



STILLWATER CHURCH

"People helping people love and serve Jesus!"

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



A Special Message from Pastor Mike Hoppe

Celebrating Servant Leadership at Stillwater Church

Each spring, Stillwater Church honors those who exemplify servant leadership. This year we were excited, for the first time, to present three special awards inspired by our mission statement: *"People helping people love and serve Jesus."* Please join us in congratulating our 2025 award recipients!

Barnabas Award - James Currie

This award recognizes exceptional commitment to **relational discipleship**, through evangelism, mentoring, or strengthening small group ministries. This echoes the ministry of Barnabus, who mentored and encouraged early believers.

Alabaster Jar Award - Dotty Armour

Inspired by Mary of Bethany's extravagant act of worship, this award honors those who enhance the worship life of our church. This recipient has poured themselves into **worship and prayer ministries** with great devotion and creativity, helping others encounter the presence of God more deeply.

Basin and Towel Award - Jim Walsh

Reflecting Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet, this award is given to someone who exemplifies **selfless service**. This recipient generously gives time and resources to support missions and ministries, often behind the scenes and always with a servant's heart.

A Special Word of Thanks

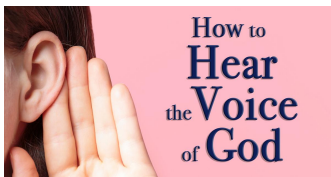
We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Eldon Burr, whose tireless efforts were instrumental in resolving and recovering from a major ransomware attack on our servers. Eldon worked countless hours to restore a significant portion of our data and strengthen our digital security. We are deeply grateful for his expertise and dedication.

Thank you to *everyone* who serves at Stillwater in ways both seen and unseen. You are the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Mark Your Calendars!

- Mondays - Food Pantry, 9-11am
- Tuesdays - Prayer Team Meeting, 6pm, Sanctuary
- Thursdays - VIBE Ministry, 6pm, Sanctuary
- June 1 - Men's Breakfast, 7am, Fellowship Hall
- June 1 - VBS Prep Workshop, 11:45am
- June 1 - Students Messy Games, 4-6pm
- June 8 - VBS Prep Workshop, 11:45am
- June 12 - Nurture Team Meeting, 10am, Choir Room
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 20 - Club 345, 6-8pm
- June 22 - Missions Team Meeting, 12pm, Fellowship Hall
- June 23-27, VBS, 9am-12pm
- July 6 - Combined Worship Service, 10am, followed by Independence Day Celebration with lunch
- Sept. 9 - Tuesday Adult Small Group starts, 10am, Choir Room



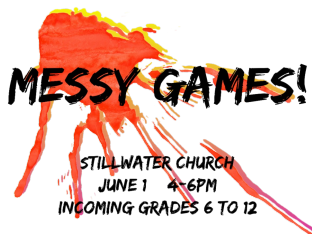
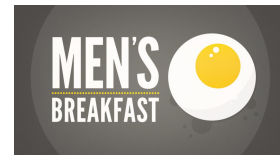
June Sermon Series "How to Hear the Voice of God"

You may crave to hear God's voice. The good news is that God may be speaking to you at this very moment. Even better, you can practice listening by placing yourself in a position to receive God's words. In this four-week series, we will learn how to tune into God's voice through scripture, prophecy, self-examination, and soul care.

- June 8 "The Written Word" Hebrews 4:12-13
- June 15 "Prophecy" John 10:27-28
- June 22 "The Examen" 2 Corinthians 13:5
- June 29 "The Spirit Speaks to the Soul" 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

Men's Breakfast, June 1

All men of the church are invited the first Sunday of each month at 7am for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is a freewill donation, and we enjoy casual conversation and a short devotion. Join us June 1!



Student Ministry Update

Once again, our youth group annual tradition is here! On Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm, we will have **Messy Games** for incoming sixth through twelfth graders! Wear swim trucks or your oldest clothes (and maybe a towel to dry off after hosing off at the end) and come to get messy in the church backyard! This summer kickoff event is always a great time to invite friends. We will have yard games, snacks, and a lot of fun. For more information, contact Tony Feaster. Regular student gatherings for students (and friends) in grades 6-12 are held on Sundays, 4-6pm.

Kids Korner

Join us for Club 345 on June 20, 6-8pm! We will have **Silly Game Night**, dinner, and devotion. All kids and their friends in grades 3-5 are invited!

It's time for **Vacation Bible School**! Registration at the church has begun. Online registration will be available June 1. LOTS AND LOTS of adult and youth help will be needed! Please see Betty Moye for details.

Would you like to help us get ready for Vacation Bible School? VBS Prep Workshops will be held during the month of June to help prepare decorations and craft items. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 1, and Sunday, June 8, immediately following the second service (about 11:30). A simple, light lunch will be served and we will get to work!

Attention parents! Our new child sign-in system will be up and running on the first Sunday in June! We will be using **KidCheck** to sign all of our children in and out during all events at Stillwater Church involving children. If you have not received an email or text with set-up information, please contact the church office.

Join us for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



JUNE 23-27

9 AM - NOON

FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 YRS - 5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 25

Nurture Team Meeting, June 12

The Stillwater Nurture Team is a group that cares for the people in our church in their time of need. Members of the team visit, call, and send cards to shut-ins and those recovering at home after surgery. Anyone who is interested in being part of this team is invited to attend the next meeting on June 12, at 10am, in the Choir Room.



