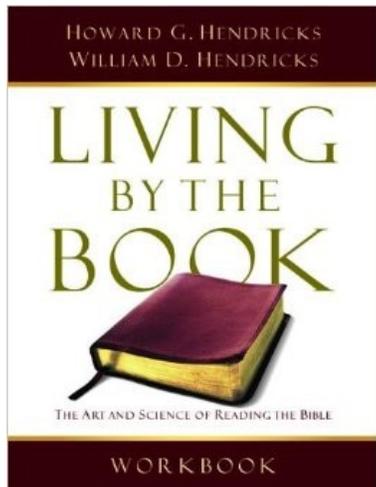


Adventures of life—the journey through Scripture. In the Bible you can interact with a living God who wants a personal relationship with you. And no special skills are



needed. If you can read, you can glean important insight from Scripture. Living by the Book will help you engage God's Word like never before. In a simple step-by-step fashion, you will learn to Observe (let scripture speak to you individually), Interpret (develop the tools to properly understand biblical text), and Apply (learn how to allow Scripture to transform you life).

“Many believers mistakenly believe that worship can only happen on Sunday morning in a large group with a sermon, a choir, and an offering plate! Worship happens anytime we focus on God. Sometimes that happens best in a smaller group...”

- Rick Warren

Come Grow With Us



Growth Groups @ Sharon Baptist

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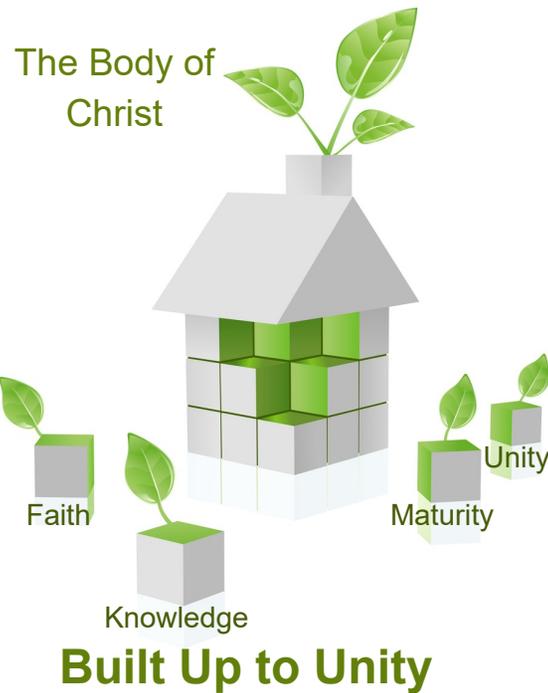
Sunday nights at 5:15 pm
Beginning on January 15th

Are you Growing?



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Ephesians 4:11-15 teaches how Christ equips his people “so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith.” We are all in process of growing to become the “mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” You are part of the growth of this body! Join a Growth Group so that the Body of Christ may be...

- Built Up
- Unified in faith
- Unified in knowledge
- And matured in every respect

Theme Verse

So that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13).

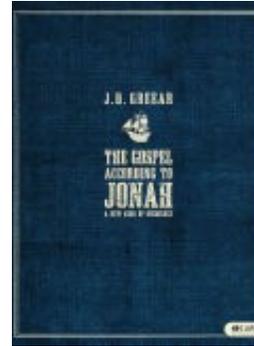
Mission Statement

To God’s Glory, Growth Groups exist to grow Sharon Baptist Church in faith, unity, and knowledge so that the body of Christ may be built up in maturity.

Spring 2017 Groups

The Gospel According to Jonah

The Book of Jonah tells a short, fascinating story. In all of the Bible, Jonah is one character you do not want to emulate. Jonah defied God, sat in a fish belly for three days, preached to his most hated enemy, and then got into a shouting match with God.



Bottom line: “WWJD” is not short for “What would Jonah do?” Yet in Jonah we see a dangerously honest reflection of ourselves. He was a nice guy who deep down held a frustration with a God who was acting in ways Jonah couldn’t believe to be fair or good. But in Jonah’s story we also see a bigger story that Jonah himself missed. A story of love and grace. A story that, when understood, gives us hope that there will be more to our story than there was to Jonah’s. The Book of Jonah is not just a story about a runaway prophet and a huge fish. Jonah is first and foremost about a gracious God in relentless pursuit of those He loves. Yes,

the Book of Jonah tells the story of a man who ran from God and was swallowed up by a fish because of that. But Jonah also puts on display the heart of a God who would pursue us even to the point of death.

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Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible

Mundane or Motivational? Lackluster or Lively? Redundant or Reviving? What words would you use to describe your personal Bible study? Be honest! If you are like many people, you’ve probably felt at one time or another a twinge of guilt about not getting full enjoyment out of your personal Bible study time. You may wonder how some people can percolate with enthusiasm over the same pages you’ve read time and time again—unmoved. What’s their secret? Howard Hendricks knows that the “secret” is really no secret at all. It is simply a case of practicing effective Bible study methods. But to practice them you must know them. That’s where Howard Hendricks and his son Bill can enlighten you and show you the steps to “living by the book.” With this study you will move through this classic book in a group setting to encourage one another in one of the greatest