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Deacon Selection



Lowell Ashby

Lowell has served in many roles during his 48 years as a member of SBC. Most recently he served on the Building Team and was chairman of the Master Plan Initiative Team. He teaches the Bible Truth Seekers Sunday School class, sings in the Choir, and leads the church golf league for the Men's Ministry.

He and his wife Linda have 3 married sons and 7 granddaughters.

Matt Maxwell

Matt has been a member at SBC for a year but comes to us with a wealth of experience: Youth Director Calvary Baptist (Idaho) 3 years; Teacher/Coach at Cornerstone Christian Academy 31 years (current); Deacon at Living Waters Church (Shelbyville) 10 years; Finance Committee Member at Living Waters Church 6 years; Operation Care/Mercy Medical board member 3 years. He is also currently a member of our SBC Mission Team.

He and his wife Betsy have a daughter, Zoe who is a freshman at Liberty University and a son, Noah who is a junior at Cornerstone Christian Academy.



Mike Moore

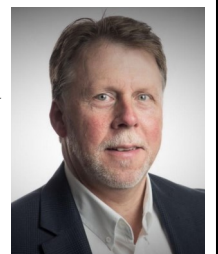
Mike has been a member of SBC for 31 years. He currently teaches both the Joy Sunday School Class at 8:30am and the Truth4Life class at 11am. He formerly served as a deacon and in both the youth and children's ministries. He also leads an active ministry to Colonial Hall Nursing Home.

Mike and his wife Toni have 5 children.

Dale Kramer

Dale has previously served as the chairman of the Personnel Team, as a deacon, and on the building planning committee. He is currently the chair of our Community Ministry Team and serves on our Security Team. In the past he and his wife Sharon have also taught Sunday School in our Children's Ministry.

Dale & Sharon have been members since 2004. They have a daughter, Katie, a son, Lucas, and 2 grandchildren, Sophie and Dominic.



Nathan Sangster

In 1994 Nathan and his wife Melissa joined SBC. They have two children, Nathanael and Ruthie. Nathan was ordained at SBC and previously served as a deacon. He currently serves on the worship team and is part of the Audio/Visual crew - specifically the live streaming of the worship services. He is also serving on the Blue Team/New Building Team.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

YOU NEED GOD'S PEOPLE, THE CHURCH!

It is not a Biblical option to omit the Church from your life if you are a Christian! You may make it an option, but it's not Biblical. You may think you can do okay walking alone as a Christ follower. The Bible says a growing Christian can't be isolated from doing life with mature Christians or you will most likely lose your purpose and desire to grow spiritually in His likeness and to be used for His Kingdom service. You need the encouragement, influence, and accountability of other spiritually mature believers. The grave problem some professing Christians have is that they attend a church on Sundays but never experience any life change or transformation. How can that be? One can do that because you aren't participating in Christian fellowship with other mature believers.

What is this fellowship of our confession of faith? It's more than talking about worldly topics of work, sports, and fun. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2: 42-47).

Do you hear the theme of doing Christian life together and pouring into one another spiritually? Everyone needs a Timothy and everyone needs a Paul. This means you need to give yourself in Christian fellowship to someone spiritually less mature than you and you need to walk with someone more spiritually mature than you. You need other mature Christians to grow to be used by the Holy Spirit in His Kingdom.

This fellowship of blessing that the Bible encourages is found mostly in small groups and one to one discipleship. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25).

What will I lose if I don't desire Christian fellowship? First, you may not be saved and going to heaven. Second, you will be stunted spiritually because you miss one of the greatest resources God gives us, His people. Third, the Church is the organism that is most important, not you. We need one another desperately!


Your commitment and involvement to the "body of Christ" is the plan for Kingdom growth and for your personal spiritual maturity. Without the Church, you may be lost in worldly ambition and your life in disarray because His

purpose isn't being fulfilled in you.

God's will for you is to be in spiritual fellowship and unity with His people, the Church. Notice that the Church isn't a building but a people. The people have the common bond of love for God and a desire to serve and honor Him daily through His power and resources. Is that the goal for which you are striving?

