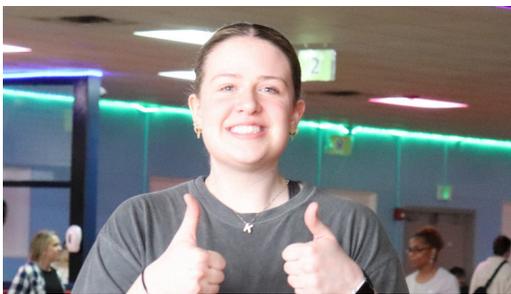


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CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

April

2025



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*we make disciples*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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  
21 | Easter Monday | Church Offices Closed  
22 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
24 | Grief Share | 2:00pm

## May

01 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
01 | Grief Share | 2:00pm  
06 | Friendship Valley Elementary Cookie/Muffin Drop  
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 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm  
22 | Grief Share | 2:00pm  
26 | Memorial Day | Church Office Closed  
27 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
29 | Grief Share | 2:00pm

## June

05 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm  
10 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am  
15 | Father's Day  
19 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm  
24 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am  
30-04 | Students at MFUGE - VA Beach

**dear church,**

How do we deal with a moral dilemma? What if you have two options and both seem to be right or both seem to be wrong? What about difficult questions related to the Christian life, like can my business stay open on Sabbath OR should I serve in the military OR is it ever right to lie OR how to think about end of life care with modern healthcare? Is there an absolute truth that guides us in all these questions or is it relative to what ends up making you feel good or someone else feel good? What is the goal of a decision, to worship God or to advance self?

Let's start with worship of God and move forward. I can't answer every moral dilemma you face, but I can give you a quick tip on how to face every moral dilemma (for more in-depth resources, check out our podcast). The end goal of ethics is to worship God. So, how can we think about moral dilemmas in light of worshipping God? First, our decision-making should be about discerning biblical truth for a particular situation. We sort out a situation by discerning what God's Word says about the situation so that we can make a wise decision. Second, our actions and thoughts are guided by biblical truth (absolute truth that can be known).



**a word from  
the pastor**

We need to consult God in prayer, God's Word in study, and God's people for refining. Every cause (action or thought) should stem from discernment and wisdom so that it is obedient to the biblical truth. Third, every cause results in a life-giving or death-giving consequence. By life-giving, I mean peace, joy, kindness, etc. By death-giving, I mean pain, division, loneliness, etc. Finally, every consequence leads to an impact, whether generating a feeling or generating a becoming. Feelings are fleeting, but becoming virtuous has a long-term impact. Our decision-making needs to be influenced by the impact we intend to have.

As we think about becoming virtuous rather than being trapped in vice, we need to adjust our decisions, causes, and consequences to align to the impact we desire in Christ. In this method of facing moral dilemmas, we do not focus on any one category (decision, cause, consequence, or impact) but rather on seeing every part of the ethical process as important to God. When we do this well, we will worship God with our lives.

*"His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." (2 Peter 1:3, CSB)*

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





## Friendship Valley Elementary

### Cookies and Muffins Needed!



Are you good at baking or just love cookies and/or muffins? **The next cookie/muffin Drop is scheduled for May 6th.** Please drop home-baked goods off at the church office closer to the drop date. Thank you for your support to FVE.

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 soon!

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

▶ READ MORE



# group updates

# NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Our spring blood drive is April 8th from 12:30-5:30pm in the WBC multipurpose room. We partner with the American Red Cross every year to help meet the critical need for blood, totally depending on volunteer donors like you. It is a fact that only 3 out of 100 people donate blood! Our goal of 30 donors is attainable with your help. Our church volunteers are here to welcome you and assist. It takes about 35 minutes especially when the Rapid Pass online is completed ahead of time. Let us help our community in this outreach service!

### Roll up your Sleeves & Donate Blood!

# 08 APR

Appointments are made several ways:

1. Go online to [RedCrossBlood.org/donate](https://RedCrossBlood.org/donate) to schedule your time at the Westminster Church site.
2. Call Nancy Bickel at: 410-871-2073 for scheduling or questions.
3. There is also a schedule at the Welcome Center.

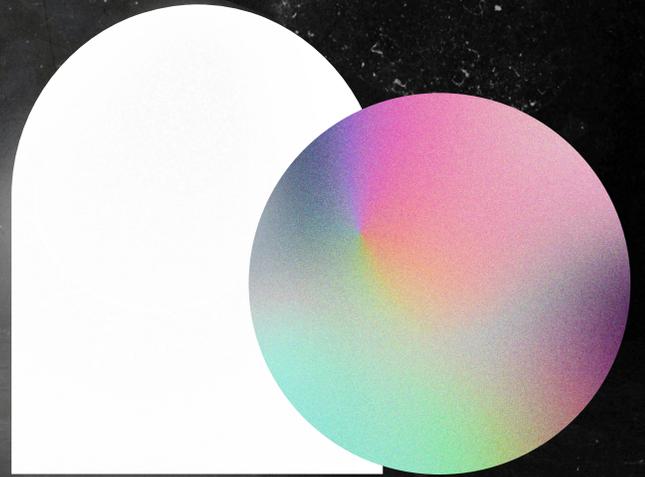
Thank You,  
Nancy Bickel, RC Program Leader

