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Bring the world from darkness to light.

OCTOBER

2021

 **ROOTED**
BIBLE READING

**Can't be here
in-person?**

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

**for the reading plan,
go to pg. 9
or Imbc.org/rooted*

**BACK
TO THE MISSION**
Missions '21 OCT 3-6

3rd

9 & 10:45 am, Trey Bailey
6 pm, Barboursville Park

4th

6 pm, International Dinner

6th

7 pm, Life Group gathering in
WC Auditorium

**read more on pgs. 7 & 8*

27th
6:45 pm
lower lot



details on pg. 12

Revelation

Sunday Nights @ 6 pm

Watch previous studies
and see a full schedule
at Imbc.org/sundaynight

Also this month:

7th

Widow's Luncheon

- 12:30 pm, Renaissance Room

13th

Quarterly Business Meeting

- 8:10 pm, WC Auditorium

22nd

PrimeTime Event

- 6 pm, Steve & Leah's home

Shuttle leaves the church at
5:30 pm. Meat, drinks, and
Leah's famous dumplings
provided. Please bring a veggie,
salad, or dessert to share.
RSVP to Vida (304-617-7231)
or Blanche (304-634-9512),
or the church office



Kids ages 3 - 5th grade

Visit Imbc.org/lkc or
ask to join our Facebook group

October is the month where the trees reveal their
brilliant colors and the air turns crisp. Nature is returning
to its beginning, preparing for the winter that will

soon come. October reminds us of the cycle that brings each new season. There is a safety in
the changing, a knowing that it is constant. We cannot stop the cold just like we can't stop the
seasons. God, the Creator, is the author of these changes and He stands steady. This month on
Sundays we will return to the Creator in the book of Genesis and lead our children through the
stories of creation and the beginning of history. Our children are growing up in an unsteady world
and need to know a Steady God. They need to know about a God who made Octobers.

Sunday Mornings
WC lower level

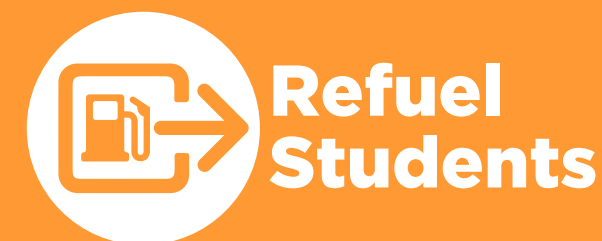
3: Jesus Returns
10: God Created the World
17: God Created People
24: Creation Glorifies God
31: Sin Enters the World

Wednesdays @ 7pm
in the FLC

6: Missions! night
13: Lesson night
20: Lesson night
27: Trunk 'R Treat! (details
on pg. 12)



Practicing each Sunday Night!
LKC JAMZ continues to rehearse
each Sunday night in preparation
for their performance on Dec.5.
Nursery provided.



Middle - High School
Grades 6-12

youtube.com/c/refuelstudents

Wednesdays @ 6:45pm

6: Missions Night w/ Trey Bailey
13: Gourd Games
20: Refuel as usual
27: Costume Night/Trunk 'R Treat Challenge

Other Events

2: High School Hike (@ New River Gorge)
16: Middle School Hike (@ Barboursville Park)
22-26: D.R. Vision Trip for Seniors

RESCUE



THE PERISHING

Will you consider an important question with me in this article for just a few moments? No one will know your personal answer and I'm not asking you to make it public. However, if we will all be genuine with ourselves and allow a measure of transparency before the Lord, I believe this exercise can help us advance the Gospel as we get #backtothemission this year.

The Apostle Peter made an extraordinary statement in his second epistle. He writes, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

Did you see the phrase, "God is not willing that any should perish"? Do we really believe what it says? Clearly, Peter

isn't teaching that ultimately everybody will be saved and have a place in Heaven. There are too many other passages that affirm the exact opposite and warn those who do not believe in Jesus that they will be separated from God for eternity.

