

Study Guide Overview

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BASIC ENGLISH STUDY GUIDE

The Basic English Study is designed for cultural churches that have English as a Second Language.

During this study, they will learn about missions to be involved in, pray for, and give to. They will understand how *you are Texas Missions* by learning about Church Starting: Lubbock Impact, International Student Ministries, and the Special Friends Retreat. These are missions that you can pray for and give to, and to be involved in. You are Texas Missions when you help these missions.

Learn how God is using the Mary Hill Davis Offering to make a difference. Understand that “I am Texas Missions” is more than a theme. It is a way of life. It means that we are sharing life in Christ in big and small ways.

ADULT STUDY GUIDE - Church Starting

One of the most important ministries the Center for Missional Engagement focuses on is Church Starting. Through this ministry, Texas Baptists share God’s Word by planting new churches of all different sizes, ministry styles, and diverse ethnic makeup to help meet the needs of our growing, changing state. Texas Baptists offer resources in funding, training, media, counseling, discipleship curriculum, mentoring, and a variety of other needs new church plants might have.

Learn how new churches are started by local churches who are passionate about ministering to changing communities across Texas. The Texas Baptists Church Starting Team works alongside these new churches and associations to provide resources and encouragement.

YOUTH STUDY GUIDE – International Student Ministries

Texas Baptists started the Baptist Student Ministries (BSM) over 100 years ago to minister to college students. What began on two college campuses has now grown to over 100 colleges all over Texas. BSM works with local churches, associations, and Texas Baptists to reach students with the gospel. Gifts through the Mary Hill Davis Offering help to support programs for missions, ministry, and outreach as well as provide Bibles and discipleship materials.

Through BSM, Christ followers will be encouraged and disciplined to grow in their faith. They will hear the truth of the gospel and experience Christians demonstrating what the love of Jesus looks like through new relationships initiated at the BSM.

Through this study guide, students will learn that the most amazing development now is there are over 80,000 international students from all over the world who are on Texas college campuses. For many internationals, this is their first time to have the opportunity to hear about Jesus and how He can change lives now and forever.

Students will learn how God has brought about an unexpected blessing of placing Texas BSMs on the corners where the gospel of Jesus Christ intersects with the peoples, tribes, and nations of the world. Let’s look at some of the unique ways that BSM is meeting the challenge head on!



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CHILDREN'S STUDY GUIDE – Special Friends Retreat

The Special Friends Retreats are for individuals with intellectual, physical or cognitive disabilities, their parents and caregivers, and those who work with individuals with special needs. Each year, Texas Baptists host three retreats across the state in West Texas, the Dallas area, and the Houston area. Campers at these retreats participate in Bible study designed for their learning needs, worship, crafts, and a talent show. Parents and caregivers attend a support group to share their experiences and discover resources. Each year, approximately 400 campers, parents, caregivers, and volunteers from close to 30 churches participate.

Teach your children how Special Friends Retreats will encounter God whether through worship, Bible study, or the talent show. It is an atmosphere of love and acceptance where everyone is welcomed as a friend.

PRESCHOOL STUDY GUIDE – Community Care

The Christian Life Commission and WMU of Texas through the Mary Hill Davis Offering have had a long history of partnership for Community Care. A broad spectrum of community missions and ministries are funded across Texas Baptists churches and communities with engagement opportunities in every major city in Texas. These funds support efforts such as community development, health care, and serving vulnerable/marginalized groups such as homeless, poor, refugees, and children.

Through this study guide, preschoolers will learn how Community Care Ministries transform communities by providing services through kindness, love, and developing relationships. Physical needs are met through free health, dental, and vision clinics. Food distributions, food pantries, meals, clothes closets, and hygiene closets also provide for physical needs.



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