

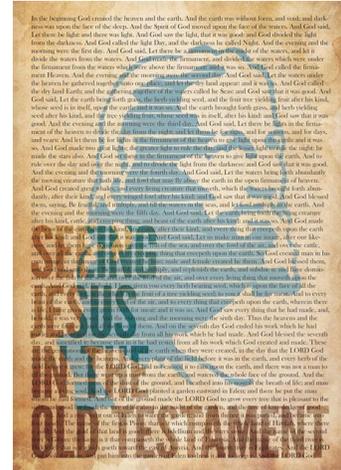


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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Dancing with the Star

Recently I was asked in a Bible study to shed some light on a curious little detail from the life of David. Why, this individual wanted to know, did David once dance before the ark of the covenant when bringing it into Jerusalem? Good question!

The episode comes from 2 Samuel 6, which happens to recount one of the richest and most elaborate liturgical processions that the entire Bible has to offer. After capturing Jerusalem and wanting to establish a place for God's dwelling in the midst of it, we read that David "danced before the [ark of the] Lord with all his might" (2 Sam. 6:14). A couple verses later we're even told that David was both "leaping *and* dancing before the [ark of the] Lord" (2 Sam. 6:16).

Why was the king behaving in this way? First, it should be remembered that the ark of the covenant housed God's presence among humanity, which, when handled rightly and reverently, should always bring about an occasion for joy. The end of the book of psalms, in fact, is loaded with praising God for his presence and activity among humanity, and it even includes references to dancing. For example: "let the children of Zion rejoice...let them praise his name with *dancing*, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre" (Ps. 149:2-3).

At the same time, however, David's dancing, it seems to me, points forward to a much greater celebration to come. Consider the following parallels to another famous incident of leaping/dancing in the Bible, this time hundreds of years later:

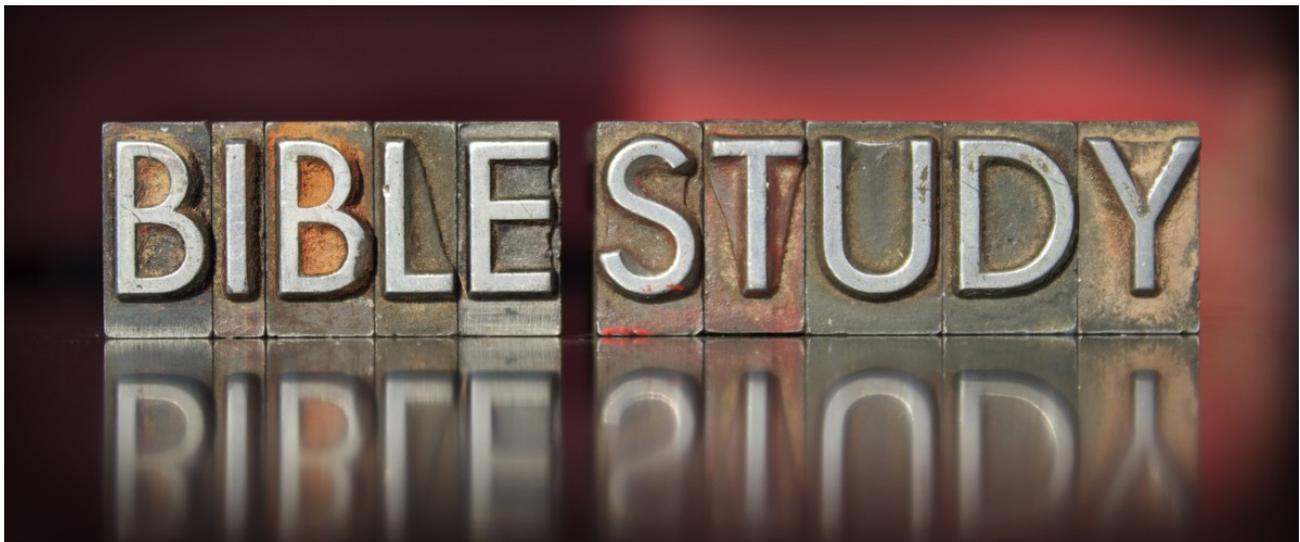
- Just as David goes to get the ark of the covenant on a hill (2 Sam. 6:3), so also does Mary, after receiving word that she will bear the Savior of humanity, go quickly "into the *hill* country" (Lk. 1:39)
- Just as David asks, "how can the ark of God come under my care?" (2 Sam. 6:9), so also does Elizabeth, upon seeing Mary, asks, "why has this happened that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Lk. 1:43)
- Just as there was "shouting" before the ark of the Lord (2 Sam. 6:15), so also does Elizabeth "cry out *with a great shout*, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb'" (Lk. 1:42)

