

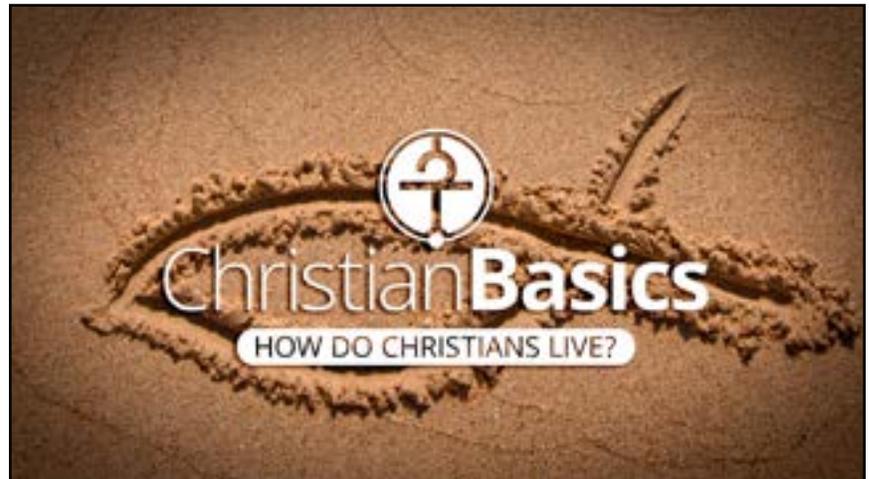


# THE BEACON

JUNE 2022

## IN WORSHIP

Pastor Dave and Pastor Greg have been teaching us about Christian Basics. The current topic is "How Do Christians Live?" The word "Christian" literally means "little Christ." Christ's example is shown to us in the Gospels. Paul gives us superb guidance in his letters. The whole of the New Testament teaches us how to be not just a Christian, but a true follower of Jesus Christ.



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FOLLOW US:



### *Sundays In-Person*

9:00 AM | Traditional Worship Service  
10:30 AM | Contemporary Worship Service

### *Current Sermon Series How Do Christians Live?*

Sunday, June 5: What is Worship?  
Sunday, June 12: LW Youth Choir Tour Program, "Presence"  
Sunday, June 19: What is Discipleship?  
Sunday, June 26: What is Sanctification?

### **Worship Online**

- \* Watch worship livestream on Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am at [livingwordumc.online.church](http://livingwordumc.online.church)
- \* View the recording of worship after 5:00 pm Sunday at [livingwordumc.org/worship](http://livingwordumc.org/worship)
- \* View live or on delay through Facebook at [facebook.com/LivingWordUMC](https://facebook.com/LivingWordUMC)

For more information contact Beth Balzaine, Director of Communications, at [bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org](mailto:bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org)

# PASTOR'S PEN

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## A Faith-Filled Summer

What are your plans for the summer? When asked, we all know our friends aren't wondering about what we plan to do at work or home. They want to know where we're going and what we're doing by way of vacation. Do you have any place exotic planned? Will you be skydiving, hang gliding, ziplining, beachcombing, or sightseeing? Will you be traveling by planes, trains, or automobiles? What are your plans?



As a pastor, I'm aware that people make lots of summer plans that don't always include worship at their home church. Summer is a great time for a long weekend or a week or more off. Those times include Sundays. I'm glad you get away. Actually, Jesus got away at least once, and I suspect more times than that. In Mark 7 we're told that Jesus and His disciples got away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. While there "He did not want anyone to know." (Verse 7). That region was one known for vacation homes of the wealthy people in Israel at that time. Since we know that Jesus had financial benefactors, perhaps one offered a beach home for some downtime. That's speculation but it is based on fact. So, get away, Jesus did.

While you're away, let me remind you of resources available for you to keep up your faith. First, I remind you that there are churches in pretty much every place you go. Visit one. Enjoy the different worship environment. I once worshipped in a Christian church in Bethlehem in which the service was spoken in Arabic. I didn't understand a word but appreciated all the differences. If you do go to one, I'd love to hear about your experience.

On our website, [livingwordumc.org](http://livingwordumc.org), go to the "Worship" tab to worship with Living Word while you're on the road. (Well, not literally on the road unless you're only listening.) Check in if you do so we know it was you. Under the "Learn" tab, you can select "At Home Resources" to get the daily devotions and Sunday bulletin.

