

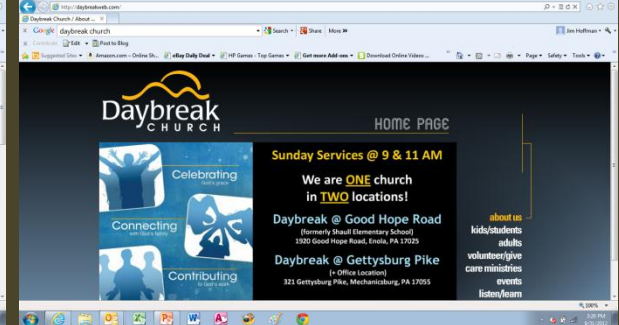
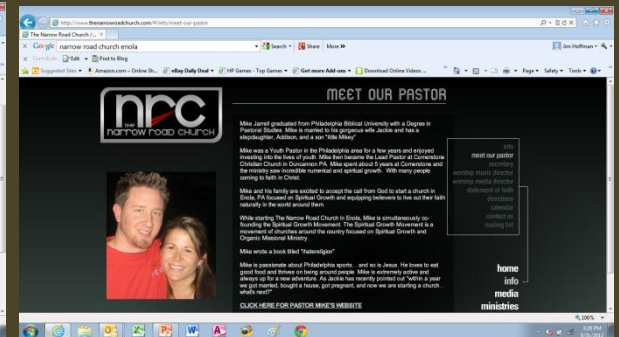
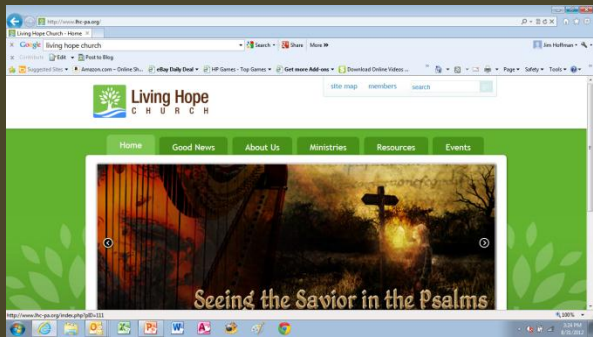


The Journey

Lesson #1 Worship Preference & Style

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My Summer Tour



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.thenarrowroadchurch.com/#/info/meet-our-pastor>. The browser's address bar and search bar are visible. The page content includes:

- Logo:** nrc THE NARROW ROAD CHURCH
- Section Header:** MEET OUR PASTOR
- Text:**

Mike Jarrell graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University with a Degree in Pastoral Studies. Mike is married to his gorgeous wife Jackie and has a stepdaughter, Addison, and a son "little Mikey"

Mike was a Youth Pastor in the Philadelphia area for a few years and enjoyed investing into the lives of youth. Mike then became the Lead Pastor at Cornerstone Christian Church in Duncannon PA. Mike spent about 5 years at Cornerstone and the ministry saw incredible numerical and spiritual growth. With many people coming to faith in Christ.

Mike and his family are excited to accept the call from God to start a church in Enola, PA focused on Spiritual Growth and equipping believers to live out their faith naturally in the world around them.

While starting The Narrow Road Church in Enola, Mike is simultaneously co-founding the Spiritual Growth Movement. The Spiritual Growth Movement is a movement of churches around the country focused on Spiritual Growth and Organic Missional Ministry.

Mike wrote a book titled "Hatereligion".

Mike is passionate about Philadelphia sports... and so is Jesus. He loves to eat good food and thrives on being around people. Mike is extremely active and always up for a new adventure. As Jackie has recently pointed out "within a year we got married, bought a house, got pregnant, and now we are starting a church... what's next?"
- Image:** A photograph of Mike Jarrell and his wife Jackie smiling.
- Navigation Menu:** info, **meet our pastor**, secretary, worship music director, worship media director, statement of faith, directions, calendar, contact us, mailing list.
- Footer:** home, info, media, ministries.
- Link:** [CLICK HERE FOR PASTOR MIKE'S WEBSITE](#)

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 3:25 PM on 8/21/2012.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for West Shore Evangelical Free Church. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.westshorefree.com/>. The search bar contains the text "west shore evangelical free church mechanicsburg". The website's navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Events, Newcomers, Ministries, Groups, Resources, and Support. The main banner features the text "BECOMING LIKE JESUS" and "WEST SHORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH" over a background image of two people walking in a field. Below the banner, there are three main content areas: "Sunday Services 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM" with a link for "Your First Visit For the Children" and "Directions"; a section titled "Asking God for Too Much?" with a sub-image of people and text stating "Is it too much to ask God to provide \$10,000 towards a mission project? This summer Pastor Terry learned not to limit God to the amount that he thinks is possible for Him to provide."; and a "Financial" section with a "love.wor.out" logo and the text "Two Special Events". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 3:25 PM on 8/31/2012.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the homepage of Daybreak Church. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://daybreakweb.com/>. The search bar contains the text "daybreak church". The website header features the Daybreak Church logo, which consists of a stylized yellow sun or wave above the text "Daybreak CHURCH". To the right of the logo, the text "HOME PAGE" is displayed. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains three blue panels with white silhouettes and text: "Celebrating God's grace" (with a silhouette of a person with arms raised), "Connecting with God's family" (with a silhouette of a group of people), and "Contributing to God's work" (with a silhouette of a person). The middle column has a black background with yellow and white text: "Sunday Services @ 9 & 11 AM", "We are **ONE** church in **TWO** locations!", "Daybreak @ Good Hope Road (formerly Shaull Elementary School) 1920 Good Hope Road, Enola, PA 17025", and "Daybreak @ Gettysburg Pike (+ Office Location) 321 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055". The right column has a dark blue background with yellow and white text: "about us", "kids/students", "adults", "volunteer/give", "care ministries", "events", and "listen/learn". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 3:26 PM on 8/31/2012.

