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Sunday, April 4
Easter Worship Times

8:45am

Nursery & preschool children's church provided.

10:30am

Nursery, preschool & elementary children's church provided.

Our 10:30am service will be live-streamed.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

I love our church. I love the people. I love the biblical fellowship, the Spirit-led worship, the small group Bible study. I love the times we serve together. I love the warm smiles, kind welcomes, loving deeds, encouraging words, and caring gestures.

I have experienced the biblical admonition of the "one anothers" of Scripture: be devoted to one another; honor one another, live in harmony with one another, build up one another, be like-minded toward one another, accept one another, forgive one another, be patient with one another, be kind and compassionate to one another, speak the truth in love to one another, submit to one another, look to the interests of one another, teach one another, comfort one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, confess to one another, to name a few. **Have you caught a theme yet?**

The biblical family of God is often like our biological family. **We aren't perfect and will never be.** We say and do things that sometimes contradict our faith in Jesus as Lord and sometimes hurts one another. We should feel pain when one member of the body is suffering. It shows that we care whether we agree fully with one another. That kind of care and love is the biblical teaching of fellowship!

We should care when someone is defamed, their character assassinated, victim of gossip, spoken to with an inappropriate tone and so on. **The Bible says it's a good day when we can say "I'm sorry, I was wrong, Will you forgive me? I love you."** We must speak the truth to one another in love. We should care when these events or conversations result in broken fellowship (separation). There's a time for separation when a primary doctrine has been broken but the Bible instructs us in restoration first and foremost. We aren't to treat our biblical family any less than we should our biological family. **We have far more in common than uncommon and we must keep the main things the main things.**

We Believe

*We believe in the Father, who created all that is
And we believe the universe and all therein is His
As a loving heavenly Father, He yearned to save us all
To lift us from the fall... We believe*

*We believe in Jesus the Father's only Son
Existing uncreated before time had begun
A sacrifice for sin, He died then rose again
To ransom sinful men, We believe*

*We believe in the Spirit who makes believers one
Our hearts are filled with His presence
The Comforter has come
The kingdom unfolds in His plan
Unhindered by quarrels of man
His church upheld by His hand... We believe*

*Though the earth be removed
And time be no more
These truths are secure
God's word shall endure
Whatever may change, these things are sure... We believe*

*So if the mountains are cast down into the plains
When kingdoms all crumble, this one remains
Our faith is not subject to seasons of man
With our fathers we proclaim
We believe our Lord will come as he said
The land and the sea will give up their dead
His children will reign with Him as their head*

Written by Nathan DiGesare and Dan Scott/Dayspring Music/Up in the Mix Music/BMI



Dear Church Family:

Thank you church friends for your support and prayers. It means so much at a time of need. Please continue your prayers of support for our son.

With love and appreciation,
Brenda and Joe Miele

*Dear SBC family: Thank you so very much for the great Milano's gift certificate following the death of my father. It was very thoughtful. Most of all, thank you for your thoughts and prayer.
Love, Barb Sheckells*

To our Church Family: We are most grateful and blessed for your many prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals following our recent hospital stay and surgery. Your care for us is a tremendous blessing.

Brian & Valerie Hebdige

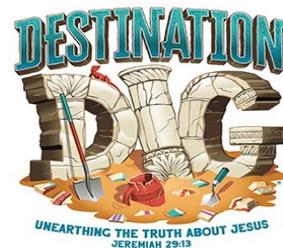
PARENT & CHILD

DEDICATION

**Sunday May 9
during worship.**

If your family would like to be included,
please contact Kevin Barnette at
kevin@simpsonvillebaptist.com.

SAVE THE DATE!



JUNE 6-10

For preschool through 5th grade.

Easter Volunteers Needed!

- We need two parking lot greeters/security volunteers for each service.
- We need welcome greeters to seat families with correct social distancing.
- We need people to help with greeting first-time guests.

Please contact Angie in the church office if you can help!

Building Team Report

On Sunday March 14, the Building Team led a church forum concerning our Immeasurably More Facility Plan. We had about 75 adults attend, representing around 40 families. The Building Team is currently implementing a communication plan to help the church know and understand their recommendation concerning future facilities and properties.

