

A LOOK AHEAD AT

### 3rd

**Prayer Meeting** | 7 pm Renaissance Room (FLC)

10th Ebenezer **First Responders Outreach Meal Day** 

### **12th**

**Caring Hearts** Widow's Luncheon 12:30 am Renaissance Room (FLC)

### 23rd-27th **No Life Groups**

With respect to Spring Break schedules, there will be no Life Groups meeting this week.







- Purchase empty, pastelcolored eggs (no metallic please) (we need 6,000)
- Donate to the cause mark your donation "Egg hunt"
- \*Collection bins are in all lobbies

### **Calendar Key:**

Red = LKC

Orange = Refuel

WC = Worship Center FLC = Family Life Center SMB = Student Ministry Building

### 20/20 BIBLE READING

Follow this month's daily Bible reading plan below to refocus in 2020.

**1st** Deuteronomy 10-12

**2nd** Deuteronomy 13-16

**3rd** Deuteronomy 17-20

4th Deuteronomy 21-23

5th Deuteronomy 24-27

6th Deuteronomy 28-29

7th Deuteronomy 30-32:47

8th Deut. 32:48-Joshua 1

9th Joshua 2-5

**10th** Joshua 6-8

**11th** Joshua 9-11

12th Joshua 12-15:12

13th Joshua 15:13-17:18

**14th** Joshua 18-20

**15th** Joshua 21-23

16th Joshua 24-Judges 2

**17th** Judges 3-5

**18th** Judges 6-8

**19th** Judges 9-10

**20th** Judges 11-14

**21st** Judges 15-17

**22nd** Judges 18-19

**23rd** Judges 20-21

24th Ruth

**25th** 1 Samuel 1-3

26th 1 Samuel 4-8

**27th** 1 Samuel 9-12

28th 1 Samuel 13-15

29th 1 Samuel 16-18:16

**30th** 1 Samuel 18:17-21:15

**31st** 1 Samuel 22-25:1



### **Sundays**

LKC@WC (ages preschool - 4th grade) | 6 pm

Wednesdays

LKC@FLC (ages 3 - 4th grade) | 7 pm FLC Gym & 2nd Floor

Wednesdays

Lit (5th-6th grades) | 7 pm FLC 2nd Floor



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# REDEMPTION

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ave you ever asked yourself, "How can sinful man be reconciled back to God?" This article will briefly explore the glorious doctrine of redemption. The Bible portrays our God as a missionary God who desires to restore fallen man back to Himself. However, a price had to be paid before reconciliation could be made. Therefore, I want to examine three verbs and one noun that describe the redemption of the believer through the person of Jesus Christ. These four New Testament words seem to be synonymous but describe the different aspects of redemption. Let's briefly examine these four beautiful words:

### 1. The first verb translated <u>redeemed</u> is agorazo, (ag-or-ad'-zo)

The word agorazo (redeemed) is found thirty-one times in the New Testament and is translated "buy" twenty-eight times and "redeem" three times.1 This verb was used in the Roman world where traders would purchase a slave at the marketplace. Paul told the Corinthian church, "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20). The word "bought" is the same word translated "redeemed" and describes how our Lord purchased the believer from the slave market of sin. Concerning the phrase "you were bought," Harold Mare says this expression "is in the agrist tense, pointing back to Christ's redemptive work on the cross (Matt. 20:28)."<sup>2</sup> Nonetheless, the point is, Christ redeemed, bought or purchased us on the cross, and now we belong to Him.

Peter also used the same word in the same way in Second Peter. He said, "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction" (2 Pet. 2:1). Peter explained, in the same way, there were

false prophets in the Old Testament, there will also be false teachers in the New Testament. He further claimed these deceptive teachers would propagate destructive opinions (heresy), even to the point of denying the Lord who agorazo (bought) them. Concerning the word bought, Richard J. Bauchman said, "This image of redemption as the transferral of slaves to new ownership was fairly common in early Christianity." Unfortunately, these false teachers secretly rejected the Lord, who actually bought and paid for their sin on the cross. Where else do we find the word agorazo (redeemed) in the New Testament?

