

THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

April

2024



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 01 | Easter Monday | Church Office Closed
- 04 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 04 | Grief Share | 2:00pm (13 weeks)
- 09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 11 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 18 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 18 | Boston Inn Soup Ministry | 4:30pm
- 19 | Shepherds Table 12:00 pm
- 21 | Parenting Service | 9:30am
- 22 | Red Cross Blood Drive | 12:30pm - 5:30pm
- 23 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 25 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 27 | Westminster Rescue Mission Tea | 10:30am

May

- 02 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 02 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 05 | Pastor Glen 10th Anniversary Celebration | 12:30pm
- 09 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 12 | Mother's Day | Baptisms | New Members | Baby Dedications
- 14 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 16 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 16 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 19 | Silver Sages & SALT Hymn Sing | 5:00pm
- 22 | Parenting Follow-up & Discussion | 6:45pm
- 23 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 27 | Memorial Day | Church Office Closed
- 28 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 30 | Grief Share | 2:00pm

June

- 06 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 06 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 11 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 12 | Kids Ministry End of Year Party | 6:45pm
- 12 | Students Ministry End of Year Slip-n-Slide | 6:45pm
- 13 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 16 | Father's Day
- 20 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 20 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 25 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 27 | Grief Share | 2:00pm



JESUS

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dear church,

What if Jesus was at church this Sunday, but none of your preferences were? Would you come? Would you come if the sermon was longer, but Jesus was there? Would you come if the chairs were harder, but Jesus was there? Would you come if the temperature was terrible, but Jesus was there? Would you come if the music was not even close to your style, but Jesus was there? Would you come if there was no Kids Ministry or Student Ministry, but Jesus was there? Would you come if we did communion every Sunday, but Jesus was there? Would you come if your favorite instruments weren't there, but Jesus was? Would you come if there was more or less tech than you like, but Jesus was there? Would you come if the church was or wasn't committee-led, but Jesus was there? Would you come if Jesus was at WBC, but your preference wasn't?



a word from

the pastor

If God's presence is at church on Sunday, it won't be because our preferences align in beautiful harmony, it will be because we have been "built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit." May God be with us.

"So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:19-22, CSB

Jesus will be here this Sunday, so it really doesn't matter if our preferences are.

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



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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YOUTUBE

Join us for a luncheon to celebrate Pastor Glen's 10th Anniversary at WBC, on Sunday, May 5th, at 12:30pm in the MPR! Sign up in the lobbies by April 21st.



Celebrating
— 10 YEARS —

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



ALPHA



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.



12 JUNE

Kids Ministry End of Year Party!



Student Ministry
End of Year Slip-n-Slide Party!



group updates

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies' Auxiliary Tea

April 22 | 10:30am - 1:00pm | @WBC



Enjoy an afternoon of fun and food while supporting the **Westminster Rescue Mission**. Ticket prices are \$20 per person or \$165 for a table of 8. Featuring tea sandwiches, scones, salad, pastries and tea along with a silent auction and craft tables.

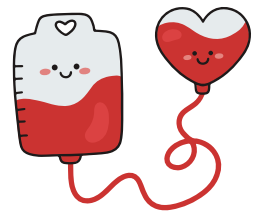


Please contact Michele Downs at 443-985-6839 or via email micheledowns4@gmail.com OR Judy Andrews at 410-552-9522 ext. 7 or via email jamusic53@yahoo.com.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive is April 22nd, from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Appointments necessary. Sign up at redcrossblood.org/donate and follow instructions for Westminster Baptist Church site for April 22 OR use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Besides donors, we also need volunteers to assist with Registration, Welcome, and Refreshments.

Call Nancy Bickel at 410-871-2073 with questions or to volunteer on the day of the Blood Drive.



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 People vs The World's View.

Sunday, April 21st only at the 9:30 Service



Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Christ called the church to love others and serve our community. For 50 years, many churches have partnered with Westminster Rescue Mission to act as His hands and feet. We simply couldn't reach every soul in need without the selfless love and generosity of our brothers and sisters in the church.

There are so many opportunities for your church to share God's love with precious men, women, and children.

Opportunities Include:

- Volunteering Throughout the Mission
- Special Initiatives & Community Outreach
- Coats, Socks & Underwear Drive
- Ministry Opportunities
- Bible Studies
- Church Mentoring
- Monthly Financial Support



GRIEF SHARE is starting back up again beginning April 4. Groups walk in biblical community for 13 weeks during their grief journey. New signups will be available at the Care Hub, our website, or online at griefshare.org.

