

“‘COME, FOLLOW ME,’ JESUS SAID.” (MT. 4:19, MK. 1:17)

And that is what we did. Several brothers and sisters from North River and some of our sister churches embarked on an amazing and faith-building time of traveling around the Holy Land as part of the 2016 Biblical Study Tour that was organized by our very own Douglas Jacoby.



We began in Tel Aviv, which is just three miles north of the Joppa Gate (Jonah 1:3, Acts 9:36, Acts 10:9-23). We covered most of the north and central part of the country in one week, to see with our very own eyes sights we have only read about in the Bible.

We saw Caesarea Maritima, where the first Gentiles were converted (Acts 10:24) and Paul made his case and appeal to Caesar (Acts 23-26). We walked through the city of Dan and saw where Jeroboam set up golden calves for worship (1 Kings 12:25-33). We went up to Mount Carmel where Elijah took on the prophets of Baal and predicted the end of the drought (1 Kings 18).



We walked around a synagogue, just unearthed from the 1st century where Jesus would have preached.

We traveled around the cities and villages of Galilee, including Magdala, Sepphoris, Nazareth, Bethsaida, Capernaum and even sailed across the Sea of Galilee.

We then headed south and up to Jerusalem, making a stop in Jericho for some camel rides.

Once in Jerusalem, we visited the City of David and Hezekiah's tunnel (2 Kings 20:20), the Western (Wailing) Wall, walked the Via Dolorosa, visited the church of the Holy Sepulcher, Caiaphas' home, The Mount of Olives and Gethsemane.



So, how did this journey affect us? Let's hear from some of our brothers and sisters:

"My main take-away was the Temple in Jerusalem. The enormity, magnitude and massiveness of it in its day as it stood as a beacon over all of Jerusalem and the surrounding regions of Judah." — Patti Hunter

"Walking in the first-century synagogue in Capernaum, taking communion in THE Garden of Gethsemane, walking in the City of David on Mount Zion, praying as walking the Via Dolorosa... connected my heart, mind and soul to my Lord Jesus Christ in a way I have never experienced in my 39 years as a disciple. Praise God!" — Dave Malutinok

"As a young couple, there is so much we want for 'our' lives but the truth is, our lives are not our own. We were able to pray Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was a special connection with our Savior we will never forget." — Alex and Jazz Jackson

"There are so many things that are illuminated when you get the chance to see where the Bible took place. To see a recently unearthed synagogue from at least the year 29 in Magdala where Jesus would have stood and preached does something so deep for one's faith. Not to mention, being able to build friendships with people from around the world who are experiencing this with you." — Michelle Wright



"This once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land will impact the rest of our lives. Reading the Bible will be so much more alive and meaningful, knowing we walked together where Jesus walked and prayed. Singing, sharing communion and praying together in the Garden of Gethsemane and walking the Via Dolorosa has deepened our understanding of the pain and suffering Jesus endured for us." — Jean and John Cimino



"Israel left a deep imprint on my heart. The layers of history within the ruins left behind; the cities built upon city upon city over thousands of years — the walls and stones cry out — see God, see Jesus then and now!" — Marti Chiappetta

"I prayed on my knees in the Garden of Gethsemane, and I also prayed at The Wailing Wall. I'm so blessed to have been able to visit Israel again." — Jean Mullen

As we've followed in the footsteps of Jesus, we can now, with more fervor, continue to be fishers of people and be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks about the hope we have in Jesus.



Due to the huge interest in Israel, plans for another BST are in place for July 2017. See all the details on pg. 7 of this newsletter (online version) or go to www.douglasjacoby.com/2017-biblical-study-tour/.

