



MAY MISSION FOCUS

Our mission focus for May is **FMSC- Feed My Starving Children**. Every couple of years we partner with FMSC to host a MobilePack Event that welcomes volunteers from the community to pack meals that are shipped around the world to fight malnutrition among children. To date, and with your help, we’ve shipped over 1.5 million meals! With the events having such a huge impact, we want to start moving toward our next Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event! We’ve seen great things happen at our MobilePack Events in the past. Those that would have gone hungry have been fed. By the grace and power of God, let’s do it again. Using our Online Giving portal or the app on iOS and Android you can set up a one-time or recurring gift that will change the world for hungry kids and help us get one step closer to our next FMSC event! Baskets are also located at the back of the Worship Center to place your donation (write FMSC in the memo).



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.

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THE MESSAGE

The Lord Is With You: Deeper Faith
Judges 7:1-8

When we look at our strength and abilities, or lack thereof, we may think that the odds are against us to do anything significant for the kingdom of God.

But when we’re able to work through these thoughts, we come out on the other side with greater faith and confidence. We begin to see things from God’s vantage point that all things are possible rather than impossible.

Gideon’s story reminds us over and over that God can work with weakness. God has what we lack.

God calls and equips us for the task at hand. So, if you feel weak, insignificant, or unqualified, then, you’re a prime candidate to be used by God.

The whole point of God reducing the troops down to such a small number of men was to make it clear that victory would come from God alone. When everything was said and done, everyone would know who won the battle, inspiring belief in Him.

God takes us on such a deeper faith-adventure so that we can fully become who He has created us to be.

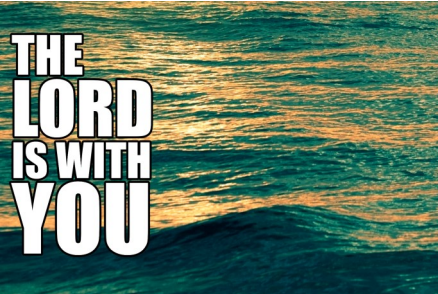
It’s so that His name will be lifted on high so others will see and believe. It’s for the benefit of the world that God uses people like us.

God calls us out of our comfort zones, with all of our inadequacies, so that we’ll be humbled, amazed, and offer our heart-felt love for what He has do through us.

We are disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.



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On-Campus & Online —8:30 & 9:45am



Today’s Message:

Deeper Faith

Judges 7:1-8

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.

May 12, 2024



NEWS & EVENTS

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.

BG STUDENTS SUMMER KICK OFF

Summer is right around the corner and we want to celebrate with you! Join us for the ultimate BG Students (current 7th-12th graders) Summer Kickoff Party on **Wed., May 29th at 5pm at the Chapel Campus**. We'll have a bonfire, s'mores station, music, games, prizes and more for an epic evening of fun. This is your chance to hang out with friends, meet new people, and get pumped for the summer ahead. Let's kick off summer 2024 in style. Register at bluegrass.church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We're excited to announce a new study for women that will meet **Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11am at the Newburgh Public Library from May 15th—June 12th!** Join other women on their discipleship path as they explore Max Lucado's book, 'Help Is Here.' The cost for a 5 week study guide is \$13. If you'd like to join, please email Patrice Schroeder at patrice.schroeder@yahoo.com.

ALTERNATE OFFICE HOURS

The church office will have alternate office hours next week: Mon., May 13 and Thurs., May 16 from 8am-noon; Tues., May 14 and Wed., May 15 from 8am-2pm.



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TRI STATE FOOD BANK DRIVE

The Tri-State Food Bank supplies food to 250 feeding programs in the 33 counties around Evansville. **Through 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 fruits, canned vegetables, beans, soup, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, rice, and pasta.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

A brief Memorial Day service to remember those who have faithfully served our nation will be held **Sun., May 26 at the Blue Grass Cemetery at 10:45am**. The cemetery is located a half mile north of the church on Cemetery Road. The service will be canceled in the event of rain.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26th is a Family Sunday! There will be no children, preteen or youth programming. All children & youth will worship with their families at both 8:30 & 9:45 am services.

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

This year's VBX theme is called BUILD and will be held **Mon., June 3rd through Thurs., June 6th from 9-11:30am**. All incoming 4-year-olds through incoming 6th graders are encouraged to attend. Check out all the details and register at bluegrass.church.



NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

NEXT GEN MINISTRIES (Birth—high school)

Our Next Gen ministry, outlined below, meets Sundays during the 9:45 service. Infant & toddler nursery is available. A cry room is located in the back of the Worship Center. A family restroom is located next to room 1010 on the Children's Wing.

BG Kids (ages preschool—3rd grade)

The Bible is brought to life through creative and imaginative story-telling & interactive learning activities for ages preschool through 3rd grade. We create a safe place for children to feel comfortable to express their faith and ask questions. BG Kids meet in age related rooms on the children's wing.

BG Preteens (4th, 5th, & 6th graders)

This ministry is designed specifically for preteens. Through interactive games and creative teaching, a fun & safe environment is created for preteens to be themselves, to explore their faith-related questions, and address their doubts and find their wings. BG Preteens meet in the Hospitality Room.

BG Students (7th—12 grade students)

This is a time for 100% acceptance and 0% drama for 7th-12th grade students to meet together and grow in their faith, build Christ centered friendships, serve others, and have fun! We are passionate & intentional in our time together and welcome all students. BG Students meet in the Youth Room at the Chapel Campus (next door) on Sundays at 9:45am.

Follow Next Gen BG Kids and BG Preteens Blue Grass Church on Facebook for all the latest information and activities.



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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 simple 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.