

THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

September

2024



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we make disciples

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

02 | Labor Day | Church Office Closed
04 | 3D Kids Kickoff | 6:45pm
04 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm
05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
06-07 | Student Fall Kickoff Pool Party & Lock-In | 7pm-7am
10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
11 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm
18 | ALPHA 3 | 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 1 | 6:45pm

October

02 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm
03 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
08 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
09 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm
12 | Holy Smokes Men's Event
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
27 | Operation Christmas Child begins

November

07 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
12 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
13 | Parenting & Follow-up Discussion | 6:45pm
15 | Harvest Dinner | 6:00pm
17 | Operation Christmas Child Box Packing | 12:15pm
21 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
26 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am

dear church,

In the church, unity drives community, not the other way around. Rather than allowing community to create unity, the church lets unity create community. Our unity is what drives us to gather together. Let's say you have a Raven's watch party at your house. A bunch of people come and you have a great time together. You have built a community around a common passion: Raven's football. At the end of the night, you are in desperate need of physical and emotional help. Just because you share a common love for the team in purple, doesn't mean you have people who will deeply care for you and do the hard seasons of life with you.

Likewise, the local church was never meant to be a place divided by your favorite sports team, but united by our identity in Christ. That unity drives our community. Our gatherings will consist of people that love the Ravens and love the Steelers, who vote red and vote blue, who are fruitarians and carnivores, who are Jerry Lee Lewis, AC/DC, and Switchfoot, and those who are blue collared, pink collared, and white collared.



a word from

the pastor

The question for the gathering place of Jesus is, do you gather because you are united by the purple team or because you are united by Jesus. Sit by someone you don't know, they are your family. Talk to someone who doesn't have the same worldly preferences, but is united by Christ with you. Have dinner with someone who goes to church with you but would not have hung out together otherwise. Your unity drives your community.

“So, then, remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh—called “the uncircumcised” by those called “the circumcised,” which is done in the flesh by human hands. At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
(Ephesians 2:11-13, CSB)

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



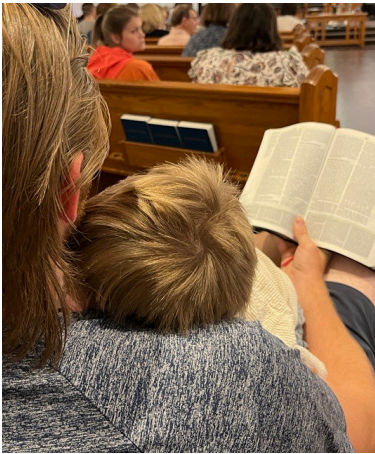
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If you are dealing with a sin issue, feeling like you are in a season of suffering, or need biblical counsel in any area of your life, we are here to help. ❤️

COMMUNITY



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.

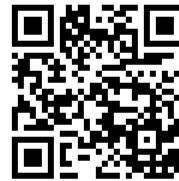
If you are interested, please email Nancy Rictor at nbrictor@yahoo.com so study books can be ordered.

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 September 4th!



ALPHA



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

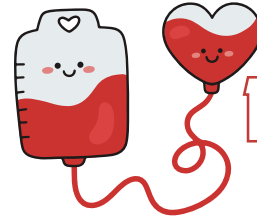


group updates

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



W2W update! A victory for those who gave- our partners in Haiti have purchased Bibles! Pastor Matt has now created a video that shows how to engage someone locally in the study of God's Word. This video, along with copies of Experiencing God Bibles, will be provided in the next few weeks to everyone who donated to the W2W Initiative.



Red Cross Blood Drive

SEP 23

12:30pm-5:30pm

BCMD BAPTIST CONVENTION OF MARYLAND/ DELAWARE

We are thrilled to invite you to *The Gathering*, our 2024 Annual Family Meeting for pastors, leaders, and attendees of BCM/D churches. This year's event is a must-attend for every church in the BCM/D! We know that's a bold statement, but we've reimagined our time together with you and your churches in mind. Our goal is to care for you as you take this time to recharge, give you valuable resources and information that you can take home, and encourage you to keep going as you love and serve your church family and communities. But most importantly, we're going to remind you that nothing is impossible with God!

