

A Church with a Message for Every Age

By Pastor Barry Layne



WHO ARE WE? The identity of the **Arvada Baptist Church** is intrinsically wrapped up in its relationship to the Scriptures. We seek to preach, teach, and live out the principles and precepts of the Word of God. Why such a priority? God affirmed the effectiveness of His Word, as revealed in Isaiah 55:11, “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

The priority of my calling as a pastor is the preaching of the Word of God. Paul exhorted young Timothy to “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” II Timothy 4:2. At the very beginning of my nearly twenty-six year tenure at the Arvada Baptist Church, we adopted the slogan which represents our focus: “*A Church with a Message for Every Age.*” Several concepts are implicit in this statement.

First, the Bible is relevant for every age. It is applicable to every era. Though the Bible is an ancient book, it is more current and pertinent to the realities of life than the daily newspaper. The Bible is pertinent because it is the communication of the creator of man who sees the deepest need of every person and is never deceived or wrong in His perception. He knows every human being at once and understands every characteristic of man. He communicates what He wants and what is best for mankind through His Word.

The scriptures communicate how every person can have the gift of eternal life. I John 5:13 reads, “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” In John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me.” The Arvada Baptist Church majors on preaching the Good News that Jesus Saves!

Secondly, the Bible is relevant for persons of every age. The Bible instructs people of all ages how to live. The scriptures describe the roles of young and old alike. Young men, old men and young women as well as old women need the Scriptures as their guide for life. You will never grow out of your need for the Scriptures. Titus 2 describes the roles of people young and old, male and female. Paul remarked about what had produced in Timothy such exemplary character. It was not Paul’s mentoring, but rather the instruction in the

Scriptures that Timothy had received as a young person, as seen in II Timothy 3:15, “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” Consequently, the Arvada Baptist Church specializes in age appropriate teaching of the scripture from the cradle roll to the senior citizen.

Thirdly, the Bible is meant to be lived out in every age by persons of every age. The Arvada Baptist Church is committed to not only teaching the Scriptures but to “fleshing out” the doctrines of the Bible as well. The scriptures teach us how to live. James described this task in James 1:22, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only...” The Arvada Baptist Church works hard to equip people to apply the scriptures to their daily lives. Come join us as we strive to be like the Bereans, “These (the Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily... Acts 17:11”

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