

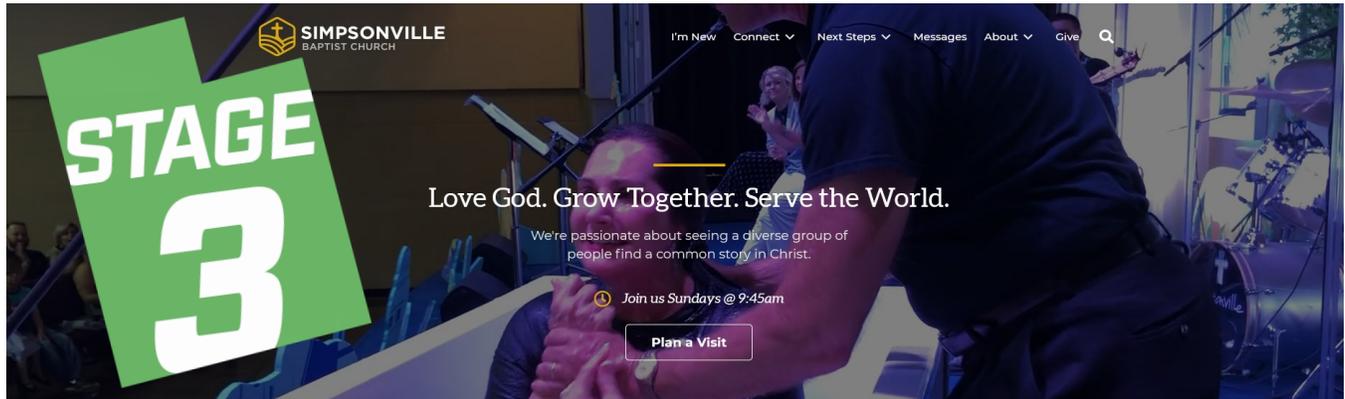


SIMPSONVILLE

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We will begin Stage 3 of regathering on

Monday, July 12

by opening up for Sunday School classes, small group discipleship, ministry team's meetings or prayer group in the FELLOWSHIP HALL ONLY. We continue to strongly encourage 6ft. distancing and masking. We are using the large area of the Fellowship Hall so we can do social distancing. We will not be opening up the Family Life Center yet because the classrooms aren't conducive to social distancing.

Each group will have access to the Fellowship Hall for 90 minutes and we will schedule groups every two hours. This will give time to properly clean for the next group. Groups will be asked to help with disinfecting the area after their meeting. If interested, you may schedule the Fellowship Hall by contacting Angie at the church office (722-5246).

- * Monday - 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 6:30pm
- * Tuesday - 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 6:30pm
- * Wednesday - 9am, 11am, 1pm
- * Thursday - 1pm, 3pm, 6:30pm
- * Friday - 9am, 11am, 1pm

Stage 2 Regathering Reminders

- We can worship at 50% capacity. **We are asking that you please RSVP your attendance EACH week by going to our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com.** If you do not have access to the internet, please call Angie in the church office to reserve your seating. **Your reservation must be made by midnight the Friday before worship so that we can make sure we have enough seating!**
- We ask that all adults and youth wear masks. Children are not required to wear a mask.
- Please keep 6ft. distancing requirements and use sanitizer when entering the facility.
- We are not offering childcare or Children's church at this time.
- Please do not congregate in groups before or after the services.

Pastor's Pen



We began a new stage of regathering for our church family for on-campus worship on June 21. I was very thankful and blessed by the response of our congregation. We maintained 6' distancing, and our SMART Team helped to keep us healthy by following wise protocol like taking temperatures at the front door. We had 68 people attend, and our Hispanic congregation had 30 people attend their first worship service.

We are asking you to continue to reserve your attendance for worship via EasyTithe on the church website, smpsonvillebaptist.com. It's on the front page and as easy as clicking the box to get to the form. The reservations will allow us to be prepared for the number in attendance. If you need help making reservations, please call the church office.



