



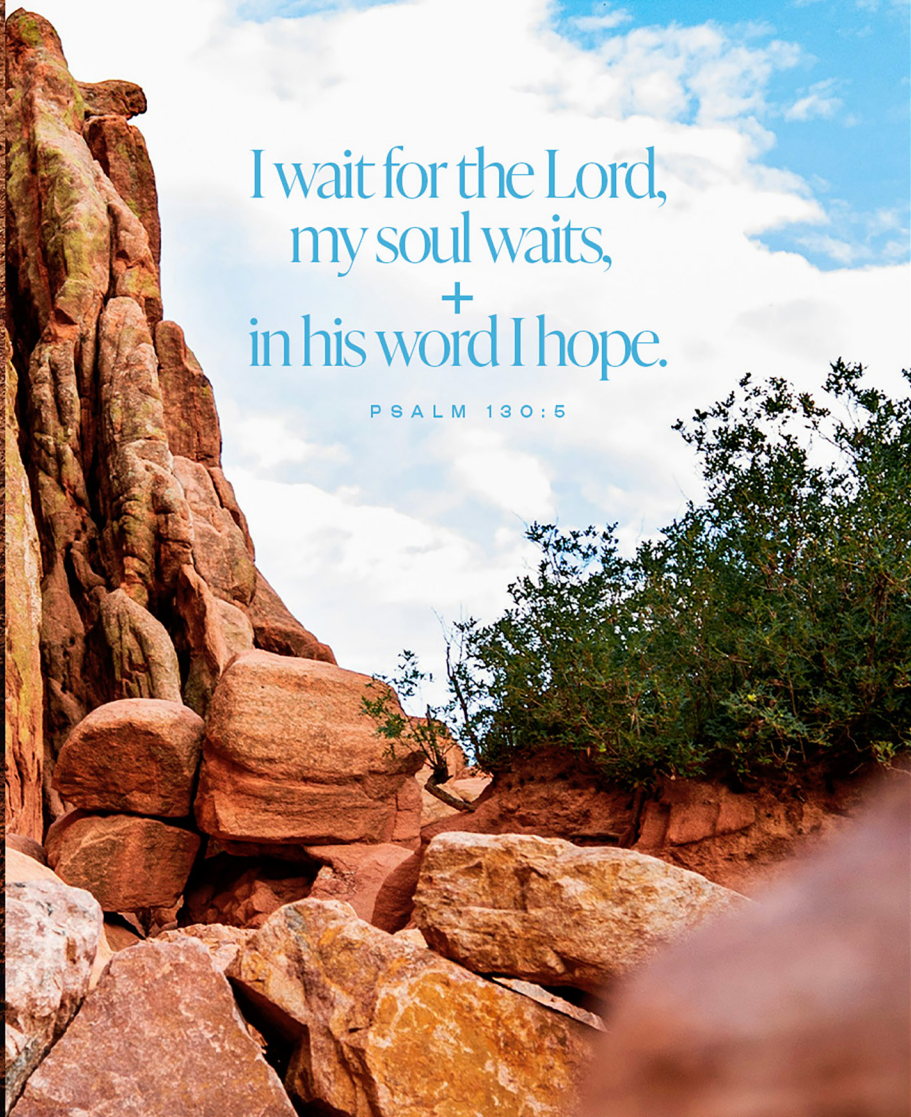
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I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits,
+
in his word I hope.

PSALM 130:5





SEPTEMBER '26

COMING IN OCTOBER ...

SUN
06

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Enjoy the break!

*No Sunday night Bible study
and church offices closed Monday, Sept. 7*

Imbc.org/holiday

HAPPY
LABOR DAY

WED
09

LIFE GROUP RELAUNCH

*If you are not part of a group,
check out the details on pg. 5*

Imbc.org/groups

WED
09

MEMBER UP

7 pm | Renaissance Room

NEW day, time, and location
For more details, see page 14.