Don't forget about the "Journey" tab. I preached about this on May 22. This is the location on our site where you can find your next best step on your journey of faith. Why not take a moment while you have your own downtime to figure out how Jesus has equipped you for serving Him in the church and beyond? What could be better than returning refreshed and beginning a new direction; one God has particularly gifted you to undertake? Got questions? There's a button on the Journey tab that will take you to a form to complete for a "Connection Coach." These coaches are trained to help you learn what and how your gifts and talents can best be used in service to the Lord.

Let me know how I can help you have your best summer, spiritually speaking. I'd love to help. I'd even join you at the resort to open every morning in prayer for you. Just send me a couple of tickets (Nancy will want to come too). Enjoy your summer and may it be a faith-filled one.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Dave  
[disrael@livingwordumc.org](mailto:disrael@livingwordumc.org)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For more information visit [livingwordumc.org/news](http://livingwordumc.org/news)



## Coffee with the Pastor - June 19

If you are new to Living Word and would like to learn more, come to Coffee with the Pastor on Sunday, June 19, at 10:00 am, in Room 217. This casual get-together with Pastor David allows you to ask any questions you might have. Coffee is provided.

## Living Word Giving

There are many ways to give to Living Word! Visit [livingwordumc.org/giving](http://livingwordumc.org/giving), login to the ShelbyNEXT app, or text 636-306-4111. Contact the church office if you need assistance at 636-821-2800.

## SAVE THE DATE

June 3 - Summer Kick-Off Outdoor Movie Night  
June 3 - 5 – LW Youth Choir Tour, Springfield, MO  
June 6 - 12 – Youth Summer Camp at Eagle Sky  
June 12 – LW Youth Choir musical presentation - "Presence" in worship  
June 12 – Men's Club Golf Tournament  
June 19 – Stephen Minister Commissioning  
June 19 – Coffee With The Pastor  
June 26 – Senior Celebration (Graduating High School Seniors)

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 3 – Family Worship Sunday  
July 21 – Red Cross Blood Drive  
August 28 – Legacy of Song Concert 3:00 pm

Visit [livingwordumc.org](http://livingwordumc.org) for more information or contact the church office at 636-821-2800. Contact Beth Balzraine at [bbalzraine@livingwordumc.org](mailto:bbalzraine@livingwordumc.org) to add your ministry's event to Living Word Communications.



## Help Promote Living Word ECC

Do you live on a visible street for traffic? Please consider placing a Living Word ECC yard sign in your front yard. Stop by the lobby and pick up a sign! You can sign up for a couple of weeks or more! For more information, please contact Becky Miller, Director, at [bmiller@livingwordumc.org](mailto:bmiller@livingwordumc.org).

## Living Word ECC Enrolling for Fall

Living Word Early Childhood Center provides a safe, Christian, developmentally appropriate environment that nurtures children's curiosity to grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively through a play based curriculum. There are spots available for the 2022-23 school year! Please call the office at 636-821-2861, to set up a tour and for specific dates and information regarding registration. Please visit [livingwordumc.org/ecc](http://livingwordumc.org/ecc) for more information on the program and class offerings.

## Red Cross Blood Drive at Living Word

The April 28 Red Cross Blood Drive at Living Word collected twelve units. This doesn't sound like much but these units will be able to help up to 36 patients in need! Mark your calendar for the upcoming blood drive at Living Word on Thursday, July 21, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment for the blood drive at Living Word, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and search by LWUMC. If this blood drive is full, please consider donating at an alternate site.

## Worship Attendance

May 1: in-person - 382, online - 175  
May 8: in-person - 255, online - 149  
May 15: in-person - 229, online - 107  
May 22: in-person - 276, online - 191  
May 29: in-person - 182, online - 103

# PRAYER REQUESTS

For more information on Caring Ministries, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

Please hold the following individuals in your personal prayers. To add a prayer to the list below or to stay on the prayer list for more than two weeks, please complete the online form at [livingwordumc.org/mylw](http://livingwordumc.org/mylw), or email Val Novatny, Director of Congregational Care, at [vnovatny@livingwordumc.org](mailto:vnovatny@livingwordumc.org). For pre-surgery prayer, please contact Val Novatny at [vnovatny@livingwordumc.org](mailto:vnovatny@livingwordumc.org) or 636-821-2823. Emergency Congregational Care 24/7 On-Call Phone: 636-821-2888.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Pastor David Israel	Mitch Mitchell	Nini Schneider
Joan Burkholder	Jerry Primm	Coleman Family
Barry Eschenbrenner	Bill Reichter	Fowler Family
Mark Grossenheider	Art Schnatterly	Thibault Family
Natalie Grossenheider		

