



APR MISSION FOCUS

Our mission focus for April is our Bicentennial Mission focus of **funding water wells** through our long time ministry partner in Nigeria—**Mishpael Fountain Ministry**. As we celebrate our 200th year as a church, we want to take the opportunity to continue to show our support for this ministry in a way that honors our church legacy of community, connection and care. In 2024, we’re challenging our church family to fund as many water wells as we can. Every \$3500 donated to the Bicentennial Wells fund represents a community that will receive the gift of accessible, clean drinking water, and all the opportunities that come along with access to such a fundamental resource. You can donate online at bluegrass.church/give or you can find a basket at the back of the Worship Center. Be sure to either select or note *Bicentennial Mishpael Wells* with your gift. As always, thank you for supporting the mission of the Church in the world.



CONNECT

GUESTS & BG FAMILY TEXT BGCONNECT to 94000 to let us know you are here each week **OR** you can fill out the Connection Card below, detach & place in offering plate as you leave.

Name(s) of those attending with you:



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THE MESSAGE

The Lord Is With You: Call to Action
Judges 6:25-32

We’ll never fully appreciate God until we understand His holy nature and His vision for us to be a holy people.

God is a jealous God who won’t share His glory or our love with a pretender god.

Gideon had to deal with the enemy in his own home before he could face the enemy on the battlefield.

It’s always risky cutting down popular altars where the masses spend their time worshipping.

However, we can’t stay stuck in fear. We need to keep talking it out with God, staying in His word, talking to other believers so we stay encouraged.

Where they had gone spiritually was completely opposite of what had been commanded for them to be as God’s people.

We must be students of God’s truth to stay on the right path. We must be careful to which voices we pay attention to.

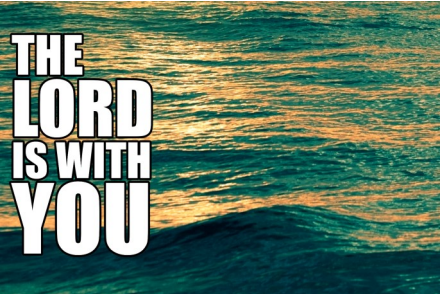
Everything is being flipped upside down. Evil is called good. Good is called evil. Common sense has vanished. Everything that we once knew to be holy, good, & loving is now often diminished and demonized.

Are you a contender for Jesus Christ? Are you a contender for the Christian faith? Will you be careful to what you believe and tear down the idols that want to set up their altars in your heart?

We are disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.



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On-Campus & Online —8:30 & 9:45am



Today’s Message:

Call to Action

Judges 6:25-32

Rev. Doug Heiman

Lead Shepherd

Welcome to Blue Grass!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We hope you find our worship celebration a meaningful and uplifting experience and sense the warmth & friendliness of our congregation.

April 28, 2024



NEWS & EVENTS

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Following the 9:45 service TODAY, the youth mission team will have food available for purchase: smoked chicken legs, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, soda, water, and homemade baked goods. Cash and credit cards accepted. Carryout available. Seating available in the café and Hospitality Room. ***All proceeds benefit their mission trip to be held June 16-20, 2024.***

MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to the generous support of local donors, the mission trip team is hosting an **online silent auction** to raise funds for their upcoming trip. Items are on display in the lobby. Bidding will take place on Facebook. **The auction will close online at 5pm TODAY.** Your support is appreciated.

Over 40 items have been donated. Some of the **items** to bid on are: **Holiday World** Tickets; **St. Louis Cardinals** tickets; **SkyZone** passes; **Indianapolis Colts** autographed football; **Nutri Bullet Juicer Pro**; **Hobby Lobby** gift card; **Gift Certificate** from Beautiful You Esthetics Studio; **Dubois County Bombers** home game tickets; **Pilates Session** from Instructor Brandi Hahn; **Mesker Park Zoo** passes; **Thirty-one bags**; Several **clothing items**; Several **home and art décor**. Be sure to check out all of the items on display in the lobby.

