

# THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

July

2024



Minute-to-win-it Winners



WBC Small Group



Karaoke Night



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July

- 01-05 | Student MFUGE Trip to Virginia Beach
- 04 | Independence Day | Church Office Closed
- 08-12 | VBS Week
- 09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 10 | Student Karaoke Night
- 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
- 16 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm
- 21 | Parenting Follow-up and Discussion | 6:45pm
- 25 | Church Picnic & Outdoor Service | 9:30am
- 27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 30 | Student Lock-In & Silent Disco

## September

- 04 | 3D Kids Kickoff | 6:45pm
- 04 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 11 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 18 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
- 19 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 24 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 25 | ALPHA | 6:45pm

**dear church,**

Why do we gather on Sundays? Why do we do church? Is it for fellowship with other believers? Is it to worship God? Is it to train disciples to obey God's Word? Is it for the ordinances? Is it all of these?

Over the next two months, we are going to be asking these questions. My hope is that I can lead us to gather on Sundays for the right "why." Some of us will need to consider the vitality of deep community that can be found at church. Others will need to wrestle with their source of truth. Even still, some may need to reconsider what they worship on earth.

Maybe you have gone to church your whole life, and you have grown accustomed to the typical church experience while some may be experiencing church for the first time. Regardless, I ask you to consider what God's Word says about gathering together on Sundays. Ultimately, I hope to implement biblical worship in our church over the next two months. It might be something from the past that you've longed to do again in our gathered worship, or it might be something new, nonetheless I hope it's biblical and honoring to God.



**a word from**

**the pastor**

So will you join me in examining God's Word to discover how the early church gathered, how the Bible commands us to gather, and what the church has done throughout history to better understand how we can be faithful as we gather on Sundays. As a pastor, I know that often times people fear change, and so I want you to know if that's where you are during this series, I understand that sometimes change creates fears of instability, confusion, and loss of control. Often change is not good, but some change is necessary and good. We know that the Lord is constantly changing us, the world is constantly changing, and the only thing that remains unchanged is God.

So, let's prepare our hearts for change, get excited about the rich biblical worship, and join me in seeking scripture for how we should gather as Christians.

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



## Biblical Lay Counseling



  
**BIBLICAL COUNSELING**  
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counsel@discoverwbc.com

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.

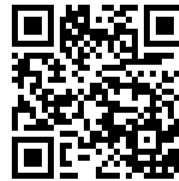
If you are interested, please email Nancy Rictor at [nbrictor@yahoo.com](mailto:nbrictor@yahoo.com) so study books can be ordered.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://discoverwbc.com/alpha). Beginning in September!



**ALPHA** >>



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

**group updates**



# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



As a church, we will be providing French translation Bibles to our partner churches in Haiti, putting the word of God in the hands of many that do not have it. [This is the global portion.]

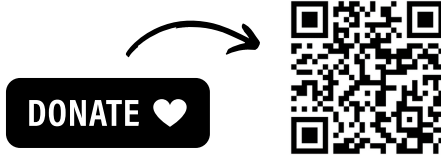
**The Initiative:** The challenge is for families/individuals at WBC to donate toward the purchase of these Bibles.

The suggested amount is \$40. A family/individual who donates any amount will receive a copy of the Experiencing God Bible, to be given to a person at school, work, or neighborhood. [This is the local portion.]



Pastor Matt will send a video to the one giving the Bible, with some suggestions on how to engage others and even possibly study the Bible with them. Each Bible will have a QR code on the back flap, giving the recipient an opportunity to connect with WBC.

The Initiative begins  
Sunday, June 23 and  
ends on July 21.



*We'll miss you, Uphams!*



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.



Good News Global (Good News Jail Ministry)

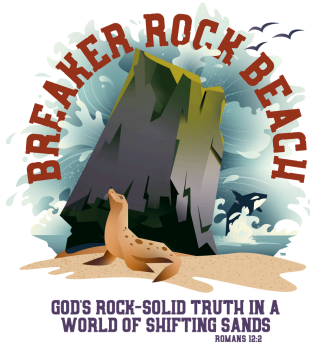
**The Challenge:** Approximately 11 million people incarcerated worldwide are facing crushing darkness and despair. We're here to change that. Each one carries a story - a story steeped in despair, plagued by loneliness, and shrouded in regret. These aren't just numbers, they're human beings, enduring their darkest hours, yearning for a flicker of hope amidst the overwhelming shadows of their reality.