I've recently been with two individuals. One said, "because we don't go to Church doesn't mean we don't believe." While that may be true to an extent, how do they believe and who is the Church in their life? The other said, "I want to live but if He's ready for me, I'm ready to go." The problem is this person has never or rarely been involved in growing in His likeness with God's people, the Church.

We need God's people! The Bible is clear that the Church is to be an organism whereby we are encouraged, influenced, and account to one another for Christian spiritual growth and usefulness.



New Sermon Series
Begins Sunday,
September 11
**The Power of
Deception**

KY Baptist Disaster Relief

Given to date: \$2,105

Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers have put up some astounding numbers in the first two weeks of response to the flooding in eastern Kentucky.

Here's a glance at a few:

3,539 volunteer days

17,320 meals served

1,908 showers provided

1,800 loads of laundry cleaned and folded

138 flood recovery jobs completed

256 gospel presentations

39 professions of faith

The one number most important to each of them is the 39 professions of faith to have come through while serving during the worst flooding in Kentucky history. It is devastating for the flood survivors but the hope that is brought to them from those wearing the yellow shirts and helping them in maybe the worst moment of their lives is heartwarming.

KYDR volunteers do the work – mudding out a home, cleaning up mold and mildew, tearing out floors and removing water-damaged furniture. They cook, wash clothes, and provide places for showers. They also counsel those who have lost everything, they cry with them, listen to them and share the gospel when the door opens. While there have been 39 salvations, the gospel has been presented 250 times – seeds of salvation for another day. They have also handed out 462 Bibles, even more seeds being planted. After each project, they meet with the homeowners and present them with a signed Bible, talk with them and ask if they would like them to pray. Sometimes it opens the door to sharing the gospel.

Ask any of the volunteers what their favorite part of working with Disaster Relief is and the answer will be the same: when someone accepts Jesus. They talk about bringing hope and healing when going on any disaster scene and it is not just talk. They look for opportunities to share the gospel.

By Mark Maynard, Kentucky Today



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, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, vegetable oil, canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples/potatoes. Donations of food can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box. Monetary donations can be taken to the church office.



Community Ministry

Recently, Linda Otterback received a call about a young college student, Arion Joselyne who is from Tanzania, and planning on attending Northern Kentucky University with a full soccer scholarship. Unfortunately, neither she nor her family could afford the dormitory items she needed to begin college. Linda contacted our Vineyard Sunday School class and the SONrise Ladies class to see if they would help, and those two classes raised enough money to purchase all items needed! Adventure Club donated a mini fridge and a microwave. There was enough money leftover for a \$100 gift card.

Bobbie Erlandson and Linda enjoyed shopping and delivering the items to Arion. They met her father who was a pastor in Tanzania.



Mission Possible: Saving Lives One Heart at a Time Gala Fundraiser

**Featuring
Guest Speaker
Tim Tebow**

**Monday, October 17
7-9pm
Crowne Plaza
Louisville Airport**



**Go to alegala.com to
purchase tickets.**



**Work as a chaplain meets people in
their physical and spiritual hurt and
offers them hope through Christ.**

**Chaplaincy Training
September 9-10
Grafenburg Baptist Church
Waddy, KY**

**Contact kybaptist.org/dr if you would
like to be trained.**



**Charles & Carlette Stalker
delivered 77 boxes of new
sneakers to Haven of Rest in
August. They enjoyed visiting the
ministry. Thank you to everyone
that helped us meet our goals!**



Project Read-Simpsonville Elementary

**Begins Friday, September 30
8-9am**

**Project Read is a program that promotes reading and
helps build relationships. Volunteers serve every
Friday from 8-9am. This allows time for teachers to get
to know their students and decide who would most benefit from this program.**

Volunteers will read with the same 1 or 2 students every week.

Contact Angela Oakley at angela.oakley@shelby.kyschools.us to volunteer.



