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The graphic consists of three dark blue hexagons arranged in a row, separated by light blue lines. The central hexagon contains the text "NEW SERVICE TIMES" in large, white, outlined capital letters. The left hexagon contains the text "8:45am" in white, followed by "DOORS OPEN for class fellowships and coffee." in white, bold, sans-serif font. The right hexagon contains the text "9:15am Sunday School" in white, followed by "10:30am Worship" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

New Service Times will tentatively begin in July.

We are expected to be able to begin moving into the new building in June. During that month we will set up church and Adventure Club offices, set up classrooms with chair and tables, install televisions, set up the fellowship kitchen and coffee bar.

Why are we making this change?

- **Our fellowship time from 8:45-9:15am will allow our church family to gather and get to know one another better and meet new guests.**
- **Combining our Sunday School classes will allow our church family to commune with each other more regularly.**
- **Classes will not be affected by late dismissal of worship.**
- **This change will allow us to get all classes (adults, students, and children) on campus at the same time with ample time for Sunday School, fellowship and still get to worship on time.**

How does God resource His church for strength of mission, purpose, and Biblical unity? In the previous three months' articles, we have briefly recognized God's blessing and our equipping through the Bible, Christian fellowship, and worship. Next, we receive God's calling to serve and to develop His giftedness so the Church can be victorious and effectively bring Him glory!

God has equipped His church for service. We serve God by serving others. Serving is His Kingdom way to meet needs and share Christ. There are myriads of ways to serve others, but it should always be intentional. Loving and serving others is a growing by-product of loving God. The greatest love and service is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. This should be our Holy Spirit-led intention as we come to know and serve others.

I enjoy using Rick Warren's acronym called S.H.A.P.E to help us understand our giftedness for service or ministry.

*** S is for Spiritual gifts. God gives you Holy Spirit-empowered giftedness for specific service.**

*** H is for Heart. God gives you a passion to serve in a specific area of real need.**

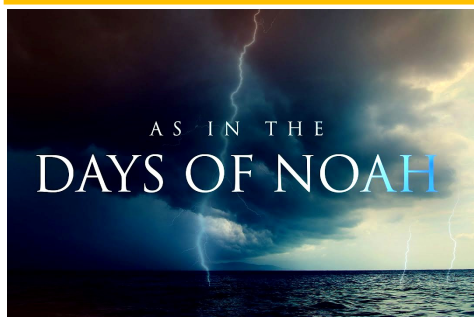
*** A is for Ability. God uses acquired learning in every area of life for you to serve others.**

*** P is for Personality. You are gifted to serve in specific ways in how you relate to others.**

*** E is for Experience. God uses your life experiences to serve people that have similar journeys.**

We are servants of Jesus our Lord. He passes His "baton" to us to live a life of service for His glory and Kingdom. He empowers us for His call and purpose of mission by working together as a spiritual body, much like our physical body works together. The Church needs everyone functioning efficiently in serving to be growing and effective in this sinful, selfish world. We are to be distinct in our daily service living, like Jesus. As we do so, the Church can prosper to see many souls saved and many becoming spiritually disciplined!

Pray for our church to grow in serving God by serving others locally and in our state, nation, and world.



May Sermon Series

The Days of Noah

Matthew 24:36-39

May 7
Graduate Sunday

May 14
Mother's Day

May 21
**Living in an
End-Time Culture**
Gen. 4:16-24; Gen. 6:5-7

May 28
**Thriving in an
End-Time Culture**
Genesis 6
*Messages given by
Billy Bell.*



**Sunday, May 21
5pm**

Ministry Involvement Team

- Leadership and Team Enlistment
- Mission Team Job Description
- Young Adult Support Team Job Description

Property Team

Custodian Job Description/Plan

Land Study Team recommendation

Reports: Building Construction, Property, Finance

In April some of our church family blessed our new building by writing Scripture and prayers on the interior walls and studs.





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.



SPOTLIGHT ON

AWAKE MINISTRIES

701 Washington St.
Shelbyville KY

Awake Ministries was established when two Shelby County organizations, Open Door of Hope and the Serenity Center food bank, both with similar goals, came together. They believed that by uniting they could more effectively serve the community.

