

SUMMER 2023

THE AUDUBON AGENDA

The seasonal newsletter for Audubon Drive Bible Church



The Gospel in Ruth

Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, **Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David** (Ruth 4:18-22).

The book of the **genealogy of Jesus Christ**, the son of David, the son of Abraham...and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and **Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king**.... and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ (Matthew 1:1, 5-6, 16).

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**" Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... (Luke 24:44-45).

WHAT'S NEW

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ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM PASTOR
TYLER

The Bible's beautiful story of redemption runs right through the Book of Ruth.

ADBC MINISTRIES &
PRAYER REQUESTS

There are numerous ways you can get involved in the ministries of ADBC!

DATES TO
REMEMBER

Check out what's going on around Audubon this summer!

The Gospel in Ruth

By Pastor Tyler Clark (on behalf of the elders)

Dear Saints of ADBC,

As you read the Bible, four distinct plots rise prominently to the surface: Creation, Fall, Redemption & New Creation (also called Consummation). Creation is clearly seen in Genesis 1-2. The Fall comes sharply on the scene in Genesis 3 (and we continue to see its effects throughout the biblical story). We then have to wait until Revelation 21-22 to be introduced to the new heavens and new earth, the consummation of all things. That leaves a lot of pages between Genesis 3 and Revelation 21. And herein, we find the grand narrative of the scriptures: **REDEMPTION**.

While the Bible is comprised of 66 total books, written by dozens of human authors, the Bible is ultimately ONE story written by ONE Author - God Himself (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). Unlike most human authorship, God is not writing this story as He goes. Instead, He has "declared the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done" (Isaiah 46:10). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible progressively reveals the beautiful, redemptive story of the Gospel. Immediately following man's rebellion at the Fall, God provides this redemptive promise, embedded within the curse pronounced on the serpent (Satan): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head,**

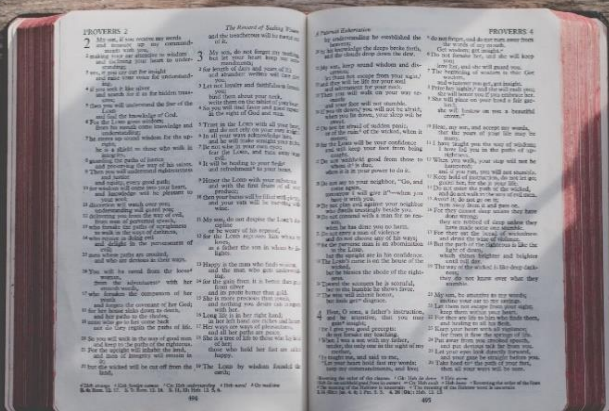
and you shall bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). As God's eternal plan of redemption is revealed progressively in the scriptures, it becomes abundantly clear that this promise is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God.

But before this redemptive plan is fully realized in the incarnation, perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection of Christ, this redemptive plan runs right through the Book of Ruth. The same God who providentially "declares the end from the beginning" on large, global scales, is also providentially working behind the scenes in a seemingly insignificant Israelite (and Moabite!) family in a seemingly insignificant town of Bethlehem Ephrathah. And in the midst of all the events - big and small - He is providentially working His plan of redemption.

The Book of Ruth is one of the most beautiful love stories of all time. But as we'll see over the coming weeks, Ruth reveals a greater love story and a greater marriage than Ruth and Boaz. There's a greater Offspring than Obed. There's a greater future King than David. And there's a greater Redeemer than Boaz. For a helpful study tool (both devotionally and as you take sermon notes) in our upcoming preaching series on the Book of Ruth, please read the enclosed Ruth Scripture Journal by Crossway Publications.

"The creation of the world seems to have been especially for this end: that the eternal Son of God might obtain a spouse, towards whom He might fully exercise the infinite benevolence of His nature and to whom He might, as it were, open and pour forth all that immense fountain of condescension, love and grace that was in His heart, and that in this way God might be glorified."

