



# SIMPSONVILLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Church and Community

# PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, August 30  
6pm

**WE HOPE YOU WILL COME TO PRAY FOR  
LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL LEADERSHIP; PASTORS, CHURCH MISSION &  
MINISTRY, CHURCH REVIVAL & NATIONAL AWAKENING;  
TEACHERS, WORKERS AND ADMINISTRATORS; FIRST RESPONDERS;  
WE WILL MEET IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
AND WILL EXERCISE HEALTHCARE PRECAUTIONS.**

# Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

## Where Are We Going?

Some people are saying Church may be changing forever. Some may never return to attending a Sunday morning worship service as we know it. While we will be able to retain some familiar methods and church practices, we will likely have to add new ways and methods so people can be reached with the gospel. How will we worship, disciple, evangelize, serve and fellowship?



To be transparent, the following are some of our major challenges that we face and some solutions that are being tried:

- \* Most Sunday School rooms can only accommodate around 6-12 persons because of 6' social distancing. We have no space on campus for students to meet on Sundays.
- \* We lack children and nursery volunteers due to the Coronavirus.
- \* Everyone is invited to attend Rick Taylor's class (8:30am) or Lowell Ashby's class (11am) in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday.
- \* Some small groups are rotating their meetings at various homes. Others are using on-line meetings. Most are meeting at various days and times.
- \* We have available times for groups to meet in the day or evening in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* We are seeing a slow increase in our average worship attendance. We can go to two worship services when warranted. We have a shortage of greeters and ushers.
- \* We desperately want you to connect with other Christians. We are working to develop new ways for the church to experience pastoral care and community. Many of you are greatly missing these touch points.
- \* We are seeking new ways to reach out to our communities through meeting needs. We welcome any Holy Spirit generated ministry ideas to reach our church family and community.

Most of the aforementioned ideas depend on your degree of comfort with healthcare precautions, space allocation, and volunteers. We understand many of you aren't yet comfortable returning to the traditional means of worship and discipleship on campus. We encourage individuals and families to develop personal and family worship times through the week. Will the Church need to adapt? Probably, in some measure, in how we do church. Some of the changes could be for the best. Some of the changes will be painful. However, here is one thing that will never change — to make a difference in our world, we will always need to see many more people disciplined to serve personally in their daily lives. Let's pray together that God would help us desire and commit to "making disciples who make disciples."

## Marriage Night Simulcast Event

Join thousands of people from around the world for a one-night simulcast event. Laugh and learn with your spouse as you hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God in your marriage.

Hundreds of local and international churches will host the first Marriage Night livestream event in partnership with RightNow Media. Marriage Night will bring together thousands of husbands, wives, and engaged couples to hear from Matt and Lauren Chandler (The Mingling of Souls), Conway and Jada Edwards (When love's in View), Les and Leslie Parrott (The Good Fight), and comedian Michael Jr.

Healthy marriages don't happen by accident. They require work and dedication, but with the busyness of life and the pressures of culture it's easy to lose focus. What is marriage supposed to look like when those initial bursts of excitement give way to everyday troubles and routines?

Marriage Night is an opportunity to offer the people in your congregation and community practical answers to that question. The event will provide them with expert teaching and principles for a lasting relationship while challenging them to see the greater purpose of marriage—to glorify God and advance his gospel. Marriage is made for more than fairy tale ending. It's a picture of God's hope and redemption for a world in need of rescue.

**MN MARRIAGE NIGHT**

An Evening to Laugh, Learn,  
and Grow in Your Marriage

**Saturday, September 12**

Get Your Tickets for This Virtual  
Event at [MarriageNight.org](http://MarriageNight.org)

Where:	Shelby Christian Church	Highland Baptist Church	Home Host Locations
Address:	2375 Frankfort Rd Shelbyville, KY	511Mt. Eden Road Shelbyville, KY	To Be Determined
Cost:	\$30/couple	\$30/couple	Please contact the church office at 502.722.5246 if you would be interested in being a host home for this event.
Date:	September 13, 2020	September 19, 2020	
Time:	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	
Register:	<a href="http://www.marriagenight.org">www.marriagenight.org</a>	<a href="http://www.marriagenight.org">www.marriagenight.org</a>	

## Facebook Ministry

SBC is thankful to have Marydora Conley and Mike Waterman offering biblical counseling through our Facebook page. They are focusing on topics of challenge during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please show them your thanks and support for this invaluable ministry. We join together in prayer that this ministry opportunity will help many individuals and families, and touch many hearts with the hope of Jesus Christ.

