



Rev. Dr. Kim McLean

Sunday Service:

10:30 am CST

Come visit us at

7840 Learning Ln,
Nashville, TN 37221.

We meet at the
Harpeth Valley Elementary
School in the cafetorium.

Follow the signs to the
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A DROP OF LOVE

Sometimes it's fun to be the silent observer of my own life. I suppose it's necessary for growth. We Christians love to give credit to the Holy Spirit for the insights we are given, but it is helpful to make yourself available to the flow of wisdom. We collaborate with God by paying attention to our thoughts, habits, feelings, and reactions and then learning from them. The Bible says God knows us so well that He knows how many hairs are on our heads (an odd thing to need to know but it makes the point). It is we who do not know ourselves very well, so God stays in conversation with us, like a loving mentor and friend. *Lord, teach me to listen!*

When you observe your thoughts, habits, feelings, and reactions, you might be surprised to find so much of the goodness of God there. It is a promise, after all, that we become more Christlike as we live sanctified lives, by grace, seeking the Lord and His will. In other words, draw close to God and God draws close to you. That's in the book of James.

I'd love to have coffee with James and discuss that further. I'd say, "Brother James, I have found that when I draw close to God, I discover that God was already close to me." Then I'd call Isaiah and ask him if, from Heaven's view, it is usually the Lord doing the waiting, not us. I'm referencing a great and favorite verse: *They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.* But these fellas make their point, too. It's good to want God.

When you want God, you get things rolling. It's the first step in salvation, the sense of wanting God, and there is so much more adventure ahead for those who keep wanting.

Back to the self-observation...since preaching about mustard seed faith this past Sunday for our Parables of Jesus Series, I've been noticing how it plays out in my everyday life. A little faith goes a long way, Jesus taught. Each morning I've been filling a glass with water and putting one little drop of "love" in it (represented by red dye in my little modern day parable), asking God to help me to put at least a drop into the water today. The water is me. The water is the world. By nighttime devotions, the water is full of love, because once you put even one little drop into the water, the water is forever changed. You can't take back that drop, and the more you slosh that water around, the more the love touches every bit.



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AUGUST — 2026 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10:30 am service @ Harpeth Valley — — — — — 3:30 pm service @ Harmony at Bellevue	3	4 9:00 am Prayer Group on zoom — — — — — 7:00 pm TPK Bible talks	5	6	7	8
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*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all ye lands.*

— Psalm 100:1



HEALING the WOUNDED ARTIST

with
Rev. Dr.
Kim McLean



Wed. August 12th
Wed. August 26th

9:30-10:30 am (CT)
on ZOOM



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embrace healing



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The August Initiative

Working together, honoring Christ

Three simple ways to participate this month

YOUR AUGUST COMMITMENT

01 ATTEND

Join at least one Tuesday Discipleship Class (also known as Bible Talks or TPK).

02 INVITE

Invite at least one person to Tuesday Service, 7-8 PM CST, on Zoom or in person.

03 BRING

Bring a child to church. Invest in their faith, their belonging, and their future.

ONE CHURCH. THREE ACTIONS. LASTING IMPACT.

Choose your next step, invite someone to join you, and let us grow together.

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Editor's *Corner*

by Lori Mahan

The "Blame" Game

School has started, and my grandsons James and John have gone home. The house is quiet, and I've had time to reflect on our time together. Everything didn't go smoothly, but boys will be boys.

When something goes wrong, our natural response is often to ask, "Whose fault is this?" Uncertainty makes us uncomfortable, and assigning blame can give us the illusion that we understand what happened. Yet when facts are incomplete and emotions are running high, blame can become a substitute for discernment.

Scripture warns us against reaching conclusions before we have listened carefully. Proverbs 18:13 states, "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame." Discernment requires patience. It asks us to pause, pray, listen and gather the truth before deciding who is responsible.

Blame and accountability are not the same. Accountability seeks truth, correction and restoration. Blame often seeks a target. Accountability asks, "What happened, and how can this be made right?" Blame asks, "Who can I make responsible for how I feel?"

