



# The Messenger

## ***The Pastor's Two Bits...***

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

- 2 Peter 3:18

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow up into salvation.*

- 1 Peter 2:2

*...Let us press on to maturity...*

- Hebrews 6:1

Discipleship. One of the needs of our church is a greater desire to grow in Christ through discipleship. Discipleship is many things. It is everything from basic Bible Study to learning how to witness, do ministry, how to do missions, learning to tithe, how to be a church member, how to help others get started on that same path... For Christians, it includes learning basics about how to look up Bible verses and get a foothold on living for Christ. As persons begin to grow from the elementary ideas, they begin developing a heart for ministry, missions, and evangelism. Discipleship helps persons learn more at every stage. But eventually, it leads to multiplication. A true disciple of Christ does not keep Him to him/herself. The purpose of discipleship is to grow to a point where you begin investing in the Christian faith of others. Whether it be a classroom teacher, mentor, or encourager, your Christian walk should lead you on a path of becoming a discipler. Discipleship helps you do all of that.

Being a disciple means that you are being taught by and learning from the example of another person. I fear that the older persons get, the less they see the need of learning -and growing- and developing their faith. I hope that isn't you.

This month, we are planning to host Dr. Don Whitney. Dr Whitney is a "spiritual formations" professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. He will be teaching us how to discipline ourselves to grow in Christ. I hope the time he spends will encourage us to be more intentional and faithful in discipleship. Let's do it. *Let us press on to maturity.*

- Pastor Doug

**You will be uplifted by this one-day event - Join us!**  
**We will honor social distancing and face masks are encouraged.**

*After months of social distancing, it's time to gather around the Word again. **Join us for the***



**SIMULCAST**  
**PURSUING CHRIST TOGETHER**

**AUGUST 8, 2020**



Featuring Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Jen Wilkin, Jackie Hill Perry, Kelly Minter, Jennifer Rothschild, Angie Smith & Kristi McLelland

**Registration:**

Sunday morning in the main lobby  
July 26 & August 2  
*or stop in at the church office*  
*(Digital registration available if you are choosing to stay at home)*

**[LifeWay.com/LifeWayWomenLive](http://LifeWay.com/LifeWayWomenLive)**

LifeWay Women | events

Event subject to change without notice. Sales tax applied to event cost, if applicable.  
To register by phone, call 800.254.2022.



**SIMULCAST**

*Please call Kay Lynn Elders, Rachel McKeel, or the church office if you have any questions.*

**Pre-Registration:**

- \$10 - simulcast, lunch and refreshments
- \$ 7 - simulcast only (bring your own lunch)
- \$ 7 - at-home access to simulcast (limited # of digital registrations available)

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries



8/4 Christina Boggio  
8/4 Megan McDonald  
8/4 Logan Petty  
8/4 Mary Smith  
8/6 Kristie Isaacson  
8/6 Bob Thames  
8/7 Olivia Andrews  
8/7 Jeremiah Faalafua  
8/8 Taylor Gannon  
8/10 Kaison Flower  
8/11 Linda Carey

8/11 Phyllis Ferguson  
8/13 Susan Harrison  
8/13 Carla Lockard  
8/15 Faye Frey  
8/16 Judy DuBois  
8/16 Reggie McDonough  
8/20 Dot Hutzel  
8/26 Lois Bailey  
8/26 Tom Dykstra  
8/26 LuAnn Klein  
8/30 Dorothy Pierce



8/13 Fred & Valerie Mack  
8/14 David & Jackie LaFerney  
8/19 Ron & Nancy Keith  
8/25 Harry & Beverly Funk  
8/25 Eric & Charlene Martin  
8/27 Bob & Phyllis Jones  
8/30 Jerry & Susan Riches



We are making progress!! Thank you for those who have already begun contributing toward our efforts to craft 550 shoeboxes this year. We are not quite there yet and still need **YOUR** help before we can start up our workshops. Please see needs list below:

Washcloths  
Individual Bars of soap (can NOT say antibacterial)  
Soap travel box  
Packet combs  
Band-aids (can NOT say antibacterial)  
Tennis Balls  
Ink Pens  
Pencils  
Pencil cap erasers  
Crayons (all colors)  
Child size scissors  
Rulers (with inch and metric)  
Solar-powered pocket calculators  
Index cards  
Single subject spiral notebooks  
Children's sunglasses (plastic frames)  
Basic flip-flops (girls and boys, ages 2-14)  
Underwear (girls and boys, ages 2-14)  
Basic T-shirts (girls and boys, ages 2-14)  
socks (girls & boys, ages 2-14, EXCEPT boys 5-9)  
Prescription pill bottles w/caps  
Nails - size 8D  
Sandpaper sheets (9x11)  
Water/soda bottle caps  
Marbles (solid colors)  
Popsicle sticks/craft sticks  
Clothes pins  
Clothesline 8' - 10' long pieces

This is the list of items we still need. Please take a moment to stop by the Operation Christmas Child display in the portico entrance to see quantities that are still needed. Please notice the **SPECIFIC** needs.

DON'T FORGET.... There is a space on the workshop sign-up sheets for **YOUR** name! Take a minute to see where you can plug in. This will be a great time of fellowship for us and will bless the lives of many children!

**LOTS of Operation Christmas Child shoebox items for .50 cents at Staples and.... Walmart and Staples have back to school sales right now!**

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**We need AWANA Leaders! If you love to serve and have a heart for children, contact Dale or LuAnn Klein. (847) 513-4295. We CAN use YOU!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**August 12th, 5:30 pm**  
**AWANA End-of-Year Awards and Registration Party**  
More details to come!

Check the website, [www.onhisrock.org](http://www.onhisrock.org), for new information, new links and the church's calendar - updated daily!

