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# APRIL

**4th**  
8, 9:30, & 11 am

*\*children's services at 9:30 only*

*details on pg. 6*



**Risen**

OUR GOD IS ALIVE

**4th**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Sunday, April 4**  
*following the 9:30 am service*  
*\*at the Family Life Center*

**11th** \*Details on the right



**RAISED**  
to *life*

## Also this month:

**8th**  
**Widows' Luncheon**  
• 12:30 pm, Renaissance Room

**11th**  
**Baptism Service**  
We will be baptizing following each service on April 11. Please call the church office at 304-736-7676 if you are interested or want more info.

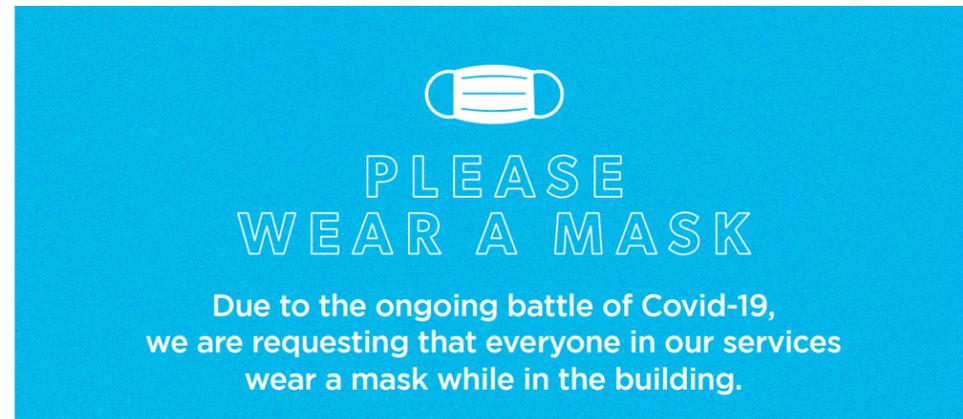
**14th**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
• 8:10 pm, Worship Center

**18th - 25th**  
**Blessing for Brown Bags Online Auction**  
• Details on pg. 13

**23rd - 25th**  
**D-Now**  
• It's still happening! Watch for details in the coming days.

**25th**  
**Starting Point**  
• see pg. 14 for details

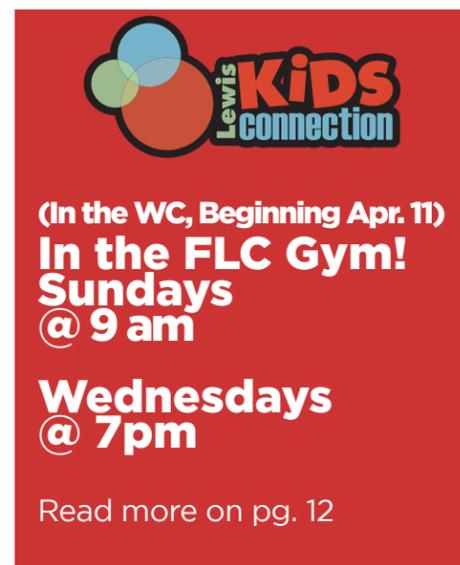
**Save the Date**  
**May 22**  
**Man Camp**  
• Details will be available soon.



PLEASE WEAR A MASK

Due to the ongoing battle of Covid-19, we are requesting that everyone in our services wear a mask while in the building.

