

# Mountaineer Christian Ashram



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## "Take the steak, not the slider!" by Myra Wheeler

So many of us are desperately seeking God's assurance and guidance in what we do. We struggle in our search, struggle to hear God, struggle to discern his voice from the world's or from our own wants, desires and plans. There are two verses I have found that are clear on what we are to do.

Matthew 7:7 in the Message Bible reads, "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. Just flat out ask!"

Now just because we ask does not mean we are going to get exactly what we ask for. Many times, we equate not getting the exact answer or guidance we want as God NOT answering. This is an error. God does provide us with his guidance, we just may have already decided that we know what we need and just want God to affirm our awesome and great plan.

The thing is, many times, what we are asking for is grossly inferior to what God really wants to give us. We are settling for worldly gains, mediocre outcomes and less than stellar results. God wants to give us an epic return, but we are so willing to lap up a little crumb and call it a buffet. God loves us too much to make us settle for White Castles when we could be having

Jeff Ruby Steakhouse. (No offense to you White Castle lovers out there.)

Then Proverbs 3-5:6, again from the Message Bible, says, "Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own."

Most of us want to say, "I'm the boss of me." We really don't like to be told what to do and want to do things our own way. When we do things on our own, what we are really saying to God is that we don't trust him and we are better able to take care of things than Him.

Trust God. He has our absolute best interests at heart, even if those best interests seem a little harsh. Sometimes we need to be reminded that we cannot see the big picture like God does and we need to trust his answers and stay in our respective lane. Trying to take control is trying to be God.

God loves us and wants nothing but for us to be the vision he planned for us. Be bold and ask God for what you want and then trust that the answer he gives is the absolute best we could ever hope for. Usually way more than we were willing to settle for. **Take the steak, not the slider!**



- > The people on our Ashram Invitation List.
- > Gary Wheeler had eye surgery in January.
- > Don Stephens mother passed away February 1.
- > Pray for the North Louisiana Ashram (Feb 8-10) and California Winter Ashram (Feb 17-19).



2018 Ashram Dates: August 2-5

## A Change in the Schedule



The Board of Twelve approved a change in the Ashram schedule during their October 28, 2017 meeting.

For the past few years, we have scrambled to take a group picture at the closing of the Ashram. Unfortunately, each year, several persons have already departed by Sunday. We want everyone to be in our Ashram family picture!

This summer, we have scheduled a specific time to take the picture. On Saturday at

10:50 am (before the morning Evangelistic Message) we will gather to take this year's Ashram family picture.

**SAY CHEESE!**



## Interested in going to the Holy Land?



Sailing on the Sea of Galilee

Myra and I recently went on a Holy Land trip, and found it to be a very spiritually uplifting experience. More than any sight-seeing trip, we felt it was more of a

spiritual pilgrimage as we walked in the steps of Jesus. And we wondered: Would any of our Ashram family like to go with us on our next trip? Well, would you?

We are planning a Holy Land trip October 28-November 7, 2019 and a Summer/September 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play trip, traveling with [Educational Opportunities](#). If you have any interest (even fleeting interest), [email Gary](#), call him @ 937-204-4400 to get a brochure, or go to [www.germantownchurch.com/grow/holy-land-trip-2019](http://www.germantownchurch.com/grow/holy-land-trip-2019). We're giving you plenty of time to pray, think, and save.

## Special Dates



### Birthdays

Feb 13 Alivia Comer  
Feb 20 Edith  
Gregory

### Anniversary

None this month



### February's Stanley Snippet:

"Out of gratitude for what grace has done for me, today I shall seek to create new worth in someone else who, like me, needs grace."  
E. Stanley Jones, "The Way."