

ENGLISH LAKE BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-July 24 2015



To the end of all learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love and imitate Him.
-John Milton

Knowledge is vain and fruitless which is not reduced to practice.
-Matthew Henry

There are two great days in a person's life...the day we are born and the day we discover why.
-William Barclay

English Lake Bible School

Welcome,

Several times over the last year I have heard the phrase “if you’re not growing, you’re dying”. My first reaction to these words was to cringe inwardly, hide my disdain, subtly roll my eyes, and downplay the challenge and depth of this statement. I wouldn’t let it ruminate in my mind for too long, because it made me uncomfortable. Often times I don’t want to grow, because growth can be hard (growing pains are a real physiological thing, even though there is no firmly linked evidence for the source of pain, there is consensus that they are real, and it seems like something similar happens in spiritual growth). When life is good (or sometimes even when it’s not) I find myself thinking, *'I don't want to change one thing--in fact I'll just stop where I am now and stay right here forever'*. We feel safe, and we’re comfortable, but is that really what we want? This one small statement has become an incessant thought in my mind and heart, causing me to believe that God is wanting to get a point across to me; I have to keep growing, moving, learning, seeking, expanding, loving, or I am actually withering away.

Last spring my sister and I visited a lake with a sandbar that you could walk along for miles and miles. It is a well-known spot, and people flock there in the summertime to enjoy the shallow, clear, warm water. I was reminded of this during Bible school this last summer; I could see myself walking out in the sandbar, and I was looking towards the open water in the distance, but I had no interest in going any further. I was enjoying the calm and ease of the sandbar, but then it was like God said "come, there are much deeper waters--I want to take you deeper". **He wants to take us deeper.** I am continuing to be challenged to not spend my life wading around ankle deep in shallow waters, ignoring the call to go deeper. This is anything but safe; it's dangerous, it's exciting, it's awkward, it's hard, but it's this kind of growth that produces real life.

Although this can be scary, I am so thankful that we aren't left wandering around in ease or complacency. We've been invited into something so much better, and if our hearts are set on adventure with Jesus, then we cannot simply exist in the comfort of the ordinary world. We cannot wade around in the sandbar, ignoring the call to go deeper—to grow. I'm so glad that we are invited into another reality—one where Jesus is King, and we are his Bride, beautiful and holy, made perfect in his great love.

At the very beginning of last year's bible school the group was given a challenge by one of the speakers: "I want to stand before God sweaty, tired, and broke because I invested my life and resources in the kingdom of God and for the benefit of others". **There is work to do.** I promise you will grow, and there will be life. I hope you consider coming along for the adventure of this year's school. We are so excited for all that God has done in the past, is doing right now, and is going to do in the future!

Katie Hauer



On how

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action...



R. C. Sproul once alluded to the fact that anytime we talk about following Jesus and loving God **we are 'doing' theology**. This is what Matthew Henry was expressing in the quote cited on the opening page: "Knowledge is vain and fruitless which is not reduced to practice." Or to put this another way: **gaining knowledge of God is not a vain or fruitless effort when it works out into our daily living.** The book of Proverbs calls this wisdom and connects it with the fear of the LORD.

This acquisition of knowledge is *costly*. It takes *effort*. It is *intentional*. This summer we will ask some of you to make this kind of intentional effort to build theological foundations into your lives. You will have many opportunities to live out what you are building in.

In the classroom you will be asked to *engage* and *interact* with the words of Scripture. This will require **thinking**, and **wrestling** with what the text means and **how it challenges you to change**. Through the Life Practices you will be asked to apply what you are learning. We want to push you to grapple with a **practical and real application of a life of faith**. Some of this may be *frustrating* and *difficult*, but our prayer is that it results in lasting **fruitfulness** and **faithfulness** in your life and for the body of Christ.

We are reflective creatures by nature. It's how God made us. But we are created to reflect His *character*, His *nature* and His *ways*; **not only by thinking about it but also by living it.** *That means we must know Him*, and this requires *thinking* about Him and *interacting* with Him. A non-reflective life is easy but futile, and **we were created for more**. We were created in His image in order that we might become sons and daughters who truly represent what He truly is. This summer's Bible School will be a chance to *reflect* and to *practice* living **this** life in Christ; not easy, but **definitely worth it**.

