

# THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

December

2024



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*we make disciples*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## December

05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
07 | Women's Ministry Christmas Tea | 11:00am  
10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
11 | Outside the Walls Gift Return Deadline  
17 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
18 | Student Ministry Christmas Party | 6:45pm  
19 | Silver Sages Christmas Breakfast | WBC | 9:00am  
19 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm  
20 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 12:00pm  
24 | Christmas Eve Service | 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm  
25 | Christmas Day | Church Offices Closed  
25 | No Group Activities

## 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 | 4:30pm  
17 | C3 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 | 4:30pm  
26 | ALPHA 1 | 6:45pm  
25 | Heart to Heart | 9:30am

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# dear church,

Advent came from the Latin word *adventus*, a translation of the Greek word *Parousia*, which refers to the second coming of Jesus. Throughout church history, the advent was a celebration of both the coming of Jesus as a baby and the second coming of Jesus as the victorious King. The birth of Jesus naturally evokes a thankfulness that God came and dwelt among us. Let it also stir up an excitement for His return.

When you speak of the coming of Jesus, remember He is coming back. Advent celebrations, including Christmas, should find us battling the fleshly desires of excess, greed, envy, and busyness. We can continue to celebrate the incarnation and second coming by fasting, embracing simplicity, and enjoying sabbath during this season. Celebrate the fun components of this season, but gauge it, and mitigate the opportunity for sin to creep in. Consider how much more of an impact it will make on your life and those around you when you live by your discipline in the midst of an undisciplined world in an undisciplined season. Merry Christmas is a declaration that He came and He is coming back! How will that impact you this season?

*"May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen."* (1 Thessalonians 3:13, CSB, bold added to show use of *Parousia/adventus*)

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



# a word from the pastor



The Ferguson Ladies group gathered this month to make Christmas Stockings that benefit and share the Good News of Jesus with area children through the Shepherd's Staff. The class is led by Lina Ferguson, and studies Exploring God's Word on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

Our **Shepherd's Table Ministry** team has a request for the December 20th Soup Kitchen. They need new or clean used hats, gloves, scarves to provide for men and women clients who visit that day.

Labeled box will be in foyer to drop off donations.



## 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](https://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

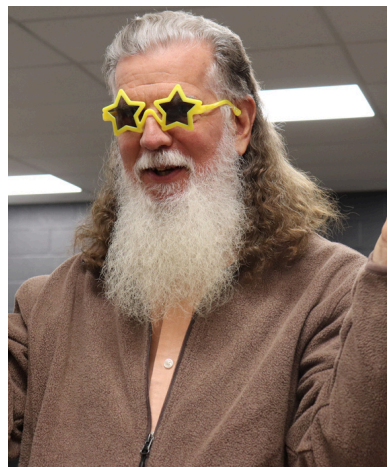
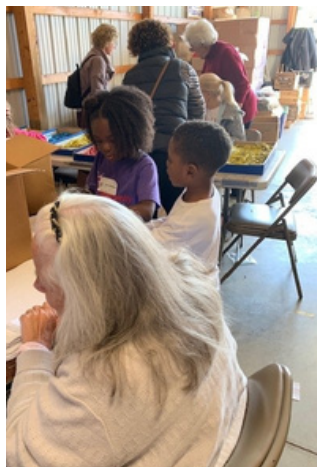
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## group updates



# WBC COMMUNITY





# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Welcome New Members



### Gail Stuart

**Family:** 2 grown sons, Rick and Zach

**City of Residence :** Westminster

**Hobbies :** I love to garden, read, and play pickleball.

**Favorite Scripture :** "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7

**Where have you gone local or global?** I served with the IMB in Rwanda Africa for 2 years in partnership with the Baptist Convention of MD/DEL, helping teams of volunteers with various projects.

# Welcome

### Jeff and Tracy Kent

**Family:** Our three children, Jeanine, Nate and Jess and our son-in-law, Isaac and our grandson, Josiah

**City of Residence :** Westminster

**Hobbies :** Jeff enjoys coaching football. Tracy enjoys pickleball and photography

**Favorite Scripture :** Jeff - Matthew 6:33; Tracy Phil 4:13

**Where have you gone local or global?** We both served at Friendship Baptist Church in Sykesville.

**Praises:** We love to travel to watch our two younger children play for their college sports teams.



# CHRISTMAS

## AT WESTMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

DEC 24 | 3:00PM | 4:30PM | 6:00PM

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# 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.