After consulting with church staff and hearing from the church family, the Building Team recommends building a 2-story educational/multi-use building. The recommendation includes tearing down the current Administration/Fellowship Hall building and placing the new building on that location. The new facility would include multi-use adult classrooms, student classrooms, cafe' for students, community ministries space, large group areas, storage, Adventure Club office/room, security office and warming kitchen. A Commons area would include coffee bar and seating, welcome kiosk, large gathering area, publicity opportunities and a connector between the buildings.

The Building Team seriously considered a couple of locations for the new 2-story educational building as a separate structure that wasn't attached to the Fellowship Hall. Our builder told us we would save money and it would be far more effective and efficient to tear down our 1-story building and use that adjacent space to our Family Life Center better.

The Building Team recommends tearing down the Administration/Fellowship Hall for the following reasons. **Words in dark print** signify cost savings, whereas words not in dark print speak to practical usage of efficiency.

1) We want all our ministries to be under one roof, not requiring going outside to enter.

2) **Sprinklers would be required in the Fellowship Hall if any new construction connection is made to it.**

3) **A firewall would be required between the newly constructed building and the FH if kept.** The connecting construction would form a much needed gathering space. **Due to systems and structure that are not needed in the new building design versus a remodel of old building design, savings from additional concrete work and structure alone would be substantial.**

4) The tie-ins (roof and wall structure) would be complicated and expensive to build between the one-story FH, the new two-story Education Building and Family Life Center. **Tie-ins for roof and flooring alone in keeping the Fellowship Hall would require custom pieces of steel rather than a less expensive pre-engineered package of steel cost for a new building.**

5) The Gathering Space will provide separate secured entry into the new Education Building and a separately secured entry to the FLC for Adventure Club. It would be more difficult to secure two or three separate buildings.

6) Razing the Fellowship Hall will not cost as much as another elevator. **We would save \$75K to \$100K by utilizing the FLC elevator as one access to the 2nd floor of the new educational building.**

7) The added footprint of ~7,000 square feet, if not built where the FH is now, would remove valuable front parking and require us to expand parking onto the Green Lot which would have to meet the new Simpsonville's Village plan with curbs, landscaping and drainage. **Expanded parking would come at a substantial cost** and we'd prefer to keep our options open on the Green Lot for future use for community ministries and continue its use by Adventure Club and other outside church/community events similar to what we have had in the past on that green space.

8) **We can't justify adding 1-2 floors on top of the existing Fellowship Hall because of the cost of proper concrete foundations and columns.** To do so, much of the Fellowship Hall would have to be demolished. The Fellowship Hall was not structurally built to support additional floors.

9) **The ongoing maintenance and deferred maintenance cost and future needs of the old building would be eliminated, and the new replacement building would have a much lower life cycle cost (ongoing and prorated maintenance).**

10) The new building would be fitted with up-to-date data cabling and provisions to meet the newer technology. This could be a crucial issue as we move into more telecasting and virtual communication to our extended church family.

11) **Utility cost of a new building would be much lower per square foot as the new construction would be more energy efficient.**

12) Removing the existing building will offer us the opportunity to not only gain substantial space for our campus, (~14,000sf vs the 4500sf we have now) but also allow a seamless transition into the next phase of a sanctuary and ultimately give us a balanced amount of support space in relation to the growth of the congregation into the larger sanctuary.

13) The underlying value of having everything under one roof, flow of foot traffic, and efficiencies of operating systems for decades will be substantial.

The Building Team recommends the construction of a sanctuary be delayed and studied at a later, more appropriate time for the following reasons:

1) Small group/educational gathering space is needed more at this time. Worship space is not currently needed and we can use the Family Life Center for worship for some time.

Building Team Report continued

- 2) The Worship Center would cost more than the funds we have on hand at this time.
- 3) Securing a loan is not in the best interest of our church at this time because of a pandemic.
- 4) The Worship Center is still planned in Phase 2 after Phase 1 is completed and funds are approved by the church.

