



**ZPC All Church Retreat  
August 26-28, 2016  
Brown County State Park**

## **Welcome to the ZPC All Church Retreat!**

I am so excited that you are here! We have a full house, with nearly 300 participating. I'm excited what God is going to teach us as we gather and explore what it means to lead a life worth living! This weekend will be a time full of fellowship, education, drama, worship, and fun! I hope you will take time to meet some new friends, catch up with old friends, and interact.

One of our objectives for this retreat is to practice family worship in a casual environment. Please plan for your children fifth grade and up to participate in the full worship time. Along with the teaching, there will be intergenerational discussion where their insights will be valuable.

Fourth grade and below will stay with their family for songs and drama. Afterwards, they will be released for programming, specifically designed for their age group, led by our ZPC children's coordinators, Amy Crispin and Kristin Lehr.

There's time for meals, teaching, and worship, as well as free time to hike, talk, play inside and outside, and relax. Thanks again for coming and we hope you can add to your story this weekend with the ZPC All Church Retreat!

Blessings,

Jerry



## Our Worship Leaders

We are grateful for the group Joyful Noise sharing their God-given musical talents with us this weekend. Group members are Karen and Steve Archbold, Dave Cook, Jim Gregory, and Glenn Hoffman.





## Free Time Activities

**Saturday 12:30 - 6 pm**

### At the Lodge

- > Indoor pool [free when staying at lodge or cabin in the park]
- > Melodeon Hall Activities
  - 1-2:30 pm - Bingo with “white elephant” prizes and exchange [ages 13 and up]
  - 3:00 pm - Crafts for upcoming ZPC Romania short-term mission [ages 13 and up]
  - Card games and puzzles available



### In the Park

- > Free hiking in park
- > Outdoor pool [\$3/person]
- > Bicycles [\$8/hour]
- > Pony rides for children under 7 [\$3/person]
- > Saddle Barn [35 min/\$16 | 60 min/\$26]
- > Nature Center has activities for age 5 to adults

### Off-site Activities

- > Golf [1:30pm | Salt Creek Golf Course | 9 holes on scenic back 9 \$29/person w/ cart; kids 15 and under are \$15/person Previously arranged with John Lindenschmidt]
- > Nashville, IN [5 minutes away]
- > T.C. Steele State Historic Site [30 minutes away]
- > Edinburgh Mall [35 minutes away]
- > eXplore Brown County - zip lines, paintball, ATVs, mountain bikes [20 minutes away]

### Picnic Activities

**Sunday 11:30 am - 2 pm**

Olympics at the Park [Lower Shelter]

## Ruth Chapter 1 (NRSV)

### Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

### Naomi and Her Moabite Daughters-in-Law

6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." 14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

Ruth Chapter 1

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18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them,

"Call me no longer Naomi,  
call me Mara,  
for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

21 I went away full,  
but the Lord has brought me back empty;  
why call me Naomi  
when the Lord has dealt harshly with me,  
and the Almighty[e] has brought calamity upon me?"

22 So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

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## Ruth Chapter 2

### Ruth Meets Boaz

2 Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" 6 The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. 9 Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" 11 But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" 13 Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

14 At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. 15 When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. 19 Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you



## Ruth Chapter 2

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worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin." 21 Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay close by my servants, until they have finished all my harvest.'" 22 Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise you might be bothered in another field." 23 So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

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## Ruth Chapter 3

### Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. 2 Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3 Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." 5 She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. 7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. 8 At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! 9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin."<sup>[a]</sup> 10 He said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. 12 But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. 13 Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin<sup>[b]</sup> for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin<sup>[c]</sup> for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin<sup>[d]</sup> for you. Lie down until the morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. 16 She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How did things go with you,<sup>[e]</sup> my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, 17 saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" 18 She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today."

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## Ruth Chapter 4

### The Marriage of Boaz and Ruth

4 No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. 2 Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. 3 He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. 4 So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." 6 At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." 11 Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; 12 and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

### The Genealogy of David

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. 17 The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth Chapter 4

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18 Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron,  
19 Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, 20 Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of  
Salmon, 21 Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, 22 Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

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## Str8Up Ministries

Straight Up Ministries, or commonly known as Str8Up, is a non-profit located 6.9 miles from ZPC. Their focus is on teenagers who are at critical places in their lives, making life impacting decisions. Str8Up's hope is to win them with the love of Christ, which will lead the students to making better choices, as many of them come from highly dysfunctional families and single-parent homes with plenty of mixed messages all around them.



Their outreach programs aim toward the goal of developing successful students and leaders. The ministry culture at Str8Up is energetic and relational. Their language is simple, relevant and revolutionary. The mindset is determined yet flexible and above all, their key is the love of Jesus.

Str8Up's 5,500 square foot lodge located on North Grandview Drive in Indianapolis, is used as an urban gathering place where trained and authentic mentors help develop the next generation. The lodge provides weekly activities which revolve around positive and engaging group activities, after-school tutoring, athletic competitions, and character development studies. Weekly, both Sunday and Wednesday night meetings are held as a place for the students to gather with constructive activities, devotions and a family meal.

In June, the ZPC Mission Commission approved Str8Up as our newest local mission partner. As a way to live out Ephesians, we are charged with sharing the light of Christ to the world through our actions, so that others might be drawn to Christ.