Imbc.org/memberup

THU
10

WIDOWS LUNCHEON

12:30 pm | Renaissance Room

SUN
13

BAPTISM SUNDAY

between services (~10:15 am) | WC

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

Imbc.org/baptism

FRI
18

PRIMETIME WESTERN ROUND-UP

6 pm | Renaissance Room

*(Photo
opportunity
available)*

Menu: Tex Mex and drink will be provided for this western
themed celebration. You bring salad, vegetables or dessert.
Please register by Monday, Sept 14 to 304-617-7231.

SUN
04

MISSIONS SUNDAY

9, 10:45 am, & 6 pm

featuring Archie Norman

WED
07

MISSIONS WEDNESDAY

7 pm

SUN
11

MISSIONS SUNDAY

9, 10:45 am, & 6 pm

Read more on pg. 9

Imbc.org/missionsweek

unfinished

FRI
30

TRUNK OR TREAT

6-8 pm | Lower Parking Lot

*Food Trucks, Inflatables, and more ...
More details coming soon!
Registration opens in October.*

Imbc.org/trunkortreat

YOU'RE INVITED
TRUNK
ORTREAT

Lewis Kids Connection

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

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

Wednesdays @ 7 pm
(Family Life Center)



Playground Night, Sept. 16
Drop off at the FLC.
Pick up at the playground.



THE BRIDGE

Sundays @ 10:45 am
(SMB - College Room)
following the 9 am service

Wednesdays @ 6:45 pm
(SMB - College Room)

September Series:

4 got questions?

SEPT 4

Game Night, 7 - 11 pm
(SMB - College Room)

OCT 2-3

Fall Retreat

OCT 4,7,11

Missions Celebration

OCT 30

Trunk or Treat (SMB lower lot)

NOV 6

Game Night, 7 - 11 pm
(SMB - College Room)

NOV 8

LMBC Friendsgiving (FLC Gym)

@refuelstudents



REFUEL

S T U D E N T S

Weds @ 6:45 pm
(Student Ministry Building)

2 Merch Drop

Snatch up new merch from our "The Way" series.

9 Taco Night

It's Refuel + Tacos ... does it get any better?

30 Vintage Refuel Night

Wear your Refuel merch, and jump on the opportunity to buy vintage Refuel shirts for just one dollar each!

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Refuel Parent
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Life Groups

Life Groups will relaunch on Sept. 9!

If you are not connected to a group, please contact:

Tim Yates (t.yates@lmbc.org) or

April McClay (a.mcclay@lmbc.org)

for more information.

Life Group listings are available in all lobby areas.

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



Amazon Wishlist



Walmart Wishlist



Thank you for all of the donations for OCC during the month of August! So many wonderful items have been donated already!

During the months of **September** and **October**, we will need the following:

- **Coloring Books & Stuffed Animals**
- **Soccer balls or playground balls (deflated with pump)**
- **Small crank flashlights**
- **Slinky**
- **Games (dominoes, mini-Jenga, Yahtzee mini, etc. child-appropriate games that fit)**
- **Large truck or car**
- **Doll**
- **Musical Instrument (harmonica, recorder, etc.)**

Filler Toys/ Items, such as:

- **Hot Wheels, Matchbox Cars**
- **Jump ropes**
- **Marbles**
- **Jacks**
- **Yo-Yo's**
- **Bouncy balls**
- **Small puzzles**
- **Small books**
- **Hair accessories/ clothing items**
- **Any other small, fun items**

Hygiene Items:

- **Washcloths**
- **Hairbrushes**
- **Combs**
- **Toothbrushes**

Please note: Due to issues in customs, soap of any kind is no longer permitted. Also, in order to prevent damage to items in the shoeboxes, no liquids of any kind are allowed in shoeboxes.

The collection bins are located at the main entrances of the church but, if you prefer to shop online, you can use the QR codes on the left to go directly to the LMBC Operation Christmas Child Amazon or Walmart wishlists.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Thompson, the church Operation Christmas Child Project Leader (occ@lmhc.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 those who gave to our Gifts for Jesus Offering last year; your gifts are still making a difference through yet another clean water well. The well is impacting the lives of 1500 people in the Bimon Community in the Central African Republic.