The Building Team and Church discussed and voted to place new buildings on the west side of Fairview Drive when we voted on the original project. The church didn't choose to develop a new campus on the Green Lot (2.3 acres) for the following reasons:

- 1) We didn't want Fairview Drive to separate a new adult/student ministry building from our children's and nursery wing in the FLC. It was deemed poor use of funds when we currently have a nice children's ministry in our Family Life Center.
- 2) The Building Team didn't want to separate children and the nursery from our worship area. The city told us we wouldn't be able to close or reroute Fairview Drive.
- 3) The Green Lot was purchased at a God-inspired price and part of it could be vital for parking, future community ministry center, community events, etc.
- 4) The Church has contacted adjacent property owners to express their ongoing interest to purchase their homes. We are interested in property with the closest proximity for future use.
- 5) The initial and ongoing plan is to use a portion of the west side of the Green Lot for parking.

Please remember that we will continue reporting any new information and will continue to hear from the congregation. We will be meeting with the builder to discuss details and secure drawings and renderings as soon as we can.

Thank you for attending the Church Forum. If you were unable to attend and would like to talk with a member of the Building Team, we urge you to contact us.

Prayerfully,

Rick Taylor, Building Team Leader

Scott Sageser

George Skeeters

Lowell Ashby, Ex Officio, Master Plan Initiative Team Leader

2021 Simpsonville Baptist Men's Golf League

Hi, Men..... Just wanted everyone to know that I have set up our **Thursday night Men's Golf League** at **Weissinger** again this year for **every other Thursday night beginning in April and running through August**. The dates reserved are Thursdays: **4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5 and 8/19**. That would be 10 evenings this year. **The cost is \$20 per night to play 9 holes.**

It will be similar to how we started and played last year with the social distancing requirements. We'll need to fill tee times set for every 15 minutes **starting at 5:30pm (same as last year)**. Anticipating 3 or 4 foursomes, that 'roughly' has us teeing off at **5:30, 5:45, 6:00 and 6:15** if we have up to 16 players. So, it will be a somewhat first-come first serve tee off in groups of four. We're providing for up to 16 players currently with four tee times. (I'll check on options if we have more than that requesting our tee times.)

I hope you can join us for the fellowship, but **I need to hear from everyone who plans to play. Please send me a message using my cell number or email address listed below and include your name, phone number and email address** in case I don't have you in my contacts already.

Certainly, our Simpsonville Baptist Church Thursday night golf league is open to everyone. However, we are under the same **guidelines as last year because of COVID-19** that won't allow a golf outing to just 'show up' and divide the group to go out in foursomes like we had done before last year.

Like last year, this year everyone **MUST email Weissinger Hills Golf Course** at whgc1234@gmail.com requesting your tee time at **5:30pm; 5:45pm; 6:00pm; or 6:15pm**. I would recommend you doing this by Friday the week before our scheduled Thursday nights. **4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5 and 8/19**. Please do not just show up without scheduling your tee time at whgc1234@gmail.com.

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

Men's Golf

**Every other
Thursday
night
beginning
April 15.**





SIMPLY LOVE

Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

The Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge is used every day of the week.

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

Cereal and canned fruit are high priority items.

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.



In March we were blessed to have Mike & Debbie Willman, Hope Hawes and Dixie Taylor prepare white chili, corn bread and jello salad for our Feed My Sheep ministry. Our delivery team of David & Susan Watkins, Steve Boyd, Laura Otterback, Rosetta Ploetner, Dixie Taylor, and Connie Curry took meals to 36 homes 91 people. We also gave away meals to our Adventure Club employees. Contact Angie in the church office if you would like to help prepare or deliver this month!



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
Church Goal: \$2,000
Giving to Date: \$100

Eastern Kentucky SONrise Ladies Retreat

Haven Of Rest, Inez KY

May 12-16

We will spend time in fellowship, worship, relaxation, and small work around the ministry.

Cost: \$15 per night; plus \$5 per meal.

