OPTIONS FOR GIVING

In-Person– offering plates are located on the altar table and at the table as you exit.

Online Electronic Giving – visit our website at bluegrass.church/give

NEXT STEPS

Let us know how you would like to take the next step here at Blue Grass:

☐ Serve in some capacity

☐ Join a Bible Study ☐ Join a small group

☐ Receive our weekly enews

Name _____

Email:_____

CONNECT

GUESTS & BG FAMILY Use the QR CODE OR TEXT BGCONNECT to 94000 *to let us know you are here each week* ***OR*** *you can fill out the Connection Card below, detach & place in offering plate as you leave.*

Service Attended: ☐ 8:30am ☐ 9:45am

Name(s) of those attending with you:

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Address _____

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THE MESSAGE

Re:Think
Praiseworthy Thoughts

Whenever we think upon that which deserves the highest praise, it keeps our spirits inspired to consider the many acts God has marvelously accomplished.

The purpose of such thinking is to re-tell such praiseworthy acts from one generation to the next to instill and encourage faith in God's people.

These Holy Spirit-inspired words were written to remind and urge the people to return to the Lord who had showered them with loving acts of compassion and kindness throughout their history.

Our praises to the Lord are meant to be our testimony to the world what amazing things He has done for us.

Psalm 9:11, *Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.*

Speaking positive and praiseworthy words lifts everyone's spirit.

Psalm 28:7, *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ: pardon from the penalty of sin, freedom from the power of sin, deliverance from the grip of death, and awakening to the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live powerfully for the good of others and the glory of God.

We are disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.

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On-Campus & Online —8:30 & 9:45am



Today's Message:

Praiseworthy Thoughts

Philippians 4:8, Psalm 78:1-4

Rev. Doug Heiman

Lead Shepherd

***Welcome* to Blue Grass!**

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We hope you find our worship celebration a meaningful and uplifting experience and sense the warmth & friendliness of our congregation.

November 5, 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

FMSC REGISTRATION IS LIVE

Our upcoming food packing event will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and packing spots are filling up. **TODAY is the last day to register before the link is made available to the public**. Go to bluegrass.church/fmsc. Use 'Private Registration Code' BGFMSC2023 to gain access to the registration page. Don't delay registering!

MEN'S DINNER

All men are invited to a meal in the Hospitality Room on Thurs., Nov. 9th from 6-7:30pm. This will be a no pressure time for you to meet and connect with other guys at the church as we start to discover what it looks like for the men of the church to rise up together as disciple-makers for Christ. In order to help us have enough food for everyone, register at bluegrass.church. ***TODAY is the last day to register***.

BG STUDENTS GAME NIGHT

All BG Students (7th-12th grade) are invited to Game Night on **Sunday, November 19th from 6-7:30pm** at the Chapel Campus for board games, card games and open gym. There will be lots of food and fellowship! Bring your friends for a night of fun!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

With the holidays fast approaching, it's time to decorate the Worship Center and Lobby at our Main Campus for the Advent Season and Christmas! Following the second service on **Sun., Nov. 19, at 10:45am**, we're going to gather together for food and festivity. If you'd like to be part of the merriment, please sign up online at bluegrass.church.

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THE DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

The Discipleship Journey (formerly Confirmation) is for students in grades 7-12 who are ready to go public with their faith in Jesus and make a commitment to be the church of Jesus Christ. For those who choose to embark on this journey successfully, they will make a public confession of faith & become devoted members of the Blue Grass Church family in a worship service on May 5th, 2024. **An informational meeting will be held on Sun., Nov. 19th at 10:45 am in the Worship Center**. To participate in *The Discipleship Journey*, both the student and a guardian must attend the meeting on Nov. 19th. Email nicki.blythe@bluegrass.church if you need more info or have questions.

BG PRETEENS MISSION PROJECT

It's that time of year again for our annual Preteen 'You've Been Elfed' X.M.A.S. Party (eXchanging Merriment And Spirit!) We will be baking cookies at home, packing them in cookie boxes, and secretly dropping them off to members of Blue Grass Church. We are asking each participating family to make/bring 1 dozen or more baked cookies. We will meet at the church at **2 pm on Sunday, Dec. 10th** to put all of our goodies into boxes and then split up to head to members' homes. Afterwards, we will come back to the church and treat ourselves to some hot chocolate and Christmas goodies! We will also need parents/guardians to help drive preteens to and from members' homes. Register online at bluegrass.church. Friends are welcome, but need to register in advance! **Registration deadline is December 3rd!**

NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

NEXT GEN MINISTRIES (Birth—high school)

Our Next Gen ministry, outlined below, meets Sundays during the 9:45 service. Infant & toddler nursery is available. A cry room is located in the back of the Worship Center. A family restroom is located next to room 1010 on the Children's Wing.

BG Kids (ages preschool—3rd grade)

The Bible is brought to life through creative and imaginative story-telling & interactive learning activities for ages preschool through 3rd grade. We create a safe place for children to feel comfortable to express their faith and ask questions. BG Kids meet in age related classrooms on the children's wing.

BG Preteens (4th, 5th, & 6th graders)

This ministry is designed specifically for preteens. Through interactive games and creative teaching, a fun & safe environment is created for preteens to be themselves, to explore their faith-related questions, and address their doubts and find their wings. BG Preteens meet in the Hospitality Room.

BG Students (7th—12 grade students)

This is a time for 100% acceptance and 0% drama for 7th-12th grade students to meet together and grow in their faith, build Christ centered friendships, serve others, and have fun! We are passionate & intentional in our time together and welcome all students. BG Students meet in the Youth Room at the Chapel Campus (next door) on Sundays at 9:45am.

CAFÉ HOURS

Sundays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
8:00-10:45am

NOV MISSION FOCUS

Our mission focus for the month of November is the ***Evansville Rescue Mission***. The holidays are a particular time of need for the Rescue Mission as they seek to do everything they can to provide for local families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As we've done in the past, a portion of this month's missions giving will be used to provide canned yams as part of the annual Gobbler Gathering that provides Thanksgiving food items for families in our area. The remainder of the funds will be given to the Rescue Mission to support their ongoing efforts to 'restore dignity, health, and hope through sharing the love of Jesus Christ with those in need.' *Please note: we are not collecting cans of yams—only the funds to purchase the yams.* Please consider how you might support this powerful mission with a gift above & beyond your regular tithe. You may place a donation in the mission baskets located at the back of the church or online at bluegrass.church/give. Thank you for supporting the mission of God in the world.

NEWS & EVENTS

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season can be a difficult time of year for those who are grieving a loss. On **Thurs., Nov. 16 at 6:30pm in the Hospitality Room**, those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited for a one night program to view a video and participate in a discussion on *Surviving the Holidays*. Guidebooks will be offered to all participants. Sign up online at bluegrass.church.