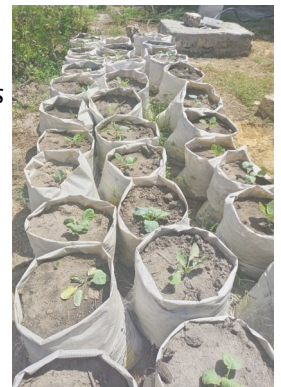


Mijomboni Orphanage Update

Our little orphanage is gaining the attention of many in the community due to its high programming and organization! Recently, they had a visit from a German woman, Dawn Goebbels who has been running an orphanage in the Watamu area for the past 15 years. She was interested in doing some networking and was very impressed by the discipline of the children and the itinerary of the daily activities. We are slowly gaining recognition by the community leaders.

Here is an update from Nathan which includes a daily schedule.

"Last year we started poultry project with a view of providing food in the rescue center and teaching our children on responsibility. We are excited to let you know we have had an increase in flock. We no longer buy poultry products in the market. This project has saved us in terms the cost. We also engaged the gardener in planting vegetables like spider plant, night shade, beans, green grams, egg plant, males, and okra. These are supplementing our way of bringing up these children. The bigger ones are literary engaged in planting and watering the plants. We want to teach them when they are young. We are also planting citrus fruits, papaya, cashew nuts and mangoes."



Schedule

"As per our objectives of raising up well-rounded children, religion is at the center of our activities. On a daily basis, the children are up by 6am with cleaning and making up their beds. Before breakfast, they are taught Bible stories. At the table for breakfast, one of children, leads the rest with a prayer for food and guidance for the day. This continue for lunch, dinner and evening when they retire for bed. Bible stories are done with their teacher and cook. On Saturday, they have school activities until noon, and after lunch they are starting to train in singing. On Sunday mornings, they participate in Sunday School lessons. After 9am we occasionally invite various pastors from area churches to teach or more often, I lead them myself."

Global Prayer Needs for September

- 1 Kenya: Pray for front-line workers in northern Kenya who are under continual threat of attack.
- 2 Maldives: Pray that new believers will have a good support network and grow in faith.
- 3 Yemen: Pray for the boldness, wisdom and protection of underground churches.
- 4 Tajikistan: Pray for Pastor Kholmatov, released from prison in December 2019.
- 5 Eritrea: Pray that the Lord will raise up strong leaders for Eritrean churches.
- 6 Central African Republic: Pray for martyred Pastor Jean Paul Sankagui's son who has taken over his father's work.
- 7 Myanmar: Pray for front-line worker John and his family.
- 8 Jordan: Pray for the wisdom of churches embracing those from a Muslim background.
- 9 Kazakhstan: Pray for President Kasym-Zhomart Tokayev and the government.
- 10 Mauritania: Pray that Christians will have access to God's Word, despite government restrictions on Bibles.
- 11 North Korea: Pray for a Christian worker who distributes audio Bibles inside the country.
- 12 Indonesia: Pray for Kandhi, who along with her daughter, Meice, witnessed her husband's murder by Muslim terrorists.
- 13 China: Pray that church leaders will know the best way for their congregations to meet.
- 14 India: Pray for Pastor Maruti, in Belagavi, who minister to temple prostitutes and their children.
- 15 Djibouti: Pray that Somali and Eritrean refugees will have the opportunity to hear the gospel.
- 16 Lebanon: Pray for churches, pastors and all Christians amid economic and civil disorder.
- 17 Bhutan: Pray that God will mobilize more Bhutanese Christians to share the gospel with the unreached.
- 18 Sri Lanka: Pray for those training and equipping pastors.
- 19 Mali: Pray for Hadijatou, who was persecuted by her family because of her faith in Christ.
- 20 Ethiopia: Pray for Christian leaders from Muslim backgrounds who risk their lives to share the gospel.
- 21 Qatar: Pray for those who hear the gospel preached on Arabic Christian networks and website.
- 22 Brunei: Pray for Ivan, pastor of one of the new underground churches.
- 23 Bahrain: Pray for the success of Scripture distribution efforts to local seekers.
- 24 United Arab Emirates: Pray for the encouragement and courage of local believers worshiping in secret.
- 25 Pakistan: Pray that believers will understand who they are in Christ and be unashamed of the gospel.
- 26 Nigeria: Pray that God will deliver Christians in Maiduguri state from the hands of Boko Haram mercenaries.
- 27 Somalia: Pray for Christians recently arrested in Somaliland.
- 28 Laos: Pray for the wisdom of Christian workers, who are often at great risk.
- 29 Morocco: Pray for unity among Christians in Morocco.
- 30 Iraq: Pray for Brother N., a Kurdish leader in his 60's who was severely beaten and continues his ministry.