This non-profit offers services and resources that facilitate lasting recovery from the hurts, habits, and hang ups of life. Every resource offered is free to the people that are served and they are reliant upon the faithfulness of God and funding from the community to continue in this work

In December 2022, Awake Ministries officially took the reins of the Paddock coffee shop in Shelbyville. With a desire to

expand their addiction recovery programming to include work force development and placement, the opportunity to make the purchase seemed nothing short of a divine set up.

Both being ministry minded, the Awake-Paddock connection began when Samantha Beals graduated from Awake's residential recovery program. Hired to help open the local small business, she soon moved into the manager's position and was instrumental in developing the kind of culture, service, and products that The Paddock is known and loved for.



"The Paddock has become a treasured place for people to connect and enjoy wonderful food and drinks. We are thrilled to embark on a new social enterprise model that will support what we are already doing at Awake and will allow us to expand awareness of our mission to the general public while also incorporating the hospitality of The Paddock into vocational training for our residents", Executive Director, Stephanie Dillon stated.

SBC supports AWAKE Ministries through your giving. Please go to <https://awakeky.org/> for volunteer opportunities.



BLOOD DRIVE

Simpsonville Fire Department

Training Room
121 Citizens Blvd
Simpsonville

**Monday, May 1
2-6pm**



To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Simpsonville Fire or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

*Every two seconds someone in the US needs blood.
Your support absolutely matters!*



A Loving Choice Baby Bottle Fundraiser

- Pick up a baby bottle on Mother's Day.
- Fill it with coins, bills, and checks to support ALC programs throughout the year.
- Return it on Father's Day.

Thank you to Patty & Charlotte McKinney for organizing this year's fundraiser!



Next Step Training Program-Suellen Barnes

Thank you for praying for our students and staff as we continue to pour into eight students who are currently in the 16-week session that meets at the Warehouse, as well as the seven students we are working with on an individual basis! God has given us the opportunity to work with these students to instill in them positive character traits that will be good on the job and in life. We continue to look for job placements for all of our current students and love to see how God provides these all over the area from LaGrange to Shepherdsville to Shelbyville and everywhere

in between!

God also gave us the opportunity to do a radio interview (it will be posted on our website) for PureRadio and it was a fun experience! Our story is also going to be published in the Proclaim newsletter which is similar to the former Outlook.

We are going to be at the Simpsonville Farmer's Market starting on May 20th!

We will be serving breakfast foods and selling some of the wares that our students have made. We will be there on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 9am – 12pm.
Come on out and have some breakfast or just say hi!



Haven of Rest,

Inez, KY

July 28-29

6:30pm

Featuring

Jonathan Graham Lotz



EKY Sonrise Ministries asks that you commit to praying for the revival on the 27th of each month.

Prayer needs

- That doors would be open for Jonathan Lotz to lead revival at The Big Sandy Federal Prison located in Inez.
- That those in attendance would understand God's call to salvation and for lives to be changed.
- For lots of volunteers to respond to the needs during the week of July 22-30.
- That financial needs for the Revival would be met.
- For Jonathan Lotz's physical strength after Covid has left him with breathing problems.
- That local churches would participate in the revival and participate in the follow up afterwards.

Volunteer Needs

- ♦ Prayer coordinators for local communities
- ♦ Set-up and take-down for the event
- ♦ Ushers and greeters during the Revival
- ♦ Decision counselors



Plan on attending the revival? Please contact Shirley Foster at 607.437.9033 to reserve vehicle seating and Linda Otterback 502.648.3997 to hear about volunteer needs and opportunities for you and your family.

Lodging information and giving opportunities can be found at havenofrestinez.com.

We are collecting items to help Haven of Rest with the influx of guests during the Revival.

Donations of
toilet paper
paper towels
laundry detergent
hand soap
dishwasher pods
bleach
hand sanitizer
13 gallon trash bags
4 gallon trash bags
Swiffer wet mop pads
bottled water
tissues

are being accepted now.
Items can be given to
Linda Otterback.

