

LP Lifepoint CHURCH

Monthly E-Newsletter



BY SELBY MILLER



JOURNEY TO THAILAND

Hello! My name is Selby Miller. I am 16 years old, and I am the daughter of Greg and Carrie Miller. I am so excited to share with you the mission trip that I took to Thailand. I went with an organization called Real Impact Missions (RIM). RIM is an organization that was founded in 1997 and run by a married couple by the names of Scott and Cara Boss. The RIM website (<https://realimpact.com/about-us/>) tells all about their mission statement and core values.

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My trip started on July 1, 2019. I left Chillicothe that morning and made my way to Miami, Florida. We spent two days in Miami doing missions training. During this time, we did lots of team building activities and continued to learn more about Thailand. I did not know any of my teammates going into the trip, but after just two days, the nine of us became very close.

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On July 3, 2019, we boarded our first plane that got us a couple of hours closer to Thailand. It took several hours and several different planes, but we eventually made it to Thailand. We first arrived in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We stayed in this city for a little over a week. While we were there, we had the opportunity to work alongside multiple churches in the area. I felt like this was a very important part of our trip because only 0.6% of Thailand's people are Christians. Since that is such a small percentage, I found that being able to encourage the churches there was a huge way to show Christ through us and to continue to build up the body of Christ, even halfway around the world. Another big part of our mission in this area was talking with women in the Red Light District. This part of the trip absolutely broke my heart because I found that these women had no sense of self-worth or confidence. Our team was able to sit down in bars and restaurants with many women and tell them all about Jesus and the worth that they can find in him.

JOURNEY TO THAILAND

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Next, we went to Home of Love in Chiang Rai. I absolutely loved this part of the trip! This home was filled with roughly 40 kids (boys and girls). They were between the ages of 5 and 18. We were only there for about 4 days, but we grew super close with the kids at this home. At this home, the kids had the opportunity to go to school and learn all about Jesus. Our team had the chance to play, sing, dance and simply love on each kid. Sometimes, it was hard to communicate because of the language barrier, but we found that our actions showed them that Jesus loved them and this made them feel special!



Then, we went to Home of Blessing in Chiang Kham. This is where we stayed for the remainder of our trip. This home was filled with 120 of the most precious girls that you could ever meet! Getting to know them was such a huge blessing! Most of the girls there came from very rough backgrounds. The great majority of them are at Home of Blessing to be prevented from being sold into the sex industry. Throughout our stay here, we were able to share about Jesus with local schools and villages. We were able to spend lots of time pouring into each girl at the home and telling them about the worth that can be found only in the Lord. I grew especially close with a 16-year-old girl. It was amazing to get to talk with her! The most powerful night for me was the night that we washed the feet of each girl at Home of Blessing. It was amazing and God spoke to a lot of people that night!



Pray each girl in Thailand learns their true worth and identity in Christ. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." 1 Peter 2:10



Leaving Thailand was one of the hardest things I've ever done! God really helped to form some great relationships with brothers and sisters all over the world, and I am beyond thankful for that! My challenge to you is, if you know God is calling you to do something...DO IT!!! You won't regret it! Thank you all for being prayer warriors and continually praying for me and the ways that God would use me. Prayer is so powerful and it is so important. Thank you so so much!

A Word from Our Pastor

Kevin Smith - Lead Pastor

If you have been in our services recently, you know on Monday night, September 9th, we are re-launching all of our Celebrate Recovery ministry. We will be starting new sessions from the beginning of the curriculum in each program. That means it would be a great time for anyone to join us who would benefit from that ministry.