The New International Bible Commentary is one example of how we can understand what Peter means here. It says, "This text does not teach that God actually decrees that all will be saved (universalism). The reference here is not to God's decree, but to His desire. Obviously, everything that a sovereign God decrees will occur. Here Peter is describing the sovereign God's desire that all people would turn to Him and turn away from unprofitable lives (1 Tim. 2:4)."

Just to be clear, what God "decrees" He always accomplishes, but what He "desires" may not always be realized. That doesn't mean that God has failed, but rather that He has left room for mankind's free will to operate, in this case. Could He override our wills? Absolutely, but in His sovereignty, He has allowed our free will to operate without sacrificing His sovereignty.

Please don't get too bogged down in the theological argument above and miss the basic point we have to consider. If God is not willing that any should perish, are we then willing to do all we can to get the Gospel to every man, woman, boy, and girl?

Obviously, God can do anything He wants to do without our help. After all, He is omnipotent! However, He has chosen to bring the Good News of the Gospel to our communities and world through the instrumentality of people like you and me. We have been afforded the privilege to be His ambassadors in this world. That also means the responsibility is ours to spread the

**“If He is not willing that
any should perish ...
are you?”**

Gospel as broadly as possible as He commands. Could He do all of this without us? Sure He could, but He has chosen to accomplish His purposes through us.

It's been estimated that over two billion people in our world either have no access or only limited access to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Actually, some of the people on your street and at your workplace are among the people that have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel because we haven't effectively carried it to them.

Did you know that statistics show that ninety-five percent of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ? Eighty percent of all Christians do not consistently witness for Christ. Less than two percent are involved in the ministry of evangelism. And, seventy-one percent do not give toward the financing of the Great Commission. Do those numbers alarm you?

On the one hand, I think most of us would say we are grateful that "God is not willing that any should perish," but then our actions (as described in the statistics) too often show that we are OK if people perish in their sins. There is clearly a dichotomy between what we say we believe and how we work out those beliefs in our daily lives and finances.

The fact is that all of us should care about the eternal destinies of the people that are already in our network of influence. But, we should also care about those that are in places we can't personally reach and do all we can to help get the Gospel to those people. Both of these efforts are what we call missions!

You and I were blessed to be born in a country where the Gospel can freely be shared in

almost any forum and any place. Most of us have heard the Gospel hundreds, if not thousands of times in the course of our lives. Even at that, you likely didn't come to Christ the first time you heard it. It took multiple times of hearing and considering what Christ did for you before you put your faith in Jesus for eternal life. I'm grateful that we have such opportunities in our country and that people didn't stop bringing the message when we didn't believe it at first.

This month we are thinking about those in other parts of the world that need the Gospel and asking ourselves how we can send this life-changing message to them! After two years with the absence of hosting missionaries and focusing on the needs of the world for the Gospel, it's time to go #backtothemission! In other words, the way forward for us is to go back to what is at God's heart...spreading the Gospel to people everywhere.