Missions Update

It is truly beautiful to see the mission of Christ in action here at Stillwater Church and in the world! On June 8, we are sending 27 adults, teens, and children on mission to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. Thank you for your support for our team! Please join us in prayer as our 2025 Kentucky Mission Team prepares to be the hands and feet of Christ. Pray for safety in all our travels, safety on our job sites, for our hearts to be open to the Lord's direction, for the people we will serve, and for boldness to share the love of Jesus.

In June, the Mission Committee is excited to share the work of a few missionaries we support as they answer the call God placed on their life. Stop by the Mission Table in the lobby sometime this month to see more about the work they are doing! Join us as we pray for them and those they serve.

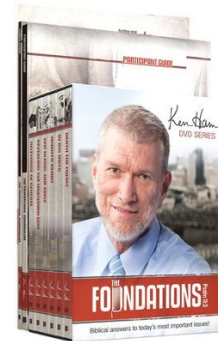
- Elisabeth Dreaden - Missionary in Lima, Peru
- Scott and Annie Miller - United States Missionaries for kids and families
- Davis Rhodes - Missionary in Tarime, Tanzania

***** The next Missions Team meeting is Sunday, June 22, at 12pm, in the Fellowship Hall.***

Tuesday Adult Small Group

The Tuesday Morning Small Group is taking a break for the summer. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 10am, in the Choir Room.

Starting in September, Kaye Smith will lead this group in a 12-week Foundations Curriculum Study by Ken Ham, CEO of the Ark Encounter, located in Kentucky. Blending humor, conviction, and a passionate belief in the inerrancy of scripture, Ken shares his urgent concerns for society and a vision to reach our culture for Christ! This study features twelve 30-minute episodes which will allow time to continue our fellowship, game, and snack time as well. All are invited to attend!



Boy Scout Troop 113

The Boy Scouts are grateful for all the monetary donations and camping equipment to replace our items that were stolen back in March. We have received donations from no less than ten other states. We are still a bit away from where we were before the theft, but we're resilient. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the Stillwater Boy Scout program. *James Currie, Chad Whetsel, and Charles Martin*

Academic Recognitions and Graduates

Congratulations to the following students on their academic achievements! If you missed this month's deadline, send your child's information to info@stillwaterchurch.com for next month's newsletter.



- Abbie Hopper - graduated from the University of Arizona with a master's degree.
- Sarah Robbins - graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree.
- Claire Robbins - graduated from Saraland High School.
- Thomas Killingsworth - graduated from Saraland High School.
- Olivia Boutwell - received the Citizenship Award for

6th Grade.

- Logan Armour - Mobile County Gold Honor Band; District 7 Honor Band; played defense for Causey Middle School's soccer team which ended their season as Mobile County Champions; played in solo and ensemble for band; made a superior rating for his trumpet solo and superior rating for his trio; held honor roll for the entire year; won the 8th grade excellence award for 8th grade band.
- Miles Redmond - received the Most Improved award.



Serve in the Food Pantry

Join us in serving our community! The following is a list of volunteer opportunities in the Stillwater Food Pantry:

UNLOADING FOOD TRUCK: Days vary. Receive 1-2 food trucks per month. Arrival time is usually in the mornings.

BAGGING FOOD BAGS: Thursday, every other week. Time: 3:00pm-5:30pm

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Mondays. Time: 8:30am-11:15am

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION: Fridays, on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday each month. Time: 10:00am-1:15pm. Light lunch is usually provided on Produce Day.

You may also give directly to this ministry by clicking [here](#) with "Food Pantry" noted on the memo line. Your gift helps touch the lives of people needing nutritious food, prayer, and a listening ear.

Women's Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign



SCAN HERE FOR YOUR
BOTTLE DONATION

Here's a Quick way to Give

Scan the QR code, or fill bottle with coins, cash, and/or check, and return it to your church.

It's that easy!



June Birthdays

06/01 Ella Downing
06/03 Natalie Blackburn, Ken Pfeiffer
06/07 Charlie Moye, Amelia Odom, Spencer Shaw
06/12 Elaine Moore, Chris Nabholz, Charles Wright
06/13 Leah Ott
06/15 Jenna Billingsley, Amos Sasser, Mary Carol

Sasser
06/17 Kaden Jones
06/18 Kaye Smith
06/19 Russ Coxwell
06/20 Margaret Bledsoe, Courtney Brown
06/24 Lynn Feemster, Kaleb Sherrer, Faye Smith
06/25 Clayton Smith
06/28 Larry Lindy
06/29 Lorine May
06/30 Ainsley Hopper, Brenda Love, Bryan Marchiolo



Monthly Financial & Attendance Update

	Attendance		General	Capital
	In-Person	Online	Fund	Fund
May 4	150	64	\$10,916	\$593
May 11	164	50	\$10,896	\$260
May 18	184	60		
May 25	171	44		

Joys and Concerns

THANK YOU TO...

~ Everyone who participated in the Bake Auction. We raised \$6,600 to go towards ministries for our young people!

WELCOME TO...

~ Our new members Trapper and Lisa Short, Raymond and Emily Grider, Teresa Donaldson, and Chanda Fillingame.

SYMPATHY TO...

~ The family of church member, J. R. Mills, Sr., who passed away.

Weekly Prayer List

To submit a prayer concern or a praise to be shared on our weekly prayer email, or to sign up to receive our weekly prayer emails, please contact the church office at info@stillwaterchurch.com.

Telephone: (251) 675-2728
Email: info@stillwaterchurch.com
Website: stillwaterchurch.com

To give online, click [here](#) or scan the QR code below!





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