

BEST DAY EVER

CONGRATULATIONS!

We're so excited for you to begin your relationship with Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

In the following pages, you'll find some next steps to help you grow in this new relationship over the coming months and years.

But we hope you'll always remember this day as the
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You just made the best decision ever by placing your trust in Jesus; and we want to celebrate with you!

Placing your trust in Jesus means that you have acknowledged our need for a Savior. We've all fallen short of the glory of God and turned away from him. But we can be restored into a right relationship with God because of what Jesus did for us. He came to die on the cross for our sins so we can be forgiven. He was then resurrected from death so that we can experience a new life with Him. Jesus is not only our Savior, but also our Lord. This means that we can trust Him to lead our lives and receive grace to walk closer to Him each and every day.

Now that you are a follower of Jesus, His desire is that you can experience a new life filled with purpose, and grow to become more like Him as you share your faith with others.

It's an exciting journey and we would love to come alongside with you! So, what's next?

NEXT STEPS

As followers of Jesus, we are always pursuing a growing relationship with God and other believers. Here are some great next steps to get started:

1. Join a Starting Point Group: This is a group designed for you to find community, ask questions about faith, and learn more about what it means to follow Jesus. Sign up through our app or website.

2. Celebrate with family and friends: Make some noise! Celebrate with those around you and sign up to GET BAPTIZED through our app or website.

3. Read the Bible: We've provided a reading plan, and some scriptures to begin with. You can also sign up for our EDEVO - a daily email devotional from Pastor Jerry or download the YouVersion Bible App.

4. Celebrate over a cup of coffee: Coffee is on us! Email us at coffeeonus@beachchurchjax.com to schedule a time to meet and chat! Use the subject line: Best Day Ever. We would love to hear your story and guide you through your next steps.

THE BIBLE

A STORY

The Creation | Genesis 1-2

The Fall | Genesis 3-11

The Story of Israel | Genesis 12 - Malachi 4

The Story of Jesus | Matthew - John

The Beginning of the Church | Acts - Jude

The Revelation: All Things New | Revelation

A GIFT

The Bible is the Story of God. The story of humanity. The story of God's relationship with us all. Within these pages, you will come to know His work of salvation and restoration of a broken and fallen world He desperately loves. But more than that, you will come to know God Himself and all that He wants to do in your life and through your life.

The Bible is a revelation. It is an unveiling of a person: Jesus Christ. Our King. Our Savior. Our Teacher. Our Friend. As you begin your journey of following Jesus and reading the Bible, you will find your place in the biggest Story of all.

WHERE TO START

As you open its pages, you will find life-giving words from The One True God (Hebrews 6:14). It will also teach you how to live in the ways of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We recommend you start by reading the Gospel of Luke, which is the most detailed account of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Then move on to the Book of Acts: an account of the coming of The Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church.

MORE RESOURCES

1. Head to [OverviewBible.com](https://www.OverviewBible.com) and search “books of the bible.” This is a great place to start as it offers a one to two sentence summary of every book of the bible.
2. Check out *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth* by Gordon and Fee. This book explains the different types of literary genres that comprise the books of the bible and explores interpreting scripture within its proper context.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching...and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

THE GOSPEL MEANS

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You have a new identity and a new start.

You have a root system to hold your life together.

You are never alone.

You are immensely valuable.

Your life has meaning.

You are a human being, special to God.

You have moral dignity.

Your pain is purposeful and God uses it for good.

You are given grace and peace.

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