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Reaching the WORLD with the Gospel

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Twenty-Miles... Really?

Back when I was seven years old, our church was challenged to raise money for a ministry called the Harvest Gleaner Hour by walking in a twenty-mile walk-a-thon. I, along with others in my church, took up this challenge. I started asking people I knew to sponsor me in this walk. If you can imagine, many of my sponsors offered me a nickel or a dime per mile for my effort.

As time went on, the Harvest Gleaner Hour became known as Lifeword. The twenty mile walk became ten miles, then ten kilometers, and then five kilometers. The walk-a-thon became the Walk for the World, then The Walk, and now we just call it Lifeword Sunday. The methods for raising money for this ministry have changed over the years, but the message still remains the same!

The Mission of Lifeword

Lifeword currently shares the gospel in 140 languages. Their mission is to make the name of Jesus known among the nations and to share His

gospel of hope to a dying world. There is no place they are not willing to go. They seek to take the gospel to every tribe, every tongue, every culture, every race, in every nation.

This is why this year's theme is "No Borders." The gospel of Jesus Christ has no borders. The kingdom of God has no borders. And therefore Lifeword has no borders!

Lifeword's vision is to use media to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

Their mission is to help make disciples

through the creative proclamation,

production, and promotion of biblically-sound broadcasting of gospel media

that communicates biblical truths in the heart language

of every tongue, tribe, and nation. And it is their desire

to partner with local churches to accomplish this mission. This

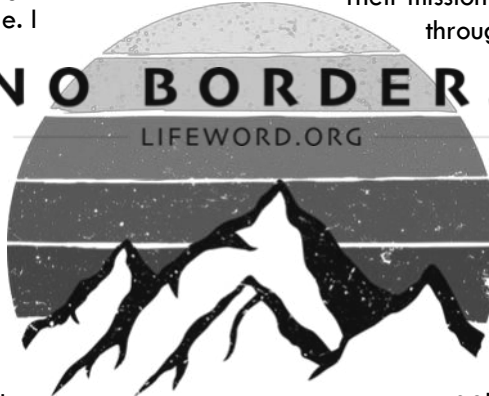
is why it is so important that we

get involved with Lifeword Sunday

by supporting them financially!

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Lifeword Sunday Rally

This October 23rd, we will be hosting the Executive Director of Lifeword, Donny Parrish, here at our church. Not only will he speak during the morning worship service, but we will be hosting a rally that afternoon for our sister churches in the BMA of the Ozarks and beyond! Please be sure to make plans to attend this special meeting!

CELEBRATE the Small Stuff

David McEuen

Pastor of Family and Worship

A few weeks ago, one of our students found a can of diet coke that had been left in an upstairs fridge that expired 9/28/2009. Rather than tossing it out, we decided to keep it and have a birthday party for it on the anniversary of its expiration date. (Yes, you read that correctly and no, I'm not losing my mind. I promise.) We would celebrate the can turning 13 and welcome it into our group now that it was old enough to be part of the youth group—much like we welcomed new sixth graders into our group mid-August.



Whenever new students move up into the group, I always find myself reflecting on the purpose of Youth Ministry. Acts 2:42-47 gives us a beautiful description of the first century church and helps us understand God's purpose for His church and by extension, youth ministry as well. In this passage, you find a people who are devoted to the apostles' teaching, prayer, fellowship, and praise and at the center of it all is Jesus.

This is my aim and hope for the student ministry! We'll gather together and have fun events—that is where we build community and have fellowship after all—but it will also be a place

Take the First STEP

John O'Connor

Pastor of Community Engagement

The first step towards anything is always difficult. The first step towards a diet, maybe it's the first step towards getting back into shape, or maybe it's the first step towards starting a new Bible study. All of those are pretty popular and hard, however probably one of the hardest first steps the one we take towards forgiveness. "But why should I be the one take the first step?" Great question, let's look to Ephesians 4:31-32;

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

God loved on us first, making a way for us, while we were still sinners, to be reconciled with Him through His Son Jesus. That person who has hurt you needs forgiveness. We are called to be "tenderhearted" and "kind" towards one another, as Christ who forgave us. Furthermore, Paul tells us to get rid of all bitterness and rath. That is as much for us, as it is for others. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner, be reconciled with one another. Take the first step. Forgive.

where students can learn and grow in their love and affection for Jesus.

Our birthday party was a success as you can see from the picture but unfortunately, our party ended up being a memorial service. Turns out our Church Work Day in September was quite effective and our diet coke was thrown out before we could celebrate it, but we still had a lot of fun.



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Lifeword Sunday - October 23, 2022

Mission Rally @ 3:00 pm — Donny Parrish, Guest Speaker

What People SEE in Me

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Squirrel proof! That was the part of the sales pitch I heard when purchasing a bird feeder. You see, I don't mind feeding the birds but don't like the squirrels picnicking and not allowing the birds to eat.

So it was installed right outside our window where we could eat our meal while watching the birds gather. Almost immediately, the squirrels came. They managed to get to the arm that the feeder hangs on. We have video of squirrels hanging on the arm with their hind feet and stretched out as far as they can reach but they cannot get to the birdseed. Several tried, multiple times. Now they seldom come near it.

And the birds! I don't know the names even though I've looked at pictures many times. I love the many kinds of birds, very colorful, and as I watch them I think of how they remind me of people I've met.

Some are pushy. Some are actually bullies. Some break in line. Some await their turn. Some attack ones that are already feeding. They dart in and out, sneaking a morsel when they can.

Many are strikingly beautiful. Yellow finches, blue and white chickadees, red cardinals, multi-colored wood-peckers and the kingly tufted titmouse! They bear out the details of God's wonderful creation. And while strolling in the yard, how beautiful their songs of praise!

How are you seen by those observing?

UPCOMING EVENTS *Mark Your Calendars* 

- Oct 6** **Christian Seniors**
12:00 PM
- Oct 9** **Singing Men of Arkansas
Heritage of Hymns Concert**
First United Methodist Church
Springdale, AR—3:00 PM
- Oct 10** **Ladies' Fall Bible Study**
6:30 PM
- Oct 22** **Joanna Allen Studio
Fall Recital and Bonfire**
- Oct 23** **Lifeword Sunday
BMAO Rally for Lifeword**
3:00 PM
- Oct 24** **Ladies' Fall Bible Study**
6:30 PM
- Oct 30** **Fifth Sunday Fellowship**
- Nov 3** **Christian Seniors**
12:00 PM
- Nov 3-4** **BMA of Arkansas**
CBC Conway, AR
- Nov 7** **Ladies' Fall Bible Study**
6:30 PM
- Nov 20** **Church Thanksgiving Celebration**
6:00 PM
- Nov 24-25** **Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED**



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