



CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

Matt's Meanderings

Discipleship Framework

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20 (CEB)

The Great Commission implores us to make disciples. However, we don't often realize the full scope of what this means. "Making Disciples" doesn't simply mean introducing people to Jesus but also teaching them how to live as Christ calls us to live. It's a life-long commitment.

I'm thrilled about our new Discipleship Framework as well as the work that has gone into it. I am thrilled at how we will strive to live into this framework with the sole purpose of "Connecting people with God and Connecting people with one another" through intentional and purposeful discipleship. In many ways, we're already doing much of this. Yet, it's good for us to have it in front of us. I want to share briefly about each aspect.

Identify – Calls us all to recognize people who don't yet know Christ as well as recognizing our own need to learn new things on a consistent basis. We all need the repetition of stories, songs, liturgies, etc. if we want to continue to grow as disciples of Christ.

Establish – Calls us to know the story of God's redemption and how it affects us. It also challenges us to know that regardless of how often we falter, God still provides a place for us.

Strengthen – Calls us to surround ourselves with others who will shape us and who we can shape. We have the opportunity to honor God with all of who we are with our community.

Embody – Calls us to live into the membership covenant we have entered to support our church and each other through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness through mentoring.

So where are you? Likely, you will find yourself in all four areas. How are you continuing to grow? May we continue to identify, establish, strengthen, and embody throughout our lives so we may continue to be made into disciples and help continue to make new disciples!



Matt



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Children's Ministry would like to thank you so much for attending our WD2 fundraiser meal. You helped us raise over \$500 to support our children who are attending Camp Loucon. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



Angie

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 16th at 5:30pm, followed by a fundraiser meal by Christ Women's Ministry. Feel free to invite a friend, there will be plenty of eggs for all! If anyone would like to donate stuffed eggs or bags of candy for our egg hunt, we would appreciate it so much! Please drop them by my office or with Sami by Sunday, April 6th. Please pray for sunshine and beautiful weather for that evening! It is always a great night full of fellowship and fun!



Be sure and mark VBS "True North" on your calendar for June 1st -4th.

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY— "PARDON MY DUST: Redemption in Process!"



We are taught to work hard to make our lives perfect. Culture tells us we must have the perfect job, the perfect house, the perfect car, the perfect family. And the more proof we can offer to that end the better. Our social media posts may say we are living the dream, but instead we may feel caught in a nightmare. While the world sees perfect, but we see a mess—one that feels hopeless, weary, spent, and broken.

But we are in a season of redemption—with a quickly approaching Easter—a reminder of the hope of Resurrection. Jesus offers new life that the harshest reality cannot conquer. In fact the worse our situations are, the more powerfully we get to see God work out His purposes. The sticking point is that we cannot pretend with God—we can only surrender to the truth, that we are the kind of mess only He can clean up.



Sami

We began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, wearing the truth that we are dust. Yet as we surrender to Jesus we find our lives transformed into His likeness, shining with His beauty, smelling of His sweetness. We find we no longer care how imperfect our lives are because we know He has begun to transform us with Beauty of His Holiness—the durable, everlasting kind.

Truly, we are made for His glory—made to reflect of His presence in a way that exemplifies His Kingdom. This is important & heady stuff. So much more meaningful than any social media post. And while we are no judge of how He chooses to reveal His glory in us and through us, we can know that His joy is radiant as we let Him do His thing in our lives. Let us embrace the dustiness of our current state and let His redemptive work begin!

YOUTH MINISTRY

In this season of Lent, I hope you have been able to draw closer to God through self-sacrifice and daily time with Him. The youth spent time prior to Ash Wednesday revisiting the ideas of fasting, devotion, and prayer - and many of them have chosen to make personal sacrifices in order to rely on God and grow closer to God this Lent! I'm impressed by their commitment and devotion.

The youth (and I'm sure you as well) are excited for beautiful spring weather, warm sunshine, spring rain showers, and the beauty of nature in full blossom. On April 13th, we will be getting out into God's creation and hiking! We love being able to spend time together in fellowship OUTDOORS. When we go on retreats at Camp Loucon and even on the summer mission trip, the youth always find an excuse to go wander in nature together. God's handiwork through nature is a beautiful thing.

