

# THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

October

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*we make disciples*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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 | 10:00am - 2:00pm
- 16 | DISCOVER - Discover Christ | 6:45pm
- 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 | DISCOVER - Discover Community | 6:45pm
- 24 | FVE Cookie Drop
- 27 | Operation Christmas Child begins
- 30 | DISCOVER - Discover Church | 6:45pm

## November

- 03 | Operation Christmas Child Box Packing | 12:15pm
- 07 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 12 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 13 | Parenting & Follow-up Discussion | 6:45pm
- 13 | Student Operation Christmas Child Box Packing | 6:45pm
- 15 | Harvest Dinner | 6:00pm
- 17 | Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- 17 | Annual Business Meeting | 12:00pm
- 21 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 26 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 28 | Thanksgiving Day | Church Offices Closed

## December

- 05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 07 | Women's Christmas Tea
- 10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 18 | Student Ministry Christmas Party | 6:45pm
- 19 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 24 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am

**dear church,**

We have some incredible things happening in our Kids and Student Ministry. We are watching revival happen in these age groups and we get to see firsthand the transformation and passion of our next generation as they learn about God's love. In our Kids and Student Ministry, we are seeing people come to faith, be baptized, and share the gospel in their contexts.

As we grow spiritually we are also growing in numbers and we find ourselves in need of new leaders who are passionate about raising up the next generation of Christians. This is a fantastic opportunity for those of you who are members and feel called to invest in their spiritual growth. Whether you have experience or are simply willing to learn, we will provide all the training and support you need to make a lasting impact.

As Proverbs 22:6 (CSB) says, "Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it."



**a word from**

**the pastor**

If you feel a call and are compelled to serve in this vital ministry, please reach out to us. There are more ways to get involved, from leading and supporting leaders to organizing events and activities. Every role is crucial, and your involvement can make a huge impact.

We often say, "We want to lead you from where you are to where God has for you" and Kids/Student Ministry allows you to start at the beginning of their formation in Christ. My prayer is that your willingness to serve will plant seeds of faith that will thrive for generations to come.

If you are interested in serving, email [barb@discoverwbc.com](mailto:barb@discoverwbc.com). Or, if you are interested in Student Ministry email our Student Ministry Assistant, [kaycee@discoverwbc.com](mailto:kaycee@discoverwbc.com)

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



Are you ready for the journey? Join us daily in October as we read through the book of Proverbs. Let's dive into the timeless wisdom one chapter at a time. Discover God's guidance and grow in understanding as we journey together through this powerful book and tie each chapter with our Sunday Sermon Series,

### THE WISDOM WAY: A STUDY ON PROVERBS

Read a chapter each day and let God's wisdom guide your path. Stay up to date with us on social media and let us know how your journey is going.

## Biblical Lay Counseling



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!

As Pastor Glen retires, Pastor Matt is stepping into leadership over groups, including DGroups, Life Groups, and Sunday Schools. Kim Duvall will assist him, focusing on administrative tasks while Pastor Matt focuses on ministry leadership. We will still continue with an emphasis on groups large and small, intensive/short-term groups like DGroups, and open/long-term like Sunday Schools and Life Groups. We also have some new methods of training our groups that we look to implement soon as well!



We look forward to communicating those to you soon. Pastor Glen laid a foundation for Groups and has invested in many group leaders. We are thankful for what he has done and look forward to what will grow from that foundation.

If you are interested in being in a group, the best place to begin is ALPHA. If you are interested in leading a DGroup or Life Group, please email [groups@discoverwbc.com](mailto:groups@discoverwbc.com). We are planning a New Group Leader Training Night for early November; save the date!

## DISCOVER CHRIST • COMMUNITY • CHURCH

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 Scott Pierson for more details at [scott@discoverwbc.com](mailto:scott@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 or would like more info, please email [groups@discoverwbc.com](mailto:groups@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).



# ALPHA



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

## group updates



# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Red Cross Blood Drive



The Red Cross received 25 units of blood from our drive on Monday!! We are grateful and thankful to all the persons who gave of their time and service to make it a success!

We will provide the service again in April! ❤️ Thank you, again Nancy Bickel

Save the date for the Women's Ministry Christmas Tea.

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food  
fellowship  
worship  
and more



In the wake of Hurricane Helene, Send Relief and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBD R) teams are actively responding to devastating flooding and damage.

[SendRelief.org/hurricane](https://SendRelief.org/hurricane)

Through the generosity of Southern Baptists, more than twenty feeding and recovery sites are active across the Southeast. Our priority is to set up mobile kitchens to provide meals and begin flood recovery and debris removal. The cooperation of Southern Baptists is highlighted in these responses and we are grateful for our churches and disaster relief teams for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Please join us in praying for those impacted. Pray that the gospel would be shared in word and deed as SBD R teams minister to hurting communities.



Ed Hobbs Deacon Ordination

# Holy Smokes

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## MEN'S EVENT

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.

# Friendship Valley Elementary

**C**ookies! Are you good at baking or just love cookies? **The next Cookie Drop is scheduled for October 24th.** Please drop home-baked cookies off at the church office. Thank you for your support to FVE.



In keeping with Matthew 29:19, the mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Each year, Samaritan's Purse collects shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The boxes travel all over the world, where volunteers present them, along with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Fill a Box Challenge:** Boxes with instructions will be available in the church lobbies beginning October 27th. Fill the box with suggested items and return to the Operation Christmas Child table no later than **November 17th.** Contact Jenn Steen @ [jsteen3@verizon.net](mailto:jsteen3@verizon.net) with questions.

### OCC Box Packing Event:

Sunday, November 3rd, at 12noon.