In the book of Revelation, John presented Christ as the Lamb, the only One worthy to open the seven-sealed scroll. This One who was slain is said to have "redeemed us" to God by His precious blood. John said, "Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have *redeemed us* to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation' " (Rev. 5:8-9). John declared people from every tribe, every tongue and every ethnic group in the world would fall down before the Lamb and sing a new song because they were *redeemed* by His blood. The phrase "redeemed us to God by Your blood" reminds us, that the price He actually paid to bring us back into proper relationship with God was His blood. Furthermore, John described a heavenly choir of one hundred and forty-four thousand Jewish converts, who actually have the name of God on their foreheads and they sing together with a thunderous voice of glorious praise to the One who agorazo (redeemed) them (Rev. 14:1-4).

The word agorazo (redeemed) is found three

<sup>1.</sup> The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970), 9. 2. M. Harold Mare, The Expositor's Bible Commentary, 1 Corinthians Frank E. Gaebelein General Editor, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publications, 1976), 225.

<sup>3.</sup> Richard J. Bauchman, Word Biblical Commentary Jude, 2 Peter Ralph P. Martin, General Editor, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1983), 240.

<sup>4.</sup> Many scholars use this text to support the unlimited atonement of Christ (See 2 Peter 2:1).

times in the book of Revelation, and all three times the word describes how Jesus, the Lamb of God, purchased sinful man from the slave market of sin; and all three passages include a song of praise by those who were redeemed. On the other hand, is there another word translated redeemed?

### 2. The second verb translated <u>redeemed</u> is exagorazo.

This verb is found four times and is very similar to agorazo. In Swindoll's and Zuck's classic work, "Understanding Christian Theology", Earl Radmacher claims the prefix ex emphasizes separation of what has been purchased from the slave market altogether. This verb is found only four times in the New Testament, stressing the fact that we have been set free from the curse and condemnation of the law by the cross of Christ.<sup>5</sup> In fact, Paul said, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")." (Gal. 3:13). Paul further claimed, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:4-5). Lest we forget, our redemption has been accomplished by the cross, whereby we are no longer a slave but a son.

### 3. The third verb translated <u>redeemed</u> is lutroo, (loo-tro'-o)

This expression is found three times in the New Testament and perhaps gives us the fullest meaning of redemption. In his book *Basic Theology*, Charles Ryrie says, "It comes from the root *luo*, to loose, this word was used for loosing clothes or animals or prisoners. It was usually connected with a ransom being paid as a condition of release. Thus, it's meaning is to release on receipt of a ransom."

The first time lutroo (redeem) is used is in Luke 24:21, where the eleven disciples used the expression in context to redeeming Israel. In other words, the disciples were thinking only of a national deliverance (the nation of Israel). However, Paul used lutroo (redeemed) in a fuller sense. He argued that the believer is released from the power of sin because Jesus paid the ransom by dying on the cross. Paul said, "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus. 2:13-14). The death of Christ secured the believer's release from the bondage of sin and *loosed* us from its power. In regards to the word lutroo (redeemed), Elmer Towns said, normally, when a master purchased a slave, he required the slave to serve him. Occasionally an owner might buy the freedom of a slave. The master would pay the redemption price, but he would give the slave his liberty. Sometimes the slave was made a member of the family. The term lutroo used to describe this practice was also used to describe our redemption.<sup>7</sup> Peter further explained the ransom price that was paid was the "precious" blood of Christ." He said, "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

The root of sin is a fundamental problem for all mankind. We have a sin nature and we need deliverance. The blood of Christ is the only ransom payment that can satisfy the holiness of God. Therefore, the blood of Christ covered, secured, and purchased my pardon from sin. Therefore, I am redeemed. Furthermore, the noun lutron (ransom) is used by Jesus two times in the New Testament and is translated "ransom" both times, once in Matthew 20:28

<sup>5.</sup> Earl D. Radmacher, Understanding Christian Theology Charles R. Swindoll and Roy B. Zuck General Editors, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2003), 834.

<sup>6.</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, Basic Theology (Colorado Springs, CO: Chariot Victor Publishing 1986), 291.

