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MEET THE FAMILY

Doug and Tammy Switzer



For over 40 years Doug and Tammy Switzer have served the Lord, teaching Sunday School, coordinating Children's Church, helping with disaster relief and laboring on mission trips at home and abroad. Doug has also served as a deacon.

Tammy is from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was raised in a faithful Christian home and surrendered to Christ at

the age of 12. Doug prayed at home for salvation six months after meeting Tammy at a roller rink in 1980. They were married in 1983. Now they live in Harrison County, where they raised a family of three children who have produced four grandchildren.

After retiring from Toyota, Doug joined Premise Health and manages three health clinics. Tammy is a nurse employed by the same company. They joined BBC in January 2018 and rejoice in the solid preaching of God's Word, a multitude of areas in which to serve Christ, expressions of love from the members and a passion for the lost, including a focus on missions.

Jami Huling and Hunter



Jami and her son moved to Georgetown from Missouri to be closer to her family in Kentucky and Ohio. She is originally from Ohio; Hunter was born in Georgia. He has an older brother, Colt (18—Hunter is 17) who plans to move here in the near future.

Both mother and son were saved at age five—Hunter made sure of his salvation at a church camp when he was 14.

Jami works at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute as an administrative assistant in the export department. Hunter currently works at Napa Auto Parts in Georgetown.

They joined us after months of online research to find a good Bible-believing church relatively close to their family.

Alec Anderson-Neff



Born in Owensboro, KY, Alec was raised in Versailles and lives in Lexington. He was twelve when he received Christ as his Savior, and is employed as a newly minted Georgetown police officer.

Audrey Clemons (daughter of Jason Clemons and sister to McKenna and Olivia) invited Alec to attend our church when they began dating. Now he is a member here and she is his fiancé! They plan to marry next year.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Reaching the World

Since the beginning of September we have put an emphasis on Harvest Partners. Many of you have been asked by staff members, deacons, or faithful lay-leaders within the church to go out with them to intentionally share your faith. This is a rich and rewarding experience that grows your faith in God and your fellowship one with another.

We do this in the Fall, because it serves as a wonderful reminder as we head into the seasons of Thanksgiving and gift giving that our salvation is the primary reason for each of those seasons.

We also emphasize at this time our efforts in World Evangelism. Some of you are making use of the 2023 Missionary Prayer booklet to pray daily for a missionary family.

God tells us that our responsibility as a church is to function as if the whole duty of evangelizing the world rests on us. Thankfully there are thousands of other likeminded churches who are engaged in reaching the world for Christ, but we must act as if the Gospel depends upon us alone.

As a church we support 20 missionary families, one widow on the field, and two national pastors serving under supported missionaries. These families span the globe. In Central and South America we are represented by 8 church plants, in Europe 8, in Africa 3, in Asia/Australia 4. The reality is that the sun never sets on our impact through praying and giving.

This year, to support these 23 different works, we have committed ourselves to give almost \$60,000. This money does not come from our General Fund—that giving (your tithes) supports the administration, operation, and ministry of our local assembly. The additional \$60,000 to support missionary outreach comes from our interest in giving beyond tithing, by faith in God's grace to enable us to do so. That's why we call it Grace Giving or Faith Promise Giving. My preference is Grace Giving, because it speaks of us emulating God's gracious giving nature.

If you have never attempted to go beyond your tithe for a worthy cause, I believe there is none more noble than financially supporting those who have willingly sacrificed earthly goods to go to distant lands and share the Light and Life found only in Jesus Christ. Perhaps as we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, you would consider giving monthly to support this biblical endeavor!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Uplifted and Refreshed!



Earlier this month we enjoyed a great time of revival with evangelist David Sommerdorf, a Marine veteran and a minister of the gospel. In 2000, he and his wife Debra, along with their six children, began traveling America, ministering the Word of God and reminding people to thank God for the freedoms they enjoy. He is a long-time friend of our church and his messages to us are always timely, uplifting and refreshing.

ForeRunners

By Keith Seaman

Our Singles ministry reaches college-age and career singles. We meet in our own Sunday school class each Sunday evening at 5.00 PM and also enjoy numerous excursions and activities that include a Monday night dinner and book study for about eight weeks every summer. This year, we welcomed several high school graduates (Ethan Graham, Hannah Kim and Corbin Foster) to our fellowship and also had two engagements—Abigail Seaman and Chase Swanson, and Audrey Clemons and Alec Neff.



A fun aspect of our LifeStage is celebrating when our singles get engaged and later marry. In June we celebrated the wedding of Melanie (Lindner) and Dylan Engle. And, yes, marriage is how our singles transition from the Forerunners LifeStage! For more information, visit our website at www.racewithpatience.com

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GREAT REVIVALS

A Continuing Series

THE FOURTH GREAT AWAKENING

The last general spiritual awakening in America is thought by some to have taken place in the era immediately following World War 2. Others place it in the 1960s and early 1970s, but there is little agreement on the dates or even if an “awakening” happened at all. The consensus seems to be that any revival in America’s spiritual life was not equivalent to the first three awakenings.

Major rifts in Western Christianity became evident with the proliferation of ideas that promoted a theory of progressive social evolution, directly refuting the Christian doctrine of original sin and the irreparable corruption of the human soul. Various denominations began to promote a “social gospel” to bring about societal changes thought necessary to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. At the same time, scholars questioned the historical accuracy and authority of Scripture.

The most notable spiritual developments of the post-war era in America were the hippy churches and other independent evangelical churches that sprang up during the turbulent 1960s, followed by the appearance of megachurches, a “seeker-sensitive” gospel and the so-called “prosperity gospel.” Mainline Protestant churches saw a rapid decline in attendance and influence.

Christian fundamentalism was a counter movement to the decline of Protestant denominations and their theology. Theological modernism sought to accommodate 20th Century scientific thinking, including the “Big Bang” theory of creation and the biological evolution theory. Such direct challenges to Christian doctrine and biblical interpretation led to a Fundamentalist reaffirmation of core Christian beliefs that included the historical accuracy and inerrancy of the Bible, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and Christ’s Virgin Birth, Atonement and Resurrection. There was also a renewed emphasis on personal evangelism.

Spiritual decline was anticipated in Jesus’ warning that there would be a falling away in the last days (Matthew 24:12). However, it is also true that in less traditional Christian areas, particularly the Middle East and Asia, a “great awakening” has been evident for some time through vibrant dissemination of the Gospel amongst anonymous Christian communities whose existence and devotion to Christ is mainly recorded in heaven.