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MEET THE FAMILY

Zach and Sarah Kirchner

Zach and Sarah joined our staff in January 2021, just a few weeks after they were married. Both were saved as young children and the Lord worked to equip them for His service—their parents all served in some ministry role, setting the stage for their future.

One way God prepared Sarah when she was a teenager, was the passing of her mother, Julie, who was diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer and passed away within a year. Sarah's father was left to raise her and four younger siblings. But the family remained faithful to God and God proved faithful to them through those difficult times. In the years since their arrival in Georgetown, Zach and Sarah have been joined by two girls, Madelyn and Zoe. Sarah had taught elementary school and music lessons and loves teaching and discipling her young children. In 2023, Zach was ordained into the ministry and began seminary training, including biblical counseling.

Since the arrival of Sarah's sister and brother-in-law, Abbie and Joe Rincon, Zach has handed over the direction of the youth group to Joe while he and Sarah enter a new role as leaders of biblical counseling and discipleship—an area that is not new to them since they counseled teenagers at The Wilds Christian Camp in North Carolina for several years. Zach has also taken over the leadership of Adult Sunday School, the Faithful Men ministry, and will soon assume responsibility for direction of our Lifestages.





Billy and Kathy Marshall

Billy and Kathy have been faithful members since the earliest days of our church. Their quiet, steady presence has been a blessing to the many who have followed them as members since those early days.

Billy's home was in Lexington where he was saved at 13 but waited until 2007 to fully dedicate his life to Christ. Kathy was 8 when she prayed for salvation at home after attending a revival at her church in Monticello,

Kentucky. As a young adult she was working a checkout line at a local grocery store when a young plumber's assistant came in to buy a snack for lunch. He returned the next day. And the next. They were married six months later.

Now with two daughters and four grandchildren, the Marshall's consider their church to be an extended family where the joy of fellowship and feasting on Bible-centered preaching is a central feature of their lives. Kathy serves in the nursery, as a Sunday School teacher, and as the church secretary, producing the weekly church bulletin and prayer list among her many other duties. Billy is a trustee of our church, and works on the security detail.

Brian and Stacy Watson

Brian and Stacy married and moved to Georgetown in 2002. After finding a house, they started looking for a good church. It took them five years to find Bluegrass!

"We tried several different places, but we couldn't find a church that seemed wholly committed to the Bible," Brian explained. "Then one day a friend told us about a flyer on their door that announced a new church in Georgetown. We all went to that first service, including Kaylee, who was just a toddler then."



They have been coming back ever since! Kaylee, born in 2006, was not quite a year old when she attended her first service and has grown up with the church. Now she is thinking about a career in banking after a year in college.

Stacy has watched her daughter grow steadily in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and rejoices in the spiritual nurturing she has received here: “Our good friends and good memories are all here. Bluegrass is more than a place where we meet several times a week: it’s family; an extension of our home.”

PERSPECTIVE

HEADING INTO THE HARVEST SEASON

As the end of summer approaches and we head into the harvest season for apples, pumpkins, corn, and root vegetables, there’s another kind of harvest we should be thinking about. The days are growing cooler, but not too cold; shorter, but not too short; and everybody is back home from their summer holidays—it’s the prime season for neighborhood evangelism and Gospel Blitz!

To make the most of these auspicious days, plan to join one of our LifeStage blitzes on September 6 in Georgetown, September 20 in Lexington, October 4 in Georgetown or October 18 in Lexington. 30 moms, dads and children have already shown the way by blitzing three different neighborhoods on August 2!

Or come out on a Tuesday night and experience the joy of making personal contact with neighbors in our community and sharing the Gospel. If you’ve never done it before you can simply be a prayerful supporter as you watch one of our veterans do it. Bearing the light of Christ to others in this way will broaden your perspective on what it means to be a Christian!

WHAT’S HAPPENING!

A NEW CHURCH TRACT!

We have a lot of literature available to support our outreach activities and now we have a new addition—the tract you see here.

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHRISTIAN

- 1 Admit that you're not perfect.** The Bible puts it this way: *All have sinned and come short of the glory [the perfection] of God.* (Romans 3:23)
- 2 Know the cost of separation from God:** *The wages of sin is death.* (Romans 6:23a) Every sign of your imperfection, every sin, moves you further from God towards a place of eternal separation.
- 3 Know the joyful alternative:** *But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Romans 6:23b). You don't deserve it. You can't work for it. It's a gift from God who loves you and paid your sin debt through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- 4 Ask for it!** Jesus came back to life by His own power to prove that the gift He offers is real. You can never do enough to pay for what Jesus did, but you can accept His gift. *Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved* (Romans 10:13)

Why Wait?

The Bible has a lot more to say about a joyful relationship with Jesus, your new Best Friend, but without taking the first steps it is impossible. Do it now!

If you have questions, please call or visit us any Sunday. We are a church of believers who have met the risen Jesus Christ and whose lives are being transformed by Him.

Service times at 10:45 AM and 5:00 PM.
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Follow the link to find out more:




It's printed as a two-sided card designed to be easily carried in your pocket or purse for handing to strangers wherever you encounter them. The message is simple and easy to understand, and there is a handy additional feature of a link accessed by pointing your phone camera at it. The link goes directly to a more detailed explanation of the Gospel, accompanied by a short video. Grab a few when next you're at church!

Baby Celebrates Official Birth Day in Church!

