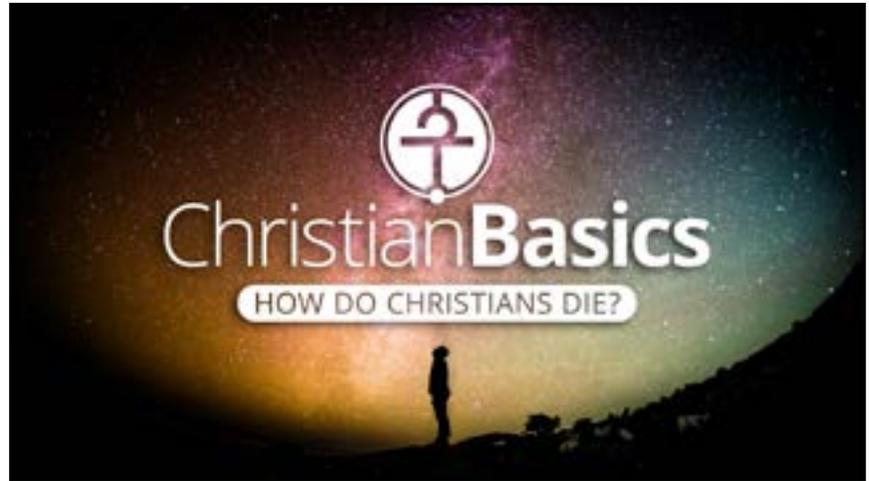




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Pastor Dave and Pastor Greg have been teaching us about Christian Basics. The current topic is "How Do Christians Die?" One of the few guarantees we have in life is that it will eventually end for each of us. Admittedly, that's a bit disconcerting. However these comforting words are found in Romans 14:8 (NIV), "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Christians die with the confidence that in our afterlife we belong to Christ.

Sundays In-Person

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

Current Sermon Series How Do Christians Die?

Sunday, July 3: What is Christian Hope?
Sunday, July 10: What is Judgment?
Sunday, July 17: What is the Resurrection of the Dead?
Sunday, July 24: What is Eternal Life?

Worship Online

* Watch worship livestream on Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am at livingwordumc.online.church

* View the recording of worship after 5:00 pm Sunday at livingwordumc.org/worship

* View live or on delay through Facebook at facebook.com/LivingWordUMC

For more information contact Beth Balzaine, Director of Communications, at bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org

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PASTOR'S PEN

Christian Basics

How excited would you be if I told you we are going to do a 32 week sermon series on the topics of epistemology, theology, anthropology, Christology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, missiology, and eschatology? That's the reason why Pastor Greg and I decided to call it "Christian Basics," and we're almost at the end of that series.

In the weeks that have past we've sought to answer the following questions: How do we learn about God? Who is God? Who are we? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Church? How do Christians Live? And How do Christians die? The big idea here is to help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of faith so you can be an intelligent and intelligible Christian when speaking with others about your faith. Another way to say it is, if you're asked a question deeper than "what do you believe" you'll be able to offer a deeper answer than "I believe in God and Jesus." (Which you would know is one of my pet peeve answers in case you missed that particular sermon.)



Speaking of missing sermons, I suspect there's one or more of those sermon series questions mentioned above that you aren't quite sure how to answer. I'd like to provide you with a calendar of those sermons so you can go back and listen to the one(s) you think you'd like to brush up on. Below is the list of which sermons Pastor Greg or I preached and on which dates. You can use this list to go to the church website and find the sermon in our archives. I sincerely hope you find this to be a resource for your own growth in your knowledge of your faith in Jesus Christ. You can find that at livingwordumc.org/sermon-series-archive.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave
disrael@livingwordumc.org