Daybreak CHURCH

HOME PAGE

Sunday Services @ 9 & 11 AM

We are **ONE** church
in **TWO** locations!

Daybreak @ Good Hope Road
(formerly Shaull Elementary School)
1920 Good Hope Road, Enola, PA 17025

Daybreak @ Gettysburg Pike
(+ Office Location)
321 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

about us
kids/students
adults
volunteer/give
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The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the homepage of Living Hope Church. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.lhc-pa.org/>. The search bar contains the text "living hope church". The website's header features the Living Hope Church logo, which consists of a green tree icon above the text "Living Hope CHURCH". To the right of the logo are navigation links for "site map", "members", and a search box. Below the header is a green navigation bar with buttons for "Home", "Good News", "About Us", "Ministries", "Resources", and "Events". The main content area is dominated by a large banner image. The banner is split into two parts: the left side shows a close-up of a stained-glass window with a cross, and the right side shows a person in a field with a cross in the background. The text "Seeing the Savior in the Psalms" is overlaid at the bottom of the banner in a gold, serif font. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons, including Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Google Chrome. The system tray in the bottom right corner displays the time as 3:24 PM and the date as 8/31/2012.

My Summer Tour



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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for Capital Area Christian Church. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://capitalareachurch.com/>. The search bar contains the text "capital area christian church". The website's header features the logo "Capital Area Christian Church" and a search bar. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, CONNECT, MINISTRIES, TOP 10, NEWS & EVENTS, LETTERS, PODCASTS, and GIVE. The main content area features a dark blue box with the text "A NEW MESSAGE SERIES SEPTEMBER THROUGH OCTOBER 2012" and a diagram of the "EL ELEMENTAL" series. The diagram consists of a central box labeled "EL ELEMENTAL" connected to four smaller boxes: "Ta Talent" (grey), "Ti Time" (green), "Te Testimony" (red), and "Tr Treasure" (orange). To the right of this box is a large, light brown button with the text "I'm New". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 8:00 PM on 8/31/2012.

My Summer Tour

http://mtlaurel.cggc.org/content/directions.htm

Directions

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Mt. Laurel Church of God

BECAUSE HE LIVES, WE EXIST TO WIN SOULS TO JESUS

Home News/Events Prayer/Encouragement Services About

Directions

From Exit #77 of Route 81: (Hershey - Manada Hill exit):

Drive past McDonald's, Perkin's and the Crigo Gas station. Just past the Crigo station TURN RIGHT on to Fairville Avenue. Fairville Ave. is a road with many twists and turns. GO TO THE SECOND STOP SIGN on Fairville Ave. At this stop sign TURN RIGHT on to Piketown Road and come to the top of the hill. The church is on the right side of the road.

From the Linglestown square:

Travel east on Route 39 until you come to Piketown Rd. - just past Nature's Way. TURN LEFT on to Piketown Rd. Follow the Mt. Laurel Church of God signs.

Everyone is Welcome!

- Mission
- Calendar
- Bulletin/This Week
- Directions
- Contact Us
- Links

[Bible Reading Plan](#)

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Observations

- Two choirs, 7 of 8 had bands.
- Only two had Sunday Adult Bible classes.
- All are casual dress.
- Most do Powerpoint.
- Bibles are not expected.
- Alter calls were also rare.
- Nearly all of the preaching was for seekers.
- All of them do the dreaded “meet and greet”.

**So what does any of
this mean?**





Christians and Church Attendance

For years, the Gallup Research Organization has come up with a consistent figure — 40 percent of all Americans, or roughly 118 million people, who said they attended worship on the previous weekend. Recently, sociologists of religion have questioned that figure, saying Americans tend to exaggerate how often they attend. By actually counting the number of people who showed up at representative sample of churches, two researchers, Kirk Hadaway and Penny Marler found that only 20.4 percent of the population, or half the Gallup figure, attended church each weekend.






A New Phenomenon


More and more professing
Christians do not attend Sunday
morning church at all.

**So what do you
think of that?**





Style & Substance

- Rom 14 Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. 2 For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. 3 Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? They are responsible to the Lord, so let him judge whether they are right or wrong. And with the Lord's help, they will do what is right and will receive his approval.
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Style & Substance

- I am convinced that a choice of church has a lot to do with our preferred style of worship.
- I am also convinced that what we like, we tend to want to impose.
- Getting it right versus being right.





Perspective

- **“It is not what we do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through us. God doesn't want our success; He wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; He demands our obedience. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of paradox, where through the ugly defeat of a cross, a holy God is utterly glorified. Victory comes through defeat; healing through brokenness; finding self through losing self.”**
Chuck Colson
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The Big Personal Question

- *How will I choose to express my faith?*





Questions