Marydora Conley is a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family therapist, and a board approved supervisor with both licensure boards. She received a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky and a dual Master's degree in social work and marriage & family therapy from the University of Louisville.

In 2007, Marydora opened the Restoration House Counseling and Resource Center located in Louisville. She later expanded her private practice to Melbourne, Florida where she worked part-time until 2016.

While Marydora sees clients with many different problems, her focus is to help those desiring to build healthy relationships with God, self, and others. It is her practice to provide a safe environment for discussing and resolving issues of concern. It is her goal to help clients restore hope, love, and respect for themselves and to their relationships.

Marydora also has expertise in treating clients struggling with eating disorders, depression, anxiety, grief & loss, anger management, communication & conflict resolution, spirituality, and relationship issues. Caring for self through mindfulness, awareness of a self relationship, and learning healthy boundaries is another area in which Marydora has extensive training and experience.

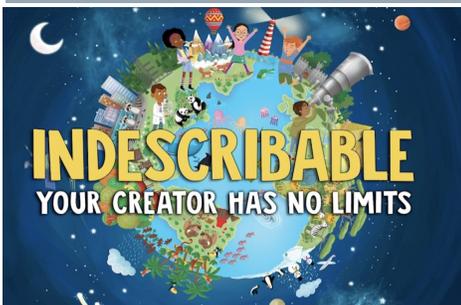
In 2017, Marydora teamed up with psychiatrist, Dr. Terry Hagan, to develop a Psychotherapy department and begin Hagan Health Institute. Here she serves as the director of Psychotherapy and promotes coordination of care where psychiatry and psychotherapy partner together to better serve clients. She currently works in this capacity and maintains a part-time private practice.

Prior to being in private practice and opening her own counseling center, Marydora worked as a marriage and family therapist for Southeast Christian Church in Louisville KY. She has been a member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapists and the American Association for Christian Counselors. She has conducted groups for Eating Disorders, marriage growth, and spiritually based self growth. She has also been a part of a team who conducted a week long workshop at the University of Zimbabwe Africa on "Overcoming Depression In An Economically Depraved Country." She is also an approved counselor for Focus on the Family Counseling Referral Center.

Marydora has been married for 50 years to her husband David. She has three sons, three daughters-in-law, and 9 amazing grandchildren.



Mike Waterman leads our church's security team. He is a Marine Corps veteran and served in Vietnam. His employment career includes working with the Indiana State Police, four different Job Corps centers in several states and, finally, the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice where he retired. Mike received his undergraduate degree from University of Southern Indiana and his Master's degree in counseling from Liberty University. After his retirement, Mike worked in private practice as a Christian marriage and family therapist. He and his wife Anne have been married for 33 years and have been members of Simpsonville Baptist Church for 22 years.



### Check out our new Children's section on the church website!

The children's ministry page is being enhanced to include themes and videos that kids and parents can access each week.

God's creativity is endless. And since we're made in God's image, we can be creative, too. We can express ourselves AND accomplish something important in the world around us, because our Creator has no limits.

**Adult COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
Begins in September  
Games will be held in  
Shelbyville on Thursdays evenings.**

**Contact Denise Miller if you are  
interested in playing.  
502 649-2316**



# Church Business and Skills DIRECTORY

We are beginning a new church business directory which we will keep updated in our monthly newsletters. Please send your listings to Angie in the church office. (502 722-5246 ext.106 or [angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com](mailto:angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com)) Please note that SBC is not endorsing any of these businesses. We are listing them for you to contact when you have a need. Also, please do not request "special deals" for church family.