We will take communion together in Worship on 8/9/2020. The deacon ministry has volunteered to bring the communion elements (bread/cup) to your home for that Sunday. You would need to email our deacon team leader, Bob Perkins (rop8153@gmail.com), with the number of persons in your home desiring communion. The deacon ministry will deliver the communion elements to your home on Saturday, August 8.

We have been thankful and blessed to provide Food Distribution Ministry for our Shelby community for 10 weeks. We are now monitoring the continuing need after unemployment and Federal stimulus money ends. We expect the need to serve together again to meet this need. We will pass along opportunities to you for serving. For example, Operation Care is doing an inventory on July 1 at 10am and they need volunteers to help. If available, contact Donna Henshaw or Susan Watkins at 633-1965.

Stages for Regathering

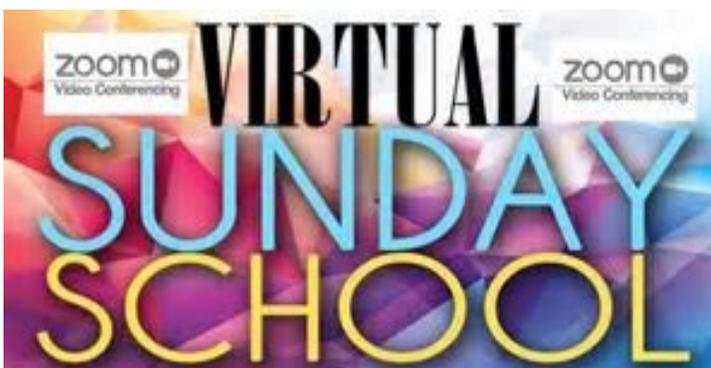
- Stage 1: 3/15/2020 -Live stream worship, new discipleship, fellowship, ministry vision
- Stage 2: 6/21/2020 - Live stream worship & limited attendance at on-campus worship
- Stage 3: 7/12/2020 - Partial opening for on-campus meetings
- Stage 4: ????? - Total reopening for on-campus worship, discipleship and ministry

Our *One Family One Month* new ministry got off to a great start with ten recipients successfully matched with ten sponsors and delivery people. Each recipient received a weekly gift card to either Dollar General, Walmart or Kroger depending on their location and family size. Delivery teams visiting weekly were able to begin relationships with each of the families that really went beyond what was expected. A few instances of how God is working through this ministry:



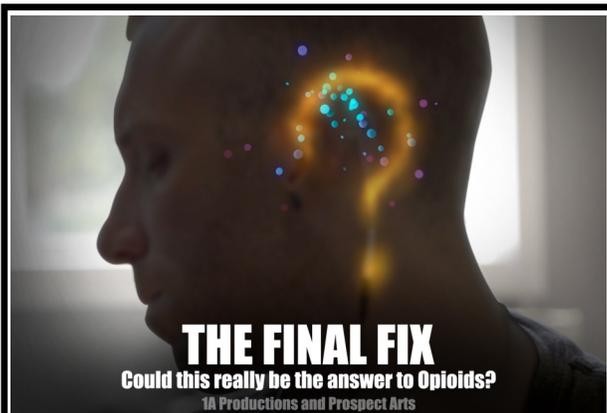
- ◇ David & Mary Watkins were assigned to Lillian and took her extra dessert treats when they made their gift card deliveries. One week Lillian told them of new neighbors with children who were in need of two bicycles. After contacting the church, this need was met by the Brandon Porter family. It was amazing to see how ministry to one family led that family to minister to another family in their neighborhood!
- ◇ Lowell & Linda Ashby are ministering to a single father raising **nine** children. Please remember them when your own children have outgrown their clothing or you have a little extra.
- ◇ David Schuenemeyer has taken meals as well as gift cards and has personally ensured that prayer needs have been a priority for his recipients.