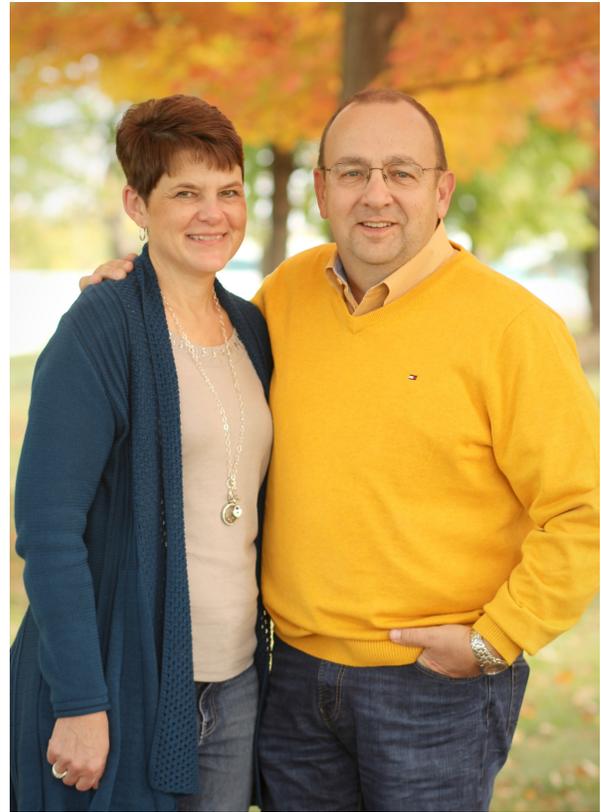
From 6:30 to 8:00 PM each Monday night, we will have our primary Celebrate Recovery for anyone dealing with a hurt, habit, or hang-up. Celebrate Recovery includes a large group time with great worship, a lesson from the 12 step recovery curriculum, or a testimony from someone who has experienced God's deliverance in some way. Following the large group time, specialized small groups meet according to gender to further discuss what was taught or shared during the large group time.

From 6:30-8:00 each Monday night, we will also have a GriefShare group that meets. This group is for those who are dealing with grief caused by the death of a loved one. This is a safe place to heal from the deep hurt that comes during this time and to learn how to move forward and rebuild your life.

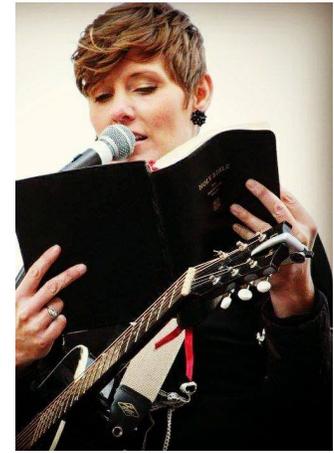
DivorceCare will also meet from 6:30-8:00 as well. This group exists for those who have or are going through a time of separation or divorce. Those attending will find help in sorting through the emotions and thoughts that are difficult and confusing through this time. This is designed to help anyone find hope and healing from the deep hurt divorce causes.

Our newest addition to Monday nights is Financial Peace University. This ministry is for those who need help addressing their financial woes. Those attending will learn how to put together a financial plan that will help them address debt problems and budget in such a way that financial stability is experienced.

We have seen God do some truly amazing things on Monday nights at Lifepoint. I strongly encourage anyone who is struggling to overcome something to come and be a part of any of these ministries. If you are not in a place where you need these ministries right now or if you are unable to attend, would you please help us by spreading the word to others who need to be a part of our Monday nights? Your invitation to someone in need could be life-changing for them. Most of all, would you please pray for these ministries? Prayer is the most important way you can be a part.



**"He brought them out of
darkness and gloom and
broke their chains apart."
Psalm 107:14**



BY CARRIE MILLER
Worship Leader

The Bride, the Church

Did you know that when God created us, He placed a deep desire within each of us to be a part of His beautiful Bride, the Church? Scripture tells us that God set eternity in the hearts of men, and guess what is a huge part of that eternity? The Church! When we long for heaven, we are not only longing to see Jesus face to face, but also to be gathered together as one with people from every nation, tongue and tribe, worshiping the King of Glory in endless praise. No tears or heartache or strife. Only God and the Church in glorious union!

Unfortunately that beautiful picture isn't our present reality because of the disaster of the fall. Sin brought the dark cloud of enmity and toil and struggle on human kind that casts shadows on all of our relationships. God's beautiful creation was ripped apart. The family that could have been, never was, and we are so far into it now that we barely have a whisper in our soul as to our true identity. When we lose track of who we are in Christ, we start to look more like Bridezilla than the Bride of the matchless King of Heaven.

Yet our faithful Groom still beckons. Jesus gave up His life for His Bride, the Church, in order that He may present her to Himself holy and clean without spot or wrinkle (Eph 5:27). Let this glorious truth awaken your soul to hear Jesus speak in a new way, in the voice of The Groom to His beautiful Bride.

