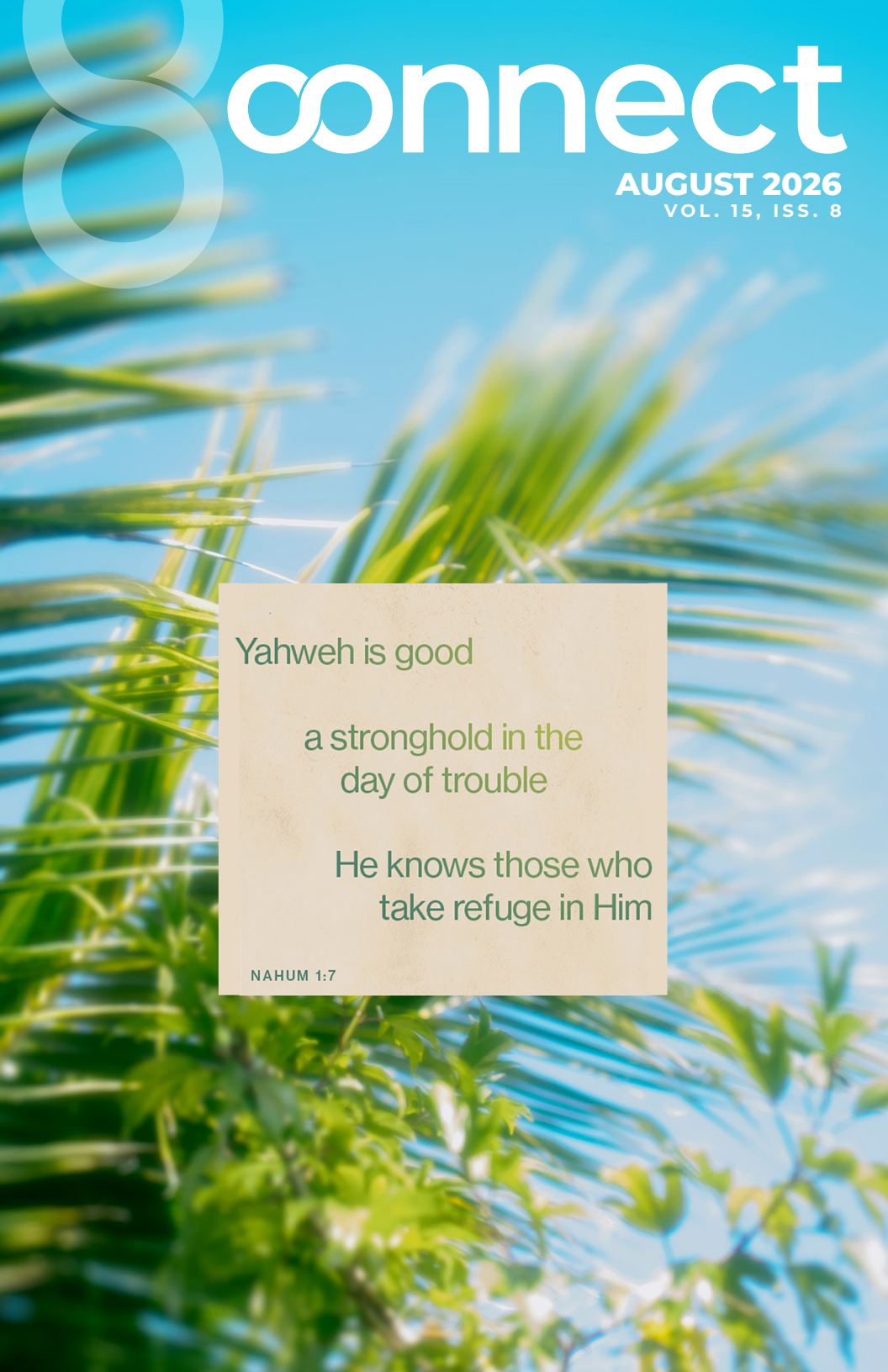




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Yahweh is good

a stronghold in the
day of trouble

He knows those who
take refuge in Him

NAHUM 1:7



AUGUST '26

COMING IN SEPTEMBER ...

