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THANK YOU DADS!

FIST BUMPS ALL AROUND TO EVERY SPECIAL DAD

# JUNE 2021

## Can't be here in person?

Join us live Sundays at 9 & 10:45 am on Facebook, Imbc.tv, or our LMBC app.

**New Message Series Starting the 6th**

**THE GOOD LIFE**

ENOUGH IS NEVER ENOUGH ENOUGH IS

ECCLSIASITES

**13th (& 20)**  
4:30 pm

*details on pg. 14*

startingpoint

**14th-18th**  
**VBS '21**

*details on pg. 12*

**LEGENDS**  
FAITH OVER FEAR

## Also this month:

### 10th

#### Widow's Luncheon

- noon, Renaissance Room

### 13th NEW!

#### Sunday Night Bible Study

Join Pastor Lemming at 6 pm for the first session of this new Study. He will start with the Book of Revelation. (Family style meeting with no nurseries or children's programs)

### 20th

#### Kid's Second Service is ReOpening!

Nursery through 6th grade will be available in the WC lower level during the 10:45 am service.

### 27th

#### Choir Meeting

Are you interested in being a part of the LMBC choir? If so, make plans now to join Nathan for a brief meeting to discuss relaunching the LMBC Choir. The meeting will be in room L112, between the morning services.

**COMING SOON!**

Man Camp is over BUT WomAn camp is coming! That's right ladies, we are working on plans for a camp just for women. Details coming soon.

**Sundays in the WC lower level**

**Wednesdays @ 7pm in the FLC**

Visit [Imbc.org/lkc](http://Imbc.org/lkc) or ask to join our [Facebook group](#).

Read more on pg. 12

**Coming June 27th**

A new Group for anyone 60+ will begin meeting Sundays at 9 am in room L113 of the Worship Center (WC). For more information, contact Bill Blankenship at 304-736-7676.

FEEL FREE TO JOIN US

**Refuel Students**

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

**Wednesdays @ 6:45pm**

[youtube.com/c/refuelstudents](https://youtube.com/c/refuelstudents)

Read more and find location details on pg. 7

**ROOTED**  
PODCAST

[Imbc.org/rooted](http://Imbc.org/rooted)

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

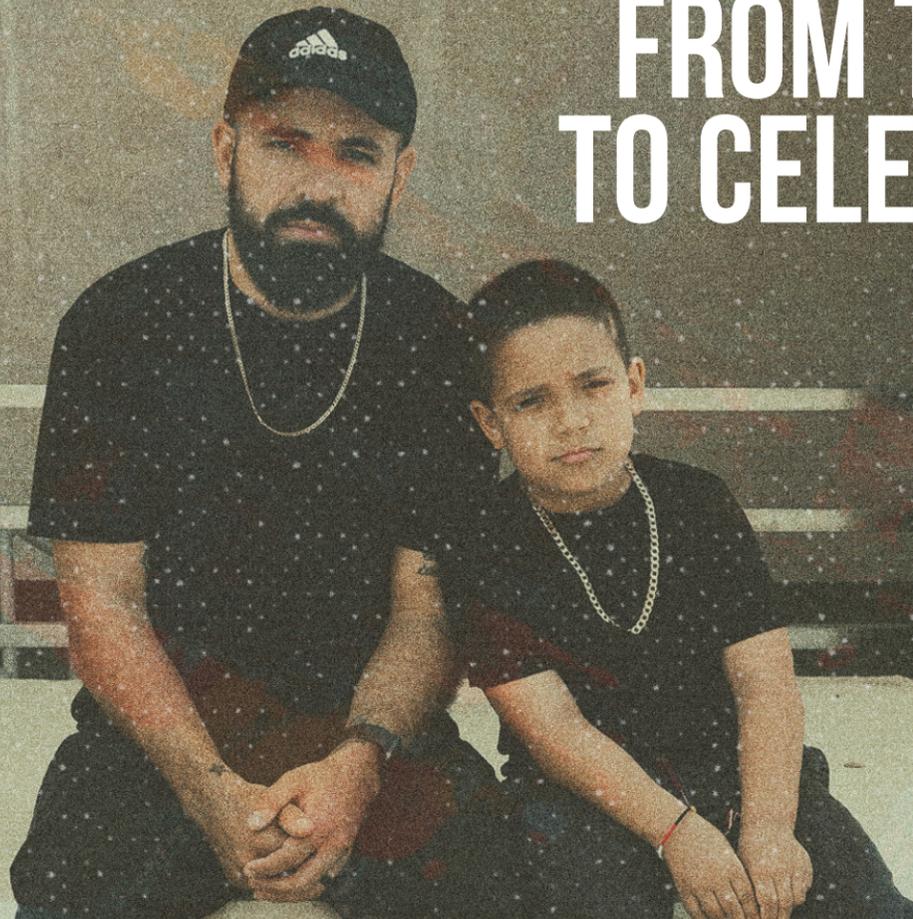
You can watch our Rooted podcast on Imbc.org or the LMBC app. Each week, our pastors analyze the selected scriptures to bring out additional insights.

