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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

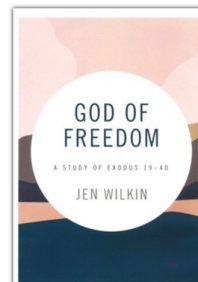
PEOPLE STRIVING TO HAVE CHRIST SEEN IN THEM

Why is discipleship necessary?

- Discipleship is necessary because people need to know Jesus personally. Jesus commanded His disciples to make disciples of all nations so that others could know Him.
- Discipleship is also necessary for you to be grown into maturity and transformed more into the person He has created you to be.
- Discipleship is also necessary for people to get sound doctrine, love God and others, raise leaders, and create disciple-making movements all over the world.
- Discipleship includes not only studying God's Word but living a life of faith and walking in obedience to God.

God of Freedom-A Study of Exodus 19-40 by Jen Wilkin
Begins Monday, January 9 at 10am
Facilitated by Linda Ashby. Meets at the Warehouse.

God of Freedom is a 10-session video Bible study on Exodus 19-40 which explores what freedom looks like for the Israelites under God's good rule and good laws. This study walks through verse-by-verse, revisiting scenes from the Ten Commandments, golden calf idol worship, and the tabernacle. Jen Wilkin invites you to discover a new perspective on Exodus and what these stories can teach us today about how to live as those set free from sin and death.



Discovery CLASS

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

Discovery Class for New & Prospective Members

Begins Sunday, January 22 at 11am
Meets in the Worship Center
Led by Billy Bell.

Understanding & Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

This co-ed class begins on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:15pm.
Facilitated by Billy Bell.

Spiritual gifts are the gifts God gives to every believer to get the works of the ministry done. Spiritual gifts can also be called the works of the Holy Spirit which is at work in every child of God. They are given freely to every believer as God pleases. Spiritual gifts are not given based on works or abilities— they are given as God pleases and planned it to be.

We would like to have the entire church fill out a spiritual gifts survey!
Please pick up a copy in the foyer today.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT



Contentment Through Personal Tribulation Women's Class

Begins Saturday, January 14 at 9am
Held at the Warehouse. Facilitated by Liz Encinia.
Sign up in the foyer.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

Change is Always Coming!

Change is continual. We consider some change good, and some change bad. We have a mobile and global world that affects change in our homes, jobs, schedules, and church. The world has had a steady wave of health issues (whether agreed on or not) that have nevertheless impeded the flow of life, basic needs, and basic services. Then there's the change of moral life in America, mostly spiraling downward. This moral decline caroms into the church in diverse ways.

In many middle and small sized churches, there has been a faster and unusual change of attendees and members in the last 3 years. The stress of trials has created a perfect crucible of challenges heated with emotions that can create a mix of character defects, withdrawal, isolation, and other harmful effects. In the Christian life, we call change spiritual birth and sanctification. We know that change to God's vision in a cultural context is good change. We know that a church growing in holiness, obedience, and evangelism is good change! There are so many examples of good change!

While we don't change in our allegiance to the Lordship of Jesus or to His Word, we will have to adapt to trials and challenges that come to us in an ever-increasing manner as we approach the Last Days. These sinful and cultural changes and challenges aren't new to churches and families across the ages. The catalysts of change through the centuries may be different, but the response of faith should be constant. How can the local church survive and even flourish despite the changes and trials caused by the spiraling down of morals and convictions without and within?

Simpsonville Baptist can respond to guaranteed change in at least three humble and gracious ways. First, SBC is a people of like faith who are a spiritual community pouring into one another with love, prayer, truth, accountability, and more. Your biggest horizontal, spiritual support shouldn't only be the pastors of the church, but your small group that does life together. The small groups of a church should be the front line of support and care in times of trials and change.

