

## DISCIPLESHIP THIS FALL

Pastor Joel Sisson



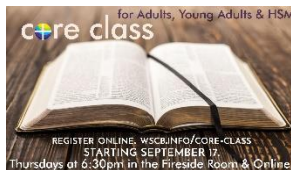
### Children's Ministry [wsbc.info/children-family](https://wsbc.info/children-family)

- Nursery/PreK (0-5yrs) is now open on Sundays at 9AM. Starting September 13 Nursery/PreK (0-5yrs) in Rooms 200-201 and WSBC Kids (K-5th Grade) in Room 211 will open at 11AM.

- This year WSBC Kids (K-5th Grade) will be exploring *EPIC TEACHING OF THE BIBLE* and dig into scriptures such as the 10 Commandments, Fruit of the Spirit, Armor of God, Psalm 23 and more.



### Core Class [wsbc.info/core-class](https://wsbc.info/core-class)



- Thursdays at 6:30PM in the Fireside Room and online stream starting September 17.

- This year the Core Class will explore some biblical themes throughout scripture. We are moving the Core Class to Thursdays this semester. The class will be taught by Timothy Abbatacola, Tal Gerald, and Joel Sisson, and it will be divided up into 3-4 week teaching segments with a Zoom discussion and reflection class in between.

### Family Ministry [wsbc.info/online-stream/#Families](https://wsbc.info/online-stream/#Families)

- Continue to use the Lesson Materials on our website to grow your family's discipleship time @home.
- We'll be looking forward to Operation Christmas Child in October/ November and the marriage course and LiveWire in 2021.



### Church App [wsbc.info/app](https://wsbc.info/app)

- Use this App for WSBC Nursery and Kids Check-ins and to find a group and Bible study to participate in and grow your discipleship.

### Men's Ministry [wsbc.info/men](https://wsbc.info/men)

- Men's Prayer: Wednesdays at 8AM on Zoom.
- Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:30AM on Zoom.
- Bible Study: Saturdays at 7AM in person. Daniel: *Spiritual Living in a Secular World*.



**Prayer on the Patio** [wsbc.info/prayer/#OnThePatio](https://wsbc.info/prayer/#OnThePatio)

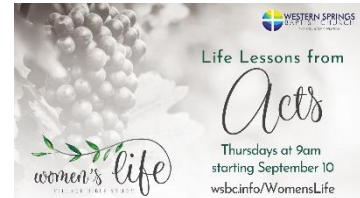
- Wednesdays from 1-3PM on the south patio along 45<sup>th</sup> Street.
- We are looking to build some prayer teams to pray with and for our neighbors each week.
- If you need prayer, drive or walk up to the patio and someone will be there to pray for and with you.

**Women's Life** [wsbc.info/womenslife](https://wsbc.info/womenslife)

resumes Thursday, *September 10*

9-11AM in person

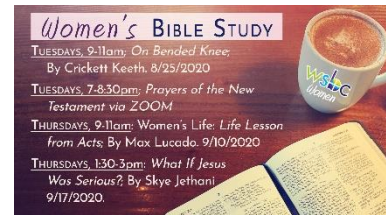
*Life Lessons from ACTS* by Max Lucado



We will continue to offer a children's program for birth to kindergarten age and a NEW student E-learning center for children working remotely. There will be supervision, but children must be able to work quietly and independently. Hope you can come and bring friends. Registration and payment is online only as we follow CDC guidelines.

**Women's Ministry** [wsbc.info/women](https://wsbc.info/women)

- Women's Prayer: Mondays at 8PM on Zoom.
- Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9-11AM in person (with Zoom option): *On Bended Knee* by Crickett Keeth.
- Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7-8:30PM; *Prayers of the New Testament (Be Transformed* by Warren Wiersbe on 9/15) via ZOOM.
- Bible Study: Thursdays (beginning September 17) from 1:30-3PM in person (with Zoom option): *What If Jesus Was Serious?* by Skye Jethani.



**Youth Ministry** [wsbc.info/youth](https://wsbc.info/youth)



• Wednesdays: MSM (middle school ministry) will meet weekly starting September 16 at 6:30PM. The location will vary from family host home to WSBC.

• Sundays: HSM (high school ministry) will meet weekly starting September 13 at 6:30PM. Every third week HSM will meet at WSBC and then the other weeks they will meet in family host homes for small

group experiences.

