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MEET THE FAMILY

Shane and Erica Colvin

Shane and Erica came to Bluegrass Baptist in 2014 following an invitation from Jamie Davidson who works with Shane at Toyota. They had sought the Lord following the premature birth of twins Noah and Kaylyn (now 11 years old), who were given a 10 percent chance of survival.

"I knew then that I needed to get serious with God! I surrendered to Him because I wanted my children to live and grow up in a Christian home," says Shane.

Erica grew up going to Church with her mother and grandmother, and later attended Georgetown College. She knew she wanted to go to heaven, "but nobody ever explained to me how to get saved!"

Shortly after visiting Bluegrass for the first time, she heard the Gospel message at supper with Pastor Kyle and Jessica Fannin, and invited Jesus into her life.

Shane serves in a variety of ministries at Bluegrass including audio/video, security, and ushering. Erica helps with the little ones in the nursery and teaches Sunday school alongside Shane.

"From the time we first visited here we knew this was home. I'm so grateful that the Lord chose to put us in this church," says Shane.



Harry and Karen Morgan



Both grew up in a small town in southeastern Ohio and became high school sweethearts. Harry played all the sports and Karen was a cheerleader. They were married in 1967, celebrating their 58th anniversary July 2021.

Their two sons and four grandchildren live in Lexington.

Karen grew up in the Methodist Church and received Jesus as her Savior at the age of 23. Harry was unchurched but prayed for salvation a few weeks after Karen. They moved from Ohio to Ashland, KY in 1991 and relocated to Georgetown in 2001 when Harry took a job at Georgetown Community Hospital in

the anesthesia department. He had started his working career as a Navy corpsman/medic and later completed anesthesia school after receiving his RN degree. Karen was a stay-at-home mom.

The couple joined Bluegrass after someone knocked on their door and invited them to church. First they listened to online sermons, then visited, and rejoiced that God had answered their prayer to find a church that preached the uncompromising word of God.

Curtis and Keisha Spence

Both are from Paintsville, Kentucky. Curtis was saved in 1994 at Beechwall United Baptist Church and Keisha was saved in 1991 at Eastside Freewill Baptist Church.

They met during their freshman year at Johnson Central High School in 1994 and reconnected in April in 2006 when Curtis finished his enlistment in the Air Force. Keisha had recently moved to Cynthiana to be near her mother. They married in 2007 and now have one daughter and one precious granddaughter in Heaven.

Curtis is a team leader in assembly at Toyota and Keisha is a receptionist at Georgetown Pediatrics. They moved in December of 2024 to Georgetown from Cynthiana to be closer to work and were both invited by coworkers to visit Bluegrass.

“We felt very welcome the moment we arrived. We love how the teaching and sermons focus on the Bible. We believe Bluegrass is an excellent place to grow our faith and provide opportunities to serve.”



PERSPECTIVE

DYING FOR FAITH AND FREE SPEECH

Pastor Fannin comments on the Assassination of Charlie Kirk

September 11, 2001, was a day that I remember because I worked for the Pentagon and was directly impacted by the immediate chaos surrounding that event. It was life-transforming for me because of the immediacy and intimacy of that lived experience.

I was reminded again on September 10, 2025, just how profoundly personal connections to tragic events can impact our lives. The murder of Charlie Kirk was, for the younger generations in modern America, an event that will shape their thinking and outlook on life. Those who lived through the 1960s speak of knowing where they were and what they were doing when they heard of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or Robert Kennedy’s assassinations. Each was killed by a madman who hated them for their politics or their beliefs.

Dying for faith is what makes a martyr. Charlie Kirk died engaging the world, driven by his personal faith in Christ, while employing his freedom to speak in public debate.

There are slight differences between his murder and the Christian martyrs in the Bible, but only marginally. James, the brother of John, was killed solely for his allegiance and faith in Christ (Acts 12). Stephen (Acts 7) died preaching directly to a spiritually dead religious crowd who hated him and his message.

John the Baptist (Mark 6) was beheaded because a half-drunken Herod made a promise to the daughter of a guilt-ridden, hate-filled Herodias, who wanted the prophet of God dead.