We will continue the ministry through July as the needs develop and sponsors sign up. If you know of a family that would benefit from this ministry, please contact Steve or Angie in the church office.



<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Barnabas	Denis Tocci	Sunday	11am
Joy	Ken Hyde	Sunday	8:50am
Pursuit	Byron Thompson	Wednesday	7pm
Women in Christ	Sharon Hamilton	Sunday	8:30am
Truth 4 Life	Mike Moore	Sunday	11am
Multiply	Larry Miller/Ryan Gossom	Sunday at 11:15am and Thursday at 6:30pm	
SALT	Matt Moore/Troy Fulkerson	Alternates between Sundays at 12pm and Sunday at 8:30am.	

Please contact these teachers for a zoom link if you would like to join a class.



Linda Otterback has worked tirelessly to get the word out about a new device that is helping to cure opioid addictions. Actually, it's a device that was created in 1970's by Scottish missionary surgeon Dr. Meg Patterson who was serving in China at the time. She was doing a trial on electro-acupuncture with opium addicts and inadvertently found that the treatment caused patients to lose their desire for the drug.

Fast forward to today and The Final Fix. This documentary produced by Norman Stone of the UK, featuring Ewan McGregor, follows the successful neuro-electrical treatment of four men in Kentucky. "Of the original five who consented to the study, two of the men were from Whitesburg, one each from Manchester, Louisville and Lexington. In the end, those who completed the treatment were glad they did it. The cravings were gone almost after the fifth day, and even skeptical observers were amazed. The claims are that the treatment works for everything from nicotine to alcohol and every other form of drug dependency, from prescription painkillers to cocaine and heroin."

The documentary is on Amazon for \$4.99. Please consider watching it and helping to get the word out so that we can begin to give people hope. For more info, please listen to this live radio interview with Terry Meiners and the producer, Norman Stone.

<https://whas.iheart.com/featured/terry-meiners/content/2020-05-12-film-director-norman-stone-on-the-final-fix/>

Portions taken from "NET gain? Film with Ky. ties claims to have way to curb addiction" by Mark Maynard, Kentucky Today.

If you are interested in further information about this treatment, please contact Mark LaPalma of Isaiah's House, Willisburg, KY.



Did you know?

Some of our Sunday School classes are beginning to meet in person. Our Vineyard Class recently met at the home of Rick & Dixie Taylor. Bruce Brantley started us out with some great music!



Operation Care

For the past 30 years, **Operation Care** has offered help, hope, and healing to hurting people, through Jesus Christ and with the financial assistance of generous people. With your help and the grace of God, Operation Care will continue to help people through the

services they provide: transitional housing program for women and children; state-licensed medical and dental care program at Operation Care Mercy Medical Clinic; prescription drug program at the clinic; food pantry; emergency assistance program where we provide food, clothing, and home furnishings to people facing catastrophic loss from flood, fire, or financial crisis; and Community Christmas program, in which they work with other community partners to provide Christmas gifts and food baskets to families in need. None of these services would be possible without financial supporters, volunteers, and donations and purchases at the Encore Shop Thrift Store.

ENCORE THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH INVENTORY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 AT 10AM

PLEASE CONTACT DONNA HENSHAW OR SUSAN WATKINS AT 633-1965

BIBLE STUDY w/ JENNIFER DECKER BEGINS AT 9AM LUNCH PROVIDED

Did You Know?

We are very excited that Stelisd, Inc. located here in Simpsonville, has donated 40 face masks to our Adventure Club employees. These masks will allow the children to see their teachers smiling faces, which makes a big difference in helping the kids to feel comfortable.



Many of our regular volunteers are waiting to return and we are needing to fill some open positions on our First Impressions Team.

If you are planning on returning to worship this month, and would be available to help with greeting and seating on a short-term basis, please contact the church office at 722-5246 or Rayann Jacobs at rayannjacobs@gmail.com.