We have so many babies born in our church family that our newsletter doesn't usually note the births. Malik Garcia, first child and son of Joe and Bekah, is different—he was born six weeks early and spent his first month in hospital. Two weeks after being released from NICU, on August 17, 2025, Malik's official due date, he came to church with proud mom and dad!



Forerunners Celebrate



A summer book study (right) culminated in a movie night (left) about the life of C.S. Lewis, whose “Mere Christianity” they had been reading. Led by Keith and Erin Seaman, the group is for singles preparing to launch out on new life adventures.

Second Amendment Day



One man's armory



Instruction about the rules of the firing range

It's a once-a-year time for target practice, safety instruction, and father-son fun. This year was no different, as firearms of all shapes and sizes and fathers and sons of all sizes blasted away to test their marksmanship and proper gun etiquette under the watchful eyes of seasoned instructors from our church family.

ENCOUNTERS: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

*Here we share anecdotes from or about church members, telling their experiences (inspirational, amusing, or sad) as Christians living in a world that is indifferent or hostile to the Gospel and Christian values in general. This month **Brenda Graham** shares her insights about **How to Love Your Husband**.*

I've learned a few things in over 50 years of marriage to Bob Graham. I first had to understand and accept God's definition of love, which is drastically different from what the world tells us. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a presents a complete guideline, indicating that love is not so much an emotion as an act of will. It requires a conscious decision each day to love your husband, by choosing first to love God, by daily studying His Word, and by loving others as you love yourself (Mark 12:31). I'm still working on it! Here are some practical steps to loving your husband:

1. Pray for him: to have strength and peace in the Lord; to be used of God; and to have the wife he needs.
2. Show him acts of kindness! Be creative. Look for ways to be kind.
3. Communicate with him! Sit and talk about what God is showing you in your devotions. Listen to what God is doing in his life.
4. Forgive and Forget! Women struggle to forget. The devil is happy to help us remember every detail. Every. Single. Word. Every. Single. Argument. Bob and I finally reached a point in our marriage, around year 20, when we looked at each other during an argument and burst out laughing. We realized how fruitless and petty these arguments were for two people on the same team.
5. Don't depend on your husband to make you happy! It's not his responsibility. True happiness comes from your own relationship with the Lord.
6. Be a helpmate to your husband! Be protective of him! God made us for this role (Gen. 2:18). Enjoy activities together; work on projects together.
7. Respect your husband! Don't nag him, but instead look for ways to praise him and thank him.
8. Remember your marriage vows!

In a nutshell, loving your husband takes daily work, dedication, and perseverance! Love is a choice, not a feeling!

BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*In this section we answer questions about Bible doctrines or texts or Church life or Christian life in general. If you have a question that you think may prompt an answer helpful to yourself and to the church family in general, please let us know. This month **Pastor Zach Kirchner** answers a question about **the importance of biblical counsel** as he introduces his new ministry responsibility.*

Sometimes I just want to be a baby or toddler again because, in the grand scheme of life, not getting food fast enough or scraping a knee or elbow are not major problems. As we grow older, however, the issues become more meaningful. There are relationship difficulties between spouses, or between parents and children; there are traumas or regrets; we face financial challenges, perhaps an undesirable medical diagnosis, injustices, and more. For even the most mature believer, there are times like these when biblical counsel is useful. Proverbs 11:14 goes so far as to declare that asking for and heeding biblical counsel brings deliverance.

So let's address the question: how can biblical counsel help you? The answer is that counsel based on Scripture is sufficient for any problem we may face. The Apostle Paul wrote to a young man lacking confidence in the Lord and reminded him that Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for doctrine (teaching), reproof (conviction), correction, and instruction in righteousness to make a man mature in the Lord (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Similarly, Peter wrote to believers enduring severe persecution and declared that God gives us grace, peace, and all that we need for salvation and sanctification through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (2 Pet 1:2–3). *God's Word is sufficient to help us with any problem we may face in life!* What a beautiful promise! Not every problem will be a simple fix, but Scripture can help us take simple steps to successfully handle the challenges we face.

First Corinthians 10:13 provides several more reasons why biblical counsel can help you. We are first assured that the difficulties and temptations we encounter are not unique to us. While our problems may be packaged differently, men and women throughout history have faced the same difficulties and temptations that we face today. We are not alone! The second promise we see is that God is faithful. He does not (and will not) desert his children, or go on vacation, and he never leaves us to our own devices! The specific promise in this passage is that God's faithfulness will not allow us to be tempted and tried more than we are able to bear. His omniscience and omnipotence faithfully shine through like beacons in a dark night because God knows the limit of difficulty we can handle, and He restrains the trial or temptation from broaching that limit. Finally, we are promised that with every temptation or trial, God has made a way to escape so we can bear it. What a great comfort it is that *there is no trial that is destined to totally overwhelm the believer.*

No matter what you have been through, God provides help to you through his perfect Word. Whether surrendering to your own sinful flesh has brought on challenges, or you have been a victim of someone sinning against you, there is nothing too difficult for the Lord to repair. The Psalms are notable for their raw emotion and pleading with God, illustrating that difficulties in life are not new or unique. God knows our struggles, and He hears us when we cry for help. Christ suffered just like we do so that he could be our Perfect High Priest.

You may be an unbeliever, a very young Christian, or a mature believer, but counsel from the Word of God remains a need for each of us at any stage of life or degree of sanctification. God has tasked every believer with the responsibility to bear the burdens of others and to restore those who need restoration (Galatians 6:1). He also gives some believers a strong desire to help people be restored or encouraged. So don't be afraid to ask for help — it's why we're here!