Steve Lucas



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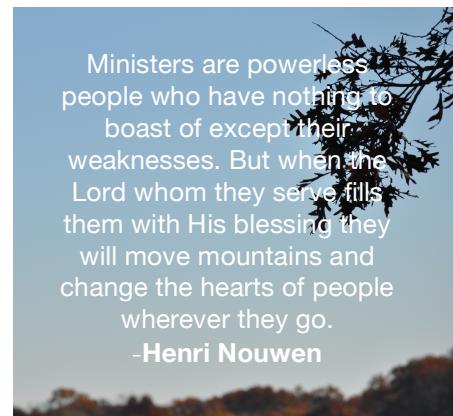
The Christian leaders of the future have to be theologians, persons who know the heart of God and are trained - through prayer, study, and careful analysis - to manifest the divine event of God's saving work in the midst of the many seemingly random events of their time.

-Henri Nouwen



Ministers are powerless people who have nothing to boast of except their weaknesses. But when the Lord whom they serve fills them with His blessing they will move mountains and change the hearts of people wherever they go.

-Henri Nouwen



On Being Led by the Spirit

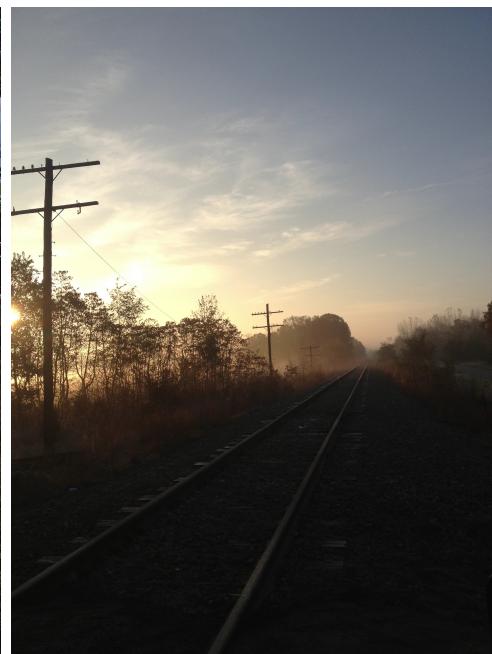
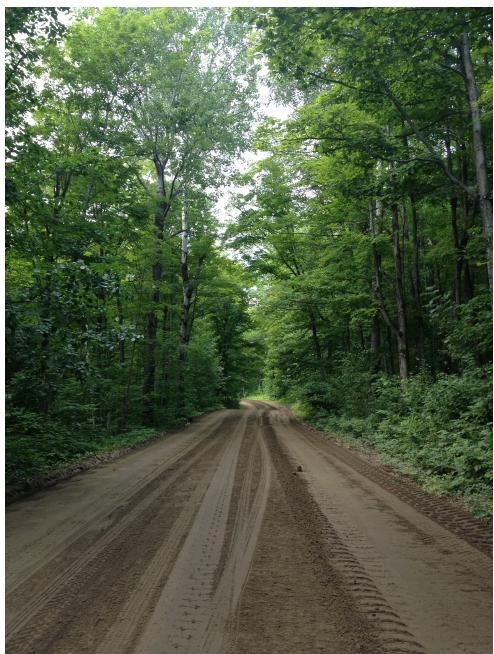
The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them. Romans 8:14

This very clear and challenging verse declares who God's true offspring are. They are those who allow God's Holy Spirit to *lay hold of them!* They allow God's Spirit to live His heart into them. It is a willful posture of allowing His transforming power to work into them. They also allow God's Spirit to live His heart through them. This is a willful posture of allowing His transforming power to work through them. It is not enough for us to have the Spirit; *the Spirit must have us!* Only then can He share with us the fruitful and fascinating purpose He has planned for us! As the Message translates this verse:

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

I am excited beyond measure about God's people, young and old, desperately attempting to listen to the Spirit and allow Him to direct their lives. If we can just continue to encourage and challenge one another forward in this way, we will see break through in our lives, in the church, in our communities, in our country and in the world. I believe and pray that this summer will be exactly that for the Bible School students; God's transforming power working to a greater degree in and through us.

