

THE BULLETIN

June

2024

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES



Mother's Day Celebrations



Boston Inn Ministry



3D Kids Grand Prix



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 05 | Kids Ministry End of Year Party | 6:45pm
- 05 | Students Ministry End of Year Slip-n-Slide Party | 6:45pm
- 06 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 06 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 11 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 13 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 16 | Father's Day
- 20 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 20 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 21 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm
- 25 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 27 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 30 | Baptism Sunday

July

- 01-05 | Student MFUGE Trip to Virginia Beach
- 04 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 04 | Independence Day | Church Office Closed
- 08-12 | VBS Week
- 09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 18 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 21 | Parenting Service | 9:30am
- 23 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am

August

- 01 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 13 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 15 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 16 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm
- 21 | Parenting Follow-up and Discussion | 6:45pm
- 25 | Church Picnic & Outdoor Service
- 27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 30 | Student Lock-In & Silent Disco



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dear church,

Worship is not music. Music can be used to worship God. So join the church and sing and play instruments to God from a heart of joy in His abundant blessings, and pray to God out of a heart of faith in His gracious care of us; that is a form of corporate worship.

Psalm 33:1-3 (CSB)

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is beautiful.

2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music to him with a ten-stringed harp.

3 Sing a new song to him; play skillfully on the strings, with a joyful shout.

Scripture calls us to sing a new song to the Lord. It allows us to be creative in our expression of love for God. With new lyrics, changing instruments, and a joyful shout, we praise God. I also know it's good to become familiar with these songs for the sake of singing them with the saints on a Sunday morning. So, thanks to Kaycee, we have a Spotify and YouTube playlist where you can listen to all the songs we are currently singing in our contemporary worship service. This is helpful to all of our people so that when we have an opportunity to gather together across all the services, we have familiarity with the songs!



**a word from
the pastor**

At WBC, when we select songs, we think about the following components:

- Are they biblically accurate? We sort this out amongst our worship leadership and pastors. We occasionally pull songs from the set that we don't believe accurately convey scripture.
- Are they geared for corporate praise? Not all songs are created to be sung corporately.
- Are they vertical praise or horizontal challenge (i.e. praising God or encouraging/challenging the church family, and both of this have biblical support)
- We don't always rule out a song because of the backing church or writer simply because even in scripture God uses broken people to write the most amazing songs, like in the book of Daniel.

Important notes:

- All worship songs are hymns. Hymns are simply songs for a religious deity. We call it "Contemporary Worship" but really, it's simply "Recently Produced Hymns." Ceasing to write new songs to the Lord is abnormal to the people of God and not in union with Psalm 33:1-3.
- In all of our services we include hymns from past saints and hymns recently produced. We are beginning to incorporate Psalms as praise songs as well!
- Rich theological songs have been written throughout history. Poorly written songs have been written throughout history. Some of the most theologically rich and biblically accurate songs I've heard have been written in the past few years, and yet some of my favorite music to praise God through are the hymns listed in our Baptist Hymnal.
- The early church sang psalms, the hymns of past saints, and "recently produced hymns." This has always been the pattern of the temple, synagogue, and church.
- The original songs of the church were Psalms, and they are redundant. The most commonly sung hymn was Psalm 116. Called "the great Hallel," they would sing it during Passover meal and when gathered. The psalm repeats the same line 26 times! Repetition is a major feature of Biblical Hebrew, and the majority of praise in the Bible.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Matthew S. McMillan
Lead Pastor

WANT TO SEE THE PLAYLISTS? GO TO
[DISCOVERWBC.COM/WORSHIPPLAYLIST](https://discoverwbc.com/worshipplaylist)
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If you are dealing with a sin issue, feeling like you are in a season of suffering, or need biblical counsel in any area of your life, we are here to help. ❤️

Let's do LIFE in Community. Get Connected Today!



Barbara and I would like to express our thanks to our amazing church family for coming out to support and celebrate my 10 year anniversary and retirement later this fall. The outpouring of love shown to us made it very memorable. We feel very loved and excited to continue to serve here at WBC in our next chapter of life. It has been a privilege and an honor to be one of your shepherds and I thank the Lord for you. To God be all the glory and praise. I love you all! - Pastor Glen & Barbara



Celebrating
— 10 YEARS —



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If your life group wants to sponsor a child at Idadee orphanage in Haiti, contact Pastor Glen for more details at glen@discoverwbc.com.