- And finally, just as David was “leaping and dancing before the Lord” (2 Sam. 6:16), so also does John the Baptist, quite famously, leap (literally “skip” or “dance”) in the womb for joy (Lk. 1:44)

Fascinating! What all this means, of course, is that there’s a new ark of the covenant in town, and it’s in Mary’s womb. Her very body will now be the vessel that houses God’s presence among humanity, and because of that, it’s time to dance again!

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Upcoming Events



Spring In-Depth Bible Studies:

March 4 - Dr. Gregory Schulz

"Meditations on the Meaning of Life from Ecclesiastes: Part II"

March 11 - Prof. Aaron Moldenhauer

"The Image of the Invisible God: Christ in Colossians"

March 25 - Dr. Jason Lane

"'The Foundation of Faith': Reading Scripture with Seventeenth-Century Lutherans"

April 1 - Dr. Daniel Paavola

"Grace, Faith, Scripture: A Portrait of a Lutheran"

April 8 - Dr. Brian German

"Fine Details in the Passion Narrative"

Snacks are provided! Bring a Bible and a friend!

All classes will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm and held in the Friends of Concordia room.

\$20 regular registration per class

FREE for CUW faculty/staff/students

Spring CBI Seminar:

Featuring Rev. Dr. William Weinrich

Saturday, May 4

8:45am to 2:30pm in the
Pharmacy Building

\$30 regular registration
\$10 CUW Faculty/Staff/Students

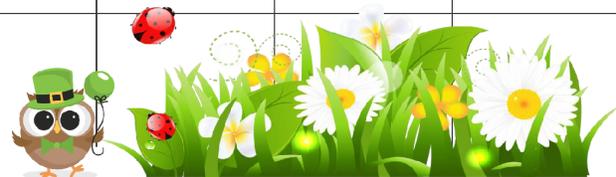
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Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March					1 Isaiah 64:1-9 Numbers 16-18	2 Psalm 85 Numbers 19-21
3 Psalm 86 Num. 22-24	4 Psalm 87 Num. 25-27	5 Psalm 88 Num. 28-30	6 Psalm 89 Num. 31-33	7 Psalm 90 Num. 34-36	8 Psalm 91 Deut. 1-3	9 Psalm 92 Deut. 4-6
10 Psalm 93 Deut. 7-9	11 Psalm 94 Deut. 10-12	12 Psalm 95 Deut. 13-15	13 Psalm 96 Deut. 16-18	14 Psalm 97 Deut. 19-21	15 Psalm 98 Deut. 22-24	16 Psalm 99 Deut. 25-27
17 Psalm 100 Deut. 28-30	18 Psalm 101 Deut. 31-34	19 Psalm 102 Luke 1	20 Psalm 103 Luke 2-3	21 Psalm 104 Luke 4-5	22 Psalm 105 Luke 6-7	23 Psalm 106 Luke 8-9
24 Psalm 107 Luke 10-11	25 Psalm 108 Luke 12-13	26 Psalm 109 Luke 14-15	27 Psalm 110 Luke 16-17	28 Psalm 111 Luke 18-19	29 Psalm 112 Luke 20-21	30 Psalm 113 Luke 22
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