

Clay Lunsford and the Gospel Voices perform at the Senior Luncheon on May 18, 2023.



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From the Pastor...

When I was young, I was taught the Romans Road to Salvation. 1) We've all sinned (Romans 3:23). 2) The consequence of sin is death (Romans 6:23a). 3) God desires to give us eternal life (Romans 6:23b). 4) We receive salvation by confessing Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9).

The Romans Road to Salvation is a concise way of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but it is not all there is to Romans. There is a lot more to see along the Romans Road. In fact, this simple presentation of the Gospel is the result of a much deeper theological overview from Paul.

Paul doesn't just want us to believe in Jesus for salvation. Paul wants us to live by faith in every aspect of our lives. This summer we will delve deeply into Paul's letter to the Romans and see how we can "Live by Faith!"

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| June 4 | Live by Faith (Romans 1:8-17) |
| June 11 | Carson and Laura Foushee share their missionary work in Japan |
| June 18 | Father Abraham (Romans 4:1-3,16-25) |
| June 25 | Keep On Keeping On (Romans 5:1-5) |
| July 2 | Freed for Righteousness (Romans 6:15-23) |
| July 9 | Get Your Mind Out of the Gutter (Romans 8:5-13) |
| July 16 | Getting Through the Pain (Romans 8:18-28) |
| July 23 | Nothing Means Nothing (Romans 8:31-39) |
| July 30 | Beautiful Feet – Jubilee Sunday (Romans 10:5-15) |
| August 6 | One Body, Many Gifts (Romans 12:3-8) |
| August 13 | Cling to Good (Romans 12:9-21) |
| August 20 | A Debt of Love (Romans 13:8-10) |
| August 27 | You're Not the Judge (Romans 14: 4-13, 19) |

I look forward to worshipping with you this summer. Please join us in the sanctuary whenever possible or online if needed.

Schedule

Sunday, June 4

Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Adams Hall

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, June 8

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 14

Kids Leave for Passport Camp

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Adams Hall

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, June 15

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



Valerie Granade helps the children decorate cookies during Music & Missions on Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 21 & 28, 2023

| | 5/21 | 5/28 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Live Stream Views. | 16 | 15 |
| In-Person. | 152 | 147 |
| Sunday School. | 89 | 86 |

Financial Statistics

| | May | Year-to-Date |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Giving Goal | 73,460.00 | 650,779.00 |
| Budget Receipts | 52,489.00 | 606,255.00 |
| Goals Not Met | (20,971.00) | (44,524.00) |
| Alms | 843.00 | 9,900.00 |
| Designated | 7,715.00 | 52,619.00 |

10 Benefits of Being a Church Volunteer

By Brian Dodd - <https://leadership.lifeway.com/blog/> -

During the summer of 1986, I was working in a grocery store while attending college. This job came with the unbelievable benefit of one unpaid week of vacation per year. So when July came I had a decision to make. Should I go to the beach for sun, fun and relaxation or should I make the strategic decision to teach 2nd graders in Vacation Bible School?

I did not realize it at the time but this one single decision put me on a path I would continue on to this very day. With the exception of two paid staff positions, I have served as a volunteer at my local church for the next 29 years.

As I reflect on the last three decades of my life, the following are 10 Benefits Of Being A Volunteer At A Local Church:

1. Volunteering At My Church Has Given My Life Greater Purpose

There are a numerous important causes in the world and quality places to volunteer your time. But for me, I made the strategic decision to serve at my church because it was there where my efforts could result in someone's life being changed for eternity. It is in a local church where a person could be made brand new and become redeemed.

2. Volunteering At My Church Has Given Me Broader Perspective

Serving others has allowed me to focus on larger issues and others rather than always on myself.

3. Volunteering At My Church Has Given Me Lifelong Friendships

There is a unique relational bond which comes from "being in the foxhole" with someone and serving together. I have made literally hundreds of personal connections and lifelong friends because of volunteering at my church.

4. Volunteering At My Church Has Given Me A Healthier Self-Image

It may sound egotistical but there is a healthy sense of pride which comes from serving others and not being called to a lesser task. You just feel better about yourself when your life matters and makes a difference.

5. Volunteering At My Church Helps Others

Living an internally focused life benefits no one. Serving others relieves suffering, benefits the under-resourced, meets the needs of the marginalized, provides hope, and improves the quality of people's lives.

6. Volunteering At My Church Has Made Me More Generous

Generosity is time, talent and treasure. Church volunteers give sacrificially of their time and talent BEFORE giving sacrificially of their treasure. It is a sequential process. By being generous with my time and talent, financial generosity has been a natural outflow.

7. Volunteering At My Church Taught Me How To Make Better Decisions

When I used to teach Sunday School in college, I could have gone out every Saturday night with the guys. However, I learned early in the process the best decisions come when you give up what is good (Saturday night with the guys) for what is best (studying on Saturday nights to serve others on Sunday mornings).

8. Volunteering At My Church Makes Me A Better Thinker

Being a quality volunteer requires sacrifice, study and preparation. Volunteering at my church has made me smarter.



Announcements

Welcome Kari Lindeman & Thank You Office Volunteers

Kari Lindeman, who serves as our Preschool Director and Contribution Secretary, will be working in our office a few hours per week over the summer. This will provide more continuity as schedules fluctuate throughout the summer. Please welcome Kari if you see her in the office or speak to her on the phone. Kari will return to her role as Preschool Director when fall approaches.

Along with our paid administrative staff, Mary Jane Rash, Kayley Crouch, and Kari Lindeman; you also might also encounter one of the many volunteers in our office. We so appreciate Hilda Lee, Paulette Templeton, Patricia Fife, Jerry Campbell, Kaye Martin, Carol Heckle, Jerry Koontz, and Carol Burroughs for their ongoing work. Please thank them for their time when you call the office or drop by.



Welcome to Our Church Family!
Gurney and Donna Wike joined our congregation at the worship service on Sunday, May 21.

Wednesday Noon Study

This summer we will study the book of Psalms and learn how the psalmist gives us various ways to pray. Hilda Lee will be preparing a light lunch to serve at noon each day (\$4.00 cash) and our Bible study will be from 12:15 – 12:45 pm.

June 7: Lament, Trust and Worship
(Lunch: Salad Bar, Death by Chocolate)

June 14 Praying the Full Range of Our Emotions
(Lunch: Hot dogs, chips, cherry pie & ice cream)

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9. Volunteering At My Church Has Given Me Lasting Influence

My daughter knows nothing other than her parents serving others. A privilege I never planned when I took my first volunteer role in 1986 was one day I would be passing on a legacy of service to the next generation.

10. Volunteering At My Church Will One Day Result In A Greater Reward

Like many of you, I look forward to the day when I hear my Heavenly Father say "Well done my good and faithful servant".

At sporting events those in the stands pay to watch the game. Those on the field get paid! The same is true for church volunteers.

If you are not volunteering in your local church, it is time to get on the field and start getting paid with these incredible benefits I have listed.

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