~ Jonathan Edwards ~



Regular ADBC Ministries

Weekly

- Sunday School (Sundays at 9:30 am; available for all ages)
- Lord's Day Service (Sundays at 10:30 am)
- Kingdom Seekers* (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm; ages 3-12)
- Bible Study & Prayer* (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)
- Koinonia Groups* (small group ministry meets every-other-week)
- JV & Varsity Ministries* (meets every-other-Sunday)
- College & Career (meets every-other-week; ages 18-25)
- Digging Deeper* (men's leadership study meets Thursdays at 6:45 am)
- Laurel Christian School* (K-3 -12th grade)

Monthly

- Ladies' Bible Study* (1st Monday of each month)
- Men's Breakfast (meets on a Saturday morning every-other-month)
- Abide (meets quarterly throughout the calendar year)

**Denotes ministries that are active specifically during the school year*

*** Please go to audubonchurch.org/calendar to see the most current dates and times for the various ministries and events at ADBC.

ADBC Missions

Local Missions

- The Christian Food Mission
- Choices Clinic of Laurel

Global Missions

- Arroyo Family (local church outreach and radio ministry in Juxtlahuaca, Mexico)
- Gibello Family (evangelism and Bible translation among the unreached Moka Tribe in Papua New Guinea)
- Oliveira Family (local church ministry, theological education, and 9Marks Ministries in Lisbon, Portugal)
- Powell Family (serving with Reaching & Teaching in Fort Worth, Texas to train indigenous church leaders in West Africa)
- Temple Family (serving with Faith Global Missions in Atlanta, Georgia to evangelize and disciple an unreached Muslim group)

Prayer Requests

- Our elderly, shut-ins & widows (Mrs. Mary Bester, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Morgan, Mrs. Linda Richardson, Mrs. Deborah Ruffin)
- Our call to be disciples and to make disciples in our community, city, county, state, nation & world
- Our president, his cabinet, the congress, our state and city governments, our military and its leaders
- Our fellowship of churches (FIRE; please visit www.firefellowship.org to pray for our sister churches)

"We exist to be disciples and to make disciples for the glory of Christ alone."



Join us this Lord's Day at ADBC!

9:30 am - Sunday School (all ages)

All adults will meet together in the sanctuary for our Summer Series, as we study the book, *Conscience: What It Is, How To Train It & Loving Those Who Differ*, by Andrew David Naselli & J.D. Crowley. Unless otherwise notified, our Children's Sunday School Classes will continue meeting in their present format.

10:30 am - Public Worship Service

If you are not able to join us for worship in-person this Sunday, you may livestream each Sunday morning worship service by going to www.audubonchurch.org/livestream. You may view all past sermons on our YouTube page (search "Audubon Drive Bible Church").

Upcoming Dates

Summer Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Each evening will begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm, followed by our scheduled activity in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. For a full list of our planned Wednesday Night Activities for the remainder of the summer, please pick up a copy of the schedule in the church foyer.
June 28 - July 25	Pastor Jerry & Dawn Marcellino will spend this time ministering the gospel in Spain and Italy. For details on their ministry itinerary, along with specific ways we can be praying for them, please see the enclosed trip itinerary.
Saturday, August 19 8:30 - 10:00 am	All ADBC men (junior high+) are encouraged to invite a friend and join us for our bi-monthly Men's Breakfast. We'll enjoy a fellowship breakfast, and then gather together for a gospel-centered message on the life and impact of pastor and writer, John Bunyan.
Sunday, August 27 9:15 - 10:30 am	We will have a Member's Meeting at 9:15 am through the Sunday School hour. Unless providentially hindered, we would love all members to join us as we discuss pertinent church business and ministry plans for Fall 2023.
Saturday, September 9 9:00 - 11:00 am	All ADBC ladies (junior high+) are encouraged to invite a friend and join us for "Abide," our quarterly ladies' discipleship and fellowship event. We'll enjoy a fellowship breakfast, and then gather together for discipleship training. Specific details to be announced at a future date.
Sunday, September 10	Koinonia Groups, our small group ministry, will begin meeting every-other-week on designated evenings throughout the week. Please reach out to Tyler Clark (tylerclark@audubonchurch.org) for more information.
Friday - Sunday October 27-29	SAVE THE DATE - Please mark your calendar for our 30th annual Reformation Conference. We have the joy of welcoming Drs. Stephen Wellum and Donald Whitney to join us this year!

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If you have a question about any of our services, upcoming dates, or how to get involved in any of ADBC's ministries, please don't hesitate to contact us!



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