

DECEMBER 21, 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM WHITESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

Morning Worship | 10 am | Worship Center

We'll meet for one combined Worship Celebration. Life Groups will not meet, and childcare will be available for birth to age 3. Livestream will be available on YouTube.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 5 pm | Worship Center

All are welcome to this intimate church family gathering, where we will sing Christmas carols and hear a devotional from our pastor. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. Childcare will not be available, but little ones of all ages are welcome to be part of this short service. Livestream available on YouTube.

Monday, December 25

Watch Hanging of the Green on Fox 54 | 2 pm

Watch Winterlude on Fox 54 | 9 pm

Thursday, December 28 & Friday, December 29

Church Office Open for End-of-Year Contributions | 9 am-1 pm

Sunday, December 31

Morning Worship | 10 am | Worship Center

We'll meet for one combined Worship Celebration. Life Groups will not meet, and childcare will be available for birth to age 3. Livestream will be available on YouTube.

Church Office Schedule

Closed December 25-January 1. Will open temporarily on December 28 and 29 from 9 am-1 pm for end-of-year contributions. Will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8 am.

Pastor on Call: While our office is closed for the holidays, we are still here for you. If you experience hospitalization, a death in the family, or other emergencies, contact the Pastor on Call by calling 256-881-0952, ext. 811. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

ROC Schedule

Closed Friday, December 22 at noon through January 1. Will reopen Tuesday, January 2 at 6 am.

Benevolence Ministry

This ministry is closed and will remain closed through January 1. They will reopen Tuesday, January 2 at 9 am.

The Benevolence Ministry requests that clothing donations are not dropped off at Pulaski Pike or the Martha Fleming Center until January 2 when they return.

SERVE



December 1-31

The Whitesburg Mission Offering benefits the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (80%) and Whitesburg missions (20%). Our goal is to give \$450,000. Pray how God may lead you to worship through giving this Christmas.

Women on Mission

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
South Campus Hearthside Room

Join Women on Mission for their January meeting, where they will assemble bags for men and women coming through the Salvation Army. Bring your lunch and fellowship with others at 11:30 am. Click [here](#) for details, including which items to bring for bags. For questions or additional information, contact Barbara Glenn, 256-508-6190, or Karen Brown, 256-651-0941.

Coffee Ministry Volunteers

Help provide some warm coffee to our church family on Sunday mornings! Volunteers arrive at 7 am to brew coffee and set up four stations. Clean up usually wraps up by 11:45 am. Volunteers are needed on the first Sunday of the month and every other third Sunday, as well as substitutes. A couple or team usually works best for this position. Contact Kim.Daniel@WhitesburgBaptist.org.



Master Campus Plan Update

Our Master Campus Plan is our facility resource tool for reaching 1,000 and equipping and releasing 200 leaders. Here's our current progress:

Work on the MCP continues in earnest behind the scenes. Engineers took soil borings to support civil and structural engineering details of both Phase 1 site work and Phase 2 design. The general contractor is finalizing bids on Phase 1 work to begin in early January.

Our electrical contractor has added temporary lighting to our west parking areas. The Building Committee is working closely with the design team as they work on detailed design of the Phase 2 Youth/Senior/Multipurpose building, with bidding anticipated in February. The above image is a rendering of the future Commons Area.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for our Ignite MCP!

IGNITE

Our vision is to Ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ by reaching 1,000 people with the gospel and releasing 200 equipped leaders from the next generation for Church leadership by 2028.



Igniting Gospel Conversations

Are you seeking to reach 1,000 people by starting gospel conversations with the people in your circles? We want to hear how you are spreading the good news! Stop by the map outside the Worship Center and place a sticker where your conversation happened. You'll also find how to submit your gospel conversation story.

Whitesburg values loving and serving others.

All eight of our Core Values can be found at the link below.