Adult Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day & Luncheon

Sunday, September 11

Luncheon for teachers and their families
at 12:15pm in the FLC.

This would be the perfect day to support your teacher with your attendance and bring an "apple" for your teacher!



Adult Growth & Discipleship Update

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day – Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, September 11 is Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day. We will recognize our teachers in the Worship Service and the teachers are attending a lunch in their honor (teachers and family only). This is a great day for you to:

- 1) Attend Sunday School – Lets pack the rooms!
- 2) Recognize your teacher – Personal note, gift cards, etc. Individuals and classes are encouraged to do something simple and special to thank and encourage your teacher. They will appreciate it!

If you are not currently involved in Sunday School be sure to visit one of our great classes at either 8:30am or 11:00am on Sunday. Being part of a good Sunday School class is essential to our growth and helps us to have a better community experience. If you need more info on our classes, please let us know and we will help you find a class that is great for you!

Discipleship - We invite you to take part in our Fall Adult Discipleship Programs that are currently happening on Wednesday evenings at 6:15:

- Men: A Study in Romans led by Bob Melton
- Women: God of Deliverance – A Study in Exodus led by Angie Melton
- Coming Soon – New Members Orientation (TBA), Spiritual Gifts (TBA), and more.

I hope you will join us on Wednesday evening for one of these great classes that will surely help you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Maranatha,

Bro. Billy

James 5:8

8:30am Sunday School Classes

Vineyard Class	Room 201	Rick Taylor
Pursuit	Room 202	Byron Thompson
Pastor's Class	Room 205	Steve Boyd
Joy Class	Room 206	Mike Moore

11am Sunday School Classes

Truth4Life	Room 201	Mike Moore
Quest	Room 202	Cindy Childers
Bible Truth Seekers	Room 203	Lowell Ashby
Women's Class	Room 205	Linda Otterback
Multiply	Security Office	Ryan Gossom
SALT	Room 106	Matt Moore
		Troy Fulkerson

New Adult Sunday School Class Beginning Sunday, August 28 at 11am

If you are currently not attending a class, please consider joining us!

Facilitator: Billy Bell
Meets in Room 206



You don't have to be a professional singer to join the choir!

Choir Practice meets on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm in Room 201.

The Choir will be performing
Travis Cottrell's Come in
Grace and Glory
for our Christmas Worship Service.



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Arranged by Travis Cottrell © 2004
www.hymnary.org



When:
Friday, September 23, 6-9 pm
Saturday, September 24, 8 am-5pm
Where:
Simpsonville Baptist Church
7208 Shelbyville Road
Simpsonville, KY 40067

Why? To have fun while supporting Next Step, a training program for young adults with Level 1 autism.
nextstepky.org

Scan code to sign up!



**Saturday, September 24
8am-5pm**

Pickleball, pickleball, pickleball! It may seem like that's all I talk about, and a couple of the reasons that I mention it often is because it is a great way to exercise our bodies and meet new people! Now, there is another benefit! You can come and support the vocational training ministry of Next Step Training Program!

We train young adults who have high functioning autism and need some assistance getting to their next step on their employment journey. The tournament will be held on September 23rd and 24th at SBC and we are looking for players and sponsors.

