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BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Moving
Forward
Together*
Phil. 3:13-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phil 2:13-14

We pray for relief from Covid in 2021. We hope and believe that a vaccine will allow us to ready ourselves to full speed.

We expect to make some new ministry strategies that will set the course for a strong 2021 for the glory of God.

Worship

* Return to full worship center usage will extend attendance to 200 at 6' distancing

Facilities

* Master Plan Initiative Team begins meeting again and will give a report as soon as possible.

Evangelism

* Track gospel conversations each month and for the year.

Stage 4 Regathering: January 20

* Begin Wednesday Family Discipleship: Students, Children, Women & Men's Ministry Discipleship

Ministry

* Feed My Sheep: Food Ministry

* CarePortal: Electronic ministry needs communication tool

Metrics

* We will track how many people in the county we serve each month.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

2020: A Year to Remember? or to Forget?

James 1: 2-4 says "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." How has your faith grown to be more complete and mature in 2020?

What have been some disappointments for 2020?

- * Frustrated by wearing mask continually and miss seeing your family and friends
- * Covid illness for you and/or family
- * Missing corporate worship and fellowship
- * Civil unrest, political incivility, financial insecurity, racial inequality

What have been some blessings for 2020?

- * Becoming more ministry/community-minded and family-oriented
- * Discovering new ways to do corporate worship, Bible study, and ministry
- * Accepting responsibility to teach your children spiritually and educationally
- * Learning God is sufficient for our every need

2020 has been filled with extra disappointments and frustration. We can learn so much through our trials. Our faith can and should grow. **Now is a good time to take inventory.** Is it time to offer more grace and love to others? Do I have a newfound understanding of what biblical fellowship is and what the church really should be? Did my faith and love for Jesus grow or was it lacking during Covid?

I have been reminded of my shortcomings, fears, and insecurities. I have been reminded of my sin. BUT, I have been reminded of what is important in life. **God's love is steadfast, faithful, and everlasting.**

During Covid, most of you found a way to be the church by helping neighbors, friends, and co-workers, desiring to serve God by serving others. We have grown corporately and individually in the realm of serving. Others have provided meaningful communications to the church family. Many have seen their prayers take on new life.

Thank you for your faithfulness in financial giving to the mission of His church. Because of our shared giving and serving in 2020, we were able to help hundreds of families with food, rent, utilities, repairs, and presents for Christmas. We were able to provide access to our live worship services online to hundreds of families. You can see a fuller numerical ministry report elsewhere in this newsletter.

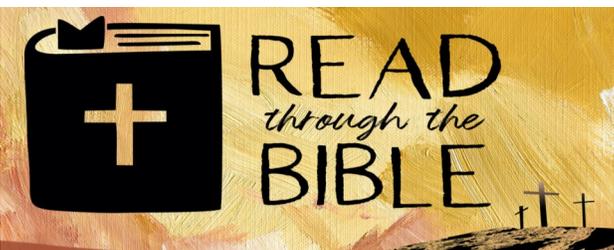
2021 can be symbolic of a new beginning, starting over.

Would you join me in renewing our love for Christ and our commitment to His church?

- * Moving Forward Together is the essence of biblical love and fellowship.
- * Moving Forward Together embodies a hope, peace and plan that God will show us the way.
- * Moving Forward Together prays that God will use us for transformational ministry.
- * Let's Move Forward Together for His glory!



The year you'll remember forever



This year we are encouraging you to participate in a 2-year Bible reading plan. We are changing to a 2-year plan for a number of reasons.

1. We hope more people will participate with less to read each day.
2. We hope that less daily reading will encourage families to read through the Bible together or even have all family members participate.
3. We will print and laminate the bookmarks for those families that would like to do this together.

JANUARY

1. Genesis 1-2
2. Genesis 3-4
3. Genesis 5-6
4. Genesis 7-8
5. Genesis 9-10
6. Genesis 11-12
7. Genesis 13-14
8. Genesis 15-16
9. Genesis 17-18
10. Genesis 19-20
11. Genesis 21-22
12. Genesis 23-24
13. Genesis 25-26
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16. Genesis 31-32
17. Genesis 33-34
18. Genesis 35-36
19. Genesis 37-38
20. Genesis 39-40
21. Genesis 41-42
22. Genesis 43-44
23. Genesis 45-46
24. Genesis 47-48
25. Genesis 49-50
26. Exodus 1-2
27. Exodus 3-4
28. Exodus 5-6
29. Exodus 7-8
30. Exodus 9-10
31. Exodus 11-12

Contact Angie in the church office at 722-5246 if you would like a set of bookmarks for your family members.

