

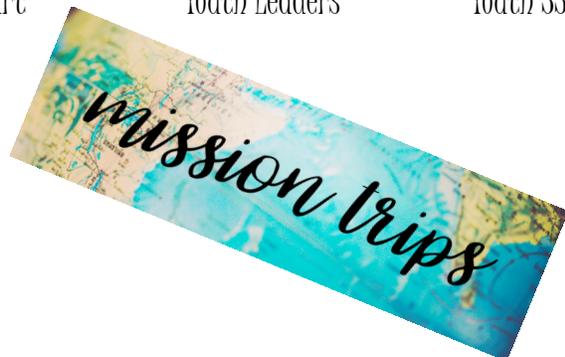
The WIRE

September 2019

A Publication of Wabash Church



- Children's Sunday School
- Children's Church
- Nursery
- Greeters
- Usher
- Coffee Cart
- Youth Leaders
- Youth SS





CALENDAR
Recurring Meetings

Wednesdays —

- 6:00am-Men's Study
Beginning 9/11
- 9:30am-Grief Share
- 9:30am-Women's Study
Beginning 9/25
- 5:45pm-Men's Choir
Beginning 9/18

Fridays —

- 9:30am-Women's Study
Beginning 9/6 or 13

Sundays—

- 9:15am-Prayer Gathering
- 9:30am-Worship
- 11:00am-Sunday School
Beginning 9/8
- 6:00pm-Youth Group
United

September 1

- Communion
- 9:15-Hymn Sing

September 2

- LABOR DAY
- Office Closed

September 3

- 4:00-Personnel

September 5

- 9:30-Grief Share Begins

September 8

- 6:00-Life Group *Rooted*

September 10

- 6:30-Elder/Deacon Mtg

September 13 and 14

- Women's Retreat Dumas
Bay

September 14

- 7:00-Men's Breakfast

September 15

- 12pm- Women's Ministry

September 17

- 6:30pm- Living Water Info

September 22

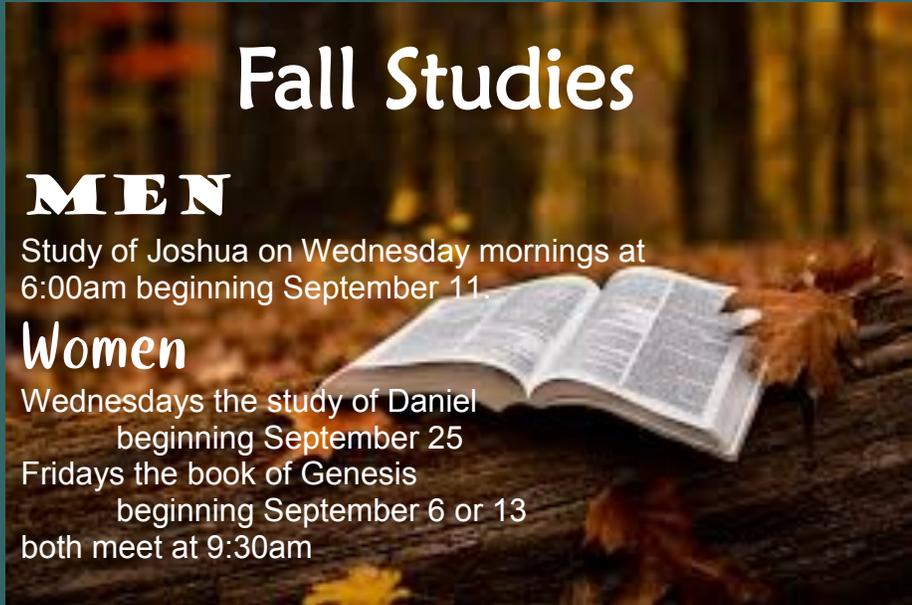
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September 24

- 6:30pm-Mission Mtg.

September 29

- 12pm-Prayer for the
Nations



Are You In A Life Group Yet?

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm writing this note to you for the *WIRE* during the day in which our Life Group leaders will meet to discuss fall plans. I have a simple question for you, since obviously, this is on my mind:

"Are you in a Life Group yet?"

