

# THE BULLETIN

January

2025

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES



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*we make disciples*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

01 | New Years Day | Church Offices Closed  
01 | No Group Activities  
02 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
10-12 | Student Reboot  
14 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
16 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:15pm  
17 | C5 Training | 6:00pm  
23 | FVE Cookie Drop  
28 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am

## February

05 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm  
06 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
07 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm  
11 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
12 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm  
13 | FVE Teacher's Conference Dinner | 2:00pm  
19 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm  
20 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:15pm  
25 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
26 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm

## March

05 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm  
06 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
11 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
12 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm  
14 | Student Movie Night | 7:00pm  
19 | DISCOVER Christ | 6:45pm  
20 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:15 pm  
25 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
26 | DISCOVER Community | 6:45pm

# dear church,

I'm excited to return to a series in a book of the Bible; we begin Romans in February! My intent in this letter is to inspire you to join me in the preaching time at WBC and that we would all immerse ourselves in the truth of God's Word with a desire for it's application to our lives. Additionally, I've been asked recently when we will return to another book sermon series. So, why do we typically preach through books of the Bible and what future sermon series will we have at WBC?

At WBC we preach expository sermons; the meaning of the sermon comes from the meaning of the text. These sermons must have great exegesis and they must include application or they are not expository. Other styles of preaching include: topical, textual, and narrative. But, there are different ways to approach exposition. It could be the form of the sermon, the sermon series structure, the process of studying for the sermon, the content of the sermon, the style of the sermon, or it could be a combination of these. Many people look at the content of the sermon to determine whether it is expository, when in reality many of those considered expository are probably preaching exegetically because they fail to move from the intricacies of the text to the meaning for the people.

Consider a few definitions of expository preaching:

- "preaching in which the main point of the biblical text being considered becomes the main point of the sermon being preached." - Mark Dever and Greg Gilbert
- "a discourse that expounds a passage of Scripture, organizes it around a central theme and main divisions which issue forth the given text, and then decisively applies its message to the listeners." - Jim Shaddix



**a word from  
the pastor**

- “It refers to the content of the sermon (biblical truth) rather than the style (a running commentary). To expound Scripture is to bring out of the text what is there and expose it to view.” – John Stott
- “stewarding and heralding God’s word in such a way that people encounter God through his word.” – Jason C. Meyer

### Thoughts to consider:

- The sermon outline should follow the sermon text.
- The sermon’s main point should reflect the text’s main point.
- The tone of the preacher can reflect the tone of the text.
- Structure, verse by verse or book by book, is valuable but secondary to study and content.
- Pericopes contain the meaning (pericope is the total amount of verses needed to form the authorial intent for a sermon)

### Here’s a list of the books we have preached through the whole book:

- Mark
- Jonah
- Ruth
- 1 Peter
- Acts
- Ezekiel
- Obadiah
- Titus
- Haggai
- Hebrews

### Here’s a list of books we have preached portions of for a topical exposition Series:

- Ephesians
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- 2 Peter
- John

### Here’s a list of books we have done special events through the whole book:

- Matthew
- Revelation

It has been a joy to preach through these books with you and I look forward to the next series of books with you for 2025-2026. - Romans - Nehemiah - John - Micah

So how can you join me in the preaching at WBC?

- Study the text we are preaching prior to coming to church.
- Pray for the preacher during the sermon.
- Discuss implementation of the gospel response with your group or a friend/spouse.
- Consider what God has for you each sermon, whether for listening or taking notes, or a blend.
- Scripture is the royal scepter of which King Jesus rules His church. – John Stott

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



# DISCOVER

CHRIST ● COMMUNITY ● CHURCH



Join us for our new sermon series, RE:NEW. This new sermon series invites us to return to the unchanging truth of God's Word. In a world full of distractions, it's time to re-center our hearts and minds on Scripture—the foundation of our faith and the source of renewal for our lives.