SUN
09

BAPTISM SUNDAY

9 & 10:45 am (after/between services) | WC

Imbc.org/baptism

We are baptizing outside in our portable baptistry. If you need to be baptized and want a unique experience, let us know online or at 304-736-7676.

SUN
09

COMMUNITY DINNER

6 pm | Barboursville Park Shelter #8

Imbc.org/dinner

Bring a dish to share!

FRI
14

PRIMETIME CELEBRATES SUMMER

6 pm | Renaissance Room

Menu: Spaghetti. You bring salad, vegetables or dessert.
Please register by Monday, Aug 10 to 304-617-7231.

SAT
15

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

11 am-2 pm | Renaissance Room

Imbc.org/women

Read more on pg. 9

SUN
16

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

6 pm | WC Auditorium

SUN
30

TEEN MISSION REPORT

6 pm | WC Auditorium

Imbc.org/missions

Our teens share about their Summer missions trip to the D.R.

Summer
MISSION TRIP

SUN
06

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Enjoy the break!

Imbc.org/holiday

In honor of the holiday, no Sunday night Bible study and church offices closed Monday, Sept. 7

HAPPY
LABOR DAY

WED
09

LIFE GROUP RELAUNCH

first day back for most groups

Imbc.org/groups

If you're already a part of a group, mark your calendars for Sept. 9, our relaunch Wednesday. Unless otherwise noted in the group listing, all other groups will start after the 9th.

Need to find a group? Pick up a Life Group listing in any of our lobbies.

For more details, see page 8.

WED
09

MEMBER UP

7 pm | Renaissance Room

Imbc.org/memberup

NEW day, time, and location

Our quarterly Member Up gatherings are moving to Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Renaissance Room. The group will be hosted by Pastor Lemming.

For more details, see page 14.



Visit lmbc.org/lkc
or join our [Facebook group](#)

Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 am
(Worship Center lower level)

Wednesdays @ 7 pm
(Family Life Center)

**BACK TO SCHOOL
BASH**

August 12 @ 6 pm
starting in the lower lot.
Back to the FLC at 7 pm.



THE **BRIDGE**

Sundays @ 10:45 am
(Student Ministry Building - S100)
following the 9 am service

**Discipleship series on
Wednesdays @ 7 pm**
(Student Ministry Building - S100)

AUGUST 5
Normal Bridge Group

AUGUST 9
Community Dinner @ 6 pm

AUGUST 9-11
MU Week of Welcome

AUGUST 12
Regular Bridge Group

AUGUST 16
Back to School Brunch

@refuelstudents



REFUEL

S T U D E N T S

Wednesdays @ 6:45 pm
(Student Ministry Building)

5 Bonfire @ Steve & Leah Adkins'

Refuel is on the road once again, this time to the Adkins' house! Plan for a night of fun games, great food, and s'mores and testimonies around a bonfire as students enjoy their last true week of summer.

12 Back to School Kick-Off

Join us at 6 pm to buy from the Luigi's truck as we gear up for the new school year.

Scan to
subscribe
to our
**Refuel Parent
Connect**



WELL DONE TEAM!

A team from our Refuel ministry spent a week in July serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. They helped with an English camp, put on a VBS, worked with Mercy Workshop, lead a Sunday School class, and more!

We are so proud of our Refuel students and leaders for their willingness to go on this trip!



THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL
**OPERATION
 CHRISTMAS
 CHILD**



Shop online and have the items delivered directly to the church by using this QR code to go directly to the LMBC Operation Christmas Child Wish list.



In July, the donation barrels were placed in all of the church entrances. Thank you for all of the generous donations so far! The barrels will remain out until Operation Christmas Child season comes to a close in November.

Many stores are currently having back to school sales, so now is the time to shop for the following school supplies:

- **Notebooks**
- **Crayons**
- **Pencils**
- **Colored Pencils**
- **Markers**
- **Pens**
- **Pencil Sharpeners**
- **Erasers**
- **Glue Sticks**

We are also in need of coloring books, stuffed animals, and small toys.