Please be in prayer for...

- Missionaries in persecuted countries.
- Luke & Alyssa Miller and their new baby due in April.
- Praise for missionary's return from India!

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS
ROMANS 12:2

It's time for **VBS 2024!** WBC will be presenting Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 8 -12. The setting is the Pacific Northwest, where rugged beaches teem with wildlife and waves crash against huge rock formations jutting from the ocean. This is what God's rock-solid truth looks like amidst today's waves and shifting sands of popular opinion. Register Now!



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.

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*

Friendship Valley Elementary

Today some members dropped off trays of cookies/muffins etc. for all the staff. I wanted to leave a thank you note but worried it might get lost or accidentally thrown away. Not only were they absolutely delicious but they put smiles on so many faces. I even said that I hope whoever helped make and delivered these knows how much we all appreciate what they did, and so many agreed. Personally for me it took what was a very trying day and turned it around to have a simple pleasure and be grateful again. Hope our thank you makes it to those who were a part of this special surprise. - Tasha Graham (SSA at Friendship Valley Elementary)

Thank you



ministry updates



GO WITH US

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHT Turkmenistan



#25 on the World Watch List of Persecuted Nations
TOTAL POPULATION: 6,117,000
CHRISTIANS: 67,300
MAIN RELIGION: Islam



Why is Turkmenistan on the World Watch List?

The government in Turkmenistan cracks down on anything perceived to be a threat to its rule. Church leaders in Turkmenistan are especially targeted for persecution because Muslims hold them responsible for leading people away from Islam. And Christians who have converted from Islam face significant pressure, even violence, from family and their communities.

How can I pray with Christians in Turkmenistan?

Pray for pastors who risk false accusations and jail. Ask God to give them both wisdom and courage as they lead. Pray with ex-prisoners like to be able to stand strong and return to lead their communities through the pain of persecution. Ask God to reach the hearts of Turkmenistan authorities. The president acts as a dictator, and his rule stretches over every part of society. Pray that Christians would be strengthened with the knowledge that they are part of a global Church, and not on their own. Pray for peace and order in the former Soviet republic, where its citizens are subjected to the current president's random edicts and dictator-style leadership.

Haiti Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for the upcoming Haiti Team. A Team led by Pastor Glen and Scott Pierson will be focusing on pastor training and Business as Mission training. Pray for the following team members as we prepare to engage the Haitian culture and for the country that is in desperate need for Jesus.



- April 2024 Team
- Pastor Glen Willet
- Scott Pierson
- Tim & Kim Duvall
- Josh & Ashley Davis
- Carson Fogarty
- Jane Cassidy
- Lisette Garcia



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

April

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| 01 | Bella Eikenberg | 25 | Kace Blouse |
| 02 | Linnea Randolph-Lopez | 25 | April Claggett |
| 02 | Ridley Reuss | 26 | Rachel McMillan |
| 03 | Mark Figley | 26 | Shirley Miller |
| 03 | Troy Goode | 27 | Lily Knorr |
| 04 | Eliza Dorsey | 27 | Waylon Sporer |
| 04 | Kayden Mullis | 28 | Evelyn Lucado |
| 04 | Luke Smith | 28 | Olivia McNally |
| 05 | Sunny Shin | 29 | Brandon Haugh |
| 06 | Caitlin Fogarty | | |
| 07 | Emery Haugh | | |
| 07 | Skylar Mowers | | |
| 07 | Jennifer Steen | | |
| 08 | Thom Meads | | |
| 09 | Clint Petrecca | | |
| 10 | Dimeon Wright | | |
| 12 | Grant Gambrell | | |
| 14 | Sarah Booth | | |
| 15 | Donna Gault | | |
| 17 | Adeline Wesley | | |
| 18 | Landon Cook | | |
| 18 | Fiona Kelly | | |
| 19 | Aine Chen | | |
| 19 | Ashley Davis | | |
| 19 | Haddie McMillan | | |
| 20 | Gabe McDaniel | | |
| 21 | Dianna Carroll | | |
| 21 | Debbie Garland | | |
| 21 | Garrett Vandervalk | | |
| 21 | Carol Wilson | | |
| 22 | Emily Upham | | |
| 24 | Catherine Vandervalk | | |
| 24 | Didi Wright | | |



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SERMON NOTES:

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