



Epiphany 3
Sunday, January 26, 2020



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

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Jomax Campus

10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

Vistancia Campus

Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sun. 9:30am Worship

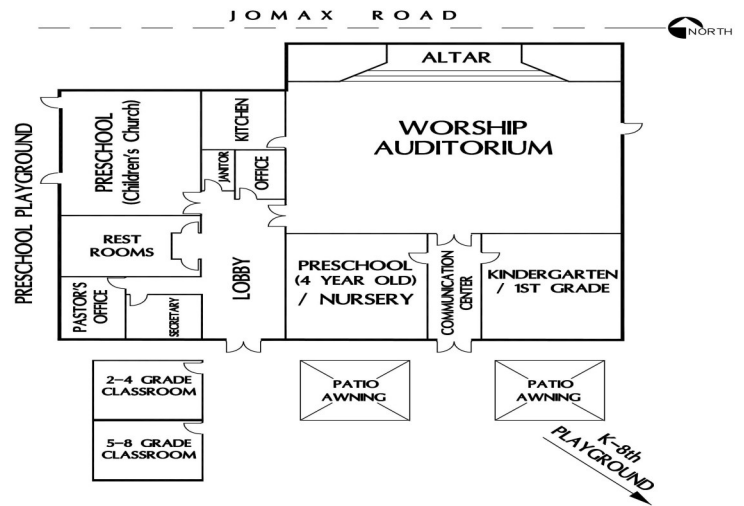
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him.

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Service of Scripture and Song

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

(God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (CWS737))

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity!**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *(John 3:5,6)*

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *(Psalm 51:5)*

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** *(1 Corinthians 6:11)*

Sung by Congregation:

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

M: As baptized children of God. We confess our sins.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Sung by Congregation:

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord unites with me!**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless *(Ephesians 5:25-27)*.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!

Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.

Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:

I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Fifth and Sixth Commandments

M: You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

M: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 8:19-9:4

When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

PSALM 27

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

M: Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

M: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: The Lord will receive me.

M: I remain confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the Lord;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

SERMON HYMN

Glorious in Majesty (CW496) 3 V.s.

Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises, Jesus, our Savior and our King.

Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him; Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.

Refrain

Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom,
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word rejoicing.

Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness, Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us; We are the body, he the head.

[Refrain]

One in love, as family, Living with each other, Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning, Taking us back with him to reign.

[Refrain]

SERMON

God's Glory, Your Story: Be honest with yourself

1 John 2:3-11

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

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3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken Responsively)

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

What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Refrain:

He is born, the child divine; Play the oboe, sound the bagpipes,
He is born, the child divine; Sing, ye all, he born today.

Prophets from the ages past have foretold the Savior's coming;
We for more than four thousand years have awaited this joyous time. *[Refrain]*

Ah, how fair is the holy child, and how perfect are his graces;
Ah, how fair is the holy child; Oh, how sweet is the child divine. *[Refrain]*

In a manger was he born; Straw, a little for his cradle.
In a manger was he born; What a lodging for Christ the Lord! *[Refrain]*

King of all forevermore, Little infant though thou art.
King of all for evermore, Reign in ev'ry human heart. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *and* LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (CWS771) 3 Vs.

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 27th 7:00pm	VBS Planning Meeting
January 28th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
January 28th 3:45pm	Basketball Practice
January 28th 6:30pm	Board of Ed
January 29nd 9:00am	Mornings With Mommy
January 29nd 4:00pm	B-team Basketball
January 29nd 5:00pm	B-team Basketball
January 29nd 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
January 29nd 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
January 29nd 7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 1st 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
February 1st 8:00am	Elders Meeting
February 1st 6:00pm	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
February 2nd 9:00am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
February 2nd 9:30am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Vistancia)
February 2nd 10:30am	Bible Study
February 2nd 10:30am	Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

February 3rd	No School –Inservice
February 3rd	Open Enrollment
February 4th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
February 4th 3:45pm	Basketball Practice
February 4th 7:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
February 5th 8:30am	Morning Chapel w/Branches Band
February 5th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
February 5th 3:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 5th 4:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 5th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
February 5th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
February 5th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 6th 9:30am	Golden Agers Brunch & Fellowship
February 8th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
February 8th 6:00pm	Branches Band Concert at Jomax
February 9th 9:00am	Christian Education Sunday (Prek-8th Sing) Branches Band (Jomax)
February 9th 9:30am	Worship Service
February 9th 10:30am	Bible Study
February 9th 10:30am	Sunday School
February 9th 11:15am	Potluck/Planning Meeting (Vistancia)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** February 2nd, Jomax Campus will have Rich Kogler as a guest preacher and he will also be presenting a seminar on planning your estate. Please see the added insert for more details.

****January 27th, 2020 at 7:00pm we are having a planning meeting for VBS. If you are interested in helping please plan to make this meeting.