Jan 2 - This I Believe (The Apostles Creed)
Jan 9 – What Does it Mean to Believe in God?
Jan 16 – Does God Really Reveal Himself to Us?
Jan 23 – What is the Bible?
Jan 30 – God The Creator
Feb 6 – God, "I AM WHO I AM"
Feb 13 – God the Provider
Feb 20 – God the Covenant Maker
Feb 27 – Made in the Image of God
Mar 2– The Problem of Sin
Mar 6 – The Solution of Grace
Mar 13 – The Offer of Salvation
Mar 20 – Fully Human, Fully Divine
Mar 27 – Savior
April 3 – Atonement
April 10 – Jesus is Lord

Easter April 17 – Faith in Jesus
April 24 – God with Us
May 1 – Holy Spirit Power
May 8 – The Trinity
May 15 – "Called-Out" People
May 22 – The Body of Christ
May 29 – What are Sacraments?
June 5 – What is Worship?
June 19 – What is Discipleship?
June 26 – What is Sanctification?
July 3 – What is Christian Hope?
July 10 – What is Judgment?
July 17 – What is the Resurrection of the Dead?
July 24 – What is Eternal Life?
July 31 – What Difference Does it All Make?

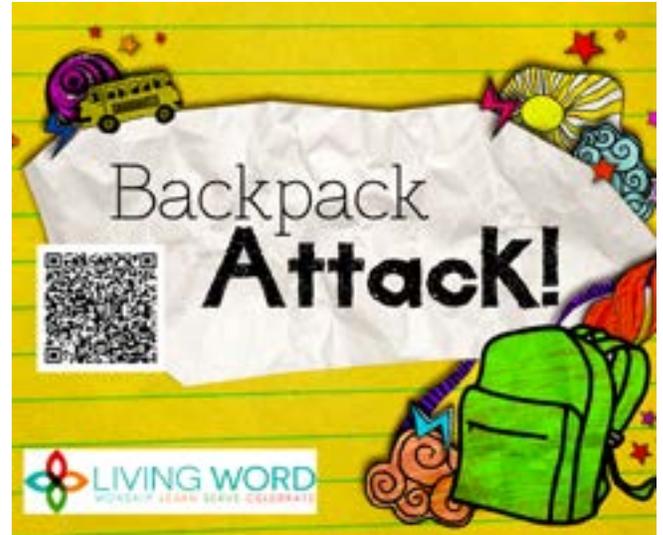
For more information on Sermon Archives, visit livingwordumc.org/worship

BACKPACK ATTACK

Backpack Attack is Back!

Ephesians 2:10 says, “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” We serve and volunteer confidently, knowing that God has prepared the way for us!

Backpack Attack is a great way to serve at Living Word. This mission provides school supplies for children in need for Rockwood and Meramec Elementary families. Living Word members have been so generous in their support of this mission. The goal is to provide every Meramec student and students at several Rockwood schools with school supplies for a total 480 students.



You can support this mission by visiting livingwordumc.org/bpa:

1. To donate a virtual backpack;
2. View school supplies list;
3. Volunteer for Backpack Attack on July 29 for setup, or July 30 to fill the backpacks.

This year, volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate! Once the backpacks are filled, we will deliver them to Meramec Elementary and the Rockwood Annex building. The children will receive their backpacks at events hosted by the schools.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Horner, Backpack Attack Chair, at mlshorner57@gmail.com.

For more information on Living Word Missions, visit livingwordumc.org/journey

WORSHIP CHOIR

Worship Choir Kick-Off and Legacy of Song Concert

The Worship Choir will kick off the new choir year on Wednesday, July 27, as we begin preparing for our hymn concert, Legacy of Song, on August 28 at 3:00 pm. We will enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by rehearsal in the Music Rehearsal Room. Worship Choir is open to all adults and high school youth. If you enjoy fellowship and love to sing, the Worship Choir is for you! For more information, please contact Donna Baker, Director of Music Ministries, at dbaker@livingwordumc.org. We look forward to welcoming new members as we begin our new year together with the Legacy of Song Concert!



