

# Headwaters Newsletter

His Church is not a building or a physical location. It is a living, breathing, holy temple built with living stones.

# Headwaters HOME GROUPS

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Pandemic Discipleship

## Home Groups

With the ever-changing moment of public health our church is placed in a difficult position of trying to find effective ways to continue ministry that still consider the current pandemic and the ongoing reality of changing public sentiment and governmental requirements.

We are not going to throw in the towel on relational ministry but we do not want to be reckless with our congregation.

With that tension in mind we are going to take a different approach to our regular mid-week ministries that usually run in the fall. To minimize risk but continue ministry we are going to focus our efforts into smaller groups, organized roughly by life stage, that meet in homes in lieu of the larger groups that are inevitable in our usual ABF, STEPs, and Awana formats.

The groups are intended to minister to the whole family as they meet together every week—at a time that works for everyone within the group—to fellowship, study, and pray as well as a specific built in time for kids in Awana to continue working through their books.

These groups would run through the fall—from mid-September to mid-December.

Youth Group and 20 Somethings will still meet on Wednesday and Sunday nights respectively.

The church still has a mandate to love each other (John 13:35) even when it is difficult. We aim to continue to fulfill that mandate from Christ.

More details and sign-ups will be available next week ■

“Jesus told his disciples in the upper room that their defining mark would be their love for each other. The restrictions on group size have made it difficult for local congregations to effectively live that command. The goal for Home Groups is to provide a tangible means for the “one-another” commands of Scripture to find their natural home.”

Luke Suci  
Director of Discipleship



# I BELONG HERE

*There is a big difference  
between attending a  
church and calling it  
home.*

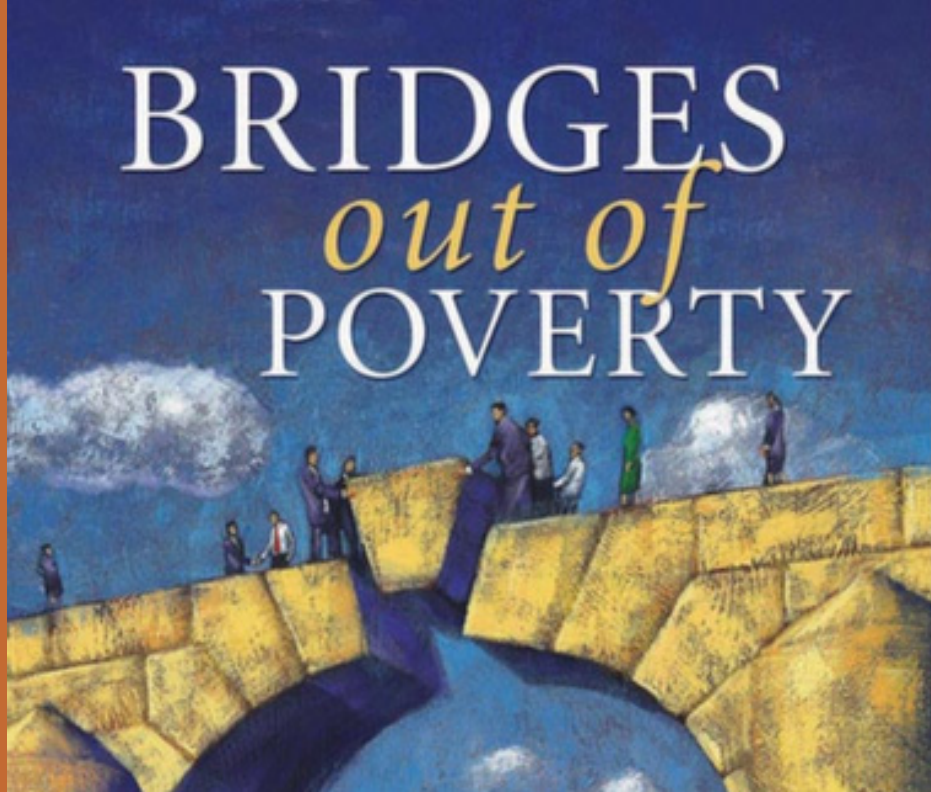
We want to invite you to make  
Headwaters your church home.

**Please let us know if you'd like to  
participate in the next "I BELONG HERE"  
membership class by going to our  
website or clicking [HERE](#).**

Whether you're simply looking to find out  
what Headwaters Church is all about or  
you're ready to become a member, this  
two hour class will help you understand  
the heart of our ministry, our mission, our  
core values, our ministries, the serving  
opportunities at Headwaters, and to  
introduce you to our ministry team.