## **Baking**

Hope Thompson 548-2832

## **Blackberries & Honey**

Jay Branstetter 220-8722

## **Builder**

Larry Curry 722-5500

George Skeeters 639-9896

## **Carpentry**

Chris Kriel 232-0459

## **Dog Training**

Brian Marchesseault 321-8479

## **Drywall**

Rick Taylor 593-3599

## **Electric**

Aaron Glass 220-5974

Al Poulter 321-4536

## **Flooring**

Gary Stewart 724-7777

Chris Kriel 232-0459

Michael Stevens 706-938-4961

## **Handyman & Remodeling**

Marc Miller 938-8327

John F. White 599-2281

Michael Stevens 706-938-4961

## **Hearing Aids & Audiology**

Renea Sageser 633-1007

## **Health & Wellness Coaching**

Elizabeth Sharrett 643-6253

## **Horse Hauling**

Tony Sanford 220-9850

## **Pork & Honey Producers**

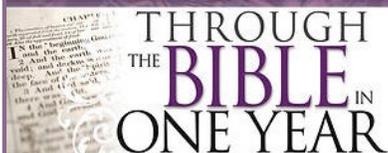
Titus & Christy Riner 269-8370

## **Sewing**

Veada Metcalf 321-9026

## **Wedding Planner**

Patti Tocci 548-7559



September 1	Jeremiah 46-48
September 2	Jeremiah 49-52
September 3	Lamentations 1-3
September 4	Lamentations 4-5
September 5	Ezekiel 1-3
September 6	Ezekiel 4-6
September 7	Ezekiel 7-9
September 8	Ezekiel 10-12
September 9	Ezekiel 13-15
September 10	Ezekiel 16-18
September 11	Ezekiel 19-21
September 12	Ezekiel 22-24
September 13	Ezekiel 25-27
September 14	Ezekiel 28-30
September 15	Ezekiel 31-33
September 16	Ezekiel 34-36
September 17	Ezekiel 37-40
September 18	Ezekiel 41-44
September 19	Ezekiel 45-48
September 20	Daniel 1-3
September 21	Daniel 4-6
September 22	Daniel 7-9
September 23	Daniel 10-12
September 24	Hosea 1-3
September 25	Hosea 4-6
September 26	Hosea 7-10
September 27	Hosea 11-14
September 28	Joel 1-3
September 29	Amos 1-3
September 30	Amos 4-6



Our regathering has gone well!  
Our attendance has moved from 53 the first week up to 72 on August 3.

The Prayer Group began meeting August 5 with distancing guidelines in place.

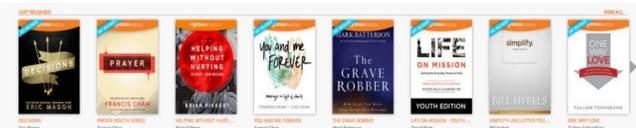
The Thursday morning Women's discipleship class moved to Mondays and has been meeting since July.

Regardless of doors being locked for staff safety, ministry continues!!



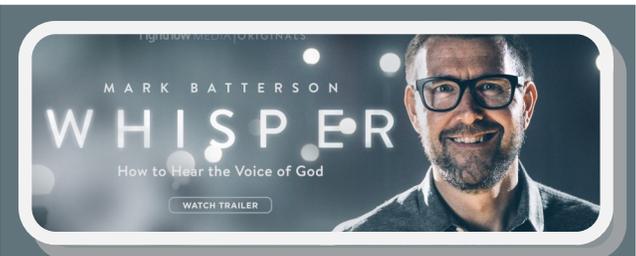
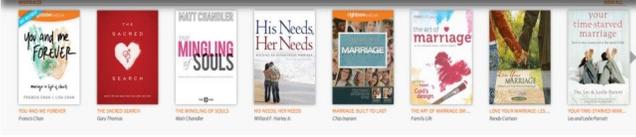
*If you don't see your name listed, or it's incorrectly listed, please contact Angie in the church office at 502.722.5246.*