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Additional Worship Services in November

- Today:** 5pm in Auditorium – EDGE Ministry & Bridge Pointe Singles
- Nov. 13: 5pm in Auditorium – Campus Ministry, Campus Supper in Atrium
- Nov. 20: 5pm in Auditorium – EDGE Ministry, Shorter Service, Potluck in Atrium

Midweek for Wednesday, November 9

- ◆ Young Families – FLC 100
- ◆ Mature Adults – FLC 101
- ◆ Youth & Family – Black Box Theater (includes: HS Parents, MS Parents & Teens)
- ◆ EDGE – Auditorium
- ◆ Middle School – FLC 203, 204 & 208

New to North River? Last Class Today

Please join us for our last “New to North River” class **this morning** at 10:40am after the fellowship break in FLC 101. North River leadership will meet with anyone interested in learning more about the North River church and in becoming a member. This includes any who have relocated into the Atlanta area, transferred from a local sister congregation, or who have been visiting with us and attending our activities. Following the class today, there will be a luncheon for all attendees in the atrium. — Mike Johnson, New to North River Coordinator, mej2257@yahoo.com

Prayer Request

Kelly Brown's mother, Teddy, passed away on Saturday in Florida, after a long illness. Please keep Kelly, Tom and their whole family in your prayers this week.

Special Baptism and Happenings in the East Community

October has been an exciting and inspiring month for those of us in the East Community Group. On October 16, we had a worship service in the park with the Reese Family Group, and Jeff Reese shared a great lesson on God's grace and never writing us off when we mess up. Following the lesson, we had a chili cook off. Out of the seven entered, Darrin Elam had prepared the winning chili. We must thank the Atlows for being the judges.



Certainly, Monday night at about 7:30pm, October 31, was the highlight of the month. **Dave Pratt, Donna Lynn's father, was baptized into Christ at the Carmans' house.** Throughout Dave's journey, God has been working on Dave's character and dreaming of dwelling within his heart. Dave had been studying for about two months and knew there were some things he needed to do to complete his connection with God. About three weeks prior to his baptism, Dave was diagnosed with acute leukemia. His immune system has been so compromised during the treatment, hugs have been replaced with elbow touching. He has been unable to join us in our Bible talks or services but is in contact via live stream. Starting this week he will be in attendance at Bible talk via FaceTime. Everyone in our group has learned so much from his humble heart and a willingness to do whatever it took to be reconciled with God. He has been and will continue to be an inspiration to us all.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism... (Eph. 4:5)



The more I spend time in people's lives, the more I see how God uses the people who I am studying the Bible with to help me as well. **Spencer Taylor** has become a great friend to so many of us already in the campus ministry at KSU. He is a man who reaches across all different barrier lines and connects with so many different types of people. He has a strong desire to please God and do it what it takes even if it's difficult. It's been amazing to watch him fall in love with God. He is already committing Scriptures to memory to keep God near to him, and is already reaching out to his friends to help them grow too! This man is a world changer, and I'm grateful to be partners together and fight the same fight! — Tom McGuirk

When he transferred to Georgia Tech this semester, **Sam Youngblood** had been focused on working toward his Biomedical Engineering degree, but God had other plans. Sam was invited to look into the Scriptures, and he humbly accepted their truth and saw that he needed to make Jesus his Lord. He was eager to make changes in his life and to be “spurred on,” and his repentance has been an inspiration. Even through many difficulties this semester, he has fought to keep his focus on Christ and trust him. Sam's enthusiasm is contagious, and he is so excited about his new life with the Holy Spirit! As a professional and competitive (and very talented) sign spinner, Sam is used to drawing people to various businesses. Now he will be drawing people to Christ! He gave his life over to Jesus on November 1 and is now “Youngblood” indeed!



Brannon Rowan began seeking out God here at North River in his senior year with the Teen Ministry. At the end of his studies he felt that he was not ready, but God was not finished with him. As a freshman at the University of Southern California, he continued to study the Bible and on Wed., Nov. 2 at 11pm, Brannon was baptized into Christ. “*God determines the exact time and place for man to live, so that he can seek him out and perhaps find him.*” — Acts 17:26-27. His brother Bryce, a disciple, and many of his North River family were able to view the baptism with the aid of Facebook Live. We would like to thank so many of you here at North River for pouring your life out for Brannon, studying the Bible with him or praying for him. You helped lay the foundation for him. And a special thanks to the campus ministry at USC.