In uncertain situations, we may be tempted to repeat assumptions as though they were facts. We may accept one person's version of events without hearing another. Proverbs 18:17 reminds us, "The one who first states a case seems right, until the other comes and cross-examines." A convincing story is not necessarily the complete story. Godly discernment requires us to examine what we hear rather than automatically accepting the first explanation presented.

James offers practical wisdom for moments of confusion and conflict: "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19). This is the opposite of the blame game. Blame speaks quickly, reacts emotionally and listens selectively. Discernment listens carefully, speaks truthfully and remains open to correction.

When we lack clarity, James 1:5 gives us this promise: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault." We do not have to rush to judgment. We can ask God for wisdom, wait for reliable information and respond with integrity.

Kids Creative Collective



a special place where kids can
learn about God's love
through creativity, music,
stories, activities, and
friendship while parents
enjoy worship.

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HARPETH VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7840 Learning Lane
Nashville, TN 37221

SUNDAY 10:30 AM CST



MUSIC CITY WEST
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COMING THIS WEEK!

With Jesus Series
"With Jesus I am Kind"
Jesus teaches us to be kind,
even when others are not
kind to us.

WE LEARN TOGETHER!



We discover God's Word,
ask questions, and grow
in faith together!

GROWING
IN GOD'S WORD
TOGETHER!



WE PRAISE TOGETHER!

We lift our voices to God!



WE PRAY TOGETHER!

We talk to God with
thankful hearts!



FAITH



FRIENDS



CREATIVITY



FUN!





A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

with Jerry Huff



THIS WEEK

QUALIFIED TO LEAD

Read: 1 Timothy 3:1 - 16

"God has provided in His Word the qualifications and standards needed for those who hold places of leadership within the church."

Tune in to TPK on Tuesday nights for an in-depth discussion of this week's lesson with Pastor Kim McLean.

SUMMER SERIES

AUGUST 16 - GOOD TEACHING

AUGUST 23 - STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 30 - FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

If you would like to order a quarterly Sunday School Book, please send your request complete with name and address to mcwchurch@gmail.com, subject: Sunday School Book. A \$5.00 donation goes to fund this literature. Thank you!

Monthly Memory Verse



*“Of Course, there is great gain
in godliness combined with
contentment.”
1 Timothy 6:6*

August 2026

2 Timothy

The 55th book of the Bible

Paul's Epistles (Letters)

Instructions for Church Leadership and Godly Living

Chapter Outline

1 - 2: Thanksgiving & Call to Remain Faithful

Paul urges Timothy to stand boldly in his faith, rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, and remain steadfast through every challenge. These chapters offer encouragement and strength as Timothy fulfills his calling in ministry.

3 - 4: Authority of God's Word & Lead a Godly Life

Paul warns Timothy about false teachers and offers practical guidance for faithful ministry. Through personal reflections and final instructions, he emphasizes the importance of remaining vigilant, preserving sound doctrine, and serving with integrity.

This letter was written around 67 AD shortly before Paul's martyrdom, during his second imprisonment in the Mamertine Prison in Rome.



Mamertine Prison in Rome - 2700 Years old

"From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:15 - 17

SYMBOLISM & IMAGERY



The Soldier

Paul uses the image of a soldier to emphasize the discipline, commitment, and perseverance required to serve Christ. This metaphor reminds believers to remain focused on their God-given mission and avoid distractions.

The Athlete

Paul compares the Christian life to an athlete competing for victory, emphasizing the need for discipline and obedience. This imagery highlights the perseverance and commitment required throughout the journey of faith.

The Farmer

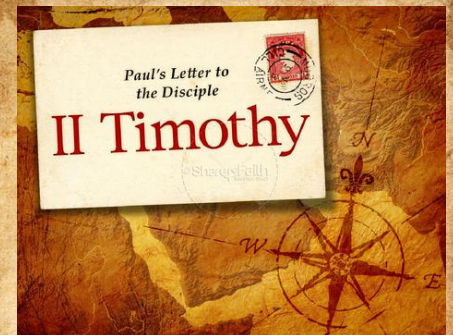
The metaphor of the farmer illustrates the patience and perseverance required in ministry while trusting in a future harvest. It emphasizes the faithful work needed to nurture spiritual growth.