Goodtime Travelers Adult Day Trip

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

Crestwood KY

Tuesday, May 16

We will leave from the church at 9:30am, tour the gardens and have lunch following. There will be docents to lead us and a golf cart for anyone that cannot walk the trails.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 7th.
We need an accurate head count for this event and lunch.

*In April our Goodtime Travelers enjoyed lunch at
534 Main St. in Shelbyville.*



classic worship

Thursday, May 4 at 10am

**Guest Speaker
Andy McDonald**

Andy currently serves at the Kentucky Baptist Convention as the North Central Regional Consultant, but has a rich history in student and discipleship ministry, has served as interim pastor for several churches and regularly shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with anyone he meets.



Join us at the Warehouse at 9:30am for fellowship!

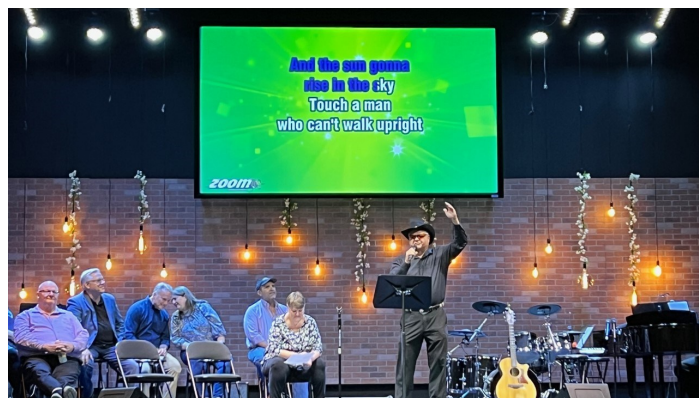
Senior Singalong

"I laughed so much I was wiping tears from my eyes."
Tony Sanford

"Thank you for doing this, it was a lot of fun!"
Gerry Davis

"Boy, you have a lot of talent in this church."
guest Bill West

***Thank you to everyone that brought desserts!
We had a great night of fun and fellowship!***



Graduation Sunday

We Honor You

**Join us on Sunday, May 7
as we celebrate the accomplishments of our high school seniors!**



Brayden Janes

Brayden is the son of Jonathan & Heather Janes. He is graduating from Cornerstone Christian Academy and will be participating in the welding program at Campbellsville University.

Please send cards to: 1505 Polo Fields Court, Louisville KY 40245

Kassie Moore

Kassie is the daughter of Mike & Toni Moore. She is the 4th of five children in the family. She is graduating from Shelby County High School and will be attending Western KY University majoring in exercise science to later go on to get her Masters degree in occupational therapy.

Please send cards to: 996 McFarland Drive, Waddy 40076



Makray Sageser

Makray is the oldest child of Scott & Renea Sageser. She is graduating from Collins High School and will be attending Murray State University to study Ag Business.

Please send cards to: 3525 Taylorsville Rd., Shelbyville 40065

Building Update

The building is starting to shape up quickly. I get excited each time I pull up to it seeing how much it changes daily. I'm glad everyone got to come out and pray over and write scripture in the building. The sheet rock is starting to be applied on the second floor and will move to the first floor upon inspections.

The building décor team has been working diligently to select colors and final touches. We appreciate all their hard work, time, effort and dedication to the building. We are still currently on schedule for end of second quarter completion. Please continue to pray for safety for all the ones involved on the day to day construction.

Scott Sageser, Building Foreman



We are needing male and female chaperones for our children's and student summer camps. Chaperones must be church members and submit to a background check.

Please contact Jesse at jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com if you are available to serve:

June 23-25th Children's Camp
June 26-30th Student Camp



During the summer, students learn about weekly themes such as the ocean, space, STEAM, Superheroes, and many more fun and exciting things! We tie in these themes with activities both in and outside the building. Each week students will take a walking field trip to the Simpsonville park to take part in kick ball, dodgeball, and playing on the playground. We will also take field trips to different locations around Louisville including the FAC pool, the Louisville Zoo, and Derby Dinner Playhouse. These field trips bring a new level of learning, and the



students always have a blast exploring new places! Please contact Jill Sowder at jill@simpsonvillebaptist.com for more information about enrollment!