Women's Ministry

★ Young Moms' Group

Wed., 11/16, 10:00am: FLC

★ Tuesday Morning Bible Study

David: Seeking a Heart Like His — 10:00am: FLC 101

11/8: A Chance for Revenge

1 Sam. 24, Psalm 57 – Melanie Cicerchia

11/15: A Surly Man and a Smart Woman

1 Sam. 25 – Lois Schmitt

11/22: No Bible Study

Last 3 Weeks' Attendance and Contribution

DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
10/16/2016	1,073	\$39,800
10/23/2016	837	\$36,120
10/30/2016	1,012	\$41,058

Average Weekly Budget: \$40,000

Children's Ministry



November's Teacher of the Month: **Mark Hoffman**
There is lots to be thankful for in Mr. Mark. From loving the children with tough love and teaching the children with grace and mercy, Mark draws the 4th and 5th grade boys closer to God. Not only does he take the time to teach the children, he also makes sure to train the younger men teaching with him. Mr. Mark, THANK YOU for

giving to the kids now and the kids in the future. We are so grateful for you.



Sabona from South Africa!

To the North River church: 32 singles have spent this week in Diepsloot, a small town near Johannesburg. We have been working in preschools, or "crèches" as they are called here, with children up to 6 years old. These children love without abandon, constantly wanting to hold our hands and give us hugs. They overflow with joy despite the inconceivable conditions they live in. We are all learning so much about how to be like children like Jesus calls us to be in Matthew 18:3. We have done several home visits in the informal settlements and attended parent support groups as well, which were heart wrenching. As Americans, we think we understand what these slums are like based on photographs or documentaries or stories. In fact, as we walked through the dirt streets with tin shacks surrounding us, I was not at all surprised. However, when we met with families and heard their stories and looked into their eyes, the devastating poverty that is their reality was overwhelming, to say the least. We have been convicted and humbled, but most of all we feel gratitude. We are grateful for God's blessings and His love, grateful for the HOPE worldwide workers who sacrifice their time and give selflessly to the community of Diepsloot, and grateful to play a small part in this remarkable movement.

We are staying at a game lodge and are greeted every morning by zebras, giraffes, springboks, and peacocks. Lin Beaty Ottenweller even received a special hello from a pack of hungry monkeys on our first night! We visited an elephant sanctuary and a lion park. Tomorrow is our last day in the crèches, and we will miss the children dearly! We are visiting Soweto afterwards and have the chance to visit the home of Nelson Mandela. We will wrap up the week with a South African Singles Conference with attendees from all over the continent. Every member of this Singles Corps has been moved and changed by this experience. As we debrief throughout the week, we are already praying about how we can continue to serve this community.

We ask that you join us in prayer for the leaders of Diepsloot, for Dr. Marc Aguirre, for the crèche leaders, for the children and their parents, and for the churches in South Africa. Our devotionals this week have been all about Jesus and his ministry. He noticed and loved people who felt invisible and condemned. We pray that we can bring these lessons back and apply them wherever we go... and hopefully back to South Africa next year! Thank you for your love and support. — Maggie Garrell



One Family Group's Service to Others

The Anderson family group decided to seek out a way to show compassion to those in need, and Youth Villages was brought up. Youth Villages is located in Douglasville, Youth Villages helps children and families to live successfully. For boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 21, the group homes offer an environment that teaches independent living skills. There is also an intensive residential program for teenagers and a children's program for ages 5 to 12 to help those with serious emotional and behavioral problems. Looking at James 1:22, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." Youth Villages seems to be the place for us to serve.

Working with the Youth Villages' volunteer coordinator, we are now "Birthday Heroes." Once a month, we will host a birthday celebration for one of their homes, complete with decorations, games, and cake and ice cream. Our first party took place on Saturday, October 29, for elementary-aged children. One boy's reaction when he saw the decorations was, "Whoa!" and he stood, frozen, taking in the transformation of the lobby.

Playing the games drew out their excitement! Nothing fancy — just fun and simple games like Simon says, spoon relay, crazy socks (children were to put on as many socks on their foot as possible during the given time), and hot potato. They loved the adults' participation! Games were followed with cake and ice cream, and the time flew by!

We wish we could include pictures of the kids, but we cannot. Some children are placed there for their own safety; no pictures can be taken or published. We will remember and cherish each smile, the laughter, the excitement and thrill the children showed because we were there. Please consider getting your family group involved as "Birthday Heroes." In being "Birthday Heroes" we are honoring God and making a difference in the lives of children.



