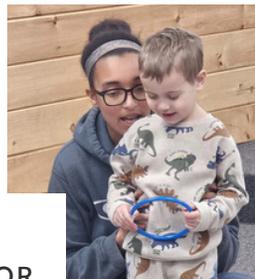


THE BULLETIN

CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

March

2025



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we make disciples

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 05 | ALPHA 2 | 6:45pm
- 06 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 06 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 11 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 12 | ALPHA 3 | 6:45pm
- 13 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 19 | DISCOVER Christ | 6:45pm
- 20 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 20 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 21 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 11:00am
- 22 | Student Roller Skating
- 25 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 26 | DISCOVER Community | 6:45pm
- 27 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 28-30 | Send Relief Serve Tour in Virginia Beach/Norfolk

APRIL

- 02 | DISCOVER Church | 6:45pm
- 03 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 03 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 08 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 10 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 17 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 17 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 18 | Good Friday
- 20 | Easter Sunday
- 22 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 24 | Grief Share | 2:00pm

MAY

- 01 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
- 08 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 09 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 11:00am
- 09 | C5 Leadership Training | 6:00pm
- 11 | Mother's Day Fellowship | 9:30am
- 13 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
- 15 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 15 | Friendship Valley Elementary Cookie Drop
- 15 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
- 22 | Grief Share | 2:00pm
- 27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
- 29 | Grief Share | 2:00pm

dear church,

Have you ever tried to help someone who constantly lied to you? It's hard to help because you never know what they actually need. We used to call this the boy who cried wolf. But, the reality of the situation is there are desperate people needing the gospel who only know how to lie to get what they think they need rather than facing the truth to see how the gospel meets them at the clash of grace and truth. Let's take a look at some of the backstory, and then revisit the ministry side.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24, CSB)

The truth is, we are all sinners, but it's at the point of being found in our sin that God graciously declares us to be His children, freed and forgiven of all our sin. When you learn more about yourself, it should evoke thankfulness for God's grace, not the need to lie about your struggles. For instance:



**a word from
the pastor**

TRUTH	LIE
Their addiction to substances needs a work of the Holy Spirit.	They aren't addicted, they just enjoy it.
Their struggling marriage desperately needs Jesus' grace and a new way to love.	Their marriage struggles but so does everyone else's, so it's fine.
Their slandering has lost them all their community.	Their community is just too soft.
Their financial strains need God's wisdom and a breaking down idols.	They just need to figure it out or work harder.
Their treatment of the least of these needs the compassion of God.	They let other people do their own thing.

Many more scenarios could be put in this Table. The problem is, we all find ourselves wrestling with the reality of our struggle and the desire to defend, protect, or distort it so we can continue in the sin. It's hard to minister to others until we are honest with ourselves. We need Jesus. The truth is, we can lie our way through life, but it will only result in death. But, if we tell the truth, we will find life. Our only hope is that the truth of the gospel will save us despite the truth of our sin. Now, let's jump back to the ministry side of it.

What if someone is constantly lying to you and it becomes nearly impossible to help them because you don't know what to do?

I encourage you to speak the truth in love. In order to do so, I have given you some advice below. But, we offer more extensive training on each of these four in our leadership email and podcast that was sent out for March. So, start here:

1. Discern what is the truth in a particular situation
2. Filter the story through God's truth
3. Deliver the truth with the intent to be life giving
4. Offer words of hope for life in the midst of any difficult truth

If you follow this four-step guideline, you will begin to speak the truth in love. Start simple and small. Work with someone you trust and offer these steps, then mature and move to those you really want to help but it's hard to convey truth to them. Pray the Holy Spirit gives you wisdom and that He will work in and through you for the recipient to find new life in Christ.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come." (John 16:13, CSB)

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

DISCOVER

CHRIST ● COMMUNITY ● CHURCH



Join us in prayer for The Serve Tour Group, a collaborative effort between churches, associations, your state convention, and Send Relief. The Serve Tour aims to inspire Southern Baptists across North America to engage in compassion ministry by providing opportunities for churches to participate in impactful ministry projects in one specific city. Through this initiative, we have the chance to demonstrate Christ's love to our neighbors and communities. Let's lift up The Serve Tour Group, serving March 28-30, in prayer as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus, showing His love through service.

