



# SEEDS NEWSLETTER

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## MEET THE FAMILY

### Jamie & Min Young Davidson



Jamie and Min Young Davidson were married by Pastor Fannin in 2015 and are now the proud parents of three sons and a daughter, Jairus (8), Solomon (7), Silas (5) Lanie (4) Julia (2) and Haley (6 months).

Jamie's family moved from Corbin to Georgetown in 2000. After graduating from Scott County High School, he went to work at Toyota. He praises his godly dad for raising him in the knowledge of the Lord and playing a major role in Jamie receiving Jesus as his Savior at the age of

10. The next big milestone in his life was meeting his future wife on a blind date.

MinYoung was born and raised in Georgetown, attended Scott County High School and later graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. Her name comes from her Korean mother, who raised MinYoung as a Roman Catholic.

"I knew all about Jesus but was never taught how to fit Him into my life," she says. "When I attended church with Jamie for the first time in 2012 and heard the Gospel clearly presented, I gladly made room for Him!"

As their friendship blossomed, Jamie and MinYoung searched for a good church home and found Bluegrass, joining in 2014. Jamie began serving as a Deacon in January 2021. In addition to leading the Foundations Life Stage the couple are active in children's ministries.

## Juston & Jenny Hamm

They were both raised in godly homes and led to Christ by their parents—Jenny when she was eight years old and Juston a year later. She was born in Kentucky and lived first in Stamping Ground before moving with her parents to a farm in Cynthiana. He was born in Washington, Iowa and moved to Macomb, Illinois. Then in 2005, when he was 21 and she was 19, they met at Commonwealth Baptist Bible College in Lexington, KY.



Two years later they married, and after a brief stay in Illinois moved back to Kentucky where Juston is a manager for a lawn care company that “keeps farms looking nice”, in Jenny’s words, for “rich, fancy-pants horses.” She stays home, caring for and homeschooling their seven children, Nathan (17), Logan (15), Daniel (13), Andrew (11), Eli (9), Charlotte (6), and Silas (2).

Our church is an important part of their life. They enjoy the Christ-centered preaching and teaching, the focus on missions, and an atmosphere that encourages people to grow in their personal relationship with the Lord.

## Judy Wilbur



Judy and her husband Marty moved to Ashton Grove several years ago when their health weakened. Marty passed on there in 2024. They had been married for 65 years, moving to Georgetown from Michigan over 30 years ago when Marty was transferred by his employer, for whom he worked as a highly skilled machinist. With an adopted daughter and two granddaughters they found their way to Bluegrass Baptist Church in 2020, where they became enthusiastic and very helpful members. There wasn’t a thing that Marty could not fix, and nothing has ever dimmed Judy’s smile!

## PERSPECTIVE

### DISCIPLESHIP IS A WONDERFUL THING!

*By Jessica Fannin*

My favorite Pastor (!) recently preached a message entitled “Success for the Church”, from Paul’s letter to Titus. (If you missed it, I’ll include a link at the end of this article).

Part of the message addressed the subject of mentoring from Titus chapter 2 that presents a wonderful model for who should mentor, what should be taught in the mentoring process, and some things to avoid when mentoring others. Which brings me to my favorite way to mentor: Discipleship!

My first experience with discipleship was as a young, newly married, 20-something at our church in Virginia when I was handed a discipleship manual with the encouraging words: “We have a new member. She’s new to Christ and needs to be discipled. Go do it!”

Having never been formally discipled, I was nervous. But, with the manual in one hand and a Bible in the other, Kate and I made our way through the materials as I witnessed her growth in Christ, week by week. Soon she began inviting others to church. What surprised me most was that I was growing too!

Soon, Kate’s friend, Tracy, received Christ as her Savior and there was my new second disciple! Since then, over the past 17 years I’ve had the honor of coming alongside more than two dozen ladies and helping them grow and deepen their walk with Christ.

Here’s what keeps me coming back to mentoring others again and again:

It’s **Personal**: Discipleship is one-on-one. There are other churches that present “discipleship classes,” but we believe it is most effective one-on-one, or two-by-two. (Kyle and I have sometimes had the privilege of discipling couples together). In either case, keeping it very personal is our preference.