Youth & Family Ministry Corner

Middle School Ministry Fall Schedule:

- 11/11-13: Father/Son Retreat at The Swamp
- 11/19: MS Guys' Night/Bonfire & Devo at Kodinskys', 6:30pm
- 11/20: God's Girls 2:00-5:00pm (Location TBA)

High School Ministry Events for November:

- 11/9: Potluck, 6:30pm in Teen Café AND HS Parent & Student Midweek, 7:30pm in Black Box with Douglas Jacoby speaking!
- 11/11: Service Project
- 11/20: HS Worship Service at 10:00am in FLC 100

Midweek Parenting Series:

All classes in FLC 201

- 11/9: "Parents – The Pride of Their Children" (Prov. 17:6) – Dr. Douglas Jacoby
- 11/16 & 30: Family Groups

Let Us Pray...

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved. - 1 Timothy 2:1-4a

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Daylight Savings Ends 10a Worship 10:40 New to NR – FLC 101 12p New2NR Luncheon 12:30p FPU – Adult Room 5p EDGE Service & Dinner w/Bridge Pointe – Auditorium & Atrium Nashville, TN	7 Rome, GA	8 10a Women's Bible Study – FLC 101 7:30p TNL Coastal Carolina	9 6:30p HS Potluck – TB 7:30p Midweek by Ministry 7:30p All Intown Midweek – Emory Athens, GA	10 ACOC @ Gwinnett	11 Veteran's Day Father/Son Retreat 7:30p All Marrieds Devo – TBD 7:30p Campus & Teen Devo – FLC 100 Birmingham, AL	12 Father/Son Retreat Augusta, GA
13 Father/Son Retreat 10a Worship 5p Campus Service 6:30p Campus Supper Asheville, NC	14 Savannah, GA	15 10a Women's Bible Study – FLC 101 7:30p TNL Knoxville, TN	16 10a Moms' Group – FLC Family Groups Intown/HC/FG Midweek Jackson, MS	17 AIM/ASOM – Jacobys' Home Bridge Pointe	18 AIM/ASOM – FLC 100 Campus House Church Thanksgiving Potluck Wilmington, NC	19 AIM/ASOM – FLC 100 Ministry Training Program (MTP) Fayetteville, NC
20 Welcome Home Sunday Intown HC Services 10a HS Ministry Service – FLC 100 5p EDGE Worship – Aud. / Potluck – Atrium Columbia, SC	21 7:30p Intown FGL Meeting Memphis, TN	22 No Women's Bible Study 7:30p GT TNL Huntsville, AL	23 No Midweek Charlotte, NC	24 Thanksgiving Clemson, SC	25 YES! Coat Drive Charleston, SC	26 Triangle, NC

Mission Opportunity



The ATCC will be in the house!! **The Auburn Tuskegee Christian Church will be worshipping at North River next Sunday, November 13.** They are excited to come fellowship with all of their NR friends, and share what God has been doing in Auburn, Tuskegee, Columbus (GA), Montgomery and Enterprise.

Is it on your heart to make an impact for God in a greater way? Would you consider moving some place where you are really needed? The Auburn Tuskegee Christian Church has a growing need for workers.

Nine years ago, the North River congregation planted the ATCC. Since then, the ATCC has baptized over 60 people, increasing numerically and regionally. But the church is at a point where it could really use an infusion of disciples who can help with the mission and the infrastructure.

There will be a meeting after church on November 13 for those who would like to consider helping the ATCC in some way. The need is for campus, singles, marrieds, and empty nesters — in short, YOU! More details will be announced at the Sunday service.

There's More Newsletter Online! To view the extended version go to: nrcoc.org and click on "latest news"

Upcoming Events of Note...

- Nov. 6:** New to North River Class & Luncheon
- Nov. 11-13:** Father/Son Retreat at The Swamp
- Nov. 25:** YES! Black Friday Coat Event
- Dec. 4:** "Screenagers" 2:00pm, Auditorium
- Dec. 14:** YES! Winter Food Drive Donations Due
- Feb. 10-12:** YF Marriage Retreat, Chattanooga

YES! Drives

❖ **Calling All Coats:** The YES! Program is collecting clean coats, scarves, gloves and warm hats to be distributed at our Black Friday Coat Event on November 25. Donations are welcomed now through **November 23** in the donation closet in the foyer. 