## ROOTED BIBLE READING June 2021

### Jesus' conversations with women

- 1st John 8:1-11
- 2nd John 20:11-18
- 3rd Luke 7:36-8:3
- 4th Lk 7:11-17; 18:1-8; 21:1-4
- 5th Lk 10:38-42; Jn 12:1-8
- 6th OFF
- 7th Philippians 1:1-19
- 8th Philippians 1:20-2:11
- 9th Philippians 2:12-30
- 10th Philippians 3:1-11
- 11th Philippians 3:12-4:1
- 12th Philippians 4:2-23
- 13th OFF
- 14th Colossians 1:1-14
- 15th Colossians 1:15-2:5
- 16th Colossians 2:6-23
- 17th Colossians 3:1-17
- 18th Colossians 3:18-4:6
- 19th Colossians 4:7-18
- 20th OFF
- 21st 1 Timothy 1:1-20
- 22nd 1 Timothy 2:15
- 23rd 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 24th 1 Timothy 4:1-16
- 25th 1 Timothy 5:1-25
- 26th 1 Timothy 6:1-21
- 27th OFF
- 28th 2 Timothy 1:1-18
- 29th 2 Timothy 2:1-26
- 30th 2 Timothy 3:1-17

# FATHER'S DAY: FROM TRAGEDY TO CELEBRATION



Just after 10 o'clock on the morning of December 6, 1907, tragedy struck in the mining town of Monongah, West Virginia. An explosion deep inside Fairmont Coal Company Mines 6 and 8 shook the ground, trapping more than 360 souls inside. Of those 360 souls, only four were able to escape that day, however, they later died from their injuries. This was, and still is, the worst mining disaster in US history. Of the 360 people that lost their lives that day, 250 of them were fathers. The impact was devastating to this mining community. The headline from the newspaper the following day read, "All Hope Is Gone." Several months after the tragedy took place, a woman named Grace Clayton approached her pastor, Robert Thomas Webb at Williams Memorial Episcopal Church, with the idea of a special day for fathers to be honored and

remembered. Grace had lost her father, Fletcher Golden, who was a Methodist minister, nearly 20 years earlier. She also knew the hard road of grief that lay ahead for all those who were impacted in the coal mining catastrophe six months earlier. She suggested July 5, 1908, as the day for the celebration service because that Sunday was closest to her father's birthday. Some might already know that the first Father's Day celebration occurred right here in West Virginia, but many will not know that it all started as a way to honor and remember the fathers who were lost in the Monongah Mine Disaster. The tragedy that day was the loss of so many fathers and husbands who suddenly went missing from this life in a massive explosion.

