

# THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

January

2024



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

01 | New Year's Day | Office Closed  
04 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
07 | Outside the Walls Challenge Launch  
09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
12-14 | Student Reboot  
18 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:00pm  
21 | Parenting Service | 9:30am  
23 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
25 | FVE Teacher Dinner

## 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 | Recommitment Marriage Event | 7:00pm  
16 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12noon  
21 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm  
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  
12 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
13 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm  
15 | Student Scavenger Hunt | 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  
30 | Easter Cantata | 8:30am  
30 | Easter Sunday



JESUS

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**dear church,**

*“Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20–21, CSB)*

God spoke scripture into existence through humans. How gracious is our God to speak through broken people with broken languages? God loves you enough to communicate in the language of His people. Over time that truth was passed down from the original language to our own language! We should all give thanks to God for access to His Word in our language.



**a word from**

**the pastor**

My intent in writing to you is to remind us that our truth is founded on God's Word and not on our own. Truth comes from His Word and not our own interpretation of His Word or our own words detached from His Word. We might have wonderful illustrations and insights, but ultimately the truth is derived from God's Word communicated through authors.

If this is true, then no preacher or teacher should teach a truth outside of scripture. It's easy for us to confuse what we read or hear from humans with what we have from God. Be intentional about deriving your theology and practice in life from God's Word and not from human words.

Here is a good question I ask often: is this derived from God's Word, is this derived from someone teaching me God's Word, or is this derived from someone's own words?

## 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. Either call the church at 410.848.6330 or email [counsel@discoverwbc.com](mailto:counsel@discoverwbc.com). ❤️



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



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YOUTUBE

GROUP LAUNCH GROUP LAUNCH wrapped up in December. 2 new Life Group leaders are now trained to lead new groups in 2024. Congratulations to Tim & Kim Duvall and David and Kristen Zihmer for completing the training.



MORE INFO



## Sunday School Update

Wayne Shrader recently stepped down from leading his class and Lori McQuay is now leading. Jim Fisher's class will merge with Lori McQuay's class beginning in January. A very special thank you for many years of faithfulness and commitment by Wayne and Jim in teaching, preparing, and caring well for their classes. Please welcome Lori as she guides discussions in this class.

If you have attended ALPHA and are ready to connect with a group, contact Pastor Glen or email [info@discoverwbc.com](mailto: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](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 Life Group, please contact Pastor Glen at [info@discoverwbc.com](mailto:info@discoverwbc.com). We will train and equip you to lead.

## BIBLE STUDY

Revelation Study led by Jim Reger is on Wednesday nights at 6:45pm. The class will meet in Room 216 in the sanctuary.



**group  
updates**

# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Occasionally on Sundays at 9:30am we will have a service focused on worship, biblical parenting training, and a parenting discussion. This time will feature our Family Ministry Team investing in our congregation and parents. Rather than doing one conference a year, this allows us to create a culture of biblical parenting throughout the year without parents coming out multiple times during the busy weeks of parenting. We are excited about this opportunity with you.

**When:** 9:30am

**Dates:** 01.21 | 04.21 | 07.21 | 10.20

**Where:** MPR (our gym)

**Who:** Parents and Teens (students will have group discussions in the Student Wing after the training)

**What:** Content will be derived from scripture and supplemented by nationally recognized authors, contributors, and podcasters.

**Frequency:** Quarterly



- Groups that meet at Sunday School can shift to 8:30am or 11:00am if they want to give the opportunity to attend a regular worship service and the Parent Trainings. If so, please contact Pastor Glen ([glen@discoverwbc.com](mailto:glen@discoverwbc.com)) to ensure room space at either 8:30am or 11:00am.
- Each service will have a follow up discussion the next month on a Wednesday night during our regular kids and student programming.
- Both the 8:30am and 11:00am service will be regular worship services.
- Kids Ministry will be available during this time.
- Student Ministry will meet with the congregation at 9:30am and then shift to the Student Wing for their own discussion time.