<sup>7.</sup> Elmer L. Towns, Concise Bible Doctrines, 164.

and also in Mark 10:45 and is virtually a word for word quote of each other. Both passages point to the death of Christ as the ransom being paid for sin. The Gospel of Mark says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a *ransom* for many" (Mk. 10:45). The blood of Jesus was the ransom payment for sin when He gave His life on Calvary. However, is there another word that describes my redemption in Christ Jesus?

### 4. Finally, notice the noun apolutrosis, (ap-oloo'-tro-sis).

Apolutrosis (redemption) is found ten times in the New Testament and is translated "deliverance" only one time and "redemption" nine times. It is used in Luke 21:28, Romans 3:24, Romans 8:23, I Corinthians 1:30, Ephesians 1:7, 14 and 4:30, Colossians 1:14, Hebrews 9:15 and 11:35 and is closely associated with the blood of Christ as the only ransom price that could be paid. For instance, Paul said, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed" (Rom. 3:24-25). The words redemption (apolutrosis) and propitiation (hilasterion) are closely related, and both point to the blood of Christ as the only payment set forth by God to secure the *ransom release* from the bondage of sin. Radmacher says, "Whereas redemption is God's work on the cross in reference to sin, propitiation is His work on the cross in relation to Himself. Christ's death propitiated (satisfied, appeared) the righteous wrath of God."8 The ransom price (redemption) had to be perfect (propitiation) to satisfy the demands of a holy, righteous God. God purposed or "set forth" the sinless, incorruptible blood of Jesus as the only ransom price that would satisfy His demand

for absolute perfection. Both Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14 teach us that through the blood of Christ our redemption was purchased and secured. Paul said, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7). Still speaking of Christ, Paul further claimed, "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14).

The doctrine of redemption can be summarized by three basic thoughts: first of all, man must be redeemed from sin. Second, man must be redeemed by someone, meaning the ransom price is the blood of Christ. Third, man is redeemed to something, meaning freedom or a release from the bondage of sin. Christ, our Redeemer, has released us from the slavery and punishment of sin. Nevertheless, the four Greek words that are translated "redeemed" vividly describe the redemptive aspect of our salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.



by Tim Yates

Tim Yates is an assistant pastor who oversees the Life Groups at Lewis Memorial. Tim and his wife Myra grew up locally and graduated from Barboursville High School. Both Tim and Myra are multiplying small group leaders and thoroughly enjoy their role as trainers and equippers for the glory of God. They have a passion for making disciples and mentoring small group apprentices.

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s a parent, I have learned that small children, more often than not, will ask for things that are not best for them. They know what they want, and they are certain they have justifiable grounds to be granted their petitions. However, I know better than them, and to grant their requests would do more harm than good. So, my desire for their best compels me to say "no", even though I know disappointment is sure to follow (and it always hurts to see my children disappointed). Ironically, compared to God's wisdom, mine is less than a little child's.

Last spring, Carrie and I-along with some very close friends who knew about our situation-had been praying about something for a couple of months. On April 17th we received a definitive answer; God said "no", and that was not what we expected to hear. I was so confused. I knew God would grant our request; it would be so good for our family, our ability to help others, and our lives in general. As I prayed about this, I often (like my children) gave God all the reasons He should answer in the affirmative. However, God's desire for our best compelled Him to say "no".

I wish I could see the big picture. I wish I knew why God did not grant our request, because even now I can't comprehend why He didn't. Nonetheless, I am certain that God is good, and He sees a bigger picture that He may or may not reveal to me in this life. I wish I knew why God says "yes" to some and "no" to others. Why do we read in Acts 12 that God allowed James to be killed and Peter freed? Was Peter a "better Christian" more deserving of God's favor? Of course not.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 12 that he "begged" the Lord to remove his thorn in the flesh. We sense that he truly believed the removal of that thorn would make him more useful to God; he could see no reason God would deny his request. Yet, God told him he would not remove the thorn because His "power is made perfect in weakness."