The job of a father, just like the job of a mother, is no easy task. Both of these callings go

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unappreciated, unnoticed, and overlooked daily. It's not until Mom or Dad is "missing" that anyone starts to notice. When I use the word missing, I am not necessarily speaking of death, although for many a person's death seems like they have disappeared or gone missing; the missing I speak of is of a different type. Unfortunately, in many families (of course not all of them), the father seems to be the one who goes "missing" most frequently. Not the sudden disappearance of a father for an hour of fishing or a round of golf, but rather the pattern that is often termed as an absent father. An absent father is one who takes care of and provides for his family, but seems to be disengaged from them; he is distant, self-centered, immature, and is not involved with the daily routines of his family. He seems to have forgotten, or is not concerned about, his God-given role to lead his family. God has entrusted the husband/father to lead his family, and he must understand that the role is not voluntary. However, the life long struggle to lead a family is no simple task, and I would venture to say that many such fathers just simply don't know how to lead. Maybe they've never been taught how to lead, or maybe they don't have a good strategy, or maybe they are just rolling with the punches because life keeps throwing them grenades. Whatever the reason, it's best not to focus on how poorly a husband or father leads; anyone can create a list of grievances. We ought to be positive and focus on what can best help fathers and husbands to lead well. I've included what I consider the five most significant ways a father can lead his family well.

**First, a man cannot lead his family where he himself has not been.** This is precisely what Jesus meant when He reproved the Pharisees, saying: "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch" (Mt. 15:14). Jesus was using a metaphor to illustrate that these religious leaders had a major problem with spiritual blindness, not simply physical blindness. While many men like to be the pioneers and the pacesetters

in their family, not having a vision or goal for their family can be unhealthy. The husband/father needs to develop a spiritual goal for his family that will not only direct them but keep them on a biblical path. Furthermore, it must be considered that each family has a unique temperament. One baseball player's batting stance can be drastically different from the next player, but the goal of each player is the same: hit the ball. Taking time to consider what works for your growth may not work for your family.

**Second, a man needs to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).** What does this mean? It means bring your family to church services, get them plugged into a small group, allow them to serve in a ministry that fits them, and serve with them as a family. Simply stated, it means to make God a priority, not a tradition. When Jesus spoke these words, He was fighting against thousands of years of tradition from the Jewish religious establishment. They had magnified their oral laws and traditions over the actual Scriptures. The world has much to offer the family these days; some are excellent opportunities and some are easy to discern as unhealthy. The word seek, in this Matthew 6:33 passage, means to devote serious effort. It's not a laidback task for a man to sift through what is good versus what is better versus what is best for his family; it takes work, godly counsel, and a whole lot of prayer.

**Third, a man needs to follow the Deuteronomy 6 principle.** Deuteronomy 6:5-7 instructs the man about his responsibility of feeding his family a spiritually rich diet. If having a set time of instruction from God's Word for your family doesn't work well, then try something different. Contrary to what some men believe, your method (which you likely think is the best one) of instruction might not be the most beneficial. Each man needs to understand how his family learns so he can be effective in teaching them. Husbands/fathers should be reminded that this is a team effort with your wife, not a dictatorial display of your power. Be on the lookout for

teachable moments to instruct your children. I can remember when my son first took notice of the moon. He would look for it at night and point it out to me, trying to pronounce its name. This was a perfect opportunity for me to begin explaining to him that God created the moon and all the stars as well. I was teaching him that the God we serve is the Creator God!