*We invite you to participate in these many opportunities to grow in discipleship.*

*Let's be intentional to connect relationally and grow spiritually this year.*



## **\*\* ON-SITE WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sundays at 9 and 11AM**  
**Pastor Dean Monkemeier**

### **September 6**

*More Than Curiosity*  
Matthew 12:38-50

### **September 13**

*Confidence in Life's Difficulties*  
Psalm 11

### **September 20**

*The Power of Words*  
Psalm 12

### **September 27**

*Prayers from the Heart*  
Psalm 18

**\*\* Reservations, please:**  
[wsbc.info/worshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/worshipRSVP)



## **2020 CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Please use this as your reminder to submit corrections to the church office by Monday, September 14, if your contact information has changed and/or the information published is incorrect. A separate attachment will be published and distributed. Thank you.



## **REMEMBERED IN LOVE**

The church received word of the passing of these former members, who are in glory: Paul Best on August 16, Mary Nelson on August 24 and Gayle Pierson on August 30. Please remember their families in prayer as they mourn their losses.



## **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

The Church library has a collection of resources which have been used in recent years by small groups, Bible studies, and Sunday school classes. Authors include: Anne Graham Lotz, Charles Colson, Susie Larson, Tim Keller, Liz Higgs, and others. Components are DVDs, leader guides, participant books; topics are varied. If you or someone you know has an interest in any of these, please contact John or Janet Helin about viewing/using them. The collection will be discarded at the end of this month so act now!



## **ARCHIVE ACQUISITION**

Missionary partner Cheryl Wilson Fornelli recently donated a DVD of her mother's memorial service to the church archive collection; June Wilson served in many ministries during her years at WSBC and passed away April 21 at the age of 90. The whole family . . . son-in-law John Fornelli, grandsons Brian, Eric, Marty plus seven great-grandchildren all participate in the 22-minute tribute.



## **MISSIONARY PARTNER BIRTHDAY**

**Bella Curtis**

[jay-curtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jay-curtis@sbcglobal.net)  
September 13



SNEAK PEAK...

Check out the next Missions Bulletin Board!

*Justice begins with loving my neighbor*

**BEES**

**Young Life**

**Breakthrough Urban Ministries**

**Fox Valley C.A.**

How?

This is what the Lord Almighty says:

*'Administer true justice; show mercy & compassion to one another.'*

Zechariah 7:9

Look for Missional Opportunities with local Missionary Partners



**YEAR-TO-DATE TEN MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT as of July 31, 2020**

	GENERAL FUND			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Over/((Under)
Receipts	\$685,900	\$705,600	(\$19,700)	(3%)
Expenses	\$656,600	\$710,900	(\$54,300)	(8%)
<b>Surplus/((Deficit)</b>	<b>\$29,300</b>	<b>(\$5,300)</b>	<b>\$34,600</b>	

	MISSION FUND			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Over/((Under)
Receipts	\$236,300	\$269,200	(\$32,900)	(12%)
Expenses	\$210,700	\$249,200	(\$28,500)	(15%)
<b>Surplus/((Deficit)</b>	<b>\$25,600</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>	

Note: all amounts rounded to nearest hundred.



## TUESDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

via Zoom

starting September 15

7-8:30PM

*Be Transformed* by Warren Wiersbe

We are starting a 12-week Bible study on the Gospel of John 13-21. In this study of scripture, we will learn from Christ's teachings on the transforming power of joy - how to have it, hold it and never let it go.

If you are interested in joining this study or have questions, please contact Linda Peters to be added to the invitation list for the Zoom meetings. Participants are responsible for getting their own books which are available at CBD (Christian Book Distributors) or Amazon.



## MISSIONARY PARTNER NEWS BRIEFS

For security purposes, please do not distribute, post, or share this information **without** individual permission from the partners to do so.

### **Africa Initiative**

Psalm 46 has been so real to us in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic that has been ravaging the world in these past few months. We sympathize with those of you who lost loved ones, your jobs and businesses, or have been impacted in one way or another by this virus.

As many of you have also experienced, we were practically confined to our home since March 2020 as the government locked down the country in an attempt to stem the spread of the Coronavirus.

If there is an upside to the lockdown, it is that we were able to spend quality time with our children helping them spiritually, physically, socially, and educationally. It has been a very special time of family bonding.

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 stay safe and healthy and let us know if there are specific ways we can be praying for you as well.

### **Congo Initiative**

In September 2005, Congo Initiative was officially launched as a non-profit dedicated to supporting Christian higher education, leadership formation, and community transformation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Over the past 15 years, we've invested in the future leaders of Congo and grassroots initiatives committed to hope, peace, and justice. At times, our community faced (and continues to face) what feels like insurmountable challenges: insecurity, conflict, political instability, economic hardship, and virus outbreaks. Yet, God's faithfulness and the bravery, passion, and hope of our staff and YOU, our supporters, remained united and committed to the transformation of lives and a flourishing Congo.