**The Vision:** We are disrupting the cycle of darkness and despair for all who are behind bars and beyond. It's the power of the Gospel that produces change, brings redemption, and allows everyone to find their purpose in Christ.

**How you can help:**

- Pray for chaplains and the many volunteers that serve.
- Pray for inmates and their families .
- Donate: <https://gnglobal.org/>
- Volunteer to serve at our local jail (training required).
- A big shoutout to Pam Bromwell, for completing her training last month! She will be leading our female volunteers.
- We are seeking someone to lead in the men's side

If you are interested in serving or have questions, email Kim Duvall at [info@discoverwbc.com](mailto:info@discoverwbc.com) .



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 teem 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](http://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*



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.



Sunday, July 21st only at the 9:30 service  
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](mailto:bill@discoverwbc.com) with any questions.







GO WITH US

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT  
Bangladesh

#29 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations  
TOTAL POPULATION: 171,500,000  
CHRISTIANS: 1,103,000  
MAIN RELIGION: Islam

### Why is Bangladesh on the World Watch List?

Bangladesh has risen significantly on the World Watch List in the past few years, and violence is increasing. Attacks against church buildings have continued across Bangladesh—and authorities frequently ignore complaints when Christians bring them. Christians who have converted from a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or tribal background suffer the most severe restrictions, discrimination and attacks. To avoid attack, converts often gather in small house churches or meet secretly in groups. Tribal Christians are doubly vulnerable to persecution (because they belong to both an ethnic and religious minority), and are often the victims of land-grabbing or targeted violence.

### How can I pray with Christians in Bangladesh?

Pray for Bangladeshi converts who often face hostility and even violence for their decision to leave their family's religion and follow Jesus. Pray for blessing on the lives of converts and opportunities to share the Jesus they've found with others. Ask God to show believers creative ways to meet and worship together, and build up one another in fellowship. Pray for church attacks to cease and that church buildings would be known as places to safely worship God. Pray for leaders of house churches that they would grow in their faith and passion to disciple new believers.

## Missionary Highlight

Luke & Alyssa Miller

On June 3, a volunteer camp, 2024 Telos Project, was held with the theme of SERVE.



missions updates

These youth visited church members, prayed for the sick and supported the elderly in their community.



*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](https://discoverwbc.com/start) to begin **YOUR NEXT** journey.

**S T A R T  
H E R E**



**LIGHT  
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UP**



# BIRTHDAYS

## July

- 01 Linda Goode
- 01 Trish Harper
- 01 Aulani Stover
- 03 Declan Chen
- 04 Ken Wees
- 05 Brandon Johnson
- 05 Jack Knorr
- 06 Gina Branham
- 07 Molly Brown
- 07 Jeff Copoulos
- 07 Fred McGillis
- 07 Aleah Williamson
- 08 Ellen Mathis
- 09 Sarah Alexander
- 09 Mary Clatterbuck
- 10 Lillian Pierson
- 11 Robert Johnson
- 11 Nevin Laib
- 11 Justin Petrecca
- 11 Amber Yoder
- 12 Jim Fisher
- 12 Cathy Webb
- 13 Ethan Brown
- 13 Luca Cappadora
- 13 Scott Pierson
- 13 Gideon Sweep
- 14 Michele Brown
- 14 Jobe Dupre Jr.
- 14 Allan Upham
- 15 Lukas Weber
- 17 Alexander Gassman
- 19 Richard Greenwell
- 19 Lee Link
- 20 Sarah Goodwin
- 20 Irv Reeb
- 20 Wayne Shrader
- 21 Lu Dawson
- 21 Rambo Welker
- 21 Stacy Wyatt
- 23 Andrew Carroll
- 25 Les Bollinger
- 25 Meghan Moyers
- 25 Thomas Upham
- 26 Michael Blaney
- 26 Eloise Klocek
- 26 Lincoln McGowen
- 26 Michael Murphy
- 27 George Gambrell
- 28 John Mercer
- 28 Barbara Willet



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# SERMON NOTES:

**TEXT**

**MAIN  
POINT**

**NOTES**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**MY NEXT**