

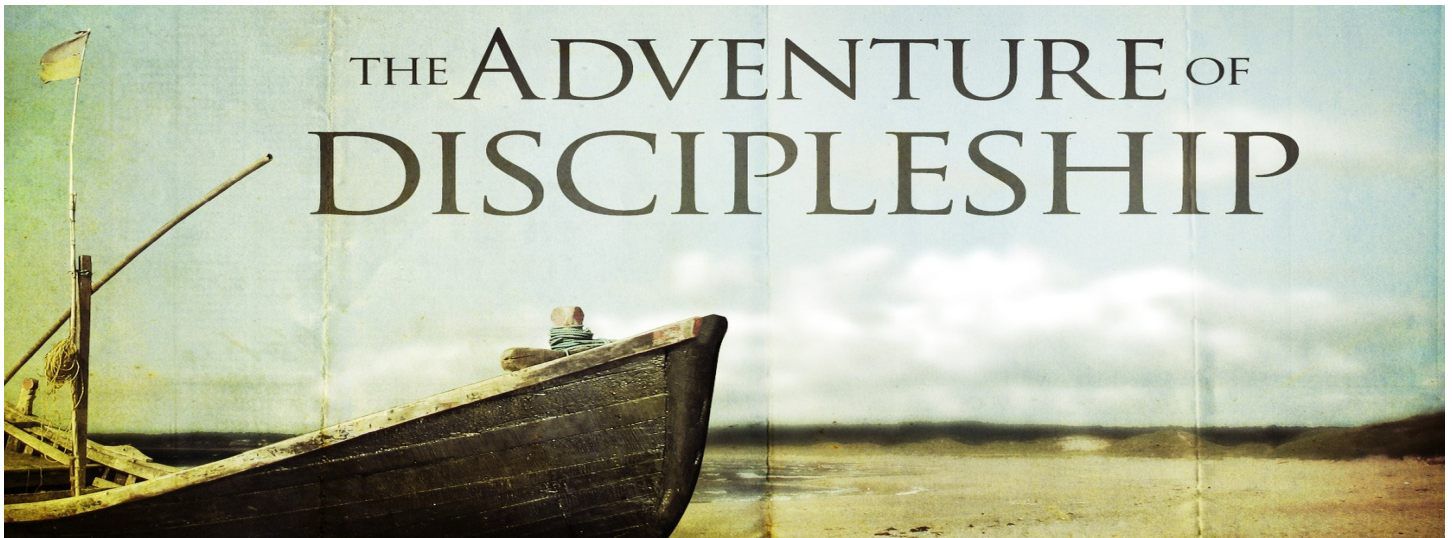


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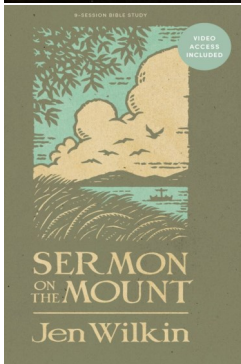
BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE ADVENTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP



Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin (revised)

Begins Monday, January 8 at 10am

Facilitated by Linda Ashby. Book Cost: \$12.50

In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right—a study on blessedness; a reflection on the Lord's Prayer; a discussion of religious devotion, money, ambition, and relationships.

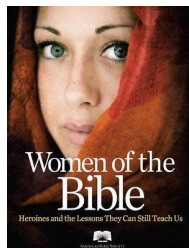
What if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard? What if we read them as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

Women of the Bible

Resumes Tuesday, January 9 at 9:30am

Facilitated by Linda Otterback.

Often overshadowed in the patriarchal pages of history or muted by their men, these women lived with purpose and beauty and power, and their voices ring clear and true.



The Gospel of John

Resumes Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30am.

Facilitated by Randy Foster.

A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN

Begins Wednesday,
January 10 at 6:15pm

Facilitated by Billy Bell.
Childcare provided

As Christians, we know someday we will leave our familiar country and be united with God in Heaven. And yet many of us know very little about this place called Heaven. In this enlightening study we will answer some of your biggest questions regarding our next place of residence.