You have captured my heart
my treasure, my bride.
You hold it hostage with one glance of your eyes,
with a single jewel of your necklace.
Your love delights me,
my treasure, my bride
Your love is better than wine,
your perfume more fragrant than spices
Your lips are as sweet as nectar, my bride.
Honey and milk are under your tongue.
Your clothes are scented
like the cedars of Lebanon.
Song of Songs 4:9-11

Do you see how captivated Jesus is by His Bride? Can't you sense Him longing for intimacy? Have you ever thought about Christ's relationship to the Church in this way? When we begin to hear Jesus speaking to us like this, our souls should quicken to draw near to Him. A desire to present ourselves beautiful and holy to Him should begin to grow. When that happens, God gives us a perfect setting for these things to be expressed - corporate worship. Come to worship this Sunday seeking to be near your Groom who speaks so lovingly to you. He is calling His beloved Bride to come near.

She Belongs

W O M E N ' S M I N I S T R Y 



BY ANGIE GUTSHALL
Administrator
Women's Ministry Leader

Helllloooooo, Ladies of Lifepoint!! I have a lot on my heart to share with you. My mind is regularly flooded with thoughts about what's going on in the lives of women at Lifepoint...and your families...and THE family here. I think about you and pray for you. Often. So often. I care about you. I care about the pieces of your life...the good ones and the hard ones. I hope that you find your way to Belonging here in this Body and in this ministry. We are truly better together. I'll drop a few thoughts here now and save a few for later. In case you're wondering, you can watch for more information in future newsletters. I'll hop on here with updates about the happenings, I'll share from God's Word about what I believe Him to be saying to us, and I'll cheer you on in your journey with our Sweet Savior. Loving Jesus with you is truly a gift.

At the Brunch and Learn last month, each of the eight, new team leaders shared from their heart about their area of ministry about where we believe God is taking us in women's ministry and how to be involved. The following are the newly created teams and the leaders of each:

- Bible Study – Tiffany Winfrey
- Communications – Angie Cool
- Encounter Events – Shelly Long
- Mentoring – Karen Nichols
- Outside Events – Amanda McLain
- Prayer – Theresa Benskin
- Retreats – Jaime Pittman
- Social Events – Amy Baker

We have been working diligently forming the teams and gearing up for the new "year." I feel certain that God has channeled and will continue to channel women down the path that God has arranged in advance. We will be prayerfully pairing together giftedness and passion with the needs within the ministry, each of us fulfilling our divine and distinct purpose. If you're interested in learning more, please email me at ministry@lifepoint-church.com

With the school year starting and calendars filling up, I challenge you to be deliberate in protecting precious time with God. Without a conscious, intentional effort, before we know it, that time can too easily be swallowed up with activity. Simply put: God cares so much more about our hearts than He does our plans. To have intimacy with God, we have to carve out time to be alone with Him and give ourselves an opportunity to hear His voice.

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In Genesis 3, after Adam and Eve had sinned, they felt embarrassed and "hid" behind fig leaves from Creator God. Verse 9 tells us that God then called to the man, "Where are you?" The Creator of the universe wasn't looking for Adam. God knew right where Adam was. He just wanted ADAM to know where Adam was. Where he was in relationship with God. He was asking him to evaluate his condition. I believe He asks the same of us: "Where are you? Where are you in your relationship with Me? What is your condition?"

So, will you do that? Will you ask yourself those questions, and THEN, if you're not where you should be or where you want to be, do something with the answer and make some adjustments. Spend time with Him. Oh, how He longs for us to be with Him. Be honest with Him and experience the sweet, sweet fellowship with Him that He made us for.

You guys, I simply have no idea where I would be without Jesus. I can't even imagine life without Him. I'm sincerely thankful for the privilege of serving Jesus with you. I believe there's nothing He loves more than when we come together with Him as our single-minded focus! I'm so very thankful for each of you and love you.

Opportunity to Serve:

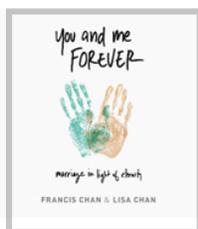
Can you:

- Meet once every 3-4 weeks for a few hours on Friday
- Be a good listener?
- Offer spiritual insight?
- Pray with someone?
- Speak encouragement?

If you are interested in being a support and friend to someone incarcerated in the Chillicothe Correctional Center, please contact me at ministry@lifepoint-church.com.

OUR CHURCH'S BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY IS NOW DIGITAL...

As a church, we want to be diligent to provide you with resources that will help with your Bible reading at home. Rightnowmedia offers great independent Bible study options to read and watch at your own pace.