Lunch: Sign up to bring a crockpot of soup to share!

(WBC will provide tossed salad, bread, and drinks.)

Mission Site: 1:30-3:30pm: Spring Meadow Station, 15513 Hanover Pike, Upperco, MD 21155

Space is limited!  
Sign up here by **October 30th!**



Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...-  
Jeremiah 1:5



The mission of ALPHA Pregnancy Center is to empower women and families facing unplanned pregnancy economically, emotionally, and spiritually. ALPHA works to ensure that women have complete support in order to make life-giving choices. ALPHA provides confidential, client-centered care at no cost. [alpha-pregnancycenter.org](http://alpha-pregnancycenter.org)

Walmart

Amazon



Groups can volunteer onsite to pack diaper bags.

Individuals can go through training to work with expecting moms.

If you are interested in serving or have questions, email [info@alpha-pregnancycenter.org](mailto:info@alpha-pregnancycenter.org) or call ALPHA at 410-833-7793.

Registries



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 Fourth Quarter's Focus is God's View on Technology and Distractions vs The World's View.



ministry  
updates

Sunday, October 20th Parenting Service at 9:30am  
Please email [bill@discoverwbc.com](mailto:bill@discoverwbc.com) with any questions.



## GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT Awan in Pakistan

The Awan of northern Pakistan are known for being valiant warriors. They were recruited as soldiers by the British during the colonial period and in both world wars. The Awan are part of the Zamindar or landowning class of Pakistan. They cultivate their land and hire others to help them. Today, many Awan serve in the Pakistani military.



Violence and feuds are common in north Pakistan, where the Awan live. Many resources are available in the Awan's primary language of Western Punjabi, including the New Testament and the JESUS Film.

**Ministry Obstacles:** Unfortunately, there are no known Awan believers. The Awan have been Muslims for centuries. Being a Muslim is part of their personal identity. An Awan who decides to follow Isa (Jesus) will face persecution from his or her family and community.  
he Awan of Pakistan.

**Outreach Ideas:** Radio programs in Western Punjabi can bring the good news to the Awan. Copies of the JESUS Film can be distributed and shown in northern Pakistan.

**Scripture Focus:** "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29



**Scripture Prayer:** Pray that today's people group looks to the Lamb of God, Jesus, to have their sins taken away.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for peace in the area where the Awan live. Pray that Awan would be led by the Spirit to listen to radio programs and connect to Christian resources on the internet. Pray for the Lord to do miracles and raise up a body of believers among the Awan of Pakistan.

## Pray for Haiti

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:

- Please pray for Pastor Mackendy as he starts his new semester in seminary.
- Pray for Pastor Rodne' and his family. Pastor Rode's motorcycle was in an accident while a friend was driving a church member home. As well, pray for Paster Rode's father who fell and was injured recently.
- Pray for the children of Idadee and Ebac orphanages, for their teachers, and their house moms. If you would like to sponsor a child at Idadee, please contact Scott Pierson for more information ([Scott@discoverwbc.com](mailto:Scott@discoverwbc.com))
- Pray for the believers in Haiti to actively engage the communities to cultivate and influence culture to better serve God. Pray for transformed hearts.

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

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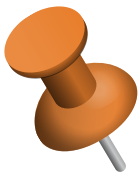
# BIRTHDAYS

## October

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| 02 | Lynn Johnson             | 18 | Finnick McGowen   |
| 02 | Bessie Turnbaugh         | 19 | Huck Merson       |
| 04 | Mary Lou Hodges          | 19 | Brooke Scheffel   |
| 04 | Russell Kelly            | 20 | Lisa Friedlander  |
| 04 | Olivia McDaniel          | 20 | Timothy McMichael |
| 04 | Phillip (PJ) McDaniel    | 20 | Victoria Smith    |
| 04 | Navy Parks               | 21 | Makenzie Link     |
| 05 | Pamela Bromwell          | 22 | Lil Fisher        |
| 05 | Ryan Jacobs              | 23 | Elmirah Allman    |
| 05 | Noah Rivera              | 23 | Evan Fogarty      |
| 06 | Benjamin Weber           | 23 | Jay Trigger       |
| 07 | Ginny Houser             | 24 | Robert Lawrence   |
| 07 | Raven McMichael          | 25 | Shepherd Dorsey   |
| 08 | Jonica Dandorf           | 29 | David Agboyinu    |
| 08 | Cindi Emerick            | 29 | Joseph Smith      |
| 08 | Grayson Gambrell         | 29 | Darla Trigger     |
| 08 | Dianne Steen             |    |                   |
| 09 | Gerry Lawrence           |    |                   |
| 10 | Mike Fitzgerald          |    |                   |
| 10 | Sawyer McMichael         |    |                   |
| 11 | Nathan (Nate) Miller     |    |                   |
| 13 | Julia Landrum            |    |                   |
| 13 | Larry Mather             |    |                   |
| 13 | Evelyn Zihmer            |    |                   |
| 14 | Isabella Lucado          |    |                   |
| 15 | Ember Merson             |    |                   |
| 16 | Jimmy Akinrosotu         |    |                   |
| 16 | Richard Barbour          |    |                   |
| 17 | Zachariah Cofield-McCraw |    |                   |
| 17 | Joanne Ferguson          |    |                   |
| 17 | Kaizee Zombro            |    |                   |
| 18 | Pamela Figley            |    |                   |
| 18 | Carol Freeman            |    |                   |
| 18 | Cathy Laib               |    |                   |



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# SERMON NOTES:

**TEXT**

**MAIN  
POINT**

**NOTES**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

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