- What will we do in Heaven?
- Do Christians immediately go to Heaven when they die?
- Is my pet in Heaven?
- Will Heaven be the same for everyone?
- Who will be in Heaven?
- Do people in Heaven know what is happening on Earth?

Sign up for all classes in the foyer.



Mijomboni Rescue Center

We are very excited that plans are underway to build two additional classrooms at the Center. All the bricks will be made my hand and the work will be completed by Nathan and local people. Please note that all of the digging is being done by hand as well. They are creating buildings that can have added stories as needed.

Finally, we would like to tell you about Fauzia Nyevu. She is sponsored by our Multiply Sunday School class. In the just released grade 8 National examination, Fauzia is among the top students nationally and the top student in Kalifi County! The first National student scored 428 marks out of a possible 500, Fauzia also did very well by scoring 386 out of 500. All of the first students are from high-end private schools with higher education fees. This is a huge win for our center and for Fauzia and is a small example of how SBC is changing lives.



Thank you for your gifts to the orphanage in 2023. The center is fully supported by the most generous gifts of our Simpsonville Baptist Church family.

Adventure Club

As a mission of SBC we would like to introduce you some of our ministry partners who serve at Adventure Club and ask that you pray for these individuals this month.

Jaylin Beach

Miss Jaylin has been a part of the Adventure Club family for almost 4 years. She is a preschool teaching assistant with the 3-year-old class and is an extended care teacher to the 4- and 5-year-olds.

She is mom to Xavier and Ezekiel and loves spending time with her sweet kiddos! She has an amazing heart for the littles, and it shows in everything that she does.



Melissa Cain



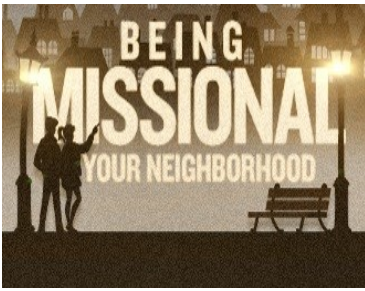
Ms. Melissa has been a part of the Adventure Club family for almost 4 years. She has worn many hats over the years but currently she is the lunchroom coordinator. She makes sure that every kiddo

receives their lunch every day! Melissa is a mom of 3 amazing children, Kailin, Tavis and Kevin. Melissa has a true servants heart and is always willing to help others.

Missions Update

We are so excited to have had 23 children and teenagers adopted out for Christmas. Simpsonville Baptist really stepped up and showed so many families some love for the holidays and we are so thankful! We are never more like Jesus than when we give. We thank each of you also for helping our Latte' Moon Cafe be a success. The Cafe' alone brought \$466 and that will be added to whatever has been given through the church offering. Thank you to all who help us be a church on mission!

Heather Janes



SUBLIME GRACIA BAPTIST CHURCH

(AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH)

The Hispanic Church Sublime Gracia, continues to worship at the Warehouse weekly. Recently, Billy Bell, Dixie Taylor, and Jeff Vissepo joined the congregation for their Christmas service. Jeff has been named as the liaison between SBC and Sublime Gracia. During the Christmas service he translated for Billy and Dixie and their pastor! Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ this year.



Without a doubt it is difficult to make a gym look pretty. But that is exactly what McKenzie Parks and her Décor team did this Christmas. Please take a moment to thank her for their efforts. The campus was beautifully decorated.



Sunday, January 7

Fionna Rafferty

If you or a family member are interested in baptism, please contact Billy Bell.



**Valentine's
Sweetheart Weekend**

February 16-17

Includes a sweetheart dinner Friday night.
\$30 per couple includes the meal and workbook.

This Valentines weekend join other couples for a transformative event designed to help you explore new levels of intimacy, communication, and connection with your spouse.



We are pleased to announce that Lisa Davis is our new Women's Ministry Leader.

We've asked Lisa to write a few words introducing her to our church family.