Looking for opportunities to serve as a group?
Check out local missions, SALT, and global opportunities.



If you are interested in facilitating a Group, please contact Pastor Glen at info@discoverwbc.com. We will train and equip you to lead.

Your first step in Discipleship here at WBC is ALPHA! Learn more at discoverwbc.com/alpha.



ALPHA



If you have attended ALPHA and Group Launch and are ready to connect with a group, contact Pastor Glen at info@discoverwbc.com.

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome New Members

Welcome



Bill and Carol Freeman

Family: We have 3 grown children and seven grandchildren.

City of Residence : We are happy to be returning to Westminster Baptist Church where we have family and friends. We have lived in Finksburg for 38 years.

Hobbies : Bill loves to garden and is a sports fan (all sports especially when his grandchildren are playing). Carol likes to cook and loves reading.

Favorite Scripture : II Cor 5:20 (Bill) John 16:33 (Carol)

Where have you gone local or global? We have served in many church positions and been a part of local missions in Ohio as well as here in Maryland. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside and support MREC and Carpenters' Hands.

Matt & Melissa Pekar

Family: Children - Isabella and Noah Pekar

City of Residence : Sykesville, MD

Hobbies : Fishing/Outdoors (Matt); Reading (Melissa); Art (Isabella); Sports and History (Noah)

Favorite Scripture : 2 Corinthians 1:4 and John 3:30

Where have you gone local or global? Mission Trip to Togo, Africa (Jan 2022)

Get to Know Us: Matt retired from the US Army in 2022 and Melissa served in the US Army and deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Matt is currently bass fishing at the semi-professional level and routinely uses fishing as an opportunity for witnessing and ministry.



For many years, Westminster Baptist Church, under the leadership of Mary Reeb and other volunteers, has maintained a food pantry, available to community members in need of non-perishables. Many have been blessed by this cares ministry. In recent years, local partners across the county, including Shepherd's Staff and Westminster Rescue Mission, have developed a robust distribution of food, including non-perishable foods, perishables such as meat, milk, and eggs, and even hot meals. This has caused our food pantry to be used less and less frequently. Therefore, going forward, WBC will no longer maintain an onsite food pantry.

MISSION FOOD PROGRAM

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This does not mean that members should no longer give of their abundance (Psalm 82:3-4). Instead, our Cares and Local Ministries will encourage groups and individuals to give non-perishables to the Mission Food Program at Westminster Rescue Mission.



GRIEF SHARE has started. Our group walks in biblical community for 13 weeks during their grief journey. Signups available at the Care Hub, our website, or online at griefshare.org.



PARENTING FORUM

Our church is invested in cross-generational ministry. We want to see legacies of faith passed down from generation to generation. In order to continue to see this happen, we are integrating a focus on Biblical Parenting into our worship rhythm. This Quarter's Focus is God's View on People vs The World's View.

Wednesday, June 19 one-on-one's with Pastor Bill.
Sign-up Required. Please email bill@discoverwbc.com.



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS
ROMANS 12:2

It's time for **VBS 2024!** WBC will be presenting Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 8 -12. The setting is the Pacific Northwest, where rugged beaches team with wildlife and waves crash against huge rock formations jutting from the ocean. This is what God's rock-solid truth looks like amidst today's waves and shifting sands of popular opinion. Register Now!



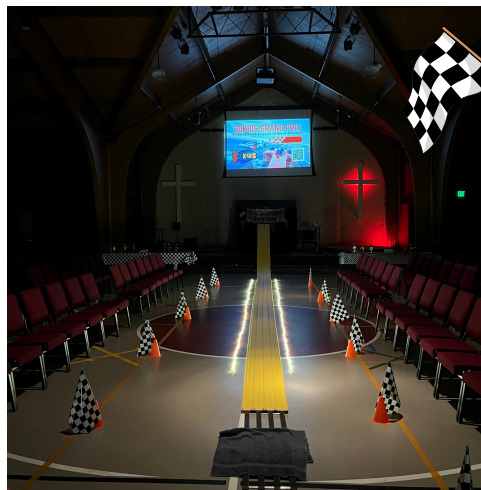
Looking to adopt domestically or internationally? We can help. Pick up a 10-step guide at our Care Hub or go online at discoverwbc.com/adoption.

