



HEADWATERS
Church

NEWSLETTER
JULY 16, 2023



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS, AND INVITE SOME OF YOUR OWN NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE FUN!

 REGISTER



We'll learn about how our lives change when Jesus is part of the equation. This is too good of a message to miss out on... it's the very best news! Get your kids signed up today!



We are still in need of snacks specifically for Wednesday, July 19 of VBS week. Items can be brought to the church office weekdays from 9am-4pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TO REGISTER & FIND MORE INFORMATION FOR EACH EVENT CLICK ON THE REGISTER BUTTON OR GO TO THE CHURCH CENTER APP.



JUBILEE LADIES LUNCHEON | JULY 27

Jubilee Ladies will be meeting on Thursday, July 27 at noon in building 2, room A. We will be eating grilled hot dogs and everything that goes with it. After lunch, some members of the Headwaters Youth Group will share stories about their mission trip to Ecuador. We are very excited to hear how God is working through our teens to encourage other Christian children and teens in Pomasqui, Shandia, and Ponce Loma, Ecuador. Please register if you are planning to attend.

[REGISTER](#)



AUGUST 4-6 | REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Our theme this year is going to be **“Say WHAT?!” (Crazy Commands of Christ)**. We’ll be focusing on some of the crazy things Christ commands in The Sermon on The Mount. How do we go the extra mile, love our enemy, and follow the Golden Rule? We’ll unpack these commands together as we study God’s Word!

WHERE: Epworth Forest in North Webster, IN

WHEN: Fri-Sun, August 4-6 | Leave @ 4pm August 4th | Return @ Noon August 6th

WHAT TO EXPECT: Students will spend 3 days (2 nights) together in camp dorms. We’ll have all our meals together at the camp, have group game times, large-group sessions, water time, and some free play time. This is a great time for this group of kids and adults to bond and grow before the school year begins. We can’t wait to spend time together at our annual retreat!

WHAT TO BRING: Bible, bedding, bath towel, toiletries, modest swimsuit, swim towel, & sunscreen

QUESTIONS: ewood@headwaterschurch.org



UPCOMING EVENTS



MEN'S SOFTBALL | NEXT GAMES JULY 17

Our 2 men's softball teams have games all summer long so come be a part of the excitement! **Join us for both teams' games at Kreager Park on July 17, Headwaters 1 begins at 9:15pm and Headwaters 2 begins at 7:15pm.**

I'M NEW HERE

JULY 23

MEET JIM OUTSIDE OF THE WORSHIP CENTER IN THE GYM RIGHT AFTER SERVICE

Get to know the heartbeat of Headwaters, our purpose, vision and core values, as well as get answers to your questions and a tour of the campus. The tour lasts 20 minutes and kids are welcome to join.



HEADWATERS
Biblical Counseling

SOUL CARE & DISCIPLESHIP FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

BEGINS AUG 23

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:30-8PM

This Fundamentals course serves as an introductory exploration of Biblical Soul Care, encompassing both its theological foundations and practical applications. The course consists of 35 online lectures, specifically designed to provide participants with an overview of how the scriptures provide both hope and help with the issues of life. Scheduled every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm, the course commences on August 23.

Check out the registration page for more info.

REGISTER

ELDER CANDIDATES

Tom Clothier and Andy Opliger have been nominated as candidates for the elder position! Below, you will find more information about their relationship with Headwaters. To ensure a clear and straightforward voting process for the church, we would appreciate your questions regarding these candidates. The Q&A session will be held during both the 9am and 10:45am services on July 23. Please click the button below to submit your questions now.