Important Reminders: In order to prevent damage, no liquids are permitted in the shoeboxes. Also, effective this year, soap (any kind) is on the do not send list as well.

If you prefer to shop online and have the items delivered directly to the church, you can use the QR code on the left.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Thompson, the church Operation Christmas Child Project Leader (occ@lmbc.org or 304-360-0849). You can also follow our Facebook Group, "LMBC Operation Christmas Child" to stay up to date on information regarding OCC, as well as upcoming activities and events.



DIFFERENCE MAKERS

SERVE GOD | SERVE OTHERS

Thank you to all of our small group leaders who are getting ready to resume group meetings in September. These groups make a difference in the lives of our people, in our church as a whole, and in the community we live and work in. You are DIFFERENCE MAKERS, and we appreciate all that you do.



BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in your walk of faith, neighborhood, friendships, workplace, and ultimately in our church, joining a Life Group is a great way to do it! If you're already a part of a group, mark your calendars for Sept. 9, our relaunch Wednesday.

You will find an updated list of groups, times, and locations in our lobby areas. If you are interested in leading a group or learning more about them, contact:

Tim Yates (t.yates@lmbc.org),
April McClay (a.mcclay@lmbc.org), or
call the church office (304-736-7676).



Thank you

from A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center

"Thank you for participating in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your church brought in \$8,556.50, and we are so thankful for your generous hearts! Your partnership helps enable us to continue serving women and families in our community."



Women's Workshop 2026

August 15 11 am - 2 pm

Ladies, there's still time to register for our 2026 workshop. Through personal testimony, biblical teaching, and heartfelt worship, we'll explore what it means to trust God's wisdom in every season of life and find lasting peace by resting in His loving care.

Scripture Focus will highlight:

Walking in His Wisdom:

Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 3:5-6, & Proverbs 16:9

Resting in His Care - His Eye is on the Sparrow:

Matthew 10:29-31

Come be refreshed, encouraged, and reminded that the God who faithfully guides your steps also lovingly carries your burdens.

Preregister at lmbc.org/women

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths."**

Proverbs 3:5-6



Our outreach
to downtown
Huntington
**Connect on
Facebook or at
ebenezer@lmbc.org**

AUG 4
**Bible Studies
for Men & Women**
6-7:30 pm

AUG 11
**First Responders
Meals**
11 am - 2 pm
& 7 - 9 pm

AUG
No ECC Kids Club



Mike & Pam
SMITH

UPDATES FROM JULY

Extending our reach

Just before Jesus left the earth to be with the Father, He gave His followers clear instructions as to how they should occupy themselves until He returned. While the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28 and Mark 16, defines the “what” of the task at hand, Luke gives insight into the “how and where” of the Gospel work in Acts 1. Jesus reminded the disciples of the power that would indwell them in the person of the Holy Spirit, who would enable them to share the message of hope. The strategy to be used to do the same would be to proclaim it both at home and elsewhere, described as “... Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.” (vs. 8). It is believed that most people living within the culture and times of Jesus rarely traveled very far from home. Since most travel was done on foot, it would prove to be difficult to leave the daily responsibilities of work and family in order to go further than what would lie within a

“...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

day’s journey. Yet Jesus was calling them out of their familiar surroundings and into a world that needed to hear that He had died for them as well.

We at Ebenezer have been praying that God will continue to grow His kingdom by allowing us the privilege of reaching into the homes in our neighborhood. Our monthly men’s and women’s Bible studies continue to meet during the summer months, and we saw a combined attendance of over 20 persons for July. We are planning an upcoming family outreach event for next month as a way of sharing the love of Christ with those living in our community. Along with our regular weekly Sunday services, these venues provide another way to share the Gospel locally. At the same time, God has allowed us to continue monthly support for Dr. Jack Meeks of Bread of Life Ministries and World Wide Radio and the Adam Drake family serving Togo, West Africa. In partnership with Go Global Missions, the doors were also opened to take a missions team to Bamboo, Jamaica. Our team of 11 persons had the privilege of conducting Sunday services at Clay Ground Tabernacle and hosting 3 separate Vacation Bible School programs while there, which were well-attended. We also shared the love of Christ by helping provide and distribute clothing and food to people in need in their community. All of this was an answer to prayer that God would allow us the opportunity to extend our reach from home to places abroad as we desire to be faithful to the call to make disciples wherever He may lead us, for His Glory.