Directory Update

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Please be in prayer for our Ministry Involvement Team as they begin meeting to match the needs of the church with our members/volunteers. We have several key positions open and your prayers are appreciated. Our team members are:

Debbie Dupont (Chair), Larry Miller, Scott Sageser, Julie Elmore, Emily Royse, Angela Sanford

GOLF LEAGUE

Thursday Night Men's Golf League 2020

Hi, Men..... Just wanted everyone to know that I have set up our Thursday night Men's Golf League at Weissinger for every other Thursday night. The dates reserved are Thursdays: **July 16, 30, August 13 and 27.**

This year everyone must email Weissinger Hills Golf Course at whgc1234@gmail.com requesting your own tee time at 5:34, 5:51, 6:08 or 6:25pm. You can do this as early as the Friday before each of these Thursday dates. Please show up early since our groups have been going off quicker than the time schedule.

Obviously, we have to keep at least 6 feet apart with no congregating in groups, so it will be a somewhat a first-come first-serve tee off in groups of four. **Please send me a message** using my cell number or email address listed below. Please include your name, phone number and email address in case I don't have you in my contacts already. Lowell Ashby 502-777-2540 lowellashby9@gmail.com



Read Through The Bible In A Year

July 1 Psalm 116-120	July 16 Proverbs 25-27
July 2 Psalm 121-125	July 17 Proverbs 28-31
July 3 Psalm 126-130	July 18 Ecclesiastes 1-3
July 4 Psalm 131-135	July 19 Ecclesiastes 4-6
July 5 Psalm 136-140	July 20 Ecclesiastes 7-9
July 6 Psalm 141-145	July 21 Ecclesiastes 10-12
July 7 Psalm 146-150	July 22 Song of Solomon 1-4
July 8 Proverbs 1-3	July 23 Song of Solomon 5-8
July 9 Proverbs 4-6	July 24 Isaiah 1-3
July 10 Proverbs 7-9	July 25 Isaiah 4-6
July 11 Proverbs 10-12	July 26 Isaiah 7-9
July 12 Proverbs 13-15	July 27 Isaiah 10-12
July 13 Proverbs 16-18	July 28 Isaiah 13-15
July 14 Proverbs 19-21	July 29 Isaiah 16-18
July 15 Proverbs 22-24	July 30 Isaiah 19-21

DID YOU KNOW?

Mike & Debbie Willman have spent hours updating and maintaining our landscaping while we have been quarantining! They often come daily to water, which is a great effort for the plants located by the sign. There is no easy water access and the Willman's bring gallons of water from home to ensure a bright warm welcome when people come to our facilities.



Stepping up to the plate

This summer the mission work and outreach performed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will continue. It's exciting to announce that we have a local SBC member taking part in this important mission work.

While going out west to Southern California to play in the SoCal Collegiate Baseball league, Will Cline will be stepping up to the plate to take some swings and play some baseball with the SoCal Shepherds. The Shepherds are the national FCA collegiate team, competing in the Sunset League. However, not only will he be playing baseball this summer, he will also be working on spreading the Gospel!

Each summer, the SoCal Shepherd's go on mission, reaching out to children, using the venue of sports to coach and teach baseball skills, leadership, and teamwork, while more importantly focusing on bible study and learning about the ministry of Christ.

Will is a member of SBC and is currently attending Centre College where he is studying international studies & politics with plans to attend Law school. While at Centre he is completing the US Army leadership training through the UK Army ROTC program. He is also engaged in FCA Bible study, playing varsity baseball, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and was elected as the Executive Vice President of the Centre Intrafraternal council.

We are excited to see our Church's youth at work in God's Kingdom! Please be in prayer for Will as he grows in his faith, leadership, and his mission work to reach those lost or who need to hear God's word.

Will's parents are Andrew & Alecia Cline.



This year due to the pandemic, we offered VBS online for the first time. And IT WENT GREAT! We had 82 kids participate. Thanks to our thirty volunteers that helped to pack up and deliver the VBS boxes! All of the kids got a t-shirt, crafts, a bracelet and a sticker.