It’s **Practical**: Because it is personal, the lessons become intensely practical, meeting the specific needs of each disciple. Not everyone grows the same way in a walk with Christ, or at the same speed. Meeting one-on-one means spending a lot of quality time together and getting to know each other quite well, enabling practical and personal applications rather than sharing generic principles with a larger group.

It’s a great **Program**: The program we use at BBC is called **Sequoia**. I love it! The lessons are laid out in such a way that a strong foundation is laid for the disciple, and then building upon it. Every lesson is Bible-based, ensuring that the

teaching is true to Scripture while helping each disciple get acquainted with their own Bible—how it is laid out, where various books and verses are located—and most importantly, what God has to say on a variety of topics. As an added bonus, *Sequoia* personally benefits me! Isaiah 55:11 promises that God’s Word will not return empty, and I’ve found that true in my own life. Every time I go through the lessons I learn something new!

At our church we make it easy to be a disciple! If you have never been discipled and would like to grow in your knowledge and walk with the Lord, talk to Pastor Zach Kirchner and he will introduce you to someone who can teach you! You don’t have to be a new Christian. Anyone, young or old, saved a long time or just a few minutes, will benefit from discipleship.

For those who would like to disciple others, the requirement is not that you must be a “perfect” Christian! And you don’t need a complete knowledge of Greek and Hebrew! All you need is the desire to teach and a commitment to devote a few hours a week to studying each lesson and then sharing it with someone else. If you’re interested, talk to Pastor Zach Kirchner. He will provide you with a *Sequoia* teacher’s manual so that you can get started!

And, of course, if you have questions not answered in this article, please let me know. I am happy to help and encourage others to share the joy and fulfillment that comes from discipling.

[Follow this link to Pastor Kyle’s sermon on Success for the Church.](#)

## WHAT’S HAPPENING!

### Date Night at Church!



Three couples from the Navigators LifeStage enjoyed a fun way to fellowship while sharing their favorite foods with a “takeout date night” that featured Thai, Japanese and Mediterranean eats. Please note that Jason Preston did not come alone—Jolie is taking the picture!

### Widow’s Brunch

The Beginnings LifeStage hosted a Widow’s Brunch for our single ladies. It was a great time of sweet fellowship for all.



### Christian Comedy Causes Chuckles



...And the Horizons LifeStage got together to watch videos of Christian comics telling Bible stories with the title, “Thou Shalt Laugh.”

## Teen Winter Olympics!



Amazing ingenuity by the teen group led by Olympics coordinator Joe Rincon turned paper plates into ice skates, the auditorium carpet into a skating rink, pool noodles into hockey sticks and countries like Norway, Canada and Jamaica (?) into fierce competitors, with Jamaica (well known for its icy climate) as the final champions. Details about individual gold medals were unavailable at the time of going to press, while sources revealed ski jumping was cancelled due to insufficient life insurance coverage.



## ENCOUNTERS:

### LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

*Here we share anecdotes from church members, telling their experiences as Christians living in a world that is indifferent to the Gospel and Christian values in general. This month's contribution from **David Bridenbecker** tells the story of his journey from skepticism to self-righteousness until tragedy finally brought him to his knees and changed the course of his life.*

When I was a child, I attended the Episcopal Church and served as an altar boy. By the time I was a teenager there was not much church attending but I still said my prayers each night.

As a young man I lived a clean, moral life, occasionally drinking alcohol on weekends, never intentionally telling lies, never cheating or stealing. I was considered a good person. How could I not go to Heaven? (Clearly, I did not understand the great sin of self-righteousness!)

I married a young woman who got “saved” as a teenager and never went any further in her Christian walk. Soon our marriage was falling apart, until my brother-in-law told his sister that she needed to get right with God.

My wife began to attend church and our marriage improved, although I refused invitations to attend church with her. I didn’t need church, I thought, because I was not a sinner on my way to hell. But good guy that I was, I finally agreed to attend church on Sunday nights only, although I refused to participate in the service, did not sing, and sat with my arms crossed.

