



SIMPSONVILLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, July 9

8:30am Sunday School

9:45am Worship

11am Building Dedication & Open House

Light refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, July 16

NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN

8:45am Doors open for class fellowships and coffee.

9:15am Sunday School for all age groups.

10:30am Worship

How does God resource His church for strength for His mission, purpose, and Biblical unity? In the previous five months' articles, we have briefly recognized God's blessing and our equipping through the Bible, Christian fellowship, worship, serving, and making disciples.

Next, let's consider God's blessing through evangelism.

What is evangelism? Evangelism is the chief means to propagate God's message of love - the gospel - to humankind. As His gospel message is truly heard, God saves people by His grace through faith. The Great Commission commands the Church share the gospel (evangelize). Delos Miles says "evangelism is the being, doing, and telling of the gospel."

Professing Christians often mistake living a life filled with good works as evangelism. You can live a life of good works and NOT even be a Christian. Living a life that displays the glory and character of God is much different. That new life in Christ points to the One who has saved us from our sin and changed our life. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10)." It is because of God making us a new creation through salvation and sanctification that our good works have eternal and real-time meaning.

Evangelism should be our greatest priority. "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The context of this verse speaks to the necessity of people hearing the word of God to be saved.

However, evangelism seems to be our greatest fear. Following are a few reasons:

- Lack knowledge of Scripture and the plan of salvation.
- Fear of being rejected or insulted for testifying to the truth of the gospel.
- Little burden for the truth of judgment and the reality of hell for all people who don't trust Jesus as Lord.

The Great Commission from Jesus teaches us to "go into all the world making disciples of nations..." (Matthew 28:19-20). As we are "going into the world," wherever we are and whatever we are doing, we are to be intentional to make disciples. Evangelism is to be a lifestyle, and sharing the gospel (evangelism) strengthens and blesses Jesus' Church.

Evangelism is the essence of who we are as the Church. Christians are filled with the joy of obedience when giving witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church will be filled with the joy of the Spirit as we see persons saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, as revealed in Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone. Let us pray to have a burden for lostness, to obey the Great Commission, and to evangelize others.

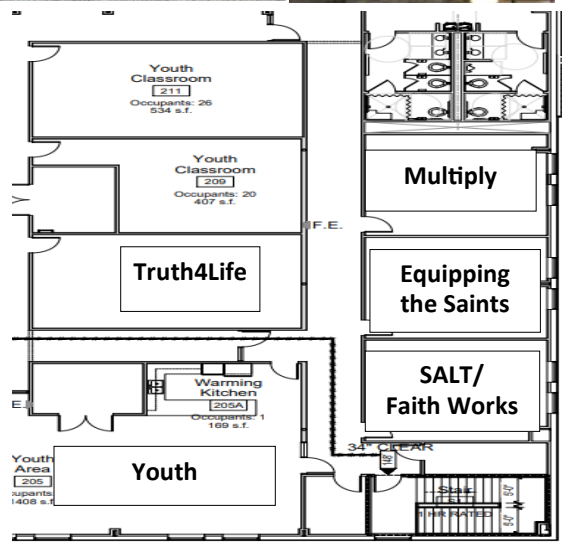
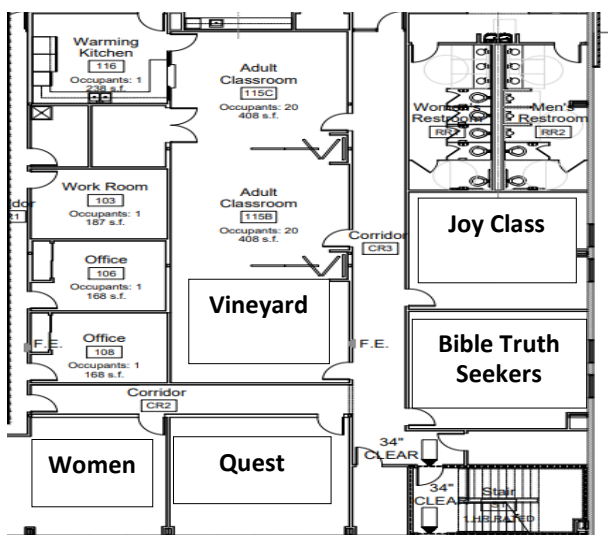


Downstairs



It was an exciting day to watch the cross placed on the new building.

