



STILLWATER CHURCH

"People helping people love and serve Jesus!"

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A Special Message from Pastor Mike Hoppe

Stillwater Resale: A Ministry Taking Shape

In recent months, we shared the vision of launching *Stillwater Resale* - a Christian resale store that would serve our community. Today, we're excited to give you an update: We are currently in promising conversations with the owners of a potential location!

While many details are still being finalized and approved, we believe God is opening doors. This space could become the home base for a powerful new outreach where high-quality, low-cost items can bless families in need, and where all proceeds will go directly to ministries like our Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry, local missions, and family assistance programs.

But *Stillwater Resale* is more than just a store - it's a mission. We see this as a unique opportunity to love and serve people in practical ways. Whether it's helping a family during a time of loss, offering affordable school uniforms, or simply sharing a kind word or prayer with a shopper, we want every moment in the store to reflect the heart of Christ.

How You Can Help Right Now

Pray - Ask God to give us wisdom, volunteers, God's favor in securing the location and many other details, and to prepare the hearts of those who will serve and be served.

Hold On to Donations - If you're planning a clean-out, please hang on to valuable, gently-used items to donate this fall.

Consider Volunteering - From sorting, to organizing, staging, online sales, and using a cash register, this store will need many willing hands. As we prepare to launch, anyone with skillsets in business plans or working retail may have other wisdom and experience to contribute to our shared vision.

There is no other Christian resale store in our area, and we believe our community will rally around a place where every purchase has a purpose. Every dollar will go right back into helping our neighbors. We're not just opening a store, we're opening another ministry opportunity. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being part of what God is building through Stillwater!

Blessings,

Mark Your Calendars!

- Mondays - Food Pantry, 9-11am
- Tuesdays - Prayer Team Meeting, 6pm, Sanctuary
- Thursdays - VIBE Ministry, 6pm, Sanctuary
- Aug. 1 - Port City District Youth Day, 9:15am-4:30pm, Stillwater Church
- Aug. 3 - Back to School Sunday
- Aug. 7 - Nurture Team Meeting, 10am, Choir Room
- Aug. 10 - Baby Shower for Liz Oglesby, 2-4pm, Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 15 - Club 345, 6-8pm
- Aug. 16 - Emmaus Bi-Monthly Gathering, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 17 - Missions Team Meeting, 12pm, Fellowship Hall
- Aug. 19 - By His Grace (Widows Helping Widows) Meeting, 10am, Choir Room
- Aug. 31 - Stillwater Emmaus Reunion/Potluck Lunch, 12pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 3 - Wednesday Night Dinner and Program begins, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 3 - Choir Practice resumes, 7:30pm, Choir Room
- Sept. 7 - Men's Breakfast, 7am, Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 9 - Tuesday Adult Small Group starts, 10am, Choir Room
- Sept. 21 - Stillwater Church 70th Anniversary Celebration, 10am Combined Worship followed by lunch

August Sermon Series "Fighting For Your Family"

Family is a gift from God - but it doesn't come without a fight. In a world full of pressure, pain, and spiritual attack, how do we stand strong for the people we love? Join us for this 5-week series as we discover how to fight for our families with prayer, purpose, and God's power. Whether you're a parent, spouse, grandparent, or just longing for stronger relationships, this series will equip you to love fiercely and stand firm in God's truth.



- Aug 3 "Fighting for Peace: Communicating Through Conflict" Ephesians 4:29-32
- Aug 10 "Fighting in Prayer: Winning Battles on Our Knees" Ephesians 6:10-18
- Aug 17 "Fighting Like a Father: Leading with Strength and Compassion" Joshua 24:14-15
- Aug 24 "Fighting Like a Mother: Fierce Love and Nurturing Faith" 2 Timothy 1:3-7
- Aug 31 "Fighting Financial Stress Together" Luke 14:28-30



Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

On Sept. 3, Wednesday night dinner and program begins. We will have programs for all ages from nursery through adults. We also need cooks to prepare the meals. Contact the church office at info@stillwaterchurch.com if you or your small group would like to coordinate a meal.

Discover Stillwater Church Class

In August, Pastor Mike will begin a new 4-week Discover Stillwater Church class for those who wish to learn more about serving and study opportunities or are considering membership in the church. The class takes place at 9:30am on Sunday mornings in Pastor Mike's office. Contact the church office at info@stillwaterchurch.com for more information.

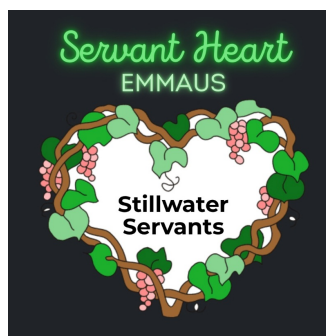


Nurture Team Meeting, Aug. 7

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 Aug. 7, at 10am, in the Choir Room.

Stillwater Emmaus Events

In the month of August, we have two Emmaus events at Stillwater. On Saturday, August 16, at 6pm, Servant Heart Emmaus will be hosting their bi-monthly gathering at Stillwater Church. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and worship with others in the Emmaus community. If you are planning to attend, please bring a covered dish for our dinner and your Emmaus worship book. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion together and hear from our 4th Day speaker, who will be from our Stillwater family.