January Birthdays

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| 1 | Michelle Whited | 20 | Eric Bland |
| 2 | Megan Evans, Melissa Sangster | 21 | Mattie Johnson, Anne Waterman |
| 4 | Nick Pecora, Bell Tindall, Lily Tindall | 22 | Ashley Bland |
| 5 | Drew Cline, Alex Cline, Donna Harmon, Brent Hinton | 23 | Tamryn Crombie |
| 6 | Regina Shields | 24 | Danny Shekels |
| 7 | Michelle Isenberg, Brooke Hammond | 25 | Bailey Sowder |
| 8 | Tim Pardee | 26 | Tyler Griggs, Marsena Vaughn |
| 10 | Kevin Barnette, Kevin Nickel | 27 | Alex Jacobs, Sydney Rogers, Gina Wilkins |
| 12 | Larry Curry | 28 | Richard Walker |
| 13 | Denise Miller | 29 | Aiden Perkins |
| 16 | Ashley Pierce | 31 | Ken Hyde |
| 17 | Lisa Wyatt | | |

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



Thanksgiving & Christmas Report

We had a wonderful experience with our first **Feed the Sheep community Thanksgiving dinner**. The day before the dinner, two groups met to prepare pies and rolls and turkeys for the meal. On Sunday, our cook team spent the entire morning preparing a really delicious meal. Following worship, many volunteers helped to plate the lunches and deliver them to members of our community and our homebound families. We were able to host a drive-through meal service on Sunday, also. On Monday, the staff took meals to area businesses and continued to provide a pick-up service for the community. Without our volunteers leading the way, we could not have pulled together such a large community project. We would like to thank all of those who financially supported the ministry by purchasing meals. We prepared 450 meals and 128 of those meals were delivered. We received several notes and phone calls from those within the community thanking us for our ministry to them.

Our **Women's Ministry** has been on fire! Our Women's Ministry leader, Maureen Bland personally wrote over 225 cards and combined them with a nice women's devotional as a gift to all of our SBC women. The Monday Women's Discipleship group, led by Amy Griggs, wrote more than 200 Christmas cards for veterans in our local hospitals. This group also helped to decorate many of our cookies and cupcakes for our recent Christmas Cookie Drop. We had a small group of women meeting for a very meaningful Advent study in December: Maureen Bland, Angela Sanford, Amy Griggs, Christy McEldowney, Debbie Dupont, Beth Stewart, Dixie Taylor, and Anita Hoops.

We had a small but hardy group(Bruce Brantley, Gary & Edith McGowan, Stanalee Gowin, Tony Sanford, Larry & Gabby Miller) that rang the **Salvation Army** bell in December.



This year we decided to host a **Christmas Cookie Drop** for our community. We were blessed to have cookie and cupcake donations from Bob Gordon, Bruce Brantley, Dixie Taylor, Linda Ashby, Phyllis Walker, Jon Carranna, Nancy Williams, Debbie Dupont, Debbie Willman, Jenny Huff and Amy Griggs. We prepared boxes and delivered them, along with an invitation to our Christmas Eve service, to 68 community families and our homebound.



Pen Pal Ministry

We are working with Ultimate Wings to create a Pen Pal Ministry between the girls at Mijomboni School in Africa and our kids and teens. If you or your child would like to have a pen pal and write and receive physical letters, please contact Angie in the church office. Letters would be sent to the school, not to a personal address.

Furniture

We have a single woman in the community who is moving from homelessness to having her own place. She is in need of a washer/dryer, kitchen utensils, and dishes to make her new apartment feel like home. If you are replacing some of these items and can help, please contact Angie in the church office at 502-722-5246.

Car

A single mom with three children in our church would really benefit from someone gifting her a car. If you have a reliable car that you aren't using and would like to help a single mom, please contact Steve Boyd at 502-722-5246 ext. 101.



Marriage Minute

SBC Marriage Minute CONFLICT

During conflict with your spouse, remember:

- Your spouse is not the ENEMY
- BREATH before you speak
- It's OK to be wrong
- Your spouse might have a valid point
- Criticism doesn't define your worth
- Take a break from the argument if you sense you're damaging the relationship by continuing.
- If you take a break, agree to come back to it when you are both emotionally settled.
- Genuinely listening to your spouse is going to make it more likely you'll be heard, too.