1	Gabby Miller, Gabe Perkins	16	Carley Vail
2	Kenzie Tingle	17	Hallie Elmore
3	Lily Duncan, Veada Metcalf	19	Natalie Ferguson
4	Scott Corn, Timothy Miller	20	Dwayne Zapata
5	Jason Evans	23	Connie Gray, Mike Hammond, Jennifer Miller
7	Stacy Griggs, Tony Thomas, Micah Tucker, Carrie Vail	24	Anna Gray, Keegan Tingle, Karigan Tingle
8	Becky Straub	26	Will Cline
9	Drew Windhorst	27	Natasha Evans, Sharon Hamilton, Amber Thurman
12	Steven Kovaka, Evan Twyman	30	Ryker Gossom, Toni Moore, Dixie Taylor
14	Jimmy Crawford, Hannah Webb		
15	Ellie Cline, Trevor Hale, Anissa Rogers		



# rightnow MEDIA

Thousands of videos at your fingertips! FREE!



Many people have a tough time believing that God still speaks. We've learned from Scripture that God spoke to His people in ancient times and in mysterious ways, but how do we hear His voice now? The truth is God still communicates with His people, but He often speaks in a whisper—not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close.

In this 4-session series, Mark Batterson teaches what it means for Christians to discern the voice of God in their lives. He will introduce the seven love languages of God—each of them unique and entirely divine. By learning to tune in and decipher each language, Mark equips believers to hear God's guidance and grow closer to Him.

God is speaking. Do you know how to listen?



Anxiety can feel like a constricting snake slowly tightening around us until it is difficult to breathe. In recent weeks, the anxiety surrounding the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus has a hold on the whole world as people die, economies decline, and our lives change right before our eyes.

In this four-part series, Jonathan Pokluda speaks words of comfort and wisdom, to help Christians navigate the areas of life COVID-19 is affecting. During this series you'll be encouraged in how to overcome anxiety in these troubling days and explore ways you can remain faithful to God and to others.

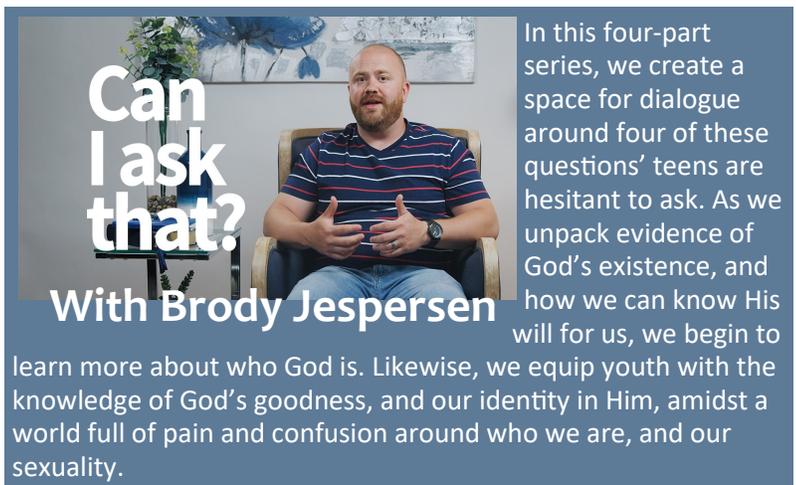


Whether you've been to the Land of the Bible or always wanted to go, you've never experienced it like this before. Four years in the making, *Promised Land* is a cinematic achievement and a sweeping masterpiece. See the places you've imagined and read about in Scripture filmed in vivid high definition from angles never seen before.

*Promised Land* immerses you in the stories of the Bible where they happened as author and leader of the Daily Audio Bible, Brian Hardin, takes you from the wilderness to the Galilee and out onto the coastal plain before entering the most holy city in the world...Jerusalem. The history and geography of the Bible will come alive as the Scriptures unfold before your eyes. Drink in the land of the Bible as the places only visited in your imagination become crystal clear. To get any closer, you'd need to be there! Two 2-hour sessions.



Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent is an animated action-adventure series about a young spy with a whole lot to learn! He's arrogant and reckless and always insists on working alone. That is, until the day he's paired with a very unlikely partner—his mom! Deb Defrates is NOT a spy. She knows more about cutting coupons than cutting down on crime but her wisdom and kindness somehow always seem to save the day. These half-hour episodes are great for churches or families and are perfect for children ages 6 and up.



In this four-part series, we create a space for dialogue around four of these questions' teens are hesitant to ask. As we unpack evidence of God's existence, and how we can know His will for us, we begin to learn more about who God is. Likewise, we equip youth with the knowledge of God's goodness, and our identity in Him, amidst a world full of pain and confusion around who we are, and our sexuality.

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**You can watch all videos virtually with others! Just click the link to "Watch as a Virtual Group".**



## **Fusion 56**

**Fusion56 is an opportunity for our outgoing 5th graders to mesh with the 6th graders to begin the process of becoming a youth.**

**The kids enjoyed great fellowship and getting to know one another at Great Wolf Lodge!**

**Special thanks to Anna Gray who was our girl's chaperone!**



Our Women's Ministry team collected and sent 335 backpacks and school supplies to Rattlesnake Ridge this week. Last year they packed 200 backpacks so this was a nice increase despite the virus stipulations of gathering and social distancing!! Thank you to everyone that provided school supplies and helped pack the backpacks!



### **Did You Know?**

**Maddox Porter is in Air Force boot camp AND Lucas Owens is at Navy boot camp.**

Lucas is under Covid quarantine for two weeks and then will begin boot camp. We will include his address in the October newsletter so that you may encourage him with cards.



Please consider sending a note of encouragement to Maddox.  
AB Porter, William M.  
326 TRS/FLT 667 Dorm Alo  
1320 Truemper St. Unit 36-1019 JBSA Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6096



SBC is extremely proud of both of these young men. Please keep each of them in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives.



Please take a moment to send a card or goody box to one of our college-bound students to encourage them as they make the adjustments to being away from home.

**Luke Scott**

720 Woodland Ave, 418 Chellgren Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40526-0104

**Hallie Elmore**

203 Sycamore Dr. Louisville, KY Hallie is attending Bellarmine University.

**Macey Gowin**

Pearce Ford Tower 1766 Avenue of Champions-WKU 26th floor-Room 10, Bowling Green, KY 42101-6440

**Jany Chhan & Sarah Grace Garner**

Pearce Ford Tower 1766 Avenue of Champions-WKU Room # 2608, Bowling Green, KY 42101-6440

**Alex Jacobs**

Centre College 600 West Walnut Street, Danville, KY 40422

**Kaden Dugle**

Asbury University 1 Macklem Dr. Johnson Hall 215 E Wilmore, KY 40390

**Isaac Porter**

9333 Twin Bridges Rd, Alvaton, KY 42122 Isaac is attending Western Kentucky University.

**Natalie Ferguson**

Eastern Kentucky University, Mail Services, Powell Building, 225 Park Drive, Richmond, KY 40475

**Nick Pecora**

220 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101-6441 Nick is attending Western Kentucky University.

## STORIES OF KENYA THE LATEST: WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Jackline Pendo is a local school teacher in Mijomboni. Nathan recently visited the school and spoke with her about the needs of the girls there. Below is a letter received by Nathan regarding the ongoing ministry at the school.