Ladies Derby Bunco Thursday, May 4 6:30pm

**Wear your Derby shirts and hats!
Please bring an appetizer or dessert.**



**Held at the Warehouse. Sign up in the foyer.
In April our ladies collected a groaning table
full of food pantry items for our
Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge.**

Ladies Community Discipleship



Tuesdays at 9:30am

Held at the Warehouse
7387 Shelbyville Rd.,
Simpsonville

Led by Linda Otterback.
No sign-ups necessary.



**Join us on the
first Saturday of each
month at 9am.**

Led by Dr. Liz Encinia.

**Held at the
Warehouse.**

**Please bring breakfast
snacks!**



**Our Monday Exodus Women's Study recently
celebrated the completion of their class with a
luncheon.**

**From left: Phillis Walker, Debbie Willman, Debbie
Dupont, Kathy Nickel, Judy Pfister, Donna Wainright
(not pictured-Linda Ashby & Glenda Cook)**

A note from our Finance Team Chair

Are you growing? The Church is growing. Ephesians 3 and 4 gives us direction on how to grow. Living, thinking, communicating, and doing immeasurably more than we could ever imagine. Yes, we have a new building going up to have more opportunities, but it's not the building, it's you that will fill the building and invite others in to be apart of the Holy Spirit's work to grow God's Kingdom. What a great honor it is to be a part of a planning Church.

Simpsonville Baptist is constantly praying and evaluating for now and for the future. With your tithes, offerings, and gifts we have continued to meet and/or exceed our budgets. We don't know what the worldly future holds, but we do know what eternity holds, and I pray that we as a Church continue to be His light in this dark world. We all have a spiritual gift. I challenge you to use your gift by being involved. The Church needs you. We have lots of ministries that not only need leaders but support for execution. As the finance chair, I can confirm that the leaders and Finance Team are strategically planning for the opportunities with the new building. God knows what we can handle. He is giving us more. Please find a place where you can serve others and grow with us.

Scott Sageser, Finance Chair

Men's Thursday Night's Golf League



Weissinger Hills in Shelbyville

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

The cost is \$22 for nine holes
payable at the pro shop when you arrive.

We will get together just before we play so arrive and warm up before then and we'll gather for prayer at the practice tee before we start going out in foursomes (or less if needed). I expect all groups to be teeing off before 6pm.

Please send me a message using my cell number or email address listed below if you plan to play any of these dates with us this year. Please include your name, phone number and email address in case I don't have you in my contacts already.

Our league is open to everyone, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors, but let me know that week.

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



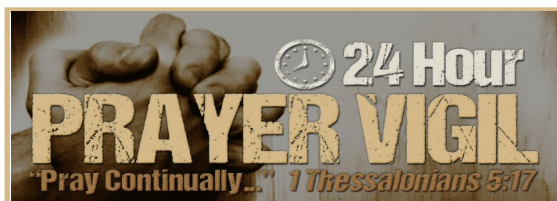
Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 6
at 8am

**Please join us at
The Farm Kitchen**

6562 Frankfort Road,
Shelbyville, KY 40065

- 2 Rian Whitehouse
- 8 Connie Curry
- 9 Jack Stewart
- 11 Evan Heston, Doug Loving
- 12 Wendall Casey
- 18 Kynlee Standafer
- 19 Bev Shuler
- 21 Tucker Gossom, Kathy Nickel
- 22 Lisa Loving, Renea Sageser
- 23 Denise Noe
- 26 Steve Eden
- 30 John White
- 31 Brennan Standafer

Don't see your name, or it's
incorrectly listed, please contact
angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com
in the church office.



Wednesday, May 24
PRAY WITH US!