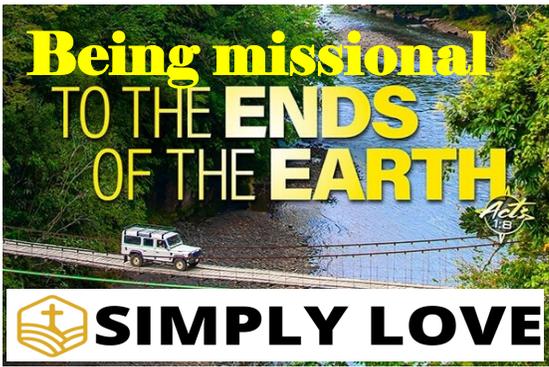
If interested in going, contact Linda Otterback at 648-3997.

Linda is a KY Baptist Missionary who has lead EKY SONrise Ministries, serving in all areas of Eastern Kentucky since 2000.



Bob, Caroline and Zach Scott, and several others from the Shelby County area, traveled to Estill County, KY recently to deliver supplies and aid to those affected by the recent flooding. SBC was able to provide a generous donation, as well as the use of the church bus to transport goods. This trip was organized by Pastor & State Representative, Bill Wesley, of Body of Christ Ministries in Irvine, KY, and included delivery of food, water and basic needs, as well as clean-up efforts in Jackson, KY (Breathitt County). The Scotts were deeply moved by not only the great need in this area, but the strength and perseverance of those affected. Relief efforts of many organizations including the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief are still ongoing, and most recently have been focused on clean up, repairs, and the delivery of mattresses and bedding to hundreds of people. Bob, Caroline and Zach hope to return soon if needed for this ongoing mission effort. Please continue to be in prayer for our fellow Kentuckians in the Eastern part of the state that are facing this hardship.





Ultimate Wings Orphanage Mijomboni Africa

In the past few months we have shared several stories about the children in need in and around Mijomboni. The needs are so great, that Ultimate Wings stepped in to consider building a rescue center/orphanage to help these desperate children. We have told you about Khadija, a 16yr old orphan who is raising 9 siblings on her own. We shared the very sad story of the teen girls selling themselves (and becoming mothers) to pay for sanitary napkins. Of Dennis, who was burned with boiling water as a baby because his father did not want him. Poor Amani had his leg broken by his mother because he ate a snack before dinner. These stories seem incredible and yet they are all too real.



This is Byayden. His dad has three wives, the second of which is Byayden's mom, Kabibi. When Byayden was 2 yrs old his mom left the home and the other two wives have also departed. He has been living with an uncle. Last year when Byayden became sick, suffering from aplastic anemia, he was returned to his father's home. His health declined and following a blood transfusion, doctors referred him to India for a bone marrow transplant, at the cost of KES 5,000,000. By yesterday we were able to connect with Gerald Charo, the father to Byayden. When he heard of the condition his son, he told us to look for his mother and switched off his phone. Now, none want to take responsibility! -Nathan Osiemo



SBC is partnering with Ultimate Wings to build the orphanage at the projected cost of \$10,000.

The building will house 30 boys and girls.

To stock the facility with furnishings, clothing, kitchen and administrative supplies the projected cost is: \$19,000.

To provide food and personnel costs for the year the projected cost is \$24,819.

This is indeed a God-sized task but one which will literally save and change lives.

And lives can be changed! This week we received a beautiful report from Khadija, who is being sponsored by an SBC member, that her situation has improved so much that she is currently taking National educational tests for her next level of schooling. This is something that was an impossibility before Ultimate Wings became aware of her needs.

Nathan Osiemo, founder of Ultimate Wings, has provided a status report of the Mijomboni area.

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. It is a approximately 1100 Kilometres from Eldoret; it is occupied by the Agiriama people, the larger Mijikenda community in the Kenya's coastal region .

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 quantities 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, and I am yet to get a University student in this village! Education is everything and without education, everything is lost. 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.

Isaiah said, "When you feed the hungry, when you clothe the naked, when you help those in need, then your light will break forth like the dawn and your health will quickly come." Too often, we're waiting for the light to break forth. We're waiting for the promotion, the healing, the new level.



You will soon start to see these fun coin banks located around the facilities to allow children to participate in giving. We hope that many small gifts of nickels and dimes will add up to lives being saved.

More information to come in April about the Mijomboni community, the orphanage and the needs of the children.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY CLASSIC WORSHIP

**Thursday, April 8
10am**

Special Guests
Pastor Ben Early,
Worship Leader Bradley Gray
Dover Baptist Church



Masks are requested. Social distancing will be in place.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Sign up in the foyer of the FLC or contact Dixie at dixie.a.taylor@gmail.com.