Second, a strong local church must develop leaders who are resilient in faith during the times of challenge or trial. Spiritual leaders step up and lead in truth, grace, wisdom, prayer, and love. In most local Baptist churches, these leaders generally have or are currently serving as deacons, teachers, and ministry team leaders. In some manner and level, the leaders should have a following and a spiritual influence to reassure, sustain, lead, and grow the church. Leaders lead by knowing and following God's Word and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Third, your commitment to your faith family is carried by a mutual spirit of love, community, mission, truth, prayer, worship, evangelism, and spiritual growth. These spiritual disciplines are each person's responsibility to receive and cultivate in your life. While all churches will have their trials and challenges, it's not a Biblical option to remove the church (God's people) from your Christian life.

What is your commitment to the faith family, the Body of Christ, known as Simpsonville Baptist Church? Your commitment should be Biblically grounded in the Holy Spirit calling and leading you to participate in this family of believers of like faith. Your commitment is to be fortified by the Holy Spirit leading in understanding the importance and strength of faith and community. Christ and His church is enough, and you must keep your participation and commitment to the local church as paramount to God's will for your spiritual welfare and use. Continue to pray for Simpsonville Baptist Church and God's mission through her.



NEW SERMON SERIES

**Help!
I'm In Crisis**

BEGINS JANUARY 1

LED BY

**SENIOR PASTOR,
STEVE BOYD**



Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

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

Donation requests: *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.



Thanksgiving & Christmas Report

Many of our classes and groups made great efforts to give back to the community during Christmas. We hope you are encouraged by this report to continue reaching out to those who are in spiritual and physical need.

Sonrise Women's Sunday School Class-led by Linda Otterback.

- Adopted an Adventure Club staff member's family and provided Christmas for the children and \$100 gift card for the parents.
- Purchased gifts and helped host for the Meadow Ridge Children's Christmas Party
- Several members volunteered at the Christmas Toy Store.
- Collected \$100 for the Next Step Autism Training Program.
- Adopted and supported 2 children at the Mijomboni orphanage in Africa.

In 2023 the class will provide luncheons for the Bible Study and Prayer Group that meets at the Capital in Frankfort. The class will meet the legislature members and meet with Kyle McDanell, KY State Minister and MSC Missionary.

Vineyard Sunday School Class-led by Rick Taylor

Our Vineyard class hosted a Veteran's Thanksgiving Meal for community veterans. For Christmas the class purchased and delivered gift cards to local restaurants for the Veteran's Rural Outreach members.



Quest Sunday School Class-led by Cindy Childers

- Quest currently sponsors a child in the Mijomboni Orphanage and the class has agreed to support an additional child for this year.
- Several members helped with the Christmas Toy Store.



Women's Wednesday Night Discipleship Group-Led by Angie Melton

Purchased and packed 10 miscarriage bags for A Loving Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.

Thanksgiving Meals

Our deacons and church staff took Thanksgiving meals to 34 homebound individuals and to those who were ill. We also invited 14 guests to join our Church Family Thanksgiving meal free of charge.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Thank you to the following individuals and families that helped us help the community by ringing the bell at Walmart: Joe Dupont, Tony Sanford, Jesse & James Wright, Chris Lumbatis family, Gene Witt, Cheryl Sipes, Steve Eden Family, Susan Watkins, Rhonda Jones, Edith McGowan, Lowell & Linda Ashby, and Jerry Miller.

Christmas Toy Store

We were greatly blessed to partner with Christ Community Church and serve 190 families with 589 children.

Thursday: 52 families-164 children Friday: 97 families-320 children Saturday: 41 families-105 children



Mending Widow's Hearts had an old-fashioned homemade cookie swap. They baked and delivered goodies to our local police and fire departments, Adventure Club staff, Shelbyville sheriff department, Awake Ministries, Veterans Rural Outreach and SBC homebound families.

Truth4Life Sunday School Class hosted a Christmas party, including dinner for the 58 residents of Colonial Hall Personal Care Home. Each one of the residents received a personal gift which they had requested. T4L also sponsors a child at the Mijomboni orphanage.