As you can see, the cross is backlit at night.



Upstairs

Adult and Youth Sunday School classes will meet in the new building beginning July 16.

Children will continue to have Sunday School in the Family Life Center.



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.



Apartment Ministry

Dixie Taylor leads a summer children's ministry at the local apartments. The schedule has been full of fun events for the kids, including art days, a trip to Red Orchard Park and Touch-A-Truck at Clear Creek Park.



**Monday, July 17
10am**

Art Day with Traci Slayton

**Tuesday, August 1
Swimming at Clear Creek Park**

**Contact Dixie at 216-8713
if you can help.**

**We were very blessed that
one of the children,
Brenda Sci-Cono and her
father were baptized in May
at Patoka Lake.**



Eastern Kentucky **SONrise**

TENT REVIVAL

Evangelist Jonathan Lotz,
son of Danny & Anne
Graham Lotz, grandson of
Billy Graham speaking.



JULY 28-29, 2023 • 6:30PM EST

Haven of Rest Family Ministries
Airport Road, Inez, KY 41224
For more info: www.HavenofRestInez.com

Everyone is Welcome!

Volunteers Needed!

If you can help or have questions, please contact Shirley Foster at 607-437-9033. Shirley Foster is helping with lodging and various jobs. Lodging is almost full at Haven of Rest, but Jenny Wiley State Park is available or hotels in Prestonsburg.

Revival Schedule

Saturday, July 22 at 2pm

Ladies' prayer meeting in Inez.

Sunday, July 23

Church service in Inez.

Sunday afternoon-Wednesday, July 23-26

Visiting in communities to pass out flyers and invites to revival.

Wednesday, July 26

Set up tents, chairs, stage

Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30pm

Youth Prayer Rally

Thursday, July 27

Volunteer training by Jonathan Lotz for counseling,
Security training

Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm

Dinner with all volunteers and service of dedication.

Friday, July 28 at 6:30pm and

Saturday, July 29 at 6:30pm

REVIVAL

Please be in prayer for this event that God has truly ordained. Pray that the prison doors at Big Sandy will be opened for Jonathan to preach to the inmates.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-14

9am-12pm

For 3yrs through 5th grade completed.

Volunteers are needed to be line leaders for elementary and preschool. Line leaders lead the children from classroom to classroom.

Please contact Toni Moore at 608-9232 to help.

Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, July 2 at 5pm

Register online

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=66077>



This year we are combining our VBS family night with our Back-To-School Bash.

Join us on Sunday, July 16 at 6pm.
Refreshments, Inflatables
Games & Fun

Free filled backpacks for all school-aged children.

Fall DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Personal Evangelism
How to Share Your Faith with Confidence
(with Andy McDonald)

Bible Doctrines & Baptist Distinctives

Small Group Discipleship Training

Biblical Sexuality Roundtable

Men's Bible Study

Spiritual Disciplines

Women's Bible Study

Spiritual Disciplines

Study on the book of Jude

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day
Sunday August 27 – Church-wide event with lunch

EQUIP Conference
August 24 – Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown
Billy Bell will be leading a class!
(more info to come)

Mijomboni Orphanage Update

Last year four sisters were taken to the Rescue Center. Dad was absent from their lives and mother was diagnosed with mental issues. The sisters adjusted well at the Center and in school. Meanwhile, their mom, Juliet received hospital treatment.

We are very pleased to share that after a year of treatment, Juliet is not only well but has started a small business in hair dressing to earn extra money. Dad has been located and the family has been reunited! What a blessing of restoration and reversal of fortune!! This is the second time a marriage and family have been restored through Ultimate Wings. These successes open the doors for other needy children to be rescued.

In other news, we recently shared that Nathan's son Tyler had been killed while at University. There is some concern that his other two children Elvira and Russel are in danger. Please be in prayer as SBC begins to determine next steps in securing them educational visas to the US. Please also pray for Nathan and his wife Lily as they continue to grieve Tyler's death.

SBC STUDENTS

Summer Fun in July!