**Can't be here in person?**  
Continue to join us live Sundays at 9 & 10:45 am on Facebook, lmbc.tv, or our LMBC app.

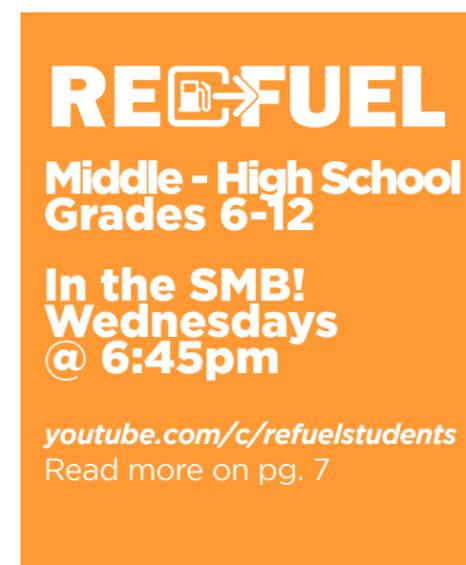


**(In the WC, Beginning Apr. 11)**  
**In the FLC Gym!**  
**Sundays @ 9 am**

**Wednesdays @ 7pm**

Read more on pg. 12

**You may remember our 2020 Gifts for Jesus Offering** was used to partner with World Help in many different ways. We helped provide more wells and many other necessities of life. However, with your generous help, we were also able to aid in Freedom from Human Trafficking by giving to the Hostel Outreach Program. We hope you will read pgs. 10-11 which tell about the programs and how your gifts are being used. It also includes information on where the newest Deep Bore Well is located and how your gifts impacted not just a family but an entire village.



**RE-FUEL**

**Middle - High School Grades 6-12**

**In the SMB! Wednesdays @ 6:45pm**

[youtube.com/c/refuelstudents](https://youtube.com/c/refuelstudents)  
Read more on pg. 7



**ROOTED**  
PODCAST

**Want more insight from your Bible reading?**

You can watch our Rooted podcast on lmbc.org or the LMBC app. Each week, our pastors analyze the selected scriptures to bring out additional insights.

**ROOTED**  
**BIBLE READING**  
**April 2021**

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**Jesus**  
*the Sacrificial Lamb*

- 1st John 13:1-14:31
- 2nd Matthew 26:36-27:61
- 3rd Matthew 27:62-66
- 4th Isaiah 53:1-12
- 5th John 20:1-18
- 6th Luke 24:13-43
- 7th John 20:19-31
- 8th John 21:1-25
- 9th Mt. 28:16-20; Lk. 24:44-53
- 10th Acts 1:1-14
- 11th OFF
- 12th Acts 1:15-26
- 13th Acts 2:1-41
- 14th Acts 2:42-3:11
- 15th Acts 3:12-4:4
- 16th Acts 4:5-31
- 17th Acts 4:32-5:11
- 18th OFF
- 19th Acts 5:12-41
- 20th Acts 6:1-15
- 21st Acts 7:1-60
- 22nd Acts 8:1-25
- 23rd Acts 8:26-9:9
- 24th Acts 9:10-31
- 25th OFF
- 26th Acts 9:32-43
- 27th Acts 10:1-48
- 28th Acts 11:1-18
- 29th Acts 11:19-30
- 30th Acts 12:1-19



# EXTENDING THE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS OF JESUS

☞ ... He reached out and touched us ...

**A** young married couple was having a moment of “marital disagreement.” As the conversation continued between them, the husband became increasingly more agitated. In a moment of fury, he yelled at his wife and aimed his fist at a section of the dining room wall. Unfortunately, instead of his hand hitting between the studs, he hit a stud directly on and broke one of his knuckles.

When this happened, a deafening silence fell over the room. He had come from a family in which nothing ever got done apart from someone yelling, but his wife came from a family in which yelling brought things to a complete halt. In the moments immediately after, he thought that his wife probably wouldn’t speak to him for weeks, if ever. As he writhed in physical pain, his emotional pain was even worse. In those moments, he felt the weight of his failure as a husband.

As he tried awkwardly, with one hand, to sweep up the bits of sheetrock strewn on the floor, he suddenly felt a hand on his arm. He turned around and there was his wife. At that moment, she said something kind and gentle. He said something apologetic. She then embraced him for a long time until the tension in the room dissipated.

His wife had every right to pronounce a grand moral judgment, condemn his behavior, and distance herself from him. That surely would have taught him a lesson! But, instead, she reached out to her husband, and rather than teach him a lesson, she helped him to heal from his hurt, both physically and emotionally.

That’s an illustration of the love and compassion of Jesus Christ extended to all of us because of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In Jesus’ life, He identified with the sinful and spent time with the broken, so much so that people mistook Him to be one of them. He did not distance Himself from their (or our) sin but took it upon Himself on Calvary’s cross. And because He took the wrath we deserve, He made the redemption of our souls possible! Now we are reconciled to God through His death and resurrection!

When we were incensed and shaking our fists in His face, striking out at Him in anger, hate, and disbelief, He could have justly turned His back and walked away, leaving us to our own sinful demise. But, instead, He reached out and touched us with His marvelous grace and mercy so that we could find eternal healing for our broken and sinful souls!

