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THIS HOPE

we have as an anchor of the soul,
a hope both sure + steadfast

HEBREWS 6:19



OCTOBER '26

COMING IN NOVEMBER ...

SUN
04

MISSIONS SUNDAY

9, 10:45 am, & 6 pm

featuring Archie Norman

Imbc.org/missionsweek



WED
07

MISSIONS WEDNESDAY

7 pm

featuring Phil Smith serving in Papua New Guinea

SUN
11

MISSIONS SUNDAY

9, 10:45 am, & 6 pm

featuring
Pastor Lemming at 9 & 10:45 am
and Megan Kuhn serving in Spain at 6 pm

THU
08

WIDOWS LUNCHEON

12:30 pm | Renaissance Room

FRI
16

PRIMETIME CELEBRATES FALL

6 pm | Renaissance Room

Menu: Pork bbq and chicken, bread, & drinks.
You bring salad, vegetables or dessert.

Please register by Monday, Oct 12 to 304-617-7231.

FRI
30

TRUNK OR TREAT

6-8 pm | Lower Parking Lot

Food Trucks, Inflatables, and more ...

Register at Imbc.org/trunkortreat
or 304-736-7676.

Imbc.org/trunkortreat



SUN
08

FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

6 pm | FLC Gym

Bring a dish to share!

Imbc.org/dinner



MON
16

MON
23

OCC NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

Renaissance Room

Monday-Friday, Nov. 16-20: 3-6 pm
Saturday, Nov. 21: 10 am-4 pm
Sunday, Nov. 22: 1-5 pm
Monday, Nov. 23: 10 am -noon

Imbc.org/occ



MON
23

SUN
29

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Imbc.org/holiday

In honor of the holiday and to give you more time with your families:

- Life Groups will not meet Nov. 23-28
- Church offices will be closed Nov. 26-27
- No Sunday evening study on Nov. 29

Can't be here in-person? Join us live **Sundays at 9 & 10:45 am**
on Facebook, Imbc.tv, or our LMBC app.



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

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

Wednesdays @ 7 pm
(Family Life Center)

Oct. 7: Missions Week @ 7 pm
(at the Big Church in the LKC Auditorium;
Nursery also available)

Oct. 28: Playground Night
Drop off at the FLC at 7 pm
Pick up at the playground at 8 pm

Trunk or Treat
Friday, Oct. 30
6-8 pm



THE **BRIDGE**

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

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

October Series:

4 got questions?

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)

NOV 18
Annual Traditional Thanksgiving
Dinner (SMB - College Room)

@refuelstudents



REFUEL

S T U D E N T S

Weds @ 6:45 pm
(Student Ministry Building)

- 4 7 11** Missions Celebration
Both Sundays together at the Worship Center
- 22** Serving the HHS Football Team
- 28** Costumes & Pumpkin Drop
- 30** Trunk or Treat

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to our
Refuel Parent
Connect



Life Groups

Life groups for adults meet throughout the week on and off campus. Visit lmbc.org/groups or pick up a listing in any lobby area to see what's available.

For help connecting, contact
Tim Yates (t.yates@lmbc.org) or
April McClay (a.mcclay@lmbc.org)

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



Amazon Wishlist



Walmart Wishlist

We will be having several community packing parties. Please come and bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. We would love to have you join us. It is always a fun time! It is drop-in, so come, pack some shoeboxes with us, and stay for as little or as long as you like. Hours for our packing parties will be **9 am - 3 pm** on **Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31.**

Additionally, beginning Sunday, Oct. 4, there will be shoeboxes available in the church entrances for you to take home and fill. Each contains a pamphlet with tips for packing the boxes and instructions on how to pay for shipping on your shoebox. ***Please be sure to include shipping on any boxes you pick up and return.*** You can simply use the "follow your box" link on your label to pay, track, and see where your shoebox goes. While online payment is preferred, checks are accepted. The check ***(written to Samaritan's Purse)*** should be included in an envelope on the inside of the box, on the very top of your shoebox items. ***Please return boxes no later than Sunday, Nov. 15.***

Some examples are listed below, but you are not limited to these items. Use your imagination and have fun shopping!