AND they watched some really cool videos created by our children's pastor, Kevin Barnette!



If your children would still like to participate in VBS, all the videos are online and we can prepare a VBS box for your kids. We do have limited sizes of shirts available though. Contact Kevin at 722-5246 ext. 105.

When the world is in turmoil sometimes the best prayer is a song.

Here, I cry Lord, we pray
 Our faces down, our hands are raised
 You called us out, we turned away. We've turned away.
 With shipwrecked faith, our idols rise.
 We do what is right in our own eyes.
 Our children now will pay the price.
 We need Your light Lord, shine Your light
 If we've ever needed you, Lord it's now. Lord it's now.
 We are desperate for your hand.
 We're reaching out. We're reaching out.
 All our hearts, all our strength
 With all our minds, we're at Your feet.
 May your kingdom come in our hearts and lives.
 Let Your Church arise. Let Your church arise.
 We're reaching out. We're reaching out.
 We need You now. Revive us now. We need You now.

just pray

If We've Ever Needed You, by Casting Crowns, is a prayer for our nations, our communities and our personal spiritual revival. Our church family should be at the top of our prayer list as well. Stay connected by signing up for our SBC Prayer Wall on our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com.

MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to Brandon Porter for leading our first music fellowship! It was well attended with over 75 people enjoying a beautiful evening. Social distancing and the use of masks didn't prevent people from experiencing the joy of being together in worship again!



July Birthdays

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| 1 Amy Tucker | |
| 2 Kaden Dugle, Steve Peak | |
| 3 Lindsay Keys, Ronnie Sowder | |
| 5 Amber Moore, Abbie Cline, Barb Sheckells | |
| 7 Rachel Miller, Lucas Owens | |
| 8 Jack Molidor, Michelle Vogel | |
| 10 Valerie Hebdige, Tammy Wallace | |
| 11 Kyjah Dunn, Sharon Kramer | |
| 12 Lori Cheppo, Lisa Davis, Mike Jacobs | |
| 13 Christy Branstetter, Heather Garland | 23 Jon Caranna |
| 16 Nathan Sangster, Hope Thompson | 24 James Owens |
| 17 Jillian McElDowney, Christy Riner | 25 Brandon Porter |
| 18 Selena Valentine | 26 Elaine Harkey |
| 19 Linda Ashby, Tina Ball, Kyle Parks | 27 Allison Jacobs |
| 20 Larry Corley, Gwyn Trumbo | 29 Jenny Huff, Chuck Rhoads |
| 21 Julie Renfro | 30 Steve Cheppo |
| 22 Bonnie Pruitt | 31 Tony Miller, Levi Wyatt |

Please remember our local police force in your prayers, as well as our friends Mike, Titus, and Brian as they serve our community.

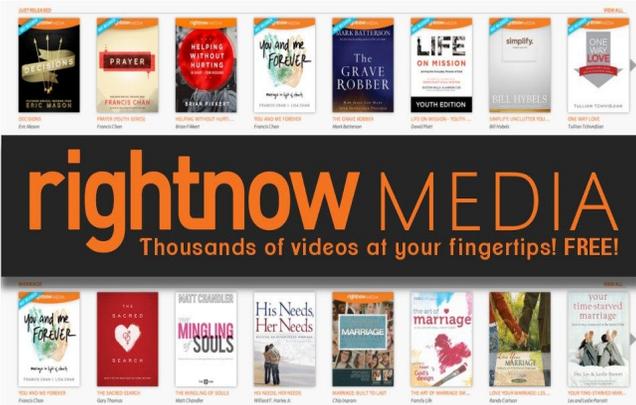
Creator God, thank you that your voice prepares us for eternal life. As we pray for our police officers today, we ask you would meet every need they have in their work. We ask that your strength would flow through them, giving the endurance they need to carry on. Give them encouragement that the work they do represents your character of justice and peace. We look forward to a day with no injustice and no oppression when you reign forever.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Lord's Supper

We will take communion together in Worship on Sunday, August 9. If you would like to receive individually packaged communion kits at your home, please contact our deacon chair, Bob Perkins (rop8153@gmail.com or 297-1158). Deacons will deliver the elements on Saturday, August 8.