I don’t know how you envision God or what images your past religious experiences left you with as to how God works in this world. Of one thing I am certain, none of us can fully grasp “how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is,” because “it is too great to understand fully.” (cf. Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT)

When you want to see what real love looks like, you go to a hillside outside Jerusalem called Golgotha and look to the One taking on Himself the punishment we rightly deserve. He suffered in our place and for our faults so that He could give us what we do not rightly deserve...eternal life and the forgiveness from all the ugliness of our sinfulness!

This is the season to be reminded and to declare that God loves us all and has proven it in the most dramatic way possible. Paul wrote, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8 NLT) Instead of striking back at us in anger, He reaches out to touch us with His love and pardon!

Let’s allow this love God has given to each of us to be the kind of love we extend to others. Now is the time to dial back the rhetoric and change our demeanor toward others. Let’s

not get caught up in the angry outrage of the world around us that is striking out at people with whom they feel justified in showing their wrath. Let’s pray we can be like Jesus and look beyond the hurtful words and deeds while reaching out in kindness and compassion to bring reconciliation rather than further alienation and condemnation!

Easter is about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to us. Let’s extend that same love and forgiveness to others! (cf. Ephesians 4:32)



**by David Lemming**

*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 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.*

# Risen

OUR GOD IS ALIVE

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
8, 9:30 & 11 am

We're blessed to be meeting in person again this Easter but we need your help. To assist us in preparing, please let us know which service you plan to attend.

*\*this is not a seat reservation*

**8 am**

*\*no nurseries or children's programs*

**9:30** is the only service with children's programs and full nursery services

*\*to help us meet the Covid seating restrictions please choose from one of the other services if you do not have children*

**11 am** will offer a baby nursery

*\*Easter Egg Hunt at the FLC*

You can let us know your plans at [lmbc.org/easter](http://lmbc.org/easter) or by calling the church office at 304-736-7676.

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

See details  
on pg. 12

New Dates  
April 23-25



# D-Now 2021

It's been quite a process rescheduling our D-Now Weekend as we've dealt with two ice storms, floods, and the beginning of the Winter sports season. Our new D-Now dates are April 23-25, which gives you time to get through Spring break, basketball season, and the ACT test. We're still looking forward to the same great food, activities, and Bible study!

## REFUEL

### Wednesdays

Refuel, our student ministry meets every Wednesday night from 6:45-8:15pm in the Student Ministry Building. Students grades 6-12 are invited to join us weekly for an evening of friends, music, small groups, and Bible teaching. To read more about our COVID-19 precautions, please visit our website at [lmbc.org](http://lmbc.org).

### Connect

To learn more about upcoming events, watch Refuel-related videos, or learn more about our student ministry, download the Refuel Students app from the App Store, or follow our Instagram account @refuelstudents.

### Parents

Sign-up to receive our weekly "ParentConnect" email! Our weekly email to parents contains notes from each week's lesson, along with information about upcoming activities and events. Sign-up to receive ParentConnect emails at [lmbc.org](http://lmbc.org).



# SOUTH AMERICA

# GODDARD

A letter from Anthony



**Mark & Odie Goddard**  
Paraguay



**Mike & Trisha Goddard**  
Paraguay



**Anthony Goddard**  
Brazil



**Jon & Erin Mathews**  
Brazil



**Dwayne & Dianna Spear**  
Brazil



**John & Barb Windler**  
Paraguay

For more missionary updates, go to [lmbc.org/missionary-updates](http://lmbc.org/missionary-updates)

With my visa stuff done, I was able to make the move from East Brazil to West Brazil, where I'll be working in the long-term. I'm so excited to be back in the Amazon! To find out more about what I'm up to, keep reading!

As you know, I have been dating an amazing girl named Rachelle. She and I have been dating for 2 months now. The first month we dated long-distance, but we are finally together in the same geographical location.

I have moved to our missionary kid school, Puraquequara, where she has been serving, so that the two of us have time to get to know each other better. When we're not spending time together getting to know each other, our responsibilities include teaching classes, working in the dining hall, and for me, working with the maintenance crew.

Our desire in the long-term is to serve the Lord together here in Brazil. Though we don't know exactly what that will look like, we truly believe it was God who brought us together and we want to honor Him wherever He takes us.

### **Christ, Our Advocate**

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

So, recently I've really been asking the Lord to show me how much He loves me, because that's something I've really been struggling with. I guess it's easy for me to picture God as exacting, powerful, wrathful, and just, but I really have a hard time seeing His love, patience, and mercy.