In Him,
Art Good



Life Practices

We believe transformation will happen outside of the classroom, not just in it. It is our belief that knowledge must be put into practice and our lives must be rearranged to revolve around Christ and community in order for effective and lasting life changes to occur. There are several modes through which we encourage this for Bible school students throughout the summer:



COMMUNITY LIFE

Community life is central to bible school, and we encourage students to spend time eating, praying, studying, processing, having fun, etc., with one another. We are to call one another up through relationship with one another, and encourage the larger body and others to see what God is doing, and join in!

COMMUNITY MEALS

Eating as a family with Bible School cohorts and community members at least 3 times a week is something that we practice throughout the summer. This is an important time of fellowship and relationship building.

SEMINARS

Throughout the summer students will meet in groups of 5-7 in pre-scheduled time slots to discuss assigned topics, readings, etc. Seminars encourage students to extend their knowledge through further reading and research; to apply, clarify, and test understanding. Seminars will also serve as good vehicles to practice communication in a group setting. These will be led by students, and will depend on independent study and reflection.

MENTORING

Students will meet with a discipleship mentor consistently, and have someone of wisdom speak freely into their life. Mentors will come alongside students in a personal way with the goal of encouraging, challenging, and to see the gifts of God be released in individuals.

TEACHING & PREACHING

Students will be given the opportunity to teach or preach in various settings. This will assist students in getting a better handle on the skill of sharing with a larger group, and push students to learn how to study the word in a deeper way. You will be meeting with Bible School leaders before teaching/preaching in order to prepare and receive guidance.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Students are expected to spend 1 1/2 - 3 hours daily in activities such as prayer, worship, meditating on scripture, study, silence, journaling, etc. This is meant to be stretching and allow for spiritual growth, and to establish rhythms of life that will become a part of your daily life.



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are established among students for the purpose of encouragement, accountability, and a safe environment for honesty and growth.



Bible School Teachers



Shane Good

Shane lives in North Judson, Indiana where he was born and raised. He is one of the team leaders of English Lake Church where he has been a part of throughout his childhood and again since 2007. His wife, Erin, and he have worked with youth for most of their married life, along with attending King's Bible College in Oxford, England. His twins, Klyvln and Kaylyn will be eight in May. Shane loves working with young people and has a heart for transforming community.



Steve Lucas

Steve and his wife Karen have four children and three grandchildren. He grew up in a missionary family serving in Honduras prior to meeting his wife on the mission field. Steve is a gifted teacher and has been using his gifting mainly at English Lake Church for the past 30 years where he has served as part of the leadership team. Steve has a strong passion for the Word and furthering the Kingdom.



Mike Beaumont

Mike Beaumont is a part of an Apostolic Ministry Team based in Oxford, UK. He travels widely among the Salt & Light family of churches both in the UK and internationally, speaking at conferences, training churches and their leaders, and mentoring young pastors. He is a visiting lecturer at several theological colleges and Bible Schools around the world, has produced and presented faith programs for BBC radio, and has authored several books.



Steve & Debbie Heinold

Steve was born and raised in Kouts, Indiana. He is married to Debbie, who grew up in Ecuador. They have two young daughters, Miriam and Liliana. Debbie has previously worked as a nurse, while Steve was a high school math teacher for several years before moving to the Middle East to work and serve as a family. Together they are passionate about seeing the lost come to Jesus, and they are excellent at engaging and teaching young people!

Bible School Teachers



David Mullens

David Mullens is a native of Kokomo, Indiana. He has been in pastoral ministry for over twenty years. David received a bachelor's degree in computer technology from IUPUI, a Master's of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Spiritual Formation from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is currently pastor of North Judson United Methodist church in North Judson, Indiana. He and his wife have three daughters and one son.



Art Good

Art Good resides in Kouts, Indiana. He was the pastor at English Lake Church for 30 years as well as an apostolic leader in Foundation Ministries. Art's compassionate heart communicates the love of God to all who meet him. Even in "retirement" he continues to cultivate & build up people for the Kingdom. He has been married to his wonderful wife Louise for 45 years. They have 2 daughters, 1 son & 5 grandchildren.