QUESTIONS

ANDY OPLIGER

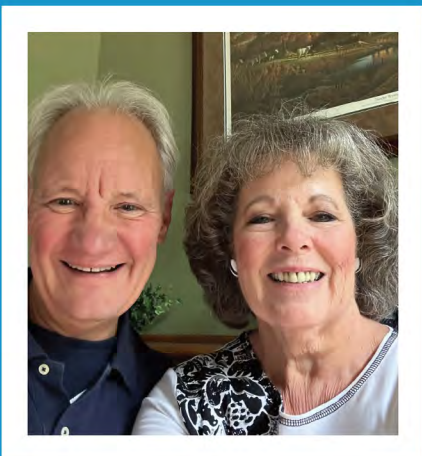


ANDY, HIS WIFE, RANDI, & HIS THREE SONS HAVE ATTENDED HEADWATERS FOR **FIVE YEARS.**

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS

- A TEACHER IN 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOM CLOTHIER



TOM & HIS WIFE, DIANA, HAVE ATTENDED HEADWATERS FOR **SIX YEARS.**

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS

- VOCALIST ON WORSHIP TEAM
- LEGACY ABF TEACHER
- STEPS TEACHER

TOM CLOTHIER

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.” – John Newton

What the Apostle Paul expressed to the Ephesian believers in Christ, and John Newton wrote as a personal testimony, God has used to remind me as to who is truly responsible for my salvation. I was born and raised in Detroit, MI. My parents were religious, but remained unconverted to the biblical gospel until just prior to their deaths. My family and I attended church throughout my childhood. However, I remained an unconverted sinner. I was spiritually dead in my trespasses and sin (Eph. 2:1-3).

The Lord converted me in October of 1974 when I was nineteen. This occurred through the sowing of many seeds of the Gospel by faithful co-workers at jobs I held throughout high school and upon entering college (I Corinthians 3:5-9).


I received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord following the preaching of the Gospel in a Sunday evening worship service at a church I recently began attending. During the message, the pastor stated, **“If any of you were to die tonight, where would you spend eternity?”** Following years of hearing the truth of Jesus Christ’s virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death on the cross, and bodily resurrection on behalf of sinners like me, it was at that moment the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sinfulness and brought to me a realization of the condemned condition of my soul.

It was later that evening, when alone in my bedroom of my parent’s home, **I literally knelt down beside my bed, repented of my sin and received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord (John 1:12-13).**

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**“I ONCE WAS LOST,
BUT NOW AM FOUND.”**

ELDER CANDIDATES TESTIMONIES




The Holy Spirit regenerated my soul enabling me to believe the truth of the Gospel (John 3:1-8; Titus 3:1-5), **God gave me new, spiritual life in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5). He saved me from the penalty, power, and eventual presence of sin by grace alone, through God-given faith alone in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone (John 1:1-18; Rom. 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9).** ▶▶▶

Following my conversion, I became aware that this was part of God's eternal plan before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-4). As an unconverted sinner, I was a spiritual criminal against God (Isaiah 53:4-6), a debtor unto God (Colossians 2:13-14) and an enemy before God (Romans 5:8-10). **As a believer in Christ, I am now declared righteous (justified) by God with the imputed righteousness of Christ (Romans 3:21-26; 4:1-25), redeemed unto God (I Cor. 1:30; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:15), and reconciled before God (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Colossians 1:20). I am a child of God.**

Soli deo Gloria!

ANDY OPLIGER



I believe that God created the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, including me. I believe that I was born a sinner in desperate need of a Savior (Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 6:23). Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ came to this earth fully God and fully man to accomplish the Father's will of bringing salvation to all who believe (Philippians. 2:6-8; Hebrews 1:3; John 1:14). I am saved by grace through faith that is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Jesus lived a perfect life on earth and died on the cross for me as a perfect sacrifice for my sins (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus defeated death through His resurrection proving His deity (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Philippians 2:9-11). I have been justified by faith (Romans 3:24; Romans 5:1; Titus 3:4-7). I am being sanctified to the image of Christ by the Holy Spirit who indwells me, convicts me, and helps me in my daily pursuit to be more like Christ (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:11; Romans 8:26; John 14:16-17; 2 Corinthians 3:18). I can't wait to be in my glorified body spending eternity with God (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Romans 8:23).

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I am thankful to have grown up in a home with loving parents that knew Christ as their Lord and Savior. I am grateful for the sacrifices they made to send me to a school where the teachers were faithful in daily sharing the gospel. My 5th grade teacher was influential in my life at an early age. It was evident she loved the Lord, and she was not afraid to share her faith. It was in the 5th grade that God saved me from the depths of my sin.

Throughout my junior high and senior high school years, I was a “good” kid and loved the Lord, but He was not my priority. My senior year of high school was a year of spiritual growth. I joined the student leadership team at youth group and God used this period to stretch me and grow my faith. This was important as I went off to college and found myself in the “real world.”

For the first time in my life, standing for Christ would have a negative impact on how I was treated by new friends and teammates. As always, God was faithful. By His grace, I was able to stay strong in Him and I prayed His love was evident to those around me. Randi and I married in 2000 and she has been a constant encouragement to me in my pursuit to be more like Christ. For several years after we were married, God allowed us to be in a Bible Study with older, godly married couples that poured into our lives as we navigated life together and began to raise our three sons. We have been blessed to serve together in the local church for over 20 years. Whether teaching Sunday school, leading Bible studies, hosting missionaries in our home, or one on one discipleship, we are grateful for the opportunities God has given us to serve Him.