What are Resurrection Cookies?

The process of making Resurrection cookies is a wonderful way to share the Easter story. Each step and ingredient of the recipe represents a part of the story and the final product. The cookie, is a representation of the empty tomb that was found on Easter morning and the meringues cook so that the middle of the cookie is hollow.

To be made the evening before Easter. You need:

1 cup whole pecans, 1 tsp. vinegar, 3 egg whites, pinch salt, 1 cup sugar, zipper baggie, tape, Bible heavy wooden spoon

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. This is important! Don't wait until you're half done with the recipe!

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. **Read John 19:1-3.**

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. **Read John 19:28-30.**

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us eternal life. **Read John 10:10-11.**

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. **Read Luke 23:27.**

Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the **sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.** **Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.**

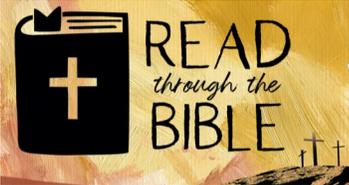
Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. **Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.**

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. **Read Matt. 27:57-60.**

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. **Read Matt. 27:65-66.**

NOW GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. **Read John 16:20 and 22.**

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. **Read Matt. 28:1-9**



APRIL

1. Deuteronomy 27-28
2. Deuteronomy 29-30
3. Deuteronomy 31-32
4. Deuteronomy 33-34
5. Joshua 1-2
6. Joshua 3-4
7. Joshua 5-6
8. Joshua 7-8
9. Joshua 9-10
10. Joshua 11-12
11. Joshua 13-14
12. Joshua 15-16
13. Joshua 17-18
14. Joshua 19-20
15. Joshua 21-22
16. Joshua 23-24
17. Judges 1-2
18. Judges 3-4
19. Judges 5-6
20. Judges 7-8
21. Judges 9-10
22. Judges 11-12
23. Judges 13-14
24. Judges 15-16
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27. Judges 21
28. Ruth 1-4
29. 1 Samuel 1-2
30. 1 Samuel 3-4

Shelby Baptist Association Spring Meeting

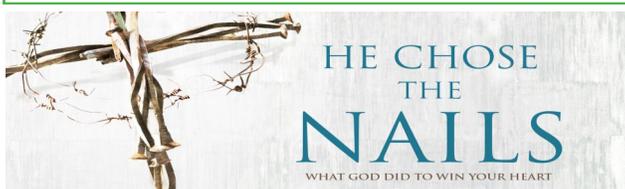
**Tuesday, April 20
6:30pm**

**Highland Baptist
511 Mt. Eden Rd. Shelbyville**

**Please contact the church office if
you would like to be a
Messenger.**

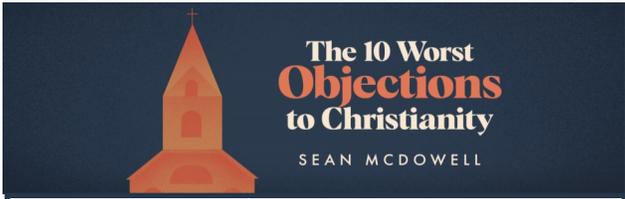


Join Sarah Campbell, Darren Bourke and Mark Murray on a very unique and entertaining journey that highlights the meaning of the incredible events of Easter. **Includes 3 sessions**
The Origin of Easter, The Story of Good Friday, and The Meaning of the Resurrection.



In *He Chose the Nails*, a five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado examines the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

1. He Chose the Nails, He Chose to Be One of Us.
2. He Chose the Nails, He Chose to Forgive Us.
3. He Chose the Nails, He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence.
4. He Chose the Nails, He Chose to Love Us Forever.
5. He Chose the Nails, He Chose to Give Us Victory.



We live in a culture that is skeptical of Christianity. It's common to hear people say that believing in God is like believing in Santa or that Christianity is based on blind faith. How can we respond to people's objections? In this series, apologist Sean McDowell will give us quick answers to the top ten worst objections to Christianity that we hear on a regular basis. Learn to defend your faith and give an answer for why you believe in Jesus. Ten 3-minute sessions.

