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The Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LIFESPRING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Community, Fun & Service

At LifeSpring, we believe that church is more than just a place to attend on Sundays—it's a family where people of all ages can grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships, and serve together.

From Women's and Men's Ministries to programs for children and students—from nursery through high school—LifeSpring offers a wide variety of opportunities for every member of the family to get connected. Whether you're looking for Bible studies, service projects, small groups, or fellowship events, there is a place for you.

Our ministries provide opportunities not only to grow spiritually, but also to serve alongside one another. Serving together strengthens relationships, encourages spiritual growth, and creates a sense of community as we work together to share the love of Christ.

In addition to serving, we love having fun together! Throughout the year, LifeSpring hosts events and activities designed to bring families and individuals together, creating lasting memories and deeper connections. From family events and ministry gatherings to special outings and celebrations, these shared experiences help foster strong friendships and deeper bonds within our church family.

No matter your age or stage of life, there is a place for you at LifeSpring. We invite you to get involved, build relationships, and experience the joy of doing life together

Here are some highlights of recent events:

LIFESPRING Women's MINISTRY

Hands Against Hunger is a local nonprofit that works with global partners to provide clean water and food for hungry children around the world. This past Saturday, LifeSpring women, along with other volunteers, packed 71,000 meals to provide protein packs to children in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). We had a great time working together with other believers to love and care for those in need around the world!







Community, Fun & Service

Our Men & Minions: Nachos & Nerf Night was a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter, and fellowship! Men and kids of all ages came together for an action-packed night of Nerf battles, friendly competition, and plenty of delicious nachos.

The event provided a great opportunity for dads, grandpas, uncles, mentors, and kids to connect, build relationships, and create lasting memories. From exciting Nerf games to sharing a meal together, the evening was a wonderful reminder of the importance of spending intentional time with one another and growing in community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event such a success. We loved seeing generations come together for an unforgettable night of fun and fellowship!











NACHOS & NERF

A Word from Tim...

“Pause” Can Make the Difference

What if we all had a built-in "pause" button—a brief delay between what happens to us and how we respond?

Sometimes the difference between kindness and anger, understanding and sarcasm, or mercy and retaliation is found in a single moment of pause.

God designed us with the ability to react quickly when necessary. If a child runs into the street or danger suddenly appears, immediate action can save lives. But the same instinct that protects us can also cause problems. It can convince us that every inconvenience is an attack, every criticism is a threat, and every difficult person is an enemy. When that happens, we often react before wisdom, grace, or Jesus has a chance to speak into the situation.

I learned this lesson years ago on a baseball field.

As a teenager, I once played against a team that seemed determined to talk trash from the first inning to the last. They mocked our team constantly, and by the middle of the game, I had reached my limit. I was frustrated, angry, and looking for an opportunity to get even.

That opportunity seemed to come when I was hit by a pitch and took first base. The opposing team continued their taunts, and my frustration only grew. A few moments later, a teammate drove a ball into the outfield, and I successfully advanced to third base. Then came the moment.

The next batter hit a ground ball to third. I should have stayed put, but emotion overruled wisdom, and I charged toward home plate. It quickly became obvious that I was going to be out by a wide margin. At that point, I had several reasonable options: stop, retreat, or accept the out.

Instead, driven by anger and adrenaline, I launched myself cleats-first into the opposing catcher. The collision knocked the ball loose, but it also earned me something else—my one and only ejection from a baseball game.

Looking back, I did not need more determination or stronger emotions in that moment. I needed a pause. I needed enough time to ask, "Is this really who I want to be right now?"

Most of us can relate. We may not tackle catchers at home plate, but we know what it is like to respond too quickly—with harsh words, angry texts, impatient comments, or wounded pride.

Scripture repeatedly calls us to something better. James 1:19-20 reminds us: ***"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."***

Jesus taught that anger begins long before outward actions occur—it begins in the heart. That is why learning to pause matters so much. In those moments, the Holy Spirit can produce patience, gentleness, self-control, and grace within us.

A brief pause can redirect an entire conversation. It can preserve relationships, prevent regret, and reflect the character of Christ.

Before we respond, post, text, honk, accuse, or assume, perhaps we should pause—just long enough to listen, pray, and let Jesus speak first.

Sometimes the most Christlike thing we can do is not to win the moment, but to surrender it

Godspeed, Pastor Tim.

IMPACT UPDATE



Daniel & Noelia Irwin
(Granada, Spain)

Focus: Establishing a sustainable disciple making movement

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Discovery English Camp - June 23 to July 3

This is the VBS-style summer camp that LifeSpring members have participated in past years. It's been expanded to 2-weeks due to high interest in their city (their town is Ogijares, within the greater Granada city area).

AWAKE SPAIN-Prayer Walk Through Andalusia - July 12 to July 18

Andalusia is the region of Spain that stretches along the southern border with the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. A large group of volunteers will join Daniel & Noelia's team to prayer walk in towns across the region.

Scan the QR code or go to https://spain1700.com/awake-spain/ to find out more about the Spain 1700 movement and Awake Spain.

Prayer requests:
Please pray for the English Camp taking place June 23–July 3 at Juan XXIII School in Granada. Pray that every child and family would be impacted by God's love, for protection from accidents and heat-related illnesses, and for safe travel for counselors and volunteers coming from the United States. Pray that God would call young people to missions and use this camp as a life-changing experience. Also pray that school staff and co-counselors would come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Please also pray for the Prayer Walk across Andalusia, taking place July 12–18. Pray for safe travel and protection for all volunteers, wisdom and strength for team leaders serving in the eight provinces, and for the Granada team to experience unity, health, renewal, and abundant grace as they coordinate these events.

Want to know more info about our Global Partners?
Scan the Q.R. code or visit www.lifespringchristian.org

LSCC - Global Impact

FAMILY NEWS

JOIN THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Are you a member of LifeSpring? If so, you should have received an invitation to join our directory. Take a few minutes to accept the invite and review and update your profile in Church Center. Be sure to check your spam or junk folder if you don't see emails from us. Make sure to add no-reply@churchcenter.com as a trusted contact.

Also, Be sure to include the contact information you'd like other LifeSpring members to see, and don't forget to update the information for everyone in your household as well. If you need assistance, contact our office and we would be glad to help.

If you haven't already, download the Church Center app at https://lifespringcincy.churchcenter.com/setup and log in to to update your profile, connect to your community, check in, watch past sermons, and more!

Not a member of LifeSpring? We'd love to connect! contact our office for more information on how to join our community.

Email the office at office@lifespringchristian.org or call 513-522-7707 with any questions or if you need assistance.

Upcoming Events:

July

7/2 - Weekly Prayer Gathering (Thursday Mornings)
7/2 - Blacktop Thursdays (Thursday Evenings, Stud Min)
7/4 - Independence Day
7/10 - Master of the Grill (Men's Min)
7/11 - Tubing on the River (Stud Min)
7/26 - LS Golf Outing
8/15 - **SAVE THE DATE: All In Event-The End of Summer Bash**

GENEROSITY REPORT:

Financial Update (thru May)

YTD Budget:
$452,029

YTD Actual Giving:
$395,508

Difference:
-$56, 521

If you have any questions on giving or how to give, please reach out to the office at 513-522-7707 or office@lifespringchristian.org

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