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FOURTH  
OF JULY

**INDEPENDENCE**



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# JULY 2021

## Can't be here in person?

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

**Pastor's Summer Series Continues**

**THE GOOD LIFE**  
ECCLESIASTES

**4th (& 5th)**

**FOURTH OF JULY**  
CELEBRATE FREEDOM

In honor of the holiday, we will not have a Sunday evening Bible study and church offices will be closed Monday, July 5.

**Revelation**  
Sunday Nights @ 6 pm

Watch previous studies at [Imbc.org/sundaynight](http://Imbc.org/sundaynight)  
\*see pg. 7 for a full schedule

Pastor Lemming continues to take us through the book of Revelation. (Family style meeting with no nurseries or children's programs)

## Also this month:

### 16th

#### PrimeTime Event

- 6 pm, Renaissance Room

Dinner includes hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, and baked beans - and anything you want to add! RSVP to Vida or Blanche, or the church office

### 28th

#### Quarterly Business Meeting

- 8:10 pm, WC Auditorium



VBS 2021 was a complete success and the offering totalled an exciting \$4518.66! Next month, we'll share how this money will help a young family in need.



**Kids ages 3 - 5th grade**

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

### Sunday Mornings WC lower level

- 4: Paul Gave Them Hope
- 11: Paul's Third Journey
- 18: Paul Was Arrested
- 25: Together in Jesus

### Wednesdays @ 7pm in the FLC

- 7: On Break (No LKC)
- 14: On Break (No LKC)
- 21: Lesson night
- 28: Craft night



### Middle - High School Grades 6-12

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

### Wednesdays @ 6:45pm

- 7: Slip N' Slide
- 14: Game Night
- 21: Minute 2 Win It
- 28: Pizza w/ Pastor

### Mondays @ 1pm

- 5: Bible Study
- 12: Bible Study Lab
- 19: Bible Study
- 26: Bible Study



If you would like to know more about what groups are meeting and how to get connected, please contact the church office at 304-736-7676.



## Want more insight from your Bible reading?

You can watch our Rooted podcast on [Imbc.org](http://Imbc.org) or the LMBC app. Each week, our pastors analyze the selected scriptures to bring out additional insights.

## ROOTED BIBLE READING July 2021

*Jesus  
the Servant Leader*

- 1st 2 Timothy 4:1-22
- 2nd Titus 1:1-2:10
- 3rd Titus 2:11-3:15
- 4th OFF
- 5th Matthew 16:21-28
- 6th Matt. 18:1-10; 20:20-28
- 7th Matthew 23:1-12
- 8th Luke 19:11-26
- 9th John 13:1-17
- 10th Philippians 2:1-11
- 11th OFF
- 12th 1 Samuel 16:1-23
- 13th 1 Samuel 17:1-58
- 14th 1 Samuel 18:1-30
- 15th 1 Samuel 19:1-24
- 16th 1 Samuel 20:1-23
- 17th 1 Samuel 20:24-42
- 18th OFF
- 19th 1 Samuel 21:1-15
- 20th 1 Samuel 22:1-23
- 21st 1 Samuel 23:1-29
- 22nd 1 Samuel 24:1-22
- 23rd 1 Samuel 25:1-44
- 24th 1 Samuel 26:1-25
- 25th OFF
- 26th 1 Samuel 27:1-12
- 27th 1 Samuel 28:1-25
- 28th 1 Samuel 29:1-11
- 29th 1 Samuel 30:1-31
- 30th 1 Samuel 31:1-13
- 31st 2 Samuel 1:1-27

# FREE INDEED

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”  
(John 8:36 ESV)

Independence Day in the United States is the quintessential American holiday, laden with cookouts, concerts, family get-togethers, and, of course, fireworks. As a nation, we set aside July 4th to celebrate our national independence and give thanks for the political and economic freedom we enjoy in the United States. Looking back on the history of our nation, we're quickly reminded that the freedoms we hold dear today came at a high price, as men and women over the years, have sacrificed their own lives to preserve the liberty of some and to expand the liberty of others who had yet to experience freedom.

