

# The Gathering Fall Series 2016

## Turn The World Upside Down (Stand alone message by Rev. Dr. Bryan Burton)

September 7th - The World Turned Upside Down (Acts 17:6-7)

Big Idea: Followers of Jesus turn the world upside down as they spread the Kingdom of God!

## What Makes You Happy? (September 14th - 28th)

What makes you happy? Or what would make you happy? That's probably an easy question. Everyone's got something. We all daydream about a trouble-free life made possible by something: a car, a house, a boyfriend/or girlfriend, a spring break trip, or just a pile of money. We all have something that could fill in the blank, I'd be happy if \_\_\_\_\_. And, we all spend time going after those things. Thinking about them. Hoping for them. Maybe even praying for them because, on some level or another, we all want to be happy. But isn't it true that even when we get what we want, we aren't happy for long? Pretty soon, we start daydreaming about something new. If happiness is the goal, why is it so hard to hang on to? And what do we do when the very things we think will make us happy end up making us miserable? In this series, we begin to ask the question, what makes you happy? And, one thing we'll find is that Jesus cares a lot about our happiness.

Not only that, we'll discover where we find happiness may be in a different place than we ever thought—having to do less with a what, and more with a Who.

September 14th - All You Need is Love (Matthew 22:26-29)

Big Idea: Happiness is more about Who than the what

September 21st - Love Spreads (Colossians 1:13, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 4:20a)

Big Idea: When experience God's love, you love others

September 28th - Full of It (John 10:10-11, Romans 6:16)

Big Idea: If you sow better, you reap better

## Making of A King: David's Story (October 5th-26th)

Every good story has a hero. Think about it. Superman. Luke Skywalker. Katniss Everdeen. They aren't just random characters. They're larger than life. Maybe they're not perfect, but they're exciting and they're brave. And that's what keeps us interested. That's why we cheer for them. Believe it or not, the Bible is full of heroes like that. They don't have capes and light sabers, but they are heroes who fought giants, built arks, became spies, defeated armies, and saved the day over and over. One of the most famous ones is named David—or maybe you know him as King David. Like many others, David's life was exciting, epic even. And at first glance it can feel like we have zero common with him. Even on our most exciting days our lives don't exactly feel heroic. But as we take a closer look at the journey of this shepherd boy turned king, we see it wasn't always a royal fairytale. In fact, as we discover the twists and turns of his road to the throne, his life begins to look more like ours than we ever imagined.

October 5th - The Underdog (1 Samuel 16:5-23)

Big Idea: Your Now, Matters Now

October 12th - With Honor (1 Samuel 16 26:7-11)

Big Idea: It's Not About Them, It's About Him

October 19th - Dirty Little Secret (2 Samuel 11:26-27, 12:1-4,7,13, Psalm 32:3-8, Ephesians 5:8-14)

Big Idea: Hiding In the Dark Hurts, Being In the Light Heals

October 26th - Braveheart (1 Samuel 17:33-58, Acts 13:22)

Big Idea: Start with His Heart