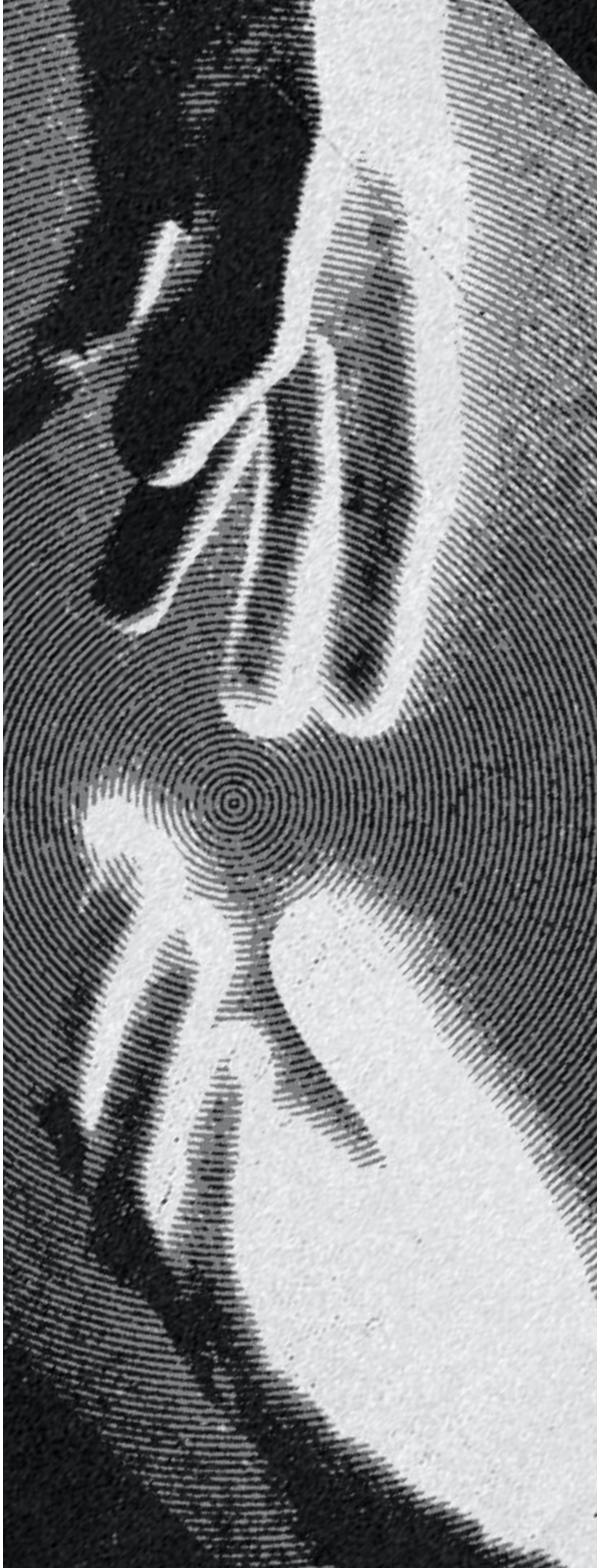
The question I've been getting to since the beginning of this article that I want you to consider with me comes from what Peter tells us about our God: If He is not willing that any should perish...are you?

If your heart is in tune with the heart of God, I believe you'll have to answer that you are NOT willing that any should perish, either. That means you will make every effort to join the collective efforts of your church family to help us extend the Gospel to places we do not live and cannot go. It also means we will do all we can to carry that same Gospel to our own families, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances!



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.



MONTH

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08:52

STARTING TIME

BACK

TO THE MISSION

Oct. 3-6

Mark your calendars for our annual Missions Emphasis Week. This year we are taking a look back so we can refocus on what it'll take to face the future of missions. We'll hear from long time missionary partners, Trey Bailey and Tony Hess, and meet new missionaries, Wade & Kacey Rainey. There will be nights of retro fun along with a new challenge to take the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Oct. 3

Sunday morning w/ Trey Bailey

Churchwide picnic @ 6pm
at Barboursville Park
(shelter #9)

Retro games, food, and fun
along with hearing from our
missionaries



Trey & Terri Bailey grew up at LMBC and, as young adults, felt the call to missions. Trey goes around the world with SCORE International that uses sports as a means of connection.

Oct. 4

International Dinner @ 6pm
in the Renaissance Room
(FLC)

Bring your favorite exotic dish to share with our church family (anything from home-cooked to carry out)



Wade & Kacey Rainey are currently building support to join Daystar and the DR Vision. They have a dynamic story to tell and we look forward to teaming up with them.

Oct. 6

Life Group gathering @ 7pm
in the WC Auditorium

Kids and Teens will still meet in the FLC and SMB for their own missions celebration



Tony & Dawn Hess have been supported by LMBC for over a decade and have been very busy in the country of Russia. We are excited to hear the news they bring!