*"Nathan, I am happy for you and we also cherish the time you were here. On behalf of the young school girls of Mijomboni we are humbled by your visit and your work in our community is evident. I must admit here that you know our community better than we know it.*

*When you involved me and other teachers on fact finding missions, my eyes were opened. When you asked me the question as to why our younger sisters are mothers at such an early age, I didn't have the answer until we conducted that research on why we have teen pregnancies, and the reasons behind underdevelopment and poor school performance. We found that as the girls said, the poverty has led to girls selling themselves for a sanitary towel, for lunch in school, and for other basic necessities for girls. Yes, I must also admit that our cultural practices are contributing to our poverty. We fear one another in the matter of witchcraft. But I am inspired by your generous giving to these girls. Those who you gave vegetable seedlings are now selling vegetables. The following have told me they want to be in the team of change: Alex Baraka, Garama, Aman, Jonathan, and Ann. They have planted the Paw Paw, green grams, kales and cow peas that you left behind. You are using a good strategy to empower our community and your garden is now model farm I am also realizing that our commitment to God is the answer to our inequalities in development. This is a noble idea. Am happy also to report that I bought food for Khadija and her brothers and sisters and your Gardener gave the green grams and vegetables to this family."*

Jackline Pendo

The local family of 9 children and no living parents, cared for by the oldest, 16 year old Khadija. A very old grandmother also lives with them who contributes by going out to beg. One of our SBC members has decided to regularly send money to help this family.



### PINEAPPLES!

Pineapples are the current hot crop in Kilifi, so Nathan has cleared a couple of acres of land that he owns in Sosoni (where our goat herd is kept) and planted new pineapple suckers (similar to how strawberries are propagated). This fruit can grow well with a minimum of water and there is currently a good market for it. Here you see pictures of the field before and after planting.



### CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE IN KILIFI

The coastal towns all over the world are usually known to have a promising economy, so why not in the Kenyan coastal towns, where the natives are living in abject poverty while foreigners are enjoying the benefits that come with the Coastal strip, like the booming tourism industry. The answer is religion! The coastal natives are superstitious, and most of them are living in fear of being prosperous because their neighbors may bewitch them due to jealousy. The witch doctors are ruling! The few who appear prosperous are those who have run away from the curse of superstition. The best example, is the man from whom we bought our land from. He had 14.5 acres of land, [inherited from his mother] and he has sold 14 acres pocketing millions of shillings but his life and house where he sleeps is a clear indication that life without Christ is miserable! He looks like a beggar. Upon asking him why such a life, his answer is that he doesn't want to die because all his neighbors are witches. His neighbors too are suspicious of him!

The current home of Michael, the man who once owned 14.5 acres here and sold us our farm. With the mild tropical climate, people can live here with almost nothing, and Satan works to keep them down at that level of poverty, often by the use of witchcraft and fear of prosperity  
Stephen Kovaka

If you would like to give to Ultimate Wings to help the children of Mijomboni school or help supply seeds and plants for area farmers, please contact Stephen at 502-689-3583 or [sdkovaka@outlook.com](mailto:sdkovaka@outlook.com).



Our Deacon Ministry team has agreed to serve for an additional year due to the Corona Virus.

**Bob Perkins—Chairman**

**Matt Moore- Vice Chairman**

Please be in prayer for these men as they lead our Deacon Ministry Team in 2020-2021.



## Testimony Highlight of Yves Jean Baptiste

Thank you for allowing me to share these things with you and for your consideration. As I write this, I am currently deployed to SC. I am working hard and learn a ton, but I am eager to return home to my family and to begin my service with FCA! May God continue to bless you!

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5 ESV

### Early Years in Haiti

I was born and raised in Haiti until moving to Florida in 2001. In Haiti, I grew up in the Catholic church; I was religious, but my heart was far from God. After coming to the US, I focused on completing my schooling and playing soccer, which God would later use as a means of going to college.

### Salvation

In 2008, the Lord began convicting me of my sinful lifestyle and my religious ways. By 2010, I had given my heart to Jesus and I was allowing Him to continue the work of sanctification that He had started. I was so hungry for God that I would spend all my free time had reading the word, praying, or listening to preaching. Soon after having my life transformed by God, I decided to enroll in Job Corps to further my job training. It was at this time that God placed me in the SBC congregation.

### SBC

I was first brought to SBC by Shirley and Ed Ragan. This couple dedicated their lives to ministering to me and many of the other young people at Job Corps. They taught me what it means to have a passion for souls. At SBC, I was disciplined, baptized, and initiated into the body of Christ. This is where my foundations were established! The times I spent listening to sermons, attending Sunday school, and fellowshiping with the saints would forever shape my walk with Christ.

