

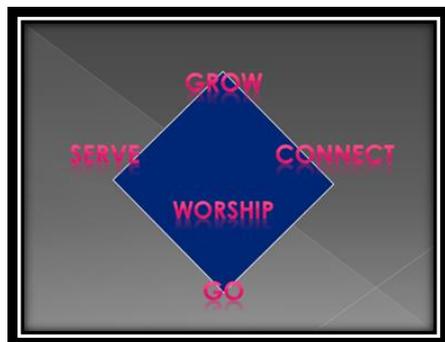
Thanks for your prayers for me as I finish my semi-annual sermon preparation retreat at Skycroft. It's been a profitable time—more so even than I'd hoped for!

My goal on these retreats is generally to try to discern the trajectory of my preaching for the next six months, and I've actually been able to put together a tentative plan through the end of 2015. I've *never* been able to do such a thing before . . . *you must be really good pray-ers!!*

While my sermon plan can change, and often does, having a general plan in mind helps me be more efficient and effective in preparation week by week. I've included the sermon titles through the end of this year so you can better discern what weeks might be best for those friends you've been thinking about inviting! The sermon titles are in italics in the right-hand column. The other information provides some context for the topics.

CBF SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING SCHEDULE

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| October 27 | <i>Demons, Demons, Everywhere</i> (for All Hallows Eve) |
| November 3 Lord's Supper TIME CHANGE | <i>Jesus . . . on Gratitude</i> DEBBIE'S LAST SUNDAY Thanks for Giving Dinner in the evening |
| November 10 Veterans' Day | <i>Thinking Clearly about Heaven</i> |
| November 17 | <i>Thinking Clearly about Hell</i> |
| November 24 THANKSGIVING | <i>The Way of Jesus: Giving Thanks</i> |
| December 1 ADVENT I | <i>Before Bethlehem</i> (part 1) Lord's Supper Annual Business Meeting in the evening |
| December 8 ADVENT II | <i>Before Bethlehem</i> (part 2) |
| December 15 ADVENT III Winter Begins | CHRISTmas Music |
| December 22 ADVENT IV | <i>How God Speaks to Us</i> |
| December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE | <i>Remembering the BB & B</i> |
| January 5, 2014 Lord's Supper | <i>A Clean Slate</i> |



Working on the preaching schedule took up almost all of yesterday. Today, I've spent all day working on creating publishable versions of our CLASS 101, parts one and two. Even as the idea for our "baseball diamond" of WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW, SERVE and GO came from Rick Warren, so, too, the idea of preparing classes 101, 201, 301 and 401 comes from him as well.

The classes go with each of the “bases,” such that CLASS 101 provides the basic introduction for **CONNECT**ing, or “First Base.” CLASS 201 provides the basic introduction for **GROW**ing, or “Second Base.” CLASS 301 provides the basic introduction for **SERV**ing, or “Third Base”; and CLASS 401 provides the basic introduction for **GO**ing, or “Home Plate.”

The CBF version of CLASS 101 has been in production for most of this year, and has gone through six versions with feedback from many members and all of our main leadership groups. The goal all along has been to provide teaching resources not just for persons considering becoming a part of CBF but also to benefit every person already a part of CBF (*that means YOU!*).

It will be important for every CBFer to know the content of these videos as they are produced and published, and I’m happy to report that at long last, CLASS 101 has been posted to www.rightnow.org/Media this evening. In fact, you should have already received an email notice that the two videos have been uploaded and are available for your viewing pleasure!

I will not trouble you with a recounting of how much money and time I’ve spent trying to learn how to produce these so that you could watch them, but it’s been A LOT. I’ve been working on this all year long, and I had to record them . . . again . . . about ten times today before it finally worked . . . *so please watch them* ☺.

The plan is to go through a similar process with CLASS 201 next year, CLASS 301 in 2015, and finally CLASS 401 in 2016, although I hope I’ll get better—and faster—at this as time goes on. Here’s a big THANK YOU to the many of you who have provided encouragement and feedback on this project this year! And now I think I’ll read more of Randy Alcorn’s *Heaven* before bed

See you tomorrow!

Dave



21:16 mins

▶ CLASS 101, PART 1

This video provides a brief history of CBF, our mission, motto, covenant, and staff. It also provides a summary of what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a Baptist.



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▶ CLASS 101, PART 2

This video tells how CBF is organized, and why; how membership works at CBF; gives an introduction to spiritual gifts; and provides a few ideas about finding your place at CBF.