MARRIAGE STUDY: YOU AND ME FOREVER

Marriage can be hard. One of the ways we want to help our married couples is by sharing a resource available to you through your @RightNow Media account. "You and Me Forever" is a study that provides biblical principles for building healthy marriage by focusing on God. Watch it now!

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1213>



FIRST STEPS: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO CHURCH/THE BIBLE)

One of the biggest struggles Christians face today is learning how to read the Bible on their own. As a church, we want to provide you with resources that will help with your Bible reading at home. "How to Read the Bible" by Michael DeFazio is a tool to help you hear God's voice by learning how to read the Bible more effectively. Click the link below to get started!

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/337996?episode=1>



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS

Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. We have to choose one or the other—we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus. Watch now to learn how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257958>



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: CORE STUDY

While this men's study from @RightNow Media is designed for group study, it also works well as an individual study. "CORE" is a collection of testimonies that inspires men to align themselves with the vision that God has for their lives. Learn from Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera, a former Navy Seal, and many more as they share how they walk with the Lord on a daily basis.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/325268>



CONNECTION GROUPS START SEPTEMBER 11

A Connection Group is a group of 8 to 15 adults who meet, either in a home or at Lifepoint, to pursue growing together in becoming whole-life followers of Christ. Connection groups are the primary place where people connect with one another and develop genuine friendships. They provide a place for Scripture exploration, prayer, support, encouragement, and fellowship, all in a trusted environment.

When God gave Jesus the mission of reaching the world with the good news of His love and grace, Jesus employed a radical strategy: He poured His life into a small group, His 12 disciples. In response, we strive to pattern Connection Groups around His example.

NEW - If you are out of high school and under 30, we have a new Young Adult's Connection Group led by Preston & Tiffany Winfrey / Brad & Michelle Benskin. This group will meet at the Cultural Corner.

ALL groups are within the city limits of Chillicothe. ALL groups will be led through the same material. Sign-up forms can be found at the Welcome Desk.

JAMIE & THERESA BENSKIN

449 Elm Street



- **Children:** Brad & wife Michelle - Brice & wife Kelsey - 2 granddaughters
- **Attending Lifepoint:** Four years
- **Came to Christ:** Jamie accepted Christ at youth church camp. Theresa accepted approximately three years ago on her back porch.
- **Fun Fact:** If Theresa could have one talent, it would be the ability to draw. She can't even draw a stick figure.

LEE & MELANIE RUCKER

811 Dale Drive



- **Children:** Shelley 23 - Kaylee 20 - Halle 15 - Granddaughter Gemma
- **Attending Lifepoint:** Since 2016
- **Came to Christ:** Lee - raised in Christian home and developed a relationship with Christ. Melanie- came to Christ in 2016.
- **Fun Fact:** If they could talk to anyone, Lee would pick his cousin Eric who died in 1994 and Melanie her Dad who died in 2005.

KYLE & JULIE CHASTAIN JEANNETTE STRAKER

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- **Children:** Chastain's (Kylee - Eli - Carol) Straker (Abby & husband Brian - Andrew & wife Tasia - 2 grandsons)
- **Attending Lifepoint:** Chastain's 2 1/2 years / Straker 3 years
- **Came to Christ:** Chastain's were raised in church, at 13 accepted Christ. In college recommitted life, striving for personal relationship.
- **Fun Fact:** If they could talk to anyone (living or dead,) it would be Jesus. If Jeannette could have one talent it would be to play the piano.

MARK & SHERRY SHOCKEY

1425 Dowell Drive



- **Children:** Jill 39 - Sarah 36 - 6 grandchildren ages 10 -17
- **Attending Lifepoint:** 5 1/2 years
- **Came to Christ:** Both accepted Christ at approximately age 10.
- **Fun Fact:** If they could talk to anyone in the world (living or dead), it would be Jesus. The second choice for both would be their maternal grandmothers. They were both excellent examples of "all in" Christians and had a huge influence in their lives.

DOUG & AMANDA MCLAIN

449 Elm Street



- **Children:** Macy 12 - Malaki 9
- **Attending Lifepoint:** Six years
- **Came to Christ:** Doug- Saved at 14, but totally surrendered July 15, 2018. Amanda- At the age of nine her parents led her through the sinner's prayer. That summer she was baptized.
- **Fun Fact:** Doug- If he could talk to anyone, it would be his dad. If Amanda could re-live any day, it would be her wedding day.

