

U.S. Route 66, the Main Street of America, the Will Rogers Highway, extended 2,448 miles from Chicago to Santa Monica Pier. For some, the road was a way to get from here to there. For others it was an ideal: the embodiment of a dream, a better tomorrow in sunny California.

- Route 66 is also featured in a song, “Get Your Kicks on Route 66”.

There is another Route 66 that gives us hope for a better tomorrow, and it is more than just the embodiment of a dream. It is the source of New Life and the dreams that God has for all of us.

This is found in a Route through the 66 books of the Word of God. **Route 66.**

- The Bible is a collection of 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- It was written by 40 different authors, all inspired by God, some educated, some simple men, doctors, farmers, tax collectors, fishermen, and kings.
- Even with the diversity, the Scriptures flow in unity, with perfect detail. In truth, the Bible only has one author that used 40 different men to hold the pen.

This Route 66 Endures Forever

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

US 66 was officially [decommissioned](#) (that is, removed from the [United States](#) Highway System) on [June 27, 1985](#)^[5] after it was decided the route was no longer relevant and had been replaced by the Interstate Highway System. A tribute to Route 66 is seen in the Pixar movie *Car*.

- This Route 66 is a source of Life, and every word is important.
Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

This Route 66 Was Inspired by God

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

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ALL Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, or God-breathed, meaning the very breath of God. It is proper to refer to the Scriptures as “the Word of God,” because it is not just a book containing God’s words, but rather it is literally God’s breath, His own utterance.

- Saying the word of God is just our instruction manual-even though it does serve that purpose, a read-even though it is, inspiring-which it is; is really selling it short.
- It is the living word that will give life to all who hear and receive it.
 - In Genesis Chapter One. “God said” appears 9 times.
 - Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament uses "Thus says the Lord" 23 times.
 - "The Lord spoke" appears 560 times in the first 5 books and at least 3,800 times in the whole Old Testament.
 - Isaiah claims that his message came directly from the Lord 40 times; Ezekiel, 60 times; and Jeremiah, 100 times.
 - Jesus Christ quoted from at least 24 different Old Testament books.

Route 66 is useful for:

- **Teaching (Doctrine)** - The principals of our religious beliefs that we will embrace and teach to others. The Word of God is the standard for all our beliefs and teachings.
- **Rebuking** - Being told that you are doing something wrong. There is a sense of security in knowing that God, through His Word, will tell you when you are doing something wrong.

- **Correcting** – Correcting the wrong and pointing us in the right direction. Life would be hard and almost unbearable if we were always told that our actions were wrong, but we were never told how to correct our actions.
- **Training in Righteousness** – Because of the work Christ Jesus did on the cross, we are declared righteous in his sight. The word of God teaches us how to live out that righteousness day to day. One of the first things we learn is how to be in right standing with a Holy God (salvation) in Christ. The greatest proof of the Bible being the divinely inspired Word of God is the difference its message makes in your life!

Why Does God Want us to travel Route 66?

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God desires that we be complete. People who are whole, people who are prepared, and people who are thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- We all are His workmanship, created for good works. He wants us to walk in them.
- God has preserved his word for almost 2000 years so that we can be fully equipped to do every good work!

Route 66 Comes With a Built-in GPS

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Not only do we have the word of truth but, God has given us the Holy Spirit to teach us and bring the Scripture to life.

The Holy Spirit is ready to illuminate the Word of God to us, teach us, and bring all things to our remembrance, but we have a responsibility to read and study His Word.

Our Responsibility is to Drive the Route

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Read it, study it, be diligent to understand it and know how to use it.

It may take some effort on your part. You must apply yourself so that the Holy Spirit can teach you.

An approved workman, unashamed.

Study so that you not only understand what the word of God is telling you, but you will be able to accurately tell others what the Word of God is saying to them as well.

Study the Word of God so that you can be the very best for the Lord that you can possibly be. Remember that champions major on the basics!

Benefits to Driving Route 66

1) Route 66 is a Joyful Ride.

Psalms 19:7-8 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalms 112:2 Blessed are those who... fear the LORD,...who find great delight in his commands.

Look at the results of delighting in the commands of God.

- a) Vs.2, his children will be mighty in the land.
- b) His generation will be blessed.
- c) Vs 3, wealth, and riches in his house.
- d) His righteousness (right standing with God) endures forever.
- e) Vs 4, light in darkness.
- f) Vs. 5, good business investments and a lender.
- g) Vs.6, never be shaken.
- h) Vs.7-8, no fear of bad news, steadfast trusting in the Lord.
- i) Vs.9, he will be honored.
- j) Vs.10, He will be the envy of the wicked.

2) **Route 66 is the Path to a Pure Life.**

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Eph. 5:25-27 Jesus washes you with the Word, making you holy and blameless. (Divine Soap!)

Romans 12:1-2 You can be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

John 17:17 We are sanctified by the word of truth.

John 8:32 “the truth shall set you free.”

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

3) **We Need Divine Guidance in 2023**

Psalms 119:105-106 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Believers Church, Let's Travel Route 66 Together in 2023

Very few Believers in Christ Jesus have read the Bible all the way through. Let's do it this year!
www.oneyearbibleonline.com <http://www.biblegateway.com/> (YouVersion has several)
<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/60> Or a Hard Copy One Year Bible.

**Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.**

Today's Next Step: In 2023, I will join the Believers Church Family and read my Bible through in One Year.