Calling all Stillwater Emmaus & Chrysalis walkers! On Sunday, August 31, you are invited to a potluck lunch gathering right after church! So many of us have gone through the Walk to Emmaus, we should get together for a group reunion! If you would like to attend, please send an email to laurianne@stillwaterchurch.com.



Church Directory Pictures

Stillwater is making a new church directory with photos to help celebrate our 70th anniversary later this year! If you missed having your picture taken at the church and are interested in having your/your family's picture in the directory, you may email a picture to kim@stillwaterchurch.com.

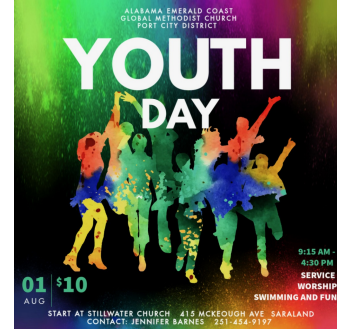
Student Ministry Update

Port City District Youth Day - On Friday, Aug. 1, 9:15am-4:30pm, Stillwater Church is hosting youth groups from other district Global Methodist churches! There will be large group games, a community

service project, swimming at the Chickasaw City Pool, lunch, worship, Bible studies, and commissioning for the new school year. Cost is \$10 for food. Contact Trae at trae@stillwaterchurch.com or Travis at travis@stillwaterchurch.com if your student plans to attend.

August 3 Student Gathering - This Sunday's student gathering at the church, 4-6pm, will be a night of youth worship, with Travis helping to lead!

Student Ministry Leaders - Travis will soon be starting a youth band, and all students who know an instrument (any instrument) can contact him if they would like to be a part of it. The band will play primarily at student gathering. Also, Pastor Mike will be starting training for student Prayer Ministers, who will be trained to pray for other students who come forward on Sunday mornings or during student gathering. Students wanting to learn about Prayer Minister training should contact Pastor Mike.



Kids Korner

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 3

We will have a time for blessing our school bags during both services on Sunday. Students of all ages, teachers, administrators and parents will be invited to bring their school bags to the front for a special time of prayer.

CLUB 345

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
6-8 PM

All rising 3rd - 5th Graders are welcome!
We will have dinner together, share in a devotion and have lots of fun! Friends are always welcome!

Mission Team August Focus: Backpack Ministry



It's that time of year again - when we start getting ready to meet some of the needs of our school children in the community. Backpack Time! Everyone is encouraged to get involved in this program. We will be starting our 14th year and will need all of your help.

How can you participate? First, and most importantly, you can help by keeping the Backpack Ministry in your prayers: pray for the students who receive the food, for the continued ability and resources to serve, and for the volunteers working in this ministry. Second, you can be a volunteer! You can purchase supplies, pack the bags, or deliver the bags. We deliver to the three area Saraland schools and usually pack and deliver about 50 bags. No experience is necessary. You will be partnered for the first time with someone that has done it before. This usually takes about 1.5 hours to pack once a week. Lastly, you can help through donations. You can donate any of the items listed below or give a monetary donation straight to the Backpack Ministry.

All hands are needed, all are welcome, and you will be blessed. The list below is also available at the Welcome Desk along with sign-up sheets to participate. Thank you for your continued support as we live out our mission...People Helping People Love and Serve Jesus!

Backpack Needs:

Ravioli Cans (pop top is best)
Vienna Sausage
Capri Suns/Juice Boxes
Cheese Crackers (nothing with peanut butter or nuts)
Fruit Cups
Pudding Cups
Soup Cans (pop top is best)
Soup Cups
Jerky Sticks
Individual Mac & Cheese
Breakfast Bars
Small Packs of Cookies
Small Boxes of Raisins
Grits Packets
Oatmeal Packets
Ramen Noodles
Pop Tarts
Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna
Please, No Nut Products



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.

August Birthdays

08/01 Abbie Hopper
08/04 Dale Blackburn, Kaitlyn McCann, Lenzie Overton
08/06 Kenny Keasler
08/07 Joan Jennings, Joy Lyons, Nathan Pope
08/09 Drew Nix
08/10 Kathleen Armour, Fisher Davis
08/12 Guy Mead
08/13 Cate Gervais, Linda Pfeiffer
08/14 Mike Hoppe, Hannah Leveritt
08/15 Joshua Crownover, Preston Feaster, Kelley Harrison
08/16 Terry Hopper
08/19 Stephen Pope
08/20 Nick Shamp, Sr.
08/21 Britney Pearce
08/22 Mike Davis, Taylor Harrison, Joey Simison
08/23 Jacob Sherrer
08/25 Phill Messer
08/26 Charles Martin, Lisa Short
08/27 Roy Ellis, Judy Gardner
08/28 Tanya Bonvillain, Peter Kim
08/29 Janette Platt, Robert White
08/30 Jeannine Allen
08/31 Marissa Ellis, Rebecca Johnson



Monthly Financial & Attendance Update

	Attendance		General	Capital
	In-Person	Online	Fund	Fund
July 6	164	39	\$12,557	\$1,324
July 13	209	66	\$9,974	\$0
July 20	176	49	\$6,561	\$0
July 27	178	49	\$8,054	\$50

Joys and Concerns

THANK YOU TO...

~ Everyone who helped make the July 6 Family Day a success!

SYMPATHY TO...

~ David Welch and family on the passing of his father, Thomas Welch.

Baby Shower for Liz Oglesby



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

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