July 5 DEFY Trampoline Park
Meet at church at 1pm.
Price:\$16 each.

July 16 Back2School Bash
Church Green lot from 6-8pm.

July 19 Slip-n-slide Kickball



Our students have had a lot of fellowship opportunities already this summer!
They have enjoyed a cookout, lunch at El Nopal, and Ultimate Frisbee night.



Tripp Sageser

Tripp recently turned his life over to Christ and was baptized in May. We are very proud of his new found commitment to our Savior. We have loved watching him grow and tell others about the Lord.



Steve & Patty Dixon



Steve and I grew up in Corning, NY. We met at Central Baptist Church when we were toddlers. We were saved, baptized and married at that church. We started dating when Steve was 16 years old. I was 17. In September, we will have been married 35 years. We have 2 sons. Kyle is 30 years old and Benjamin is 27. Benjamin is married to a woman from Oaxaca, Mexico.

In 2006 we moved to the island of Oahu where Steve took a job as an Aviation Safety Inspector for the FAA. In 2016, we moved to Taylorsville, KY to be closer to family. Steve continues to work for the FAA and I work as an Advocate Supervisor for CASA (Court Appointed Specialist).



Ministry Involvement Team

A Nursery Co-coordinator is needed to assist with creating the schedule of nursery volunteers each month and, preferably but not required, serve in the nursery rooms when needed.

Please contact Emily Royse, MIT Chair at 502-487-6181, if you have an interest in this position.

Our Widows Ministry served at Veteran's Rural Outreach for Armed Forces Day. They provided tables full of goodies for several hundred visitors. Thanks to all the ladies that helped! Due to VBS and Revival in EK in July, we will not have a widow's meeting in July. **Our next meeting will be on August 18, at the Warehouse to prepare cookie trays for our community.**

SAVE THE DATE

**Eastern KY Winter Mission Trip
December 1-3**



Sunday, September 17 Family Church Picnic & Concert



Featuring Chris Golden

Chris Golden is a singer, multi-instrumentalist, producer, traveler, and father. His history in the music industry is epic, spans multiple genres, and is rich in heritage. He has deep roots from his tenure on tour with Alabama, Restless Heart, and the Oak Ridge Boys, but his heart for serving the Lord has led him to where he is today.

**Picnic at 5pm
Concert at 6pm
On the Green Lot**

Please invite your friends and family to save-the-date!

Men's Thursday Night Golf League



Weissinger Hills in Shelbyville

July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24 September 7 & 21

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

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

- 1 Brandon Shannon
- 3 Ronnie Sowder
- 5 Amber Moore
- 10 Valerie Hebdige
- 11 Sharon Kramer
- 12 Lori Cheppo, Lisa Davis, Mike Jacobs
- 13 Christy Branstetter, Bobbie Erlandson
- 16 Nathan Sangster, Hope Thompson
- 17 Jillian McDowney
- 19 Linda Ashby, Kyle Parks
- 20 Gwyn Trumbo, Andy Woodward
- 21 Charlotte McKinney, Julie Renfro
- 23 Matthew Fink
- 27 Jonathan Janes
- 28 Hudson Brown
- 29 Jenny Huff
- 30 Steve Cheppo, Barry Mattingly



If your birthday is incorrectly listed, or is missing, please contact Angie in the church office.



In August, Beverly Shuler will begin leading our First Impressions team. We are seeking individuals that would like to join the team and serve once a month. Please contact Angie in the church office 502-722-5246 if you are interested.



A big thank you to Allen Cox for his very generous donation of a golf cart!



Men's Breakfast

**Saturday,
July 1 at
8am**

Please join us at
The Farm Kitchen

6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville

Sunday School

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

Teacher Spotlight: Lowell Ashby



How long have you been teaching Sunday School?

Around 45 years as either lead or substitute teacher, all here at Simpsonville Baptist Church, plus a couple of years teaching 6th graders while in college.

How did you get your start teaching Sunday School?

Linda and I taught a 6th grade class while still in college, but then started teaching Youth here at Simpsonville when we moved back here after college. Then I 'graduated' to teaching young adults in the Joy and Upper Room classes as lead or substitute teacher before joining the Bible Truth Seekers 10+ years ago.