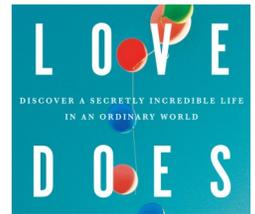
This 12-part series explores the history, importance and impact of archaeology and how discoveries help us better understand the ancient world. Dave Stotts, host of *Drive Thru History*®, introduces his friend and expert, Titus Kennedy, PhD, to unpack the world of archaeology in the Holy Land. They are joined by longtime travel companion and *Drive Thru History*® writer, Randall Niles.

The team teaches from an interactive studio filled with artifacts, models, slides and gizmos. There are also fun cutaways to Titus and Dave at dig sites and museums throughout Israel and the Mediterranean region. The team gets dirty with the basic tools, technologies and discoveries of archaeology, while focusing on the key locations and artifacts that make the Bible come alive. Entertaining and educational, *Bible Unearthed*™ is a great apologetics resource for the entire family. 12 sessions



One look around and any kid can tell that life on this farm is bales of fun! It's also a place kids discover important truths from the Bible's parables. From Hercules, a cranky rooster who likes to sleep in, to Sam the Ram, who loves pizza covered with jam, this barnyard is filled with a tractor-load of true "characters" whose uproariously funny personalities will bring hours of entertainment and learning to your little farmers.

In *Love Does*, a five-session video-based small group study (guide sold separately), you will discover the whimsy of New York Times best-selling author Bob Goff through a sometimes humorous, thought-provoking, meaningful lesson that makes faith in God simple and real.



You will discover the paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action, just like Jesus did. Bob believes Love Does.

When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible too.



In 1973, Birmingham was torn by racism and hate. God worked through the Woodlawn high school football team to unite the city and ignite a spiritual awakening. This revival was nothing short of miraculous. Could it happen again? *ONE (The Woodlawn Study)* features powerful scenes and exclusive footage from the movie Woodlawn to discover the answer...it only takes one person to start a revolution. What if that person is you? **With teaching by Pastors Dave Stone and Dr. Tony Evans, *ONE (The Woodlawn Study)* prepares your heart to experience and embrace a move of God.** Six sessions.



For too long, Christians have settled for less than matchless love of Jesus. This compromise has left us disastrously unprepared as hate has come out of the shadows and into the public light. More than ever, believers

are tempted to give in to their fears, prejudices, and suspicions. Even worse, hate is now accepted as normal, and many remain unaware of its deep pull on their lives.

In twelve film segments, *Love First* offers a clear-eyed assessment of the current love/hate crisis and a practical strategy for how Christians can begin to truly love, especially those who do not love us in return. This series is filled with humor and hard-hitting questions. McLaughlin will surprise, inspire, convict, and challenge you with God's call to love as we have been loved.

We are very excited to announce that the Right Now Media studies can be watched virtually with others! Choose a session from any study and then click "watch as a virtual group."



Adventure Club is back and we are so excited! We opened our doors on June 15th and it was super sweet to reunite with families and their children. There has been much preparation to get us to this point of reopening and we basically had to start from scratch on how to make our program work and meet the COVID-19 guidelines. There was lots of thinking outside the box and knowing that we just had to take that leap of faith and trust God. I am super thankful for my staff as they have volunteered their time over the last few months to help us get to the point of reopening. Knowing that we are a part of parents being able to go back to work and

getting back to some type of normal is a good feeling. The kids are excited to be here, the parents are thankful and the staff is ready to make each day the best day with their class. Some fun things that we get to do each day: take temperatures twice a day, wash hands, wash hands, and did I mention wash hands?

Jill Sowder

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