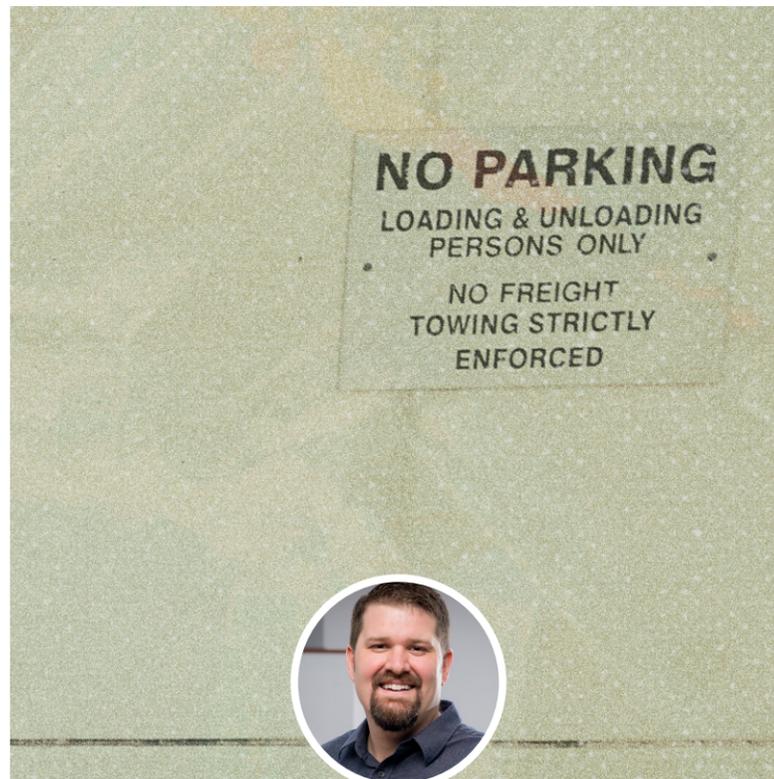
**Fourth, a man needs to practice servant leadership.** Jesus is the perfect example of someone who did not have a problem getting His hands dirty. After He had washed the feet of the disciples (and just remember He washed the feet of Judas, too), He said these words: "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-15). If we are going to follow Christ's example then we are going to get our hands dirty. I can hear the objections from fathers and husbands flooding in: I don't do diapers, I don't do laundry, I don't do dishes. This would be like Jesus saying to his disciples, "Sorry guys, I don't do feet." Every husband and father has a leadership role in his family; some seize it with dominance while others earn it with authenticity. Jesus had every right to seize His leadership role with dominance, but instead, He chose to lead with humility and authenticity.

**Fifth, a man needs to seek after God's wisdom.** He needs to understand all his wisdom, talents, and experiences are null and void compared to the wisdom that God offers to those who ask for it (James 1:5). For a father, decision-making is likely one of the most sober aspects of leadership, because he is responsible for the outcome of those decisions. Making the wrong decision can lead to fallouts of frustration and conflict within your family. If a man is not striving to be a godly leader for his family, then it is likely that his family will not trust him or his decision-making. Are you considering the best interest of your wife and family or just what is easiest for you? The easiest way is not always the wisest way. Ask for God's wisdom and the Scripture promises that He will give it to you.

It's all too easy to see what has become of our current world when men don't take up

their God-given role to lead their families. The bottom-line truth and the real tragedy of Father's Day is that so many fathers and husbands don't pursue the role of leading their family seriously. One day every man will have to give an account for his family, the paths they took in life, how he influenced them, how he instructed them in the Word of God, and how he led them. Jesus had one overarching mission on earth: complete the Father's plan of redemption. But Jesus could not complete His mission without help from His Father. Therefore, if Jesus needed help with His mission, then how much more help do all earthly fathers need in completing their mission: leading their family well?

Who are the fathers/husbands/men that you know? Take some time this Father's Day and call out their names to God, because they need your prayers!



**by Jeremy Shaffer**

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# SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE THRU AUGUST 

## WEDNESDAYS

- 6/2 - COLOR WAR
- 6/9 - TOT TALKS
- 6/16 - NO REFUEL (VBS)
- 6/23 - MOVIE NIGHT
- 6/30 - REFUEL @ THE PARK

- 7/7 - SLIP N SLIDE
- 7/14 - GAME NIGHT
- 7/21 - MINUTE 2 WIN IT
- 7/28 - PIZZA W/PASTOR

- 8/4 - BONFIRE
- 8/11 - BACK TO SCHOOL FEAST

## BACKPACK VBS

JUNE 21-25

## BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS AT 1:00  
(BEGINNING 6/28)

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SMB 200

HIGH SCHOOL  
SMB 201

## LABS

DIG DEEPER

- 7/12 - BIBLE STUDY LAB
- 8/2 - PRAYER LAB

Ann Voskamp, one of my favorite authors and mentors of *The Faith*, often showcases the books or writings of those she knows. The blog that follows is by Jennifer Dukes Lee, and is just one example of the treasures Ann reveals to those who frequent her website, [AnnVoskamp.com](http://AnnVoskamp.com). Perhaps you're already familiar with Ann's and Jennifer's writing. If not, you're in for a treat and my guess is it will leave you wanting more from both. They speak the TRUTH, they LOVE like Jesus, and they encourage people everywhere to do the same. Enjoy - Mary Ellen