Staying connected to friends, family, and small groups has never been easier. Watch content together on RightNow Media with our new groups feature. One person can play, pause, and rewind videos for the entire group. Everyone can use the chat window as the video plays. Use the groups feature to learn, encourage one another, and grow in your faith.

New Feature: See your whole group and discuss the series with the new built-in video chat function!



The resurrection is the most important moment in history, but it is more than an event we remember on Easter Sunday. Join pastor J.D. Greear as he takes a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story.

Jesus died for us so that he could be alive in us today. Easter changes everything.

Includes a free devotional guide, study guide, family guide and five 12-minute videos.



Help parents make faith the core of their parenting with intentional, biblical teaching and Christ-centered plans. Parents will end the experience with renewed confidence, fresh insights on raising children at different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifting.

Inspired by Psalm 127:4, this new eight-session small-group study is video based and covers the following topics:

- The Goal of Parenting
- Forming Character
- Applying Discipline
- Building Relationships
- Understanding Identity
- Nurturing Identity
- Preparing for Mission
- The Power of Family

The engaging video sessions feature interviews with parenting experts, stories from parents who share their own experiences, and dramatic clips from FamilyLife's feature film *Like Arrows*.

SBC STUDENTS

Attention all graduating high school seniors and families!

May 2 will be our Graduate Sunday to recognize all graduating seniors. Make plans to attend. We will have a luncheon immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



The cost is free for grads and \$10 per family member attending the luncheon. RSVP to Jon Caranna by April 11th. **All graduating seniors need to turn in 3 pictures to Jon by Sunday, April 12th** (One baby picture, one middle school picture, and one senior picture). You will also need to schedule a video interview by the same date. Digital pictures are preferred.

We would like to include our graduates' pictures in the newsletter. **Please also send a graduation picture to Angie in the church office (angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com) no later than Sunday April 11.**

Fusion 56

Our annual Fusion 56 event will be May 26-28. This event is for all 5th and 6th graders. This is an event that is co-sponsored by the Children's Ministry.

Sign-up and payments of \$100 are due no later than May 5th. We will travel to Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH for two nights of a howling good time.



Student Ministry Summer Mission trip to Cleveland, OH

June 28 – July 3

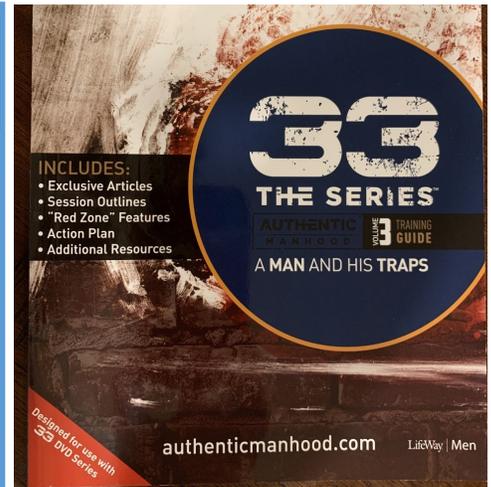
Cost: \$250

(\$100 non-refundable deposit due by
May 2)

Backyard Bible clubs, sports camps, food
ministry and more.

Contact Jon Caranna at jon@simpsonvillebaptist.com for more information.

A great big thank you goes out to all of the folks that have helped to clean and paint The Warehouse! We are making lots of progress and hope to have an open house soon.



MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP AUTHENTIC MANHOOD TRAINING GUIDE 3

**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
AT 6:15PM.**

This class will be held via Google
Meet and in person. Contact
Steve Peak at
peaksteven50@gmail.com.