❖ **Winter Food Drive:** Our annual Winter Break food drive is underway, supporting families identified by the Marietta City Schools social workers. Our goal is to collect 1,000 lbs. of food for families to eat for the two weeks children have no school, which is where they are typically given breakfast and lunch. Non-perishable breakfast and lunch items (Cheerios, oatmeal, boxed milk, mac 'n cheese, etc.) can be left in the donation closet in the foyer until **December 14**. Thank you, North River, for all your generous efforts to love our neighbors! The impact is certainly felt. 

LIVING & GIVING COMPASSIONATELY
NORTH RIVER MARIETTA
2016 FALL SCHEDULE

*Sermons***Sunday**

9/11	Jonah 1
9/18	Jonah 2
9/25	Jonah 3-4
10/2	James 1:26-2:13
10/9	James 3:13-18
10/16	James 4:1-10
10/23	James 4:13-5:6
10/30	Jesus in Matthew
11/6	Jesus in Mark
11/13	Jesus in Luke
11/20	Jesus in John
11/27	Jesus in Paul

*Midweeks***Wednesday**

9/14	Aud	Jonah among the Minor Prophets
9/21	FG	Discussion on Life of Jonah**
9/28	FG	Discussion: Conviction of Jonah***
10/5	LS	James class 1+
10/12	LS	James class 2++
10/19	FG	Discussion: 10/16 sermon
10/26	FG	Discussion: 10/23 sermon
11/2	LS	Discussion: The Life of Christ^^^
11/9	LS	Discussion: Jesus - The Evidence #
11/16	FG	Discussion: Christ through the Ages ##
11/23	-	No Midweek (Day before Thanksgiving)
11/30	FG	Summary Discussion

LS = Life Stage classes
 FG = Adult Family Groups in homes

- ** Resource: www.douglasjacoby.com/ot52-jonahmp3/ – 25 minutes
- *** Discussion on Jonah, informed by the quote from Abraham Heschel, with sample questions (below)
- + Instructor: Base class on chapters 1-3 of *James, Peter, John, Jude* (available in NR book area)
- ++ Instructor: Base class on chapters 4-6 of *James, Peter, John, Jude*
- ^^^ Resource: www.douglasjacoby.com/jesusmp3/ as a group – 40 minutes. Discussion.
- # Resource: www.douglasjacoby.com/jesus-historical-evidence/ as a group – 34 minutes. Discussion.
- ## Listen to any 1 lesson from www.douglasjacoby.com/category/podcasts/christ-through-the-ages/. Discussion.

*“To a person endowed with prophetic sight, everyone else appears blind; to a person whose ear perceives God's voice, everyone else appears deaf. No one is just; no knowing is strong enough, no trust complete enough. The prophet hates the approximate, he shuns the middle of the road. Man must live on the summit to avoid the abyss. There is nothing to hold to except God. Carried away by the challenge, the demand to straighten out man's ways, the prophet is strange, one-sided, an unbearable extremist.” – Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Prophets**

- Q1: How many times have you read Jonah? What are you learning? What's most helpful for your own life and ministry?
- Q2: What challenges does the Lord give us through the prophets (besides the importance of compassion and mercy)?
- Q3: How do you feel about the conviction expressed by Heschel? Agree/disagree? Fair? Too much? Just right?

**AIM Christian Evidences
October 2016-January 2017**

The next scheduled AIM sessions will be AIM CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES held in two sessions beginning with Session I from Oct. 1*-Nov. 20, 2016 in Atlanta, followed by Session II from Nov. 21, 2016-Jan. 2017. (*Note: You can still participate in the current session.)

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.” — 1 Peter 3:15-16

This course introduces the student to Christian evidences, from the Creation/Evolution debate to Archaeology to Theodicy (the problem of suffering) and much more! You will learn how to put together convincing presentations for unbelievers and make apologetics a part of your own personal ministry. (Also valuable in campus and teen ministries.)

Goal of the Course: Exposure to the major areas of Christian apologetics, with mastery of basic evidences arguments, to equip the student to defend his or her faith and make a strong case for Christianity.

