

New Message Series

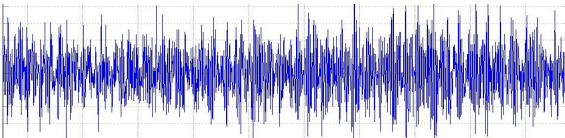
by Pastor Rick Breusch

Does God Still Speak Today?

When we read the Bible we observe many examples of God speaking to men and women in a wide variety of ways. Does He still do that in our day and time? If so, how does God speak to us? Does God speak in an audible voice, through inner leadings or impressions, through dreams or visions, by making Scripture come alive to us, through the words of other people, in unusual circumstances?

Bill Hybels, in his book *The Power of a Whisper* writes, "...I've come to believe that hearing the quiet whisper of the transcendent God is one of the most extraordinary privileges in all of life — and potentially the most transforming dynamic in the Christian faith. When people hear from heaven, they are rarely the same again. When the sovereign God chooses to communicate with someone — whether eight, eighteen or eighty years old — that person's world is rocked." As we begin a new year together, let's think about how God speaks to us and how well we listen.

Jan 13	"God Still Speaks"
Jan 20	"How God Speaks" (Part 1)
Feb 03	"How God Speaks" (Part 2)
Feb 10	"When God Speaks, Do You Obey?"



Life Skills Classes

Working with World Relief, we have developed a series of three three-week classes for refugees and others who are interested in helping refugees and immigrants acclimate to our country. The classes will begin **January 16** and focus on **children and their development** from babyhood through school age; **nutrition and cooking** with American foods—specifically adding fruits and vegetables to the diet; and **finances** with a focus on how to navigate banking, transportation and budgeting. The Nepali/Bhutanese neighborhood and Congolese/Rwandan women are our primary focus, but anyone desiring information and help with adjustment to American life are welcome.

Are you interested in reaching out? On Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., volunteers will help participants cook recipes that Wayne Crutcher demonstrates, come alongside folks using the computer lab, or help young mothers practice caring for babies, working with toddlers, or understanding students' school work.

Training Session - Wed, January 9
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Room 306 (Outreach Class). Please call the church or sign the pew registration to let us know you are interested.

Baptisms

On December 9 the following people were baptized. These are their testimonies:

Dennis Fravel came to know the Lord April 6, 2011. He hopes to serve the Lord by becoming a part of the church community and serving as an example to others by his actions.

Favorite verse: Matthew 7:13 & 14 *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road to destruction and may enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

Danielle Dick came to know the Lord in November of this year. She hopes to serve the Lord by being the best person she can be, helping others and bringing others to the Lord.

Favorite verse: I Corinthians 13:4-7 *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.*

Khaliyah Parrotte 8 years

Khaliyah came to know the Lord at church during a GEM program last year. She hopes to serve the Lord by volunteering to help others who are in need, loving God's people who are in need, and practicing hospitality.

Favorite verse: Hebrews 12:13 *Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.*

Special Request for Personal Testimonies

During this message series, we would like to hear how God has spoken to several individuals in our congregation. Instead of providing an opportunity to boast, this is simply an opportunity to encourage one another by demonstrating that God still does speak and what happens to us when He speaks. Please submit a brief, written version of what you would like to share with the congregation to Pastor Breusch. Please answer the following questions in your presentation: How did God speak to you? What message did you receive from Him? What effect did it have on you or how did you respond?

We seek to *Glorify God* by building a family of believers passionate about Him where people are *Loved* the way they are, *Urged* to become more like Christ, and *Equipped* to share Christ in word and deed.



January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed	2 No Programming	3	4 9:30a No MDO	5 5:00p <i>firstfruits</i>
6 Communion	7	8	9 6:30p Life Skills Training Class	10	11	12 9a-3p LRP & Ministry Council Retreat
13	14	15	16	17 11:45a BSF Seminar	18	19 8:00a Men's Breakfast/FH 4:00p Youth Winter Jam
20 9:00a New Attendee Welcome	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Together > Belonging, Becoming, and Building for the Glory of God.

Weekly Events

Sunday—

9:00a Sunday School
10:15a Praise Prelude
10:30a Worship
6:00p Zomi Church/210

Monday—

12:00p Columbus Group/Chapel
7:00p Westerville Group

Tuesday—

8:00a Work Team
9:15a Bible Study Fellowship Leaders
7:00p Rope Holders
7:30p Outnumbered Group (1st & 3rd)
7:30p Worthington Group

Wednesday—

6:00p Fellowship Dinner
6:00p Praise Team
6:30p Clubs, Sewing, Exercise
6:30p Life Skills 102, 202 & 306
7:00p Choir

Thursday—

9:15a Bible Study Fellowship
6-7p Organ Practice
7:00p Connect Group

Friday—

6:00a High School Prayer/Chapel
9:30a Mother's Day Out (none 1-4)
6:00p Remick Group (2d & 4th Fridays)