Visit: familylife.com/vertical-marriage-onlinestudy/ and watch Video 2 for more on resolving conflict.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

With winter upon us, we would like to remind you of ways that you can check for weather-related service cancellations.

- You may watch WHAS,
- WLKY, or WAVE 3 weather cancellations.
- You may check our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com

If school is cancelled on Wednesday, we will cancel Wednesday evening ministries.

Dear Simpsonville Baptist Church:
On behalf of my father, I would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness. He enjoys the visits and conversations with the pastors and appreciates the giving of food, cooked meals, and gift cards. May God bless you!
The Blackburn Family

Dear Friends:
My mom's death was certainly a shock. It's a different feeling when both parents are gone. Thank you for reaching out with condolences and gifts. She was quite a remarkable woman who loved well and was well-loved. I'm so glad many of our church family got to meet her.

Sincerely,
Cindy Childers

Directory Updates

Jonah & Hollie Pack 247 St. Regis Dr. Shelbyville KY 40067
Steven Kovaka 1056 Summersfield Dr. Shelbyville KY 40065
Jon & Bobbi Caranna 115 Fairview Dr. Simpsonville KY 40067
Justin & Danielle Humes 1215 Evergreen Way Simpsonville

SMART

Our SMART (Security Medical and Response Team) periodically requests that we reprint our active-shooter protocols. It is critical that all members know what to do in a crisis of the this type.

- ◇ If an active shooter enters the church during worship, or is already seated, the shooter will probably start shooting before any warning can be given.
- ◇ When this happens all individuals should lean forward, get as low as possible, and try not to bump the chair in front of you.
- ◇ Security personnel are placed strategically throughout the congregation and will respond immediately to eliminate the threat.



- ◇ Any member who is carrying a weapon will also bend forward. **DO NOT USE YOUR WEAPON** because it will interfere with our trained security team and you could be mistaken for a shooter.



- ◇ If the shooter is already in the chair aisles and starts shooting, then it is your call if you are next to him and can tackle or restrain him while the security team acts. This is your call and only if you feel comfortable doing so.
- ◇ **DO NOT CALL 911.** We have it covered.

- ◇ **DO NOT JUMP UP AND RUN TO YOUR CHILDREN OR TO THE DOORS.** We have a plan in place. Please stay seated.
- ◇ Statistically, the active shooter will be an individual who knows a member of the church. It may be a domestic issue involving an argument, violence, divorce, child custody, or a relationship gone bad. Revenge may be the factor. If this is the case and you feel it is possible that someone may do bodily harm to you, then please notify one of the pastors or the security team leader, Mike Waterman. Security will watch for the individual and only the pastors and security team leader will know the specifics of the case.



Additional members are needed for the Medical Response team. Please contact Ronnie Sowder at ronnie431@simpfire.org.



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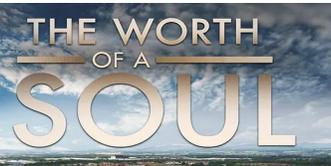


Have you had times in your life when you've prayed so earnestly for God to intervene and it seemed like he left you to handle it on your own? As we are surrounded by all that COVID-19 brings—illness, death, economic hardship and uncertainty—where is God? Why would he let this happen? Doesn't He care that hospitals are full, health care professionals are overloaded, people are losing their jobs? Why won't He—or why can't He—just heal us right now? What is He waiting for?

Here's the promise: Jesus is here in the perfect time with the perfect solution. He loves us deeply. He grieves when we grieve and rejoices when we rejoice. No other God is like our God. But still...sometimes you just wish he'd make himself known just a little bit sooner.

Join **Brett Clemmer, Patrick Morley, and Khayree Pender** as we learn from the Bible important lessons for *Walking with God in a Pandemic*.

It doesn't matter who you are, we all travel through dark places in our lives. And in those dark times, it can be so difficult to put your faith into practice; to remember that God is in the Light business! In this series—Dark Night, Bright Light—Berni Dymet opens up God's Word for us to spend some time with King David, as we look back on what God did in his dark times. The times of fear. This four week exposition of Psalm 34 is a powerful series for anyone who has been, is or will be in a dark and fearful place in life.



Three souls from the United Kingdom hang in the balance in the fight of their lives. The Worth of a Soul features an important Gospel message of truth and love from Franklin Graham. The compelling film follows the lives of Ross McIntyre, Hannah Clarkson and Rahil Patel from Scotland, Huddersfield and London.