Faith Works Sunday School Class adopted a family from a local apartment and provided all the ingredients for the perfect Christmas including a grocery gift certificates and presents for the children.





Two years ago we started to tell you about the needs in and around the little town of Mijomboni, Kenya. We shared horrific stories of unwanted children being burned with hot water when born, children selling themselves for meals and sanitary supplies, and toddlers left alone all day because parents had to work. We appealed to our church family to help build a rescue center and you responded with great enthusiasm. After a little over six months the center was built, and we were beginning to locate the most needy children.

We have had some ups and downs since opening...parents wanting so desperately for their children to live in the center, that they arranged for fake death certificates and older children not following the Christian principles that enable the center to run smoothly.

Today we can share with you that the thirty children which live at the Rescue Center have truly experienced life change. Those who gave to see the building of the Center, and those who give now to sponsor the children have literally saved the lives of thirty children.

In October we received report cards for the children who attend school at the orphanage. Although some of the children are still struggling, others have responded and have done so well, that they have surpassed their counterparts in the school system. In November we sent another payment to finish the floors. As of December all the floors had been finished and they now have concrete steps. We provided a Christmas party for the children and bonuses for the staff. To give you an idea of the bonuses, the three employees received a total of \$30 in bonuses-\$10 each. The Christmas Party was a celebration of food, not toys. The Christmas wish list included: a goat to be slaughtered (\$50), a bundle of wheat flour (\$30), 10 liters of cooking oil (\$30), onion, tomatoes and other vegetables (\$50), sodas and fresh juice (\$50).



Christmas Dinner



New Terrazzo concrete floors

Sponsorships Needed

We have four children that are in need of new sponsors this year.

The cost is \$300 per year (\$25 a month) per child. Your sponsorship pays for their food, housing, education, health care, clothing, and agricultural training.

Please contact Angie in the church office for more information.

You will be able to write to your child via email and see updates of the Rescue Center via Facebook.

Please continue in prayer for the life of the Center, for salvation for the children, and for wisdom & guidance for our administrator, Nathan Osiemo.



Please go to Ultimate Wings Charity Services on Facebook to see a 5-minute concert. The children are singing in English and doing hand movements to accompany the songs.

Adult Growth & Discipleship

DISCIPLESHIP

Finding Contentment and Confidence in Your Finances

**Facilitated by Gerry Davis & Billy Bell
Begins Sunday, February 19 at 5pm**

God Owns It All tackles the money question we all ask: How much is enough? The answer to this question is found in God's Word. These biblically based principles are affirmed by the authority of Scripture and tested by the marketplace and will equip us to approach money management and financial planning with freedom, generosity, contentment, and confidence. When we apply the biblical truths offered in this study, our finances will be ordered, our decisions will be simplified, and our experience will invite contentment in all areas of our lives.



MinistrySafe®

DID YOUR KNOW?

All of our children's and youth volunteers have been asked to take sexual abuse awareness training through MinistrySafe. To date, eleven of the 56 volunteers and staff have successfully taken and passed the 30 minute seminar.

Get Connected with a Sunday School Class

If you are not currently involved in Sunday School be sure to visit one of our great classes at either 8:30am or 11am 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!

8:30am Sunday School Classes

Vineyard Class	Room 201	Rick Taylor
Pursuit	Room 202	Byron Thompson
Equipping the Saints	Room 205	Greg Barnes
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
Faith Works	Room 206	Billy Bell

Children's & Students Classes are held at 11am only.

SBC STUDENTS

SBC Kids



Children & Student Christmas Parties

The Children's Ministry hosted a Pancake & Pajama party for the kids and it looks like they wrapped up a kid-sized present for someone!

Students were treated to Salsarita's and played Dirty Santa.

Thank you to everyone that helped us to end the year well!



Kid's Camp

June 23-25th

Campbellsville University

For 3rd-5th grade completed.

