

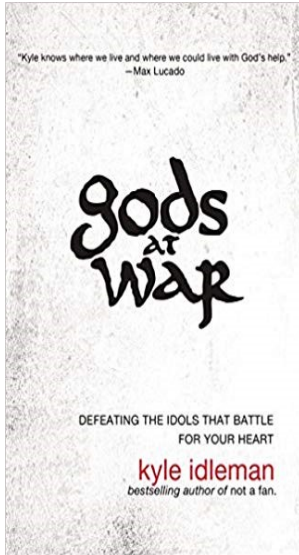
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# FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

## 2018 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### New Women's Small Group Study

Starts Wednesday, September 5th @ 7 PM



In *gods at war*, Kyle Idleman, bestselling author of *not a fan*, helps every believer recognize there are false gods at war within each of us, and they battle for the place of glory and control in our lives. What keeps us from truly following Jesus is that our hearts are pursuing something or someone else. While these pursuits may not be the “graven images” of old, they are in fact modern day idols. Behind the sin you’re struggling with, the discouragement you’re dealing with, the lack of purpose you’re living with is a false god that is winning the war for your heart.

According to Idleman, idolatry isn't an issue—it is the issue.

By asking insightful questions, Idleman reveals which false gods each of us are allowing on the throne of our lives. **What do you sacrifice for? What makes you mad? What do you worry about? Whose applause do you long for?** We're all wired for worship, but we often end up valuing and honoring the idols of money, sex, food, romance, success and many others that keep us from the intimate relationship with God that we desire.

Using true, powerful and honest testimonies of those who have struggled in each area, *gods at war* illustrates a clear path away from the heartache of our 21st century idolatry back to the heart of God – enabling us to tru-



### Models For Christ

Models For Christ will meet on Saturday, September 8th.

We will meet the second Saturday of each month from 2-4.

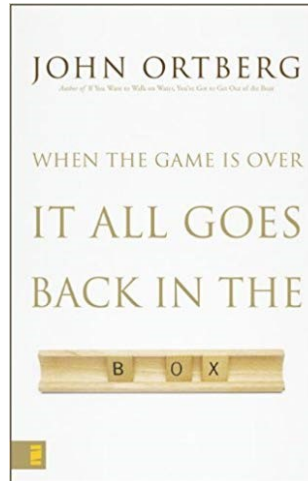
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### New Sanctuary Bible Study

Starts Wednesday

September 5th @ 7 PM



Remember the thrill of winning at checkers or Parcheesi? You become the Master of the Board—the victor over everyone else. But what happens after that, asks bestselling author John Ortberg. You know the answer: It all goes back in the box. You don't get to keep one token, one chip, one game card. In the end, the spoils of the game add up to nothing. Using popular games as a metaphor for our temporal lives, When the Game Is Over, It

All Goes Back in the Box neatly sorts out what's fleeting and what's permanent in God's kingdom. Being Master of the Board is not the point; being rich toward God is. Winning the game of life on Earth is a temporary victory; loving God and other people with all our hearts is an eternal one. Using humor, terrific stories, and a focus on winning “the right trophies,” Ortberg paints a vivid picture of the priorities that all Christians will want to embrace.



Baby Shower at First Church of God

To celebrate

the births of 2 baby boys

For Brittany Blackford & Maria Wright

September 9th at 3:30

All Ladies Invited!

If you need gift ideas or have any questions please see Barbara Day.