Has God recently told you "no"? Perhaps it was months or even years ago, but you've never been able to let it go. The seeds of disappointment, confusion, and anger still remain in the secret places of your heart. You are still bothered by God's answer. How do we deal

### by Bryan Lamm



Bryan is a layman with a desire to equip saints and build relationships. He joined LMBC in 2013 and has used his writing for several Connect articles, as well as lyrics for choir specials, solos, and congregational songs. He has been married to his wife, Carrie, since 2007 and is the father of four —Hannah, Rebekah, Noah, and Adah. In his spare time Bryan loves to read, write, and entertain guests in his home.

### GOD SAYS "NO"

with this?

### Grieve

The night we received our devastating news Carrie and I grieved; we sat at the dining room table and wept. We grieved the loss of something we never possessed but intensely hoped to have. It is okay, and good, and even healing to grieve and weep and mourn your losses and disappointments. In fact, grief is not only good; it is necessary. Don't believe that you can "get over it" without first grieving. Grief is a special gift from God that releases the toxins in our hearts that threaten to take root and grow into bitterness.

It's okay to be sad. It's okay to weep and tell God and others about your disappointments. Even our Lord knew grief. In fact, Isaiah 53:3 refers to Jesus as "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Jesus, who grieved the death of His friend Lazarus in John 11. begged the Father to—if at all possible release Him from the obligation of being the sin-bearer for humanity is the One the writer of Hebrews tells us is able to "sympathize" with our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15). Tell the Lord about it. Allow the tears to barrage your eyes and make no effort to stop them. Equally important is to tell someone else. Go to a friend (a true friend) who will allow you to grieve and will sit with you while you pour out your heart. We need to share these thoughts with others because God intends to use others to comfort us. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 1:4 that God "comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." God places great importance on human relationships but we can only find comfort when we are willing to share our grief. "Blessed (how satisfyingly happy) are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

### Trust

We now must trust that God's plan is greater than ours (which isn't hard to believe, but it is so difficult to accept). We know that God loves us and longs for our best, but it is not always easy to understand why He denies our requests. Just like we want our children to trust our decisions, God longs for us to trust His. Trusting is not understanding; it is giving everything to God even when we don't understand (Proverbs 3:5-6).

### Ask God, "How can you use this for good?"

After Paul was denied his request for the removal of his thorn, God gave him insight into how He could use it for good. To ask this question is difficult because it requires us to accept the "no." Often, when I tell my children no, they do what we all do - they fight and reason and refuse to accept the answer, but eventually, they capitulate. The reason we hate to ask God this question is because it feels like we are quitting. It feels like we are giving up on something we know would be good for us. Yet, it isn't giving up; it's giving in to a greater yes. It's giving in to a God who loves us beyond our comprehension, who has a plan that far exceeds the plans we had for ourselves.

Are you at this place in your life? Has God at some point denied your request? Remember, God loves you, and His plans for you are always good, even when it doesn't feel that way. Your church family loves you and longs to comfort you during your grief; allow yourself to be comforted by God and others. I know the pain of being told "no" can seem unbearable, and I pray you will find that God's grace is sufficient in this painful time.

# in March we'll learn from the book of Exodus.



LKC@WC is meeting on Sunday nights! Kids preschool through fourth grade enjoy lessons, games and more. Our focus in March will be on Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, the woman at the well and discovering just how powerful our faith can be. Parents, your kids won't want to miss the fun! It all starts at 6 pm in the LKC Worship Center (L107).

In March, we see the same insecure man, Moses, has now grown into one of the greatest leaders of all time. This month our kids in the second service will say farewell to Moses and meet Israel's next great chosen leader, Joshua. Our Sunday morning early service will transition this month to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. While Moses delivered God's people from slavery, Christ delivers mankind from the penalty of sin. The life of Moses points to the ultimate deliverer, Jesus, and His work on the Cross.



