

February is such a unique, quirky and delightful month! First, the month starts with an adorable groundhog looking for his shadow. It is the shortest month of the year, and the only month to which we occasionally add a day. Then, too, it is the month we honor presidents Lincoln and Washington. Perhaps you didn't know that February 15 is Susan B. Anthony's birthday. And it is the month we shake off our January blues, and celebrate love! More red roses are sold in February than in any other month. And the greeting card industry loves February! School children exchange Valentine cards. February is also African American History Month.



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Newsletter

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Good News... Everything Will Be OK...

By Pastor Ken Studer

Many of us are facing a new phenomenon—news fatigue! We are burned out on bad news. Last year it seemed like it was a month-to-month challenge to top bad news with worse news.

Topping the bad news was the coronavirus pandemic. Add to that a scramble to find a vaccine, lockdowns, a tumultuous election, protests and unrest over social issues, the invasion of murder hornets, a dysfunctional government and the list goes on and on.

Many of us were staying home due to quarantine and social distancing, which naturally led to us watching more news than normal. It's no wonder we're all feeling a kind of information hangover.

Some of us are old enough to remember when news outlets consisted of three TV channels, a daily newspaper, and the radio. When Walter Cronkite told us, "That's the way it is" at the end of every evening news broadcast, we had some time to digest what was going on.

Now we have phones, tablets, computers, multiple 24-hour cable news stations and social media.

We are bombarded with a constant cycle of news that leaves us no time to process it. Often we get conflicting information that leaves us confused and stressed.

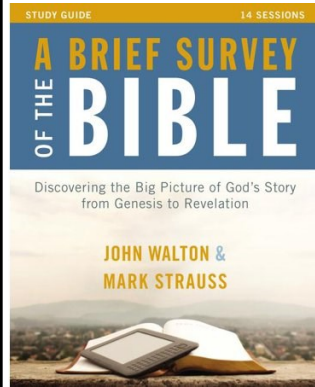
What we need is a mindset that puts the current news within the context of an eternal perspective. The bad and good stuff happening now has happened before and will happen again.

Rather than fret about it or become discouraged let's focus on the only news that matters — the God who created the world in which all this news happens is still at work and will ultimately set everything right.

Isaiah wrote to a people confronted with lots of bad news. But God gives them hope (40:1-11). God tells Israel that a return from exile is on the horizon: a new exodus in which God's people would be set free and restored. God Himself would dwell with them and He would feed them and protect them. God will do the same for us and that is really Good News!

Viewpoints

DISCUSSION SERIES @ 11:15 AM



In Viewpoints this month we start a new series on what the Bible is all about. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and has transformed millions of people, yet sometimes it can be a difficult book to understand. The culture in which the Bible was written is so different from our own that at times we may struggle to understand what it means or how it is relevant to our modern lives.

Our study this month will give you an overview of the key themes of the major books in the Bible, show what the stories and teachings meant to the people at the time, and explain how the inspired words of the biblical authors can apply to your own life today. Join us online each Saturday at 10:15 AM for the OCC broadcast of Viewpoints!

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 06: Genesis and Exodus

February 13: Leviticus and Deuteronomy

February 20: Joshua and 1st Samuel

February 27: 2nd Samuel and 1st and 2nd Kings

February Worship Schedule

This month Pastor Ken has a 2-part sermon series on grace. Jeff Horne and Uriel Herinirina will be our speakers on the 20th and 27th.

02-06 Grace, Part 1

02-13 Grace, Part 2

02-20 Guest Speaker: Jeff Horne

02-27 Guest Speaker: Uriel Herinirina

February Birthdays

Careen Caputo	February 01	Eva Roque	February 18
Sandy Chapman	February 01	Blake Beitz	February 19
Lara Tooma	February 01	Catherine Lubbe	February 19
Kayla Haigh	February 02	Consuelo Marchan	February 19
Michelle Cao	February 03	Joshua Ramos	February 19
Betsy Escalante	February 03	Decarlo Ramos	February 19
Claudia Marica	February 03	Kevin Weathers	February 19
Daniel N. Ramirez	February 03	Eunnice Olivo	February 21
Yulee Chang	February 04	Vil Porsana	February 21
Nicole Hszieh	February 04	Tia Templeton	February 21
Jan Lang	February 06	Annette Frykman	February 22
Rye Jensen	February 08	Michael Horne	February 22
Tom Tooma	February 09	Marc Kryger	February 23
Peggy Coye	February 10	Misael Matias	February 23
Pheaross Graham	February 10	Diana Rivera Murphy	February 23
Monique Moore	February 10	Kristi Rapp	February 23
Marta Tooma	February 10	Jonathan Schulze	February 23
Aaron Camacho	February 11	Greg Carlson	February 24
Nicholas Grubbs	February 12	Marilou Coloma	February 24
Lena Dunn	February 14	Beverly Brauer	February 25
Jackie Hackler	February 14	Kristine Barco	February 26
Lisa Oh	February 14	Tia Duplantier	February 26
Sokhavy Baker	February 15	Gage Pepper	February 27
Raphael M. Ginat	February 15	Amy Russell	February 27
Luis Escalante	February 16	Devin Tooma	February 27
Steve Gonzalez	February 16	Stephen Moore	February 28
Stephany Pantigoso	February 16	Zackary Nelsen	February 28
Patricia Kon	February 17	Clarissa Ngo	February 28
Elvie Legoh	February 17	J.R Reece Jr.	February 28
Linda Wilson	February 17	Sonia Thompson	February 28
Joshua Barco	February 18	Jonathan Carrillo	February 29