Aled Griffith

Aled and his wife Helen have 3 children. Aled has served as the Principal of Salt & Light Ministries Bible College 2000-2005. They then lived & worked in New Zealand with the LinkNZ network, returning to UK in 2010 where, until 2013, Aled was the Senior Leader of Community Church Derby. Since 2014 Aled has travelled extensively in his role as facilitator for 3DM ministries and offering oversight to churches in the UK & overseas. Since January 2015 they are in the early stages of planting a new church in the city of Nottingham. Aled teaches out of a burning passion for the Kingdom of God and is excited about the power of God bringing breakthrough into a church that needs him & a world that doesn't know him.



Don & Gail Atkinson

Don and Gail live in North Judson, Indiana and have attended English Lake Church for thirty-six years, much of which was spent serving in leadership roles. Throughout their forty-four years of marriage, Don and Gail have served together in ministry primarily as counselors. Both Don and Gail are particularly strong in the prophetic and are gifted teachers separately and as a couple.

Curriculum

English Lake Bible School Summer Session 2015

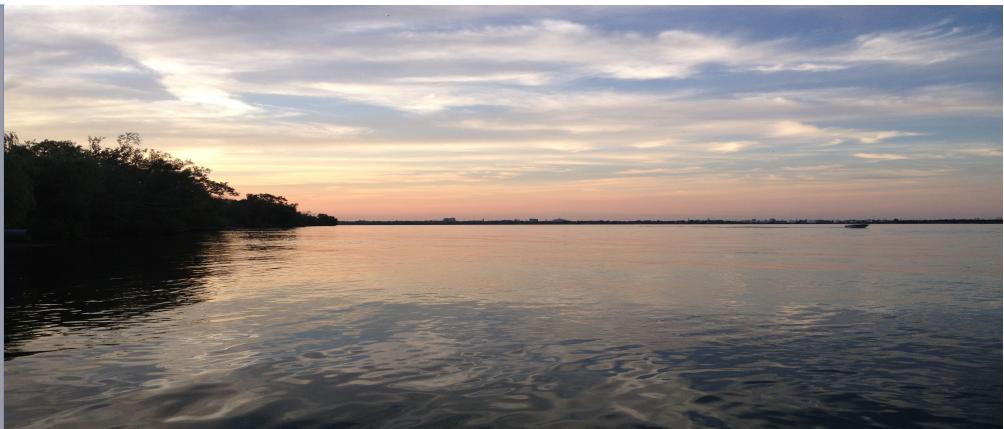
Biblical Studies
Comprehensive Bible
Overview, Romans

Christian Doctrine
The Holy Spirit, Jesus'
Mighty Words, Kingdom

Christian Theology
Gifts, Leadership, &
Function in the Body of
Christ

Christian Life
Spiritual Formation,
Discipleship, Mission

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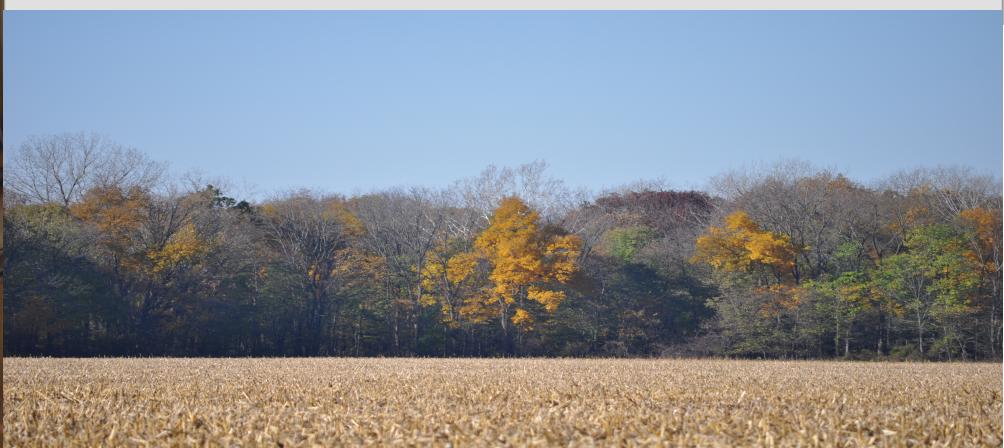
Tuition and Living

We are asking that you pray for God to provide between **\$500-\$700**.

