



# A Call To The GARDEN

**When It's Bitter**

1.12.25  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

## WORSHIP ORDER

\*\*Please stand as you are able

**Prelude** **Dr. Young Kwon Whiting**

**Welcome** **Rev. Steve Brooks**

### Jesus Creed & Time of Meditation

“Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one;  
You shall  
Love the LORD your God  
With all your heart,  
And with all your soul,  
And with all your mind,  
And with all your strength.”  
The second is this:  
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”  
There is no commandment greater than these.

**Choral Call to Worship**  
*Be Still and Know*

**Chancel Choir**

**Hymn of Praise**  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**Congregation**  
*Hymnal 91*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**  
*The Apostles’ Creed*

**Kara Harris**  
*Hymnal 691*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*\*The word “catholic” used in the Apostles’ Creed refers to the essential unity or wholeness of the Christian church throughout all places and time. The earliest historical evidence for this early statement of faith, used widely by many Christian denominations, is 390AD.*

**\*Gloria Patri** *Hymnal 33*

**Registration of Attendance** **Kara Harris**

**Announcements**



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ATTENDANCE  
REGISTRATION  
FOR MEMBERS &  
FREQUENT VISITORS

INTERESTED  
IN BECOMING  
A FOLLOWER  
OF JESUS OR  
JOINING OUR  
CHURCH?

REGISTRATION FOR  
**FIRST TIME  
GUESTS**



PRAYER REQUEST



TOWER TIMES  
ARCHIVES

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CHURCH-WIDE EMAILS



**SYMPATHIES**



Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer	Hymnal 700
Offering/Offertory <i>Goodness of God</i>	Chancel Choir <i>soloist, Christian Shedwin</i>
*Doxology	Hymnal 682
Hymn of Preparation <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Congregation <i>Hymnal 340</i>
Scripture Reading <a href="#">Exodus 15:22-27</a>	Kara Harris
Sermon <i>Sermon Title: When It’s Bitter...</i>	Rev. Steve Brooks
Hymn of Response <i>Trust and Obey</i>	Congregation <i>Hymnal 334</i>
*Mantra and Benediction	Rev. Steve Brooks
Postlude	Dr. Young Kwon Whiting

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers are given in loving memory of my parents, Beatrice and John Bradley, and my brothers, John Jr. and Tommy Bradley, by Susie Burnet and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Tribe of  
**BENJAMIN**

Mentors:  
Cade & Zane Walton and Ava Claire Dolan

John Davis McClure	Ella Hooper
Cole Pabody	Quinn Walters
Aubrey Garza	Kennedy Bishop

Confirmation Tribe of  
**JUDAH**

Mentors:  
Bart & Laurie Wolf and Mary Brown

Laley Wood	Callen George
Ellis McClure	Landry Creswell
Jace Thomas	Luke Hadcock



Confirmation Tribe of

# LEVI

## Mentors:

Ken Rowland, Becca Williams & Alayna Brooks

Gram Boyles  
Liam Hodges  
Rylee Calhoun

Addison Hooper  
Maggie Beninati  
TK Omen

Easton Lissner



# DADDY *Daughter* DANCE

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

First Methodist Atrium

For dads and daughters of **ALL** ages  
(refreshments will be served)



Scan to register



# Open Flower Dates

Do you have a special date you would  
like to honor, memorialize or celebrate  
someone with Sanctuary flowers?

## You can!

Contact **Jann Bash** at  
[jbash@vcbash.com](mailto:jbash@vcbash.com) or text **432-559-5811**

# BURNET VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Opportunities for the **24-25** school year to  
significantly impact the students, parents and  
staff at **Burnet Elementary**



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Questions? Contact Pastor Melissa at [melissashuler@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:melissashuler@firstmethodistmidland.com)





# KIDS' CHOIRS AND CLASS GUITAR

- 4-4:50 pm Angel Choir (Room 227)
- 4-4:50 pm Kids Choir (Choir Room)
- 4-4:50 pm 6th-12th grade guitar (Ensemble Room)
- 5-5:50 pm 4th+5th grade guitar (Ensemble Room)
- 5-5:50 pm Celebration Singers Youth Choir (Choir Room)