As followers of Jesus, it also behooves us during this month to sympathize with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world who live within political borders of oppressive governments. The Christian nonprofit agency, Voice of the Martyrs, has designated 49 countries around the world as “Restricted and Hostile,” signifying that within these countries exist “Government-sanctioned circumstances or anti-Christian laws leading to Christians being harassed, imprisoned, killed, or deprived of possessions or liberties because of their witness.” Would it surprise you to learn that in some of the countries in which persecution

of Christians is rampant, the gospel is spreading at a miraculous rate? While our brothers and sisters in Christ, who live in restricted countries, may not experience the political freedom we enjoy in the United States, they have embraced the spiritual freedom offered through the gospel of Jesus.

In his account of Jesus' life, the Apostle John recalls the words of Christ, writing, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36 ESV). What does it mean to be “Free indeed?” What kind of freedom, offered by Jesus, transcends political and cultural barriers? The Bible gives us three aspects through which we can experience and enjoy the true freedom that Jesus secured for those who believe on His name.

### #1 - Freedom from the Law

*“Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith” (Galatians 3:23-24).*

While we live in a free country, there are still laws in our land by which we must abide. If you think our national and local laws are difficult to follow, imagine how the Jewish people must have felt during Old Testament times. A detailed study of the book of Leviticus would reveal over 600 civil and ceremonial laws that were binding for the

nation of Israel! If salvation depended on our ability to faultlessly satisfy the law, we would all be in trouble. The book of Galatians is a pointed reminder that, as believers in Jesus, we are no longer under the law but under grace. There is a freedom that comes from knowing that our salvation, rather than hinging on our performance or perfection, is completely dependent on Jesus. For those who have been justified by faith, when God looks at us, He doesn't see our faults, flaws, and foibles, but rather, He sees Jesus' perfection credited to our account by way of the cross.

### #2 - Freedom from Sin and Death

*“For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2).*

Through Jesus, we have been set free from sin and death. Can you think of or imagine two more inescapable, ominous problems in life? “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23), and we long to be rid of the addictive and destructive effects of sin. Ultimately, the consequence of sin is death. Everyone, apart from salvation in Jesus, is suffering under a lifelong spiritual death, a future physical death, and an impending eternal death. The good news is this, because Jesus died in our place, we have been set free from sin and death. While sin still exists, it no longer must have mastery over believers in Jesus. Bonds of addiction can be broken and lives shattered by sin and shame can be restored. While we all have an

appointment with physical death if Jesus tarries, we have been made alive both spiritually and eternally with Jesus. Life with Him begins today and lasts forever. The chains of sin have been broken and the sting of death has been removed. We are free to worship and serve God for the rest of our lives!

### #3 - Freedom from Fear

*“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’” (Romans 8:15).*

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, it's no secret that many still live in fear. From residual concerns surrounding the pandemic and restrictions to economic obstacles associated with the recovery to political and societal upheaval, the cable news networks drone with bad news around the clock. Experiences in our personal lives also foment fear, as upcoming medical appointments, project deadlines, and big decisions instigate round after round of “what if?” scenarios that play out in the theater of our imaginations. We find ourselves imprisoned in a cell of fear and anxiety perhaps now more than ever. Is there a more relevant time than now for believers to be reminded that we are children of God? Through our adoption as sons and daughters of God, secured by Jesus' saving work, we do not

have to be in slavery to fear of the known or the unknown. Solomon said, in Ecclesiastes, “Fear God and keep His whole commandments, for this is the duty of mankind” (Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV). With our Heavenly Father watching over us in love, we are free to fear nothing and no one other than God.

**Living in Freedom...**

So, as you fire up the grill, head out to the lake, or light the first firecracker of the Summer holiday season this month, give thanks to the Lord for the political and religious freedoms we enjoy here in America. But don't let your thanksgiving stop there! Remember to thank God for the spiritual freedom Jesus secured for us on the cross. Those of us who have been set free by the Son of God can know a freedom that transcends the legal and political circumstances in which we find ourselves here on earth. Through Jesus, the bonds of sin can be broken, and we are free to live for Him and serve Him with joy in our hearts, regardless of what's going on around us.