April Birthdays

- 1 Makray Sageser
- 2 Alison Puleo, Lauren Wilkins
- 3 Michael Bland
- 5 Tammy Thomas
- 6 Sharon Howell
- 7 Gracie Allen, Bob Perkins, Pat White
- 8 Ben Barnette, McKenzie Parks
- 10 Ozzie Bradley, Angela French, Brian Marchesseault
- 11 Hannah Boyd
- 12 Pam Kilby
- 14 Kory Hacker, Ellie Miller, Hannah Renfro
- 15 Donna Ward, Rowan Whitehouse
- 16 Sovanna Chhan, Clark Jesse
- 17 Bonnie Sheehan
- 18 Tina Ball, Faye Hyde
- 19 Kara Allen, James Minor, Denis Tocci
- 20 Johnny White
- 21 Jacob Allen, Alana Ruble
- 22 Lillian Collins
- 26 John Allen
- 27 Taylor Barnette, Edith McGowan, Gary McGowan
- 29 Kyler Dugle
- 30 Mandy Gossom

Deacon/Yokefellow Selection Procedure

Nominations will take place May 2-May 30.

Deacon Selection will be July 18.

Biblical & Church Requirements for Deacons and Yokefellows:

- All nominees should be in accord with 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
- Be involved in Sunday School **and** Worship regularly.
- Must be a church member for one year.
- Must exhibit growth in giving to a minimum of a tithe.
- Regularly attend deacon meetings and deacon ministry events. Deacons currently meet the first Sunday of each month at 4pm.
- Deacons commit to serving a term of three years and then must rotate off for at least one year.

Nomination Requirements:

- To be nominated, deacon nominees must be ordained or have served one year as a yokefellow.
- You may not nominate your own family members.
- You must be a member to submit a nomination.

Each nominated person must strive to adhere to the expectations of the Bible and the church. For example, a deacon must be a regular attender of Sunday School.

YOKEFELLOWS:

- Serve in a mentoring role for one year.
- Have the same nomination requirements and expectations as deacons.
- Nominations can be made for any individual within the church membership.
- Are not required to be ordained or to have served in the past.

Deacon/Yokefellow Process:

- Each deacon/yokefellow nominee will be contacted by the leadership to notify of the nomination.
- An Affirmation Team will interview those that have been nominated to be a deacon/yokefellow. Recommendations will then be made to our church of those who meet the biblical and church expectations. Questionnaires will need to be completed by all those who are nominated to be a deacon/yokefellow.
- If interested, leadership will schedule an appointment to discuss biblical and church expectations and review the deacon ministry plan.

**** Please note:**

- ⇒ All nomination forms and ballots must be printed **legibly**, otherwise they will be discarded.
- ⇒ Nomination forms can given to a staff member or placed in the offering plate.
- ⇒ Parents of children who are members, please consider the magnitude of this process and potential implication upon the outcome when deciding whether or not to allow your children to vote. **Children must be 16 yrs of age to vote.**
- ⇒ Members may nominate up to **two** deacons and **two** yokefellows.

Please do **NOT** nominate these deacons who are ineligible for nomination because they are currently serving or are rotating off for one year.

Dale Sanford, Joe Dupont, Bob Perkins, Cecil Jones, Jeff Logue, Larry Miller, Matt Moore, Mary Wyatt, Bob Gordon, Dale Kramer, Byron Thompson, Chet Miller, Chuck Rhoads

Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center.



DID YOU KNOW?

On Sunday, April 11 these adult Sunday School classes will begin meeting in person.

8:30am

Joy Class-facilitated by Ken Hyde.

Pursuit Class-facilitated by Byron Thompson.

11am

Bible Truth Seekers-facilitated by Lowell Ashby.



Ten Things As Bad For Marriage As Divorce

Cutting Remarks

Instead of just saying “divorce is wrong,” we have to declare that “my cutting remarks are undermining this relationship.” When a husband puts down his wife, he sounds like he doesn’t want to be married. Cutting remarks are not only upsetting, but they are also plain wrong.

Disrespect

We have to admit that “when I disrespect my spouse, I insult our marriage.” Disrespect is incompatible with love, and I want to be more loving.

Dishonesty

This is true for every spouse: “Every time I lie, I erode the ground my marriage is built on.” Without trust, there is no partnership. Dishonesty can stop a marriage cold in its tracks.

Pornography

If we don’t want divorce, we can’t also want pornography, because “pornography builds barriers between people and intimacy.” Porn is a betrayal and betrayals are fatal to relationships.

Disconnection

If we want marriages to last, we need to prioritize connection. “Cutting my spouse off kills communication.” Interruptions and preemptive dismissals are more than upsetting—they create distance between us.