For more information on Music Ministries, visit livingwordumc.org/journey

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For more information visit livingwordumc.org/news



 American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Living Word United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
17315 Manchester Rd
Wildwood, MO 63698
Thursday, July 21
2:00 - 6:00 pm

For appointments visit redcrossblood.org
Enter sponsor code LWUMC in the search bar



Active Faith Adult Sunday School Class

Please join Active Faith Sunday School class for a new study starting on Sunday, July 10. The class will begin reading and discussing the book, "Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses" by J. Moore. The group meets at 8:00 am in Room 212. All are welcome to the class and upcoming activities:

- Swim party and BBQ on 7/13
 - Mobility Worldwide Fundraiser in Columbia, MO on 7/17
- Contact Patty Brown for more information at realpattybrown@gmail.com.

Coffee with the Pastor - August 21

If you are new to Living Word and would like to learn more, come to the next Coffee with the Pastor on Sunday, August 21, at 10:00 am. This casual get-together with Pastor David allows you to ask any questions you might have. Coffee is provided.

SAVE THE DATE

July 3 – Family Worship Sunday
July 4 – Independence Day, church office closed
July 21 – Red Cross Blood Drive
July 27 – Mini VBS Leader Training
July 29 – Backpack Attack - Setup
July 30 – Backpack Attack - Filling backpacks
August 1 - 5 – Mini VBS at Living Word
August 28 – Legacy of Song Concert 3:00 pm

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

Circle of Concern Volunteer Openings

Circle of Concern plans to reopen their building to serve clients in August. They are looking for volunteers to help staff the food pantry and help clients choose their groceries. For more information, please contact Cyndi Miller, Executive Director, at 636-861-2623.



Help Promote Living Word ECC

Do you live on a street with high visibility? 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.

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 for more information on the program and class offerings.

Office Holiday

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day!

Worship Attendance

June 5: in-person - 195, online - 241
June 12: in-person - 243, online - 179
June 19: in-person - 243, online - 225
June 26: in-person - 235, online - 191

PRAYER REQUESTS

For more information on Caring Ministries, visit 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, or email Val Novatny, Director of Congregational Care, at vnovatny@livingwordumc.org. For pre-surgery prayer, please contact Val Novatny at 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:

Alice Bardon	Mitch Mitchell	Art Schnatterly
Barry Eschenbrenner	Alex Moranz	Nini Schneider
Kayleen Grammon	Abbey Oliver	Coleman Family
Mark Grossenheider	Jerry Primm	Fowler Family
Natalie Grossenheider	Bill Reichter	Thibault Family
Alyssa Kellhofer		

The Burns family on the passing of Norma Burns

FOR MORE PRAYER INFORMATION:

livingwordumc.org/care

TO HAVE CARDS SENT:

livingwordumc.org/care

TO ADD A PERSON TO
THE PRAYER LIST:

livingwordumc.org/mylw

STAFF UPDATE



Living Word Welcomes Director of Business Operations

Living Word welcomes Brad Locke, Living Word's new Director of Business Operations. Brad will oversee all financial reporting, budgeting, and human resources issues and coordinate needs with every area of the church. Additionally, he will oversee all contributions management for Living Word. Brad and his wife Mary became members of Living Word shortly after the church moved to its present location in 2008. He retired from banking after serving as Chief Financial Officer of Jefferson Bank and Trust Company for just over 30 years. Brad has a heart for ministry and wants to serve Christ by using his gifts to help Living Word make an

eternal impact on the world. He has four children: Katie, Sarah, Brandon, and Justin and loves spending time with his family, playing golf, and fishing. He also enjoys walking his pup, Roxie, musicals, Blues hockey, Cardinal baseball, Silky's custard, and barbecue.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Wesley Steven

On Sunday, June 26, we were blessed to celebrate the baptism of Wesley Steven into Christ's holy church. Wesley is the son of Brandon and Meredith and grandson of Chris and Beth DeHart.

For more information on baptism at Living Word, please contact Pastor David Israel at disrael@livingwordumc.org

NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

For more information on LW Kids or LW Youth, visit livingwordumc.org/journey

Meet Andy!