But this verse to me is one of the most beautiful pictures of God's love that I've seen in a long time, Christ being our Advocate. What does that mean? When we sin, Christ is there for us. But He's not only there for us, He's FOR US, not against us. And He's for us even when we sin. Now don't get me wrong. He's not for our sin, but He is on our side no matter what, and our sin doesn't change that!

I guess this is so incredible to me because even though I knew God was for me, I think I thought that when I sinned he stopped being on my side and became a judge, but that's not true in the least. When we sin Christ stands up for us, and is totally right in doing so. It says "if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." 1 John 1:9. Have you ever thought about that? It is just for Him to forgive our sins. Another way of saying that is He is right to forgive our sins. Forgiving our sins is the right thing for Him to do. It's for this very cause that Jesus died for us so that we could be forgiven and experience His unconditional love.

May we all come to understand these truths about God's love more fully each day, "that we might be filled with all the fullness of God" Eph 3:19.

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

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## Deep Bore Well Khategaon Village, Madhya Pradesh, India

The population of Khategaon Village is approximately 1,200, with most of the families being farmers. Khategaon is in a rural area which is devoid of many of life's basic amenities. There is no piped water supply being provided by the government. The majority of people living in the village have had to walk a considerable distance to find clean water.

This has been especially difficult for women and children who are generally responsible for the long trek to the closest well or water tank provided by the government. Most of the time, especially during the summer, the water tank is quickly emptied and there can be a long wait before it is refilled. This has been a very difficult situation and an ever-present hardship that all the people in the village have had to suffer.

Our partner sent us the following:

*Badrilal, his family and his entire village went through severe difficulties due to the unavailability of sufficient clean drinking water. They used to toil hard obtaining water from long distances - water which was usually unclean resulting in many health issues as well.*

*Their struggles were overlooked by different government agencies, and they had lost hope that there would ever be any clean drinking water facilities coming to their village. But by God's grace their cries and prayers got answered through WORLD HELP.*

*Now they do not have to walk long distances for clean water. They are especially thankful that they will no longer face the health problems they have been experiencing. Their time, money and other resources can now be used for better purposes. Their children will no longer be dehydrated and will be able to attend schools with good health. Their cattle also will have sufficient water to drink.*

*We as team also would like to say a **Big Thank You** to the generous people who came forward to support this cause and bless the people of Khategaon Village. **Thank You!***



## Freedom From Human Trafficking Hostel Outreach Program – Thailand

The **Hostel Outreach Program** serves at-risk children, families, and communities in Northern Thailand. These centers provide food, shelter, education supplies and basic medical care in a supportive nurturing environment. Children in the program come from poor, undeveloped, and isolated mountain villages where they are at risk for human trafficking and other serious social issues, including drugs and prostitution.

Families living in remote tribal villages are enticed by unethical recruiters who convince them that sending their young children to the city to work in the “entertainment” industry will provide income to help the family survive. Even knowing that this means prostitution does not deter families that are desperately struggling to survive, thinking that something is better than nothing.

Our partner operates two centers that are each able to house 25 children. The primary goal is to help prevent children, women and their families from falling into the idea that jobs in the red-light district are beneficial, and to gain the knowledge and understanding of human trafficking so they can help themselves and others.

For those who come to one of the centers after escaping from the sex trade, they are joining a loving, caring family environment. The centers help residents heal and process past trauma and emotions through counseling and therapy, learning of God's great love for them and his plan for a future outside of the darkness of the red-light districts.

Over 90% of those who are involved with this program have come to know Christ during their stay. They are better prepared to go further with their education, get jobs, and help support their families.

During COVID-19 support for this project from other organizations and sponsors dropped by more than 50%. This created an obvious crisis in our partner's ability to adequately assist the children in the program. The support from Lewis Memorial came at a crucial time. Your support will help these centers to continue covering the costs of utilities, teacher & staff stipends, education supplies, transportation, medical care, meals, field trips and life skills training.

Thank you Lewis Memorial Baptist Church for providing Help for Today, and Hope for Tomorrow.





**Sundays @ 9 am (only)**  
 Preschool - 5th grade meet in the Gym  
 (Drop off at the FLC until April 4)  
 (Drop off at WC beginning April 11)  
 Sanitized and safe!