### **SUNDAYS**

in the Worship Center, lower level

### 9 am

4's/Preschool (L103) Kindergarten (L105) 1st & 2nd Grade (L108) 3rd & 4th Grade (L113) 5th & 6th Grade (L109)

### 10:45 am

4's/Preschool (L103) Kindergarten (L105) 1st - 3rd Grade (L107) 4th - 6th Grade (L109)

### 6 pm

4's - 4th Grade (L107)

### JOIN OTHERS WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE

### DIFFERENCE MAKERS

God called us to be salt and light to the world. This page is dedicated to efforts that help illuminate the darkness by shining the light of Christ. Will you be a difference maker?

### A SPECIAL NOTE OF **THANKS**





... to all who have helped us serve meals to the first responders on the second Tuesday of every month. With your help, we are able to not only provide food but encouragement to those who serve us and our community during emergency situations.



INTRODUCING AN EXTENSION OF LIFEBRIDGE ...

### **RELEASED**

The ministry's purpose is to help men who are being released from jail, often with nothing more than the clothes on their back. The men are placed in a 60-day recovery program and expected to find a job at the end of the program. We will be starting them out with a backpack containing clothes and hygiene items.

You can make a difference by providing the following items:

- Underwear (lg, xlg)
- T-shirts (lg, xlg, 2x)
- Tube socks (9-12)
- Monetary donations (note it for "LifeBridge/ Released")
- Sponsoring a filled backpack (\$70).
- Praying for those we will serve, up to four every week. Ask specifically that they would believe the message of Jesus presented with each backpack

Please place your items in a bag marked "Released" and drop them in a LifeBridge bin







**Tim & Kathy** Laughlin Ireland



**Rick & Jen Peace** Ireland



**Doug & Amber** Staley Ireland



**Joshua & Denise Steward** 

Ireland



**Nahum & Arin** O'Brien

Norway



**Tony & Dawn** Hess

Russia



**David & Annalise** Wilson

England



Last year, our church studied Paul's letter to the church in Philippi and I was regularly reminded of you all because of your partnership with me in the gospel. Thinking back over 2019 I can see how the Lord has blessed our little congregation here in North London and I wanted you to know that "all of you share in God's grace with me." This past summer, I was able to see many of you - even though some was brief. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet with everyone, but Lordwilling in the future our paths will cross again and be able to be encouraged face to face in how the Lord is working in us and through us for His Glory.

This time last year, the Lord knows, how discouraged I was. It seemed that everything that we tried wasn't working. Nearing the end of 2018, I personally was challenged while reading Luke's gospel specifically in chapter 11 when the disciples asked Jesus how they were to pray. I couldn't get this event out of my mind, namely the story Jesus gave about the man who needed bread for his journeying friend. As you may or may not know, the man went to his neighbour and knocked on the door asking for bread, but the neighbour couldn't be bothered to get out of bed and couldn't help. What captured me was Jesus' words in vs 8 when he said, "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need." I was hit hard with the fact that I was extremely passive with my prayer towards God about our church. I was extremely passive with my prayer towards God about my family and other things in my life. So I began to be shameless in my requests for our church to grow... I begged God to help us grow.

Today, I am humbled that he answered, but he didn't just answer, I think he gave us what must have been the most fruitful year High Road Baptist Church has seen in many many years. In 2019 we had eight people join our church, five people baptised (there were only five people baptised in this church from 1938-2012), and our attendance in all of our ministries had grown. The most evident was our Sunday worship grew by 30% and we are averaging near to 25 people each week. Now, because of the growth we have new goals for 2020. Goals to start a children bible class, goals to pray for resources to start a youth group and expand our leadership.

With this growth there were and are many difficult days in the process, there were and are growing pains, there are many awkward moments, but I am so thankful that each week I am able to worship with, pray with, and fellowship with a group of people who the Lord has brought together and made a church. The Lord blessed us with a community of people who love each other, care for each other, and see each other as family. We still have a long way to go as we take steps together in our journey with Christ, but for now, I want to say thank you for your support to help us be in this country to help in building His church.