**At the end of our retreat, we will have a time to share Christ's love through our gifts to Str8Up by helping fund the two meals they serve the students, costing about \$225 each week. More info can be found at [str8uplife.org](http://str8uplife.org) on other ways you can serve. May you prayerfully consider how you can share Christ's love to Str8Up.**

*Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2





# Ways to continue...

add your voice to the  
**ZPC Choir**

**Rehearsal | Mondays | 7-8:30 pm**

**Lead Worship | Sundays | 9 am**

We warmly invite you to join the ZPC Choir in leading our musical worship at the 9 am service on Sundays and to sing for special worship times such as Christmas and Easter.

**Contact: Don Nieman**

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## **LifeChanges** Women's Bible Study

Thursdays | 9:30-11:15 am  
or Mondays | 7-9 pm

Join us for LifeChanges, an in-depth Bible study for women of all ages and levels of Christian knowledge. This year, the group is studying Colossians, Philemon, and Galatians.

Thursday Contact: Leigh Ann Douglas  
[leighann@douglas@gmail.com or 317.873.0742]  
Monday Contact: Barb Luther  
[barbaraluther@gmail.com or 317.669.7073]

## **Christian Spiritual Formation**

Sundays | 10:30 am | Room 201

This class explores both classic and contemplative literature in the Christian tradition. As we discuss in depth our own journeys and desires for God, our spiritual lives grow and deepen in Christ's Love.

Contact: Lisa Prince

[gloriadei.lisa@gmail.com; 317.809.8990]



## **MOPS** Mothers of Preschoolers

Fridays 2x/month | 9:15-11:30 am

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is an opportunity for moms of infants to kindergartners (and even pregnant moms-to-be) to connect. Childcare is provided.

**Contact: Gracia-Jean (G-J) Darling**  
[gjm@gjmeyer.com; 317.407.4571]

## Fall Great Banquets

Men's Great Banquet | Sept 29-Oct 2

Women's Great Banquet | Oct 6-9



This 3-day retreat explores God's grace and the basics of Christianity in a worshipful setting of singing, prayer, talks, discussion, and fun. Advanced registration is required.

**Contact:** Clay or Karen Barnes

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more information at [zpc.org/great-banquet](http://zpc.org/great-banquet)

## Heart to Heart Women's Discipleship

- Meet with another woman one-to-one.
- Equip one another to grow spiritually.
- Help other women do the same.
- A way of life!



Sign up now at [zpc.org/women](http://zpc.org/women) or  
contact Donna Bahler

[[dbahler@indy.rr.com](mailto:dbahler@indy.rr.com) or 317.581.8910]

## Men's ThursdayAM Study

Thursdays | 6:15-7:30 am | Gathering Space

All men (with problems or a perfect life) are invited to join the Men's ThursdayAM Study as we exploring the Book of Revelations.

**Contact:** Harry Milli

[[hmilli@certifiedfloor.com](mailto:hmilli@certifiedfloor.com); 317.873.6086]

# REVELATION

## You are invited to join a ZPC Home Group!

Fall Groups begin the week of Sept 11



More information at [zpc.org](http://zpc.org)

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# Ways to continue...

## Loose Threads

Rip-Cut-Design-Sew-Iron-Knit-Crochet-Pray-Eat-Repeat

**Thursdays | 9:30 am- 1 pm | Room 202**

Please help as we make quilts, hats and scarves for the homeless and prayer shawls for the sick. The group is always accepting cast offs of 100% wool clothing or blankets, bolts of solid color fleece, skeins of soft yarn, and cash donations.

Contact: Sue Armstrong

[minema15@sbcglobal.net; 317.873.1625] or

Bobbi Rounds [brounds@indy.rr.com; 317.809.2464]



Come for fresh ideas on personal witness and women's discipleship. Hear about resources and training to help in your growth and as you seek to encourage others.

## A Fresh Look at Discipleship

sponsored by Heart to Heart Discipleship

**Sunday, Sept 25 | 10:15-11:30 am | Room 202**

or

**Tuesday, Sept 27 | 7-8:15 pm | Room 202**

Contact: Donna Bahler

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## 2nd Half Adventurers

**2nd Tuesday | 11:15 am-1 pm**

This senior ministry offers opportunities for ZPCers who are 60+ to become more connected with one another and with God. Join us for luncheons the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**Contact: Barb Luther**

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317.669.7073]

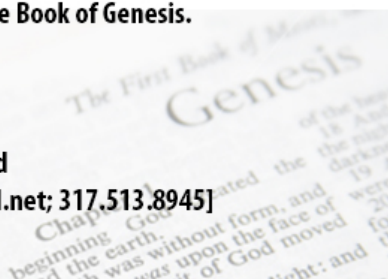
## Livengood Class

Sundays | 9 am

This class digs into scripture and discusses practical ways to apply God's Word to your everyday life. Join us as we take a look at the Book of Genesis.

Contact: Jim Livengood

[amcls1950@sbcglobal.net; 317.513.8945]



## ZPC Men

ZPC Men take the mission of our church seriously and look for ways to be disciples who make other disciples. Look for ways you can connect with us through classes and fellowship events throughout the year.

More information at [zpc.org/men](http://zpc.org/men).

Contact: Jim Martin [jsm.indy@gmail.com; 317.627.6698]

## Women's Gathering

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9 am-3 pm

Women of all ages, plan to attend the Women's Gathering. We have a fun day planned including inspiring speakers, yummy food, and time for connection.

Contact: Eileen Davis [edavis2367@gmail.com; 317.873.2367]



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