



WSBC welcomes both the “scattered” and the “gathered” church to remain connected and active. Thank you for your complete cooperation, patience and grace given as you personally prepare to gather at WSBC each week.

**What to expect at WSBC.**

As a result of the pandemic (COVID-19), it is necessary to make some changes in how we are used to gathering for worship. We must be intentional in providing reasonable guidelines and precautions for the good of your neighbors who attend and participate in our worship services. As such:

- Please monitor your (and your family members’) **health and temperature** and sanitize your hands before attending an on-site WSBC worship service.
- **Please stay home** - if you are sick, if you (or any family member) have a fever, if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 with or without symptoms, or if you have had any close contact with a person who has been confirmed, suspected or is symptomatic of COVID-19.
- Plan to **arrive early** on Sunday mornings as doors will open 20 minutes before service times. (Service times are 9 and 11AM).
- Please **wear your own mask** while at WSBC.
- Please observe and maintain all **social distancing (6 feet)**, in the sanctuary *but also while coming and going*. Please, distance 6 feet from others, refrain from handshakes and hugs, avoid fellowshiping in hallways and the narthex, and minimize touching all surfaces.
- Help us accommodate both services. Please, do not linger in the sanctuary or narthex. **Fellowship with friends and family outside the building** along 45<sup>th</sup> Street and then walk around the church to the parking lot, bank or wherever you parked your vehicle.

*Goodness and Mercy*  
Psalm 23

*The Shepherd King leads us to the One who will refresh our soul and redirect our perspective now and forevermore.*

Psalm 23:1-5

*"Beneath me: green pastures.  
Beside me: still waters.  
With me: my Shepherd,  
Before me: a table.  
Around me: mine enemies.  
After me: goodness and mercy.  
Beyond me: the house of the Lord."* ~ Note from D.L. Moody’s Bible.

Psalm 23:6

The Goodness and Mercy of God is who God is.

The Goodness and Mercy of God is greater than our current circumstances.

The Goodness and Mercy of God will leave a wake of blessing flowing from our lives.

**Welcome and Community Life**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**Sermon**  
*Goodness and Mercy*  
Psalm 23  
Pastor Joel Sisson

*Psalm 23*  
*Who You Say I Am*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Student of the Week** is **Freshman** Jackson Gantt, U of I Champaign.

**Beginning Wednesday, August 19, you may make your worship service reservation for Sunday, August 23 at: [wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](https://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP).**

**Women's Life Weekly Planning and Prayer on ZOOM.** We will meet each Thursday morning from **9-10AM** to pray for the Lord's guidance as we gather again on September 10. Please contact Audrey Ridlen if you have any questions.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5526349366?pwd=a2Z4S2FGSXNEeIJ1L3Jlc1hyUUy3QT09>

**Meeting ID:** 552 634 9366; **Passcode:** WL2020

**Women's Life** (IDPH permitting): a children's program will be offered for nursery to kindergarten age children. Two more individuals are required to staff this program. Workers are paid from 8:45-11:15AM. If you are willing and available to provide this service, please contact Bri Hueber for details. Thank you for your consideration.

**Nursery/Preschool ministry, please contact Bri Hueber or Pastor Joel if you are willing and able to serve our families and church this fall.**

# FINANCIAL

For 10 Months Ending 7/31/20	Actual Giving	Actual Expenses	Budget
<b>General</b>	\$685,900	\$656,600	\$705,600
<b>Missions</b>	\$236,300	\$210,700	\$269,200

# CALENDAR

## TODAY 16

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship

<https://wsbc.info/online-stream/>

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch](http://www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/wsbcvillagechurch>

## MONDAY 17

8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

## TUESDAY 18

8:30AM EMI Men's Group  
7PM Praise Team Rehearsal  
7PM Prayers of the New Testament Bible study on ZOOM

## WEDNESDAY 19

9AM Worship Reservations accepted for August 23

[wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](https://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP)

## THURSDAY 20

9AM Women's Life ZOOM Prayer  
7PM Missions Committee Meeting

## FRIDAY 21

7AM Men's Prayer on ZOOM

## SATURDAY 22

7AM Men's Bible Study

## SUNDAY 23

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship  
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# MISSION FOCUS

## AFRICA INITIATIVE

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Josiah Choms founded Africa Initiative (AI) in 1999. While he was a student, Josiah commuted from Moody Bible Institute each week to be part of our Sunday kids' worship program. During the summer he lived with the Amerlans while he learned to fly airplanes and helicopters.

After he graduated, he went to seminary in Chicago and then to the Oxford Center for Mission for a PhD.

AI's first ministry project was a copy shop/computer services center where young adults were trained to interact with people in the community and share the gospel. Eventually, the project became Firm Foundation Academy in Jos, which is a school that accepts Christian and Muslim children. Along with the school project, Josiah preaches and ministers at conferences, bringing the power of the gospel into Nigeria's church on weekends. He also is an aviation expert and managing director of Caverton Helicopters—living out his faith on a national stage.

*We are safe presently and we thank God. While Nigeria is gradually relaxing the strict control of movement, we are far from return to normal. Schools and several businesses are still shut until further notice.*

*An upside is that we are able to spend quality time with our children helping them spiritually, physically, socially, and educationally.*

*Also we found that many people who were hitherto hostile are now very open to the gospel as they seek to understand the meaning of life in view of the current global chaos. Josiah has had opportunity to address these issues at several online events organized by our local church in Lagos in the past few months. Please pray:*

- *that whenever we open our mouths, words may be given us so that we will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Pray that we may declare it as fearlessly as we should.*
- *that we will continue to be still to know what God is up to and to align to it in obedience. Also pray that we will keep pointing people to God during the Pandemic.*
- *that the final strategy in Nigeria and around the world for returning lives to the new normal will truly be what God has in mind.*

*Did you know...that young Nigerians often believe they can serve God only if they take a job in a church or other Christian environment? Josiah wanted to demonstrate that God will be honored through all kinds of life skills.*