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JUST TURN ON THE LIGHT

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8, NKJV



by Anne Graham Lotz

I live in the southern part of the United States. During the warmer months in particular, if I leave the porch light on at night, all sorts of moths and insects swarm to it. The variety can be fascinating. Everything from large luna moths to beetles to strange green crawly things beat and flutter their way to the light. I have never stood at the door and called these insects to come or set out bait for them. All I have to do is to turn on the light and they come of their own volition – by the hundreds. Moths, in the midst of the darkness, are not attracted to more darkness. They are attracted to the light.

People today, living in the midst of “darkness,” are not attracted to more darkness; they are attracted to the Light. So let your Light shine! Lift it high! You don’t have to have a clever presentation to your witness or learn evangelistic formulas or take a course on communicating to a postmodern man. For heaven’s sake, just turn on the Light!

Blessings

Find more from Anne Graham Lotz at annegrahamlotz.org.

BIBLE READERS!

Can you see the light at the end of the tunnel? You have just 90 days left and you will have completed the Bible reading plan for 2021. This means that you’ve already completed 9 full months of Bible reading; that is a major accomplishment itself! Now is not the time to slow down or give up; now is the time to persevere and finish well!

Here is what is coming up for the month of October:

The first week of October you will be focused on reading about Jesus and His Church. Do you realize that the Church is still God’s preferred method of carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth? You will read selected passages from the Gospel and the Epistles that highlight the importance of the Church. The second week of October you will be reading through the book of Galatians. The book of Galatians has six short chapters that are packed with vital doctrinal truth. You might want to slow down a bit reading through this book. The last two weeks of the month you will be taking on Paul’s magnum opus: the book of Romans. But don’t let Romans scare you, because although it can be a heavy book, it also can be a rewarding book for your spiritual growth. A believer’s growth in their faith should not be a solely practical endeavor, it should be equally balanced with doctrinal teaching. In fact, if a believer is to practice their faith, they must understand their faith first – this is why doctrine is important. Otherwise, how is a believer supposed to live out their faith if they know nothing about it?

Also, don’t forget that each Monday, a podcast is released on the church social media outlets wherein the week’s readings are discussed by a team of our pastors. If you have questions about what you’re reading, send them to biblereading@lmbc.org. Hang in there! Just three more months and you’re done!



ROOTED
BIBLE READING
October 2021

Jesus
and the Church

- 1st** Nehemiah 12
- 2nd** Nehemiah 13
- 3rd** OFF
- 4th** John 14:15-21; 16:5-15
- 5th** Matthew 16:13-28
- 6th** Acts 2:14-47
- 7th** 1 Corinthians 12
- 8th** Colossians 1:24-29
- 9th** Hebrews 10:19-39
- 10th** OFF
- 11th** Galatians 1
- 12th** Galatians 2
- 13th** Galatians 3
- 14th** Galatians 4
- 15th** Galatians 5
- 16th** Galatians 6
- 17th** OFF
- 18th** Romans 1
- 19th** Romans 2:1-3:20
- 20th** Romans 3:21-4:25
- 21st** Romans 5
- 22nd** Romans 6
- 23rd** Romans 7
- 24th** OFF
- 25th** Romans 8
- 26th** Romans 9:1-10:4
- 27th** Romans 10:5-11:24
- 28th** Romans 11:25-12:21
- 29th** Romans 13-14
- 30th** Romans 15-16
- 31st** OFF

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

IN ASIA

SECURED C. Family, Cambodia

SECURED L. Family, China

SECURED D. Family, India

SECURED J. Family, India

SECURED D. Family, Israel

SECURED K. Family, Kazakhstan

SECURED G. Family, Middle East

Doug & Becky Sisson, Philippines

Tim & Charlene Miskimen, Thailand



MISSION FIELD

NEWS FROM THE



D.R. VISION
TEAM

**PRAISES &
PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Happy Anniversary, IBEM!

August 1st, IBEM celebrated 18 years of service to the community of San Pedro! How exciting to celebrate all that God has done for the last 18 years and all that we trust He will do in the years to come!

