



# This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of January 7, 2024

The Baptism of Our Lord

## Weekly Scriptures:

Genesis 1: 1-5

Romans 6: 1-11

Mark 1: 4-11

## Construction Update

## THE CHOSEN EXPERIENCE IS COMING TO SOTV

SOTV will be hosting a special guest speaker from World Vision – a global humanitarian organization – on Sunday, January 21 during our worship services to speak about Chosen. Chosen is a child-sponsorship program, where instead of you choosing a child, the child has the power to choose. Please plan to attend church on this very special Sunday ... you won't want to miss it!



## MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024

Now is a great time to find out how you can get involved and serve at SOTV. We are hoping to expand our volunteer pool for the following serving teams: greeters, ushers, worship assistants, scripture readers, altar guild and our worship tech team. Training is provided for all roles, and scheduling is flexible. Contact Angie at [angie@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:angie@sotv-wdm.org) if you are interested in learning more.

## MIDWEEK PROGRAMMING RESUMES JANUARY 10

Our midweek children and youth programming will resume meeting this week on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Our ESL classes will also resume for the new year on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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**ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...**

*Welcome to the Journey!*

## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Bestselling author Bob Goff helps us answer these questions in his study "Love in Chaos". Join Julie McFarling as she leads this six-study during our Adult Bible Class hour on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OurTime Seminar and Fellowship

The SOTV OurTime group will meet to attend the Straight Talk Seminar "Real Estate Designed for Seniors - Preparing for a Future Move" on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at West48 Conference Center, 1601 48th St. in West Des Moines. Fellowship to follow at noon at The Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant. You do not have to attend the seminar to come to lunch.

### World Vision Chosen Launch Sunday

On Sunday, January 21 SOTV will be hosting a speaker from World Vision -- a global Christian humanitarian organization -- to tell us about "Chosen" -- a unique child sponsorship program during our worship services. Please plan to attend!

### Newcomer Luncheon

Our next opportunity to learn more about SOTV, meet our staff and get to know other newcomers in a small setting is February 4. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to register.

Weekly  
Calendar



#### SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
High School Youth Class
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Eritrean Worship

#### MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

#### TUESDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Women's Group & Bible Study (offsite)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. OurTime Bible Study (Zoom)  
Women of the Word  
Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:30 p.m. SOTV Kids  
Jr High Youth Group  
High School Youth Group  
ESL Classes

#### THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. JuBELLation Rehearsal

#### FRIDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Eritrean Gathering

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

To contact our SOTV staff, please visit the Staff Page on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

### Christ-Based Leadership Board

#### 2023 CBL Members:

- Brian Rickert — Chair Person
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