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Bring your lawn chairs!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks provided.

Taylor Belle's ice cream truck will be on site for ice cream available for purchase.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

Mature Christian Leadership

Can we agree that we suffer from leadership deficiencies in the nation, workplace, churches, and homes? John Maxwell says, "everything rises and falls on leadership." Leadership gifts seem natural for some but mostly learned by others. Either way, God calls and works through individuals who lead others to a growing knowledge of Jesus Christ His purpose. This is supreme leadership for a Christian.

God has called all of us to be mature Christian leaders. For some, it's as parents, employers, supervisors, small group leaders, mentors, teachers, and more. God desires that every one of us become leaders to others in a Christ-like level of influence, inspiration, and impact. God desires to use us, His Church, as mature Christian leaders in every area of church and public life.

Leadership for God's Kingdom is different from leadership in the world.

"You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the servant of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

The Bible gives too many qualities of mature Christian leadership to name here. I use three Biblical themes for mature Christian leadership. The following gives the growth of a person becoming a mature Christian leader:

- * The base requirement is Bible knowledge.
- * Bible knowledge leads to Spirit-led Life.
- * Spirit-led Life leads to Godly Wisdom.

Every church must have a process to help grow mature Christian leadership. You have the responsibility to grow and to use God's tools to become a mature Christian leader. Yet what is unique to Christian leadership is that the local church affirms and calls you to leadership. Are you growing to be a Godly leader? Let's join in prayer to be intentional to grow as a leader in God's Kingdom.

Care Portal is a new tool that SBC will be using to help meet community and church family needs.

How it works:

- Our Care Portal Coordinator receives and screens requests and needs.
- The Coordinator will then alert the SBC family of the need via email.
- Those who are able to offer assistance will then contact the Coordinator who will explain the process of providing for that specific need.

We are very blessed that Sharon Hamilton has agreed to be our Care Portal Coordinator.

I have been a member of Simpsonville Baptist since 2002.
I am widowed for over 5 years after 42 years of marriage and I have one daughter, married, and two grandsons. I am a registered nurse, semi-retired and teach nursing students during the spring. I work with the widows but now only filling in when needed. I felt I needed to contribute to the church in another position and, after many prayers, felt this position was a good fit. I look forward to getting started.







Godly Wisdom

Spirit-led Life

Bible Knowledge

New Sermon Series

September 10 - Becoming Like Jesus September 17 - Leading Like Jesus September 24 - Living Like Jesus

Messages given by Senior Pastor Steve Boyd.



We invite the first 15 people who respond to participate in this element of worship on Sunday, September 10.

You can go to the following link to understand this portion of worship https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvDDc5RB6FQ

If interested, please contact Steve personally or by email steve@simpsonvillebaptist.com.



Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

The Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge is used every day of the week. Donation requests: cereal bars and PopTarts, canned meats, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried black beans, soup mixes, white rice (not instant), sugar, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, vegetable oil, canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples/potatoes. Donations of food can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box. Monetary donations can be taken to the church office.



EKY REVIVAL

What began as a dream a year ago came to reality July 22-29. With much prayer from hundreds of people across KY and our country we had a week filled with God's BEST!

Jonathan Lotz, son of Anne Graham Lotz and grandson of Billy Gaham, led us as we began the preparations and final nights pointing to Jesus. His love of the Lord, joy, encouragement, compassion, laughter, personal testimony and heart were felt by each of us.

On Saturday, July 22 the Salty Sisters of Paintsville hosted a ladies prayer meeting. We were introduced to April Blalock of North Carolina who shared her testimony and how God has led her to Jonathan Lotz and a possible future together.

Monday, a local drug rehab group arrived to erect two large tents on the grounds of Haven of Rest Ministry on top of the Big Sandy Mountain. Goose bumps and tears flowed as the tents were lifted. There was a huge white cross in the center of the tent ceiling, but...we needed a cross on the floor where people could kneel and pray.