HOLY BAPTISM

We celebrate with those who are professing faith in Jesus Christ & being baptized today: Carson Crummley, Makenna Crummley, Dee Dee Dippel, and Lucy Vollman.



NEWS & EVENTS

GRADUATE SUNDAY

We're celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 19. This is a time to celebrate all that our graduates have done so far, and all that God has in store for them going forward. If you call Blue Grass your church home and are an upcoming graduate (8th grade, High School, College, & Post Grad), or parent of a graduate and would like to be recognized and celebrated on Graduation Sunday, **please submit the required information by May 5th.** Links to submit info and all the details can be found at bluegrass.church.

BLUE GRASS SCHOLARSHIP

The Blue Grass Scholarship Program was established for Blue Grass Church members through a generous memorial gift to the church. This year we are again offering two scholarships of \$1,000 each. More detailed info and a link to the application can be found online at bluegrass.church. **Applications are due by May 1st.**

BG STUDENTS SERVICE DAY

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to participate in a morning of service on **Sat., May 18th.** Join us from 9:30am-noon at the NEW Borrowed Hearts located at 8230 Burch Park Drive. Register at bluegrass.church.

BRIDGE SUNDAY FOR 6TH GRADERS

Join us for a fun-filled Carnival-themed Bridge Event for all 6th graders and their families. It will be held on **Sun., June 2nd, from 10:45 am-noon at the Chapel Campus.** You'll enjoy carnival games, delicious food, and build connections with the youth group students and our amazing leaders. Please RSVP online at bluegrass.church.



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VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

This year's VBX theme is called **BUILD** and will be held **Mon., June 3rd through Thurs., June 6th from 9-11:30 am.** All incoming 4-year-olds through incoming 6th graders are encouraged to attend! (Must be 4 years old by May 31st and potty trained.) Register at bluegrass.church to reserve your child's spot. Deadline to register is May 21st or until all spots are full!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tri-State Food Bank has an urgent need for weekday volunteers. Volunteers can also serve at events or on Saturdays. The Food Bank feeds over 112,000 Tri-State residents each year. More than 9 million pounds of food is distributed each year to over 250 feeding programs in 33 counties. There are many volunteer opportunities for individuals 8 years of age and older. There is something for everyone. Groups can volunteer to serve as well. You can check out all of their volunteer opportunities on their website at tristatefoodbank.org.

TRI STATE FOOD BANK DRIVE

The Tri-State Food Bank supplies food to 250 feeding programs in the 33 counties around Evansville. We want to help out, so beginning **Sun., May 5 thru Sun., May 26,** we will have barrels in the Main Lobby for you to donate food to assist the Tri-State Food Bank. The food items most needed are: canned vegetables, canned fruits, beans, soup, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, rice, and pasta.



NEWS & EVENTS

BE A HERO

YOU have the power to make a difference in the lives of our children here at Blue Grass! BG Kids is a vibrant place where young minds explore their faith through engaging lessons, fun activities, & positive role models. But to keep things running smoothly and ensure a safe, enriching environment, we need a few amazing volunteers like YOU to join our team.

We're looking for enthusiastic parents to teach or assist our dedicated teachers in the classroom. This could involve:

Helping with crowd control: A little guidance keeps out energetic youngsters focused and having fun.

Assisting the teacher: From handing out materials to participating in activities, you'll be a valuable support system.

Sharing your faith: By simply being present and engaged, you'll show our children the importance of a strong faith community. **Why volunteer?** The rewards are endless! You'll get to:

Witness firsthand: See the joy of learning and the positive impact you can have on a child's faith journey.

Connect with your child/grandchild: Share a special experience and create lasting memories as they learn and grow in their faith.

Make a difference: Your time & talents will help shape the lives of our church's future generation.

No experience is necessary! We'll provide all the training and support you need.

Ready to be a hero? Contact Melody at melody.pfeffer@bluegrass.church.