Disregard

We can’t want marriage but also want to put our own needs ahead of our spouse’s. “When I ignore my wife’s needs, I’m telling her I don’t care.” In a marriage, mutual support and encouragement are more than building blocks. They are rebar and mortar.

Intimidation

For marriages to last, we have to do what’s good for marriage. But “when I get drunk or yell and intimidate my spouse, I am sabotaging my marriage.” Sabotage does not lead to forgiveness and reconciliation. Sabotage destroys things so they cannot be rebuilt.

Stonewalling

Instead of saying “divorce is wrong,” we have to admit that “when I turn cold rather than share, I am turning away from my marriage.” The cold shoulder does not invite; it rebuffs, setting off a spiral away from reconciliation.

Belittling

If we believe we should fight for our marriages, we should acknowledge that “when I belittle my wife and her ideas, I am violating my marriage vows.” Marriage is designed as an equal partnership. When one partner is diminished, or his or her best efforts discredited, the partnership is essentially dissolved.

Pride

If we’re likely to say that “divorce is wrong,” we should also be likely to say that “when I have to be right in every instance, I diminish my spouse.” We achieve two things when we insist on being right. First, we reveal how weak and uncertain we are. Second, we insult and degrade our spouses.

Written by Derek Maul. <https://www.allprodad.com/things-worse-for-marriage-than-divorce/>

Guest Celebration

To our guests and those visiting with us, we have enjoyed getting to know you. On **Sunday, April 11 following worship** you are invited to our Guest Celebration. Whether you have been with us for months or for a few weeks, we hope that you can come. The purpose of the gathering is to provide an introduction to Simpsonville Baptist and a nice meal for you and your family.

You will have an opportunity to meet our ministry staff, hear a little about their ministries, and ask questions you may have about SBC. We enjoy sharing some helpful information about our church vision. We also enjoy hearing about you and your family!

It would be helpful to register your attendance by calling the church office by Tuesday, April 6 so our hospitality team can be prepared for food and arrangements. We are planning for Claudia Sanders Dinner House to provide the food. We pray the informational luncheon will be enjoyable to you and your family.

Please contact Angie in the church office: 722-5246 ext 106 or angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com.



We are pleased to welcome
special guest speaker
Author Nik Ripkin.
Sunday, April 18 at 9:45am

Nik is the author of the famed *Insanity of God* and the *Insanity of Sacrifice*.

Nik and Ruth, with 3 children, served for over 32 years obeying Christ's command to share Jesus across the globe. After 7 years in Malawi & South Africa, they moved to Nairobi, Kenya to begin work among the Somali people (1991-1997). Since that time (1998-2013) they have journeyed globally among people whom, when they gave their lives to Jesus, faced increasing persecution for their faith.

The Ripkens and their teams served throughout the Horn of Africa within famine and war zones; resettling refugees, providing famine relief, and operating mobile medical clinics. Formerly Muslims, many Somali believers, suffered for their faith. Most were martyred. Near the end of the Ripken's tenure among the Somalis, their 16-year-old son died of an asthma attack on Easter Sunday morning. He's buried at the school from which the other Ripken children graduated.

One year later, the Holy Spirit led the Ripkens to begin a global pilgrimage to learn from believers in persecution how to recapture a biblical missiology of witness and house-church planting in the midst of persecution and martyrdom. Most of all, believers in persecution modeled for the Ripkens how to trust Jesus completely. Many of these lessons have been lost or forgotten by the church in the West.

Currently the Ripkens have interviewed over 600 believers in persecution, exceeding 72 countries. Sitting at their feet, the Ripkens learned from the suffering church how to thrive amidst suffering, not merely survive. The Ripkens, using everything they've learned from believers in persecution are creating resources as gifts from the church to the church. To date they have created articles, books, a music CD, a documentary, workshops, and other tools that allow the church in persecution to teach the church in the West about its biblical heritage of both crucifixion and resurrection. A teaching DVD is included in future plans. All these tools are designed to challenge believers to boldly follow Jesus, sharing their faith with others-no matter the cost.

Books will be available to purchase before and after the sermon.

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