Do you long to experience this freedom in Christ? Consider these three points of action over the month of July:

**#1 - Find the source of true freedom**

Jesus was not ambiguous or opaque concerning where to find the transcendent freedom He offers. Freedom can be realized by anyone “Who the Son sets free.” We live in a culture where people are looking for freedom in all the wrong places. Escapism through self-help, entertainment, busyness, or self-medication may distract us from our situations, but it does not provide freedom. Try as we may, we simply cannot set ourselves free from sin, death, and fear. Only Jesus is strong enough and able to set us free, as the One who stood toe-to-toe with sin and death, turning them both into conquered foes.

**#2 - Stand firm in the gospel**

Jesus said of those whom He sets free, that we are “free indeed.” Let's face it, there are times when, as believers in Jesus, we do not always feel free. While sin has ultimately been conquered by Christ, we battle with our flesh on a daily basis.

While we know in our hearts there is no reason for us to live in fear, our heads continue to fret and worry about what's in store for tomorrow. You're not alone! The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatian Christians, whose Christian liberty was under assault, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). When habitual sin besets us as believers and when fear assails our hearts and minds, it's time to return to the cross and assure our hearts of Jesus' victory on the cross, and the freedom we have in Him.

**#3 - Choose to serve God and His people**

The sad reality is, even within our own nation there are many who abuse and take for granted the freedoms we hold dear. Could it be the same among believers? Since the birth of Christ's church, Christians have been cautioned to take great care as to not use our Christian freedom as a license to live a life displeasing to God while running roughshod over other believers. Later in Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians, he deals with this issue, writing, “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13). The beauty of our freedom in Christ is that we can choose to serve the One who ransomed our soul! We don't serve for God's love; we serve from God's love. We don't live for God's acceptance; we live from God's acceptance of us through Christ. Through Jesus, we have been set free and are free indeed!



**by Matt McClay**

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R E V E L A T I O N

SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 6 PM



\*Join Pastor Lemming each Sunday at 6 pm for an in-depth study through the book of Revelation.

Revelation is one of the most mysterious and misunderstood books of the Bible but its implications are important for every believer to know. Pastor will work to unravel the complexities and reveal what God is telling us about our future.

Schedule

- July 4 *No evening service*
- 11 **Nathan McClay**
- 18 **Bill Blankenship**
- 25 **David Lemming**
- Aug. 1 **David Lemming**
- 8 **David Lemming**
- 15 **Jeremy Shaffer**
- 22 **David Lemming**
- 29 **David Lemming**
- Sept. 5 *No evening service*
- 12 **David Lemming**
- 19 **David Lemming**
- 26 **David Lemming**

*\*Family style meeting with no nurseries or children's programs*



# BUILDING ON THE ROCK



by **Tony Evans**

Tony Evans is an American Christian pastor, speaker, author, and widely syndicated radio and television broadcaster in the United States. He serves

as senior pastor to the over-9,500-member Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas. In his weekly online Devotional, Kingdom Life, he recently wrote these encouraging words to men about laying the right foundation. We believe that they are profitable for every believer and encourage you to give them real consideration. Parents, you may even want to read them to your children using the words from this old song about the wise man who built his house upon the rock.

The decisions we make will determine the outcome of our lives in every sphere.

Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall” (Matthew 7:26-27).

As you think about this parable and its relevance to you, remember that in Scripture a house can symbolically refer to one of four different things. Each of them is a sphere to which kingdom men should be bringing their influence.

1. **The Individual:** Kingdom people pursue personal purpose and aim to leave a lasting impact.
2. **The Family:** Kingdom people seek to impact their homes in such a way that all within them grow to be mature, responsible believers in Christ.
3. **The Church:** Kingdom people concern themselves with the spiritual footprint they are making with their lives.
4. **The Society:** Kingdom people involve themselves in the structural entities that govern a land so as to influence the culture for Christ.