The youth have been studying the book of Exodus, chapter by chapter, in our weekly gatherings. We have seen themes of God's omnipotence, His faithfulness and devotion to his people, His provision for his people, and His foreshadowing of a greater plan through Jesus Christ. Feel free to grab a youth and ask them about what they've been learning in Exodus! I hope some of these themes are mentioned in their answers.

May you have a blessed conclusion to your Lenten season, and may Easter be full of rejoicing for the resurrection of Jesus Christ! He is Risen indeed. God Bless, Nick



Nick



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE RELAY WORSHIP GROUP'S
RISEN AN EASTER NIGHT OF WORSHIP

- HOSPITALITY (GREETERS, USHERS, MERCH TABLE, ETC.)
- SET UP
- CLEAN UP
- PRAYER TEAM



DIGITAL SIGN UP



WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP—

Relay Easter Night of Worship at SKYPAC: April 5 & 6

This is one of my favorite events of the year: when the entire worshipping community of Bowling Green gathers at the place where I regularly perform to join our hearts and voices as one in an evening devoted to the primary audience of our one true God.

1. Please mark your calendars and worship with us! God has something special in store!
2. Consider volunteering with us – we need hospitality volunteers, set up and clean up crew, prayer team, etc... you'll get a shirt and a reserved seat! To sign up visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvVCPMf_Qw6Z1YVZfNXWKT9RdJ_9VPVXSX2-EzJ9GOPAkoonQ/viewform

3. Invite everyone you know! We want everyone to experience God's presence with us! The church bus will drive to SKYPAC each night – reserve a seat on the rolling board!



Melissa

CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Purpose: We dedicate ourselves to serve Jesus by our goals, actions, and commitment. May we grow stronger in our faith as we serve others through our missions.

I recently saw this quote from Grace Valentine, "You only have one purpose, and it is Jesus. To love Jesus. To be with Jesus. To show others Jesus." Isn't that the mission of our women's ministry and our church? May we all strive to grow each day in this purpose.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 2nd**, at noon. This meeting will be in the YCC (youth area). Every woman is welcome! Lunch will be served.

Our 2025 Women's Retreat was wonderful! We enjoyed beautiful weather, great craft times, exercise and learning about three women who encountered Jesus: The Woman Who Anointed Jesus; The Crippled Bent-Over Woman; and The Woman at the Well. 28 women were able to participate! Thank you to our retreat planning team: Melissa Bull, Barbara Hines, Nancy Pollock, Betsy Kullman and Michelle Cassidy.

We were able to raise over \$400 for our March WD2 fundraiser dinner for the building fund. This totals over \$1,000 given in 2025 by the women to our building fund. Our last fundraiser meal for this semester will be April 16th, following the children's egg hunt. The donations will also go toward the building fund. It is so much fun to watch the kids hunt eggs, even if you don't know the kids doing the hunting! Please invite friends and family to this event. Signup sheets will be on the rolling board. Please plan to come and eat!

Mark your calendars. Invite other women. Our annual Salad Extravaganza will be Wednesday, May 7th, at the home of Betsy Kullman. Bring any dish with the word "salad" in the name to share with others. You may also bring a dessert if you are so inclined. No time to cook, just show up! You don't want to miss this event. I hope to see you soon! Michelle

2025 Women's Ministry Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00pm Lunch

Wednesday, May 7th @ Betsy Kullman's Home, 5:30pm

June—Assist with VBS

July—Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 13, 12:pm Lunch only (Restaurant TBD)

Sunday, Sept. 7, 6:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 19, 6:00pm

November 8—Bazaar

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5:30pm Christmas Gathering



SATURDAY MEALS

April is a busy month for Saturday Meals! We have our regularly scheduled day to work on April 5, and I'm happy to report that we have all our volunteers (Yay!). There is also another opportunity to serve—April 19 (Easter Weekend). We, like all the other churches and businesses involved with Saturday Meals, must supply a delivery team and an inside worker on the holidays. We already have our delivery team, but we're still looking for one inside worker that day.