Las Palmas celebrates their 4th graduation!

Las Palmas Christian School just celebrated their 4th graduating class! It is an honor to be able to see these adolescents step into adulthood!

Las Palmas is also still in the process of hiring teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Positions still available include 2nd grade Spanish teacher, 4th Grade teacher (English speaking), 6th grade Spanish teacher, HS math teacher, & a Physics teacher.

Testimony from a new believer of IBEM!

MERCY Workshop (a rescue and rehabilitation ministry for at-risk women) was recently able to hear the testimony of a new believer and member of IBEM. After finishing her first discipleship class with Allison Hale, she was encouraged to write out and share her testimony with someone else. It was an encouraging moment to hear her share of all she was and all God has brought her to be with the women of MERCY Workshop! There was no mistake about Who is getting the glory from this life! AMEN!



JOHN & KID
GETANEH

**PRAISES &
PRAYER
REQUESTS**

The Lord has been so good to us in protecting us from COVID-19. We still conduct church services with the new normal in strict scrutiny. Some of our church members, teachers and students were diagnosed with the new delta virus. Praise the Lord that they all have recovered. Even with COVID-19, the Lord is in a saving business. We had a total of 6 saved at the Deaf Bible Baptist Church last month.

The Lord helped me to lead two deaf last week that came from Kabwe for a soccer tournament. They are part of the group who are going to Kenya for the Deaf tournament. They were asking me about the place of training in Lusaka. They were afraid that they might be lost in the big city. I told them that they should be more afraid if they would be lost for eternity without Jesus. Even though they were eager to be at the place, they wanted to hear more about eternity, Jesus and the message of salvation. After 2 hours of explanation, they accepted Jesus as their Savior. Please pray for the deaf in Chinsali district, Muchinga province to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is a blessing that the government opened schools. We started receiving our deaf students and we are so happy. We are also blessed to have the first deaf wedding in our church since COVID-19 started. One deaf said, "it is nice to see happiness for a change instead of attending funerals all the time". I thought of heaven.. where we never have to go through heartaches, weeping but rejoicing with the King of Kings. Glory be to the Lord.



PAT & LISA
MCCOY

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

KLIU 95.9FM Radio Ministry

KLIU is making some progress. The equipment has been replaced and we are getting our programming back to normal. Part of this process is not only an improvement of the equipment but moving to the next phase of relocating the tower and equipment to the hillside location. There is a group coming from Trinity Baptist Church in Oxford Alabama by the time this letter goes out but we still need prayers that all goes well in accordance to God's will.

Survey To Nome

The Lord has recently given me the opportunity to go to Nome as part of a survey I have wanted to take for several years now. I have always heard that there is a Church in Nome but I have had my reservations. Well as I expected Nome is just as needy of a church as any place in Alaska. Nome is a wet town, which means there are open bars and there are as many religious works as there are bars. Which means plenty of religion but not much in the way of truth. There is a Baptist fellowship that has been there for some time. A few attend the service they have once a week. Even still it has been without a Pastor for several years now. Please pray the Lord will send a man to preach the truth in Nome.

For more missionary updates, go to
lmbc.org/missionary-updates



Trunk 'R Treat is Back!

Wednesday, Oct. 27

(Lot opens at 6 pm to prepare. Event goes from 7 - 8 pm)

Trunk 'R Treat makes its grand return in 2021 and we hope you will all help us make this a night to remember for our community. We are asking you to decorate your vehicles (and yourselves) and join us on the lower lot to give kids a fun, safe place to collect treats and to see Jesus' love in action. You can reserve a parking space as a family or a group but, either way, we need you to let us know by going to lmbc.org/trunk-r-treat and registering your vehicle.

Even if you can't participate directly, we still need your help! There will be many children present and we need candy donations to hand out. You can drop those off in any church lobby on Sunday or the church office during office hours (9 am to 4 pm).

Start inviting your friends and family to this exciting event!