Brothers and sisters like Larry and Linda Otterback and Dixie and Rick Taylor dedicated their time and resources to developing lasting relationships with me. They soon became my family as I navigated life and my new Christian walk, away from my home country and my family. While in Job Corps, God used me to lead bible studies and to share the gospel with many of my peers and teachers. As I continued doing this type of work, something in my head and heart just clicked! I felt like I was just doing what I was created to do! While attending Job Corps, I realized that I was not studying in the field of my Life's calling, so about a year later, God provided me with the opportunity to attend Campbellsville University to learn about him and his word. This is when I left SBC and moved to Campbellsville.

### Life Update & Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Today, I am married to my beautiful wife Gina-Lou (who I met while serving on the mission field in Haiti) and we have a sweet 10-month-old daughter, Anna-Lou. I am currently serving in the US Army as a Chaplain Candidate while earning my MDiv. in Biblical Counseling through The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I was working for Campbellsville University when FCA presented me with an offer that I could not resist: the chance to enter full-time ministry—a chance to offer the Gospel to students and coaches in high need public schools in Louisville. The task of my life is to proclaim the gospel! I exist to make His name known! While I do not want to give myself a title, my goal is to spend my life winning souls for Christ! My aim is to begin serving with FCA on 9/8/20. Even with COVID-19, disrupting many of our plans, we are still working especially hard to proclaim the gospel to students and coaches.

### Ministry Support

**I am \$10,000 away from my \$25,000 goal. My deadline is the first week of September. Thank you for seeking the Lord about partnering with me in the ministry! I have attached the FCA giving link <https://my.fca.org/yvesjeanbaptiste>.**

## Food Drive for Meadow Ridge Apartments Blessings Box

During the month of September we will be collecting food for the Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge. Items can be dropped off at the church office.

### Suggested Items Needed

Cereal, oatmeal, pop-tarts, granola bars, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee, tea bags, pasta, Tuna Helper, canned meats, sugar, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, canned meals-i.e. ravioli, Spaghettios etc.



There are up to 19 tropical storms predicated for this season; up to 10 have been foreseen to gain hurricane status. With this amount of activity predicted we need volunteers to be ready to serve this season.

### Phase 1 Disaster Relief Training

September 12 at Calvary Baptist Church in Glasgow, KY

Register at <https://kbcmmmt.regfox.com/2020-disaster-relief-phase-I-II-training--glasgow>

# REGATHERING AT-A-GLANCE

**Is registration still required to attend? Yes**

Please RSVP your attendance for Sunday by midnight each Friday so we can ensure we have enough spacing. We have around 100 openings each week. Go to our website: [simpsonvillebaptist.com](https://simpsonvillebaptist.com).

**Will we still maintain social distancing? Yes**

Due to increasing numbers of people attending, we will begin to seat people as they enter. We will keep families three seats apart for social distancing AND to seat the maximum number of people that is allowed. Please do not sit more than three seats apart as this makes a difference in the number of people who can attend.

**Will high-touch areas be cleaned and sanitized? Yes**

**Are masks still expected to be worn to enter the building? Yes**

If you do not have a mask, masks will be provided in the foyer.

**Will I still have to have my temperature taken before entering the building? Yes**

If your temperature is above 100.4 we will ask that you do not enter the buildings.