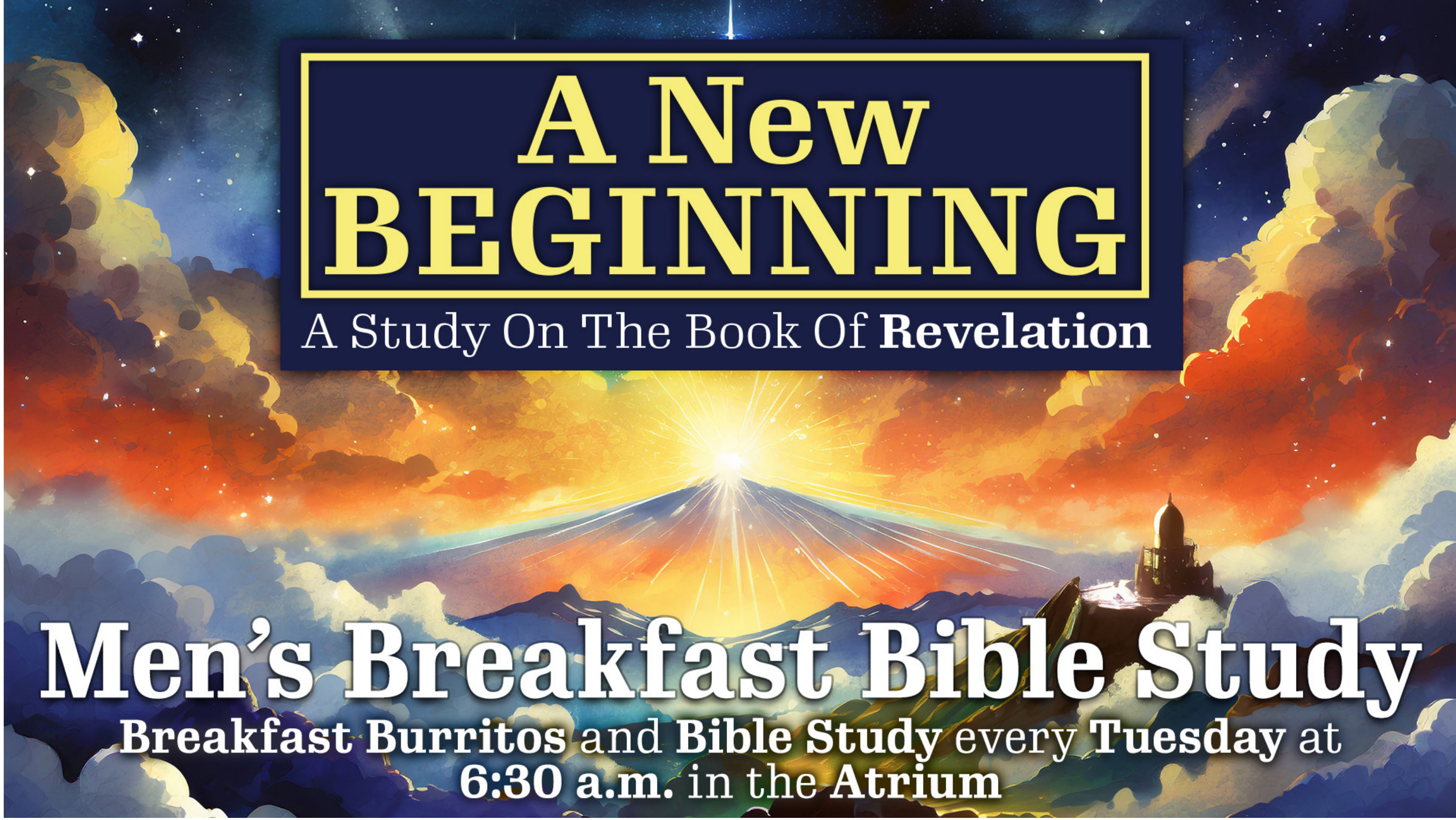
For more information email [bethgarza@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:bethgarza@firstmethodistmidland.com)

# A New BEGINNING

A Study On The Book Of Revelation

## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Breakfast Burritos and Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in the Atrium