What do you like most about teaching?

In preparing to teach, I enjoy learning much more about the subject matter than when I am just a student or class member. I enjoy digging into scripture and teaching requires me to do that to lead in Bible study each week.

Describe your teaching style?

I like for our class to be interactive, so try to facilitate what the pupil's lesson book explains with great help from the teacher's book. We all share in reading the focus scripture verses aloud and discussing their meaning and application to our lives. Class members are encouraged to participate with their questions and in sharing their knowledge of scripture.

What is the name of your class? Bible Truth Seekers

Why did the class choose that name?

I inherited the name from its former/founding teacher, Patricia Pace. It states exactly what we try to do each week in seeking to understand the Truth written in the Holy Word of God. Sometimes we may question what it says, but it is the Truth and we must understand it in order to be able to obey it properly.... How can you obey what you do not know?...

Tell us about the makeup of your class.

We are 55+ in age, including singles and couples, basically one of the Senior Adult Sunday School classes. We share prayer requests each Sunday and devote the start of our class to prayer each week and end with prayer on what we have studied. We have fellowships once a quarter in one of our members' homes.

What would you tell potential visitors to your class?

Join us to be involved in weekly Bible Study with the expectation that each class member has read their lesson. We use the Explore the Bible curriculum from Lifeway Resources with each one having their own lesson book and I use the provided teacher's book as my guide to lead in the classroom discussion. It is a book-by-book study of the Bible. We invite you to come explore the Bible with us as we are currently studying the book of Jeremiah this summer. Love to have you join us!



Our Vineyard Sunday School class recently enjoyed a dinner fellowship at the home of Rick & Dixie Taylor. The class celebrated Duvall Burk's 90th birthday.

Community Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 10am

On Wednesday, July 19 our prayer group will move from the Warehouse to the new building.

Please join us weekly as we pray for our church family, our friends, and our community.

Senior Adult MINISTRY

Classic Worship

Classic Worship meets the first Thursday of each month. We enjoy fellowship and snacks at 9:30am, and worship and hymn singing begins at 10am.

Please join us on Thursday, July 6 at the Warehouse.

Special Guest: Author Joyce Cordell

Joyce is the author of three Biblical historic novels called the **Unlikely Believers Series**. The novels are based on the stories of **Malchus, Matthew, and Nicodemus**.

She has a weekly blog and speaks & teaches in various group settings as well.

She enjoys water aerobics, reading at the beach, and drinking her morning flavored teas. She delights in afternoon walks with her husband and keeping up with her seven teen-aged grand kids. She believes one corner of heaven will be made of chocolate!



GOODTIME TRAVELERS ADULT DAY TRIP

Thursday, July 20 we will be going to Sand Spring Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg to enjoy an evening of gospel music featuring the quartet Anthem Edition.

Steve Ladd, tenor for Anthem Edition, performed at SBC several years ago.

Concert begins at 7pm, doors open at 6pm.

We will leave from SBC at 5pm.

PLEASE EAT SUPPER BEFORE YOU JOIN US!

Sign up in the foyer by Sunday, July 16.



Ladies, I hope you are enjoying this summer so far. Because of summer plans and family activities we will not have a July Women on Mission Class. Please check your email and fill out the Women's Ministry Survey. We want to hear from you as we plan for 2024.

We will re-gather for women's ministry Bible Studies in the Fall. Next month, we will announce our Bible Study series and encourage you to order your books. In the meantime, join us for Bunco and engage with us on our Facebook page!

Dr. Liz Encinia



Our BUNCO coordinator, Jenny Huff is moving into different areas of Women's Ministry and July will be our last BUNCO.

A big thank you to Jenny for her incredible leadership with our Women's BUNCO Nights!



THURSDAY, JULY 6

6:30PM

Wear your flip flops and sunglasses! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please sign up in the foyer.



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.

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BOB GOFF

Good News for a Divided Culture

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these

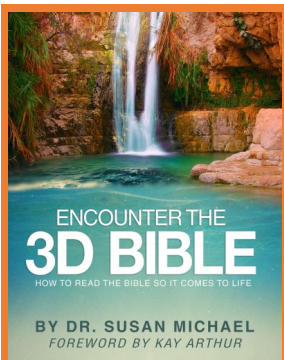
questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos.