The Murray and Rush families on the passing of Ken Murray, step-father of Greg Rush

The Baum family on the passing of Sandy Baum, brother of Rich Baum

The Schulte family on the passing of Carole Schulte, step-mother of Rev. Tim Schulte (pastor at The River at Eureka UMC)

We pray for everyone involved in the Texas school shooting. We pray their faith in God will carry them through this tragic and unexplainable event.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## New Stephen Minister Commissioning

In a few short weeks, five of our church members will be commissioned as our newest Stephen Ministers. Living Word's Stephen Ministry team has been active for almost 30 years. Many of our members have been trained as ministers and even more members and friends of the church have been helped by a Stephen Minister at some point in their lives.

Congratulations to Brenda Collins, Don Short, Jason Caulk, Sally Blackburn, and Bill Blackburn for completing the 18 plus weeks of training. Their commissioning will be Sunday, June 19, at both services.

### Would you like to talk to a Stephen Minister?

If you need help dealing with a difficult time in your life and would like to find out more about Stephen Ministers at Living Word, contact Carol Baum, Stephen Ministry Leader, at 314-300-0017 or [baumr17@gmail.com](mailto:baumr17@gmail.com). Stephen Ministers are here for you.

FOR MORE PRAYER INFORMATION:

[livingwordumc.org/care](http://livingwordumc.org/care)

TO HAVE CARDS SENT:

[livingwordumc.org/care](http://livingwordumc.org/care)

TO ADD A PERSON TO THE PRAYER LIST:

[livingwordumc.org/mylw](http://livingwordumc.org/mylw)

First Stephen Ministers (1993) at Living Word



For more information on Living Word Congregational Care Ministries, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Summer Kick-Off Outdoor Movie Night

Living Word is hosting a Summer Kick-Off Outdoor Movie Night! This is a family-friendly event at 6:00 pm on June 3 at Living Word. The movie will begin at dark, about 8:15 pm. Come early to grab a snack, get your spot, and check out local business booths.

This is also a great way to show hospitality to the Wildwood community. This community event could bring in hundreds of people! Contact Beth Balzaine, Director of Communications, at [bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org](mailto:bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org) if you would like to volunteer with hospitality.

For more information on Living Word Celebrate Events, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

## 2022 Living Word Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser

Sign up today for the annual Living Word Golf Tournament sponsored by the Living Word Men's Club. The event will be on Sunday, June 12, at the Fore Honor Golf and Event Center with a 2:00 pm tee off. Golfers should arrive at 1:30 pm to check in. The all-inclusive entry fee of \$125 per person provides 18 holes of golf, golf cart, mulligans, grace "string," and pork steak dinner. The teams are 4-person scramble teams.

Men's Club is also looking for hole sponsors of \$200 with a sign for your support. The event provides an opportunity to honor Ken Mann by funding the 3rd Annual Ken Mann Scholarship. Even if you don't golf, please consider contributing to this special scholarship. For more information visit [livingwordumc.org/golf](http://livingwordumc.org/golf).



Sign up at [livingwordumc.org/golf](http://livingwordumc.org/golf) or scan the QR Code!

For more information on Living Word Men's Club, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

# NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

For more information on LW Kids or LW Youth, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

## LW Youth Choir

LW Youth Choir has been working on their upcoming choir tour program, "Presence." The choir will take the program on the road to Springfield, MO June 3 - 5. They will share the program in worship at Living Word on June 12 at both worship services. Mark your calendar to come and support the LW Youth Choir! For more information on LW Youth Choir, contact Directors, Donna Baker, at [dbaker@livingwordumc.org](mailto:dbaker@livingwordumc.org) or Mark Turner, at [mturner@livingwordumc.org](mailto:mturner@livingwordumc.org).



## Make Waves

Beginning in June, LW Kids will explore "what you do today can change the world around you." LW Kids will discuss loving others because God loves you. The memory verse is "The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. Galatians 5:22-23a (NIRV) For more information, please contact Pastor Greg Finrock at [gfinrock@livingwordumc.org](mailto:gfinrock@livingwordumc.org).