"Hi, I am Lisa Davis and my husband Gerry and I have been attending SBC since 2003. We are blessed to have both a son and daughter-in-law, and a daughter and son-in-law, as well as nine

grandchildren and the new addition of a granddaughter-in-law.

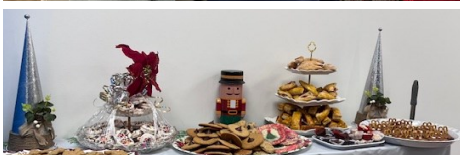
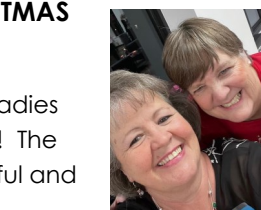
I am retired from farming, landscaping, and banking, and currently work part-time as a receptionist at Shelby Veterinary Clinic. My interests include being with my family, being outdoors, reading, and sewing.

Gerry and I love the Lord and our church family! I look forward to working and serving alongside women for the glory of the Lord."

Our Women's Ministry Team also includes co-leader Jenny Huff, Christy Bell, and Becky Straub. The team is currently making plans for Discipleship classes, a Women's Mentoring Spring Tea, a Fall Women's Conference and community missions projects. Linda Ashby will continue to lead discipleship classes on Mondays; Emily Royse will continue to lead our Bunco fellowships; Linda Otterback will continue to lead the Tuesday SONrise study; Bobbie Erlandson & Sylvia Flynn will continue to lead our Widow's group.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had over 50 ladies attend this event! The room was beautiful and the fellowship was sweet. We had lots of guests as well. Thanks to everyone that attended!



Widow's Ministry

Join us for an afternoon at the movies featuring:

**Kit Kittredge
An American Girl**

Friday, January 19 at 1pm.

Please RSVP to Bobbie Erlandson 502-645-6946 or Sylvia Flynn 502-931-2732.



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women

Ladies' Bunco Night  for fun & friendship!

Thursday, January 4
6:30pm

Bunco Cereal Night

Please bring a dish made with cereal. This includes anything from desserts to casseroles covered in Corn Flakes!

Our Ladies Bunco group served well this past year. They had 29 guests from the community attend at least one of the monthly gatherings. They filled up the Meadow Ridge Party box multiple times, supported homeless women in Louisville, the EKY Revival, and the ALC Pregnancy Resource Center in Shelbyville.





Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 6 at 8am

Please join us at
The Farm Kitchen.

6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville

Please join us for good Christian fellowship
and good food!!

**Happy
Birthday!**

- 2 Melissa Sangster
- 4 Bell Tindall, Lily Tindall
- 6 Regina Shields
- 7 Brooke Hammond
- 8 Tim Pardee
- 10 Suellen Barnes, Kevin Nickel
- 12 Larry Curry, Joe Miele
- 13 Denise Miller
- 19 Maggie Fink
- 21 Anne Waterman
- 25 Cheryl Sipes, Bailey Sowder
- 26 Marsena Vaughan, Yarah Vissepo
- 27 Gina Wilkins, Esther Woodward
- 28 Judy Pfister, Richard Walker
- 29 Aiden Perkins

If you don't see your name, or it's incorrectly listed, please contact Angie in the church office.



Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

Donation requests: cereal bars and PopTarts, canned meats, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried black beans, soup mixes, white rice (not instant), sugar, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, vegetable oil, canned fruit, bags of apples/potatoes.

Donations of food can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box.



**Thursday, January 25
2-6pm**

Sign up in the foyer or
use the QR code to
schedule your donation.



All donations made to the Red Cross
in January will be entered to win a
trip for two to the Super Bowl in
Las Vegas.

In addition, those giving at our drive
will also be entered into a drawing for
a \$25 gift card to
Brick & Mortar Coffee House.

Reasons to Give

- Donating is a generous thing to do. It helps people in need, and it helps people in your community. **When you give, others live.**
- Donors keep our nation's blood supply stable. Blood is needed every day of the year.
- There is no substitute for blood.
- Donating is simple, fast, and convenient. The donation process can take as little as 45 minutes of your time, but can make a lifelong difference for someone else.

