In the spring semester of 2017, WJU will offer a historical geography course as an upper division Bible elective. This includes spending 2 weeks in Israel and Jordan. Come to an informational meeting on 4/12/2016 @ 3:00 pm in the Edrington conference room (by the ramp). For questions email: cshaferelliott@jessup.edu.
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<td>Arrive in Tel Aviv late this afternoon and meet the driver and guide for our tour. Transfer to the Grand Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.</td>
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<td>The day begins with a drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima, Herod’s magnificent harbor city, to view the Roman ruins there. Drive to Mount Carmel where Elijah was victorious in the contest against the priests of Baal. Continue driving across the Jezreel Plain to Megiddo, the possible location of the future battle of Armageddon. Continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the Leonardo Hotel.</td>
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<td>Drive to the Abol Cliff, with its natural caves, which provided hiding places for the Jewish rebellions against Herod and Rome. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Galilee region. Continue to Migdal, the home of Mary Magdalene, where an early Jewish synagogue has been found containing beautifully colored frescoes. Next, travel to Sepphoris, the largest city of the region during the time of Christ which likely provided employment for Nazareth villagers. Finally arrive in Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, Mary’s Spring and Nazareth Village—a re-creation of the town of Nazareth during the time of Jesus. Continue through the Jordan Valley to Beth Shean, where the victorious Philistines nailed the bodies of Saul and his sons to the city walls. The remains of the city can be viewed from the steps of the Roman theatre built around 200 CE, including the bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas and colonnaded Streets. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the Leonardo Hotel.</td>
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<td>Begin the day at the Yigal Allon Museum to see remains of a fishing boat from Jesus’ day. Then enjoy an hour sailing in a wooden boat modeled after this ancient boat. Drive to Capernaum, the town Jesus made His home base during His time in the Galilee. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Next, visit the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy, which commemorates Peter’s commission by Christ to “Feed my sheep. Continue to Tel Dan and walk through the nature reserve to the headwaters of the Jordan. Visit the ruins, including the high place built by Jeroboam, son of Nebat. Drive to Caesarea Philippi, located at the southwestern base of Mount Hermon. This Roman city is known for its shrine to the Greek god Pan. It was in this area that Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” and Peter was the one to confess Jesus as Messiah. Return to the Leonardo Hotel for dinner and overnight.</td>
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<td>Drive to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge to cross over into Jordan this morning. Stop at Jerash, a Greco-Roman city, to see the impressive and beautifully preserved ruins from the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and early Muslim periods. Continue to Mount Nebo, the mountain from which God allowed Moses to view the Promised Land. Arrive at Madaba to see the Madaba Map, a Byzantine floor mosaic of a cartographic depiction of the Holy Land and Jerusalem. Arrive in Petra for dinner and overnight at the Petra Guest House.</td>
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<td>Today is spent touring the rose-red city of Petra. For hundreds of years, Petra was forgotten until it was rediscovered in 1812. It must be entered on foot or by horse-drawn carriage through a narrow siq. The Nabateans carved breathtaking temples and monuments, 800 in number, out of the multi-colored sandstone. See the 3,000 seat theatre, the Palace Tomb, the Monastery (Deir), and the Treasury, the most famous monument which appears dramatically at the end of the siq. Some may remember the Treasury from the Indiana Jones movie, “The Last Crusade.” After the visit to Petra, board the motor coach and drive to the Winter Valley Warwick Resort and Spa for dinner and overnight along the Dead Sea.</td>
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<td>Begin the day at Bethany-Beyond-the-Jordan, where archaeological excavations since 1996 have produced evidence of this location as the area where John the Baptist preached and baptized during the early days of his ministry and the place where Jesus was baptized. Cross the Jordan River into Israel via the Allenby Bridge. Stop at Qasr Al Yahud, a popular baptismal site where those in the group may take the opportunity for baptisms. There are marble steps to descend into the Jordan River with the ruins of Byzantine and Crusader churches nearby. Continue on to Jericho, the city destroyed by the Israelites by marching round it and blowing trumpets. Continue to Qumran to see the remains of the Essene community and Cave #4 where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Arrive in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Gloria Hotel in the Christian Quarter of the Old City.</td>
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<td>Today begins with an orientation to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Follow the Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit (“the Lord weeps”). After viewing the Golden Gate, walk downhill to Gethsemane. Drive to Mount Zion to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, for the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. The Assumptionists Fathers propose that this is the location of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and was where Jesus was interrogated. Visit the Shrine of the Book to view the Dead Sea Scrolls and the model of Jerusalem as it appeared about 70 AD. Spend time at Yad Vashem, a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Dinner and overnight at the Gloria Hotel.</td>
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<td>Depart Jerusalem this morning for Bethlehem and the Shepherds’ Fields. Visit the Church of the Nativity and see the Wall of the West Bank. Meet with local Palestinians at Bethlehem Bible College during the afternoon. Free time is allowed for shopping for souvenirs of olive wood. Return to Jerusalem and the Gloria Hotel for dinner and overnight.</td>
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Saturday, March 4  Dead Sea / Desert
Rise early and drive to En Gedi, the region where David fled from King Saul and cut off a part of his robe in a cave. Here some may choose to hike over the rocks to the waterfall at En Gedi Nature Reserve or relax in the park and watch the hyraxes and ibex. Travel southward through the Judean Wilderness to Masada, taking a cable car to the top of Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome in AD 66–73. Continue to nearby Tel Arad, a Canaanite city with an early Israel fortress containing a Holy of Holies, fashioned after the temple in Jerusalem. Continue to the archaeological site of Tel Beersheva before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, March 5  Jerusalem
Today begins in the area of the Temple Mount. First visit the Southern Steps. Unfortunately, every entrance to the Temple Mount is walled off from the south, but one can be sure that Jesus and His disciples climbed these very steps. View the other ruins near the south side of the Temple complex, including mikvahs used for ritualistic bathing before entering the Temple. Continue to the Western Wall, Judaism’s holiest site. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel. Climb the steps that ascend to the Temple Mount to see the Muslim Dome of the Rock. Continue to the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the man with infirmities, and also visit St. Anne’s church, with its wonderful acoustics. Explore the Jewish Quarter, beginning with the Burnt House. Walk the Cardo on stones that were the city streets of Jesus’ day. See a copy of the Madaba Map viewed earlier in Jordan. Dinner and overnight are at the Gloria Hotel.

Monday, March 6  Free Day
The past 10 days have been full of adventures in the Land of the Bible. Today is yours for rest and relaxation or exploring Jerusalem on your own or relaxing and preparing for the trip home. Return to Tel Aviv later this evening for a very early morning departure.

Tuesday, March 7  Arrive in U.S.
Arrive in San Francisco early this afternoon with a motor coach waiting to return the group to William Jessup University and First Congregational Church of Auburn.

For more information, contact:
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(916) 577-2200

Register on-line at: http://www.cvent.com/d/zfq360

Tour Price: $4,889 per person, based on sharing a double room
Single Supplement: $695
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Included:
• Transportation from church/university to San Francisco Airport and return
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• Accommodations as listed in itinerary, or similar
• Breakfast and dinner daily
• Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary outline
• Services of English-speaking licensed guide
• Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motor coach
• Hotel service charges and local taxes
• Tips to drivers, guides and hotel staff
• Border crossing departure taxes
• Jordan group visa

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• Beverages with dinners
• Items of a personal nature
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Signature:

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