Many of the 75-100 volunteers spread out into the various communities of Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Louisa, Lovely, and Warsaw to pass out flyers and invites. One place visited was in Prestonsburg at the Addiction Recovery Center. Inside the door was a six-foot cross with Christmas lights encircling the post. Upon asking the lady at the desk "if we might borrow it, " she immediately replied "YES!" God provided everything we needed and

On Wednesday, a youth prayer rally was hosted by Meades Branch Freewill Baptist with music provided by Abounding Grace and the youth choir. The message was full of the Spirit and presented to 140 attendees. With raised hands and open hearts, he preached in the sweltering heat and many heeded the call. On Thursday Dave Hammond of Faith Baptist in Myra hosted a volunteer prayer meeting with a call to serve. Our volunteers went to the altar and gave themselves to the work God had called us to do.

Unfortunately, on Friday Satan attempted to disrupt the revival by bringing down one of the tents in a windstorm just hours before the revival was to begin. Some of our men were creative and put up the middle pole just in time!

On Friday and Saturday the revival brought 600-700 folks and 35 decisions made at the Cross! We may never know the count, but we do know many folks went to the altar and lives were changed.

A big thank you to everyone that prayed, served, encouraged, and attended.

"To God Be The Glory, great things HE has done." Linda Otterback





















<u>Apartment</u> Ministry

In August the boys and girls each had movie days and were taken to the Shelbyville pool. A big thank you to Dixie Taylor for

leading this ministry of investment in our community.





Sunday, September 24 at 5pm

Agenda Ministry recommendations from the following Ministry Teams: Property, Personnel, and **Ministry Involvement; Ministry Reports from Building Construction**

We encourage our church family to attend our business meetings; however you must be a member to vote.



Orphanage Update A recent note from Nathan, our Administrator at the Orphanage.

"I am glad to let you know that, our farm activities are helping! Our green grams and corn are solely from the farm and we are no longer required to purchase them. Our papaya and oranges are ready for use. Kales and tomatoes and other green vegetables

have really helped to supplement the children's diet. Vincent Bwire is our helper and his work is bearing fruit!

Fauzia and Tunda are

shining in their academics. I am thrilled to share that we are now in a journey teaching the Bible from the book of Genesis to Malachi in the Old Testament and Matthew to Revelation in the New Testament. Ask either of them questions from Genesis to Ruth, where they have reached, they will answer you, same with from Matthew to John in the New Testament.

This week, schools will be closing for two weeks, we will be having a VBS. We have a Lukenya university student

teacher with us who has be instrumental in Bible study. Miss Linder Okoyo will be leading the VBS. Be praying for us."

We have two young ladies who are aging out

of the program due to age-restrictions placed upon the center by the local chief. On the next page you will be introduced to four new children at the Center with tragic histories. In addition, two brothers, Amani (5) and Ronald (7) are new to the Center following the death of their father who was killed by a hippo in River Galana near Malindi.

We are grateful for those that continue to give through orphan sponsorships and by the simple act of throwing your



Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering

Church Goal: \$2,500

Your giving at work: Happy Trails Ministry

Chris Clarke is the president/chaplain of Happy Trails Ministry, based in Nortonville, Kentucky. Chris and his horse, Chip travel Kentucky and Tennessee sharing spiritual truths at horse shows and cowboy church events. Chris describes Happy Trails Ministry as a "sowing and watering" type of ministry. The ministry has served to strengthen the faith of Christians as well as introduce many to the gospel. Chris encourages those who attend horse shows and cowboy church to find and attend a church when they return home. If folks live in western



Kentucky, he invites them to Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church in Draffenville where he pastors.

Happy Trails Ministry receives funding from the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions®. EBO funds are used to purchase cowboy Bibles, diesel fuel for the ministry truck, and liability insurance. Happy Trails Ministry is celebrating its 20th year of equestrian ministry this year.

SBC on Mission:

September brings on the time for us to focus on giving to the Eliza Broadus offering. This giving helps to support so many other state-wide missions that SBC supports, and this year we have a goal of \$2500. Please be in prayer about giving to the Eliza Broadus offering to help us reach our goal!

The Mijomboni Orphanage in Kenya is near and dear to the heart of Simpsonville Baptist and we are so excited to have a group of three men, Billy Bell, Matt Maxwell, and Kyle Parks going to visit the orphanage in October. Please be in prayer for them as they prepare for their trip.

