THE HOLY LAND 2016
WITH PRESIDENT KERMIT BRIDGES AND DR. LARRY HESTER
March 12-20, 2016

We are excited to introduce Southwestern Assemblies of God University’s 15th trip to the lands of the Bible with hosts, Dr. Kermit Bridges & Dr. Larry Hester. During these 9 life-changing days the Bible will come alive as you literally walk where Jesus walked.

You will visit Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, and Caesarea by the Mediterranean Sea. While in Galilee we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit the ancient city of Capernaum, view Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes, and be baptized in the Jordan River.

We will journey through the Golan Heights to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter proclaimed, “You are the Christ,” and view snow covered Mt. Hermon, the source of the Jordan River. You will see the amazing ruins of the Roman city at Bet Shean, where Saul and his sons’ bodies were hung from its walls. We will travel the ancient caravan route to the ruins of Tel Megiddo near what some scholars consider the Valley of Armageddon. From the heights of Mount Carmel (where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal) you will look across the Valley of Jezreel at an Israeli Air Force Base. We will take a tram to explore the mountain fortress of Masada, swim in the Dead Sea, and visit the site of the Qumran scrolls.

While in Jerusalem we will ascend and descend the Mount of Olives, the site of the Garden of Gethsemane and point of Jesus’ ascension. During our tour of the Old City of Jerusalem we will visit the Temple Mount, pray at the Wailing Wall, and explore the Rabbis Tunnel. A highlight of every trip is a time to receive communion at Gordon’s Calvary at the site of a first-century Jewish tomb.

Consult the attached brochure for additional sites we will visit. We will overnight at the following destinations – three nights in Tiberius on the beautiful Sea of Galilee with the Golan Heights as a backdrop, and four nights in Jerusalem, the City of The Great King.

Registration is available with Noseworthy Travel at [www.noseworthytravel.com](http://www.noseworthytravel.com). For registration questions call 1-800-929-4684 and select option 2 for personal assistance. Make checks payable and send to: Noseworthy Travel Services, P.O. Box 6378, Lakeland, FL 33807-6378. Please note the advertised brochure cost reflects a 4% cash discount.

Your initial deposit of $300 guarantees your reservation. Please secure your place on the trip by registering now. We have already made advance reservations with the airlines and secured our hotels in Israel. The 2nd Deposit of $1500 is required by November 28, 2015. All monies are to be paid in full by January 12, 2016.

Our trip is always more enjoyable with friends and family accompanying you. You do not have to be a SAGU student or alum. Usually about half of those on the trip are adults and half students, which creates an enriching experience for all participants.

Take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. If we can be of further assistance, then don’t hesitate contacting us. You may reach Dr. Hester via cell phone (972-342-5700) or email (lhester@sagu.edu). THE HOLY LAND 2016 website will be available soon at [www.sagu.edu/israel](http://www.sagu.edu/israel) with additional information.

For those desiring to receive college credit, three hours can be completed at either the
undergraduate or graduate level. Additionally a 50% tuition discount is available for both of these Special Studies courses, which are offered in the Spring Semester. Pre-register for them in November as follows: SSS – BIBLICAL BACKGROUND OF ISRAEL (Graduate: SSS 3713 / Undergraduate: SSS 5713).

Our desire is for all students to participate on a trip to the Holy Land at some point during their time at SAGU if possible. This trip will enhance your education and make God’s Word more relevant to your life. Join myself and Dr. Hester for this adventure to the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kermit Bridges
Tour Host along with Dr. Larry Hester

EXPERIENCE ISRAEL & JORDAN PROGRAM ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday, March 12
Depart from the U.S. to Tel Aviv, Israel. Meals served in flight.

Day 2 - Sunday, March 13
Arrive in Israel Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv and be transferred to your hotel in the Galilee area for check-in, dinner and a good night’s sleep.

Day 3 - Monday, March 14
Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Boat Ride, Jordan River.

Day 4 - Tuesday, March 15
Golan Heights, Dolmens, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Valley of Tears, Peace Overlook. Overnight in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 5 - Wednesday, March 16
Beit Shean, Megiddo, Mount Carmel, Caesarea Maritima.

Day 6 - Thursday, March 17

Day 7 - Friday, March 18
Drive south to Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, and the Dead Sea (with an option to swim). Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8 - Saturday, March 19
Rabbi’s Tunnel and Wailing Wall, Davidson Center, Old City Tour, Jaffa Gate, Cardo, Pool of Bethesda, Gordon’s Calvary, Garden Tomb and Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Departure dinner, and evening departure from Ben Gurion airport.

Day 9 - Sunday, March 20
Arrive USA