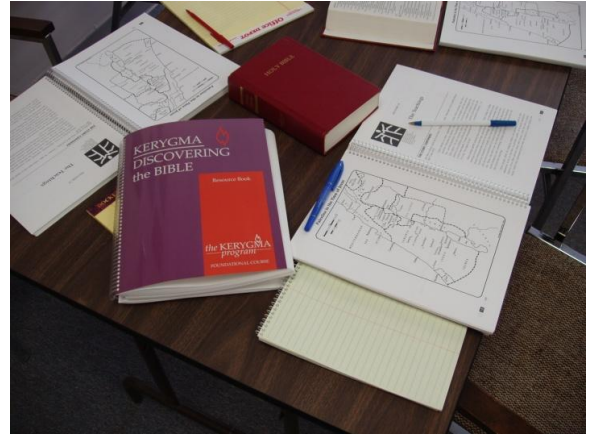


# Welcome to Kerygma!

Welcome to the growing number of churches who are discovering The Kerygma Program resources and strategies that transform adult bible study in the church.

For over 30 years The Kerygma Program has served congregations by publishing quality resources for Bible study and recommending proven strategies for developing and sustaining effective study groups. The Kerygma Program is committed to the proposition that the study of the Bible is central to the faith and life of the people of God and that the proper focus of Bible study is the local congregation. To date, 20,000 congregations representing over 30 denominations in the United States, Canada and throughout the world have offered Kerygma study courses. Hundreds of thousands of adults have engaged in a serious study of the Scriptures, many for the first time.



The information on these links on this webpage is designed to help congregations evaluate The Kerygma Program. Additional steps in evaluation include the following:

**Purchase the Resource Book and the Leader's Guide** for a particular course to become familiar with content and approach.

**Invite Kerygma to bring a One-Day Orientation / Training Workshop** to your church for further training in leadership and administration.

**Contact the Kerygma office** to partner with you in establishing an exciting and successful program.

## THE NAME KERYGMA

Kerygma is a Greek word. Originally it meant the proclamation of a herald or government official who made state announcements and bore messages of importance between rulers. The early Christian church gave the Greek word a new meaning, and in the New Testament the word kerygma is used to indicate the content of the message announced by the church. Kerygma has since been variously translated as "proclamation" or "preaching" or "word proclaimed."

The Kerygma Program uses the word kerygma as the early church did. It also uses the word to indicate the whole biblical message, the gospel that is found both in the Old Testament and New Testament. The program has taken kerygma for its name because it is a program that seeks to support congregations in their reading and exploration of the Bible whole.

## ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The main office for The Kerygma Program is in Pittsburgh, PA. Leadership for the program is provided by Mr. David G. Ferguson and Ms. Trish Heidebrecht working together with a dedicated staff and an Editorial Board. Members of the Editorial Board include:

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