To learn more about Ignite and our Master Campus Plan visit WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite

WHITESBURG NEWS

Church Bible Reading Plan (CBR)

One of the ways we follow Jesus is by spending time in the Bible. As a disciple-making church, it's important to us to give you resources to do that. You can find paper copies of our CBR 2024 on tables outside the Worship Center on Sunday. You can also find a PDF [on our website](#), and an app version will be available beginning January 1, 2024. Our emphasis isn't to get you to use our plan, but to help you connect with a systematic plan to be serious about digging into God's Word in 2024.

New Life Groups

Coming January 2024

Life Groups meet weekly on Sunday morning and are available for every age and life phase. We're currently launching six new Life Groups at the start of the new year:

- **Nearlywed/Newlywed:** 9:30 am (Taught by Suk and Mollie Fields and Ron and Alison Huskey)
- **Foundations: Biblical Truths for Believers:** 9:30 am (Taught by Dara Wakefield)
- **Young Adult Ladies:** 9:30 am (Taught by Val Rufe)
- **Median Age Adults Married:** 9:30 am (Taught by Discipleship Pastor David Loyed)
- **Foundations: Biblical Truths for Believers:** 11 am (Taught by Senior Associate Pastor Philip Slusher)
- **Young Adult Ladies:** 11 am (Taught by Ramsey Williams)

Learn more [here](#) or get your personalized Life Group recommendation by texting GROUP to 256-344-0023.

Equip Groups and Wednesdays

Begins January 10, 2024

Equip Groups are short-term courses for adults, designed to help you in your walk with Christ. They meet Wednesday evenings at 6:15, as well as weekday mornings, and cover topics like grief, spiritual warfare, sexual purity, and more. You can view our full Equip Group Spring 2024 Schedule and register online [here](#).

We also offer activities for all ages on Wednesdays.

- Pastor's Morning Bible Study | 10:30 am
- Dinner | 4:45-6 pm
- Acteens and Challengers (Student Missions) | 5:15 pm
- Kids and Preschool | 6:15 pm
- Student Ministry | 6:15 pm
- Equip Groups | 6:15 pm
- Pastor's Evening Bible Study | 6:15 pm
- Adult Choir and Orchestra | 6:15 pm



DNOW '24 will be an awesome worship and discipleship experience for all 6th-12th grade students. The weekend will include worship sessions, small groups led by incredible college and young adult leaders, and a local mission opportunity. Students will not be staying in host homes. Register [here](#) by December 31 to receive the early bird discount.

College students and young adults with a heart to disciple teens are also needed to serve as small group leaders. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WORKER PRAYER REQUESTS



A.B. | Middle East

Please lift up these prayer requests:

- That A.B. will grow in love and knowledge of Him.
- For students in the school where A.B. teaches to have stamina in their work and to know the Truth.
- For the Prince of Peace to reign in A.B.'s region.
- Praise for some success in paperwork filing with the national government.

SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION

As we celebrate Christmas this week, remember to lift up in prayer the numerous individuals and families in our church who have experienced the death of a loved one this year and are walking through a difficult holiday season.

Sympathy

Whitesburg Baptist Church expresses sympathy to the following:

- Myra Gray, Gloria Gray, and Dalton Gray in the death of their husband and grandfather, Marshall Gray.

Appreciation

The following express appreciation to Whitesburg Baptist Church:

- Sabrina Hilley is thankful to the church family for the prayers, cards, kind words, hugs, and beautiful flowers sent at the death of her sister, Courtney Barnes.

WHITESBURG JOB OPENINGS

Custodial Position

Job duties would include cleaning of facilities, vacuuming, mopping, stocking paper goods, emptying trash, and cleaning bathrooms. Contact Facilities Manager James Winn at James.Winn@WhitesburgBaptist.org.

Set Up Position

Duties would include setting up/breaking down tables and chairs for events, vacuuming and mopping floors, and some general cleaning of facilities. Contact Facilities Manager James Winn at James.Winn@WhitesburgBaptist.org.