

THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

August

2024



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 01 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 13 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 16 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm
- 21 | Parenting Follow-up and Discussion | 6:45pm
- 21 | Student Slip-n-Slide Kickball | 6:45pm
- 25 | Church Picnic at 11:00am & Cornhole at 12:00pm
- 27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am

September

- 02 | Labor Day | Church Office Closed
- 04 | 3D Kids Kickoff | 6:45pm
- 04 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 06-07 | Student Fall Kickoff Pool Party & Lock-In
- 10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 11 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 18 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 19 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 23 | Red Cross Blood Drive | 12:30pm - 5:30pm
- 24 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 25 | ALPHA | 6:45pm

October

- 02 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 03 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 08 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 09 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 16 | DISCOVERCHURCH | 6:45pm
- 16 | Student & Parent Fall Party | 6:45 pm
- 17 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 18 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm
- 20 | Parenting Service | 9:30am
- 22 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 23 | DISCOVERCHURCH | 6:45pm
- 24 | FVE Cookie Drop

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dear church,

Where does unity come from? Does it come from **uniformity**? Because we tend to group up with people who are similar to us, but that alone is not enough to forge the bonds of doing life together. Does it come from **conformity**? Because we tend to group up with people who accept us for who we are. Does it come from **community**? Because we tend to protect those we group up with. Does it come from **solidarity**? Because a strong commitment to one another can at least protect or create a sense of unity. Does it come from **equality**? Because many would say that the only way to stand united is by having equality. None of these will bind us together like the fusion of two metals being welded together. As we walk with Jesus, we come to the truth that our unity is deeper than all of these because it is not something from within us.

“Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.”

(Romans 12:4-5, CSB)



**a word from
the pastor**

Like the strength of welded metal, we are together forever in Christ. Our unity won't come through what we do together. But, our unity will transform what we do together. Our unity will lead to forgiveness the world won't understand. Our unity will lead to serving each other in ways the world thinks is crazy. Our unity will lead the world to both envy and disgust. On the one hand they will want the miraculous unity of Christ and on the other they will want us to endure the cross of Christ. Our unity with Christ is our eternal life and our temporary persecution. You are one body. So...

Walk slow through the hallways. Go mow a senior saint's lawn. Share a seat in a different service. Invite a widow to dinner at your place. Go fishing with someone. Start a fitness group. Sew some blankets for sick children with a young adult. Study God's word with a church member while camping. Do a watch party of a contemplative movie and discuss how God would change the plot or a character if he intervened in the movie. Create biblical artwork with a member and deliver it to someone who is grieving. Whatever you do, remember you are one.

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



Biblical Lay Counseling




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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!

The Thursday Morning Life Group would like you to join us to study the book of "John". We meet every Thursday from 9:30am to 11:00am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

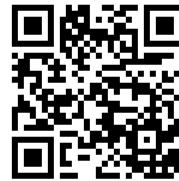
If you are interested, please email Nancy Rictor at nbrictor@yahoo.com so study books can be ordered.

HURRY! Study begins September 5th.



LEARN MORE >>

Want to Learn More about Westminster Baptist Church's Groups? Scan the QR Code to see available Life Groups or a Sunday School Group to Discover, Develop, and Deploy as a Community.



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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. Beginning in September!



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

group updates

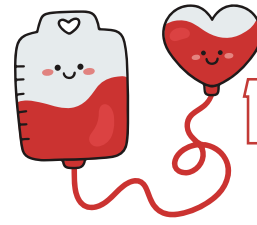


NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for all who gave toward Bibles for Global/Local Ministry! The W2W (Word to World) Initiative raised \$7,400 dollars.



These donations will provide Bibles for new converts in Haiti and also provides a Bible to be given out locally to use for discipleship. In the next few weeks, those who gave will receive an "Experiencing God Bible", along with a video by Pastor Matt with ideas on how to engage others with God's Word.



Red Cross Blood Drive

SEP 23

12:30pm-5:30pm

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL

BCMD

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF MARYLAND/DELAWARE

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

AUGUST 24 | 9AM-4PM
CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH
8701 Woodyard Rd, Clinton, MD
\$20 | INCLUDES LUNCH

Three keynote messages throughout the day, along with three breakout sessions people can attend (50 minutes each). In addition, there will be times of worship with testimonies and praise music led by the praise team from Kettering Baptist. The breakouts will include such topics as:

- The Heart, Head, and Hands of Service - led by Richard / Payton Pope
- Winning your Community to Christ - led by Colin Pugh
- Building a Culture of Evangelism in the Church - led by JJ Washington
- Evangelism with the Young - led by Kris Buckman
- Women leading in Evangelism - led by Catherine Renfro
- Gen Z / Collegiate evangelism - led by Mike McQuitty
- An Overview of Methods for Sharing Jesus - led by Mark Dooley
- Embracing the Nations - led by Peter Yanes
- To register, visit <https://bcmd.org/event/2024-evangelism-conference/>

WBC Summer Picnic

Food, Fellowship, & Fun

25 AUG

Traditional Worship Service 8:30am
Contemporary Worship Service 9:30am
Picnic & Cornhole 11:00am

SIGN UP

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



Learn More & Download Guide



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.



