

The Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LIFSPRING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christmas season has begun! Many thanks to those who came out to support our Christmas program, “Hope in a Manger,” and the Ladies’ Brunch.



The “Hope in a Manger” Christmas concert beautifully portrayed the Christmas story and hope we have because of the birth of Christ. We thank all those who helped direct, narrate, played instruments, and provided refreshments for a special evening to usher in the holiday



Women of LifeSpring gathered to celebrate the season for brunch and community. We also put together gift bags for the Whiz Kids program and to write cards of encouragement for our missionary partners.



A Word from Tim...

One Story. One Church. One Year.

What if, for an entire year, we slowed down enough to remember who we are...and whose we are?

Beginning January 18, our entire LifeSpring family will step into a year-long journey through Scripture called *HIS(STORY): The Story That Changes Every Story*.

This isn't just another sermon series. It's a shared rhythm. A shared language. A shared journey. For 52 weeks, we will walk through the Bible together — from Genesis to Revelation — discovering that Scripture is not a collection of disconnected stories, but one unified story of a God who creates, pursues, rescues, and restores. And every page points us to Jesus.

Why This Matters

We live in a world that constantly pulls us apart — by opinions, preferences, politics, and pace. HIS(STORY) is an intentional invitation to let God's Word pull us back together. Same Scriptures. Same themes. Same conversations.

On Sundays, in small groups, and in our daily lives, we'll all be moving through the same part of God's story at the same time— learning, growing, and being shaped together.

That kind of unity doesn't happen by accident. It happens when we center ourselves on something bigger than ourselves.

More Than Learning — Formation

This journey isn't about checking off a Bible reading plan or collecting information. It's about spiritual formation. Each week will invite us into a simple, practical rhythm — worship, prayer, repentance, generosity, serving, or sharing our story — so that God's Word doesn't just inform us... it forms us. We're not just reading the Bible this year. We're letting the Bible read us.

Finding Your Place in the Story

HIS(STORY) reminds us of something essential: You don't just read God's story — you're invited into it.

As we trace the story from creation to new creation, we'll see where our lives fit inside God's bigger purpose. We'll be reminded that our faith isn't meant to be lived in isolation, but in community — loving God, loving people, and joining Him in restoring a broken world.

An Invitation

So here's the invitation:

Come ready.

Come curious.

Come together.

Bring your Bible.

Join a group.

Invite a friend.

Let's commit to walking this road side-by-side — one church, one story, one year — and trust that God will do something powerful in us and through us.

Because when we understand His story, we begin to live ours with purpose.

HIS(STORY) begins January 18. We can't wait to take this journey with you.

Godspeed,
Pastor Tim Dunn





IMPACT UPDATE

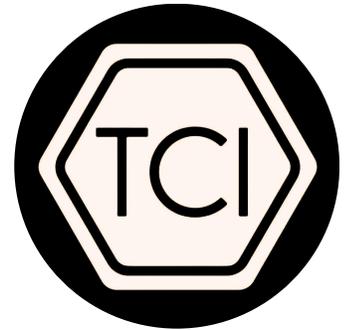
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU for your gifts for our Christmas Gifts of Love Campaign. Thanks to your generous donations we are able to give over \$18,000 to our Global Impact partner, TCI and over \$1,500 to our Local Impact partner, Finneytown Local School.

"Lift Others Up"



**GLOBAL IMPACT
TOTAL RECEIVED:
\$18,847**



FINNEYTOWN
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**LOCAL IMPACT
TOTAL RECEIVED:
\$1,638**



The money received for our Global Impact Partner will be used to make TCI's new Kyiv campus accessible to every student, strengthen Ukraine's only licensed evangelical theological institute, and equip pastors and Christian leaders who will rebuild churches and communities for decades to come. The money received for our Local Impact Partner will be used for necessary upgrades for the current press box.

For more information on our Global Impact Partners, go to www.lifespringchristian.org/global-impact/



LIFESPRING MEN'S MINISTRY

The LifeSpring Men's Ministry exists to create a Christ-centered community where men can connect, encourage one another, and grow together. Throughout the year, the ministry hosts opportunities for fellowship, support, and relationship-building, all grounded in a shared commitment to following Christ. We invite you to be part of this growing community and to watch for upcoming events in the year ahead where you can connect and build meaningful relationships with other men at LifeSpring.

For more information, contact Dan Burton at dburton@lifespringchristian.org.



The Men's Ministry recently hosted the Bengals Watch Party.

Upcoming Events:

January

- 1/2 - Game Night
- 1/8 - SM Reset Resumes (Every Thursday evening)
- 1/9 - Pickleball (Last 3 weeks of the month)
- 1/11- Backstage Pass
- 1/11 - Fam. Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- 1/23 - Game On! -Elementary Boys Game Night
- 1/24 - Greater Years Summit
- 1/30 - Men's Ministry Cornhole & Chili Cook-off (+Euchre)

GENEROSITY REPORT:

*Financial Update
(thru October)*

YTD Budget:
\$957,752

YTD Actual Giving:
\$916,251

(Difference -\$41,500)

Go to
lifespringchristian.org
for more information
on upcoming events
& more!