Jesus in All of Ruth Spoken Gospel

Join us as we walk through the book of Ruth to see Jesus in every corner. We start with a short film introducing you to the book and its main themes.

Then quick devotional videos will explain what's happening in each section and how it leads us to Jesus.



Encounter the 3D Bible: How to Read the Bible So It Comes to Life with Susan Michael

We live in an increasingly secular society that questions everything about the Christian faith. In the Encounter the 3D Bible video course, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem USA Director Susan Michael helps Bible readers find the answers they are looking for about the authenticity of the Bible, the incredible story it tells, and what it means for them.

The Encounter the 3D Bible small group study series is ideal for:

- Believers who want to understand the overarching story of the Bible better and the culture and context it was written in.
- Anyone who isn't sure they wholeheartedly believe what the Bible says.
- Anyone who wants to read and study the Bible but doesn't know where to start.
- Anyone investigating, curious, or even skeptical about Christianity.

Throughout the series, participants will discover:

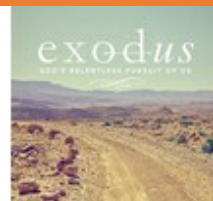
- Background information on the land, people, and culture of the Bible that will bring the stories to life.
- Simple tips and advice on how to read the Bible for better understanding.
- Why they can trust God's Word.

Exodus: God's Relentless Pursuit of Us Ashley McNary

I have always seen the Bible as a collection of cool stories of great men and women of our faith. I was wrong. The stories are wild. The men and women are not always great. I mean, not at all. They are honestly pretty messed up. A lot of them do horribly dumb things and don't trust God and argue with Him, and whine and complain and disobey over and over and over again.

But I have come to realize that the Bible isn't about the characters. The Bible is about God. The narrative is telling the story of God bringing His creation back to Himself. And it starts with Exodus.

In eight sessions, we will read through almost every word that was penned down in the book of Exodus and study what they tell us about God. Designed to be used with the Exodus Study Guide, each week we will dive into several chapters for study, discovery, application and discussion.



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.



SBC Family Game Night

**Friday, July 7
6:30pm**

**Bring an appetizer or dessert.
Come and enjoy meeting some new friends!**

Game night will be held in the Family Life Center.

Deacon Selection



Debbie Willman

Debbie has been a member since 2017. She attends both the Equipping the Saints class and the Truth4Life class. She has been the chair of the Property Team for the past two years. Debbie successfully

completed a year's training as a yokefellow.

Jack Nicholson

Jack has been a member since 2011. He and his wife, Maggie are members of the Truth4Life class. He has serves as a Trustee for the past two years. Jack has successfully completed a year's training as a yokefellow.



Gerry Davis

Gerry has been a member since 2002. He and his wife Lisa are former members of the Pursuit class and are now attending the Joy class. Gerry has previously served as a

deacon, on our Personnel Team and is a member of the Praise Team.

Roy Shuler

Roy has been a member since 2021. He and his wife Beverly attend our Quest class. Roy is a member of our SMART security team.



Our Deacon Ministry Team unanimously recommends each of these Deacon Candidates.



Richard Walker

Richard has been a member since 2015. He and his wife Phillis attend the Joy Class. Richard regularly serves with KY Changers and in August will begin to serve on our Mission Team. Richard successfully completed a year's training as a yokefellow.

Chet Miller

Chet has been a member since 2002. He and his wife Denise attend the Truth4Life class. He serves regularly in the nursery and has formerly served as a deacon, on our First Impressions Team, and as our Finance Chair.



Yokefellow Ministry

Yokefellow is deacons in training.

Phil Brown has agreed to serve as a yokefellow for the 2023-2024 year.

Sample Deacon Ballot

Deacon Selection-July 23

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.

Debbie Willman	Yes___	No___
Richard Walker	Yes___	No___
Jack Nicholson	Yes___	No___
Gerry Davis	Yes___	No___
Chet Miller	Yes___	No___
Roy Shuler	Yes___	No___

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Please write legibly.

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

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