There were two men in the parable Jesus told. Both wanted to build something lasting. Both desired personal development, familial influence, ministry impact, and societal good. Each wanted a life of significance. A family that was strong. A ministry that was effective. And a culture that was ordered well.

Yet these men pursued these goals differently, and this showed up in the results. One man built his house on the rock. His house stood. The other man built his house around a shaky foundation. His house fell hard.

**So, what are you building your life around?**

## **Wise Man and the Foolish Man Lyrics**

*The wise man built his house upon the rock*

*The wise man built his house upon the rock*

*The wise man built his house upon the rock*

*And the rains came tumbling down*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*And the house on the rock stood firm*

*The foolish man built his house upon the sand*

*The foolish man built his house upon the sand*

*The foolish man built his house upon the sand*

*And the rains came tumbling down*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*The rains came down and the floods came up*

*And the house on the sand went smash*

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Songwriters: *Traditional*

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# AFRICA

Here is the latest from missionaries...  
**JOHN & KID  
 GETANEH**

- Justin & Rachel Hoy**  
Senegal
- Jim & Connie Jeremias**  
Kenya
- JJ & Melissa Alderman**  
Togo
- Adam & Faith Drake**  
Togo
- Darin & Kathy Ishler**  
Kenya
- Diana Ferrell**  
Uganda
- Tom & Melissa Kendall**  
Togo
- John & Kid Getaneh**  
Zambia
- Tom & Marilyn Wilson**  
South Africa
- Pascal & Becky Grenade**  
Mauritius

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

*Dear Praying friends,*

The LORD is merciful and gracious... Psa. 103:8. I apologize for this late report. My family and I were diagnosed with Covid19. The Lord spared us from bad symptoms. We are recovering fairly well. The third wave of Covid19 has started and the government is worried. This is the time where an election campaign is underway and it is one of the super spreader events among the people.

We were blessed to have 15 young hearing men saved at the Chawama Deaf Baptist new church building project. The young men always met at the building for bad activities such as drugs and alcohol. It was a blessing to hear them pray asking for the Lord to forgive them and cleanse them. Continue to pray for the fund to complete the building and we will use the place to reach these youth with the gospel.

We were blessed to have my pastor Mark Cambell and Mission Director John Yingling visit us in Zambia this month. They both preached at the Deaf Bible Baptist 18th anniversary conference. During the conference a total of 11 deaf were saved and 17 were baptized. It was a blessing to see some of our deaf students from Faith Baptist getting saved and baptized.

It was so wonderful to have Pastor Mark preach at the Ethiopian fellowship in Zambia. The thanks giving service was full of different activities with 51 Ethiopians in attendance. The Kids acted dramas about the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins in Matthew 25 and some adults gave great testimonies. This fellowship was started by my wife and some of the ladies as a ladies fellowship that grew into its current position. We pray that the Lord will help us to organize it into a church.

I had the opportunity to preach at Sau-Maplot Baptist Church in Lusaka and 15 people got saved. I was also to visit Pastor Samson, a deaf pastor, who has faithfully been serving the Lord for 28 years in Ndola, Copperbelt province. I was blessed to preach at the church and met many of the young, deaf men he is training. Many of the deaf pastors and their helpers need bicycles. There were three deaf saved after I preached. Please pray for the deaf pastors during this difficult time; the worsening Covid19 situation.

Our deaf school is doing well. Just this month we registered 8 new students. Because of the Covid19 situation worsening in the country, the government has closed schools. Most of the hearing schools will be transitioning to Remote Learning but sadly, our students will be without school until the government opens school and resumes in-person learning.

May God bless you as you partner with us to reach the unreached with the gospel.

Serving the King of Kings,  
*Yohannes, Kidist, Leah, Yafet (Ben) and Bemenet*

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

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## TANIA -AND- THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

*“My sister and I didn’t usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas. Through a shoebox, I learned that there are people who love Jesus enough to give special gifts to children they haven’t even met.”*

I grew up during the communist regime in Romania. There was a cloud of gloom and sadness in the country. The atmosphere was very cold and unwelcoming. People focused all their energy on their jobs and sometimes overlooked their children.