Be an encouragement! Here's how you can contact this missionary family:

David & Annalisa Wilson www.highroadbaptist.org david.hrbc@gmail.com



### TAKE AT LOOK AT THE LATEST **FAMILY NEWS**

### **Births**

- Adah Hope Lamm to Bryan and Carrie Lamm
- Bella Rain Perry to Tiffany Perry

### Bereavements

- Frank Atkinson, P.J. Ball's grandfather
- Ron Ball, Todd & Kay Ball's son
- Clara Carter, Fran Signorini's sister
- Bob & Mary Ann Chapman, Kay Ramey's brother & sister-in-law
- Billy Dewees, Linda Perry's father
- · Karen Hubbard, Joe Hubbard's wife
- Oscar McComas, Kevin McComas' father
- Connie Meadows, Melanie Hatcher's sister
- Joe Starcher, Mike Starcher's grandfather

### **Baby Dedication**

• Shepherd James Bashore, son of lan and Ariel Bashore

### **Salvations**

- Michael Rivera (through the Life Bridge Ministry)
- 5 children (through the Good News Club)

# HOW TO JOIN OUR FAITH COLVINION OUR FAITH

Are you looking for a church home?
Would you prayerfully consider whether God
may be leading you to our family of believers?
If you are ready, follow these simple steps:

1st Baptism



Trust in Christ and follow Him in believer's baptism.

2nd Contact

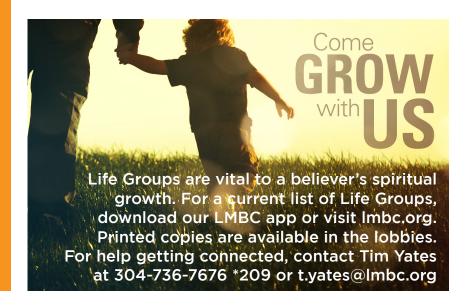


Complete an information card during a service or contact us so we can ask you a few simple questions.

3rd Meet



Meet the pastors for **Starting Point** in L112 (WC) **on Sunday, April 19 from 5 - 7 pm** and find out what is expected of a member of LMBC.



## PASTORS

<sup>17</sup> Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. **Hebrews 13:17 NIV** 

### **David Lemming** Senior Pastor

Dr. David Lemming has been the Senior Pastor of Lewis Memorial Baptist Church in Huntington, West Virginia, since December 1982. He was saved as a teenager and early on became actively involved in various phases of Christian ministry. He has a heart for people and actively seeks new ways of extending Christ's love to those in Huntington and around the world. He and his wife, Mary, have two grown children and three grandchildren.

### Tim Yates Life Group & Outreach Pastor

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### Nathan McClay Worship Pastor

Nathan McClay is an assistant pastor and oversees the music and worship ministry of LMBC. He has been serving God at Lewis since 1991. Nathan and his wife, Audrey, have four children and two grandchildren.

### Jeremy Shaffer Executive Pastor

Jeremy Shaffer is an assistant pastor who oversees the technical and administrative areas of the ministry. He regularly works alongside his wife Rebekah in the Children's Ministry, teaches in the LMBC Bible Institute, and teaches together with his wife, tackling marriage and family topics as well as general Bible studies for adults. He has been at serving the Lord at Lewis since 2004. He and Rebekah have two children, Grace and Luke.

### Matt McClay Student Pastor

Matt McClay oversees the student ministry at Lewis. He was raised locally in Huntington, and married his wife April in March of 2011. In May of 2012, Matt and April welcomed their daughter, Addison, into the world. Matt has a heart for student ministry, the outdoors, and redeeming technology for God's glory.

### Phil Newberry Membership Pastor

Phil and Ann Newberry have been faithfully serving the Lord at Lewis Memorial Baptist Church since 1972. They prepared for service at Tennessee Temple University. Over the years, their service has focused on reaching the young people of the area. Phil and Ann have served as the youth leaders for junior high and high school students, directed the childrens church ministries and led the college department. Phil has also been active in the music ministry and is an ordained deacon.

### Bill Blankenship Hospital Visitation Pastor

Bill Blankenship oversees the hospital and nursing home visitation program at Lewis Memorial. Bill and his wife, Debbie, have a loving and caring heart for the sick, shut-ins, widows and widowers. Bill and Debbie married in 1974 and have two grown children and are proud grandparents of Grace, Olivia, Jaxon, and Christian.

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