We are preregistering people now for the  
next "I BELONG HERE" class and will be  
announcing the time and date of the class  
shortly. (Most likely a Sunday morning or  
Wednesday evening at Wallen Road.)

Once we determine how many are  
interested in the class, we will set the date  
and time. ■



# BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY

## Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Safe Families for Children Northeast Indiana is excited to invite you to hear Chris Kascmarek, Associate Missions Pastor from County Line Church of God, speak on understanding poverty.

His training session will be based on the framework from *Bridges Out of Poverty*, by Ruby Payne.

This research is a big step in beginning to understand the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty on an individual and systemic level.

Bridges Out of Poverty provides concrete strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty, while helping participants understand their own biases in this issue. ■

### Training Details

August 11 or 19 from 6-8 pm  
St. Joe Community Church  
(2900 N. Anthony Blvd)

*Both training dates cover the  
same material. Beverages will be  
provided, but please note that  
childcare will not be available.*

Click [HERE](#) to  
Register.

or go to  
[headwaterschurch.org](http://headwaterschurch.org)



Safe Families *for* Children



headwaters women

# Growth Groups



**Growth Groups** (GGs) are designed to help the women of Headwaters Church live out the calling of Philippians 1:27: “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” GGs work toward this calling by gathering women monthly in small groups with the purpose of fellowship around the Word and encouragement to pursue wholehearted love and devotion to Jesus Christ. As sisters in Christ seek personal accountability and speak the truth in love to one another, the prayer is the “we will grow up in every way into...Christ.” (Eph. 4:15)

## *How do Growth Groups work?*

- GGs are intended for the women of Headwaters Church who are at least 18 years of age.
- GGs will consist of a total of 5 women or less. Each group will be led by a facilitator. GGs will include women representing various stages of life.
- GGs will meet one time a month (Sept-May) for 2 hours at a time determined by the GG members with the goal of ALL participants being at every meeting.

- GGs will meet in the home of the group facilitator or a participant. This year a Zoom group may also be offered for those not comfortable meeting in person. In an effort to provide a distraction-free and confidential environment, it is requested that children and guests not attend under any circumstance.
- GGs will use a book/resource as a guide for group discussions. All groups will use the same material selected by GG leadership.
- Women desiring to be a part of GGs must register/submit the online application below. Once all applications have been received, they will be reviewed by GG leadership who will then form the groups.

## *What book will we be working through?*

- “Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health” by Donald S. Whitney

## *What can I expect?*

- GGs are designed to encourage candid discussions centered on God’s Word, Christ’s sufficiency, and viewing all of life through the lens of Scripture.
- GGs are intended to foster transparency, authenticity, accountability, teachability, humility, growth in Christ-likeness, and a deeper love for Jesus: all in a safe and confidential environment.

## *What does my commitment involve?*

- Participating in the assigned GG for the entire Sept-May cycle by attending all meetings.
- Coming to each meeting ready to participate by having all assigned material completed.
- Upholding an environment of confidentiality by keeping what is said in GGs within the group.
- Remembering to speak the truth in love in coming alongside one another and focus discussions on the truths of Scripture and how they can be applied to all aspects of life. ■

*Are you in?*

Click [HERE](#) to sign up TODAY!

Or go to [headwaterschurch.com](http://headwaterschurch.com) or use the Church Center App.



# New Service Times

## 8:00 am Masks Required | Wallen Road

- 8+ must wear mask inside facility
- No childcare provided


## 9:15 am Masks Optional | Wells Street

- Childcare available for age birth-5

## 10:45 am Masks Optional | Wallen Road

- Childcare available for age birth-5

*All sanctuary seating will be socially distanced.*



## Do you work in Education?

Please let us know.  
We want to pray for you.

Go to [headwaterschurch.org](https://www.headwaterschurch.org)

**Teacher, principal,  
support staff, bus  
driver, or coach?**

**Public or private?**

**Please click the link  
on our website and  
let us know where  
you work.**

# Don't live in the past



## MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY'S INFO IS UP-TO-DATE.

Download the Planning Center App. Click on your profile icon in the upper right corner. You can update photos and info for all members of your household.



## Download the Church Center App

Update Contact Info  
Register for Events  
Give Online



## Worship Notes for Kids

Available at Welcome Center and Online.