Wow/Main Gifts:

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

Filler Toys/ Items, such as:

- **Hot Wheels, Matchbox Cars**
- **Jump ropes**
- **Marbles**
- **Jacks**
- **Yo-Yo's**
- **Bouncy balls**

Hygiene Items:

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

Please note: NO soap, liquids, or camo/military related items, please.

Additionally, due to sensitivity in various other countries, all Harry Potter and Pokemon items have been added by Samaritan's Purse to the "Do Not Send List."

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 at occ@lmhc.org or **304-360-0849.**

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

SERVE GOD | SERVE OTHERS

In celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month, let our pastors know you appreciate them. We are blessed to have these faithful men leading, teaching, serving, preaching, and reaching out to the community around us. They make a difference in our church and are wonderful examples of difference-makers. Have any of them made a difference in your life? If so, take a minute to share how.

Go to **lmbc.org/pastors** and share your story.



**Dr. David
Lemming**
44 years

**Nathan
McClay**
35 years

**Dr. Tim
Yates**
26 years

**Dr. Jeremy
Shaffer**
22 years



**Dr. Matt
McClay**
15 years

**Bill
Blankenship**
13 years

**Mike
Smith**
3 years



Read more at lmbc.org/missionsweek

Faith Promise giving is the primary way we fund the missionary program of our church. It is based on the principle from Paul's description of the Corinthian church: "... they gave not only what they could afford, but far more." (2 Cor. 8:3). They trusted God to provide an offering that was beyond any of their known resources because they recognized the cause was worth the sacrifice. They pledged their lives to supporting the Great Commission and became a channel of God's unlimited riches.

Our regular, systematic giving to the local church is determined by the amount of our income, but this offering goes beyond what we have and says, "Lord, by faith I promise to give not only what I can afford but far more, in support of those you have sent to spread the Good News." We encourage you to pray about your pledge amount and then be willing to give as He leads.

Your faith promise is totally anonymous. It is between you and the Lord.

You can make your Faith Promise at **lmbc.org/faithpromise** or on any Faith Promise card.



EBENEZER
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

OCT 1

ECC Kids Club
4-5:15 pm

OCT 6

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

OCT 13

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



Mike & Pam
SMITH

Compassion: Care in Motion

The truth that God is a God of compassion is woven throughout Scripture. Psalms 86:15; 103:8; and 145:8 state that the Lord is “compassionate,” “slow to anger,” and “rich in love and mercy.” The prophet Jeremiah said that because He is a God of compassion, “we are not consumed” and that His compassion is “unfailing and new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23). The Hebrew word most often used for compassion in the Old Testament describes more than feeling pity for someone who is struggling, hurting, or in need. Rather, it compares compassion to a parental love and protective care for a dependent child. We see this in Exodus chapter 2, where Pharaoh’s daughter found the infant Moses who had been carefully hidden by his mother to spare him from certain death. The passage says that when she opened the basket and discovered the baby, she had “compassion on him.” Her concern moved her to act on the baby’s behalf. In the New Testament, the gospel writers describe Jesus as “filled with” or “moved with” compassion on at least 8 occasions.

Whether it was weeping in grief with His friends who were mourning the loss of their brother at the tomb, or seeing a crowd which He likened to “sheep having no shepherd” because their sin was

separating them from a Father’s love and grace, He saw them at their point of need. He felt what scholars describe as a visceral, gut-wrenching discomfort because of their desperation. But what is interesting is that Jesus’ compassion didn’t stop at feeling pity for them. Rather, it “moved” Him to react. He responded with action to meet their need, a response that would ultimately be displayed by His personal sacrifice for their sin. Paul says that “Christ died for us” when we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). His compassion for our helpless condition (Ephesians 2:12) prompted a response that offered hope in the midst of hopelessness. This begs a question for each of us when we see others, not just in need of shelter, food, or clothing but in spiritual need of forgiveness, mercy, and God’s grace. Does our compassion move us into action? Are we stirred to the point of reaching out with a hand of help and a message of hope found only in Jesus?

Over the last few months, God has been teaching us the importance of allowing our compassion to move us to respond. Our prayer is that we will serve the Ebenezer community with the compassion of Christ, one that moves us beyond the walls of our church and into the lives of those who are longing for hope, those who are hurting and lost. This past month, we took our men’s and women’s Bible study groups into the apartment complex next to the church. We hosted a backyard cookout, and the Lord allowed us the privilege of not only feeding our neighbors, but listening as they shared their fears for themselves and their families because of the increasing violence in the surrounding neighborhood. We were able to pray with several and invite them to our Sunday services. What a blessing it is to watch the barriers fall and our team be invited into the lives of those around us.