**Can my children attend the service? Yes**

But we do not currently offer nursery, childcare, or Children's Church

**Can I still watch online? Yes**

### Smart TV

- Boxcast App – Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV (search for Simpsonville Baptist)
- Youtube App – All Smart TV platforms (search for Simpsonville Baptist Church KY)
- Facebook Watch App – Samsung TV (search for Simpsonville Baptist)
- If your Smart TV has a web browser app go to <https://simpsonvillebaptist.com>

### Computer (web browser)

Simpsonville Baptist web site: <https://simpsonvillebaptist.com/>

Simpsonville Baptist Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SimpsonvilleBaptist/>

Simpsonville Baptist Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTRU5Iw5C8CQq\\_1-VVC6ttw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTRU5Iw5C8CQq_1-VVC6ttw)

SmartPhone Facebook App or Youtube App

*Thank you for helping to keep our church community safe!*



## Mike & Donna Harmon

I (**Mike**) was born and raised in Paducah Kentucky. At the age of two I contracted polio but as God's Word says "he works all things for our good and His glory." I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the age of ten. I went on to complete my undergraduate work at Murray State University majoring in math and accounting. I also received a Masters in education at Murray and a Masters degree in religious education from Southern Seminary. Before entering the ministry full-time, I taught math at Paducah Tilghman High School for nine years.

God, however, had different plans for my life. I accepted His call into full-time ministry where I have been blessed to serve six churches in multiple capacities over the last 40 years as well as the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Sunday School work. At this time in my life I'm dealing with some of the challenges of post-polio, but God is so faithful. I continue to seek His will and areas of service for Him. My life's verse is Isaiah 40:31. My life's motto is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

I (**Donna**) was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was nine years old. I attended Georgetown College for my undergraduate degree and the University of Kentucky for my Masters degree in social work. I've been blessed to serve in social work administration my entire career. The last years were spent as executive director of the training resource center at Eastern Kentucky University.

My passion has been serving Christ by serving others. God has blessed me with the opportunity to serve him alongside Mike for 39 years. We have served together in four different churches throughout Kentucky.

My life verse is Proverbs 3:5-8. My life's motto is "serve Him to the end which is only the beginning." We look forward to what God has in store through Simpsonville Baptist Church.

Mike & Donna have been married for 39 years, have two adult sons and their wives, and six fantastic grandchildren.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**We have been extremely blessed to have had the leadership of both Amy Griggs (events) and Carrie Vail (discipleship) for the past few years.** After nine years of leading the events portion of the Women's Ministry, Amy has been led to serve in other areas. In her own words, "I will tell you this was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make. Lots of prayer and weighing my options. It really came down to listening and obeying the direction that God wanted me to take. It will be very hard for me to step back and just participate. I loved serving and being in the lives of the women. I will continue to do things I can with my gifts. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do what I have in the past 9 years. I think it has been a good partnership. God Bless the Women of SBC."

We are excited to announce that Maureen Bland will now lead the women's ministry team for the 2020-2021 year per approval at the Ministry Meeting. Carrie Vail will continue to serve as the Women's Discipleship leader.



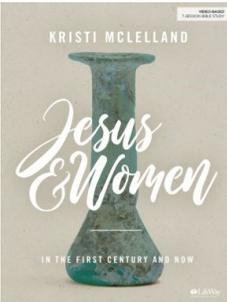
"My husband Eric and I are parents to Ashley (13) and Michael (11). We have attended Simpsonville Baptist for 12 years. During this time I have served as children's Sunday School teacher, AWANA leader, VBS worker, sang in the choir and on the worship team. Some of the things I enjoy doing outside of church is spending time with my family and doing anything outdoors: such as hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, working in my yard, etc.



We, as women, give out so much of our time and energy to our families, jobs, friends, etc., that we often feel burned out and exhausted. My vision for our Women's Ministry here at SBC is to offer Bible Studies and events that will refill our spirits and bring joy and beauty back to our hearts. The scripture I believe the Lord has given me is all of Isaiah 35, but specifically verses 1-2a & 10: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

My heart's desire is that as we encounter the Lord more in studying His Word and also enjoying each other's fellowship, our hearts will be refreshed and invigorated with His JOY as we go about our daily tasks, much like the blossom blooming in the desert. We will be offering much of the same events as in previous years, but also be looking for new opportunities to get in involved, such as: Women's Ministry specific missions projects, Outdoors/Active Women's activities, Season-of-life specific classes/retreats, etc. I am looking forward to this new area of service in leading the Women's Ministry at SBC."

Maureen



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