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

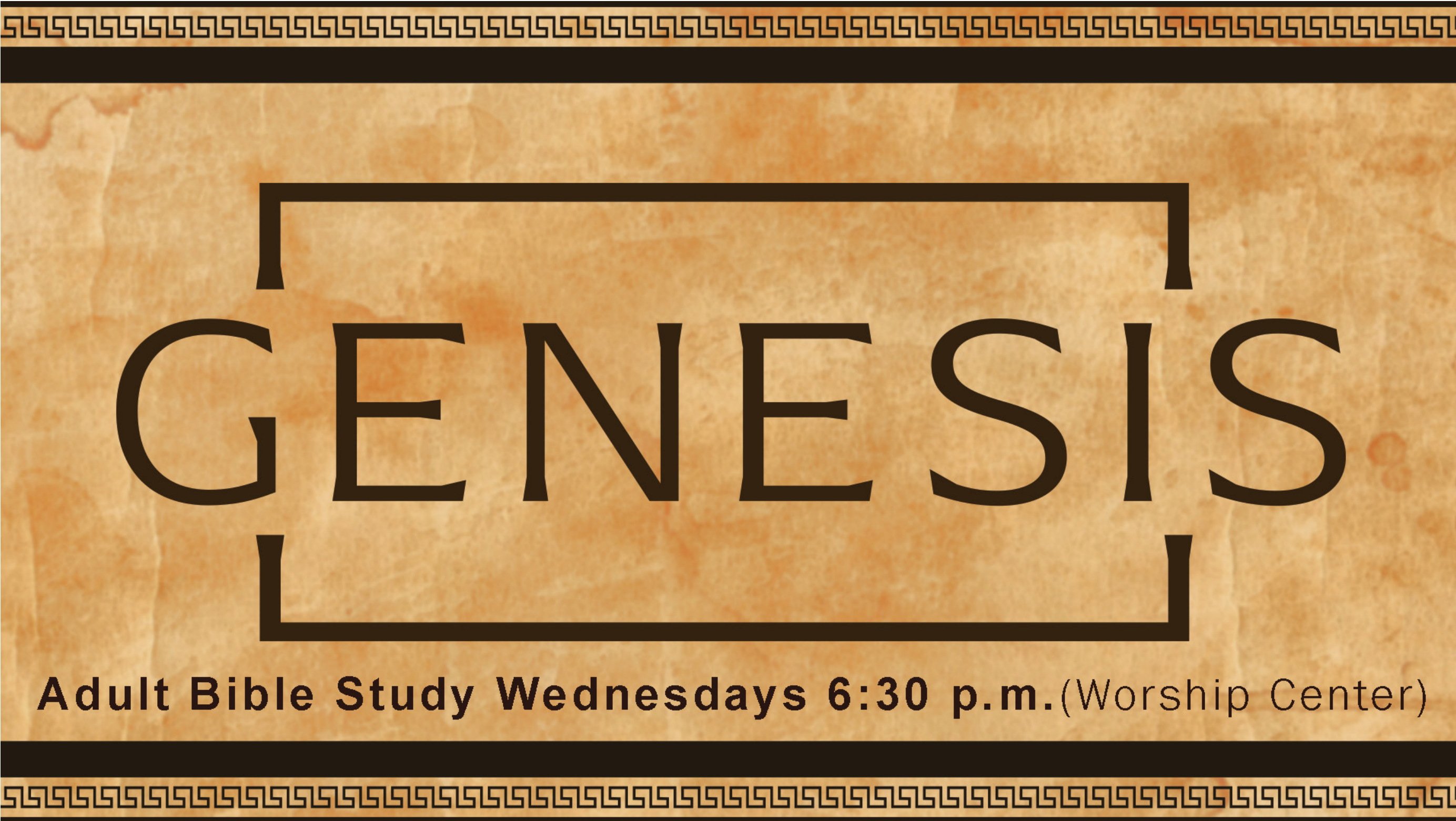
5:15 PM	<b>Vespers</b> Chapel
5:30 PM	<b>Wednesday Night Meal</b> Atrium
6:15 PM	<b>Kids Program</b> Gym
6:30 PM	<b>Youth Discipleship Groups</b> Basement
6:30 PM	<b>Genesis Bible Study</b> Worship Center
6:30 PM	<b>Methodist Covenant Groups/ Apprentice Group</b>
7:15 PM	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> Choir Room

Menu: Hamburgers and Pudding



# GENESIS

Adult Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.(Worship Center)





# METHODIST COVENANT GROUPS

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

**Sundays at 5:00 p.m.**

Childcare available for all sessions



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INFORMATION

**"WATCHING OVER ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE" ~JOHN WESLEY**



## Foundation

### **Kids and Youth Volunteers Needed!**

Are you interested in helping serve in one of our  
**kids** or **youth** programs?

**Click to see how you can help!**

**DOWNTOWN  
PICKLE  
BALL  
LEAGUE**

**5:00 p.m. Sunday Open Play**

## Senior Fitness

**Mondays and Fridays 10-11 AM In Room 204**

Register on the church website, by calling the church office, or  
contact Julie Cole at (432) 352-2359





CelebrateRecovery®

**Tuesday Evenings  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Worship Center**

A Christian based 12-step program where God heals those with hurts, habits, and hang-ups. For more information, contact Wade Cobb at [wadecobb@firstmethodistmidland.com](mailto:wadecobb@firstmethodistmidland.com).

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**STEP 3.**

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**STEP 4.**

**Save the number for easy future giving**