Volunteers Needed

- Door opener from 2-4pm.
- Check-in assistant from 2-4pm.
- * Our 4-6pm shift will be covered by our students.

Contact Angie in the church office if
you are available to help.



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

WINTER RECREATION



MONDAYS 6-9PM

**Adult Open
Play Coed
Volleyball**



**Thursdays
at 6:30pm**

Please note that childcare is not provided and children must stay in the gym with parents. They will not be allowed to congregate in the foyer.

Dear Church Family:
Wanted to send a big thank you to all that have visited, brought food and chauffeured me before I got clearance to drive while I am recovering from knee replacement surgery. This a tough recovery. I appreciate all your good wishes.

Abbe Henkel



Thanksgiving and Christmas Report

- ♦ The Women's Bunco Group sponsored a child at the Mjomboni Rescue Center.
- ♦ Our Church Family Thanksgiving meal was very well attended! Our deacons not only prepared and served the meal, but took meals to 31 individuals who were either homebound or ill. We gave 38 guest families complimentary tickets to the meal.
- ♦ We hope you enjoyed the Advent devotionals. We gave out over 175 in worship and sent 30 to our homebound and those who are unable to attend in person.
- ♦ Our Toy Store served 123 families and 375 children this year.
- ♦ Our church family adopted 23 children for whom Christmas gifts were provided.

By the Numbers

Discipleship

In 2023 our coed discipleship classes had a total of 164 different people attend. Fifty-nine of those were first-timers in a class and ten of them were from the community. Our Tuesday men's class which began in the fall had thirteen members, three of which are first-time attenders. Our women's ministry had 50 different ladies attend, three of which were first timers and four of which came from the community.

Fellowship

In 2023 our women's fellowship, which includes Bunco, Spring Tea, and the Christmas Party had 96 different women involved. Twenty-eight of those were from the community and twenty-eight attended an event for the first time.

Seniors

107 senior adults were invited to various events including Goodtime Travelers Adult Day Trips, Classic Worship, the Spring Sing-A-Long, and the Christmas Party. Fifty-six seniors attended at least one event. That means that fifty-one of you are missing out on some good eating and good fellowship!

Men's Ministry Project



Each Tuesday at 8:30am a group of men meets to study the book of John. In December they took the study of God's word and put feet to it by building a ramp for an elderly handicapped lady in Campbellsburg.



A big thank you to Randy Foster, Richard Walker, Joe Dupont, and George Skeeters.

Other projects will soon be scheduled! Please contact Randy Foster at 859-904-9006 if you would enjoy helping.

Property Team

While most of us were enjoying the aftereffects of too much turkey, the Property Team spent Thanksgiving weekend cleaning our kitchen.





Discovery Class Begins Sunday, January 17 at 9:15am.

We encourage all new members and those interested in membership to participate in this class.

You can expect to be introduced to our:

- ♦ Purposes
- ♦ Process of making disciples
- ♦ Expectations
- ♦ Opportunities for growth, fellowship and ministry

- ♦ Church governance
- ♦ Vision
- ♦ History
- ♦ Church budget

An expectation of membership is that all new members participate in the class.

Sign up in the foyer.

Paving/Landscaping Project

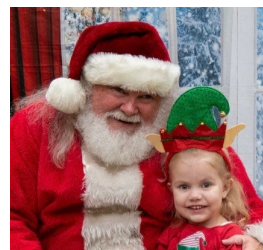
What an awesome opportunity to be able to contribute to the beautiful new landscape. The landscaping plan has multiple opportunities to purchase a specific shrub or tree, or just donate as you see fit. Here is a list of the plants that will be needed. Willow oak trees, wintergreen boxwood, leatherleaf viburnum, service berry, American Holly, mulch, and fertilizer. The overall goal is approximately \$17,000 for the plants. In addition, your donation could also be a tax deduction.