GRIEF SHARE wrapped up December 2nd. Groups walked in biblical community during their grief journey. New signups will be available in the spring at the Care Hub, our website [discoverwbc.com/griefshare/](http://discoverwbc.com/griefshare/), or online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## 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*



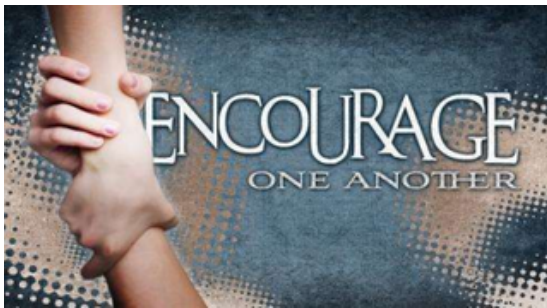
Please be in prayer for our WBC Students during Reboot 2024, January 12-14! Reboot is the BCMD Youth Evangelism Conference focused on growth and outreach through a variety of activities.



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](https://discoverwbc.com/adoption).

## Friendship Valley Elementary

**C**ookies? 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

This local ministry challenge will take place in the months of January and February. Beginning January 7th, please pick up a drawstring bag from the table in the MPR lobby.

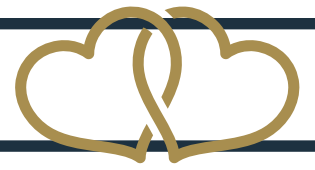


## The challenge?

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**

# Recommitment Marriage Event



Join us for a special event, designed to renew our commitment to healthy marriages and relationships on Friday, February 16 at 7:00pm. Register at [discoverwbc.com/marriageministry/](https://discoverwbc.com/marriageministry/)

## Student Scavenger Hunt



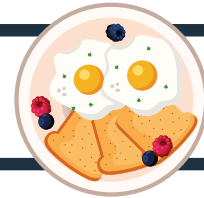
Students get ready for a Scavenger Hunt. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm.

## Silver Sages Game Day



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

## Silver Sages Highlight



In December, our Silver Sages were served a Christmas breakfast by our pastors. Special music was provided by Gary & Ninette LeGates and Lynn Johnson. Christmas charades game was led by Pastor Matt. Christmas carols were sung. Pastor Larry offered a challenging, thoughtful devotion. A special thank you to our chefs-Pastor Bill and PJ.



**ministry  
updates**





# LIGHT IT UP



# GO WITH US

## GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT Algeria



#22 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations  
TOTAL POPULATION: 43,969,000  
CHRISTIANS: 134,000  
MAIN RELIGION: Islam



### Why is Algeria on the 2023 World Watch List?

While Christians make up a tiny percentage of the population of Algeria, they face increasing obstacles to religious freedom. Laws regulating non-Muslim worship ban anything that would “shake the faith of a Muslim” or be used as “a means of seduction intending to convert a Muslim to another religion.”

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

Pray for churches that have been closed to reopen, and for laws forbidding religious freedom to be repealed. Ask God to bring release for Christians arrested or detained for something as simple as selling Christian books. Pray for the leadership of Algeria, that they would be open to religious freedom for people of all faiths. Pray that Algerian Christians who’ve converted from Islam will be protected from harassment, violence and rejection.



Your first step in Discipleship here at WBC is **ALPHA!**

Learn more at [discoverwbc.com/alpha](https://discoverwbc.com/alpha).



## Haiti Update

Pray for Pastor Glen and Scott Pierson as they deploy to Haiti on an assessment trip January 17-22, 2024.

Pray for Pastor Julio Jn Gilles of Bethesda Church and School of Madeline, Haiti. They continue to minister to many in spite of the violence and high prices for their basic needs. This month they celebrated 30 new professions of faith among their students.

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.

WBC has once again funded food distribution at Christmas for the 4 churches we support in Haiti. Thank you church for your faithful giving.



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 Pastor Glen for more info at [glen@discoverwbc.com](mailto:glen@discoverwbc.com).

