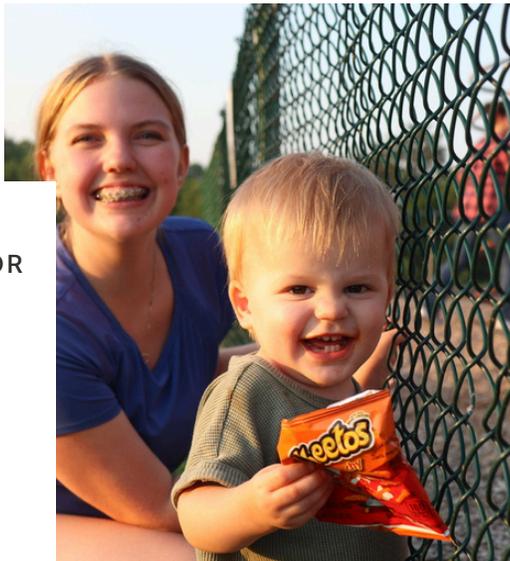
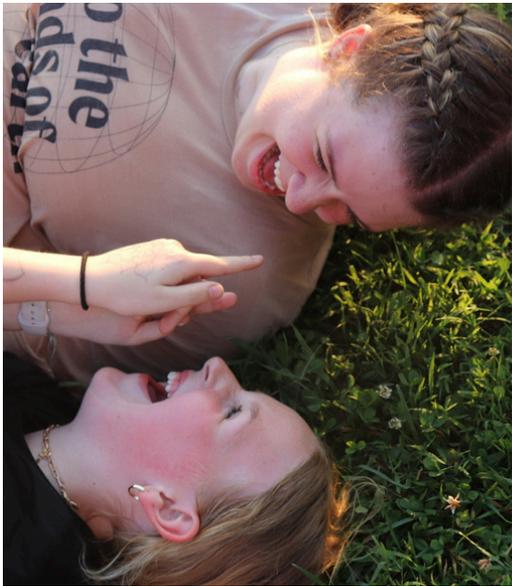


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CHURCH LIFE AND UPDATES

July

2025



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we make disciples

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

30-04 | Students Mission Trip | VA Beach
03 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
08 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
11 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 11:00am
14-18 | VBS Magnified
17 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
20 | Global Missions Meeting
22 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
25 | C5 Leadership Training | 6:00pm

August

02-09 | Global Missions Trip | Dominican Republic
07 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
12 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
21 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
24 | Church Picnic
26 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am
29-30 | Student Lock-In

September

01 | Labor Day | Church Offices Closed
03 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
04 | Silver Sages | Bullock's Restaurant | 12:00pm
05 | Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen | 11:00am
09 | Silver Sages | Baugher's Restaurant | 8:30am
10 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
16 | Red Cross Blood Drive
17 | ALPHA | 6:45pm
18 | Boston Inn Outreach | 4:30pm
23 | Heart to Heart | 9:00am



dear church,

Why do we often have the desire to know what we don't know rather than to trust what we do know? Is curiosity morally neutral, right, or wrong? Is curiosity equal to cognitive gluttony or obsessive learning?

Adam and Eve wanted to know more than God had for them, rather than fully understanding what God had for them. They (and we) can explore every good thing God has given us, enjoying the breathtaking beauty of a mountain, the overwhelming flavors of fresh fruits from the farm, or the quiet reflection of a gentle creek at dusk. All these things are wonderfully created by God while the pinnacle of creation is humans. Explore the goodness of God all around you in His entire creation and go to His Word to understand what you see and how to interact with what you see. That level of curiosity will drive you to worship God.

But, there are certain things outside of the bounds of our knowledge or discernment. It is not for us to know what God knows, for He alone is God. It is not for us to dabble in the ways of Satan, for our minds are taking captive by God alone. Our minds should be so enthralled with



a word from

the pastor

God's Word that when our curiosity leads us to go outside the bounds of His good—yet limited—creation, we understand and choose what is good for us. Take for instance the overwhelming pursuit of many to try and know when Jesus will return yet God has put clear boundary markers on the capacity to know when (Matthew 24:36). Rather than trusting God will come, many would rather know when God will come, likely because of the intellectual pride it will bring. This is when cognitive gluttony or intellectual pride causes the "Adams" to take the fruit.

Wisdom creates curiosity boundaries.

I would challenge us to see wisdom as the beginning of knowledge, not the other way around (Proverbs 1:7). When we do, we will better operate within our appropriate and helpful boundaries of curiosity. Having wisdom and discernment helps us to function like the Bereans, who examined the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). It also prevents us from running wild with intellect to the point of arrogance and letting knowledge flow to love rather than harm (1 Corinthians 8:1, Jeremiah 9:23).

God has created a wonderful place for us to learn and explore. We have the opportunity to discover findings that could help our world function as God intended. Our technology, healthcare, humanities, and others should pursue good for humans and point to the glory of God. If you are going to learn, let wisdom and discernment guide you because not every 'fruit' is good for life.

If our hearts unite in living within the boundaries of intellectual pursuit, and the revealed truth of God through His Word, with the help of the Spirit, we will find God's Will and live in contentment with the wisdom and discernment it offers to glorify God in this World.

That is my prayer for us in the age of cognitive gluttony, rampant prophecies, overconsumption of the internet and social media, and the ever-present attack of Satan on truth; holy resistance.