Monthly 24-hour Prayer Vigil

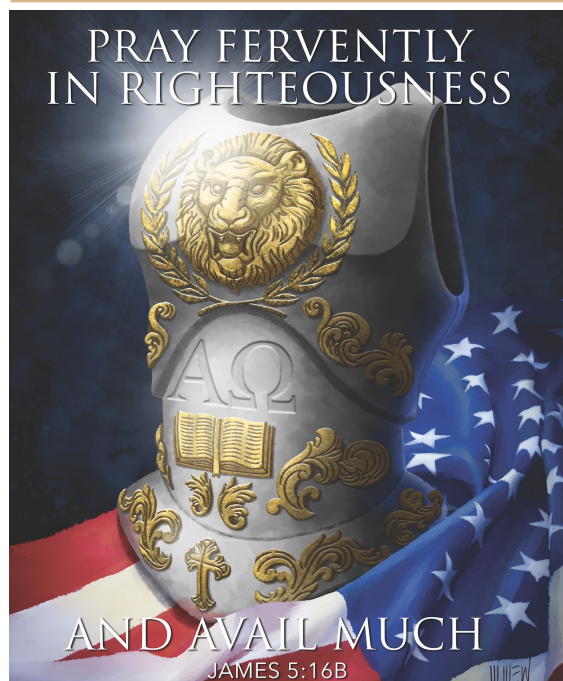
Each month on the 24th, our SBC community holds a 24-hour prayer vigil for our church family, staff, Adventure Club, building progress and workers, and our building team leader, Scott Sageser.

Community Prayer Group
Wednesdays at 10am
at the Warehouse.
Please join us!!

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 prayer needs.

Byron Thompson, Robert Woodson,
Shelia Shelburne, Gloria Early, Derek Taylor,
Kevin Nickel, Hope Hawes, Valerie Lockard,
Bonnie Miller



National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 4
6:30pm
Stargazer Plaza in Shelbyville

**Hey,
have you met...?**



Matthew & Maggie Fink

Maggie is originally from the Northeast Ohio area. She attended college at Northern Kentucky University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Electronic Media and Broadcasting. She is the youngest sister of three; but has younger step-brothers. She used to play softball growing up but had to quit due to knee injuries. In her spare time she runs a small crochet business, Crochet by Maggie Co, where she hand makes stuffed animals for all ages. Matthew and Maggie currently do not have children but have a 4 year old German Shepard/Lab mix named Apollo.

Matthew grew up in Middletown. He's currently an electrician who works around the Louisville area. He's the middle of four children. He played baseball as a child. He likes to spend time with his family. In his spare time he likes to watch different restaurant shows and, if they end up being close, likes to go try them out himself.

Matthew & Maggie attend our Multiply Sunday School class.

Sunday School

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



Teacher Spotlight: Greg Barnes

How long have you been teaching Sunday School? *I have an education degree and taught school for 6 years many years ago including Bible classes. In addition to school, I did teach High School Sunday School at the local church during our time in Wisconsin.*

How did you get your start teaching SS? *I started teaching SS in Wisconsin to the youth group there. I started teaching SS at SBC about a year ago at the request of Pastor Steve as he was starting new classes due to the church's growth.*

What do you like most about teaching? *I enjoy having deeper conversations about the scripture, as well as greater accountability for me to prepare each week.*

Describe your teaching style? *My teaching style is scripture verse by verse with class discussion, sometimes lively discussion.*

What is the name of your class? *Equipping the Saints*

Why did the class choose that name? *We feel like we cover topics and scriptures that enhance what we as believers believe.*

Tell us about the makeup of your class. (age range, number of people etc.) *Our age range currently is between 45-75 and have approximately 20 people on our roster.*

What would you tell potential visitors to your class? *We are a very social class that do activities outside of the regular Sunday schedule. Usually these activities occur around once a month as schedules allow.*



Cheryl Akridge 842 Garden Pointe Dr. Simpsonville 40067

Bonnie Miller 281 Education Way Shelbyville 40065

Scott & Renea Sageser

3525 Taylorsville Rd., Shelbyville 40065

Please contact the church office if you have an updated home address, email address or phone number!
angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-14

9am-12pm



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up, it's never "game over."

Adult & Student Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up in the foyer if you can help for one day or the whole week!

VBS Needs

- empty plastic water bottles with lids
- large plastic Easter eggs

Please be in prayer for our VBS Director, Toni Moore and Assistant Director, Christy McEldowney as they make preparations to lead our biggest outreach of the year!

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday,
May 14

If your family would like to participate, send a family photo and the child's picture to the church office and please contact Jesse Wright at jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are needing additional elementary and preschool Sunday School teachers.

We would like to move back to our previous structure of having yearly teachers.