# missions updates

let's talk about

# YOUR NEXT

## JOIN A GROUP

At WBC we have Sunday School and Life Groups. We believe both are important in the discipleship journey. If you would like more information on how you can join a group, email [info@discoverWBC.com](mailto:info@discoverWBC.com)

Grow Group= classes, sunday schools, and life groups

DGroup= 3-5 people with intentional discipleship

## LEARN MORE ABOUT WBC

Our Church has a mission and vision that is accomplished through intentional strategies. If you would like to learn more about who we are and what we do, attend ALPHA and then join us at DISCOVERCHURCH.

Email [info@discoverWBC.com](mailto:info@discoverWBC.com) for more info!

## WHAT'S YOUR NEXT?

ALPHA is your first step in discipleship at WBC. It's really a place to develop relationships, learn the basics of the Christian life, and to find your place at Westminster Baptist Church. Learn more and sign up at [discoverwbc.com/alpha](http://discoverwbc.com/alpha).

You can also develop relationships in ministries geared towards wherever you are in life, like Kids Ministry, Marriage Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Student Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry, and our growing Groups Ministry.

## THINKING OF SERVING?

If you would like to serve at WBC, talk to a pastor, email [info@discoverwbc.com](mailto:info@discoverwbc.com), or come to the next ChurchLink. ChurchLink puts all our ministries on display and lets you meet those who serve in the ministry to discuss next steps.

## INTERESTED IN DGROUPS?

You might be wondering, what is a DGroup? A DGroup is a discipleship group. It consists of 3-5 people who are in a discipleship relationship for about 18 months. Whether you want to lead one or be a part of one, we have openings! We'd love to train you and resource you so that you can lead one! If you want to lead or join a DGroup, email Pastor Matt at [matt@discoverwbc.com](mailto:matt@discoverwbc.com)

## GET A KICKSTART ON THE DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

We believe God has called us to make disciples. But often times the Church is too confusing on what it means to be a Christian and how to start the Christian journey. ALPHA is a journey to spend 4 weeks growing in the essentials of Christian discipleship, followed by 2 optional membership weeks. Email [info@discoverWBC.com](mailto:info@discoverWBC.com) to be a part of the ALPHA journey.

## THINKING GROUPS?

If you are considering a group, we have Sunday Schools, Life Groups, and Discipleship Groups. Think about them like Jesus ministry, you have His teaching ministry with many people, His life on life ministry with the twelve disciples, and then His intimate discipleship ministry with Peter, James, and John. If you would like to get connected to a group, simply reach out to [info@discoverwbc.com](mailto:info@discoverwbc.com) and we will plug you into a group. Or, ask when the next Grouplaunch is. Grouplaunch exists to link you to a group. Groups are visible and leaders are present so that you can interact with potential group leaders.

# BIRTHDAYS

## January 2024

- 04 Holly Garman
- 05 Denise Meads
- 05 Debbie Mundie
- 05 Alan Evans
- 06 Dave Eckard
- 06 Steven Evans
- 07 Warren Sparrow
- 07 Lauren Stair
- 08 Debbie Eckard
- 08 Sarah Branham
- 08 Violet Sweep
- 12 Nathalie McCutcheon
- 13 Marlene Cole
- 13 Debra Reinhardt
- 13 Jake Evangelist
- 13 Audrey Coulter
- 15 Micah Zihmer
- 16 Lainani Blaney
- 16 Savannah Link
- 17 Vicki Mattingly
- 19 Kristen Zihmer
- 21 Megan Blouse
- 24 Portia Owens
- 25 Richard Hodges
- 25 Ireoluwa Agboyinu
- 25 Xavier Repp
- 26 Haven Shoemaker Jr
- 26 Kash Blouse
- 27 Brayden Dease
- 27 Janet Stout
- 27 Stephen Winkler
- 29 Kaycee Nelson
- 31 Lisa Green



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# SERMON NOTES:

**TEXT**

**MAIN  
POINT**

**NOTES**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**MY NEXT**