THEMES IN 2 TIMOTHY

Faithfulness, endurance and spiritual growth

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LETTER

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| 1 | Salutation | 3 | Godlessness in the Last Days |
| 1 | Thanksgiving and Encouragement | 3 | Paul's Charge to Timothy |
| 2 | A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus | 4 | Personal Instructions |
| 2 | A Worker Approved by God | 4 | Final Greetings and Benediction |



FOR GOD HATH
NOT GIVEN US
THE SPIRIT OF
FEAR; BUT OF
POWER, AND OF
LOVE, AND OF A
SOUND MIND.
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

ENDURANCE IN TRIALS

Believers are called to meet challenges with faith and perseverance, trusting that their struggles serve a greater purpose.

VOICE OF SCRIPTURE

The teachings highlight the importance of regularly engaging with Scripture for spiritual growth and guidance in making life decisions.

MENTORSHIP

The relationship between Paul and Timothy illustrates how mentoring can encourage and strengthen both personal and spiritual growth.

FAITHFUL TO THE CALL

Paul urges Timothy to remain faithful to his calling, reflecting the Bible's broader message of dedication to God's work. Believers are encouraged to prioritize their relationship with God and faithfully fulfill their ministry responsibilities. The letter also calls Christians to face hardship with courage, remembering the suffering endured by Jesus and the early believers. It offers reassurance that they are not alone in their struggles and that perseverance strengthens faith.



