



Don't forget to stay connected during the week!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Would you like to serve and discover what God can do in you and through you? We'd love to connect with you. Let us know through your connection card or by speaking with one of our leaders.

SERVING AT CHURCH

Would you like to serve in an area of the church? We'd love to meet you and help you find a place where you can use your gifts and talents to make an impact in the lives of others.

GROUPS

Groups are happening now at Playas Church! It's a great opportunity to connect with others, grow in our relationship with God, and walk together in community. If you'd like to be part of a group, write it on your Connection Card, and we'll get in touch with you.

CANDY DRIVE

We invite you to be part of our Candy Drive for the Fall Festival. You can bring candy and help us prepare a special celebration for the children and families in our community. Together, we can share joy and bless others!

YOUTH GATHERING

We invite you to be part of our Youth Gathering, for youth ages 12 to 17, a time to connect with others, grow in our faith, and seek God together. Join us every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Playas Church. We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Join us for a special morning of fellowship, encouragement, and connection with other women. It will be a meaningful time to grow in faith, build friendships, and enjoy community together. Join us on Saturday, October 24, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Playas Church

FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for our Fall Festival, an afternoon to enjoy games, popcorn, candy, and plenty of fun for the whole family. We want to create a welcoming space where children and families in our community can enjoy time together and make great memories. Join us on Friday, October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Playas Church. We hope to see you there!.

Hello!

Glad to see you!



A NEW SERIES ASKING REAL QUESTIONS

CAN I REALLY TRUST THE BIBLE?

What is the Bible?

A collection of **66** different books (39 O.T. & 27 N.T.), written by **40** authors, spanning approximately **1,500** years, telling **ONE** unified story.

How to Test the Bible:

- Internal Consistency
- Historically
- Bibliographically
- Archaeologically
- Prophetically

What Does This Mean for Me?

- The goal is not to know the BIBLE; it's to know the GOD it reveals.

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

John 5:39–40 (NLT)

- The Bible is not meant merely to **INFORM** me; it **FORMS** me into the likeness of Jesus.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

- The Bible is not **BINOCULARS** for others; it's a **MIRROR** for me.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye, ' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. "

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You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:2–3 (NIV)

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

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