Just in case you're reading this and for some unknown reason you aren't sure what Life Groups are, let me give you a quick description. It's a group of folks, usually around 10, plus or minus,

meeting with some regularity, often weekly or every other week, and sharing the Word, prayer, discussion, a meal, etc. For us here at Wabash, it is the main vehicle we employ to accomplish the "live" portion of our vision statement: ***Wabash Church desires to know Jesus, live Jesus, and serve Jesus as disciples of the Living Word, Jesus Christ.***

What I will share with the leaders tonight is one of our goals, and that is that 80% of our church attenders will

become a part of a life group. It's a place to minister, it's a place to be ministered to. It's a place in which to grow deeper in your walk with Jesus; knowing him better, serving him better, all by living him in this way.

If, as you read this, you're thinking "I need this!" would you call or email the church office, speak to Ben Auger, and it would be his pleasure to get you connected. Don't let fall get away from you! Sign up today and be a part of this growing ministry

Yours and His,
Pastor George



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Sunday Night Youth Group

Sunday night middle school group meets at 6:00pm (to 7:30pm) in the Dahl Center.
Sunday night high school group meets at 6:00pm (to 7:30pm) in the Youth Room.

We will have a theme for each youth group night!

Cereal Night – September 8

Nostalgia Night – September 15

Marvel Night – September 22

Zombie Night – September 29

Sunday School

Sunday school begins again on September 8.

Middle school students meet in Dahl Center at 11:00am (to 12:00pm).

High school students meet in the Youth Room at 11:00am (to 12:00pm).



Just Reasoning: Stepping Through the Ten Commandments

This class provides a safe and fun environment to examine the classic Ten Commandments and figure out how they apply to a person's life. We will examine some questions that emerge such as: Are these laws imperatives for all people or all Christians? Why are these laws special vs other laws in the Old Testament? Where do the Ten Commandments show up in the New Testament? This is a relatively open class and we encourage non-churchgoers, seekers, and big question-askers to participate as well. *Led by Zack Eckblad.* Meeting in the choir room.

The Message of the Sermon on the Mount for Today

The most life-changing message of all time - Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus floored people thousands of years ago with this message, seamlessly tackling one challenging topic after the next and, even today, this message will blow you away. "Jesus On The Message of the Sermon on the Mount for Today" delves into what Jesus had to say on happiness, influence, the law, relationships, adultery, divorce, oath-taking, enemies, prayer, spiritual authenticity, investing in eternity, hypocrisy, worry, the Golden Rule and spiritual deceptions. This class will be part video, part discussion. *Co-lead by Jerry Chevassus, Brian Hiller and Beau Chevassus.* Meeting in Dahl Center.

Church History: This is a popular continuing class. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey takes believers through a video series covering theology, apologetics, notable church fathers, and much more. This class will begin at 11:20, and will release about 11:50 to allow for those who chat in the lobby a little long, or need to get their children to and from class. This is a "drop-in" course, as the series is more week-to-week topical than chronological. If you miss a week, join us next week! *Led by JP Wilcox.* Meeting in the Library

CHILDREN'S And family MINISTRY



*I recently heard a story about a pastor who came back from a “revival meeting” and reported that 2 ½ people were saved. Someone replied, “You mean two adults and one child? The Pastor responded “No, two children and one adult. **When you save a child, you save a whole life.**” One of those children could have been me. I came to know Jesus when I was about 7-years-old at a Billy Graham Crusade. I’m certainly thankful that there was not childcare, that my parents didn’t see me as a distraction, that someone saw the value in me and that I got to be a part of the worship that day. Did you know that **nearly 80% of people in our churches today decided to follow Jesus before age 18? 50% of them decided to follow Jesus before age 12.** In fact, it becomes exponentially rarer and exponentially harder for a person to decide to follow Christ after age 18. This is why Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14*

*God knows the importance of bringing children to the feet of Jesus at an early age. Children’s Ministry calls this the 4-14 window. This is the window of time when a child is the most impressionable and starts forming his/her worldview, when a person starts forming their understanding of relationships, of love, of eternity, of God. I’d even venture to say, when they are most open to trusting God. This is also why the Bible says “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6. What a child learns and believes in that window of time will likely follow him his whole life. **God intends that we should win people in the days of their youth while their hearts are young and sensitive. But we are apt to let the springtime pass and then with great effort create a religious fervor by our own efforts and win men to Christ. We work hard, spend thousands of dollars and at the best get disappointingly small returns. We have waited too long. That which we should do is to work with God in His seasons.** Evangelism of Youth/Albert Gage, 1922*

Investing in a child can alter the course of a whole life. How many later problems could be avoided if every child who entered our churches left knowing they have a God who loves them? What if by the time each child begins High School they’ve already made a lifetime commitment to serving Christ? What if we reached even more children? Imagine. Thank you for being a church that sees the value in children. That we don’t see them as a distraction, but rather welcome them into the church body with open arms. Thank you for all of you who invest in and love on the children of our church. What if we poured out even more? Please continue to volunteer and support Children’s Ministry. I believe God blesses our efforts and that we are building His kingdom together.