God, however, wields a nutcracker big enough for the biggest nut and got my attention one night when the message was about who would go to hell. This was the first crack that opened my ears! And then we learned we were going to have a baby, until we got the awful news that our child would be lost! This is when the Lord finally got my attention. I needed help to deal with the tragedy and at last turned to Jesus, receiving Him as my LORD and SAVIOR on April 10, 1988.

I wish this was the end of the story, but it’s not. Soon we heard that a second baby had arrived and then came the shock of an emergency surgery because the baby was growing outside of the womb, a rare and dangerous condition for the mother.

My wife had prayed for my salvation and offered her life for mine. The cost was not her life but the lives of two children we would have had together. I believe I will meet them in heaven someday. But the strain on our marriage of these events led eventually to a divorce.

The cost of my salvation was a price I did not want to pay, but as I look back now, I’m glad I did. Two years later, still mourning my loss, I met April! Now we have been together for 26 years, I have adopted her two daughters, and we’re part of a wonderful church family. The blessings of God we share are undeserved but greatly appreciated.

## 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 **Richard Dobson** explores the meaning of “the world” as it appears in Scripture.*

### “The World” is Incurable! (And it can be confusing)

The Bible teaches that “the world” is unredeemable and that Christians are not to love “the world, neither the things that are in the world” (I John 2:15). Yet John 3:16 declares, “...God so loved the world.”

Clearly, the term “world” has a range of meanings that may apply differently in different contexts. When addressing God’s love for the world, the reference is to humans. But when speaking against the world, the reference is to the material, fallen creation in its state of alienation from God and its domination by the evil forces of Satan, as seen in I John 5:19, where the whole world is described as lying in the power of the evil one.

The Apostle John uses the term “world” frequently in his Gospel and Epistles (more than 100 times in total). The original Greek word is “cosmos”, from which we get the word “cosmetic” which literally means an ornament, an arrangement, or a structure. In the Scriptural context “cosmos” is often used to refer to the material world order that is set in opposition to God. It is the world in this sense that is incurable or unredeemable.

The irreconcilable nature of the world with the message of the Gospel is vividly seen in John 15:18-19 where the Lord Jesus describes the world’s opposition to Himself as well as to His disciples, then and now. According to these verses, the reason the world system hates the followers of Jesus is because the world hates Jesus!

He said as much (verse 18): “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you.”

There is no common ground or frame of reference to engage with a hostile world for mutual benefit. Thus, the disciples of Jesus are called out of the world, and through the miracle of grace are transformed from being “the children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), “without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12), to being “not of the world” as “the children of light” (Ephesians 5:8). We are warned, in I John 2:15, that “if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Scripture leaves no doubt that it is impossible to love the evil world manifested in our culture in opposition to God and His Word, and to also love God, His ways, and His work.

We live in a day of great political polarization where opposing sides seem irreconcilable. But this human breach is nothing compared to the spiritual conflict between the light of God’s Son and the darkness and depravity of the forces of evil that dominate the world system. Bible believing Christians are in the world but not of the world so that we may be effective witnesses to the person of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture. He alone is the light of the world, and light and darkness don’t mix. As the light of God’s truth advances, the darkness of the world must recede.

The way we manifest that light is through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit sent to us for this purpose (John 15:26-27). In our engagement with the world, we must not attempt to lessen the conflict by dimming or obscuring the light of God’s truth as the modern church does by embracing popular culture and seeking the acceptance of man. Instead, we must faithfully reflect the light and victory of our Lord over sin and death by our changed lives, so that others may be saved out of the bondage and darkness of the world. Faithful servants of the Lord may experience tribulation as the result of our witness, but we find peace in Christ because He has overcome the world (John 16:33).

There is no peace to be had in compromise with the world by employing worldly philosophy or music or systems to bring the lost out of the world. Jesus emphatically declares, “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness.” (John 12:46). Any message or ministry that contradicts this verse is not part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.