Register here at: <https://www.athensinstitute.org> in the Featured Courses Section on the right side of the home page.

**North River’s Hospital Visitation Ministry
H.E.A.R.T.S.**



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. — Rom. 12:12

If you have information about anyone who has been admitted to a hospital, or is sick at home, who would like encouragement, contact H.E.A.R.T.S. and we can make arrangements for a visit or delivery of any needed items.

For needs or to volunteer, contact Rick Gibbons at rgibb2015@gmail.com or 678-614-1764. Also, we are always looking for brothers and sisters to serve. Thank you!

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Please be sure to send any requests to this address: newsletter@nrcoc.com. Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time! We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly.

The weekly deadline is Wednesday at 10:00pm. Announcements or requests received after the deadline will be included if possible, but to ensure your item is included, please be sure to send your request prior to 10:00pm Wednesday to newsletter@nrcoc.com. Thanks, the NL Team

Need a Room? Part of a Building?

To reserve any spot on the North River campus, please go to [nrcoc.com/Resources/Facility Request](http://nrcoc.com/Resources/FacilityRequest) (<http://nrcoc.org/facility-request/>). Fill out required info and submit.

If you want to see what spots are available on the date you want, check out the ‘Facilities Calendar’ under the same tab.

Specific questions? Email sandyanjilivelil@nrcoc.com

Parking Volunteers Needed

The North River Church is very much in need of parking volunteers to serve for a three-month rotation for fall, winter, spring or summer (see details below). If interested, please contact Kirk Glazer at 404-276-0669 or hunnykirk@gmail.com; or you may go to nrcoc.org, select “Volunteers” and fill out the form (selecting parking as your desired choice of activity).



Here is a summary of volunteer expectations. They are slightly different for each role but the first part is typical of all volunteers:

Parking volunteers are expected to be at the church building ready to serve at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will be stationed outside and must be willing to serve in all possible weather conditions. Volunteers will need to be courteous, responsible, attentive, and assertive. Their rotation will last for three months at a time, but will only be serving approximately every other week. Substitutes are available given a reasonable amount of advance notice. Specific volunteering positions include:



Crosswalk: Volunteers will serve on Sundays from 9:30-10:15am as well as for approximately 30 minutes after service ends. Volunteers will be stationed at the crosswalks to assist people in crossing the driveway to the parking lot. Volunteers at the crosswalk near the FLC will also serve during the fellowship break.

Traffic Control: Volunteers will serve on Sundays from 9:30-10:15am at the main entrance, directing members and visitors to available parking spaces, as well as providing information on the location of breakout services.

Shuttle: Volunteers will drive a rented van to and from the White Water parking lot on Sundays before service from 9:30-10:15am, and for approximately 30 minutes after service has ended. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age with a clean driving record.

Midweek: Volunteers will serve on Wednesdays from 7:15-7:45pm as well as for approximately 30 minutes after service ends. Volunteers will be stationed at the crosswalks to assist people in crossing the driveway to the parking lot.

Where in the World is... DOUGLAS JACOBY?



2016	
19 November	Profundiza: The Forbidden Books of Christianity
30 November	Denver, Reasonable Faith
1-3 December	Rocky Mountain School of Ministry and Theology
4 December	Denver Church of Christ - Sermon
12-19 December	Santa Cruz, Cochabamba & La Paz, Bolivia

2017 Biblical Study Tour, 24-31 July, 2017

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED For those who love the Scriptures, the Biblical Study Tour opens a panorama of history and imagination. The **BST** takes us to numerous places of biblical significance (for both testaments), and can literally change the way we read God's Word. Tour leaders: Drs. Douglas Jacoby (Atlanta) & Steve Kinnard (New York). There's a lot of talk about *doing* what Jesus would *do* (WWJD?), but how about *walking* where Jesus walked? We would like to invite you to join our 2017 annual tour -- as we return to Israel.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE TOUR Your faith will be strengthened. You will no longer have to only *imagine* what the biblical world looks like; now you can *remember!*

The fellowship is invigorating. Make new friends from around the globe. Your heart will fill with memories to last you the rest of your life. The Bible will come to life, revealing a new dimension, as you better your grasp of history, geography, archaeology, and the movement of the biblical story. Equipped with a more solid understanding of scripture, your confidence in talking to others will grow. You've thought about these locations for years; now's your chance to *experience* them — or to experience them anew, if this will be a return visit.