Jeanne is one of the people whose life was transformed by your gift. Like most of the people in Bimon, she depends on farming for both food and income. But with only contaminated water to drink, farm with, and cook with, her children were often sick. Now, everything has changed! The well you provided gives her family reliable access to clean water, improving every facet of their lives and the health of the overall community. Thanks to you, the people of Bimon do not just have water; they also have lasting hope.



LifeBridge clothing pantry desperately needs boys' clothes, sizes 3-7. They specifically need pants, jeans, shirts, underwear, socks, and lightweight jackets. Items can be dropped off at the pantry on Mondays from 11am to 3pm, or you can call the office, and we will make arrangements for an alternate delivery date.



October 4, 7, & 11

Keynote Speaker: Archie Norman
October 4, in all services

Read more at Imbc.org/missionsweek



Archie Norman has faithfully served as a pastor for 44 years, dedicating his life to shepherding and leading others in their walk with Christ. After decades of pastoral ministry, Archie is now stepping into a full-time role as President of Reach Missions, where his passion for shepherding global partners and sharing the Gospel will continue to thrive.



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

SEPT 1
**Bible Studies
for Men & Women**
6-7:30 pm

SEPT 3
ECC Kids Club
4-5:15 pm

SEPT 15
**First Responders
Meals**
11 am - 2 pm
& 7 - 9 pm



Mike & Pam
SMITH

UPDATES FROM AUGUST

Many of us have had the privilege of being “raised in the Scriptures.” Maybe our exposure to the transforming truths that are found in the Bible was the responsibility of parents or other family members. Perhaps we attended a Sunday school or were part of a congregation led by pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaimed God’s Word to us. However, familiarity with a passage’s words can lead us to overlook truth that has the power to mature us as we walk closer to Christ. In our Sunday morning services this month at ECC, we have begun a study of Psalm 1 through a mini-series entitled, “The Keys to Contentment.” Our goal is to come to an understanding of what God’s Word tells us we need in order to live a life of joy and peace that is only possible as we walk in a relationship with Him that is real and that honors His Word. We began by looking closely at the word “blessed” and what it really means. Most people use this word to describe someone who possesses material things and lives a more comfortable life than those around them. Today’s world also considers favorable social standing, personal achievement, and success in relationships as marks of one who has been blessed. Yet in reality, a

blessed person is one who has chosen to walk the path that God has designed, the end of which is contentment that is found only in pleasing Him. This topic may seem strange to those who have known pain and heartache in their lives and struggle to meet their own needs as well as those they love. However, we need to understand that what we have, or what we have achieved, does not determine our level of contentment. That is why the Apostle Paul could write, “I have learned in whatever state I am in to be content” (Phil. 4:11). He had discovered that whether in need or with abundance, whether approved or despised, whether free or in bonds (as was the case when the letter to the Macedonian believers was pinned), his contentment and joy were found in his relationship with Christ. Our prayer is that God will give us an opportunity to introduce those around us to the joy that they are searching for, joy found only in knowing Christ.

Our men’s and women’s Bible studies have continued to meet monthly through the summer months, and we are enjoying a time of fellowship and encouragement each month as we share God’s Word together. As part of June’s Bible study, we put care bags together for the homeless in our surrounding neighborhoods. September’s study will be preceded by a cookout for our friends in the apartments next to our church. These two events will provide us the opportunity to share the love of Christ with those around us. On August 15th, ECC hosted a family lawn party with a bouncy house for the kids, games, face painting, and food. Many from the community and beyond attended, giving us the opportunity to invite them to our regular services. Our community dinners continued through the summer as well. This has proven to be an excellent way to meet a real need in our area and to pray with and encourage those who attend each month. We are thankful for Bonnie and her leadership and for the many LMBC and ECC volunteers who faithfully serve the fourth Thursday of each month. Pam has introduced a study of the fruits of the Spirit to our children’s ministry for this fall, and she and our workers are excited to watch God’s Word make an impact in the lives of our kids. The ECC team is so thankful for the chance to minister in our neighborhood and to partner with the Pastor and congregation of Lewis Memorial to reach others with the good news of the Gospel. Please pray about how you may play an important part in this ministry. If you are interested, feel free to contact the church office or reach out to us directly. Most of all, we welcome your prayers as we serve the Ebenezer community. ~ Pastor Mike & Pam