**Christmas cookies** are needed for Boston Inn Ministry on Dec. 19th.

Please drop off at church office.



thank you



The Parent/Teacher organization at **Friendship Valley Elementary** partnered with us to collect dry goods this past month. They collected 1,026 items that will be used to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to those in need, including both FVE and WBC families. We are so grateful for our FVE "Good Neighbor Outreach" that allows us to show the love of Jesus to others!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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and more

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## OCC Results

- 1050 boxes packed at Spring Meadow Station
- WBC member boxes: 127 boxes packed by WBC members (32 packed at Student Packing Event).



These boxes will provide needed items and spread the Good News of Jesus to children globally! Thank you to all who participated!



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

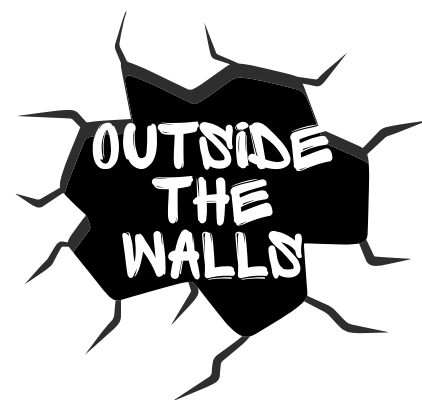
Wednesday | December 11 | One-on-Ones | 6:45pm - 8:15pm  
Please email [bill@discoverwbc.com](mailto:bill@discoverwbc.com) for signup spot.



## OUTSIDE THE WALLS - Christmas Focus! Opportunity for all to be the hands and feet of Jesus this Christmas!

Join with your DGroup, Life Group, Sunday School, family, or as an individual to provide gifts for a child in need. God has provided us with two ways to provide Christmas gifts for others:

1. Join the staff at Friendship Valley Elementary School to help provide Christmas gifts for children of families that are facing financial challenges.
2. Partner with The Salvation Army to provide gifts for 4 families that our church has adopted for Christmas.



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



**GIFT TREE TAGS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY  
DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF PURCHASED GIFTS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

Please email Kim Duvall at [kim@discoverwbc.com](mailto:kim@discoverwbc.com) with any questions.

## 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:

In November we mobilized a team to Cap Haitien, Haiti. Our God went before and carried our team step-by-step to reveal amazing opportunities for continued WBC and Zeal Mission Society ministry moving forward. We had the fortunate opportunity to meet with an American missionary, Kacie Saint-Fidor, Director of Cap Haitien Christian School. Her team is doing incredible work bringing up k-12 students in Haiti to pursue higher education and return to Cap Haitien post university to be leaders in the community. The alignment opportunities between the school and our efforts to support Business as Missions long term in Haiti are easily recognizable. Please pray for God's will to be done with all that lays in front of WBC, Zeal, and CHCS.

## Pray for Haiti

While in Haiti, our team also met with Pastor Mackendy, Pastor Augusma, and Pastor Rodne'. All of which appreciate your prayers during this season 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**



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# 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

## December

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|----|--------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 02 | Eric Brown         | 24 | Justin Wean               |
| 02 | Alethia Hauffman   | 25 | Noah Eikenberg            |
| 02 | Sawyer Leppo       | 27 | Micah Parker              |
| 02 | Patty Shoemaker    | 28 | Maybelle Randolph         |
| 03 | Logan Claggett     | 29 | Rebecca Keiffer           |
| 03 | Ashley Weber       | 29 | Everleigh (Evie) McMillan |
| 05 | Jim Bird           | 30 | Amelia Lucado             |
| 05 | Byron Emerick      | 30 | Noel McCutcheon           |
| 05 | Bill Freeman       | 30 | Joy Hjelle                |
| 07 | Spicy Naugle       | 31 | Angela Link               |
| 07 | Akilah Stover      |    |                           |
| 09 | Tim Duvall         |    |                           |
| 09 | Fran Miller        |    |                           |
| 10 | Caroline Baseman   |    |                           |
| 10 | Chris Hauffman     |    |                           |
| 11 | Kim Mullins Duvall |    |                           |
| 12 | Simeon Wright Jr   |    |                           |
| 13 | Heath Graves       |    |                           |
| 14 | Valerie Probst     |    |                           |
| 15 | Josh Duvall        |    |                           |
| 15 | Meredith Garland   |    |                           |
| 15 | Davey-Wilder Leppo |    |                           |
| 16 | Charlie Claggett   |    |                           |
| 16 | Logan Dandorf      |    |                           |
| 16 | Lina Ferguson      |    |                           |
| 16 | Bean Merson        |    |                           |
| 17 | McKenna Fogarty    |    |                           |
| 19 | Theodore Klocek    |    |                           |
| 20 | Huck Hinton        |    |                           |
| 20 | Kodi Johnson       |    |                           |
| 20 | Michael Smith      |    |                           |
| 21 | Jill Kraft         |    |                           |
| 22 | Ira Leppo          |    |                           |



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# SERMON NOTES:

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