Cost: \$154 with \$75 deposit due Sunday, April 23.

Student Camp

June 26-30th

Missouri Baptist University

The cost is \$294 with a \$75 deposit due Sunday, April 23.

We are on the waiting list to go to Mfuge at Carson-Newman TN.

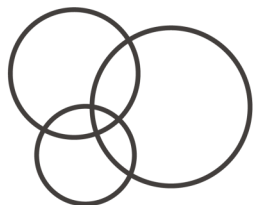
So, the location is subject to change.

Issues Families Face

We are seeking to grow our discipleship program offerings. In addition to our great Sunday School program and Men's & Women's Discipleship groups, we are planning to add classes or groups that help our families gain a stronger understanding of what the Bible teaches about some of the most pressing issues we face in today's culture. Please scan the QR code or use the following link to our Contact Us page: Click on "Family Survey" to complete the survey. Answers can be anonymous.



Use the following Link to our Contact Us page and the Family Survey tab:
<https://simpsonvillebaptist.com/contact-us/>.



CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDER

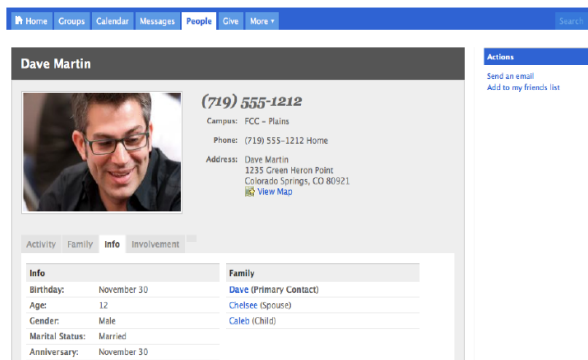
Accessing our online community

Church Community Builder (CCB) is a tool to help you get better connected with your church family. You will be able to match names to faces of people you don't know, get contact information and connect with groups which you are involved in.

- Request a login from the church office (angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com).
- Once you log in to the online community, you will land on your personal home page. The page contains information specific to you including: a welcome message from the church, your profile box with contact info, a list of your groups. You can change your privacy settings, family photos and contact information. You can add birthday and anniversary information.

To view other Profiles

- To view a profile for another person, click the People tab on your profile page. (If you do not see a People tab it means you have a limited access profile and will only be able to see your profile. Limited access profiles are changed to full access profiles once you have attended for six months.) After clicking People, begin to type a name in the search box. You can use a first or last name. As you type the system will automatically narrow your results. Click the name of the person you would like to view and their profile and information will come up. Security features might be enabled depending on the individual.



To view Groups

- You will see groups to which you currently belong on your profile page. You can also go to find Groups using the Group tab and using the search engine. Once your group is opened you will see the list of those included in each group. You can also search for new groups and request information about any group.

There is also a Help button located in the top right hand corner on any page if you need assistance with your personal profile or group info or just managing the Church Community Builder website.

Bookmark CCB –(churchcommunitybuilder.com) or use the mobile app accessible through the App Store to keep your church contacts readily accessible!

Jeff & Denise Logue updated their family photo for CCB!

We are updating our worship directory and would like to include all of our members and guests. Please take a photo today, or send a family Christmas picture to Angie in the church office, so that we can keep our directory current. Send pictures to angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com.



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

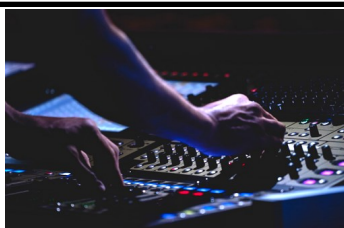


- You may watch WHAS, WLKY, or WAVE 3 weather cancellations.
- You may check our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com.
- SBC Facebook

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

Directory Update

Joe & Connie Kendall 571 Hawthorne Ave. Shelbyville KY 40065



Volunteers needed!

Sunday morning
slide operators
and sound techs.