Mike and Pam ~



Megan
KUHN
in Spain

For full missionary updates:
Imbc.org/missions

June has been a little bit of everything; from helping with an ECA middle school fieldtrip, to connecting with lots of friends “one more time” before I head to the states, to participating in a mini-retreat/strategic planning meeting with the ABWE team here to pray and brainstorm about next steps in the church plants and the mission field of Spain, to saying “hasta luego” (see you later) to many church friends, to checking off items on my “furlough preparation” lists such as sending emails, making a new prayer card, and PACKING!

The past week and this week, I’ve also been helping at Torre Fuerte church with the Bilingual VBS program. We went back to two weeks of this camp because 2 different churches wanted to come help with this outreach event! I’ve been doing the English lessons with the teens, and that has been very fun. Pray that the Word of God that has been taught will take root in hearts.

And good news: I have my new residency card! I picked it up earlier today and thank you to all who prayed for me and for the appointment to go smoothly.

“Under the Sea” Bilingual VBS. The beginning of July, back in 2019, I came to Spain (for the 2nd time) with my friend Julia to help with this very same camp theme at Torre Fuerte church. Then, I had the opportunity to tour the school (ECA) and to start praying seriously about the desire God had given me to “teach overseas” and serve the Lord as a missionary in a foreign field.

A short term missions trip is great for so many reasons: you get to see and participate in what God is doing in another culture or context, you get out of your “routine” and have to practice things like flexibility, patience, and humility. Your eyes are opened to better pray for missionaries and those who don’t know Christ as Savior. And who knows? God may use that trip to change your life in more than just small ways, for His kingdom and glory.

Praises this month:

- the blessing of Christian friendships
- helping with the Bilingual VBS at church
- I have my new residency card!

Prayer Requests:

- Travels during furlough
- For God to use me as His vessel as I share with churches, small groups, and individuals, for wisdom and clarity.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT IN EAST EUROPE

Bret & Katie Anderson
SPAIN

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky
SPAIN

Kyle & Abigail Guins
FRANCE

Megan Kuhn
SPAIN

Brent & Tammy Lowe
PORTUGAL

Rick & Jen Peace
IRELAND

Amber & Doug Staley
IRELAND

John & Emily Slater
IRELAND

Joshua & Denise Steward
IRELAND

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*Looking for a church home?
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consider whether God
may be leading you to our
family of believers?*

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1. FAITH & BAPTISM

Trust in Christ and follow Him in believer's baptism.

2. FILL US IN

Complete a "Fill Us In" card on the back of any pew and return it to a pastor or Fill Us In online:

lmbc.org/register

3. MEMBER UP

Ask a pastor about the next membership class. Our pastors have a book you will need for the next session on **Sept. 9**. Attend and make it official!

QUESTIONS?

Visit **lmbc.org/memberup** or call our office at **304-736-7676**



TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST FAMILY NEWS

BEREAVEMENTS

- **Richard Leach**
- **Patty Lyon**
- **Cody Morrison**, Herb & Phyllis Carson's son
- **Barbara Sue Russell**, Lorri Turman's mother

NEW MEMBERS

- **Sophie Cundiff** (*baptism*)
- **Xavier Daniels** (*baptism*)
- **Ellie Dishman** (*baptism*)

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN CONNECT MORE

LIFE GROUPS

Find Life Group listings at **lmbc.org/groups** or in any lobby area.

PRAYER

To submit prayer requests and/or sign up for the Prayer Chain to join in praying for the needs and burdens of the church, visit **lmbc.org/prayer** or call the main office at 304-736-7676.

WAYS TO GIVE



Drop in a black box on the walls of the Main Auditorium



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- **NEWS** for our weekly news & events

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9 & 10:45 am (watch live at lmbc.tv)

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6 pm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7 pm