We are excited for Simpsonville Baptist to be represented at the orphanage. We are also excited for our fall/winter mission trip to Elkorn City Baptist Church in Elkorn City, KY on December 1-3. We invite those who feel lead to serve the community with us to partner in going with us, and more information will come. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Chris Golden concert and Church Picnic, and are looking forward to fellowship with the community at this wonderful event. There are many great mission opportunities coming alongside these already mentioned, and we will need lots of help from our congregation. We are thankful for what is going on at SBC!

Heather Janes, Mission Team Chair

change in the plinko Change for Change giving box in the foyer. This year we have raised \$210.23 which is \$89.77 away from being able to sponsor an additional child.

Please go to Ultimate Wings Charity Services on Facebook to see pictures and videos of the children learning, playing, and living together. You will also see photos of the Rescue Center living accommodations and see regular updates on how the children are growing and doing in school.

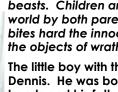


Ultimate Wings Orphanage Mijomboni, Africa

For those new to SBC, this is background information concerning the Mijomboni Orphanage we built during Covid. Each month you will see an update on the programing and new residents of the Rescue Center.

Due to a previous partnership between SBC, one of our members, and Nathan Osiemo, the founder of Ultimate Wings of Power, we began receiving information about a small village called Mijomboni which is located in Kilifi County, Kenya. We shared several stories with our church family regarding the neglect that was common for children in this area to experience.

Nathan describes some of what he is seeing first hand, "Due to the life facts that most children in Kilifi county undergo various forms of cruel abuses from either their biological parents or other different people even guardians, we, at Ultimate Wings, feel the burden of rescuing such by giving them shelter. By so doing, we could fulfill God's call in Isaiah 'who shall I send to my people.' Poverty is changing people from being human to being



beasts. Children are brought into this world by both parents but when poverty bites hard the innocent angels become the objects of wrath."

The little boy with the green shorts is Dennis. He was born with deformed hands and his father tried to kill him by pouring boiling water on him. The two little girls sitting in the dirt are orphans.

After their single mom died

they went to live with grandfather who is a drunk. He leaves early in the morning and doesn't return until late in the evening. And these kids are alone all day.

The SBC family decided to partner with Ultimate Wings to build a rescue center to

care for these children. The projected cost to build the facility using home-made bricks was \$10,000. Originally, the plans were to house 30 children, but at the completion of the project we are able to comfortably house 40 children, along with caregivers, teacher, cook, and an administrator. To stock the facility with furnishings, clothing, kitchen and administrative supplies the projected cost was: \$19,000. To provide food and personnel costs for the year the projected cost is \$24,819.

A little bit about Mijomboni and the people who live there. Mijomboni village is found in Malindi district in Kilifi county. It is along the Indian Ocean and not too far from the beach town of Watamu. It is also surrounded by Arabuko Sokoke, the largest indigenous forest in Eastern Africa. Despite the fact that they are close to the beach, and are eligible for the benefits that come with a booming tourism industry, the contrary is true to the local community. Poverty is leading here. In most if not all households, you expect to have one meal a day; black tea at eleven o'clock in the morning served as breakfast in a few households and dinner between 6-7pm in evening. Almost all shops sell sugar, rice, maize flour in augntities of less than a quarter of a kilogram. That means that most people have purchasing power of just one day! This has led to family separation and divorce. Young children are left without the watch of parents. Some parents have even tried to kill their children so as to be free of them. Lack of food, the essential basic need, has driven the small girls (as young as 11 years) to engage in prostitution.

For those who dare to farm, the lack of long rains force them to plant maize that can mature in two months. They use seed that has been recycled for many years and has lost vigor which produces a poor harvest. Cassava does very well and has become the stable food. It is rich in carbohydrates but is poisonous if eaten raw.

Superstition is much entrenched amongst the local natives, where everyone is suspicious of his or neighbor. Many spend their small income on their "diviners" who swindle them KES 50 for every visit.

The level of education here is very low. Girls often drop out of school due to stigmatization from lack of sanitary towels which leads to teen pregnancies, and most of them go to the beach for prostitution. Boys are not left behind from being a beach boy where sodomy and drug substance abuse is very high.