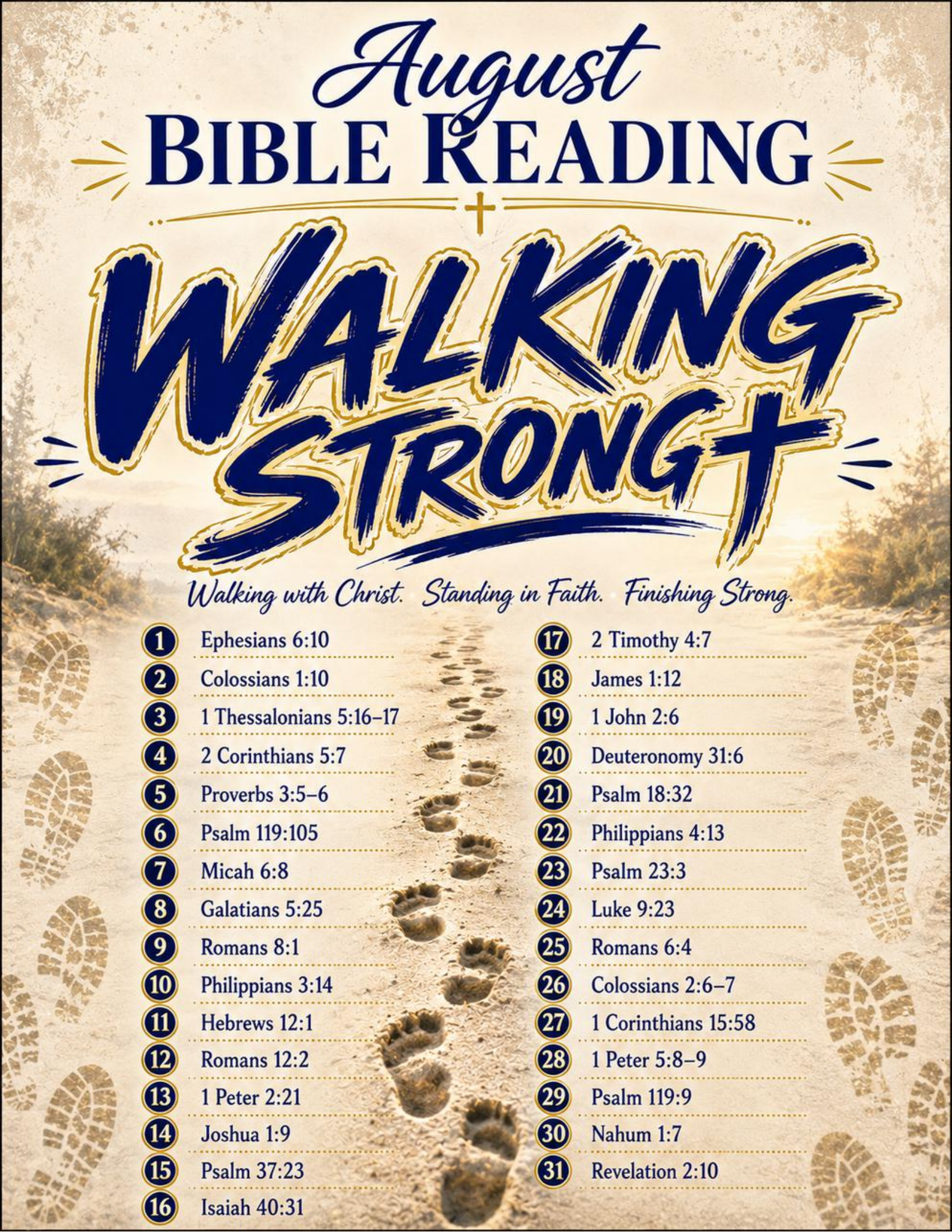
Heart Quote

*“Read the scripture, not only as history,
but as a love letter sent to you by God.”
- Thomas Watson -*

August BIBLE READING

WALKING STRONG

Walking with Christ. Standing in Faith. Finishing Strong.

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| 1 | Ephesians 6:10 | 17 | 2 Timothy 4:7 |
| 2 | Colossians 1:10 | 18 | James 1:12 |
| 3 | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 | 19 | 1 John 2:6 |
| 4 | 2 Corinthians 5:7 | 20 | Deuteronomy 31:6 |
| 5 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | 21 | Psalms 18:32 |
| 6 | Psalms 119:105 | 22 | Philippians 4:13 |
| 7 | Micah 6:8 | 23 | Psalms 23:3 |
| 8 | Galatians 5:25 | 24 | Luke 9:23 |
| 9 | Romans 8:1 | 25 | Romans 6:4 |
| 10 | Philippians 3:14 | 26 | Colossians 2:6-7 |
| 11 | Hebrews 12:1 | 27 | 1 Corinthians 15:58 |
| 12 | Romans 12:2 | 28 | 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| 13 | 1 Peter 2:21 | 29 | Psalms 119:9 |
| 14 | Joshua 1:9 | 30 | Nahum 1:7 |
| 15 | Psalms 37:23 | 31 | Revelation 2:10 |
| 16 | Isaiah 40:31 | | |



BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



On behalf of our neighbors we serve, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for continuing to support your ministry of providing food to our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity in our local community.

As of 8/4/2026, 5,663 individuals representing 1,863 families have visited our food bank.

(1/27 and 2/3 closed due to the ice storm, and closed early on 4/28 due to the thunderstorm).

Ninety-eight percent of our neighbors live right here in Bellevue!



IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR OUR DISTRIBUTION ON **TUESDAY, 8/11/26**

- Oatmeal (50 boxes)
- Stuffing (30 boxes)
- Broth (50 containers) – no cans please
- Dried beans – all varieties (35 bags)
- Canned chicken (40 cans)
- Canned peas (52 cans)
- Canned tuna (50 cans)
- Canned tomatoes (50 cans)
- Kid's snacks (50 items – no fruit snacks or Z Bars please due to surplus) – individual packages of cookies, chips, raisins or cereal only
- Zip locks – gallon size (10 boxes)
- Mayo (40 jars)
- Corn meal (25 packages)
- Black pepper (25 containers)
- Diapers – Sizes 5 and 6 (8 packages of each) – Pampers and Huggies preferred
- Pull-Ups – Size 4T/5T
- Dry cat food (6 L or XL bags)
- Dry dog food (6 L or XL bags)
- Laundry detergent (60 bottles)



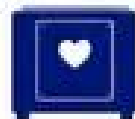
ON-GOING WEEKLY NEEDS

- Coffee (60 cans or packages)
- Juice (60, 64-oz bottles)
- Paper towels (100 packages) – 1 or 2 roll packages only
- Toilet paper (100 packages) – 4, 6 or 8 roll packages only
- Dry dog food (6 L or XL bags)
- Dry cat food (6 L or XL bags)
- Laundry detergent (60 bottles)
- Gift cards to Aldi's, Kroger or Publix (in any amount to purchase supplemental foods, and you get to save the tax!)



*UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expired foods• Dented or rusted canned goods• Canned beans and soups including cream soups (we have a surplus of these items)• Extra-large canned goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items not in original or opened packages• Perishables (refrigerated and frozen items)• Fresh vegetables• Baby food or formula• Meal kits• Macaroni & cheese with powdered cheese sauce | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freeze-dried foods• Bread or bakery items• Baby items including highchairs, car seats, strollers, training potty• Furniture• Clothing |
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THE
NEXT DOOR
RECOVERY

LIVES RECLAIMED
STORIES OF HOPE

A SMALL GIFT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Help bring comfort, dignity, creativity, and hope to women rebuilding their lives.

THESE ARE ONLY SOME OF THE ITEMS NEEDED AT THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

Everyday essentials



ORAL CARE



PERSONAL CARE



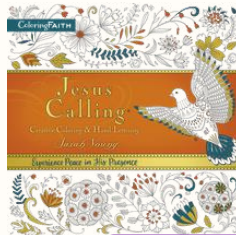
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CAP



BACKPACK



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EVERYDAY TEES



FAITH DESIGNS



JOURNAL



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A simple way to support Music City West on your birthday is to ask friends and family to make a donation to Music City West instead of giving you birthday gifts.

Many nonprofits provide a donation page where contributions can be made directly in honor of your birthday, ensuring the funds go straight to Music City West.

This turns YOUR celebration into an opportunity to make a positive impact while supporting our Church.



Ask how can I help?

Get INVOLVED.

Your time.
Your talents.
Your heart.

**Make a difference.
Change lives.**



MCW OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- The Next Door Recovery Worship Volunteers
- Prison Ministry/Clothing donations/Music Volunteers
- Book Club leader/Coordinator
- Celebrate Recovery/Coordinator
- Harmony at Bellevue/Worship Volunteers



MCW MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA

- Send/Share Facebook/Instagram Posts
- Send E-mail Announcements
- Write Thank-you cards
- Event/Service Photographer
- Assistant Videographer
- Promotional Videos/You Tube
- Social Media Promoter



EVENTS

- Coordinator/Setup
- Community awareness promoter



OTHER

- Hospitality Coordinator
- Set-up and Break-down for morning service/Chairs/Literature, Altar, and Snack Tables
- Children's Church Assistant



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Music City West OUTREACH PROGRAMS

LOVING GOD ~ LOVING COMMUNITY ~ LOVING LIFE



MAKING A DIFFERENCE. CHANGING LIVES.

At Music City West Church, outreach is our heartbeat. Through worship, teaching, prayer, recovery support, and practical help, we bring hope, love, and the transforming power of Jesus Christ to our community.

Together, we are making a difference—one life, one family, one act of love at a time.



MUSIC CITY WEST MISSION MINISTRY



CLOTHING DONATION



New & used clothes, shoes, or other wearable items to give, that will serve your help.



Every donation can make a real difference. Thank you for supporting this ministry! Bring all clothes to church on Sunday or Donate 24/7.



Need Prayer?

Join MCW every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am (CST) on Zoom



mcwpray4me@gmail.com



Click here for link



THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

A recovery facility for women where we provide a 12-step worship service, prayer, serve meals, organization and donate needed supplies.



HEALING THE WOUNDED ARTIST

A Trauma Recovery Group



Art



Music



Writing



Faith



Community



BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

in Bellevue United Methodist Church

Providing weekly food donations to support families in need.



Harmony at Bellevue

Family Serving Families

Bringing a full worship service each Sunday to Harmony at Bellevue, an assisted living facility.

Services start at 3:30 pm (CST).



Book Club

Book club for encouragement, healing & hope.



Celebrate Recovery®

A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Contact Pastor Kim if you are interested in this class.

Contact us



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Stronger Together in Faith,
Hope & Love