Our goal is to raise awareness for our program as well as put the ministry on more solid financial footing. One of our needs is to raise the funds for an international student who does not qualify for financial help through the state. If you would like to help in any way, please visit our website: nextstepky.org/events or call 502-257-2719 or email nextsteptrainingprogramky@gmail.com.

Have you considered learning the game of pickleball, but are unsure if you could do it or feel like you're the only beginner? Think again! We get beginners frequently on Monday nights from 6-9pm, and upon request, we have scheduled a great learning opportunity! We are going to host a clinic on Monday, September 12th, from 6-9pm. This clinic is for those who have never played and for those who already know how to play and want to take their game to the next level! This clinic is open to anyone 12 and older (12-16 with a parent, please). There will be a lot of individual and group instruction with lots of time to put your new skills into play with drills and games! If you would like to come to the clinic, please email me at barnesfamily1991@gmail.com.



Our Children's Ministry is making some changes! As you can see, we have a new logo! We also have new curriculum for our Wednesday evening programming called *GROW Kids*. This new curriculum AND having all teacher and nursery positions filled, will bring us some better structure for Wednesday nights!

Wednesdays at SBC

Nursery & Toddler care
Preschool
Elementary (K-2nd & 3rd-5th)



We have also returned to using a Child Security Check-In on Sunday mornings. If you have children from birth-5th grade, please go to the Welcome Desk each Sunday before worship.

Children's Church will now be offered for preschool and elementary-aged children K-2nd grade. We ask that all children 3rd grade and above remain in the service with their families. Please note that we will not offer elementary children's church on 5th Sundays.



Thursday, September 1
10am

Special Guest: Billy Bell

Please join us at 9:30am for fellowship and snacks!

Held at the Warehouse

Goodtime Travelers Adult Day Trip



On Thursday, September 15 will enjoy visiting beautiful small-town BEREA.

Our visit will include a stop at the KY Artisan Center.

We will leave at 9:30am and return by 4:30pm. Please sign up in the foyer to reserve your seating.



We Gather Together is gathering steam to get going in September! This fun supper group is a fantastic way to meet new people at Simpsonville Baptist in a relaxed setting around a meal! If you have been at SBC for a week, a month or a decade, this group is for you! When you sign up, you are committing to three meals (one a month) with three different groups of people. That's it! It truly is a wonderful way to start going deeper with those in our SBC family! Email wegathertogethersbc@gmail.com to sign up and I will take it from there!

All for His glory, Suellen Barnes



Deacon Selection will be Sunday August 28.

A copy of the ballot is included below. You must be a member aged 16 + to vote.

Simpsonville Baptist Church

Deacon Selection—August 28

Please select as many of the individuals listed below whom you feel meet the scriptural qualifications to serve on the Deacon Ministry Team. Deacon nominees must receive 75% of the church vote and will serve a 3-year term.

Nathan Sangster	Yes _____	No _____
Matt Maxwell	Yes _____	No _____
Lowell Ashby	Yes _____	No _____
Dale Kramer	Yes _____	No _____
Mike Moore	Yes _____	No _____

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Please write legibly. If we cannot read your name, your vote will not be counted.

Each of these nominees has met with the current deacon ministry team and has been approved to serve SBC as a deacon.

Our yokefellows are deacons in training. For the 2022-2023 year our yokefellows are:

Roy Shuler, Jack Nicholson, Debbie Willman, and Richard Walker.



Mending Widow's Hearts Ministry

Thursday, September 22

MULBERRY ORCHARD

Please RSVP to Bobbie Erlandson at 645-6946 if you would like to join us!

DID YOU KNOW?

We collectively raised \$2216.17 through our Baby Bottle Campaign to help ALC Pregnancy Resource Center.

BUNCO Night

**Thursday, September 1
6:30pm at the Warehouse.**

**Ladies, we will enjoy a
Mexican-themed meal.
Please sign up in the foyer of
the FLC.**

Men's Summer Golf League

**Weissinger Hills in Shelbyville
September 1 & 15**

Cost: \$20 per night for 9 holes.