With the building compete, we began receiving children. Nathan spent many long hours vetting the children to make sure they were both needy and

orphans. There is a lot of corruption in the government in Kenya and several times he had to make some tough decisions regarding children. At one point, there were so many wanting to send their children to the Center that parents were bribing officials \$20 to give them take death certificates!

Meet a few of our new kids:



Christine Khadija and Amani Emmanuel are sister and brother. Their parents died from AIDS. They were taken in for care by their uncle who raped Christine. He has since been sentenced to 35 years in prison. Christine is ten years old and Amani is seven. They were referred here by the Malindi law



Elvis and Serah are also brother and sister who were orphaned by the cult that claimed several people here in Malindi. Exhumation of bodies is on



Most of the children are doing well. A few of them had some difficulty adjusting to the structure of living at the Center. Having never seen a bed or toothbrush, they were fearful of them and refused to use them for a while. Others have spent years wandering around looking for old water bottles. If they find 100 and take them to the local juice man, he will pay them enough for one small meal. Despite the benefits of living in the Center, it is a great adjustment, and the children don't understand that they don't have to hunt for bottles to be able to live there.

With the completion of the orphanage, Nathan added additional buildings; he built a poultry house that will not only provide a source of food, but will also give them agricultural training for their future. They also have a large garden to provide healthy vegetables. He also built a tailoring workshop that gives training to local widows and single moms so that they can begin small businesses. One of our SBC members provided all the sewing machines needed. The Center is also making clothing for the children.

Angie Sanford

Adventure Club

As a mission of SBC we would like to introduce you some of our ministry partners who serve at Adventure Club and ask that you pray for these individuals this month.



Theresa Stucker

Mrs. Teresa Stucker has been a part of the Adventure Club family for 13 years!

She has taught many different age groups and now she spends her days
teaching our full time 3 year old class in the morning and being our assistant director and after school
program supervisor in the afternoons! When she's not busy wearing many hats here at AC she can be found
hanging out with her family and friends, cooking and baking, going to plays and cheering on the UK football
and basketball teams with her husband. Something she is looking forward to for this school year is learning all
of the fun personalities of her students, watching them grow in their love of learning and teaching them of
the love of Jesus!

Sierra Redmon

Ms. Sierra Redmon has been a part of the Adventure Club family for 5 years and this is her 4th year teaching in our preschool program. She has been a part of many of our programs including the preschool and school age programs. This year she will be teaching our part-time 2-year-old class and our part-time 3-year-old class in the mornings and our 1st grade after school class in the afternoon. She currently lives in Waddy and when she isn't at Adventure Club, you can find her at a concert or music festival, reading in a quiet place, or spending time with her friends and family. One thing she is looking forward to this school year is getting to teach 2-year olds for the first time and getting to know their personalities.

In August, Adventure Club hosted a foam party which included cotton candy and snow cones!









- Gabe Perkins
- 2 Kenzie Tingle
- 4 Scott Corn
- 5 Rowan Murphy
- 7 Railynn Keller, Micah Tucker
- 8 Becky Straub
- 9 Drew Windhorst
- 10 Faith Hamilton
- 12 Steve Kovaka
- 15 Anissa Rogers
- 20 Dwayne Zapata
- 23 Mike Hammond, Connie Gray
- 24 Karigan Tingle, Keegan Tingle
- 26 Justin Hamilton
- 27 Amber Thurman, Sharon Hamilton
- 30 Ryker Gossom, Toni Moore, Dixie Taylor

If you don't see your birthday, or it's incorrectly listed, please contact Angie (angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com) in the church office.



Our Wednesday program is in need of volunteers to teach our preschoolers and elementary children.

Please contact Mollie Hefner at 502-807-2592 if you can help one time a month.