My name is Andy Langdon, and I am the Director of NextGen Ministries. My roots in Missouri come from the Kansas City side, but I'm glad to have landed in the St. Louis area, where my wife grew up.

I'm so excited to meet you and your kids, create fun events for them, and encourage your family as we build lives of faith for our kids. It's my hope that your kids would find a home here at Living Word that encourages their questions, builds lasting friendships, and helps them learn about God throughout their lives.

Coming out of this Covid season, we're starting to build momentum and create deeper friendships in our church. As we go forward, we'll build a team of energetic and passionate volunteers to support your kids (and you) in this journey of growing and developing deeper faith. Whatever your involvement over the last few years, this is an opportunity to find an anchor point for your faith, and have some fun along the way.

Consider yourself a partner in this ministry. We need you to be small group leaders, to drive for events, to stay up all night with our teenagers, and to tell jokes, sing loudly, and share your own stories of faith with these kids. Your kids need you to be parents who listen, question, and take delight in all the ways that they experience God and grow in their faith in the coming years.

I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you! Please contact me anytime at alangdon@livingwordumc.org.

Sincerely,

Andy
612-703-8121 (cell)



Make Waves

LW Kids continue *Make Waves* in July. They are learning about what you do today can change the world around you by:

- Showing God's goodness to others;
- Being faithful so others can count on you;
- God gives you the power to have self-control.

The memory verse is "God began a good work in you. And I am sure that He will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 (NIRV)

LW Youth Begin "Only the Young" July 17

You're only young once. But while you're young, it's easy to miss the beauty of it. In this series, *Only The Young*, we'll look at what it means to own your faith, how to decide what your years of being young will be about, and why we all need the wisdom of someone older. The purpose of this series is to help students see how God wants them to make the most of being young. Doors open at 8:45 am, study begins at 9:30 am.



NEXTGEN MINISTRIES CONT.—



Mini Vacation Bible School

This summer we're hosting a Mini VBS August 1-5, 9:00 am – 11:30 am for preschool age (3, 4, 5 year old) through entering 6th Grade in Fall 2022. There's nothing small about riding the Rocky Railway. Kids sing, play, and learn about God each day as they get their faith moving. We're offering VBS free this summer. It's a great opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to visit church and spend time together. Sign-up at livingwordumc.org/children.

Family Connection Event

Following our railroad-themed VBS, we've planned a family day at the Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Railroad here in Wildwood on August 7. We've reserved train cars at 1:15 pm and 1:45 pm. Families can reserve their own train car and ride the rails together. We'll offer the first 8 families at each time slot to come along for free. The Wabash, Frisco, & Pacific Railroad is a mini railroad with open-air cars pulled by working steam locomotives, located at 101 Grand Ave, Glencoe, MO 63038. Sign-up at livingwordumc.org/children.



Volunteer in NextGen Ministries

Sunday mornings we need help in the nursery, leading Sunday School, and volunteers to assist during worship. All of our volunteers go through a certification process called Good Shepherd, which trains volunteers about safety procedures and expectations. We'd love your help with Mini Vacation Bible School, August 1-5, and your family (even the little ones) can help with the two-day serving event called Backpack Attack, July 29 and 30. Sign-up at livingwordumc.org/children.



College Bible Study

NextGen Ministries Summer Intern, Cassidy Barger, is leading a Bible Study for college students on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Living Word. In addition, Cassidy is planning a few fun events for the group! For more information, contact Cassidy at intern@livingwordumc.org.



JUNE AT LIVING WORD



The Living Word Golf Tournament sponsored by the Men's Club raised funds for Men's Club & Ken Mann Scholarships



Newest Stephen Ministers at Living Word

Pictured are (left to right): Sally Blackburn, Bill Blackburn, Jason Caulk, Brenda Collins, & Don Short



LW Youth Choir presented "Presence" in worship after their tour to Springfield, MO



LW Youth enjoyed the week at Eagle Sky Christian Camp