



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.



*Confidence in Life’s Difficulties*  
Psalm 11

*Whether we remain confident when life beats us down depends on our focus.*

When we take our focus off the Lord our confidence is shaken by despair.

When we place our focus on the Lord our confidence is restored by faith.



September 20, 2020

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

*Forever Jesus*

**Sermon**  
*Confidence in Life’s Difficulties*  
Psalm 11  
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

**Psalm 46**  
Ruth Whittaker

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*Turn Your Eyes*  
*Christ, our Hope in Life and Death*

**Community Life**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Online Worship Options:

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

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

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

**Freshman Student of the Week** is **Ben Wolf** at Moody Bible Institute.

**Beginning Wednesday, September 23, you may make your worship service reservation for Sunday, September 27 at: [wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP).**

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

**Families/Couples Bible Study Small Group: TODAY, September 20, at 1:30PM** in the home of Chris and Renata Austin. For more details contact Aaron and Becky Hoesli.

**Fall Business Meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 5PM in the Sanctuary. Members are encouraged to attend to vote on the proposed 2020-2021 church budget. Reservations are required.**

# FINANCIAL

For 11 Months Ending 8/31/2020	Actual Giving	Actual Expenses	Budget
<b>General</b>	\$739,900	\$741,200	\$787,600
<b>Missions</b>	\$256,000	\$210,800	\$300,500

# CALENDAR

## TODAY 20

9AM Worship  
 11AM Worship  
 1:30PM Families/Couples Small Group  
 6:30PM HSM

## MONDAY 21

9AM VOICE Deadline  
 6PM Men's Basketball at Spring Rock Park  
 8PM Women's Ministry Prayer On ZOOM

## TUESDAY 22

8:30AM EMI Men's Group  
 9AM On Bended Knee Bible Study  
 5:30PM Creeds and Card Games  
 7PM Be Transformed Bible study on ZOOM  
 7PM Praise Team Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY 23

8AM Men's Ministry Prayer on ZOOM  
 9AM Worship Reservations accepted for September 27  
[wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP)  
 1PM Prayer on the Patio  
 6:30PM MSM

## THURSDAY 24

6:30AM Men's Bible Study on ZOOM  
 9AM Women's Life Acts Bible Study  
 1:30PM What if Jesus was Serious? Bible Study  
 6:30PM Core Class  
 7PM Diaconate Meeting

## FRIDAY 25

7PM Men's Basketball at Spring Rock Park

## SATURDAY 26

7AM Daniel Men's Bible Study

## SUNDAY 27

9AM Worship  
 11AM Worship  
 1:30PM Families/Couples Small Group  
 5PM Business Meeting  
 6:30PM HSM

# MISSION FOCUS



Congo Initiative (CI) is celebrating its fifteenth year. They are a community of Christ-centered Congolese leaders and global partners united for the transformation of lives and ultimately the nation. The heart of the ministry is the Christian Bilingual University of Congo at Beni. Students not only learn a number of academic disciplines, they also learn about living in community, and notably, about forgiveness and reconciliation.

After completing their PhDs at Trinity International University in Deerfield, David and Kaswera Kasali founded Congo Initiative in response to a devastating war in their native Democratic Republic of Congo (DNC). David was lauded for his fearlessness to return home.

For the first half of 2020, our community in the DNC faced the extraordinary challenge of confronting two outbreaks simultaneously: COVID-19 and Ebola. As the Ebola outbreak lingered, the first Coronavirus cases were confirmed in Beni, DR Congo in early April. Thankfully, on June 25, 2020, the second-largest Ebola outbreak in history was declared over.

There are pressing needs for accurate and timely information, educational resources for remote learning, assistance paying salaries, and masks for protection. Through our COVID-19 Response Fund, we hope to raise \$77,350 to help our community adapt and help others during this difficult time. Here are a few examples of how this fund helps our community:

- Disseminate critical information widely about COVID-19 through Radio Télé Bilingue.
- Equip women with skills and equipment to sew masks for the local population.
- Teach awareness and prevention within community programs and beyond.
- Provide hygiene stations at our CI program locations.
- Emergency salary assistance for CI staff.
- Internet data for online teaching and learning.