GOSSOM FAMILY

Recapturing the heart of the family to Jesus

July 2023



MINISTRY

Recently, in our daily Bible reading time, we read Isaiah 55. It beautifully articulates coming "thirsty" to the Lord, seeking Him while he is near. It reminds us that God's ways are not our ways. His words do not return empty, but accomplish what pleases Him and will prosper in whatever He sends it to do! In a month when we had so many incredible opportunities, like serving 230+ kids at VBS, speaking an encouraging word

to 3 young married couples, attending and speaking at our staff conference in Orlando, connecting with pastors, our teams, and fellow FamilyLife missionaries, we could have easily been overwhelmed, felt worn out, or burned out. Instead, just as verse 12 of that chapter says, we were able to walk into these opportunities with "joy" and felt "peacefully guided" because we had confidence in God accomplishing IN and THROUGH us what His word pleases. As Christians, our goal is to serve and work as unto the Lord, but often we can quickly begin relying on our human abilities and strength for the work put before us, rather than remaining desperate for the Lord to accomplish what only HE can! As we prayed this past month with greater fervency and specificity, we confidently anticipated God to make His presence and power known, and He DID!

On one such occasion, we were asked to come bring some marriage resources to a local church to aid in their marriage sermon series. We decided to go early and specifically prayed for God to connect us with people who we needed to talk with. As soon as we sat down at an empty table to eat, another couple came up and asked to sit with us. Wouldn't you know they had a heart for marriage and had recently been talking to their adult children about attending a marriage retreat. When she later introduced us to her daughter and son-in-law, we recognized their names as a couple who were interested in impacting marriages in their community. After talking with them, they not only personally registered to attend the WTR, but have started inviting others!

"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

PRAYER

- Pray for the "5 Great Dates" we are hosting with a fellow marriage ministry (every Friday from Sept 8th-Oct 6th) and the 5 couples registered to attend so far.
- Pray for us to find a few local businesses to sponsor our Louisville WTR team luncheon & pastor breakfast.
- Pray for the 3 families we will be serving at Barren Heights in August (retreat for families with special needs children).
- Praise for open doors to partner with a large local church to get/send others to receive marriage mentor training.





FAMILY



Soaking up the last of the school-free days of summer, our family traveled and had some fun opportunities to spend time together and with others in July! Like a hiking trip to Red River Gorge with the youth of our church. The huge natural rock arches were breathtaking and slightly frightening (explorative youth + rock cliffs = terrifying). While Ryan and I attended a staff conference in Orlando, the kids were more than eager to have a parent-free week with grandparents. We wrapped up the month enjoying time with family and all of Florida's fun outdoor activities!

RESOURCE



This month's resource is a new tool FamilyLife created to help people read the Bible for the first time. Based on the Gospel of John, it will explain ten essential truths every Christian should know and help launch their faith journey on solid footing. We plan on giving this link to anyone who comes to faith during a WTR starting this fall, but it is live on YouVersion today. Feel free to share it with any new believer you might be discipling.

https://www.bible.com/readingplans/38924-i-accepted-christ-now-what

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Partner with our ministry: www.give.cru.org/1115297



Men's Thursday Night Golf League

Weissinger Hills

September 7 & 21

The cost is \$22 for nine holes payable at the pro shop when you arrive.

Please send a message using my cell number or email address listed below if you plan to play any of these dates.

If you have any questions, please contact Lowell Ashby 502-777-2540 or lowellashby9@gmail.com.



These are the winners of the church league on 8/10/23. Mike Dugle, Lloyd Straub, Mike Waterman, and Carl Walthall. Everyone played great except for Waterman. He pulled out his weapon and shot the ball. I feel sorry for an active shooter. Men had a great time of fellowship and golf.

Good Time Travelers Adult Day Trip Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood



Tuesday, September 12

We will leave SBC at 10am, tour the gardens at 10:30am with lunch to follow. We will have a golf cart and two docents for our group. Please sign up in the Welcome Center by Sunday, September 3rd.

classic worship

Thursday, September 7 10am



Guest Speaker Stephanie Dillon

Executive Director of AWAKE Ministries in Shelbyville

Stephanie is an army veteran, military wife, navy mom and a mother to twin boys.

Join us in the SBC fellowship hall at 9:30am for refreshments.

Please help us support AWAKE by bringing an item to support their ministry: toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, hygienic items for both men and women

Did You Know?

Parking in the green lot will allow you to exit more swiftly following worship!



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 2 at 8am

Please join us at The Farm Kitchen

6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville



Tuesdays at 8:30am Studying the book of John.



Facilitated by Randy Foster. Please join us in Room 120 A.

North Central Baptist Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 27 Graefenburg Baptist

If you are a member, and would like to be a messenger for SBC, please contact Angie in the church office by Sunday, September 3. Registration begins at 1:45pm.