**G**rowing up in rural America, my first job wasn't "waitress" or "lifeguard." It was "rock picker."

The work was about as glamorous as it sounds.

A local farmer would round up a bunch of kids to come out to his farm and "pick rock." It was a funny phrase, now that I think of it, because we didn't pick just one rock. There were hundreds.

We'd sit on a flatbed trailer behind the tractor, with our feet dangling over the edge. And off we went! The farmer would drive his tractor straight into the field, pulling us behind on the trailer as we jostled with every bump.

If you saw a rock, you hopped off, ran to grab it, and hollered "Rock!" before tossing it onto the trailer. The shout was a sort of warning, so the others would jump off to avoid being clobbered in the head. (Clearly, we had high workplace safety standards.) Our little team of rock pickers covered miles a day.

The next spring, we'd be picking rock in the very same fields, because new stones always emerged. **Any farmer will tell you that rocks are a nuisance, but they simply must be dealt with.** If they are left in the fields, stones can harm farming equipment come spring.

You may wonder how rocks keep emerging. There isn't some rock fairy dropping stones onto fields to annoy farmers. Instead, stones are heaved forth in the frost/thaw cycle, when winter gives way to spring.

# HOW TO HEAL

**My husband, a farmer, calls the process "a healing of the land."**

*Isn't that a beautiful way of thinking about it?*

But the land can't do this healing work without the cold of winter.

I think the same is true of us. **We all need winter seasons to unearth the burdens we've been carrying around in the soil of our hearts.**

We might know theoretically that God can use slowed-down seasons to bring healing in us. But honestly, who wants to live through a winter season of the soul? Most of us would rather put the hand to the plow and push past winter, hoping our "rocks" will sink deep into hiding.

**But if a farm needs winter to heal, I think people do too.**

In a way, all of us have been living through a prolonged winter season — for over a year now. (Hello, Pandemic.) During this season, we have had a plain, unobstructed view of ourselves. Lockdown exposed our coping mechanisms, along with the things we secretly worshipped. We saw the things that have kept us from slowing down our entire lives: productivity, busyness, comfort, achievement.

**The world is beginning to open up for some of us who are reading these words today. But before we rush back into our old, hurried patterns, let's allow God to "pick rock" in us.**

# YOUR HURRIED HEART



by Jennifer Dukes Lee

Jennifer Dukes Lee is, in the words of Ann Voskamp, "a pure-hearted, soul-encouraging woman after God's own heart, and reading her always makes me read more of Christ everywhere. Her newest book, *Growing Slow*, is maybe what we all need in this world of hustle and hurry. For more about or by Jennifer, visit [jenniferdukeslee.com](http://jenniferdukeslee.com).

We all have rocks, don't we?

*Stones are the unseen burdens we haul around in our hearts like unwanted baggage.*

**My stones are heavy and jagged and ugly:**

Hurtful words spoken over me when I was a child.

Deep-seated beliefs that I'll never really be enough.

The secret fear that I'm not lovable.

Past sins I drag around with me because I don't fully accept forgiveness or believe I'm worthy.

New, bad habits I pick up over time.

Coping mechanisms that numb me to pain. A long history of unbelief and distrust that affects my relationship with God and with people.

These are my stones. They are not pretty.

I am good at keeping old stones buried. It's easy: **I'll keep the hand to the plow so I don't have to contend with any of it.**

*But hidden stones still cut your insides, a slow slaying of the soul.*

What are the stones wounding your soul?