**“TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE
CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS
TO ALL GENERATIONS,
FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN”** *Ephesians 3:21*

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MISSIONS TRIP

SUMMER 2023

Last week, a group of twenty-two high school students from our church has left for Ecuador! During their time away, they will be leading Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs for children and youth, as well as providing support and encouragement to the missionaries and ministry leaders already serving in each city.

After a long weekend of traveling and hosting VBS events, the team is now entering their second week in Ecuador. Today and tomorrow, they will be traveling to Ponce Loma and hosting a VBS there. On Sunday, they will attend church in Shandia and travel back to Pomasqui in the afternoon. Then, on Monday, they will end their trip with a tour of the Equator attraction area and spend the rest of the day at the Church in the evening. Finally, they will head back home on Tuesday! Please pray for their safe travels on their way back to Fort Wayne.



These are the three main cities, the students will travel to.

FOR A FULL RECAP COME TO HEADWATERS ON SUN JULY 23 @ 6PM!

*Students and leaders will share more in depth about their trip!
Stay tuned for more details on the location of the event.*

PRAY FOR:

SAFE TRAVELS

STRENGTHENED
FAITH

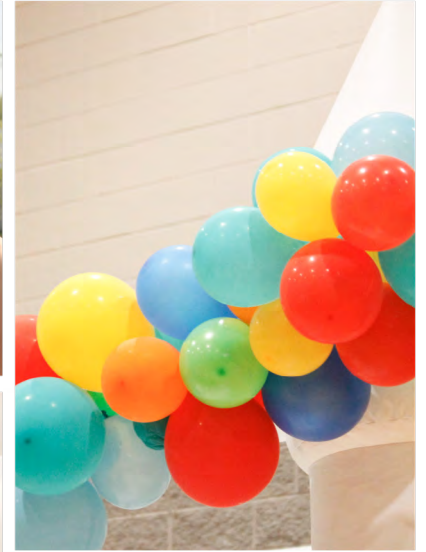
LEARN FROM THE LIFE
OF MISSIONARIES
AROUND THEM

THEIR LOVE FOR
GOD & OTHERS
WOULD GROW

COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT

We had what I would consider a great success in showing love to our neighbors and creating a fun, inviting environment. We ended up with a few hundred people on our campus who received invites to our VBS next week! Thank you again for your commitment to serving our community; we could not do any of it without our wonderful volunteers!

-Erin Wood, *Director of Children's Ministry*



SAVE THE DATES

2023 AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 YOUTH GROUP	3	4 4TH & 5TH GRADE RETREAT	5 4TH & 5TH GRADE RETREAT
6 4TH & 5TH GRADE RETREAT	7 PICKLEBALL Every Monday Night	8	9 YOUTH GROUP	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 YOUTH GROUP	17 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS Every Thursday Night through Nov	18	19
20 I BELONG HERE CLASS	21	22	23 WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KIDS N PRAISE• AWANA• STEPS• YOUTH GROUP• FUNDAMENTALS CLASS	24 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS Every Thursday Morning through Nov	25	26 WOMEN'S DAY AWAY
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'M NEW HERE• BAPTISMS• CHURCH PICNIC	28	29	30 YOUTH GROUP	31		

FULL CALENDAR

To see our full calendar click the button above!

REMINDERS



MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES



Jerry & Cheryl
Huffman



Michael &
Bethany Biggs



Kids N PRAISE

HEADWATERS CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Starts August 23

New Items Needed



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED BEEF
- BAKED BEANS
- TOMATO SOUP

DROP OFF AT WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE



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THIS SUMMER



Journey Through the OLD TESTAMENT



WE ARE IN NEED OF
SIZE 4 DIAPERS



GIVING

General Giving Totals

Last Week	\$44,473
Weekly Budget	\$41,391
YTD Giving	\$1,227,107
YTD Budget	\$1,158,948

Attendance 1002

Share² Capital Fund* Giving

Last Week	\$10,162
Weekly Goal	\$18,868
YTD Giving	\$219,656
YTD Goal	\$528,304
Total Share² Giving	\$689,170

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*The Share² Capital Fund is a building fund for construction of a sanctuary, lobby, & kitchen. You can watch a flyover of an early version of the proposed spaces [HERE](#).