JOIN US FOR

# EASTER 2025



HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS



## VBS 2025 JULY 14-18

*"Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me; let us exalt His name together."*  
Psalm 34:3 (CSB)





Our J.A.M.S. (Jesus and Me) Special Needs Class is leading a Local Missions project! They will be giving out envelopes for an offering to join Joy Shrader Hjelle's church in Tennessee to build replacement homes for those who lost their homes during Hurricane Helene. Look for them in the lobby during the week of March 30th! Donations will be accepted through April 27th. Scan the QR Code or visit [gfcnow.com/fivein2025/](http://gfcnow.com/fivein2025/) for additional opportunities to serve. \_\_\_\_\_ ♥ \_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kim@discoverwbc.com) if you are interested in learning more!



The Mission "In a loving response to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to feed his sheep, The Shepherd's Staff exists to reach out to those in crisis, to aid those in need, to support those in trouble, to seek out and encourage pathways to self-sufficiency, and to be a witness for Christ in our community."



One way WBC volunteers support Shepherd's Staff is through the Easter Basket Drive. One of our ladies' Sunday School classes, led by Lina Ferguson, collects items during the year to put in the baskets, which are then given to families in need, along with the true message of hope at Easter.

Another part of the ministry is THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE. Each Friday a noon meal is served at the Westminster UMC (Thank you WUMC for the use of your space!). Westminster Baptist Church Volunteers serve regularly at this outreach. Interested in serving? Contact Kim at [kim@discoverwbc.com](mailto:kim@discoverwbc.com) for more information.

**ministry  
updates**



# GO WITH US



## GLOBAL MISSIONS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | HAITI



On August 3-9 in Barahona, Dominican Republic and Cap Haitian, Haiti, a 12-person team will engage with the Church renovation and food distribution in Barahona. A 4-person team will travel to Cap Haitian for a portion of the week to continue ZEAL BAM efforts, networking, and initiate a playground project at school. A 5-person team will assist with fundraising, travel planning, logistical support and marketing. Please begin to pray, about going with or enabling the team. The first meeting will be held Sunday, April 27th at 12:15pm in the WBC Student Wing. Please contact Scott Pierson at [Scott@discoverwbc.com](mailto:Scott@discoverwbc.com) with any questions.



On March 28-30, 16 people from WBC served at the Send Relief Serve Tour event in VA Beach, VA. We joined with another church to serve breakfast and lunch at the Beacon of Hope Outreach, which provides temporary housing, food, resources, and the hope of Jesus to those in need. God blessed the teams' willingness to GO in so many ways!



# 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](https://discoverwbc.com/start) to begin **YOUR NEXT** journey.

**START  
HERE**



**LIGHT  
IT  
UP**



# BIRTHDAYS



## April

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 01 | Bella Eikenberg      | 26 | Rachel McMillan   |
| 02 | innea Randolph-Lopez | 27 | Lily Knorr        |
| 02 | Ridley Reuss         | 27 | Colton McGowen    |
| 03 | Mark Figley          | 27 | Waylon Sporer     |
| 03 | Troy Goode           | 28 | Evelyn Lucado     |
| 04 | Eliza Dorsey         | 28 | Olivia McNally    |
| 04 | Kayden Mullis        | 29 | Brandon Haugh     |
| 04 | Luke Smith           | 30 | Dreama Huntzberry |
| 05 | Sunny Shin           |    |                   |
| 06 | Cait Fogarty         |    |                   |
| 06 | Mason Reed           |    |                   |
| 07 | Emery Haugh          |    |                   |
| 07 | Jenn Steen           |    |                   |
| 08 | Riley Bland          |    |                   |
| 08 | Thom Meads           |    |                   |
| 10 | Dimeon Wright        |    |                   |
| 12 | Grant Gambrell       |    |                   |
| 14 | Sarah Booth          |    |                   |
| 15 | Donna Gault          |    |                   |
| 15 | Samantha Trcka       |    |                   |
| 17 | Adeline Wesley       |    |                   |
| 18 | Fiona Kelly          |    |                   |
| 19 | George Biden         |    |                   |
| 19 | Aine Chen            |    |                   |
| 19 | Ashley Davis         |    |                   |
| 19 | Haddie McMillan      |    |                   |
| 20 | Gabe McDaniel        |    |                   |
| 21 | Dianna Carroll       |    |                   |
| 21 | Debbie Garland       |    |                   |
| 21 | Garrett Vandervalk   |    |                   |
| 24 | Catherine Vandervalk |    |                   |
| 24 | Didi Wright          |    |                   |
| 25 | Kace Blouse          |    |                   |
| 25 | April Claggett       |    |                   |



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# SERMON NOTES:

**TEXT**

**MAIN  
POINT**

**NOTES**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**MY NEXT**