### Jon and Meg Huffman



Locally in Costa Rica, we have been in some version of quarantine since March and now four months later, cases are quickly rising with no end in sight. We

continue to find creative ways to enter into genuine friendships with at-risk teenagers, university students, and teen moms in order to share with them hope and truth in the midst of darkness and isolation.

Here is one of several unique events that happened in Costa Rica during the past few months: virtual follow-up camp with 117 campers who had the opportunity to learn what it means to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

Check out the 2.5 minute video on the church website to hear testimonies from the first ever virtual follow-up camp.

In August we celebrated five years in Costa Rica. We are incredibly thankful for God's gracious provision through the generosity of wonderful faithful supporters who have sustained us until this point. However, COVID-19 has negatively impacted our financial situation. We have reached a critical point in our funding and do not currently have sufficient funds to meet our monthly ministry expenses. Would you consider praying about ways you can join us or by connecting us with others who could become partners on this journey?

### Matthew and Tia M.

We just celebrated our one-year anniversary in Asia. It has been a challenging but very rich season for us, stretching us and forcing us to grow in ways we had never experienced before. We were quite discouraged in the fall when the jobs that originally brought us here did not end up providing us the legal pathway to stay here. But where we ended up is far better for our family and has allowed us to utilize our gifts and backgrounds better. Matt is serving as the pastor of our (currently online only) international church and continuing to teach as opportunities arise. Tia is getting her private lactation consulting business up and running, and the kids are working hard in homeschool and adjusting to life here.

While we are grateful for the technology to communicate remotely (particularly the technology that allowed Matt to defend his dissertation remotely), we dearly miss seeing all of you in person.

The travel restrictions have also made it critical to have stable visas. In May, we applied to and received permission to request a special start up business visa for one year. Tia and Matt received these visas, but the children did not. This was a surprise for everyone—even the local visa officers were confused. No one had noticed that since entrepreneurs here are usually young and don't have families, provisions for children of entrepreneurs were not written into this policy. Fortunately, by the end of May, a sympathetic visa officer pulled some strings and got the kids visas for six months. We have not heard of that happening before, and it was a major answer to prayer. We are continuing to apply for a regular work visa for Tia through her business in order for us all to stay here past

November, so please pray that this application would soon have a successful outcome.

### **T and R Phillips**

We are very thankful for technology that enables us to continue to work from home.

The Seraq literacy team is making progress on the second edition of the dictionary which they plan to publish digitally next month.

In our recent wellness checkup, something showed up in one of R's scans. More detailed scans revealed a growth in the back of her stomach. The working diagnosis is GIST (Gastro Intestinal Stromal Tumor) and the recommended treatment is to remove the growth surgically. We are thankful that this was discovered at a routine checkup since R is symptom free.

*Thank you so much for your prayer before, during, and after the surgery. God graciously answered your prayers on my behalf.*

*The surgeon performed a GIST resection and a pyloroplasty. He sent the specimen for biopsy, and we just got the report today that there is no mitosis.*

*I am thankful for very helpful and skilled nurses, nurturing me to recovery. They are like angels in PPE.*

### **Petr and Petra Polach**

At the end of July we held English Camp that was quite different this year because there was very little English there, due to the obvious reasons we could not have the American team come this year. We were praying how to go about it and we decided to hold the camp anyway with a different program. We were pleased to see that some of our non-Christian friends decided

to come. We had about 55 come—about one-third of those do not belong to church.

The program included: morning Bible readings, evening programs, morning worship, seminars, afternoon elective discussions, and informal conversations.

Please pray that campers will remember conversations and ultimately accept Jesus.

### **Younglife Metro Southwest**

We admit that we don't know exactly what Young Life will look like this fall. We're taking it one day at a time, talking to various people, working through safety protocols, and carefully crafting a plan.

But, as we have reflected on how to do ministry in the midst of a pandemic, one change has become increasingly clear: our role this year is to move away from directing programs and toward pastoring individual kids and volunteers.

We will be spending time in smaller groups and individually—listening, comforting, and guiding kids through a chaotic season of life while sharing God's love with them.

One at a time our hope is to be there for as many of them as we can. Ministry won't be the same this year, but we are hopeful that God will use this pandemic to impact kids in an entirely new way.