I did not know Charlie Kirk, but I have observed much about him, and what is evident is that God greatly used him to drive home truth, objectivity, and genuine Christian values on college campuses, where few are willing or able to make an impact. It seems, for that reason, a deranged young man took his life. While his conversations that day did not solely focus on God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ, they were of a spiritual nature, driving whoever was in discussion with him back to that individual's internal decision-making. That is the essence of free speech: the freedom to speak openly about what you believe, and to interact and engage with others about what they believe.

Much of the trappings of the Turning Point approach on college campuses is to get people who disagree to agree to debate and engage in dialogue.

It was for faith and free speech that Charlie Kirk was killed, and as I understand his life, that is how he would have wanted it known.

That is the heart of the Great Commission. As a church, we focus primarily on the faith element. That is the Great Commission. The questions we should ask ourselves are two-fold.

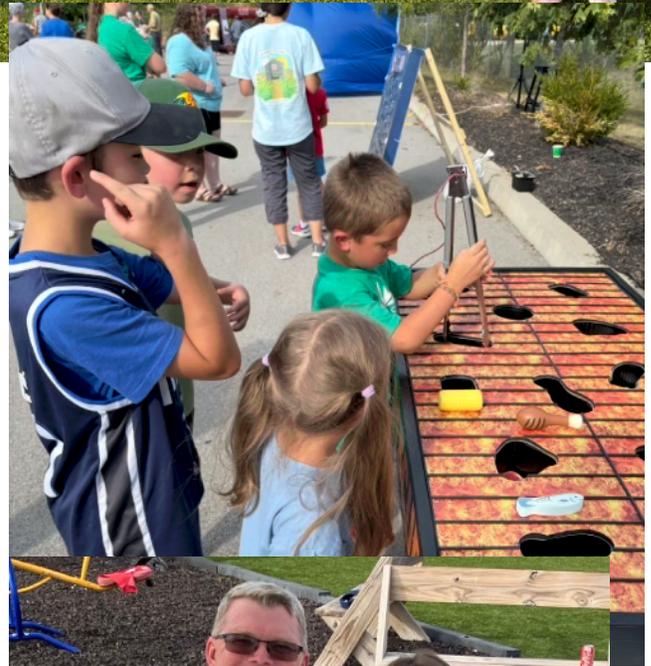
1. Are we willing to risk our comfort, our wealth, or even our lives to share our faith in Christ and the fundamentals of Bible truth to others?
2. Do you?

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A GREAT DAY OF FUN AND GAMES!

The weather was sunny and bright, the games were hilarious and challenging, the food was tasty and plentiful, and everybody (many bodies, young and old!) had a great time. At the end of the day, points earned by two competing teams were tallied and Adults beat Kids by a whisker.

If you missed the Games this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next year!



LADIES EAT OUT

The ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Bell House Restaurant in Shelbyville. The food was good, accompanied by lots of conversation and laughter! A special treat was to notice the scriptures etched onto the wall by a previous owner. Our next Women for Christ study is at the church on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30. All ladies are invited to attend.



“A MONSTER THAT NEVER BREATHES” CAME TO VISIT



A rental electric organ came to stay for a month and was an immediate hit! Five of our in-house organists welcomed it (picture at left) and soon the whole congregation experienced it —and the general consensus has been that we like organ music!

Pastor Zach Kirchner explains why an organ is so pleasing to the ear.

The allotted time for which we agreed to rent an organ has quickly come and gone. Over the five Sundays we utilized it, many of you made the following statements:

- “The organ made it easier to sing.”
- “It made the room feel full.”
- “The organ is powerful.”
- “The church I grew up in had an organ, and I’m glad to hear it again.”
- “It was like listening to a full orchestra!”
- “I can’t really describe it, but it just felt big!”

I agree with these assessments! But why does it feel easier to sing when the organ is playing? The central reason is that *an organ operates identically to the human voice*. When we talk or sing, we are moving air over or through a series of “agitators” (i.e., our vocal cords), which creates a pitch. The volume of the pitch can be increased and decreased based on the amount of airflow across the agitators and the openness of our resonator (i.e., our mouth). Similarly, a pipe organ produces sound by moving air through the instrument, and the pitch can be altered depending on which agitators the air hits. Also, like the human voice, the volume of the organ’s sound is dependent on the amount of airflow across the “agitators” as well as the openness of the resonators (pipes). Modern-day electronic organs are merely recordings of real pipe organs, which allows us to experience the same benefits as if we were listening and singing along to a massive pipe organ!

