MISSION FOCUS

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

The mission focus for the month of November is the *Evansville Rescue Mission*. The holidays are a particular time of need for the Rescue Mission as they seek to do everything they can to provide for local families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Funds collected this month will be given to the Rescue Mission to support their ongoing efforts to 'restore dignity, health, and hope through sharing the love of Jesus Christ with those in need.' They pursue this mission by providing food, shelter, clothing, mentoring, camp opportunities, thrift stores and other services to those looking for a little help to get back on their feet. Please prayerfully consider how you can give above and beyond your regular tithe to support this powerful ministry in our community. You can give through our app, online at bluegrass.church/give, or by placing your donation in the offering box located in the lobby. Please clearly designate your gift if you would like it applied to a specific fund. Thank you for being a church with a heart for missions in our community.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Electronic Giving – You may give now by using our QR Code, or through our app, or visit our website at bluegrass.church.

Offering Box—You can place your donation in the offering box in the lobby outside the entrance to the Worship Center.

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THE MESSAGE

The MP Link: Prepare

Do we bring our best to the Lord in worship?

Do we come spiritually prepared by praying ahead for the service to bring honor to Christ and that we'll be open to the Holy Spirit's leading? Do we bring our best in singing, praying, and paying attention to God's word?

In all of Scripture, giving is viewed as an essential spiritual practice, not an elective, that deepens our discipleship.

5 reasons why we should consider giving generously:

1. Our motivation is based on our love for what God has graciously done for us in Christ Jesus.

2. Scripture teaches life is a gift to be stewarded well.

3. Do not come before the Lord empty-handed.

4. We give because we love Christ's church.

5. We give because we experience the blessings of God.

Proverbs 11:24-25, One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Luke 6:38 (NIV2011), Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

We are disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.

BLUE GRASS CHURCH

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On-Campus & Online —8:30 & 9:45am



Today's Message:

Prepare
Malachi 3:6-10

Rev. Doug Heiman
Lead Shepherd

***Welcome* to Blue Grass!**

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We hope you find our worship celebration a meaningful and uplifting experience and sense the warmth & friendliness of our congregation.

November 22, 2026

NEWS & EVENTS

DO WELL—BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY

Unfortunately, most Christians have been taught only God's principles of handling 10 percent of their income--the area of giving. Although this is crucial, they do not understand the Lord's perspective of handling the other 90 percent. In the ***Crown Do Well Biblical Financial Study***, you will learn what scripture teaches about managing all your possessions. Join facilitator, retired financial advisor and Blue Grass Church member, Rod Carroll for an **informational meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 6pm** where you'll be given information on how to be part of this ten-week group starting on January 13th. Register online at bluegrass.church/finances to attend the informational meeting.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

We will offer the sacrament of baptism by immersion on Sun., Dec. 27th for anyone who has professed faith in Christ as Savior and has not already been baptized. If you are interested in talking more about this, please *email Pastor Doug by Dec. 13th* at doug.heiman@bluegrass.church to schedule a time to talk with him.

BG PRETEEN MISSION PROJECT/PARTY

BG Preteens (4th-6th graders) are invited to participate in a fun Mission Project and Christmas Party on **Sun., Dec. 13th from 2:00-4:30pm**. We will spend the afternoon packing cookies, sharing holiday cheer, and delivering Christmas joy. Register your preteen online at bluegrass.church/elfed. Friends are welcome to attend, but pre-registration is required for all participants. **Registration deadline is Dec. 6th**.

NEWS & EVENTS

WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENT

We're excited to once again host our **women's Advent event, Prepare Him Room, on Tuesday, December 1st.** This year, Melissa Spoelstra will be the speaker for this virtual program to be held in our Hospitality Room. We're offering two time options to better fit your schedule:
Morning Session: 10:00am—12:00pm
Evening Session: 6:30pm—8:30pm
Both sessions will feature the same meaningful content. Check out all the details and register at bluegrass.church/prepare.

GINGERBREAD BASH

Get ready for Gingerbread Bash! Join us on **Sat., December 5 from 5:30–7:00pm in the Chapel Campus Gym** for a fun Christmas celebration the whole family can enjoy! We'll build and decorate our own gingerbread nativities, play games, and hear the Christmas story. You won't want to miss this sweet night of Christmas fun, so gather the family and reserve your spot online no later than Nov. 27th at bluegrass.church/gingerbread.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will have three Christmas Eve services on **Thurs., Dec. 24th at 3:30, 4:45, & 6pm**. We are taking online reservations as a way to ensure we have maximum seating available. Go to **bluegrass.church/christmaseve** to reserve a spot. All three services will be livestreamed. Self-serve nursery is provided for ages 3 and under.

CAFÉ GIFT CARD SPECIAL

Buy a $25 gift card, get a $5 café gift card FREE. Offer runs through December 20th. This would make a great stocking stuffer!

NEWS & EVENTS

PASTORAL SUCCESSION UPDATE

The Pastoral Search Committee recently moved into Step 2 of the Pastoral Succession Plan, posting the job description to in-house candidates. Rev. Ben Lovell has responded with interest and we are currently moving through the interview process. We expect this phase of the process to last about a month. Please join me in continuing to pray for our Blue Grass congregation, leadership and staff as we discern next steps in this season of life of the church. ~ Mandy Scherer, SPRC Chair & Pastoral Search Committee

SNOWBALL OLYMPICS

We invite all Kindergarten–3rd graders to join us for ***Snowball Olympics*** on **Sunday, December 13th, from 2–4 PM** in the Chapel Campus gym! We're bringing winter fun indoors for an afternoon of exciting games, friendly competition, and lots of laughs! Bring your best game face and get ready to go for the gold! You won't want to miss this fun afternoon! **Register online at bluegrass.church/snowball by Dec. 11th**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are offering poinsettia orders in memory or honor of a loved one to be used to help decorate the church this Christmas season. Each poinsettia is $16. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 13th. Order online at **bluegrass.church/poinettias**.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be open on Mon., Nov. 23 from 8am-4pm and Tues., Nov. 24 from 8am-Noon. We will be closed the rest of the week. Happy Thanksgiving!

DEVOTION TO CHRIST

Giving Devotion Card (Keep as a reminder for myself)

Out of our love for Christ and His Church, I (We) will give to the General Ministry Fund at Blue Grass Church:

$_____ per week

$_____ per month

$_____ other

I (We) will use:

☐ In person giving

☐ Mail (14200 Petersburg Road, 47725)

☐ Online Giving (bluegrass.church/give or through the Blue Grass Church App)

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Signed

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Date

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Giving Devotion Card as an Act of Worship (To Christ through the church)

☐ I am starting my regular giving journey today.

☐ I will continue to give as I have been.

☐ I am increasing my giving.

☐ I am stepping up beyond a tithe.

Once you fill out both sections, please detach from the bulletin and tear off at the mark above. Pastor Doug will give further instructions.