SBC Family Game Night Friday, September 29 6:30pm

Bring an appetizer or dessert. Come and enjoy meeting some new friends!

Game night will be held in the new Fellowship Hall.



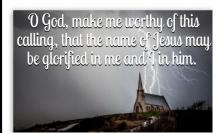
<u>New Ladies</u>
<u>Prayer Group</u>
begins Monday,
September 18 at
5:30pm



Facilitated by Theresa Skeeters.

Theresa is excited to
begin this new prayer
group! This group will be organic and
Spirit-led. Theresa will also be using
the powerful
Valley of Vision a collection of
Puritan Prayers and Devotions

as a source each week.





Widow's Ministry

Our widows will be touring beautiful WinStar Farms in Versailles on Thursday, September 21.

WinStar Farm is one of North America's leading Thoroughbred racing, stallion and breeding operations.

We will leave from the church at 9:30am.

After the we will enjoy lunch (self-pay) somewhere close.

Please contact Bobbie Erlandson 502-645-6946 or Sharon Hamilton at 502.220.8557 to RSVP.



We are celebrating our September birthdays with a Royal-Tea "Royalty" themed bunco. Bring a tea party dish to share. Wear your tiaras, jewels, & come have fun playing bunco with us!

Please sign up in the foyer.



Community Women's Bible Study

Women of the Bible

continues on
Tuesday, September 5 at
9:30am

This class is facilitated by Linda Otterback and will meet in Room 117.



Sign-ups not necessary-please join us!

Our coffee ministry has been well received with the addition of flavored coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

Unfortunately, we have had some issues with children serving themselves before and during Sunday School.



Since beverages are so hot, we are asking that parents please prepare drinks for their children and make sure that all beverages are finished before Sunday School.

Youth will have their own beverages available in their classrooms.



Drew, Crystal and Railynn Keller

We moved to Simpsonville in 2018. Crystal works for LG&E training fire departments and police departments in natural gas and electrical safety. Drew works for the Department of Corrections as a Justice Administrator. Railynn attends Cornerstone Christian Academy and is going into 2nd grade. The Kellers recently moved their membership from Westport Road Baptist Church.





Holly Hamilton

I have been married for 34 years and have two amazing children and two precious grandchildren. I am retired from Shelby County Public Schools. I was ten years old when I was baptized and I grew up in a small church where my family attended every time the doors were open. I am so excited to become a part of the Simpsonville family. Holly is moving her membership from Fisherville Baptist Church.

Justin, Faith & Whitley Hamilton

We are so excited to be a part of this church family! We have felt welcomed from the very beginning. Justin works for Fish & Wildlife, specifically Hunter Education and has worked for Fish & Wildlife since 2015. Faith is a 6th grade English teacher at Marnel C. Moorman School and just began her 9th year of teaching. Whitley is our 3-year-old daughter who attends Adventure Club! She is so much fun! Faith was born in Corbin, KY so we are often visiting family members there. We love to be outside, grill and cook great food, and spending time with our friends and families!





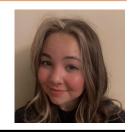
Randy Foster

My wife, Anne, and I were appointed as national missionaries to Jackson Hole, Wyoming for 20 years and then to Brotherhood Director at the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 15 years. Prior to that, we pastored in Colorado and Louisiana. I was able to do pilot projects for H.M.B. and N.A.M.B. in the area of Resort Missions discovering how the church can impact resort communities. We have four sons and five grandchildren. Randy attends our Bible Truth Seekers Sunday School class.



Allie & Maggie Renfro

Allie (left) and Maggie (right) were both baptized in August. Their parents are Brad & Julie Renfro. They are twins with an older sister, Haylee and an older brother, Josh. They attend Martha Layne Collins High School as Juniors. Maggie participates in FFA, FCA and softball. Allie is involved in FCA and softball. They are both very active in our youth Sunday and Wednesday programming.