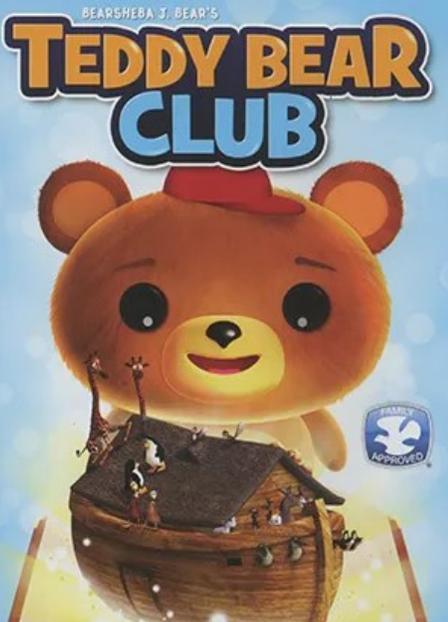


What do you want most from life? Three stories of success and second chances from Rend Collective's lead vocalist Chris Llewellyn, Ebola doctor Nathalie MacDermott and pro-skateboarder Brian Sumner brought up in Liverpool. Billy Graham shares about second chances through Jesus Christ and what you need most.

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

By Randy Alcorn

Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure that, once discovered, brought life-changing joy. In this new video series based on the best-selling book, *The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well.



This is Bearsheba J. Bear. His friends call him BJ. We'd like for you to join him and all his buddies as a member of BJ's Teddy Bear Club. You can watch the show and learn exciting stories from the Bible. We have great songs and music. Plus, you'll have fun learning letters and numbers with our buddy, Jake. Don't forget...Tiki and Tommy who always have silly adventures! At BJ's Teddy Bear Club, we promise you a "Beary good time!" So, join the club. Be part of the fun!

MISSIONS



Meadow Ridge Apartments Blessings Box

The blessings box at Meadow Ridge is used every day of the week. With school instruction at home, children have had easy access to simple lunches and snacks.

Donation requests: cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars and PopTarts, canned meats, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried black beans, white rice, sugar, flour, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples/potatoes. Cereal and canned fruit are high priority items.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box.



SBC Christmas Toy Store

This year the toy store blessed 100 families who shopped for 313 children. We had 40 volunteers throughout the year who did an outstanding job serving our community. Thank you to everyone that supported this ministry!

Ultimate Wings-Kenya

In Mijomboni, which is a long night's bus ride from Soy, there so many needs. There are more orphans and vulnerable children than we have seen in other areas. This young girl, Beatrice is an orphan, who had a leg injury that was not taken care of until one of the Ultimate Wings caregivers discovered her and took her to the hospital.



The two young sister's single mom passed away four months ago, leaving them orphans. Their only caregiver is a drunk grandfather who leaves early in morning and comes back late in the evening.

Dennis was born without hands, and his father wanting him dead put him hot water, as you will notice by the scar on his stomach. We have looked into artificial hands for Dennis and we have an approximate cost of \$3,000 with the surgery being done in Mombasa.

Nathan Osimeo



SBC Family,

We are communicating with Nathan regarding the possibility of building a rescue center in Mijomboni. We will keep you updated regarding this ministry need. If you would like to make a donation to help Dennis or to support the ministry of Ultimate Wings, please contact Steven Kovaka at 502-639-3583.

By the Numbers



We all know that ministry is about people. Primarily, that ministry involves connecting people to Christ and secondarily to each other. So we don't normally place much focus on numbers, but we do believe that the numbers are useful in showing aspects of ministry that you don't normally get to see. With Covid displacing a lot of our ministry areas, some of the ways we do ministry have naturally changed. We are pleased to share what God has done in these areas in 2020.

Women's Ministry

We were able to host Bunco four times. We had forty different women participate and four of those were first-time ladies from the community. Outreach is happening through Bunco!

We had 61 different women participate in five different discipleship classes. Seven of these attended discipleship classes for the first time and eight of them were from the community. We had twelve women participate in IF groups. Six women sent 200 Christmas cards to local veterans and thirty-five women came together in the Spring to write 200 cards for volunteers at Baptist East. In December, Maureen Bland, our new women's ministry leader wrote 214 cards and hand-delivered them with a nice gift of a women's devotional.

Barnabas Ministry Team

This ministry welcomes new guests and members, and send cards of encouragement. Led by Joy Casey, this team made 431 contacts to encourage and uplift our church family which is an **increase** of 79 contacts from 2019.