We need at least

one or two people to be trained to run computer slides and the same for the sound board. Experience is helpful, and a good ear and eye is needed.

Contact Matt at matt@simpsonvillebaptist.com if you would like more information.

Mending Widow's Hearts Ministry

In December our group made and delivered homemade cookies to the Simpsonville police and fire departments, Adventure Club staff, Shelbyville Sheriff's departments, AWAKE ministries, Veteran's Rural Outreach and our homebound families. We received many pleased thanks from the homebound and police and fire personnel and a lovely note from Veteran's Rural Outreach director, Dr. Carlen Pippen.



Friday, January 20 from 10am-12pm.

Special Guest speaker from Veteran's Rural Outreach
We will learn about who they are, whom they serve, and their goals and plans.

**WINTER
Wonderland
BUNCO**

**Thursday, January 5
6:30pm**

Served By Request
**Gary Huff's famous homemade
vegetable soup**

Please sign up in the foyer.

Women's Discipleship Classes

God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin

Begins Monday, January 9 at 10am.

This is the study of Exodus 19-40.

Purchase books online.

Facilitated by Linda Ashby.

**Contentment Through Personal
Tribulation**

Begins Saturday, January 14 at 9am

Facilitated by Liz Encinia.

SONrise Women's Community Discipleship Group

Tuesdays at 9:30am beginning January 10.

We will be studying the Minor Prophets.

Facilitated by Linda Otterback.



All classes meet at the Warehouse-7387 Shelbyville Road, Simpsonville

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missionaries

Church Goal: \$7,500

**THE GREATEST PROBLEM
FACING HUMANKIND IS
NOT A NATURAL DISASTER,
A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS,
OR POLITICAL INSTABILITY.
THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN
THE WORLD IS LOSTNESS.**

Giving to date: \$3,480

**59% PERCENT OF THE
WORLD'S POPULATION
(4.6 BILLION PEOPLE) ARE
CONSIDERED UNREACHED.**

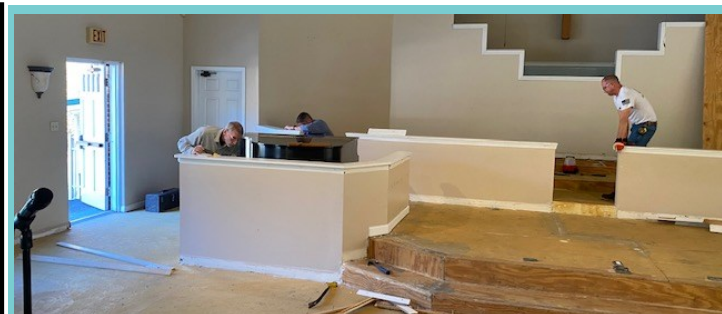
This means there are less than 2% evangelical Christians within their people group or nearby. Unless something changes, they have little to no chance of hearing the gospel in their lifetime.

Over 90% of IMB teams actively engage at least one unreached people or place.

157,690	116
LOST DYING DAILY	COUNTRIES WHERE WE WORK
7,327	3,650
UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS	TOTAL MISSIONARIES

Giving Options

Give online at
simpsonvillebaptist.com or
by check and mark
Lottie Moon in the check
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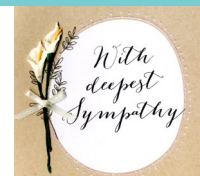


**Faith Baptist Church in Myra, KY
recovering from the flood!**



Ronnie Sowder,
Bob Melton,
Brandon Melton,
Jeff Logue and
Eric Heston
returned to Myra in
December and finished
the stage at
Faith Baptist Church.

Sympathy is expressed to Scott Dunn with the
recent death of his mother, and to
Nancy McLeroy with the recent death of her
mother.





Saturday, January 24

We have created prayer guides to assist you as you pray for our church building program and workers, staff and project lead. Guides can be picked up in the foyer of the FLC or in the prayer box in the parking lot.