Tom & Melissa
KENDALL
in Togo

For full missionary updates:
Imbc.org/missions

In his April-June 2026 update, Dr. Tom Kendall, our missionary to Togo, West Africa, wrote an opening statement that is a beautiful reminder of their passion for reaching others with the Gospel: "If you've followed our ministry at all, even peripherally, you know that at l'Hôpital Baptiste Biblique, every single patient hears the Gospel. This passion informs all our decisions and motivates our team day and night as we proclaim the Gospel to a hurting world. We are blessed to be a part of a team with this singular focus, and as hospital director, my commitment to this practice will never change. It is why we are here!"

An example of how God is using this passion is evident in the story of a patient our teammates recently treated: "The patient and her husband came to the hospital due to severe abdominal pain; sadly, our team diagnosed an unresectable kidney cancer. While hospitalized, in addition to her medical care, they both continued to receive spiritual care; and on the day of her discharge, Joel accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior! Elodie listened, but did not make a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Despite her initial hardness, our spiritual care continued through her follow-up visits. Emefa, one of our chaplains, spent nearly an hour talking to Elodie, clearly sharing the truth of the Gospel, the promises of God's word, and the hope that we can have in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Before Elodie left the post-op clinic, she acknowledged her need for forgiveness from sin, and she put her faith in Jesus Christ!"

Their conclusion sums it up perfectly: "Sometimes God's purpose and plan don't line up with our medical goals. From a human/medical perspective, Elodie's case is a

failure: a patient that we were unable to help. But from a spiritual perspective, it is a resounding success! God used a terminal illness to bring a couple to himself for salvation!" Stories like this demonstrate how HBB is more than a hospital!



Tom & Marilyn
WILSON
in South Africa

Missionary Tom Wilson has been diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. The cancer is locally advanced, and the medical team is still determining the best course of treatment and care. Please pray for Tom and Marilyn and their family as they deal with this news and all that comes with it.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT IN WEST EUROPE

Joel & Debbie Dicks
HUNGARY

Tony & Dawn Hess
RUSSIA

SECURED K. Family
UKRAINE

Doug & Kathy McClain
GERMANY

SECURED R. Family
SLOVAKIA

SECURED W. Family
BULGARIA

Justin & Rebekah Wright
ITALY

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING LMBC?

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

Just follow the steps below:

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

BIRTHS

- **Lucy Kate-Marie Chambers** to Dakotah and Katie Chambers

BEREAVEMENTS

- **Ronald Adkins**, Morgan Midkiff's grandfather
- **Charles Blevins**, Trisha McCabe's father
- **Glenna Chinn**, Debbie Ball's mother
- **Barbara Corder**, Tom Corder's wife, Tom Jr, & Eric's mother
- **Bernice Hesson**, Cindy Forman's mother
- **Richard Liston**, Tim Ellis's grandfather
- **Brian Morgan**, Mallory Baker's brother
- **Katherine Watts**, Bryan Ball's grandmother
- **Jana Ramey**, Robin Adkin's sister

BAPTIZED

- **Owen Kays**
- **Riley Kuhn**
- **Emily McCabe**

NEW MEMBERS

- **Chloe Baker** (baptism)
- **Eric & Penny Callaway** (baptism)
- **Brooklyn Ellis** (baptism)
- **Teagan Ellis** (baptism)
- **Leonard & Angela Evans**
- **Willie Haught** (baptism)
- **Tori Hogsett** (baptism)
- **Linda Holmes** (baptism)
- **Trey Jones** (baptism)
- **Sawyer Lane** (baptism)
- **Lucas Nogueria** (baptism)
- **Chelsea Rayburn** (baptism)

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- **Jeremy Shaffer** (7th)
- **Bill Blankenship** (30th)

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6 pm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7 pm