*Blessings,
From your Children and Family Ministries of Wabash*



Ways to be involved in Children’s Ministry

<u>Volunteer Opportunity</u>	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>When</u>
Sunday school	Quarterly up to 1 year	Sunday mornings at 11
Children’s Church	Once every 10 weeks or so	Sunday mornings during service after singing
Nursery	Once every 10 weeks or so	Sunday mornings during service
Foundations (Still forming Details)	3-4 Sundays at a time	Sunday mornings during services after singing
Oikos Groups (Still forming Details)	Monthly up to yearly	One evening a week
VBS	VBS week	VBS week in summer



We will be offering a 2nd-5th grade foundations class starting September 8 during children’s church. This class is intended for children transitioning from children’s church to full church service. This class will continue as long as we have volunteers. For more information please contact Lindsey or Abby.

Pray for your children as the new routines of fall begin. Change is hard sometimes. New routines are hard to get back into. Give your kids grace, give yourself grace. Here is a month worth of ideas to pray for your children. Sub the word children for "I" or "me" and pray for yourself too!



31 Prayers for our children

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SALVATION 2. GROWTH <i>in</i> GRACE 3. LOVE 4. HONESTY & INTEGRITY 5. SELF CONTROL 6. <i>a</i> LOVE <i>for</i> GOD'S WORD 7. JUSTICE 8. MERCY 9. RESPECT 10. <i>Biblical</i> SELF-ESTEEM 11. FAITHFULNESS 12. COURAGE 13. PURITY 14. KINDNESS 15. GENEROSITY 16. PEACE-LOVING 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. JOY 18. PERSISTENCE 19. HUMILITY 20. COMPASSION 21. RESPONSIBILITY 22. CONTENTMENT 23. FAITH 24. <i>a</i> SERVANT'S HEART 25. HOPE 26. WILLINGNESS & ABILITY <i>to</i> WORK 27. PASSION <i>for</i> GOD 28. SELF-DISCIPLINE 29. PRAYERFULLNESS 30. GRATITUDE 31. <i>a</i> HEART <i>for</i> MISSIONS
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a prayer for each day of *THE* month

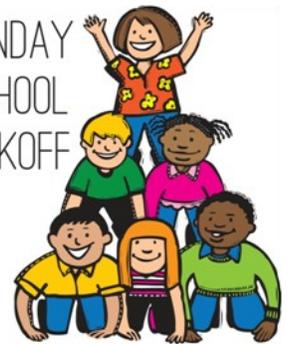
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A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Sunday School
will begin
September 8!



ROOTED

LIFE GROUPS

Rooted Groups Start Sunday September 8 at 6:00pm in Garrett Hall

Rooted is a simple, proven method to make disciples. It is a 10-week small group experience that connects people to God, each other, and their life purpose.

Rooted isn't simply a bible study or a book. It is a community experience, where people practice 7 rhythms essential to a healthy relationship with Jesus. Individuals establish firm roots in the truth of God's Word through personal study and then come together to discuss what they're learning in a space where they are safe and known.

Would you like to try a Life Group or host one this fall? Please email Ben at ben@wabashchurch.com.

Our *Rooted* kickoff event is Sunday, September 8 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. There will be nursery and child care available for groups.

Living Water Mission Trip 2020

Living Water trip: Is scheduled for August 8-15, 2020. We will be serving in Zambia.

Come to an informational meeting on September 17, at 6:30pm in the church library. Contact Jody Miller with questions.



This 13 week class will be during the day time, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon, beginning September 5.

Through solid teaching from a number of leaders in the field of grief counseling, as well as noted pastors and authors, "Grief Share" offers solid, biblical

hope and help to those experiencing the grief associated with the loss of a loved one of any age. "Grief Share" offers a chance for discussion, video teaching, as well as take home assignments and devotional guides to help you on a journey

to wholeness. You're invited to sign up at the Welcome Center, or by calling the church office. There is no charge for the program, but donations are accepted to defray the cost of materials.

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Sunday Schedule: Worship @ 9 :30am; Sunday School for all ages @ 11:00am

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