A Prayer for the Construction of our Multi-Purpose Educational Building

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8-16, Nehemiah 3

Reflections of the Heart: The God of heaven Himself will help us succeed; therefore, we will arise and build! We will trust His Word and believe in the Sovereign Lord who always keeps His promises. Nehemiah 2:20

Scriptural Prayer: Awesome Father, we thank you for the vision for this new building. Thank you for being Jehovah Jireh, the One who will provide all the resources we need to complete this project. Thank you for giving our pastor, leaders and building committee members wisdom, discernment and favor as this project progresses. Thank You for entrusting this endeavor to our church family. You created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. You made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. You publicly proclaim bold promises; You do not whisper obscurities in dark corners.

In Jesus' Name, we pray that God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven for the construction of the Multipurpose Center. As we commit the plans for this construction project to you, we decree that they will succeed. Father, we ask you to call forth competent and skilled laborers just as you called forth the artisans for the building of the tabernacle.

Lord, I commit to praying diligently for this project.
List the specific areas that you will pray for regarding this construction project:

Our Lord and Savior, please bless this new building project to provide ministry for our church family and the families in the community that will promote growth, development, relaxation and enjoyment. Stir up the faith in our congregation so that we will walk by faith and not by sight and support this vision through our giving, service and prayers. Fill every participant, including the building contractors, permitting officials, architects, and engineers with your spirit of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. Amen.

Today, I will trust God to:



**Pickleball
Mondays at 6pm**

**Adult Volleyball
Thursdays at 6:30pm**
No Childcare Provided

Welcome

Mollie Hefner-New Children's Ministry Director

2022 saw great things for the life and ministry of Simpsonville Baptist Church. By the Lord's grace, 2023 is starting off with more exciting news for our children's ministry. Mollie Hefner has been hired as the new Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Mollie has a tremendous passion for Jesus, children, and the local church. I am excited to work along side her to cast vision and grow the children's ministry both spiritually and numerically. Please keep Mollie and her family in your prayers as she prepares for this new role.

Jesse Wright



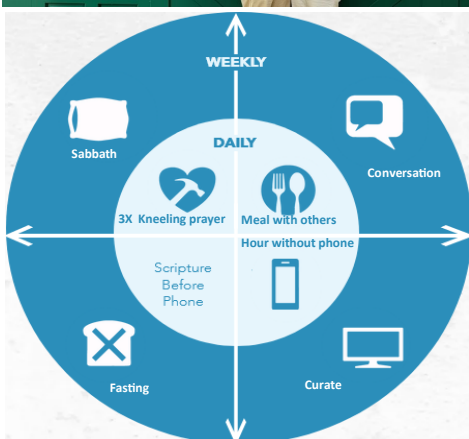
"My name is Mollie Hefner. My husband, Tolliver, and I have been members at Simpsonville Baptist for 3.5 years and we now have a 16 month old, Emerson. I am so honored and excited that the Personnel Team has entrusted me with the Children's Director position. I was an elementary teacher for 6 years and have a passion for kids and families knowing the Gospel and being a part of a local church. I know God has great things in store for our children's ministry, and I'm excited to be part of it!"



**Wednesday Programming
Begins January 11
6:15pm**

Co-ed Spiritual Gifts Class-Room 201
Students-Warehouse
Children K-5th-Gym
Preschoolers-Room 107

Nursery available for our Discipleship classes.



Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction

The Common Rule is a set of daily and weekly practices designed to form us in the love of God and neighbor.

Love Of God

Look at the habits as they pertain to love of God. You were made to love and be loved by God. Only in the light of his love will you finally see who you really are, feel how you are supposed to feel, and discover what you should do with your days.

Love Of Neighbor

When we think of better habits, we often think about our own self-improvement. Nothing could be further from the purpose of the Common Rule. These habits are meant to be practiced with others for their sake.