Sites: Includes most or all of the following: prayer in Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Garden Tomb, visit to Herodion (tomb of Herod the Great), Bethlehem, Jordan River, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, Warren's Shaft, Western Wall Tunnel, Temple Mount, Holy Sepulchre, Israel Museum/Dead Sea Scrolls, Armageddon, Dan, Maritime Caesarea, Hazor, Decapolis, Qumran/Dead Sea Caves, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Bethsaida, Masada, underground tunnels of Jerusalem, and more! [Complete provisional itinerary.](#)

Dates: The tour is **24-31 July**. We begin with dinner in Tel Aviv on the evening of 24 July, and the closing banquet is in Jerusalem on the 30th — you'll stay that night and fly out sometime on the 31st. If you're flying through the night, you will leave home on the 23rd to land on the 24th. Breakfast on the 31st is included; return home anytime that day.



Post-tour: There will also be an option to extend for 3 days, in order to experience several sites we are unable to hit in the main (7-day) itinerary. Est. price \$850. Details forthcoming...

Who may come? The tour is open to everybody, believers and seekers alike. Children age 12 and above are also welcome, provided they are mature enough to appreciate the sights. College students, check with your university to see if this trip can count for course credit. There is a fair amount of walking around the various sites, including hilly terrain, so *at least* average fitness is desirable, and good walking shoes are a must.

Price: The price for the BST is just **\$1750**. Includes hotel, all breakfasts and dinners, admission fees to sites, tips, porters' fees, transportation by private coach, and airport transfers. All you need to bring with you is money for lunches and gifts. **Payment in full is due 1 March**. If you have not paid *in full* by 1 March, the deposit will be forfeited (even if you have paid in part) and your space will be given to someone on the waiting list. (Sorry, no exceptions.) Price based on *double-occupancy* in hotel rooms. **If you're coming alone**, or would prefer a single room, there is a **\$490** single room supplement. If you prefer a roommate, we will do what we can to connect you with another tour member coming alone — but we cannot promise. After the final payment deadline, room changes cannot be guaranteed.

Early payment discount: Those who *pay in full* by 1 December 2016 will receive a \$90 discount (\$180/couple) -- thus \$1660/person.

Hotels: Our hotels are in Tel Aviv (first night only), Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem. Category: European 4-star. Price based on double-occupancy. What better (advance) family Christmas present than a trip to the Holy Land?

Tel Aviv, 24-25 Jul - [Leonardo Beach Hotel](#)

Tiberias, 25-27 Jul - [Caesar Hotel](#)

Jerusalem, 27-31 Jul - [Grand Court Jerusalem](#)

Payment: Payment is most easily made by check (U.S. and U.K. citizens, but can also be made by credit or debit card, PayPal, money order, or bank wire. You can send a check made



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Deposit: A deposit of **\$200** is due by **15 January 2017**.

Cancellation policy: You can view the cancellation policy [here](#).

Total registered for 2017 tour Registration = deposit paid. At present 23 have registered, with over 100 more on the interest list.

Information required: Everyone on the BST will need to send the following details:

- Full legal name (as it appears on your passport)
- The (first) name you would like to appear on your name badge.
- Your nationality
- Passport number
- Passport expiration date
- Your birth day, month, and year

Getting there: Fly into Tel Aviv (airport code TLV). While you are responsible for getting yourself to Israel, our agents will meet you at the airport on the 24th and take you to our hotel. They will also drive you from Jerusalem back to the airport at the end of the tour (31st).

Extra days: If you want to arrive early (on the 23rd or before) or leave later (1 August onward), that is fine. Our agents can help you, or you can book your own hotel for those *extra* days. Sorry, airport runs are included only for the 24th and 31st, although the agents will be happy to work something out (extra cost).

Flights: Airfare is *not* included — mainly because participants draw from so many different countries.

Communication: Communication will be made through email. If you would like to join Vicki and me on the tour, please send an [email](#). Let me know how you will pay your deposit (see above). I will then contact you personally. Once you're in the system, updates will be sent to you periodically.

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