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

SERVE GOD SERVE OTHERS

You can be a difference maker in a number of areas around the church. Visit lmbc.org/serve to find specific needs and see where you can serve here at LMBC.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are one month away from packing parties. (Collection Week is Nov. 15-22) Shoeboxes will be available in all lobby areas soon. Be watching in the coming weeks.

For the month of October we will be collecting **toys & games**.

- Stuffed animals
- Hot Wheels
- Jump Ropes
- Coloring Books
- Barbies or similar dolls
- Marbles
- Jacks
- Bouncy Balls
- Tennis Balls
- **Very important!** No military related items or guns please

*Donation bins are in all Worship Center lobby areas.

WILL YOU HELP OTHERS WITH THEIR DAILY WALK?

Our media team (called the Daily Walk ministry) is always in search of more folks who can help with the production of Sunday mornings and special events. Our 9 am service is fully staffed so we are looking for people who can help at the 10:45 am mainly.

Camera Op:

- One Sunday per Month (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 15 min 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 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.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST FAMILY NEWS

Births

- Reagan Katharine Thompson, to Jennifer & JD Thompson

Bereavements

- Bill Bevins, Terri Burgh's brother
- Ellen Collins, Mandie Smith's grandmother
- Christine Dunfee, Lee Dunfee's mother
- Otto Hensley, Joyce Adkins' brother-in-law
- Lottie Midkiff, Diana Murphy's mother
- Claude Shumate, Clyde Shumate's brother
- Joy Stocker, Dan Stocker's wife

New Members/Baptisms

- Maddyn Baker (baptism)
- London Ball (baptism)
- Sutton Ball (baptism)
- Austin & Bethany Fry
- Journey Litchfield (baptism)
- Charles Steven Robinson, Sr (baptism)

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: Imbc.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 Imbc.org/what-we-believe to learn
about our core beliefs
and more.

4th Experience



Come to the next
Starting Point on
Nov. 14 @ 5 pm
in the SMB Cafe,
where you'll meet with
our Pastors to begin
your membership
experience.
Call: 304-736-7676
Pre-register: Imbc.org/starting-point

WANT TO JOIN A LIFEGROUP?

ADULTS (COED)

SUNDAYS @ 10:45 am

Through the Bible (S104) Jared Blankenship
Wall Builders (S100) Steve Bragg
Cornerstone (S102) Tim Koletka
Maranatha (Renaissance Room [FLC]) Chuck Daniel

TUESDAYS @ 1 pm

Getting Past What You Can't Get Over (S100) Estep/Wyrick
@ 6 pm
Life Together (S104) Tim Yates

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 pm

At Home with the Word (Tardy Home) Steve & Vicki Tardy
@ 6:45 pm
Broken Together (Thompson Home) Dan & Terri Thompson
Abundant Life (L108) Gary McMullen
@ 7 pm
West Ridge Bible Study (WC Auditorium) Tim Yates
Selah (L109) Nathan McClay
Friends of God (Renaissance Room) David & Mary Lemming
It's Always Something (L107) Chuck Daniel
Prophecy and Current Events (L113) Roger Blackburn
Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace (L111) Steve Hogsett

THURSDAYS @ 5:30 pm

Believing, Belonging, & Becoming (S102) Thurman Lowder

SATURDAYS @ 3 pm

At the Grove (Chateau Grove) Juile Tritz

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 10:45 am

Joy (L106) Mary Ellen Black

MONDAYS @ 6 pm

Daughters of the King (S100) Rebekah Shaffer

TUESDAYS @ 10 am

At His Feet (S100) Beth Jenkins

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45 pm

Inside-Out (L106) Mary Ellen Black
@ 7 pm
4Ever His (L112) Leah Adkins

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 10 am

Westridge Wisdom (S100) Jeremy Shaffer
@ 7 pm
Men of Truth (HIS Way Cafe [SMB]) Steve Bragg
Iron Sharpeners (Northside House) Matheny/Miller