**Wednesdays @ 7 pm  
 (in the FLC)**  
 Apr. 7 - LEGO Building Challenge

Apr. 21 - Plants, Pots, and Painting Night

Visit [lmbc.org/lkc](http://lmbc.org/lkc) for more info or ask to join our Facebook group.

# 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?**



## HELP REACH PEOPLE ... WHERE THEY ARE

Our Daily Walk Broadcast is a vital part of our outreach ministry. It takes a great number of people to keep it running efficiently and effectively. We are currently looking for Camera Operators. Please check out the details in the next column and contact Andrew Steele, 304-736-7676, if you are interested or have questions.

### Camera Op:

- One Sunday per Month (9 or 10:45 am)
- \*Additional service opportunities available, but not to exceed 2 worship services per month\*

### Responsibilities Include:

- Follow the direction of the video director to capture the musical and speaking portions of the weekend services.
- Prepare Cameras and Test Angles prior to service start.
- Maintain attention throughout service.

### Qualifications:

- A growing follower of Jesus Christ.
- A desire to learn and develop techniques for composition, framing, movement and transition of live video production.
- Ability to follow verbal instruction and stay focused during the service.

### Time Requirements:

- Arrival at least 15min prior to service start for service run through.
- Expectation that once you make a commitment to the team that you make every effort to be there when scheduled.

### Physical Demands:

- The camera operator must possess mobility to work in a stage environment. Specific vision abilities required by this job include vision to see a video monitor, color vision and depth perception; hearing and speech to communicate in person. The camera operator must also frequently use hands to finger, handle and feel objects and controls. The camera operator must possess mobility to walk up and down stairs. Certain camera locations may require standing for extended periods of time.

## Easter Sunday, Apr. 4

# EASTER EGG HUNT

One of the blessings that has come from a year of hardship is the return to the simple things. This year, for the first time in many years of our church's history, we are going to have an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday on the church grounds! Immediately following our \*9:30 service we invite parents to park at the Family Life Center, pick up your children, and go egg hunting on the grassy hill beside the building. Eggs will be exchanged for prizes following the hunt. Social distancing and Covid-19 precautions will be observed. Join us as we celebrate our risen Savior!

*\*Parents, please note that the 9:30 service is the only one with all nurseries and children's services. Please consider attending this service if your child will be attending the egg hunt.*

## BLESSINGS FOR BROWN BAGS ONLINE AUCTION

There will be an online auction April 18-25 to support the Brown Bag Ministry. Simply ask to join the 'Blessings for Brown Bags' Facebook Group where you will find all the details. The auction will include 30+ items to bid on, door prizes, and more. You won't want to miss it. Questions? Contact Myra Yates at 304-633-4657.



## TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST FAMILY NEWS

### Bereavements

- Larry Bolling, Tara Dyer's father
- Tina Brown, Toriano Brown's sister
- Otto Daniels, Lorena Ransbottom's brother
- Dorothy Ferris, member
- Patty Mays, Angela Harbour's mother
- Joe McClellan, Bob McQuaid's brother
- Leigh Olson, Dave Olson's wife
- Shirley Roberts, member

### Curb-side service

The following items are available online or for curb-side pick-up:

- Our Daily Bread Magazine (also available online at [ourdailybread.org/read/](http://ourdailybread.org/read/))
- Word For You Today Devotional Book (also available on mobile)
- Printed copies of Connect Magazine

To receive your items, visit the appropriate link, or call the church office at 304-736-7676.

# A NEW STARTING POINT

## How to join our community of 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 Register (pick 1)



**In Service:** scan the QR code on the pew in front of you and let us know you would like to join.  
**Online:** [lmbc.org/register](http://lmbc.org/register)  
**Call:** 304-736-7676

### 3rd Discover



Check out the information in the visitor packet you received when you registered with us or visit [lmbc.org/what-we-believe](http://lmbc.org/what-we-believe) to learn about our core beliefs and more.

### 4th Experience



Come to the next Starting Point on **April 25 and May 2 at 5 pm** in the SMB Cafe, where you'll meet with our Pastors to begin your membership experience.  
**Call:** 304-736-7676

# OUR PASTORS

*17 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 NLT*

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### Tim Yates *Life Group & Outreach Pastor*

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.

### 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 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 children's 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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SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9 & 10:45 am (watch live at [lmbc.tv](http://lmbc.tv))

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY  
7 pm

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