Are you ready to: Renew your faith through the Word? Reconnect with God's truth for daily life? Rediscover the joy of living according to His guidance?

Follow for more



Join us as we journey together, seeking renewal and restoration through the timeless truth of Scripture. Visit [discoverwbc.com/renew](http://discoverwbc.com/renew).

12/29	RE:NEW - SELF	Eph. 4:24
1/5	RE:NEW - COMMAND	2 Jn 5-6
1/12	RE:NEW - SPIRIT	Ezek. 36:25-28
1/19	RE:NEW - HEART	Ezek. 36:25-28
1/26	RE:NEW - MIND	Rom. 12:2

GATHER ● GROW ● GO



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



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



# ALPHA

Your first step in Discipleship here at WBC is ALPHA! Learn more at [discoverwbc.com/alpha](http://discoverwbc.com/alpha). If you have attended ALPHA and DISCOVER and are ready to connect with a group, please contact us at [groups@discoverwbc.com](mailto:groups@discoverwbc.com). Next ALPHA begins in February.

- ▲ 3 weeks
- ▲ Draw Near
- ▲ Be Challenged
- ▲ Meet Pastors

▶ READ MORE



group updates

# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome New Members

Jaime Kay Baker

**Family:** I am one of 10

**City of Residence:** Westminster

**Hobbies:** I love to bake sourdough, spend time with friends and family. I enjoy painting and writing letters. I love to clean, organize and decorate spaces. I also enjoy hosting in any way I can.

**Favorite Scripture:** Psalm 23

**Where have you gone local or global?** I served locally at River valley Ranch in their teen discipleship program and in the kitchen. I have served 'globally' in missions in Hawaii for a year with YWAM.

**Praises:** I am currently going through the Biblical lay counselor training at WBC and am passionate about the ministry of counseling especially through the church. In YWAM I went through a secondary course on Biblical sexuality (singleness, marriage, LGBTQ+, dating, masculinity and femininity, love and friendship, etc) that is a topic I am passionate about, and want to equip the body of Christ in especially in our world today where there is so much confusion.



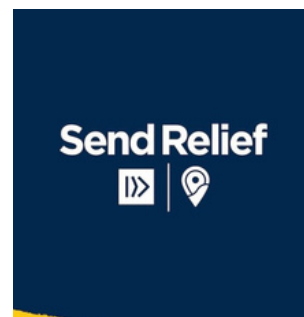
## Send Relief Serve Tour- Virginia Beach

March 28-29



The Serve Tour, in partnership with churches, associations, your state convention, and Send Relief seeks to inspire Southern Baptists across North America to engage in compassion ministry by providing opportunities for churches to participate in ministry projects in one specific city. The goal of the Serve Tour is to be the vehicle through which churches demonstrate the love of Christ in the city by engaging in compassion ministry.

Local pastors and leaders from SBC of Virginia are partnering with Send Relief to find numerous ways we can serve the most vulnerable in the Virginia Beach area, schools, local bi-vocational pastors and churches being revitalized/planted.



Learn more by scanning code or visiting online at [sendrelief.org/](https://sendrelief.org/)



# Friendship Valley Elementary

**C**ookies! Are you good at baking or just love cookies? **The next Cookie Drop is scheduled for January 23rd.** Please drop home-baked cookies off at the church office closer to the drop date. Thank you for your support to FVE.



From Cathy Webb and the volunteers at **Shepherd's Table Ministry** - A big thanks to all who donated winter items for Shepherds Table Soup Kitchen. Many displaced folks are warmer now!

*thank you*



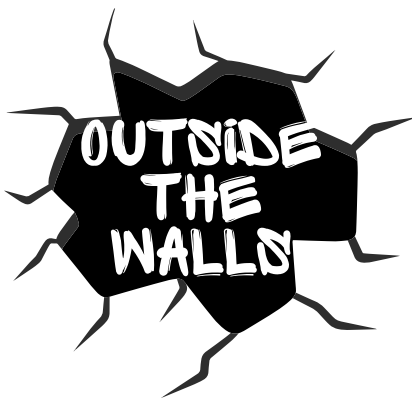
ALPHA Pregnancy thanks everyone for contributing to the care of moms and their newborn babies through the annual baby bottle campaign. Our church gave almost 400 dollars!



## OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Thank you to all who gave during this Christmas season to provide for children in need, through Friendship Valley Elementary School and the Salvation Army. We were able to bless 14 families with gifts, food, and encouragement!

*"CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS; IN THIS WAY YOU WILL FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST." GALATIANS 6:2*



Please be in prayer as our Students attend Reboot, a BCMD Youth Evangelism Conference, January 10-12. Lift up the students and adults who will be attending to gather in His name, to learn, grow, and be inspired by His Word. Pray for the hearts and minds of each student and leader attending that their time will be transformative, drawing them closer to Him. Pray that God will open their hearts to the teachings and challenges they will encounter, and let the Bible studies and worship sessions leave a lasting impact on their lives.



Pray also the fellowship they share will create strong, Christ-centered relationships that encourage and strengthen their faith. May this conference plant seeds of faith, inspire acts of outreach, and equip these students and leaders to shine His light in their schools, communities, and beyond.

**ministry  
updates**



## Haiti Update

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

With glory to God, we celebrate the generous gifts provided this season. In December, the church collected donations across multiple international mission ministries. As well, we were able to provide a Christmas food offering to 4 churches in Haiti. This gift came at a very impactful time, as the communities have been battling severe flooding over the past two months.



## Pray for Haiti

Pictured above: preparation and distribution of Christmas food offering to four churches in Haiti.

- Pray for the Staff and students at Cap Haitien Christian School.
- 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 at [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

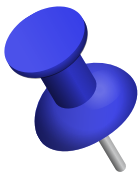


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| 01 | Logan Bieligk              | 25 | Richard Hodges     |
| 04 | Holly Garman               | 25 | Xavier Repp        |
| 05 | Alan Evans                 | 26 | Kash Blouse        |
| 05 | Denise Meads               | 26 | Haven Shoemaker Jr |
| 05 | Debbie Mundie              | 27 | Noah Pekar         |
| 05 | Olivia Rivera              | 27 | Janet Stout        |
| 06 | Dave Eckard                | 27 | Stephen Winkler    |
| 06 | Steven Evans               | 29 | Kaycee Nelson      |
| 07 | Jeremiah Leppo             | 29 | Julian Yoder       |
| 07 | Warren Sparrow             | 31 | Lisa Green         |
| 07 | Lauren Stair               |    |                    |
| 07 | Violet Sweep               |    |                    |
| 08 | Sarah Branham              |    |                    |
| 08 | Debbie Eckard              |    |                    |
| 12 | Nathalie McCutcheon        |    |                    |
| 13 | Marlene Cole               |    |                    |
| 13 | Jake Evangelist            |    |                    |
| 13 | Debra Reinhardt            |    |                    |
| 15 | Barrett Sporer             |    |                    |
| 15 | Micah Zihmer               |    |                    |
| 16 | Lainani Blaney             |    |                    |
| 16 | Robert Hill Jr.            |    |                    |
| 16 | Savannah Link              |    |                    |
| 17 | Victoria (Vicki) Mattingly |    |                    |
| 18 | Steven Wantz               |    |                    |
| 19 | Kristen Zihmer             |    |                    |
| 20 | Virginia Zellers           |    |                    |
| 21 | Megan Blouse               |    |                    |
| 21 | James McNally              |    |                    |
| 22 | Jordon Leppo               |    |                    |
| 24 | Cedar Leppo                |    |                    |
| 24 | Portia Owens               |    |                    |
| 25 | Ireoluwa Agboyinu          |    |                    |



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# SERMON NOTES:

**TEXT**

**MAIN  
POINT**

**NOTES**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**MY NEXT**