KEVIN & TAMMY SMITH

2101 Meadowlane Drive



- **Children:** Heather 35 - Matt 33 - 5 grandchildren
- **Attending Lifepoint:** December 2016
- **Came to Christ:** Kevin was saved after hitting rock bottom at the age of 25. Tammy - saved as a teenager. 28 yrs in ministry.
- **Fun Fact:** Kevin- if he could have any talent/gift, it would be to play the piano like Jamie Pauls. Tammy- if she could re-live any day, should would choose a day she gets to be with Kevin.

SHANE & KATHY MIDGYETT

1122 Clay Street



- **Children:** DeEll 22 - Danielle 21 - Kayde 19 - Silas 12 - Destinee 6
- **Attending Lifepoint:** 5 1/2 years
- **Came to Christ:** Shane- January 2005, while in prison for the 3rd time. Kathy- God's always been a part of her life, but 2005 also.
- **Fun Fact:** Shane would like to re-live any day he messes up or falls short of God's Word. Kathy would like the Gift of Gab.

PRESTON & TIFFANY WINFREY BRAD & MICHELLE BENSKIN

Cultural Corner



YOUNG ADULT'S GROUP

- **Children:** Winfrey's (Madeline 7 - Kristian 4 - Holland 2) Benskin's (Payton 9 1/2 - 4 dogs)
- **Attending Lifepoint:** Winfrey's Aug 2018 / Brad- 3 yrs/ Michelle- 3.5 yrs
- **Came to Christ:** Preston- Fully gave himself to God Nov 2018/ Tiffany- knew Jesus as a child, but surrendered Jan 2019/Brad- strayed in college, but recommitted through a Tuesday Morning Men's group. Michelle- 2014
- **Fun Fact:** If they could have any talent: Preston would be a FBI sketch artist, Tiffany would play like Jamie Pauls, Michelle would play the cello. If Brad could talk to anyone it would be his great grandfather and Yoda.



BY MARK SCHNEIDER
Next Generation Pastor

WELCOME BACK!

We are so excited to welcome back our students this month to Collide Student Ministry at Lifepoint Church! We had an amazing summer of ministry, mission trips and spending time with our families, but we've missed the weekly time together with all of our teens. We are incredibly excited to begin a new season of discipleship and small group curriculum designed to be relevant to your teens as they try to live out the Great Commission in their daily lives. Please check out the Fall Curriculum schedule, so you can visit with your student(s) about what they are learning this year. PDF files for middle school and high school Fall Curriculum are attached to this month's newsletter.

STAY CONNECTED:

Collide Student Ministry has several tools to help stay in touch this school year with events, announcements and curriculum. Be sure to follow our NEW Instagram page, as well as enroll in our REMIND texting service. These will be our two main modes of communication along with our Lifepoint Facebook page. Please Note: The Aftershock MS Remind group is being combined with the Collide group as we condense our methods of communication. Please contact Mark with any questions.

INSTAGRAM: Follow us at [lpcollide](#)

REMIND: Text the message [@lpcollide](#) to 81010.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB:

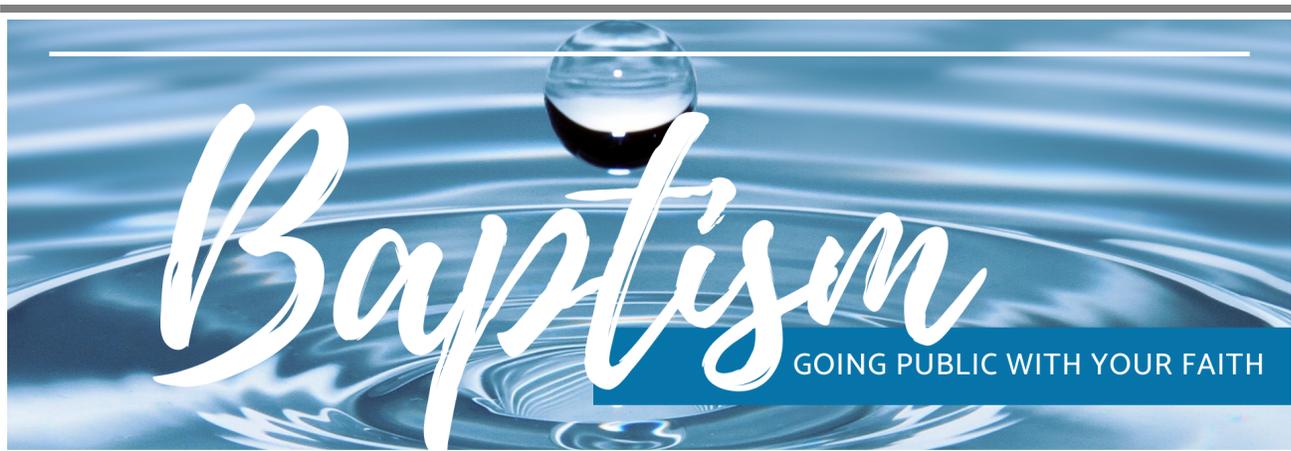
We would like to welcome our sixth grade students who will be joining us in Collide on Wednesday nights this fall! We strive to promote a family atmosphere in which students are connected by gender-specific small groups that promote application of the Word and a sense of community. Our Middle School club starts at 6pm and wraps up at 7:30. This year we are partnering with Orange XP3 Student curriculum to provide timely and relevant teaching for all students in grades 6-12. Our time together on Wednesday nights is divided up into small groups, games, worship, teaching and prayer. Our goal is to provide solid Biblical application each week that promotes individual growth for all students, no matter where they are in their personal walk with Christ. We hope to see your student this year as we learn together!