You may attend as a guest, or if you are a member at Westminster Baptist Church, as a messenger to the Convention. Please contact Kim at kim@discoverwbc.com if you are interested in attending.

Event Details:

- Ashore Resort & Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD
- Event begins at 6pm on Sunday evening, November 10th and concludes at 4pm on Monday, November 11th.
- Dessert and coffee will be provided for you Sunday evening along with breakfast and lunch on Monday.
- You are responsible for booking your own hotel reservation with Ashore Resort and Beach Club

Holy Smokes it's!

12 OCT

Meatapalooza

REGISTER



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.



MINISTRY STUDENT



SCAN ME



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.

Wednesday, September 18th 1 on 1's with Pastor Bill (Sign up required)
Please email bill@discoverwbc.com with any questions.



ministry updates



GO WITH US



GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT

Burkina Faso

#32 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations

TOTAL POPULATION: 21,497,000

CHRISTIANS: 5,093,000

MAIN RELIGION: Christianity



Why is Burkina Faso on the World Watch List?

Burkina Faso is located in Africa's Sahel region, where Islamist extremist groups have a huge and growing influence. Jihadist violence has been rapidly increasing in recent years, and extremists exploited the government's weakness during the COVID-19 crisis to gain control of the country's infrastructure. This has led to numerous attacks on churches (often during worship services) and predominantly Christian villages, and hundreds of church closures.

How can I pray with Christians in Burkina Faso?

Pray for wisdom for the government and its international partners as it seeks to bring an end to Burkina Faso's insecurity. Ask God to halt the stream of violence in the country so that believers can worship without fear. Pray that Christians would not be tempted to give in to tribalism and anger towards Muslims but would continue to trust the Lord to fight for them. The extremist ideologies sweeping across the Sahel have brought widespread destruction. Pray that the Lord would use these circumstances to display His glory. Thank the Lord for their determination to continue sharing Christ with the lost. Pray for wisdom and courage.

Missionary Highlight

LUKE & ALYSSA MILLER

On August 18th, we were blessed to have New International Missionaries, Luke & Alyssa Miller and their 4 children at WBC to preach and share about their missional experiences in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They joined the Prosperous Youth Foundation team in 2018 to minister to youth living in the city without their parents. They mentor and equip youth workers and disciple at-risk youth from tribal families.



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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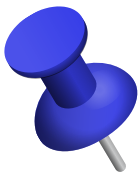
BIRTHDAYS

September

- 03 Lexi Eckard
- 03 Alina Lopez
- 03 Jackson Smith
- 04 Kennedy Yoder
- 05 Dottie Bollinger
- 05 Kayley Gambrell
- 06 Ryan Gartner
- 07 George Kraft
- 08 Renee Brown
- 09 Kristen Sanders
- 09 Norma Sorrentini
- 10 Lindsey Wilson
- 11 Randy Cooley
- 11 Gerry Moyers
- 11 Bill Mundie
- 11 Russell Weakley
- 12 Lorelai McNally
- 12 Jack Reuss
- 12 Sharon Sullivan
- 13 Walter Carroll
- 13 Leslie Westervelt
- 13 Kevin Ryan
- 14 SaraRose Sweep
- 15 Emma Davey
- 16 Killian Cook
- 16 Carol McNally
- 16 Van Vincent
- 16 Carl Naugle
- 17 Herb Wilson, III
- 18 Carl Freundel
- 18 April Heffner
- 18 Emberlee Susnir
- 18 Glen Willet
- 20 Addison Evans
- 20 Madeline Smith
- 21 Judge Dorsey
- 21 Skyla Repp
- 22 Jennifer Dueck
- 22 Mark Hudson
- 22 Aaron Stover
- 24 Kristin Estes
- 25 Marsha Akinrosotu
- 25 Robert Crawford
- 25 Jeffrey Haugh
- 25 Zoe McNelia
- 27 Liliana Cappadora
- 27 Cambria Gruentzel
- 28 Joshua Davis
- 28 Carole Spring
- 28 Susan Shutt
- 29 Robert Spring
- 30 Susan Davis
- 30 Pam Hobbs
- 30 Maci Johnson
- 30 Adeline Pierson
- 30 George Rouiller



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SERMON NOTES:

TEXT

**MAIN
POINT**

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GOSPEL RESPONSE

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