOGETHER: **Apostles' Creed**

SONG OF THE DAY

***Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus  
(When We All Get to Heaven)***

GOD'S WORD TODAY:

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**The ABCs of Discipleship -  
Death Is a Doorway to Eternal Life!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: **Ephesians 6:18**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **Matthew 6:9-13**

HONORING OUR VETERANS

**Prayer for Luke Martin**

CLOSING SONG

***Battle Hymn of the Republic***

THE BLESSING

***Good Morning & welcome to Praise & Worship!*** We are blessed to have you worship with us!

***Sermon Series & Bible Class Topics – “The ABCs of Discipleship!”***

**Today** – “Being a Transformed Disciple!”

***November 22 - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE*** at 7:00 pm (There will be NO service on Thanksgiving Day)! Join us to give special thanks to our loving and gracious God for all the blessings He continues to shower upon us! Every day should be filled with thanksgiving to Him—this service just gives us a special time to pause and give Him thanks! Join us and bring a friend!

***Sunday Services in Advent:***

**December 3** – “Awe-filled Fear – The Right Response to God’s Promises!”

**December 10** – “Humility – The Best Way to Receive Jesus!”

**December 17** – “Blessedness – A Gift We Can Give Each Other!”

**December 24** – Our Christmas Celebration - NO Service on Christmas Day

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BIBLE CLASS*** – The

Four Sundays before Christmas @ 9:00 am! If you haven’t been attending Sunday Bible Classes, you’ll want to

re-arrange your schedule & plan to be here these 4 Sundays! The title of this Bible Study is “Christmas – the Real Story!” It will analyze the story behind the Christmas story, probing the message it proclaimed to those who lived when it first happened, as well as the implications for us today. Many people see Christmas as a time for gathering, giving, and receiving. Even Christian celebrations are sometimes limited to remembering the birth of Baby Jesus, and visits of shepherds and Wise Men. Christmas is about more than the birth of a baby. Its truths challenge us to see that it is about God Himself breaking into creation and history in the flesh-and-blood person of Jesus. It is about God giving Himself into death so that He might give His people abundant and eternal life. It’s about the fulfillment of God’s long-time promise to save the world from sin. The Christmas story is deep, profound, grand, and glorious!

- o November 26, 9:00 am - “Setting the Stage”
- o December 3, 9:00 am - “The King Is Born”
- o December 10, 9:00 am - “God’s New Kingdom Grows”
- o December 17, 9:00 am - “God’s New Kingdom Lasts Forever”

## ***How Jesus uses our Members - Our Music Team***

Our music team consists of Marissa Lowe on violin and vocals, James Haining on guitar and vocals, Aaron Hunsaker on drums, and the Worship Leader/Music Director (Joel) on vocals, guitar, and mandolin. Their purpose and goal is to lead the congregation in song each week, while focusing praise and honor to Christ. “We strive to have a good mix that compliments the message for the week with traditional Lutheran hymns, Gospel, and contemporary songs.” If you have any questions concerning the Music Team, please contact Joel Telschow at 417-213-0255.

## ***Tree Trimming today after service!***

Stay & help us decorate for the Christmas season! We’ll have soup & sandwiches prior to decorating the tree! Join the fun!

## ***Sign up sheets for Small Group/Fellowship Groups***

- It’s not too late to sign up for the specific group you would like to be connected to! Some of the groups have begun meeting! Come join us!!

***Financial Update:*** These numbers include both Praise & Worship and resTore, our church plant in Hollister. To partner with us in ministry, utilize the giving box near the AV booth by the door as you’re leaving the sanctuary or the “support us” tab at [www.branson.church](http://www.branson.church)

November Budgeted Giving: \$23,203	November
Actual Giving: \$13,644	
YTD Budgeted Giving: \$252,831	YTD Actual
Giving: \$230,823	

***Winter Warm Up Collection boxes*** are located near the coffee bar.

Donations of packages of new socks, new or gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, scarves & gloves are being accepted and will be donated to Convoy of Hope, Elevate Branson & Hope House.

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