Just as winter "heals" the land, Jesus wants to heal us. Will we let Him? Could we, one day, look back on this prolonged winter season in our world, and declare that we were healed?

**Think of your heart as a field. If Jesus were standing with you on the edge of that field**

**today, I imagine He would leave no stone unturned.**

There is no rock too big, too jagged, too heavy for Jesus. How do I know?

***"And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?' And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large" (Mark 16:2-4 ESV, emphasis added).***

Maybe you—like the women at the tomb—have asked yourself, *Who will roll away this very large stone?* I know a man named Jesus. He has come to retrieve your stone, and He is not intimidated by its size.

**It doesn't matter how old you are, how young you are, how spiritual you are, how successful you are, how sinful you are, how rich you are, how poor you are, how popular you are, how put together you are, or how broken you are.**

*Everybody is dealing with something. Everybody needs to get rid of stones in their fields.*

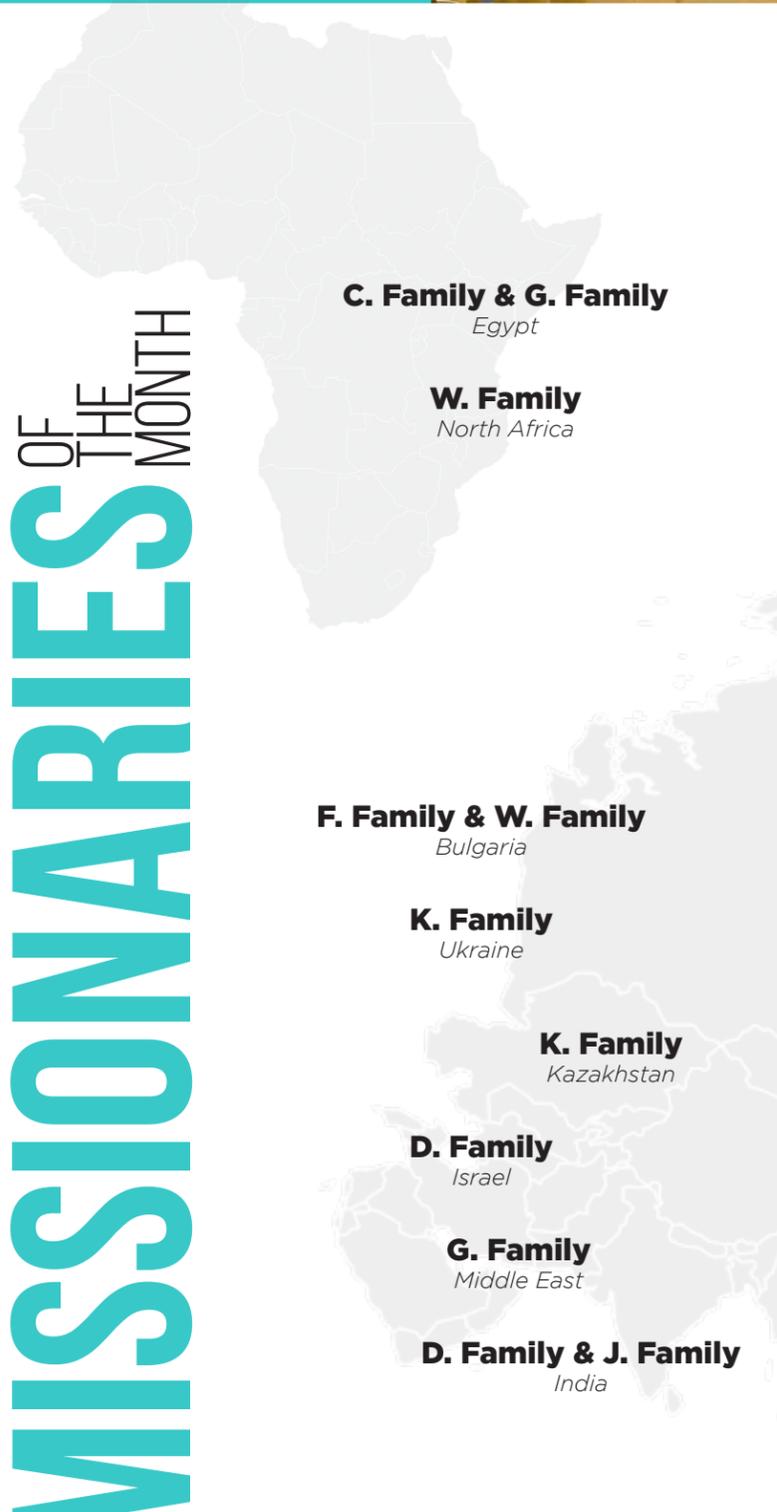
**And here stands Jesus, ready to handle any stone—no matter how deeply it's buried, no matter its size, no matter its weight.**