Embrace

Embrace is a reminder that there is much good in the world God made. God's presence-not his absence-is the primary fact of the world. That we need each other-not that we harm each other-is the primary truth of being human.

Resist

When we practice resistance, we acknowledge that evil and suffering are very real, though they aren't how the world was made to be. But remember that resistance has a purpose: love. The habits of resistance aren't supposed to shield you from the world but to turn you toward it.

The Weekly Habits

One hour of conversation with a friend -We were made for each other, and we can't become lovers of God and our neighbors without intimate relationships where vulnerability is sustained across time. In habitual, face-to-face conversations with each other, we find a gospel practice; we are laid bare to each other and loved anyway.

Fast from something for 24 hours - We constantly seek to fill our emptiness with food and other comforts. We ignore our soul and our neighbor's need by medicating with food and drink. Regular fasting exposes who we really are, reminds us how broken the world is, and draws our eyes to how Jesus is redeeming all things.

Curate Media to Four Hours - Stories matter so much that we must handle them with utmost care. Resisting the constant stream of addicting media with an hour limit means we are forced to curate what we watch. Curating stories mean that we seek stories that uphold beauty, that teach us to love justice, and that turn us to community.

Sabbath - The weekly practice of sabbath teaches us that God sustains the world and that we don't. To make a countercultural decision, we should stop our usual work for one day of rest. Sabbath is a gospel practice because it reminds us that the world doesn't hang on what we can accomplish, but rather on what God has accomplished for us.



Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 7 at 7:30am Please join us at The Farm Kitchen.

6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065

This place has great reviews!
Please join us for good Christian fellowship and good food!! Hope to see you there.



Happy Birthday to....

- 2 Megan Evans, Melissa Sangster
- 4 Nick Pecora, Lily Tindall, Bell Tindall
- 6 Regina Shields
- 7 Brooke Hammond
- 8 Tim Pardee
- 9 Michelle Woodward
- 10 Kevin Nickel
- 12 Larry Curry, Joe Miele
- 13 Denise Miller
- 17 Lisa Wyatt
- 21 Mattie Johnson, Anne Waterman
- 25 Cheryl Sipes, Bailey Sowder
- 26 Yarah Visseppo, Marsena Vaughan
- 27 Esther Woodward, Gina Wilkins
- 28 Richard Walker
- 29 Aiden Perkins

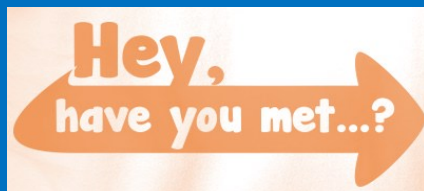
Church Family Prayer Needs

Our prayer wall is accessible on the church website.
It is updated as needs come in. You can also post your own needs.

Byron Thompson, Vicki Moore, Chuck Rhoads, Robert Woodson, Allen Ruble,
Larry Kerr, Mattie Johnson, Jim Renfro, Shelia Shelburne, Jonah & Hollie Pack, Scott Dunn,
Nick & Megan Richardson, Nancy McLeroy

Community Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 10am at the Warehouse
Please join us!



Frank & Mari Galasso

Frank and Mari (pronounced mā-dē) Galasso relocated to the greater Louisville area in November 2020. In June of 2021, they moved into their home in Simpsonville in Cardinal Club. Prior to moving here, they resided in South Florida near Ft Lauderdale for many years. Frank

was a deacon, played guitar on the Worship Team, and subbed as Worship Team Leader at Christ Community Church – Pembroke Pines and Mari was a women's leader there as well.

Mari has one son, Teddy, who lives in Fisherville with his wife Britney, and 2 year old son, Bear. Frank and Mari relocated to the area to be near to them. Both Teddy and Britney are graduates of U of L. Frank has one daughter, Bianca, who is a medical school student currently doing rotations in Gulfport, MS. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University.