**RSVP to Lowell Ashby 502 777-2540 or
lowellashby9@gmail.com.**



**Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 3
7:30am**

**Cracker Barrel in Shelbyville
Please join us!**

Ladies'
Community
Bible Study

SONrise Ladies Community Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, September 13 at 10am.

Held at the Warehouse

7387 Shelbyville Rd in Simpsonville

Minor Prophets

Facilitated by Linda Otterback.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Programming-6:15pm

Choir-Room 201

Men's Discipleship-Room 202

Women's Discipleship-Room 203

Students-Warehouse

Children K-5th-Gym

Preschoolers-Room 107

Nursery available for our Discipleship classes



- 1 Gabe Perkins
- 2 Kenzie Tingle
- 4 Scott Corn
- 6 Blake Shannon
- 7 Micah Tucker

- 8 Becky Straub
- 9 Drew Windhorst
- 12 Evan Twyman
- 15 Anissa Rogers
- 23 Mike Hammond, Connie Gray
- 24 Anna Gray, Karigan Tingle, Keegan Tingle
- 27 Amber Thurman, Sharon Hamilton
- 30 Ryker Gossom, Dixie Taylor, Toni Moore

*If your name is incorrectly listed, or not listed, please
contact Angie at angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com.*

Read Through The Bible Challenge September

1. 1 Corinthians 10
2. 1 Corinthians 11
3. 1 Corinthians 12
4. 1 Corinthians 13
5. 1 Corinthians 14
6. 1 Corinthians 15
7. 1 Corinthians 16
8. 2 Corinthians 1
9. 2 Corinthians 2
10. 2 Corinthians 3
11. 2 Corinthians 4
12. 2 Corinthians 5
13. 2 Corinthians 6
14. 2 Corinthians 7
15. 2 Corinthians 8
16. 2 Corinthians 9
17. 2 Corinthians 10
18. 2 Corinthians 11
19. 2 Corinthians 12
20. 2 Corinthians 13
21. Galatians 1
22. Galatians 2
23. Galatians 3
24. Galatians 4
25. Galatians 5
26. Galatians 6
27. Ephesians 1
28. Ephesians 2
29. Ephesians 3
30. Ephesians 4

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Friday, September 9
6:30pm**

Held at the Warehouse.

**Bring your favorite games and an
appetizer or dessert.**

**We have a used white stove in working
condition that needs a new home. If you are
in need, please contact the church office at
502.722.5246.**

Church Family Prayer Needs

**Byron Thompson, Vicki Moore, Amy Griggs, Chuck Rhoads
Robert Woodson, Edith McGowan, Allen Ruble, Bruce Brantley
Christina Ruble, Larry Kerr, Madison Shannon, Gloria Early, Joy Casey**



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! Also, you can connect all of your devices to RightNow Media?

Go to <https://help.rightnowmedia.org/hc/en-us/articles/4415483863821-Connect-Your-Devices> to connect to FireTV, Roku, Apple, Chromecast, Android or PC.

I AM N— VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

The headlines from around the world are staggering as we read about Christians persecuted for their faith. What can we learn from those who risk their lives every day for their faith? How do we best respond spiritually and practically to news reports of persecuted Christians? They risk everything for their faith. This powerful video curriculum takes you into the true stories of Christians living in Muslim countries around the world. Ideal for small groups, campus ministries, and churches. Each 10-15 minute video session includes real-life footage of the persecuted church along with commentary and teaching. As you explore these six themes—forgiveness, sacrifice, faithfulness, joy, perseverance, and courage—you will be inspired to make a difference right where you are.



Togetherness: Couples Living Life Better

Together

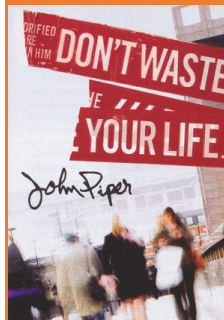
You desire to have a healthy marriage full of love, enjoyment, care and intimacy. You can create that kind of marriage and make it your reality. If you have a willingness to learn and

change then the marriage you long for is achievable. You are the hero who will rescue your marriage from the enemies of marital love.