Please spend some time praying about these opportunities as we need our leaders in place by August 1.

Please contact Jesse Wright at jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

We have been blessed to have received multiple calls from the community thanking us for hosting the egg hunt.

We had 150 children hunting 2,017 eggs! Every bag included an invite to church and VBS information. We gave out Kona ice, free kids meals to Texas Roadhouse, made an Easter craft, and provided a bounce house, face painting and obstacle course. Thank you volunteers!!





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.

Lost Cause by Dave Ferguson

In this series, Dave Ferguson helps Christians push past common barriers to evangelism so we can focus on the heart of the matter: sharing the message of good news with people who desperately need it.

Free study guide Included



MORE TO YOUR STORY

Max Lucado

Your life is a narrative written by God. In this six-session series, Max Lucado guides you through the events of the New Testament to show you that there's more to your story than you ever imagined.



***Faith in Hostile Times* by Berni Dymet**

How do we stand up for our faith in a hostile culture? How do we defend the truth without resorting to antagonism, anger and name-calling? This five-part series looks to Jesus for an example.

Free study guide included

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.

Evangelism Excuses

Excuses given for not accepting Christ...memorize these Scriptures.

1. *I'll decide later.*

2 Cor6:2– TODAY is the day of salvation

James 4:14-You don't know what will happen tomorrow. Your life is a vapor that vanishes. "To be undecided is to be decided."

2. *I'll take my chances.*

That is the biggest gamble in the world, considering God has made it clear how men can get to Heaven.

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." You're going to gamble on the possibility that Jesus is lying?

3. *You're making too big a deal about this.*

Where you spend eternity is a big deal. Heaven, hell, Jesus dying on the cross for you, the love of God—it's all a big deal.

4. *I'm skeptical.*

The Bible is 66 books written by 40 authors over 2,000 years on three different continents in three different languages with one central theme: **the redemption of mankind through a Savior.** Archeology supports the Bible, fulfilled prophecy supports the Bible, science supports the Bible, changed lives support the Bible and historical facts support the Bible. It takes more faith not to believe that to believe, if you honestly examine the evidence for God as Creator, Jesus as Savior, and the Bible as the very Word of God to mankind.

5. *I'm staying neutral.*

The Switzerland Syndrome-everything is OK by me. Matt: 12:30-"You are either for Me or against Me."

6. *I'm religious.*

It's not about being religious; it's about being a disciple and servant of Jesus Christ. The Athenians were religious in Acts 17. They still needed Jesus. Paul was religious before he came to Christ, too.

We have placed laminated copies of the Evangelism Excuses in the foyer to aid you in sharing the Gospel with your loved ones.

Adult Growth & Discipleship

DISCIPLESHIP

**EVERY
CHURCH *on*
MISSION**

**Begins Wednesday,
April 26
6:15pm**

**Facilitated by
Pastor Billy Bell
& Dr. Liz Encinia.**

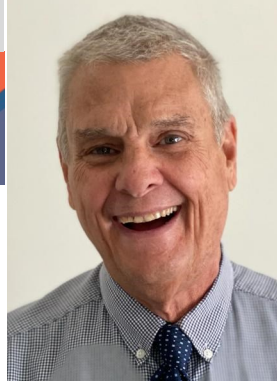
Meets in Room 201.

Identify
your role in the
Great Commission

Send
Members to fulfill the Great
Commission locally & globally

Equip
you to live out your role in the
Great Commission

Care
for those who are sent both
locally and globally



Wednesday, May 3

Guest Speaker

Gregory Bruckert

recently-retired 37-year
career missionary to
Indonesia.

Greg & Shelly Bruckert
have served with the
International Mission
Board since 1986.

For more than 3 decades they were involved in
Evangelism/Church Planting in Java. He also
taught at the Baptist Seminary in Semarang
for 10 years.

Originally from Louisville, they have three
children and four grandchildren.

Sign up for the class in the foyer.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20
8:30AM-1PM**

- General Clean up
- Replace ceiling tiles
- Sand, paint, clean vents
- Clean white tables and chairs, clean baseboards
- Outside chores-raking, mulching, clean up playground area and sign out front
- Replace and elevate toilet paper dispensers.



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