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The Father Road

We travel lots of roads.
Superhighways, dusty county roads,
Crowded main streets.
Every road leads somewhere,
But only one road leads Home.
The sixty-six books of the Bible
Lead the earnest traveler to the
Ultimate destination.
No road compares to the
“Eternal Route 66.”

— *Clark Williams*
(*The Author's Brother*)

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Dedicated to Live Oak Community Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Introduction

Two roads have had a profound influence on my life. Since 1970, the road that leads through the 66 books that make up the Bible, “The Eternal Route 66,” has been my primary manual for overall direction and understanding of life. In 1999, I began seeking to satisfy a desire to rediscover the old highway, known as U.S. Route 66. The “Mother Road” had shaped my life since childhood in ways that I still do not fully understand.

That rediscovery process eventually led to a month-long trip to experience the entire Historic Route 66, some 2200 miles, over a period of about 22 traveling days. My wife, Ann, and I flew to Chicago, purchased a car, and traveled “America’s Highway” from beginning to end. In the context of that trip, we sought God’s purpose for people, as it is revealed through the pages of scripture. This book represents my earnest effort to share both roads with the reader. I hope that the roads will have an equally positive and life-giving impact on you.

Our journey will be organized according to the books of the Bible, beginning in Genesis, working our way through the Old Testament, then crossing over into the New Testament. In the New Testament, we will work our way from Matthew to Revelation. For a complete list of the Books of the Bible, see page xi. My purpose in writing is not to present a comprehensive study of the entire Bible. Instead, I simply want to touch base briefly in each book for a primary verse or passage that reveals a portion of God’s purpose for man. The continuity of that purpose and the consistency of its presentation throughout the 66 books of the Bible are amazing.

The simultaneous journey will also go primarily east to west, from Chicago to L.A. There will be occasional circle backs when an experience back up the road serves to illustrate and bring to life the Bible passage being visited.

So buckle up and get ready for the road trip of your life, the Eternal Route 66.

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

Genesis	2 Chronicles	Daniel
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel
Numbers	Esther	Amos
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah
Judges	Proverbs	Micah
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum
1 Samuel	Song of Songs	Habakkuk
2 Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah
1 Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai
2 Kings	Lamentations	Zechariah
1 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi

New Testament

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
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- Limit Your traveling each day to less than 200 miles.
- Take it slowly.
- Patronize Route 66 businesses for meals, motels, food, souvenirs, all your needs.
- Obtain accurate maps and directions. You can contact the state Route 66 Associations. (Linked on our web site www.eternalroute66.com)
- See ER66 list of Motels below. (Also linked on our web site)
- See ER66 Restaurant Index, page 210.

Our Host Motels

The Downtowner Motel, Pontiac, IL

Carlín-Villa Best Value Inn, Carlinville, IL

The Budget Deluxe Motel, Rolla, MO

The Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven, Springfield MO

The Holiday Inn, Joplin, MO

Stafford Inn, Edmond, OK

La Quinta Inn, Santa Rosa, NM

Monterey Non-Smokers Motel, Albuquerque, NM

El Rancho, Gallup, NM

La Posada, Winslow, AZ

The Grand Motel, Williams, AZ

The Best Western Kings Inn, Kingman, AZ

The Best Western Desert Villa Inn, Barstow, CA

The Georgian Hotel, Santa Monica, CA

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The Polka Dot Drive In - 10

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Pickle Jean's Café

Tulsa, OK

Metro Diner

Edmond, OK

Ted's Escondido Cafe

Stroud, OK

The Rock Café - 49,50

Arcadia, OK

Hillbillee Café

Oklahoma City, OK

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Ann's Chicken Fry House

Elk City, OK

Country Dove Tea Room

McLean, TX

Wagon Wheel Café
Red River Steakhouse

Amarillo, TX

Big Texan Steak Ranch
Blue Front Café
J&M Route 66 Café

Wildorado, TX

Randy's of Wildorado,

Adrian, TX

Route 66 Midpoint Café
(Has an excellent gift store)

Santa Rosa, NM

Joseph's
Comet II Drive Inn
Restaurant
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Chuck and Ann Williams are frequent travelers of Route 66. In the photo above (taken by John Lew of Tulsa), they pose in front of the beautiful neon sign at the Metro Diner in Tulsa.

Chuck, Ann, their son Rich, and a handful of friends founded Live Oak Community Church, in Lubbock, Texas, in 1993. Chuck currently serves as Senior Pastor of this contemporary, relevant, and dynamic church. Rich now lives in Dallas with his wife Johanna.

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