

THE BULLETIN

February

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CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES



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Justin's Baptism



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REBOOT Student Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 01 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 07 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm
- 13 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 14 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm
- 15 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:00pm
- 16 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12 noon
- 21 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm
- 21 | Parenting Follow-up
- 27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 28 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm
- 29 | FVE Cookie Drop

March

- 06 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm
- 07 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 08 | Silver Sages Game Day | 1:00pm
- 10 | VBS Lunch Meeting | 12:15pm
- 12 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 13 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm
- 15 | Student Movie Night | 7:00pm
- 17 | Virtual ALPHA Hangout | 12:00pm
- 20 | DISCOVERCHURCH | 6:45pm
- 21 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:00pm
- 26 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 27 | DISCOVERCHURCH | 6:45pm
- 29 | Good Friday Service | 6:00pm
- 31 | Easter Cantata | 8:30am
- 31 | Easter Sunday

April

- 01 | Easter Monday | Church Office Closed
- 03 | Group Launch | 6:45pm
- 04 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 10 | Group Launch | 6:45pm
- 17 | Group Launch | 6:45pm
- 18 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:00pm
- 23 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 24 | Group Launch | 6:45pm
- 27 | Westminster Rescue Mission Tea
- 18-25 | Global Missions Trip



JESUS

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dear church,

It's exciting to see God working throughout the world and building up His church! Yet, if I could critique the modern method of church growth I would address the overemphasis on musicality and the lack of emphasis on mentoring (or apprenticing/discipleship). The rise of Christian music has enamored many in the church world with the talents and marketing capabilities of churches. I mean, why not? If we can reach millions with music that speaks about Jesus, then why wouldn't we...I'd offer this reason as a caution, that in focusing too much on one way to worship we risk repeating history and continuing to reject the command of Jesus. In this method, we are in danger of reaching many and disciplining few. Yet Jesus disciplined a few to reach the many. We also run the risk of abandoning Jesus' call to disciple entirely. Even still, it's much easier to please people with great music and great teaching than it is to do the hard work of apprenticeship (discipleship) and biblical counseling. Church would be relatively smooth if no one ever shared their grueling struggles with sin and painful resulting effects. But that wouldn't be church.



a word from
the pastor

Don't get me wrong though! We ought to use music for the glory of God to communicate the truth and beauty of the gospel in a way that words alone cannot. Music stirs up our affections and emotions for God and His glory. Music is a uniting force of fellowship amongst the faithful, expressing our gratitude and praise and our lament and supplication. These are good things, but they are a component of worship, not all of worship. Discipleship teaches others how to worship through life and in one way, through music.

I write to you in hopes that we view church with the wonder of worship through music and the dedication of discipleship through groups and biblical counseling. That we would recognize this is not a football game or concert venue to be entertained, but a hospital for sinners. This is not a place for your pleasure or anyone's glory; this is a place for God to do spiritual surgery on our broken hearts. So, would you consider stepping into a life group, or DGroup leadership, or biblical counseling/soul care? Would you see Sunday morning as the opportunity to feed God your first fruits rather than seeking to be fed more in our overly saturated and resource abundant society?

My friend and brother in Christ often says in consideration of musicality in the church, "Less is more." The reason this is true...less of me results in more of God. So in my worst of days I am a glory-stealing thief unsatisfied with anything, and on the days I recognize my deep desire for the God of grace I am wholly satisfied in Him. Less is more.

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30 (CSB)

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.



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GROUP LAUNCH begins in April. Scan to learn more about a 10-week Group experience, designed to help you connect in a small group to Gather, Grow, and Go with us here at WBC!

Your first step in Discipleship here at WBC is ALPHA! Learn more at discoverwbc.com/alpha.



MORE INFO



If you have attended ALPHA and are ready to connect with a group, contact Pastor Glen or email info@discoverwbc.com to request more information.

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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 Life Group, please contact Pastor Glen at info@discoverwbc.com. We will train and equip you to lead.

Nancy Rictor's new **D Group** launched in January.



Revelation Study is continuing and is led by Jim Reger on Wednesday nights at 6:45pm.

Tim & Kim Duvall's new *Life Group* was launched in January.



NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Marriage Recommitment Week: Week of Valentine's Day February 11-17



Sunday: Recommit to Following Jesus as Individuals and as a Married Couple.
Monday: Recommit to Handling Each Other's Difference with Grace and Mercy.
Tuesday: Recommit to Communicate Biblically in All Circumstances.
Wednesday: Recommit to Loving Each Other as Christ Loves You.
Thursday: Recommit to Building a Relationship of Trust and Forgiveness.
Friday: Recommit to Dating and Setting Aside Time for Each Other.
Saturday: Recommit to Not Giving Up on Each Other and Your Marriage.



Meet New Members:
Rick & Robin Greenwell

Rick & Robin Greenwell reside here in Westminster. Rick enjoys fishing while Robin's favorite hobby is reading. They serve with MREC and enjoy sharing the Word of God together. Rick's favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 and Robin's favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11.



Join us as we recognize Joy Shradar, Traditional Worship Leader, as she celebrates her 5th year at WBC on Feb 3. We are so thankful for what you do!



GRIEF SHARE signups will be available in the spring at the Care Hub, our website discoverwbc.com/griefshare/, or online at griefshare.org. Let us walk in Biblical Community with you in your grief journey.

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 Thursday 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*

Missionary Spotlight

Steve B. will be traveling back to India to teach courses and seminars. Thanks again for your support of these trips as we invest in meaningful ways to produce a clear, uncompromised Gospel message for pastors and ministry leaders-- that they are in turn, investing in others along with their young congregations. Training in solid Biblical exposition and Gospel centered living is what we are aiming for and it seems to be bearing fruit...to God be the glory!



PARENTING FOCUS

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. This Quarter's Focus is God's View on Parenting vs The World's View.

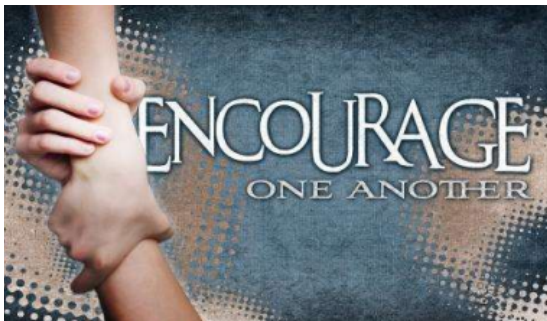
Parenting Forum | February 21 | 6:45-8:15pm
1:1 with Pastor Bill | March 20 | Sign up required



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.

Friendship Valley Elementary

Cookies? Everyone there is a fan of the quarterly Cookie Drop! **The next Cookie Drop is scheduled for February 29th.** Drop home-baked cookies at the church office. Please continue to pray for staff and students there.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Outside The Walls

Please pick up a drawstring bag from the table in the MPR lobby.



The challenge?

Simply be the hands and feet of Jesus by giving your bag to someone who finds themselves without permanent shelter this winter. Encourage them to tell their story and pray for them! Invite them to join us in worship at WBC!

ministry updates

Student Scavenger Hunt



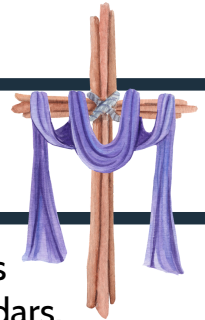
Students get ready for a Scavenger Hunt. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm.

Silver Sages Game Day



Save the date for Silver Sages Game Day on Friday, March 8 at 1:00pm.

Easter Services



Good Friday service will be held at 6:00pm on Friday, March 29. Easter Sunday is March 31 and during the 8:30am service is the Easter Cantata. Mark your calendars.

VBS 2024 | July 8-12

VBS planning has begun and we are ready to help children learn about how "God's Truth Never Changes." Romans 12:2 with this year's theme **Breaker Rock Beach**. If you are interested in volunteering this year or just learn more about what we do, join us for our first planning meeting on March 10th at 12:15pm in the Student Wing. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Barbara Harrison via email at barb@discoverwbc.com.



REBOOT 2024

At the BCMD Youth Evangelism Conference our students focused on growth and outreach through a variety of activities. Students were challenged by Bible Study, worship, recreation, fellowship, and circuits. They enjoyed live music, games, food, friends, small groups, and more!



ministry updates



GO WITH US

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT Mauritania



#23 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations
TOTAL POPULATION: 4,908,000
CHRISTIANS: 10,900
MAIN RELIGION: Islam



Why is Mauritania on the World Watch List?