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



DISCOVER

CHRIST ● COMMUNITY ● CHURCH

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer."

Acts 2:42 (CSB)



"Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27 (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 in September!

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

▶ READ MORE



**group
updates**

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Congrats!



"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11 (CSB)

SAVE THE DATE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



WBC will be presenting Lifeway's Magnified for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 14 -18. Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God.

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



VBS 2025 JULY 14-18

REGISTER NOW



VBS Mission Focus

Our mission focus for VBS this year is to collect school supplies for under-resourced kids at Friendship Valley Elementary School along with Operation Christmas Child box fillers.



How?

1. See suggested list of items below or at the Welcome Center.
2. Purchase items at your favorite store.
3. Return to MPR Event Hub or Church Office by Friday, July 18th.



School Supplies

- 1" 3-ring binders (any color)
- One subject wide-ruled spiral notebook (any color)
- Sturdy 2-pocket folders with 3 holes
- (red, blue, yellow, green, purple)
- Dry-erase markers (thin or thick)
- Glue sticks (large or small)
- Box of 24 crayons
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Ziplock plastic bags (gallon or quart)
- Tissues
- Unscented wipes



OCC Box Fillers

- Small puzzles
- Jump Ropes
- Dry Watercolor sets
- Rulers
- Pencils w/ sharpener
- Scissors
- Comb or Brush
- Wash Cloths
- Stuffedies



Please contact Kim at kim@discoverwbc.com for more information!

Biblical Counseling



What is Biblical Counseling and what do we offer?

Biblical Counseling is taking what is going on in your life; sin or suffering and filtering it through God's Word (2nd Timothy 3:16-17). Lead by the Holy Spirit we do this face to face (1st Thessalonians 2:8), speaking truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) as we equip and build up the saints (Ephesians 4:12), to live victorious lives and live out their calling as ambassadors of Jesus Christ (2nd Corinthians 5:20) - all for God's Glory. This is a ministry of Westminster Baptist Church, and our services are free to you. As part of your discipleship ministry at WBC, we offer you short-term soul care and spiritual direction as you go through the process of restoration.

Plain and simple - all of us are on a sanctification journey. On that journey there are times that either a sin issue or some deep hurt and pain has you stuck where you are. You are not sure what is going on and you feel you want some extra help. We have trained Lay Counselors ready to help you "unpack" what is going on. We will ask you questions to understand what is going on. We will listen with a discerning heart. We will then minister God's Word to you as we lead you back to the love of your savior. We will do our best to love you well and speak truth.

Currently, we have 6 counselors here to help you with 5 counselors in training. If you would like some help, the process starts with you reaching out to counsel@discoverwbc.com and someone will get back to you with next steps. We are here to help and in the meantime would the God of all comfort, comfort you in whatever season you are in.

ministry updates



GO WITH US



GLOBAL MISSIONS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Our adult mission team is preparing to serve and share the gospel in the Dominican Republic in August to serve the impoverished communities with food distribution and sharing hope. Please lift them up in prayer! Ask God for strength, unity, servant hearts, and divine appointments. Pray that lives will be changed—both those they encounter and their own. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!

 17 Next Team Meeting: July 20

If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Pierson at scott@discoverwbc.com.



“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”
Mark 16:15



“We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.” John 4:42



Please pray as our students attend MFUGE from June 30 to July 4 in Virginia Beach, VA. Pray for safe travels, open hearts, bold faith, and opportunities to share the love of Jesus. We believe God will work powerfully in and through them. Thank you for covering them in prayer on this wonderful mission.

**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.

START
HERE



LIGHT
IT
UP



BIRTHDAYS



July

- 01 Linda Goode
- 01 Trish Harper
- 01 Aulani Stover
- 03 Shawn Blaney
- 03 Declan Chen
- 05 Brandon Johnson
- 05 Jack Knorr
- 06 Gina Branham
- 06 Jeff Coon
- 07 Molly Brown
- 07 Jeff Copoulos
- 07 Fred McGillis
- 07 Aleah Williamson
- 08 Ellen Mathis
- 09 Mary Clatterbuck
- 10 Lillian Pierson
- 10 Shillah Solanki
- 11 Robert Johnson
- 11 Nevin Laib
- 11 Amber Yoder
- 12 Jim Fisher
- 12 Cathy Webb
- 13 Ethan Brown
- 13 Luca Cappadora
- 13 Scott Pierson
- 13 Theo Redmond
- 13 Gideon Sweep
- 14 Michele Brown
- 14 Jobe Dupre Jr.
- 15 Lukas Weber
- 17 Alex Gassman
- 19 Rick Greenwell
- 19 Lee Link
- 20 Sarah Goodwin
- 20 Pilila Kayombo
- 20 Irv Reeb
- 20 Wayne Shrader
- 21 Lu Dawson
- 21 Rambo Welker
- 23 Andrew Carroll
- 23 June Cofield
- 25 Les Bollinger
- 26 Lincoln McGowen
- 26 Mike Murphy
- 27 George Gambrell
- 27 Melanie Schmitz
- 28 Natalie Huntzberry
- 28 Dylan Juskus
- 28 John Mercer
- 28 Barbara Willet



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SERMON NOTES:

TEXT

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POINT**

NOTES

GOSPEL RESPONSE

MY NEXT