Slow down, my friend. Jesus has come to "pick rock."

For security reasons, we cannot provide a direct contact to this missionary family. If you would like to send encouragement, please contact the main office at 304-736-7676 and we will pass along your sentiments in as safe a way as possible.

# SECURED COUNTRIES

# A letter from the G. FAMILY



It was, so good to visit almost all of our supporting churches or talk with you over the phone in the last two months. For the very few that we have not seen or talked with yet, it is because we have not been able to reach you. We will make personal contact by phone or by dropping in to see you all. A great big thank you to all of you that made us feel so welcomed. Thank you for being a real encouragement to all of us.

Thank you, also for your prayers and very, generous gifts, especially, to help with the hospital cost of treating Pastor “Peter” for Covid. Over \$8000.00 has been given, enough to cover all the expenses until the time of the writing of this letter. He is making a very small improvement daily. He is still in ICU on 300 liters of oxygen 24 hours every day since he was admitted a month ago. He and his family are so appreciative of your love and care. Please continue to pray for him, and for total recovery and healing.

As we shared with you in our visits, and over the phone, these are the greatest days of our life of ministry to our loving Lord. Just in the last couple of months, 69 believers were baptized in one location, 7 others in another location, and plans are being made to baptize another 49 soon. Jesus said, “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.” John 5:17.

**C. Family**  
Cambodia

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

Our God is at work. We are witnessing some marvelous work of the Spirit of God in almost all locations we are serving. It is, so, exciting, to be a part of the great harvest the Lord is doing. We trust that you are as excited as we are. Through your partnership with us, you are a part of this ministry. Thank you for sending, for praying, and for your faithfully giving every month. Let us give thanks to the Lord for using us to bring others to Him, and actively participate in building His church.

While we were not able to make overseas missionary journeys since Covid hit, we have made three domestic missionary journeys totaling more than 2 months this year. We just got back from six weeks of ministry in NC, in three different locations, where we had the privilege of witnessing 7 precious brothers and sisters getting baptized on Palm Sunday at Friendly Arabic Church, where Brothers “S” and “K” are serving. What a wonderful time in joyful celebration with the waving of palm branches, singing hallelujahs, and Amens. The Spirit of the Lord and the joy of the Lord filled the church. Thank you, Friendly Arabic, for giving us the privilege to come alongside and serve.

The online classes continue to grow spiritually and in number. Every day of the week, we are engaged in the training, mentoring, and teaching of God’s servants whose ministries encompass over 30 churches. The students are growing, and are being used of the Lord in their locations. Every month, consistently, they share with us news of new conversions and baptisms. God is at work, let us rejoice, and be glad. Let us give praise to our wonderful Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ. We anticipate more glorious times in days to come.

Persecution has intensified. Three of our brothers

were murdered in the last 6 months. Pastor “Paul” was one of those martyrs of the faith that gave his life for his Lord. He will be missed immensely. What a great servant he was. Please pray for the families of those martyrs as we continue to minister to them, and try to meet their needs, and support them in any way we can. Please, also, pray for the protection of the leaders of the churches, and the believers of the region. We need to pray for the protection not only from without but, also, from within. Prayer for protection from false believers, and false teachers. Much wisdom is needed in those areas.