Deacon Ministry

Deacons are now regularly serving 26 widows and widowers, as well as our homebound friends. In 2020 our deacon ministry made 201 contacts.

Support Staff

805 contacts were made within the church family and the community. This is an **increase** of 67% from 2019.

Food Ministry

Our first efforts in feeding the community via meals and KY Harvest food boxes averaged around 85 families, not including those that came through the drive-through services. Over the course of the year, people have been removed from the original list because they told us they were no longer in need, and others have been added due to job loss. The list is constantly evolving. Our new ministry, which we are calling Feed My Sheep, started in the Fall. We have 186 families which we have served at least one time. We are beginning to develop relationships with 57 of those families. Christmas Cookie Drop-68 families; Dominoes Dinner Gift Cards-20 families; AC food baskets-16 families.

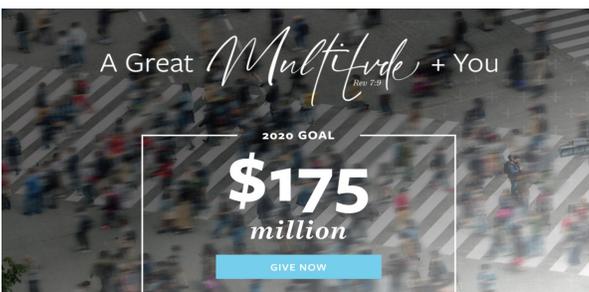
Donations needed to help the homeless in Louisville:

Sterno canned fuel ***
Tents and sleeping bags
Blankets

Flashlights with batteries
Wet wipes ***
Warm socks for both men and women

***Denotes biggest needs

Donations can be taken to the church office.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missionaries

This year's goal is \$175 million, representing the 175 years that the International Mission Board has been in service. Our former pastor and wife, Scott and Joyce Pittman, are on the mission field in Brazil as career missionaries. This may be the best and most effective spiritual investment you make.

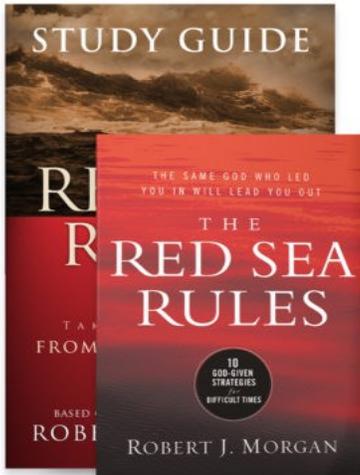
The LMCO is unique in that 100 percent of receipts support Southern Baptist international missions, with no portion covering administrative or promotional costs. Since 2019 alone, according to IMB numbers, the LMCO has

enabled IMB to engage 827 people groups, spread the Gospel to 535,325 people, baptize 47,929, help plant 12,368 churches, help 33,068 people receive advanced theological training, and help 214 people achieve self-sustaining ownership in missionary work.

We will collect our offering for our international missionaries through January. Some have chosen to support the missionaries by giving their stimulus checks.

CHURCH GOAL: \$3,500 GIVING TO DATE: \$2,790.

Women's Ministry



Discipleship Class

begins Wednesday, January 27 at 6:15pm

Facilitated by Maureen Bland Book Cost: \$13

Just as Moses and the Israelites found themselves caught between “the devil and the deep Red Sea,” so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life’s problems. But God delivered the Israelites, and He will deliver us too. The Red Sea Rules reveals, even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God’s promise to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems—whatever challenges Satan places in our path. Using the Israelites’ story as an example, Robert Morgan offers ten sound strategies for moving from fear to faith. Among them: Realize that God means for you to be where you are. Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord. Pray. Life is hard, especially for Christians. It is certain that we will face difficulties, and that God will allow them, as He allowed the Israelites to become trapped between Pharaoh’s rushing armies and the uncrossable Red Sea. But just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in will lead us out. As The Red Sea Rules makes comfortingly clear, He is in control.

Sign up in the foyer of the FLC or contact the church office at 722-5246 ext. 106.

JUDGMENT BUT HOPE

Kay Arthur’s Precept class continues

Monday, January 11
10am

in the Fellowship Hall.
Facilitated by Amy Griggs



**Thursday, January 7
6:30pm**



We have a maximum of 16 which can play. Please sign up in the foyer of the FLC or call the church office.
Masks must be worn during play.

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