

New Destiny Praise and Worship Center
"Where Everyday People Experience Change"
Dr. Ethan Ogletree Sr.- Senior Pastor and Founder

DESTINY CONNECTIONS

August Theme "Heroes of Faith"

- Patmos Ministry Movie Day — August 17, Noon
 - Young Adult Ministry @ C.S. Lewis Screwtape Letters Play — August 17, 4 PM
 - Corporate Fast — August 19—21
 - Celebration of Life Revival with Dr. Jamal Bryant — August 21-22, 7 PM
 - Patmos Ministry for Seniors Bible Study — August 22, 11 AM — 1 PM
 - Pastor's Birthday Celebration — August 25, Rev. Thurman West @ 8 AM; Rev. Chris Hartwell @ 10 AM
 - MegaFest 2013 — TD Jakes Ministries — Dallas, TX — August 29—31
- SAVE THE DATE**
- Church Picnic — September 8
 - Singles & Young Adults Bible Study "When Relationships Collide" — September 8
 - G³ Women's Bible Study "Missing Pieces" — September 12



Pastor's Corner

*"Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."
Hebrews 12:2*

I grew up watching the X-men and American Crusaders. I believe that they were heroes, special and super powers to fight evil. I would rush home and watch with great anticipation. I was expecting great things. I was always excited see the heroes overcome and overpower when the odds looked down or defeated. This is the 50th year of the Superheroes, in which thousands of people will support and reflect on the works of Batman, Superman, Ironman, Captain America and Spider-Man. Even now the Avengers are back on top.

I want you to know that even though I like these animated and fictional characters, I celebrate and thank God for the Biblical characters of faith. These radical faith walkers help me keep my drive in the real world. I'm continuing to learn more about the power and movement of faith.

I must admit that I have misused and misunderstood faith. I admit that I put my personal and selfish needs in the way of what God really desired for me. Could it be that like the X-men and the Avengers, we have approached life expecting someone else to come to our rescue? Could it be that we causally live in a world and overlook the fact that evil has his eye on us? I don't know which but what I do know is that faith must develop inside before I expect something outside.



I'm learning that not only are the biblical characters (Hebrews 11) people who walked by faith and not by sight, but that I can be a hero and so can you. You and I can be heroes if we walk with God believing



that he exists (Hebrews 11:6) and believe in our personal experiences and encounters with our Heavenly Father.

With God all things are possible but without him nothing is possible (Mark 10:27). I want to have a relationship with God based on love, worship and serving. Not one based on needing, begging and even complaining. God has already proven that he is faithful. He gave us his one and only son. Can he count on us to be faithful? "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." ~ 1 Corinthians 1:9.



PATMOS MINISTRY

(Formerly Seasoned Saints Ministry)

I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. (Psalm 52:8)

The Apostle John was banished to the Island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9-11). Patmos was a sterile, isolated place, incapable of bearing fruit, a place lacking vitality, which is how the world may view seniors. We believe adults in their senior years are still productive and able to contribute greatly to the kingdom of God; and New Destiny is committed to a ministry of care, compassion and counseling to our community aged 55 and over.

The Patmos Ministry (age 55 and over) meets second and fourth Thursday of the month. We are looking forward to enhancing our lives through education and awareness because for our people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

FORGOT

By
August LaStrappe

Read the Old Testament, and travel back in time,
Give me a second and I'll try to make it rhyme.

As long as Moses' arms were held toward the sky, God would win all battles; none of His people had to die.

God said you will be my people, and I will be your God, If you follow my instruction, it won't be hard.

God will protect, and guard you staying under His wing, The people were evil, and shouted give us a king.

I forgot how God led His people from slavery to the promise land, We need to turn back to Him and follow His plan.

I forgot about Sodom and Gomorrah, the city full of sin, Homosexuality in that day, and we're doing it again.

We don't need a president or a king to tell us what is just, Don't forget what's on our money! In God we Trust.

History will repeat itself, learn from that mistake, Look to God to forgive you, that's all it take.

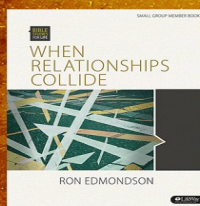
There should never be an abortion, but it's up to you to decide, Your sins are ever before you, and that you cannot hide.

Teach your children God's ways, if they want to hear it or not, Never let them use my excuse and say, I FORGOT!

UPCOMING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Singles & Young Adults Bible Study

Starting Sept. 8th



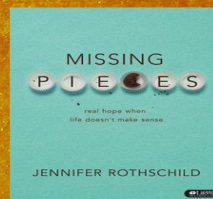
When Relationship Collides
by Ron Edmondson

8am

Cost of book: \$6.00

G³ Women's Bible Study

Starting Sept 12th



Missing Pieces
by Jennifer Rothschild

7pm

Cost of book: \$13.00

Taught by First Lady Ogletree



To sign up stop by
the Resource Table

September
is
Education
Month

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HEROES OF FAITH



AUGUST SERMON SERIES

DR. ETHAN W. OGLETREE SR.

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see" (Hebrews 11:1)

We commonly speak of faithfulness as loyalty or allegiance. But as you look deeper at this word, you see the root word in faithfulness is "faith." Spiritually, the word means being full of faith. If you read chapter 11 in Hebrews, you will see a thread running through it: "By faith."

Hebrews chapter 11 says, Noah, "built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about something that had never happened before." Later, Hebrews says, "It was by faith that Sarah together with Abraham was able to have a child, even though they were too old and Sarah was barren. Abraham believed that God would keep His promise..." to provide an heir because he considered God faithful.

The most serious challenge to Abraham's trust came when God asked him to sacrifice his own son. Strength-

ened by his prior experiences with God's faithfulness to His promises, Abraham bound Isaac and placed him on an altar, lifting the knife. That is when God provided the ram in the thicket as a substitute for Isaac. Abraham believed that when God said that He would provide a physical line through Isaac, God would fulfill that promise---even if it meant raising Isaac from the dead.

In the experience of the patriarchs, God did not exist in a vacuum. Their faith flowered into heroic deeds because they trusted in an absolutely faithful God. Their God was faithful down to the smallest detail.

Your View of God Really Matters ...

If you really believed that God was completely faithful to keep His promises, what would you do differently today? Or, if you wanted to find out if God was completely trustworthy, how would you try to do that? Today, take the next step in learning to trust a faithful God.

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Sunday Worship Services

8am & 10am

Wednesday

6:30pm — Mid-Week Prayer Service

7:00pm — Reflection In The Word
Bible Study



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Ministry in Action