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP 101: Please join us on Sunday mornings during our 9am service as we start a new Discipleship series designed to equip students to own their faith This class is open to Middle School and High School students and meets in the LP foyer at 9am before walking to the IMPACT Center on Elm Street as a group. We will be covering a wide-range of topics such as: What is Prayer? What is God's Plan for me? How Does a Person Know God Personally? And Why Do We Believe That? We are so excited to examine the foundations of our faith with students who hunger to know more of God. Students can join any time, and we strongly encourage students to attend worship service at 10:45 together.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Collide Student Ministry exists to lead students into a personal **relationship** with Jesus Christ and into **fellowship** with His family, assisting them to Christ-like maturity through the application of GOD's Word, and equipping them for **ministry** in the church and abroad as we seek to **magnify** GOD's name in all that we do.



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SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15
10:45 AM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR KEVIN



FRESH MOBILE PANTRY



Where:
Lifepoint Church - Grounds
(Old Hospital Site)
100 Central AVE
Chillicothe, MO

When:
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Wednesday, September 11, 2019

10am until 12 noon
Open to the General Public
While Supplies Last

SNAP & CSFP Application assistance is provided at this mobile site.



If you are able to help with the Fresh Mobile Pantry, list your name, phone number, and note "Fresh Mobile Pantry" on the Connection Card and drop it off at the We.Go Center. Volunteers meet at 9:15am at the church property, located at 100 Central Ave, Wednesday, September 11. We need help bagging food, distributing items, controlling traffic, and praying for those in need.



How can you pray for the Mobile Pantry?

Pray that we point each person to Christ, where true contentment is found. "I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13

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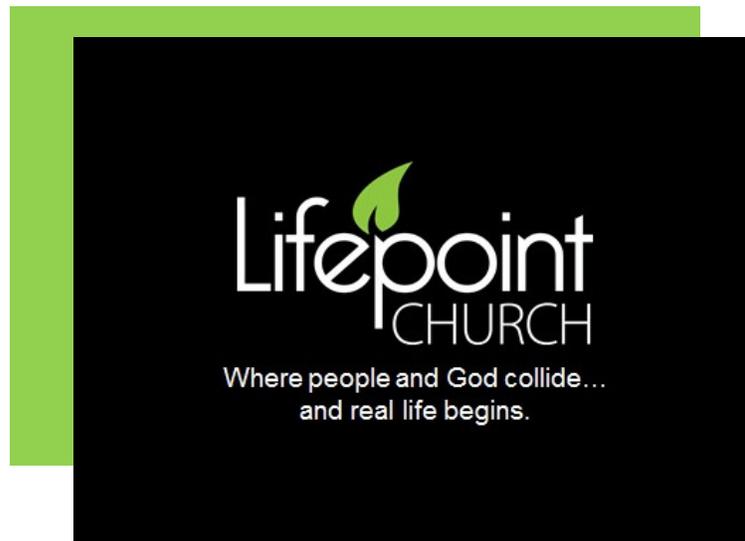
REMEMBER WHEN???

SEPTEMBER?
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What year did
Lifepoint Church
begin?



Happy Birthday
Lifepoint!



Answer: September 2013
Happy Sixth Birthday!



Please Join Us!
Lifepoint CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES
9:00am & 10:45am