You'll find this Kid's Worship Notes under RESOURCES on our website.

Don't forget to bring your own pens and crayons!



# Kindness

## ISN'T CANCELED.

## Fall Programming Changes



### What's Happening?

#### Sunday Morning Services

8 am Wallen Road | Masks Required (8+)

9:15 am Wells Street | Masks Optional

10:45 am Wallen Road | Masks Optional

- Socially Distanced seating in Sanctuary
- Children's classes birth - 5 yrs continuing

#### 20-Somethings

Sunday nights, 7-8:30 | Open gym 8:30-9:30 | Wells

- Social Distancing
- Masks are optional

#### Youth Group

Wednesday nights, 6:30-8 | Wells

- Outdoors as weather permits
- Social Distancing
- Masks optional

#### Women's Growth Groups

- Groups of 5 | once monthly | private homes
- Sign-up in August

#### Home Groups

- in lieu of ABFs, STEPS & Awana
- Sign-ups in August

#### Music Team Rehearsals

Wells: Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Wallen: Wednesdays 6:30 pm



### What's NOT?

#### Sunday Mornings:

*(Postponed. to be re-evaluated in September)*

**ABF's** (Adult Bible Fellowships)

**Children's classes** K-5

**Youth classes** 6-12

#### Wednesday Evenings:

*(Postponed. to be re-evaluated in September)*

**STEPS** Adult Discipleship Classes

**Awana**

**Kids Choir**

#### Women's Events:

*(Postponed. to be re-evaluated in September)*

**Fall Bible Studies**

#### Men's Events:

*(Postponed. to be re-evaluated in September)*

**Fall Bible Studies**

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We understand it is disappointing that so many activities are being canceled and postponed. In the interim, we are planning alternative means of promoting discipleship and staying connected via virtual and in-person options that observe social distancing and applicable elements of the Governor's latest order. **See page 1 of this newsletter for details about HOME GROUPS starting soon!**



**Summer Youth Group**  
 Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm | Wells Street Gyms & Outdoors

If you are joining us from home...



**May we pray for you?**  
 Communication Card Online  
 Headwaterschurch.org  
 under RESOURCES

**Fever?**  
**Coughing?**  
**Sore Throat?**



**Stay home if you're sick!**

headwaterschurch.org

**My Sunday Planner**

- Newsletter
- Sermon Notes
- Kid Worship Notes



# In Case You Didn't Know...

If you are at least 70 ½ years old and have made contributions to an IRA, you are eligible to make charitable contributions to a qualified charity directly from your IRA. Such contributions count toward annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and are not included in Adjusted Gross Income as a Retirement Distribution.

## A few rules:

- You can contribute more than your RMD as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year,
- You may not receive anything (other than an intangible religious benefit) from the charity as quid pro quo for your contribution,
- The charity must provide you an acknowledgment stating the amount of the charitable distribution and that no goods, services or benefits of any kind were or will be provided to you in consideration for the distribution from the IRA,
- The contribution cannot go to a donor-advised fund, supporting organization or private foundation,
- You cannot make the charitable IRA distribution from Simplified Employee Plans and Savings Incentive Match Plans for Employees if an employer contribution is made for that year.,
- You would not include any such contributions as itemized deductions because they are already excluded from Adjusted Gross Income.

## Potential benefits:

If your financial situation allows you to donate IRA funds to a charity, you can benefit tax-wise if you match one of more the following profiles:

- You don't itemize deductions (under the normal rules only itemizers get any income tax benefit from charitable donations),
- You want to avoid being taxed on the required minimum distribution amount that you must take from your IRA,
- You want to reduce your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return.

If this has piqued your interest, consider speaking to your financial planner, CPA or the financial institution that holds your IRA about arranging for a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD).

Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out an online Communication Card on our website.

### Giving Totals

Last Week General Giving	\$34,169	YTD General Giving	\$1,094,151
Weekly General Budget	\$36,875	YTD General Budget	\$1,143,125
<b>Amplify Giving*</b>		"Chapel Phase" Goal	\$250,000
Last Week Giving	\$4,837	Total "Chapel" Giving	\$211,249
2020 YTD Giving	\$122,705	Remaining Needed	\$38,751
		Total Amplify Fund Giving	\$844,860

\*The Amplify Fund is a building fund for preparing our new facility at 2000 N. Wells Street for current & future ministries.

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 M-F | 9am-4pm