Mari is a career educator both in the classroom, and as an administrator – having held several principal roles in Christian Schools in South Florida. Frank is a distribution and logistics leader with over 25 years of experience in a number of industries including pharmaceuticals, lab equipment and supplies, office products, and HVAC equipment and supplies. Frank also served in the Navy as a submarine officer during Desert Storm.



Each month we are highlighting one of our incredible Sunday School teachers.

Teacher Spotlight: Matt Moore

How long have you been teaching Sunday School? *Four years*

How did you get your start teaching? *I felt led to do an Old Testament survey, and give our teacher at the time a break. After that I was hooked.*

What do you like most about teaching? *I love to study and prepare. It allows me to grow in my knowledge and intimacy with God. The teaching is just a great bonus.*

Describe your teaching style. *I try to frame the lesson looking at the original audience, but then expand into an open dialogue with the class looking at how God is using His word to guide us today.*

What is the name of your class? And why did your class choose that name? *Our class is called SALT, which is Seeking And Learning Together.*

Tell us about the make up of your class (age range, avg # of people etc.) *We vary in age from mid 30's-late 50's, averaging 8-10 a week.*

What would you tell potential visitors about your class? *We would love to have you visit and study with us!*

The SALT class has been instrumental in helping us get through 2 years of Covid without regular teachers. During a time when, understandably, volunteerism was at all-time low, the whole class stepped up and taught both Children's Sunday School and Children's Church.



Fellowship is an important part of Sunday School.

The Vineyard class enjoyed a Gaither concert in December.





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The Ten Commandments by Albert Tate

Are the Ten Commandments just a list of rules we are supposed to obey? Do they still apply today? And if so, how do we apply the commandments to our lives? In this ten-session series, pastor Albert Tate takes us through the Ten Commandments and shows us how we were first loved by God and what it looks like to love him in return. God wrote a love letter through his commandments so that we could know his heart and learn to love others in the same way.



SOUL CARE by Jason Perkins

Are you overwhelmed by the noise, busyness, and pace of your life? Join Jason Perkins for this six-part series on Soul Care and learn to tend to the garden of your inner life. Discover what it means to apprentice under the Master, Jesus — not just by believing His teachings, but by living the way He lived. As you adopt His rhythms of rest and relationship and practice His habits of silence, solitude, Sabbath, and simplicity, your soul will begin to thrive and bear fruit.

If You Could See As Jesus Sees By Elizabeth Oates

In a world that tells women they are never enough—never pretty enough, smart enough, or talented enough—God says we are exactly enough simply because He created us and we belong to Him.

If you have ever wrestled with identity or self-worth, if you have ever felt isolated or inadequate, if you have ever felt ashamed or discontent, then this 6-week video series, taught by author Elizabeth Oates, will speak to the needs of your heart and soul.



In her book, *If You Could See as Jesus Sees*, Elizabeth helps women see themselves as Jesus sees them, instead of the way the world sees them. She helps women identify their core insecurities and the lies they believe about themselves, and then she reveals God's truth about how He sees all of us.

Join Elizabeth in this fresh, new video series and start seeing yourself—not as the world sees—but as Jesus sees.

22-Day Devotional—Journeys with the Messiah

Photographer and author, Michael Belk, guides you on a journey to experience Jesus's timeless teachings from a fresh, innovative, and inviting perspective. Through a series of images and stories, Michael explores a host of topics related to the life of Christ.

The Journeys with the Messiah project began in 2008 when Michael traded a glamorous, globe-trotting lifestyle as a fashion photographer for an even more exciting mission to give a fresh perspective on Jesus Christ's life through the lens of his camera. His thought-provoking images portray Jesus in an ancient setting juxtaposed with contemporary characters and elements from the twenty-first century. In this devotional series, Michael guides viewers to see the relevance of Jesus's teachings in ways that are easy to grasp and easy to share with others.



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TOTAL
190 families with
589 children.

Thursday
52 families-164 children

Friday
97 families-320 children

Saturday
41 families-105 children



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