Our community dinners continue to grow, and we are seeing many of our neighbors feel comfortable enough to come and stay instead of taking food “to go.” This allows us the opportunity to share our faith and to pray with them on a personal level. Our monthly kids club has started for the fall, and we are teaching the children lessons based on the truth that God is “present” and that we can trust Him no matter where we are or what we are facing. October will be a busy month with monthly kids club, our adult Bible studies, and an outdoor community event on the 17th, as well as our regular services. Please continue to pray for safety and strength for our team, and for further opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus to those He has called us to serve. We are grateful for those who serve alongside us faithfully each week. Our prayer is that God will enable us to serve together with a love that demonstrates the compassion of Jesus for those in need. ~ Pastor Mike & Pam



Jake & Elizabeth
DELICH
in Puerto Rico



Tim & Charlene
MISKIMEN
in Thailand

Praise the Lord For...

...One man and 3 young ladies who were baptized in June. Orland, who lives a block from the church, attended the Church's Easter service... Fast forward a couple of months... he gave his life to Christ, is faithful to every Bible study and church service, witnesses to his JW mom and unsaved teenage boys, and he was baptized.

...God bringing another couple to the church in July when I was wondering who was going to preach for me during our August furlough. Turns out that this former army ranger was also a chaplain and had done some pastoring in Louisiana before moving to Puerto Rico. After verifying that we were on the same page theologically, he was delighted when I asked him to preach for me while I was gone for 3 Sundays. God is El Shaddai!

...the opportunities to give ministry updates in churches in IN, OH, and WV, and then spend a few days seeing our children and Elizabeth's parents in SC. We were there gathering to attend our "PR son's wedding. Before he moved from PR in July, we had a special moment with him during lunch when he tearfully thanked (especially Elizabeth) for being a mom for him all these years since the time when his own mother abandoned him. We are so thankful for God providing a beautiful Christian young lady for him and are excited about their future together.

...God's faithful and constant provision for our needs through your prayers and financial gifts!

Thank you for nearly 20 years of support! During those years, hundreds of students have joined our theology classes. They in turn have been teaching hundreds more in Bible colleges or shepherding thousands in churches across SE Asia. These churches are sources of Gospel light in majority Buddhist, Hindu, or Muslim communities.

As new churches are planted, new leaders are needed. These leaders need to be well grounded and able to teach the truth boldly.

Tim will be teaching 2 classes in India this month. One has already begun online and soon he will get to meet these students in person in Delhi and Mumbai. These 2 cities alone have populations of 50 million, combined.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT IN ASIA

SECURED D. Family
INDIA

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ISRAEL

SECURED G. Family
MIDDLE EAST

SECURED J. Family
INDIA

SECURED K. Family
KAZAKHSTAN

SECURED L. Family
CHINA

Tim & Charlene Miskimen
THAILAND

Doug & Becky Sisson
PHILIPPINES

For full missionary updates:
lmbc.org/missions

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 **Dec. 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

- **Ronnie Adkins**, Linda Adkins' husband
- **Michael Aronhalt, Jr.**, Vida Sexton's grandson
- **Tom Corder, Sr.**, Tom Jr., and Eric Corder's father
- **Owen Silas Edwards**, Shirley Carpenter's brother
- **Amber Scaggs**, AJ Scagg's wife

NEW MEMBERS

- **Jennifer Alford** (baptism)
- **Michael & Janet Aronhalt**
- **Megan Denning**
- **Emma Jackson** (baptism)
- **Judy Knapp**
- **Chris & Kristen Lowe**
- **Todd & Jenni Napier**
- **Hector & Maritza Pittore**
- **Robert & Jennifer Plymale**
- **Hunter Ruth** (baptism)
- **Kate Stines** (baptism)
- **James & Pamela Thomas**

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



Online at lmbc.org/give or the LMBC App



Mail to:
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Hunt., WV 25705

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- **ALERT** for important updates (*such as weather-related cancellations*)
- **NEWS** for our weekly news & events

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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