Sometimes my dad worked two jobs. He worked hard, and our basic needs were met, but we didn’t have anything extra. My sister and I didn’t usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas.

Even though it was forbidden to talk about God, I grew up in a family that loved Jesus and went to church. But I was looked down upon for my faith. At school I was often ridiculed and bullied—it wasn’t easy for me.

When I was 10 years old I participated in a Christmas Eve program at church. After the program, the children were surprised with shoebox gifts. We were thrilled to receive the boxes. I saw so much joy and excitement in the room. I was deeply appreciative of the gift.

We had to wait and open the shoeboxes when we got home. Our house was a 30-minute walk from the church, and we had to walk in the snow.

When I opened my shoebox, I saw an explosion of color—plastic jewelry, a new hat, and scarves. My favorite items were school supplies. I received colorful pens, a notebook, and colored pencils.

As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies

were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me.

We were told that the shoeboxes were packed by other Christians. I learned that there are people who love Jesus Christ enough to give special gifts to children they haven’t even met. I felt valued and loved, and this helped me to have a deeper walk with the Lord.

I moved to the United States in 2003, and I’m now a special education teacher at a high school. Every year I pack shoeboxes with my husband and children. Packing shoeboxes has become a treasured family tradition.

I want my children to understand that many children around the world do not have as much as they do. I want to teach my children to be cheerful givers. We must give abundantly in order to bless others in the way we have been blessed.



READ THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

## DIFFERENCE MAKERS

SERVE GOD SERVE OTHERS

WE WANT TO SAY  
**THANK YOU!**

... to all who participate in the Kroger Rewards program. This program helps us raise funds to support the shipping cost and extra expenses of the Operation Christmas Child Ministry.

We currently have 67 families participating in this rewards program and with those we raise an average of about \$425 every three months.

Can you imagine what it would be if every family in our church registered to participate? It costs you nothing and takes no extra time from your weekly routine. It is simply an automatic contribution everytime you shop at Kroger. Registration is easy at [kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](http://kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards) or you can visit the customer service desk at your favorite Kroger Store. If you are already registered, don’t forget to renew your yearly registration.

Check out the next column to see other ways to be an OCC Difference Maker.

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.



## WE’RE EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

With all of the restrictions that 2020 brought we were unable to ask for your help in \*collecting items for the shoebox gifts - but this year we have no restrictions and we need your help! While it seems impossible that it is already time to begin we are only 4 months out from our packing parties. For the month of July we will be collecting **school supplies**.

The following items are what we are most in need of:

- Single Subject notebooks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Crayons

\*Donation bins are in all Worship Center lobby areas



## TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST FAMILY NEWS

### Bereavements

- Elwood Burton, Charlene Burton's husband
- **\*correction\*** Howard Newberry, Jamie Garnes' **father**
- Andy Williams, Sandy Protzman's brother

### Baptisms/New Members

- Olivia Allen (VBS baptism)
- Addie Bashore (VBS baptism)
- Molly Burgess (VBS baptism)
- Randy Clark (baptism)
- Michaela Connelly (VBS baptism)
- Jionna Addelynn Eaves (VBS baptism)
- Zeplyn Frasher (VBS baptism)
- Jason Gibson (baptism)
- Mia Lawrence (VBS baptism)
- Ziva Nash (VBS baptism)
- Rachel Parks (VBS baptism)
- Steven Robinson (baptism)
- Alan & Jamie Sypolt
- Ella Winters (VBS baptism)

### Pastoral Staff (and wives) Birthdays

- Mary Lemming (4th)
- Rebekah Shaffer (26th)

# LOOKING FOR A 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 **Sept. 12 @ 4:30 pm** in the SMB Cafe, where you'll meet with our Pastors to begin your membership experience.  
**Call:** 304-736-7676  
**Pre-register:** [lmbc.org/starting-point](http://lmbc.org/starting-point)

# 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*

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### 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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WEDNESDAY BIBLE  
STUDY  
7 pm

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