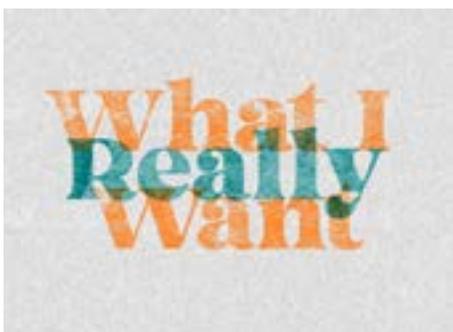
## Confirmation Sunday

Sixteen students who had been attending Confirmation classes since January became official members in May. Congratulations to all of the newest Living Word members! For more information on Confirmation, please contact Pastor David Israel at [disrael@livingwordumc.org](mailto:disrael@livingwordumc.org).



## LW Youth Begin "What I Really Want" June 12 - July 10

What's the best part of high school, and teenagers want more? FREEDOM! It's true at every age, but it seems to be what we really want in high school. In this series, What I Really Want, students will discover how to use the freedom they already have in healthy ways that benefit themselves and those around them. Finding out that getting what they really want begins by realizing what true freedom is all about. Doors open at 8:45 am, study begins at 9:30 am.



# STAFF UPDATE

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## Living Word Staff Update

It is with sadness that we announce that Kim Cox, Director of Business Operations, submitted her resignation on Thursday, May 12. Kim has served Living Word's finance and administration office for over 14 years and will now be taking a new position with the American Soybean Association as a Board Liaison Executive Assistant. I hope you will join me in wishing her well on her next stage of life. Her last day with Living Word was Thursday, May 26. Any issues that normally would be directed toward Kim should be directed to Executive Pastor Greg Finfrock in this interim period. Best wishes Kim!

## Living Word Welcomes Summer Intern

Living Word welcomes NextGen Ministries Summer Intern, Cassidy Barger. Cassidy has been attending Living Word for nineteen years. In 2021, she graduated from Marquette High School. After high school, she decided to attend college at Southeast Missouri State University where she is studying Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Education. After college she plans on becoming a FACS teacher in either high school or middle school. Cassidy will assist with children and youth ministries beginning June 6.



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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## Henry Matthew Studie

On Sunday, May 8, we were blessed to celebrate the baptism of Henry Matthew Studie into Christ's holy church. Henry is the son of Matt and Sarah Studie and great-grandson of Bud and Margaret Waite.

For more information on baptism at Living Word, please contact Pastor David Israel at [disrael@livingwordumc.org](mailto:disrael@livingwordumc.org).

## Noel and Gillian Stephens

We welcome into church membership Noel and Gillian Stephens. Noel and Gillian both enjoy Bible study, American Mahjong, jigsaw puzzles, and gardening. Noel is learning Chinese. Gillian is a prayer warrior.

For more information on membership at Living Word, please contact Pastor Greg Finfrock at [gfinfrock@livingwordumc.org](mailto:gfinfrock@livingwordumc.org).



# MISSIONS

## Postal Workers Stamp Out Hunger

The Postal Workers “Stamp Out Hunger” Food Drive benefiting Circle of Concern on May 14 was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. Many families will benefit this summer from the food that was collected. For more information, please contact Scott Reichter at [Reichter.scott@gmail.com](mailto:Reichter.scott@gmail.com).



For more information on Living Word Missions, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

# ADULT LEARN GROUPS

## Disciple 1 and Disciple 4 Classes

The Disciple 1 Class, led by Scott Watson, and Disciple 4 Class, led by Pastor Greg Finfrock, completed their class that began fall of 2021. We recognize both classes for their dedication to this 30+ week Bible study. The two Bible studies are part of the Disciple series. Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study examines the Old and New Testaments, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.



Disciple 1: Pictured (left to right): (top row) Ron Cook, Jamie Kay Bunte, Gerald Hauri, Jan Reichter, Maria Reichter, Scott Watson (leader), Lee Foster, Stewart Wiles, (bottom row) Pat Bonham, Carol Brown, Shannon Hauri, Madeline Gottemoeller, Cheryl Jones, and Ed Twente.



Disciple 4: Pictured (left to right): (top row) Mike Emert, Jerri Ann Emert, Linda Poertner, Brenda Waterhouse, Gloria Skornia, Cindy Turner-Johnson, David Johnson, (bottom row) Pastor Greg Finfrock (leader), Amanda Alber, and Marcy Watson.

For more information on Adult Learn Groups, visit [livingwordumc.org/journey](http://livingwordumc.org/journey)

# MAY AT LIVING WORD



Teacher Appreciation Week & Book Fair at Meramec Elementary



LW ECC Mother's Day Banner



Confirmation Sunday



Games, Food, and Fun at the Old-Fashioned Potluck!

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