This project is moving along quickly. If you have any questions or would like to help with the landscaping portion of the project feel free to contact Scott Sageser at 502-655-6482.

STUDENT XMAS PARTY



Adventure Club hosted Cookies With Santa. The kids loved meeting Santa Claus, eating cookies and participating in crafts!



SBC STUDENTS



Winter Jam Concert Volunteer Opportunities Saturday, January 20

Volunteers will either collect money at the door or help with the offering at the end of the night, or work a merchandise table. Regardless of where you serve, you will get to see parts of the show, but the emphasis will be on serving.

- All volunteers get free admission and get in the doors two hours early with no wait lines.
- We need a driver to drive the church van. Must be a member.
- Volunteers will need to bring money for concessions.
- Contact Jesse Wright at jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com.



Nashville June 24-28

For 6th-12th grade

**Cost: \$279. Deposits of \$75 are due 4/28.
Male & female chaperones will be needed!**

**Please contact Jesse Wright at
jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com if you
would like to attend or be a chaperone.**

DISCIPLE NOW

February 23-25

Guest Speaker

Jake Deshler

Lead Student Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist in Lexington



Jake is a graduate of Southern Seminary and has served in student ministry for 12 years.

Disciple Now Weekend is dedicated to spending time in the Word of God, serving our community, and worshipping together. Students will divide into host homes based on gender and age. Each home will have a group leader to lead breakout sessions over the course of the weekend.

Cost: \$60 each and includes a t-shirt. Contact Jesse Wright at 606-392-9321 by February 7 to participate.

We will need host homes, meal preparers and servers, and chaperones! Please contact Jesse if you can help!



**July 12-14
Campbellsville, KY**

For 3rd-5th grade complete.

Cost \$159

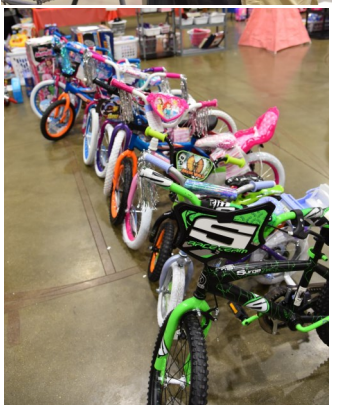
\$75 deposits are due April 28th

Male & Female chaperones will be needed!

***Please contact Jesse Wright if you can help or to
sign up your child.***

SBC TOY STORE

We had so many people helping with the toy store this year! A big thank you to everyone who served 123 families and 375 children!



Welcome

GLENN & HEATHER COATES



We are George and Theresa Skeeter's pride and joy 🐶

We dated when we were young and reconnected about seven years ago, over our favorite hobby... old

muscle cars. We have one daughter, Maddy who is 24. Glenn is a chemical operator; Heather is in banking. On any random day you can find us spoiling our rescued Princess dog, Katie, trying a new restaurant with a good steak, Heather digging in the dirt with her plants, and Glenn tinkering in the garage. At the end of the day, we're hoping to watch the gorgeous, country sunsets God gives us! We love nature, good, clean comedy, and ice cream once a week!

But the way we love to spend our time most is living our lives to honor the Lord, reading and praying His Word to seek His will for our life, and spending as much time with our family and friends as possible. We deeply desire to not busy ourselves just for the sake of "doing". We are being more intentional than ever in asking God to help us use our gifts in the best way to love God, love our family and tell people about Jesus. We are looking forward to serving with our family and Simpsonville Baptist.



Thank you to everyone that attended our recent Deacon Ordination Service. We are very proud of our new deacons! Debbie Willman, Richard Walker, Jack Nicholson & Roy Shuler!

New Sermon Series

Strangers and Exiles Christian Living in Challenging Days

Messages given by Andy McDonald.

January 7

Message: Chosen, But Not Home

1 Peter 1:1-2

January 14

Message: A Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3-9

January 21

Message: Concerning This Salvation

1 Peter 1: 10-12

January 28

Message: Hope Fully

1 Peter 1:13-25



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