We want you to consider this in the context of a faith promise. A faith promise is based on a financial gift God gives you, over and above your normal income or natural resources. Ask him how much he would like you to give toward tuition; ask him to indicate to your heart an amount he will provide. Over the next weeks or months, ask him to provide that amount. Look for it to come in little and big ways. Anticipate it so you don't miss it and use the money for other things.

God can provide through a variety of ways: for example, an unexpected gift, a tax refund, a part time job opportunity, over-time at work, an unusual savings or business opportunity. Such things, when they occur, are viewed as "answers to faith" and given with joy. Such promises are intended to become "faith building" experiences. As God provides then we give, fulfill our commitment and learn faith.

Students will be provided with community housing (included in tuition), with separate accommodations for men and women. Arrangements can also be made for families or married couples who are interested in attending. Food and community meals are often provided, however students are expected to grocery shop and prepare some meals independently.



English Lake Bible School

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Retreat	7 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm	8 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm	9 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm	10 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm	11 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm	12 Mullens: 8am-12pm Orientation: 7-9pm
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Sun a.m. @ NCC Beaumont (N.F) Beaumont: pm session	28 Beaumont (N.F) am/pm sessions	29 Beaumont (N.F) am/pm sessions	30 Beaumont (N.F) am/pm sessions			

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July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			OFF	1 Beaumont (N.F) am/pm session	2 Beaumont (N.F) am/pm session	3 Travel Day
OFF	5 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm TBA: 7pm-9pm	6 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm TBA: 7pm-9pm	7 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm TBA: 7pm-9pm	8 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm TBA: 7pm-9pm	9 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm TBA: 7pm-9pm	10 Lucas/Heinold: 8am-12pm
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	26	27	28	29	30	31

Note: From June 27-July 4, classes will be held in Niagara Falls, in conjunction with Niagara Community Church. Over the years many at ELC have formed strong relationships with this church in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Both Niagara and North Judson have been working towards reaching out, connecting, and transforming their respective communities, and are set on seeing communities touched and lives transformed for Jesus. This will be a chance to spend time learning and growing alongside our extended church family. Travel and accommodations for bible school students will be arranged. We are excited about the relationships that God has made and will continue to make within our bodies!

Must have a current and valid passport to cross into Canada*

On Transforming Communities:

Bible school is a very rich time where individuals are immersed in community, where learning and growth abound. However, it is only two months, which is a very short time period in the grand scheme of your life. The goal of Bible school is to see individuals catch Jesus' mission and run like crazy in the communities where we live, work, and play; that the gifts God has placed in you would be released, and your life would bring glory to the King of Kings. We long to see entire communities transformed by Jesus! We are encouraged by what God is doing in communities across the world, and our desire is to be faithful to join in where God is working.



How are we to *Respond*? → → →

In Mark 1:15 Jesus tells his disciples that the time has come—to repent and believe, for the kingdom of God is **at hand (arriving, very near, drawn-near, has come)**. As N.T. Wright puts it, “it was the good (and extremely dangerous) news that the living God was on the move, was indeed now coming into his Kingdom. And it demanded a definite **response**”



Jesus was asking them to trust the **good news** that God was doing something new. He demanded that they turn from their old ways, and trust him to lead them into **his ways**. As simple as Jesus' message was, it demanded a response of sacrifice and devotion. The call remains the same today.

Everything boils down to **how we respond to God**.

Will we respond with a grateful heart, full of faith in a God so personal and good that he invites us to listen up, to ask him what he is doing, and actually do something about it?

We have a choice; to assume responsibility that what we do matters, that we are accountable for our actions—not in a scary way, but in an urgent way that begs for our attention.

The Kingdom is at hand.



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MARK 1:15

Is it time?

Is it time to start walking into a deeper relationship with Jesus?

Is it time to begin understanding the Word, not only for what it meant then, but for what it means now?

Is it time to plunge yourself into a community that cultivates growth, freedom, and purposeful living?

Is it time to start letting the Spirit lead you into the full, rich life you were meant to live?

Is it time to make the most important, most valuable investment of your life: an investment in growing the Kingdom?

While setting aside two entire months of your life to invest in your knowledge of the Word, of God, and the Kingdom is a big decision, ask yourself- is it time? If the answer is yes... prepare yourself for an adventure unlike any other, an adventure to impact eternity.

And he told me
the story of
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“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”- John 15:5-8