In closing, please note that in the last few months we experienced a major and very serious breach of security. Our email account was hacked and their continuous, ongoing attempts to hack it, for this reason, we tried to disappear for a while from communicating on the internet, and we chose to report to you in person or over the regular US phone service. Disappearing for a long period of time proved to be effective in distracting the enemy. At times we wonder if the illness of (Covid) that put pastor “Peter” in the hospital, out of the sight, and out of communication for over a month now, is a part of God’s plan of protection from greater harm. Vigilance, and doing ministry under the radar have always proven to be very helpful in keeping the enemies away and the hackers at bay.

Please remember to pray for Pastor “Peter”, the persecuted brothers and sisters, and please pray for us as we pray for you. Our work is not yet done. We have a lot of work to do. The work of missions has just begun. These are the greatest days for missions. This is how we personally feel, deep in our hearts. Keep serving, and looking up. He is coming soon. Forward by Faith.



June is an exciting month in our children's ministry. Not only are we having VBS but we also are having an event filled month of Wednesdays from 7-8pm in the Family Life Center.

**2: "World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae Night"**

**9: Simply Jesus: Lesson night**

**23: Water night! Wear clothes to get wet and bring a towel.**

**30: Simply Jesus: Lesson night**

On Sundays, we are growing again! Starting June 20, we will be adding 2 children's classes in the 10:45 service. Though they won't be identical yet to the 9 am service we will have a lesson and activity for both classes.

**VBS 2021**  
**June 14-18 6-8 pm**

VBS is just around the corner! June 14th through the 18th from 6-8 pm for pre-K to 5th grade. If you haven't pre registered yet, **go to [lmbc.org/vbs](http://lmbc.org/vbs) to get signed up.**



# DIFFERENCE MAKERS

## SERVE GOD SERVE OTHERS

WE WANT TO SAY  
**THANK YOU!**

... to all who contribute to our Faith Promise Ministry. All funds from Faith Promise are used in supporting our missionaries, both overseas and local, such as the Crisis Pregnancy Center and City Mission. If you would like to read how your contributions are being used, read pages 10 and 11 for updates from one of our foreign missionaries serving in a secured country. If you would like to give to the Faith Promise fund go to [lmbc.org](http://lmbc.org) and select Faith Promise, or simply write Faith Promise on your offering envelope.



## HELP IMPACT THE NEXT GENERATION

**Workers for the 10:45 am service**

We are reopening our 10:45 Kid's services on June 20 and we NEED your help. We have openings in the following areas:

- 2 preschool workers
- 4 elementary workers

For questions or to volunteer, contact Rebekah Shaffer at [r.shaffer@lmbc.org](mailto:r.shaffer@lmbc.org)

You can be a difference maker in a number of areas around the church. Visit the front desk after any service or visit [lmbc.org/serve](http://lmbc.org/serve) to find specific needs and see where you can serve here at LMBC.



## TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST FAMILY NEWS

### Births

- Lucille (Lucy) Rose Brewer, daughter of Nathaniel and Emily (Elkins) Brewer

### Bereavements

- Debra Bowyer, Alvin Bowyer's wife
- Mike Holman, Robyn Holman's husband
- Normal Albert Nash Jr, Mary Alice Yingling's father
- Howard Newberry, Jamie Garnes' grandfather

### Baptisms/New Members

- Carlos & Debbie Ball
- Robert & Kim Brown
- John Carter
- Regan Chapman (baptism)
- Jolie & Erin Eddins (baptism)
- Gunner Francis (baptism)
- Mackenzie & Brittany Hamilton
- Kinsley Hunt (baptism)
- Adam, Allison, Owen, & Eliza Kays
- Chris Lacey (baptism)
- Robert & Deborah Martin
- Gemma Ottaviano (baptism)
- Paxton Payne (baptism)
- Bill & Debbie Sheils
- Dawna & Emma White (baptism)

### Pastoral Birthdays

- Nathan McClay (19th)

# 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 **June 13 & 27 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*

### 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*

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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