HEART TO HEART



Our Heart to Heart team faithfully prays, sends encouragement, get well, and sympathy cards to our WBC members. They meet every 4th Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am. "A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water." *Prov 11:25*

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ministry updates



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GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT



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Indonesia

#28 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations

TOTAL POPULATION: 274,854,000

CHRISTIANS: 33,620

MAIN RELIGION: Islam



Why is Indonesia on the World Watch List?

Sadly, the persecution of Christians in Indonesia has worsened considerably due to an increase in violence. As persecution increases, the church in Indonesia is rising to come alongside believers whose families have abandoned them for their decision to leave Islam and follow Jesus.

How can I pray with Christians in Indonesia?

Pray that the influence of extremist Islamic groups will be snuffed out. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to those who oppose Him in ways that speak to their hearts. Pray for converts from Islam who experience pressure from their families to return to Islam. Pray for churches that often face targeting by Islamic extremist groups for sharing the gospel. Pray for church leaders who are prominent in their communities and risk false accusations of "inciting religious hatred."

Haiti Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for the April 2024 Haiti Team. The training on May 9 in Haiti was led by Pastor Mackendy. Members from 5 churches were present to view video trainings that our team provided. Pray for the following team members as we prepare to follow-up with next steps in the coming months using Business as Mission principles.



- Haiti 2024 Team**
 Pastor Glen Willet
 Scott Pierson
 Tim & Kim Duvall
 Josh & Ashley Davis
 Carson Fogarty
 Jane Cassidy
 Lisette Garcia



Haiti Team - April 2024
Pastor Glen Willet and Scott Pierson
Lisette Garcia, Ashley & Josh Davis, Jane Cassidy, Carson Fogarty, and Tim & Kim Duvall

missions updates

let's talk about
YOUR NEXT

Our Church has a mission and vision that is accomplished through intentional strategies making disciples who gather, grow, and go to bring God glory and enjoy His goodness forever. If you would like to learn more about who we are and what we do then **START HERE!** Either scan the code below or visit discoverwbc.com/start to begin **YOUR NEXT** journey.

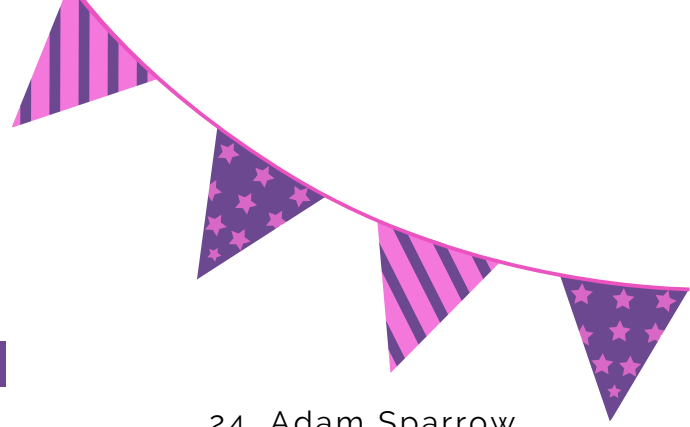
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**LIGHT
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BIRTHDAYS



June

- 01 Debbie Cooley
- 01 Rosina Jones
- 02 Karleigh Dueck
- 02 Darrell Lambert
- 02 Zachary Sweep
- 03 Abigail (Abby) Dueck
- 04 Joyce Mather
- 04 Abigail (Abby) Richman
- 05 Rowan Cook
- 07 Elias Sweep
- 08 Ninette LeGates
- 09 Peggy Faith
- 09 Vivian Schmitz
- 10 Jacob Estes
- 10 Johanna Monka
- 10 Micah Scott
- 11 Thomas Trcka
- 12 Peter Knorr
- 13 Linda Haugh
- 14 Mary Brklich
- 15 Ezra McGowen
- 15 Jes Steen
- 16 Diane Eney
- 16 Scott Parsons
- 17 Isaac Irons
- 20 Ron Blaney
- 20 Michael (Mickey) Scott
- 21 Brenda Dembosky
- 21 James Reger
- 22 Travis Estes
- 22 Cecelia Haugh
- 24 Donna Repp
- 24 Adam Sparrow
- 25 Grayson Shutt
- 26 Aubrey Blickenstaff
- 26 Leah Shutt
- 27 Betty Mather
- 27 Nancy Rictor
- 28 Charlotte Knouse
- 29 Valerie Harbaugh
- 30 Missy Cappadora
- 30 Timothy Knorr
- 30 Suna Zellers





SERMON NOTES:

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