The second reason it’s easier to sing when an organ is assisting is that *the organ produces a continuous and unwavering pitch*. In contrast to a percussion instrument (e.g., piano), where the tone that is struck immediately begins to evaporate, an air-based pipe organ can project a tone as long as air is moving through it (for an electronic organ, this is as long as the key is depressed). Igor Stravinsky, a Russian musician in the modern era, famously referred to the organ as “the monster that never breathes.” What a description! Just as it is easier for us to sing when the choir is singing with us, the organ creates a support for the whole congregation by sturdily emitting the tone for which our ears are listening.

As we look toward building on our other property, we’d like to have an organ in the new building because of its many benefits and the additional music it allows us to enjoy! The price of the one we rented is about \$70,000. The owner graciously proposed selling it to us for closer to \$60,000, but that’s still a large amount. If you enjoyed what the organ added to our worship in song, and if you would like to help us purchase one, please feel free to give accordingly!

P.S. Just imagine hearing it at Christmas!

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's contribution flows from our encouragement to members to interact with others in our community, sharing the light of the Gospel wherever we go. In addition to the daily informal opportunities that occur as we mix with friends, family or work colleagues, organized outreach activities are also available in the form of door-to-door neighborhood evangelism and Gospel Blitz distribution of door-hangers. For several years, **Liam Stewart**, a 15-year-old teenager, has been a regular participant in neighborhood evangelism, where he recently had the opportunity to partner with his dad, Blake Stewart. Here are his thoughts.*

It's so encouraging to see my father—who has a very heavy workload—make time to participate in neighborhood evangelism, though he is tired after long hours at the office. It's because he understands how important it is to submit to God's will in his life, and I'm blessed by his example of godly leadership and initiative. The best part of it all is knowing that we can share something that pleases the Lord and together we can be used by the Lord!

As my dad and I talk to people, I see him being genuine about his relationship with Christ and going out of his way to show Christ to others. That's how we should be in our Christian Walk even if it means going out of our way to show the light of God.

The last time we went together, my dad and I had some great interactions with others, and then as we approached the last house, it started pouring rain. We finished talking to a man on his doorstep and sprinted back to our vehicle, getting drenched and laughing all the way—reminding me again what my priorities should be as I try to grow into a godly man and live for the Lord.

(Next Month, Blake Stewart writes about what it's like to share neighborhood evangelism with his son).

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** addresses the subject of learning to be quiet in an increasingly noisy world.*

“Hold your peace!” “Curb your tongue!” “Hush!” While the more inflammatory “shut up!” may be more familiar to some today, an admonition to be silent might be just the advice we need to hear.

It seems that everyone has an opinion on everything! Even when we don’t wish to hear someone’s opinion, we often hear it anyway. Political and sports talk shows, podcasts, streamers and influencers flood the atmosphere with words, and it seems we cannot get a break from the noise and incessant distractions.

Combatting such needless talk is the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, which *frequently commends silence*. Consider these ten truths from Proverbs (and the last quote from Ecclesiastes) regarding the superiority of silence:

1. A fool gives his opinion on a matter before he gets all the facts (18:13).
2. A fool cannot help but speak everything in his mind (14:33 and 29:11a).
3. The one who speaks hastily has less hope than does a fool (29:20).
4. A person who speaks without end will often sin (10:19a).
5. A person who keeps his mouth closed is thought to be a person of understanding (17:28b).
6. A fool who is quiet is considered to be wise (17:28a).
7. A wise man waits to speak until people have made their peace (29:11b).
8. A knowledgeable person uses few words (17:27).
9. A wise man restrains his words (10:19b).
10. A man who knows and fears God limits his words (Ecclesiastes 5:2).

An excellent takeaway from these passages is provided by the Apostle James: “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, *let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath*” (James 1:19; emphasis mine). It means that our default reaction should be to not talk! Rather, we ought to wait and gather all the facts about a given circumstance before opining. We ought to hold our peace and keep opinions to ourselves. We should limit our words and let God be God.

The Bible offers two excellent examples in two Marys who pondered the things of God in their hearts, and sat quietly at the feet of their Savior, learning from Him and communing with Him (Luke 2:19 and 10:39).