****We have a special opportunity to hear some great Christian music in a few weeks. **Branches Band** will be coming to visit. They will come to lead our worship in chapel on Wednesday, February 5th, and will also be playing for worship the following Sunday, February 9th (9:00am). The children from PreK-8 will join with them to sing some songs. Also, on Saturday, February 8th, they will perform a concert at our Jomax campus during our normal Saturday evening worship (6:00pm). All are invited to any of these events! You can see more information about Branches Band and sample their music by going to their [website](#).

****Update: Vistancia will be having one more potluck and planning meeting February 9th that will be held at Vistancia's Mountain Vista Club. Pastor Ehlers has passed out info that will be discussed at this meeting. If you are interested and did not receive the information packet, please contact Pastor Ehlers. Please note that all are invited to this meeting, not just Vistancia regulars. We're one congregation and value everyone's input on the direction of our shared ministry!

****At our call meeting last Sunday, we called Paul Hoffman, who currently serves at St. Paul Lutheran school in Appleton, WI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

****There will be a sign-up sheet at Vistancia and Jomax for worship volunteers for February and March at Vistancia. Areas include refreshments, trailer hauling, set-up, sound management and playing piano. If you are interested in serving, please sign up or contact Liz for available dates.

****Meditations for Prison Ministry--Please put your used Meditations in the box in the entry way. Meditations are sent to the WELS Prison Ministry quarterly and then distributed to prisoners. Questions? Contact Lynn Wempner

****Please join the COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, February, 6th, 2019. They will be meeting at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, AZ. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, sasseja43@aol.com or 602-618-6967.

**** If you desire a church directory contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org and she will put one in your box.

Jomax			
Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 26th	February 2nd	February 9th
Refreshments	Stacy Cornell/ Linda Stern	Sharon Wilson/ Christina Marcell	Care Committee
Greeters	-	Sharon Wilson	
Counters	Wempner/Voigt	Sasse/Cannon	Sasse/Brooks
Church Cleaners	Martins/Ehlers	Koutia/Kugler	Pappenfuss/Cornell
Communion Set-Up	-	Cornell	-
Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/ Larry Kennedy	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson

If you can volunteer with any of the committees, please contact the church secretary at cog.Secretary@crossofglory.org!

Vistancia			
Vistancia Worship Volunteers	January 26th	February 2nd	February 9th
Snacks	Nicole Brown	-	Nicole Brown
Trailer Hauling	Nate Brown	-	Nate Brown
Set up	Mike Mundstock	-	Mike Mundstock
Sound Management	Mike Mundstock	-	Mike Mundstock
Piano Playing	Cathy Mundstock	-	Cathy Mundstock
Ushers	Gary Jeffers/ Grants Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/ Larry Kennedy

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Quarterly Voter Meeting
January 26th, 11:30 (at Jomax)

VBS Planning Meeting
January 27th, 7:00pm (at Jomax)

Branches Band Concert
Saturday, February 8th, 6:00pm
(Jomax)

Vistancia Potluck/Planning Meeting
Sunday, February 9th, 11:15
am (Mountain Vista Club)

Cross of Glory
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

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Vistancia Potluck/Planning Meeting
Sunday, February 9th, 11:15 am (Mountain
Vista Club)

Growth Groups

**Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics,
Timeless Truths**
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Michael Wenniger's House

The God who made me
Intelligent Design
Global Warming
Gender Identity

The God who saves me
Santa Claus
Secret Baptism
Close Communion

The world around me
Duel Citizenship
Broke to Bankrupt

**Sunday Morning Bible Class-Timely
Topics, Timeless Truths**
Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

What's a Christian to Say?
Jan. 26th- Overweight or Over-fit?
Feb. 9th- They Posted WHAT?
Feb 16th- I'm Spiritual, Not Religious

What's a Christian to Do?
Feb. 23- Tattoos--Still Taboo?
Mar.1st-They've Done WHAT?!
Mar. 8th- A Christian's Use Of Psychoactive
Medication.

Tim Grams - The Book Galatians
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
1.15.20 – 2.19.20
Grams' House

**Women's Bible Study-- God the
Ultimate Humanitarian**
Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Karen Jurado's House

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley
Wednesday at 9:00 am
Ally Kelley's House

Pastor Freeman-- People of the Bible
Saturdays 7:50 am
Jomax Campus

COG Golden Agers

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

Judy Sasse, as she undergoes radiation for cancer.

Glen Pedersen, the son-in-law of Don and Laurel Bollmeier, who was diagnosed with cancer.

Larry Kennedy, as he recovers from back surgery.

Faye Kennedy, as she recovers from recent health issues.

The Hall Family, as they grieve the passing of Grandmother, Wanda Dede.

Pat Powell, that God would grant her comfort after the loss of her husband. .

Juanita Word, who is recovering after a broken leg.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

April Johnson, keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home.

MILITARY

E4 Specialist Alice Henderson, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

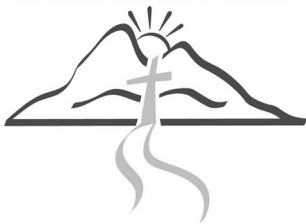
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

Major JD Larson, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

Ben Weyer, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



Cross of Glory was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 1930am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)