We would love for you to join us this year as we help those who are in need, serving the Lord as we serve others. If you have questions and/or would like to be a part of this program, please call or text Sean Kinder at 270-996-0890. Thank you, Sean & Val Kinder



In Christian Sympathy

Our Deepest Condolences are given to:

Allex Gilpin in the passing of her father.
Joshua Smith in the passing of his brother Jason.
The family & friends of Ralph Dragoo.
Mike Cassady in the passing of his mother Donna.
Bonny Laflin in the passing of his wife Phyllis.
The family & friends of George Masannat.

IN MEMORY OF ALEX GILPIN'S FATHER

Tim & Linda Tidwell

IN MEMORY OF JASON SMITH

Tim & Linda Tidwell

IN MEMORY OF KAREN GARDEN

Tim & Linda Tidwell
Bill & Joyce Buckman

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS LAFLIN

Tim & Linda Tidwell
Dorsey Class
Bill & Joyce Buckman
Shirley Lowe

IN MEMORY OF DONNA CASSADY

Tim & Linda Tidwell



HOLY WEEK

April 13-20, 2025



PALM SUNDAY

Choir Cantata
8:45am
Sanctuary

Special Music
Sunday
11am FLC

MONDAY & TUESDAY

Community Service at
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
11am

Tuesday Christ Church
Hosting

WEDNESDAY

Community Service at
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
11am

Easter Egg Hunt & CWM
Potluck Meal
5:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Community Service at
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
11am

Maundy Thursday
Service
7pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Tenebrae
Service
7pm



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service
6:30am

Breakfast by Christ Men
7:30am

Easter Services:
8:45am
Sanctuary
11am FLC



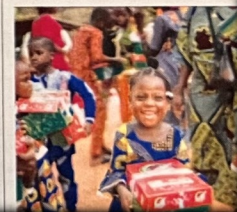
Thank you for your partnership with the
Operation Christmas Child
2024 Shoebox Collection!



11,992,439 shoeboxes sent Internationally
21,219 shoeboxes from the Bowling Green Area

Simple shoebox gifts
distributed around the world
give children the opportunity
to hear the Good News!

Debbie Young,
Area Coordinator



April Birthdays

4/1	Jack Orr	4/14	Diane Bryson	4/24	Roman Di Gaetano
4/3	Lilia Compton	4/14	Christy Richards	4/24	Barbara Hines
4/3	Charlotte Powell	4/15	Trey Turner	4/24	Jonas Romans
4/4	Darlene Conrad	4/18	Kevin Compton	4/28	Bruce Allen
4/4	Rick Douglas	4/20	Bobby Berry	4/29	Willow Romans
4/10	Hugh Winqvist	4/20	Marilyn Love	4/30	Jay Dickison
4/11	Sharon Anspach	4/23	Susan Harmon		



Stewardship and Attendance

Budget for the Year \$593,336
 Needed Per Week \$11,410

Building Fund Received Mar. \$2,115

Stewardship:

Mar. 2	\$15,319
Mar. 9	\$11,359
Mar. 16	\$16,802
Mar. 23	\$6,121
Mar. 30	TBD

Attendance:

Mar. 2	242
Mar. 9	206
Mar. 16	223
Mar. 23	238
Mar. 30	TBD



Sunday Worship Times

Traditional Service 8:45 am
Sanctuary

Sunday School 10:00 am

Contemporary Service 11:00am
Family Life Center

Watch Online

<https://www.christchurchbg.org/online/>

Past Services

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMk0w?



CHRIST
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Dr. Matt Seel..... Lead Pastor
Melissa BullMinister of Worship & Discipleship
Sami Wilson.....Pastor of Admin. & Congregational Care
Nick Winqvist.....Youth Minister
Michael Romans.....Assistant Youth Minister
Angie Gordon..... Children’s Minister
Abby Seel Assistant Children’s Minister
Tabitha FoleyThe Learning Tree Director
Jeanie Orr Organist
Roman Di Gaetano FLC Production Manager
Bonnie HanesTreasurer
April Taylor Nursery Supervisor
Joshua Smith Lay Leader
Lorenzo Hall, Jr...... Security
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