Hello, and Happy Summer! We are praying for all of you to have a safe and refreshing summer. Here at Alpha we continue to serve the mom's and their families in our community during the fun summer months.



Together, with your help we can restock our thinning shelves of the many supplies our mom's and their kiddos need to care for their families. Thank you for being a big part in keeping our shelves stocked with items from socks to toddler snacks, and baby toys to diapers. We appreciate you taking time to view our wish/needs list from the links I've included. We thank you in advance for your love and support for our Alpha moms and families! Enjoy God's wonderful creation this summer! Blessings! Kris Schipper

Walmart Link



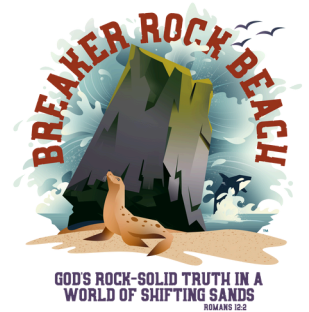
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THANK YOU!



VBS 2024 was a whale of a good time!! With almost 300 kids in attendance, we want to say a special THANK YOU to everyone involved in this event. We could not have done this without you...from our Leaders and Volunteers to the Children and Parents, Thank you! If you haven't seen the exciting recap video, be sure to check it out at discoverwbc.com/kids.



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*



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. The Third Quarter's Focus is God's View on Gender, Sex, and Relationships vs The World's View.



ministry updates

Wednesday, August 21st 6:45-8:15 Parenting Forum

Wednesday, September 18th 1 on 1's with Pastor Bill (Sign up required)

Please email bill@discoverwbc.com with any questions.



GO WITH US

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT
Columbia



#30 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations

TOTAL POPULATION: 50,576,000

CHRISTIANS: 48,110,000

MAIN RELIGION: Christianity



Why is Columbia on the World Watch List?

Though Colombia has a high percentage of Christians, believers still face persecution from criminal gangs and indigenous groups. Guerrilla groups threaten, harass, extort and even murder church leaders, who are targeted because they denounce corruption, defend human rights and oppose cartels. Their children may also be targeted, to discourage church leaders from speaking out against organized crime and corruption. The fight for the control of illicit crops, drug trafficking and illegal mining have led to intensified conflict. Many Christians are affected and are among the thousands of displaced families.

How can I pray with Christians in Columbia?

Pray for protection for pastors and communities who are targeted by organized criminal groups.

Pray that the faith of new believers would increase as they trust God in areas so hostile to Christians.

Pray that God would thwart the plans of guerrilla gangs and draw them to Himself. Pray for the families of believers who were martyred for their faith and commitment to serve their community.

Pray for the children of persecuted believers— that they would be unharmed.

Missionary Highlight

Kyle & Corrie Wert

Pastor Glen met with the Werts in July while they were home for a brief time. With YWAM in Hawaii, they continue to lead DTS, Discipleship training schools, to train students to serve in other countries. They oversee 3 pregnancy centers and have seen tremendous growth in the last 5 years. Last year they served over 800 guests. They are also working on a long term project to build a maternity home that would house 6-8 birth moms to provide proper maternal care. Students are being trained and these maternal models will be adapted to be able to do the same in Nepal and Africa.



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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UP**



BIRTHDAYS

August

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| 01 Sarah Gassman | 20 Declan Gruentzel |
| 02 Barbara Copoulos | 20 Philip Gruentzel Sr |
| 04 Kyler Kerr | 20 Bree Reuss |
| 04 Robert McCutcheon | 21 Darbah Wright |
| 04 James Steen | 22 Kylie Newburn |
| 05 Peyton Dandorf | 23 Jacob Akinrosotu |
| 05 McKenzie McIntyre | 23 Ryan Carroll |
| 06 Crystal Pifer | 23 Ezekiel Cook |
| 07 Breanna Cook | 23 Ashlee Edwards |
| 07 Susan Gruentzel | 23 Olive McNelia |
| 08 Anna Gassman | 23 Emma Mullis |
| 08 Emily Gassman | 24 Larry McQuay |
| 08 Meadow Strevig | 24 Banks Pierson |
| 09 Makenzie Claggett | 24 Ernest Repp |
| 09 Jed Hinton | 26 Luke Mike |
| 10 Jane Cassidy | 28 Randy Harper |
| 11 Meghan Brown | 28 Hannah Welker |
| 11 Susan Day | 29 Grace Graves |
| 11 Jace Dupre | 29 Buddy Landrum |
| 11 Loretta Hill | 29 Janet Mike |
| 11 Debra Lucado | 30 Victoria Duft |
| 12 Ashli Johnson | 30 Shade Gesser |
| 12 Brandon Jones | |
| 13 Kimberly Barbour | |
| 13 Bill Brown | |
| 14 Ryan Dueck | |
| 17 Tiny Ketterman | |
| 17 Paul Schmitz | |
| 17 Taylor Schmitz | |
| 18 Janice Blaney | |
| 18 Alexandria Sparrow | |
| 19 Bruce Westervelt | |



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SERMON NOTES:

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GOSPEL RESPONSE

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