SENIOR ADULTS

SUNDAYS @ 9 am

Willing Workers (L112) Richard Sexton
Young at Heart (L113) Bill Blankenship

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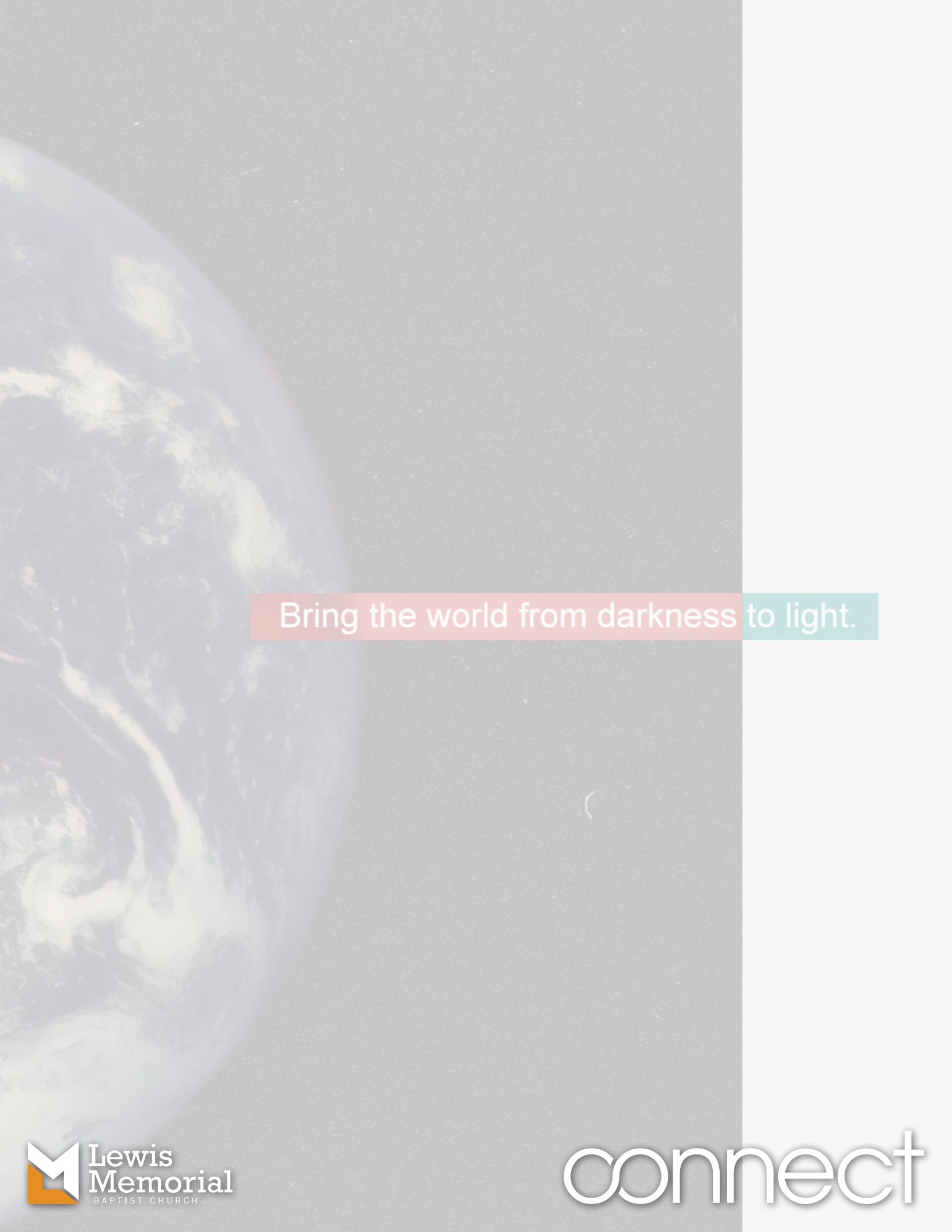
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9 & 10:45 am (watch live
at Imbc.tv)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE
STUDY
7 pm

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