*"Do everything in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14 (CSB)*



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. If you have attended ALPHA and DISCOVER and are ready to connect with a group, please contact us at groups@discoverwbc.com. Next ALPHA begins soon!

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

▶ READ MORE



group updates

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



THURSDAYS

2:00 - 3:30pm
beginning March 6

HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT AFTER THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE, CHILD, FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND.

A 13-week program that includes video seminars, group discussions, and a personal workbook.

Signup in the lobby or online at discoverwbc.com/griefshare/



Good Friday | April 18
Easter Sunday | April 20



Student
Roller Skating
March 22



VBS 2025 JULY 14-18



"Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt His name together."

Psalm 34:3 (CSB)



NEW!

"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



The Westminster Rescue Mission has announced that they are launching a Recovery Home for Pregnant Women and Women with Children. It is specifically designed to support mothers and their children as they embark on their journey to recovery. It is a group housing model that includes a live-in caretaker. Please pray for these families and for those who will care for them! Are you a woman interested in serving these moms? Email kim@discoverwbc.com.

There are other ways to serve at the WRM - Opportunities include: • Volunteering throughout the Mission • Ministry opportunities • Bible studies • Church mentoring • Monthly financial support.



Scan for opportunities or email Kim at kim@discoverwbc.com if you are interested in learning more!

SALT DEEPER

SALT young adults

An Intensive Training for Young Adults



Last month, SALT gathered for an incredible night of learning and fellowship as they dove into Sound Theology.



This event aimed to equip young adults with a deeper understanding of the Bible, helping them to use Scripture to answer life's biggest questions.



ministry updates



GO WITH US

Pray for the Nations

North Korea

Christian Population: 400,000

Main Religion: Agnosticism

Please pray that God will give Christians, both in and outside North Korea, eyes to see His light amid the darkness.



GLOBAL MISSIONS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | HAITI



The first meeting for those interested in Global Missions was held on Sunday, February 23rd. Trips to Dominican Republic and Haiti will take place late this summer and in the fall. Please begin to pray about how you can answer the call to missions, whether in your neighborhood, the city, or globally. For more information on the upcoming global opportunities, please email Scott Pierson for more details at scott@discoverwbc.com.

Pray for 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.
- Pray for the believers in Haiti to actively engage the communities to cultivate and influence culture to better serve God. Pray for transformed hearts.
- Pray for the Lord to disrupt the efforts of the enemy to discredit and shut down the work. Pray for those who fight against the ministry that God will open their eyes and heart to the truth.



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.

S T A R T
H E R E



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IT
UP



BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

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| 03 | Cindy Bryson | 25 | Dwayne Lucado |
| 03 | Carol Ann Parsons | 26 | Bob Bickel |
| 04 | Will Brown | 26 | Rachel Cuffley |
| 04 | Jim McNally | 26 | Terri McMichael |
| 05 | Dallas Mullis | 26 | Lillian Sweep |
| 06 | Kelly Keiffer | 27 | Jeremy Goodwin |
| 07 | Alex Jones | 27 | Phil McDaniel |
| 07 | Steele Parks | 27 | Alisa Welker |
| 09 | Trevor Scott | 29 | Nick Cappadora |
| 10 | Joelle Scott | 29 | Robin Greenwell |
| 11 | Matthew Eckard | 29 | Steve Sullivan |
| 12 | Genevieve Dorsey | | |
| 12 | Adam Koslosky | | |
| 12 | Jessie Pierson | | |
| 12 | Renee Wantz | | |
| 13 | Emmalyn Machamer | | |
| 14 | Chase Remmers | | |
| 14 | Sophia Williamson | | |
| 15 | Steve Green | | |
| 15 | Tracy Kent | | |
| 16 | Bishop Walters | | |
| 16 | Sloane Walters | | |
| 18 | Sally Bird | | |
| 19 | Zachary Brown | | |
| 19 | Lauren Coon | | |
| 20 | Sarah Winkler | | |
| 21 | Grant Baseman | | |
| 21 | Rachel Steen | | |
| 22 | Bud Carroll | | |
| 22 | Adelyn Haugh | | |
| 23 | Margaret Leshner | | |
| 24 | Breonna McGowen | | |
| 24 | Kelly Sullivan | | |
| 25 | Inioluwa Agboyinu | | |



westminster**baptist**



SERMON NOTES:

TEXT

**MAIN
POINT**

NOTES

GOSPEL RESPONSE

MY NEXT