The Family Foundation is hosting its first-ever Kentucky Family Forum on Saturday, October 7 — and you're invited! This day-long educational event will encourage the Body of Christ, promote a biblical worldview, and help build and unify the pro-family policy movement across Kentucky. Hear from state and national leaders as they discuss important public policy issues from a biblical worldview and help inspire and equip Christians to effectively engage the culture. The event will include morning and afternoon panel sessions and a catered lunch. *And more exciting speakers are still to be announced!*

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Location: Clarion Hotel Conference Center 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511

Schedule:

Doors open/check-in begins: 9:30 AM (EST) Morning panels with featured speakers: 10 AM

Leadership Lunch with Keynote speaker: 12 PM (All Tickets include

Lunch)

Afternoon panels with featured speakers: 1:45 PM

Forum concludes: 4:00 PM

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Guest Speakers

KY State Senators-Lindsey Tinchenor & Robby Mills KY State Representatives: Nancy Tate, Shane Baker,

Josh Calloway

Exec. Director Family Foundation: David Walls KY Right to Life Director: Addia Wuchner Walt Heyer, Stephanie Nichols, David Clossom, Joseph Kohm, Chris Weist, Greg Williams



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Seeing God As A Perfect Father-Louie Giglio

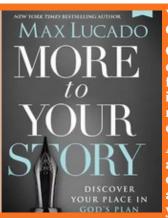
You are... loved, prized, wanted, believed in by a perfect Father.

How you view God informs everything about who you are and who you're becoming. In this powerful video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio challenges our perceptions of who God is and points us to know him as a heavenly Father who is not absent or ambivalent but is available and ready to embrace you with his unconditional love and blessing.

This powerful Bible study invites you to:

- see that God is the perfection of your earthly father, not a reflection of him;
- discover how to walk in the freedom of your identity as a loved child, uniquely created by God;
- break the chains of generational patterns by forgiving your imperfect family.

When we take hold of the truth that God has spanned heaven and earth to reach us, we will no longer be defined by our pasts but by the love of a perfect heavenly Father. When we rightly see God's character, we rightly see that we are loved, pursued, and secured by the Creator of the universe.



Your life is a narrative written by God.

Car pools and car crashes. Job changes and joint custody. Life can feel overwhelming and inconsequential at times. But there's more to your story than the chaos, confusion, and clutter of daily life.

Above us and around us God directs a grand saga, written by his hand, orchestrated by his will, unveiled according to his calendar. When you're part of this story, your life

has purpose, your recognize your value, and you discover your unique path. In this six-session video-based curriculum, Max Lucado guides you through the events of the New Testament to show you that there's more to your story than you ever imagined.

Sessions include:

- 1. When You Discover Your Place in God's Plan....
- 2. Ordinary Matters
- 3. You Hear a Voice You Can Trust
- 4. You Won't Be Forsaken
- 5. Your Final Chapter Becomes a Preface
- 6. You Will Finally Graduate

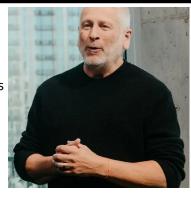
FACING THE UNKNOWN Mark Batterson

What unknowns are you facing in life?

Many people feel like their life leads them from one path to the next

with no certainty. Is this the right job? Is he or she "the one?" Is now the time to have kids? What do I do now? Am I even on the right path?

In these four video Bible study sessions, viewers will experience cinematic short films that show Abraham living in the 21st century. What might he think and feel with the incredible steps of faith God asked him to take? After each short film, Mark Batterson will teach on the Biblical principles from Abraham's story that apply to us today.







FALL REVIVAL November 12-15 Evangelist Jon Reed

- President of Georgia Baptist Evangelists
- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Wake Forest, NC
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Revival and Crusade Ministries

Jon Reed Ministries began in the Summer of 2004. This ministry was birthed out of a desire to ignite the fires of evangelism within the context of the local church as well as encourage the preexisting leadership in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Sunday, October 15– Revival Prep Sunday

Our Wednesday Evangelism Training continues this month. Join us each Wednesday at 6:15pm.

September 6
Front Door Evangelism
with Dr. Todd Gray
KBC Executive Director

September 13
Three Circles
with Alan Witham
KBC regional consultant group leader



Share Jesus Without Fear With Andy McDonald KBC Region Consultant



September 27
Personalize the Mission
With Kenny Ragar
KBC Church Evangelism Strategist



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