No one should spend years disliking their marriage. Yet, many couples do. Communication challenges, anger issues, financial hardship and falling out of love are a few causes that fuel the negativity couples experience.

Pastor and author Wil Lake has produced the Togetherness group curriculum, along with the companion book, *Togetherness: Couples Living Life Better Together*, from over 30 years of experience as a husband, father, and pastor, to guide marriages through the struggles of married life.

After you complete the Togetherness group curriculum you and your spouse will feel a deeper sense of what life together was meant to be like. The Togetherness curriculum covers seven key areas of marriage. From Coming Together, Talking Together, Deciding Together, Fighting Together, Sleeping Together, Parenting Together to Staying Together, the Togetherness curriculum gives practical advice on how to love your marriage, live life better together and stay together for life.

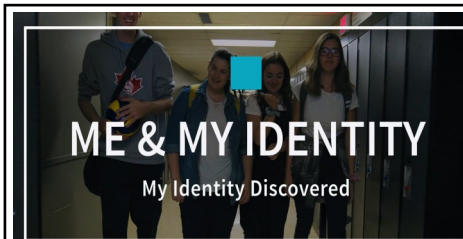


Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

In ten, fifteen-minute presentations, John Piper instructs small groups and classes in the essentials of making their lives count for eternity.

Most people slip by in life without a passion for God, spending their lives on trivial diversions, living for comfort and pleasure... and perhaps trying to avoid sin. Yet as John Piper teaches in this series and its companion materials, God has designed us for far more than this. We just have to awaken to the simple, biblical reality that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Designed to be used in a ten-session, guided group study along with the companion components in the kit, each fifteen-minute presentation explores the meaning and significance of making one's life count for eternity. Piper's rich teaching is a useful tool any leader or facilitator can use to direct members' understanding and guide them to treasure Christ above all.



Me & My Identity by Sid Koop

Everyday teenagers buckle under the pressure of trying to figure out who they are. They are in an ongoing inner battle to discover their identity. How do I

form my identity? What informs who I am? What if I don't like who I've chosen to be? Or worse, what if my friends don't like me?

Rather than tell you how to answer the question "Who am I?" we reframe the question to be "Who does God say I am?"

Together we realize that the pressure is off, because we do not need to create our identity, we get to discover it in Christ. An identity, that is grounded in the great love and intention God expressed in creating us with purpose.

SBC offers a free subscription to RightNow Media to our church family. Contact Angie in the church office 502-722-5246 to receive an invitation to participate.



24-hour Prayer on 24th Each Month

Prayer is relationship with God not just a list of needs and concerns articulated. It's an avenue of seeing God working in the daily life of His children. During the construction process of our new building every member will have opportunities to serve in our prayer ministry. In Nehemiah, chapters 8 and 9, is the process used during the rebuild of the wall around Jerusalem. Using this model our congregation will conduct a 24-hour prayer time. Each person will have an opportunity to sign up for a time during the 24-hours on the 24th of each month. Praying onsite is optional, but a dedicated place is preferred even if at one's home. *(Places may change from month to month due to space availability.)* Notebooks expressing monthly prayer needs will be available to assist you in directing your prayer time. This ministry is a work in progress and will take-on new emphasis monthly.

An information meeting will occur on August 24th at 7:30pm in Room 201.

This ministry involves everyone. Parents, teach your children the importance of prayer by praying with them during this time. Singles, couples, seniors, become involved in this powerful service to God and SBC.

Prayer is to be practiced in order to see God working and ways in which WE must become involved. When we are in **"one accord"** God shows His great power. Everyone should have some time during the 24-hours monthly called prayer meeting to pray together. Sign-up today.

LET'S LET GOD HAPPEN!

Simpsonville Baptist Church
PO Box 56
Simpsonville KY 40067