Any deviation from Islamic belief is strongly opposed in communities and through family pressure. Pressure on converts from Islam to Christianity can be very high, particularly in rural areas where tribal and family ties are especially strict. Violent Islamic extremist groups, like al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO), are particularly active in the country's eastern border regions.

How can I pray with Christians in Mauritania?

Pray for the secret believers of Mauritania as they seek to worship God. Pray for a new openness toward religious expression among government officials. Ask God to open their hearts. Pray that God would provide creative ways for believers to find and support each other in their difficult walk of faith. Ask God to allow more churches to open in Mauritania, and to allow the churches that do exist to worship without fear. Slavery is still rampant in Mauritania. Ask God to overturn this vile practice and to help enslaved people find Him. Conversion to Christianity from Islam is illegal, and carries with it a sentence of death (though no one has actually been executed for this). Pray for any seekers scared of what it means to choose Jesus. Pray that God will strengthen Christians who risk an accusation of blasphemy at every turn.

Haiti Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for the January trip to Haiti for Pastor Glen and Scott Pierson. Training and accountability was given to the pastors we support. Business and Mission discussions happened to encourage sustainable incomes. Pastor Glen and Scott preached at Pastor Rodne's church in Bois Caimen. Visits were made to Idadee and we enjoyed spending time with our sponsored children at Idadee.



Pray for peace to be restored in Haiti so we can mobilize mission teams again. Pray for Mackendy as he studies in seminary in Cap Haitien, Haiti. Pray for the children of Idadee and Ebac orphanages, for their teachers, and their house moms.



Pastor Julio with his school children and Pastor Nevel with his family from Macaty,

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 above or visit discoverwbc.com/start to begin **YOUR NEXT** journey.

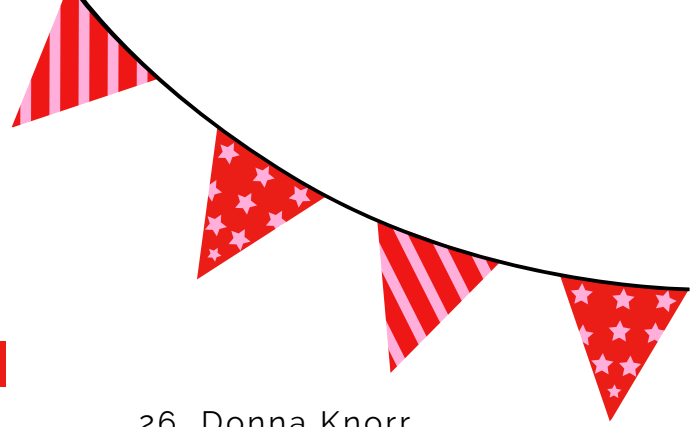
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BIRTHDAYS

February 2024

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| 02 | Lara Graves | 26 | Donna Knorr |
| 03 | Nancy Bickel | 26 | Mary Reeb |
| 03 | Linda Crawford | 27 | Marie Evans |
| 03 | Joshua Smith | 27 | Danielle McDaniel |
| 03 | David Zihmer | | |
| 05 | Randy Gartner | | |
| 06 | Jessica Haugh | | |
| 07 | Savannah Keiffer | | |
| 07 | Jonah Scheffel | | |
| 08 | Laura Hudson | | |
| 10 | Roy Stetler | | |
| 11 | Koltyn Blouse | | |
| 11 | Haven Shoemaker III | | |
| 12 | Lucy Donnelly | | |
| 12 | Jeanne McGillis | | |
| 13 | Reed Fogarty | | |
| 13 | Debbie Maynard | | |
| 13 | Brecken McMillan | | |
| 14 | Joseph Lambert | | |
| 15 | Blanche Barth | | |
| 15 | Vincent Zombro | | |
| 16 | Martha Lewis | | |
| 17 | Barbara Harrison | | |
| 17 | Laura Lingenfelter | | |
| 17 | Javier Lopez-Nunez | | |
| 19 | Elijah Akinrosotu | | |
| 22 | Bryce Davey | | |
| 23 | Kara Petrecca | | |
| 23 | Levi Weber | | |
| 25 | John Branham | | |
| 25 | Eric Davis | | |
| 25 | Trudy McDaniel | | |



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SERMON NOTES:

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GOSPEL RESPONSE

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