

# Let's Connect!



Rev. Dr. Kim McLean

Sunday Service:

10:30 am CST

Come visit us at

7840 Learning Ln.

Nashville, TN 37221.

We meet at the

Harpeth Valley Elementary School

in the cafetorium. Follow the

signs to the entrance.

If you can't visit, join us on

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# Loving God ~ Loving People ~ Loving Life

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HOLY TRINITY, HOLY LIFE



Being a Christian is such a grand adventure. I have an insatiable curiosity about our faith. It's so fascinating how every answer lit within my wondering heart seems to bring even more questions. Paul expressed it best in Romans 11:33. *O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!* (NRSVUE)

"Inscrutable" means "impossible to understand" according to Webster's Dictionary. Yet, here we are, always trying to understand God. The important thing about THAT is that it is God himself who has invited us to this relationship of unknowing.

Jesus made it very clear that we could, can, and should, know God. He often answered people's questions about God in parables, teasing them along with "let those who have eyes to see, see." How DO you get eyes to see?

In John 9, Jesus heals a blind man to teach the lesson that those who are blind are the ones who really see, and those who think they see are the ones who are blind. The simple message is that we do not find God by seeing what we want to see, but by forgetting what we think we know and allowing God to emerge into our consciousness like a glow in the dark thought bubble.

Seeing God, hearing God, knowing God all leads to that first and never-changing commandment, *loving God*. Only, by the time you *really love* God with all your heart, you don't need a commandment to make you do it. Your heart just goes that way.

Then why did God command us to love Him? Another paradox, I suppose. I see the commandments as invitation, as promises for God to keep when we respond with even a tiny seed of longing.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday has not always been a thing, but it has been around for a while now and I'm glad for the reminder this celebration brings. All of this crazy paradox of faith is part of the divine dance of our Father longing for us, our Savior Jesus making a way for us, and the Holy Spirit blowing us in the right direction. The Trinity is unique and foundational to Christianity, so it is important to think on these things.

How do you experience God? Do you feel the love of the Father, the passion of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? Pay attention to God's extraordinary presence in ordinary everyday living. If you notice it, *that's* the Holy Spirit at work in you and through you to enlighten, bless, and bring Heaven to meet earth again and again.

# May/June/July 2026



All Times are Central Standard Time (CST)

CONNECT WITH US



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 • 10:30 am service @ Harpeth Valley - Trinity Sunday • 3:30 pm service @ Harmony at Bellevue	<b>June 1</b> 	2 • 9:00 am Prayer Group on zoom • 7:00 pm TPK Bible talks	3 • 9:30 am - Healing the Wounded Artist on Zoom • 5:15 pm TNDR 12-step worship service	4	5 • 6:30 pm - Annual Outdoor summer concert series begins at One Bellevue Place 	6
7 • 10:30 am service @ Harpeth Valley - second Sunday after Pentecost • 3:30 pm service @ Harmony at Bellevue	8	9 • 9:00 am Prayer Group on zoom • 7:00 pm TPK Bible talks	10 • 5:15 pm TNDR 12-step worship service	11	12	13
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# HEALING the WOUNDED ARTIST

with  
Rev. Dr.  
Kim  
McLean

Wednesday, June 3rd  
Wednesday, June 17th

9:30-10:30 am (CT)  
on ZOOM



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FEATURING

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**MUSIC CITY WEST CHURCH**  
**& FRIENDS**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 6:30 PM**

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ON THE GREEN**

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# The Editor's Corner

by Lori Mahan

*Holy Spirit...Fight for Me  
When prayer is all you need...*



## *Holy Spirit, Fight for me.*

*Heavenly Father, I come before you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ  
Lord, I know that the battles I face are not mine but yours today. I cry out*

## *Holy Spirit, fight for me!*

*Lord, your word says in Zechariah 4 verse 6, "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit  
says the Lord of Hosts."*

*Holy Spirit, I cannot fight by my strength. I need your power, your fire and your presence to  
fight for me.*

*Take over every battle in my life, battles in my health, in my family, in my finances, in my destiny.*

*Father you promised in Exodus 14, "the Lord will fight for you." You need only to be still.*

*Holy Spirit, silence every enemy rising against me. Let every tongue speaking evil against my life  
be condemned. Scatter the plans of the wicked and frustrate their devices.*

*Surround me with your fire Lord and let every arrow of darkness be consumed.*

*Lord, your word says in Ephesians 6 verse 12, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood but  
against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world and  
against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

*Holy Spirit, arm me with spiritual weapons. Teach me how to pray, how to war, and how to  
stand in victory. Let your sword of the Spirit cut down every stronghold of the enemy.*

*Father I declare Romans 8 verse 37, "in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him who loved us."*

*Lord, I refuse defeat, I reject failure, I cancel shame. I decree that I will walk in victory because  
the Holy Spirit is fighting for me!*

*Thank you Holy Spirit for rising as my defender, my advocate and my warrior. I declare Isaiah 59 verse 19,  
"when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."*

*From today, no battle will overwhelm me, no enemy will overcome me and no storm will drown me.*

*I stand in faith and declare, **Holy Spirit, fight for me.***

*The battle belongs to the Lord and it will end in victory and praise.*

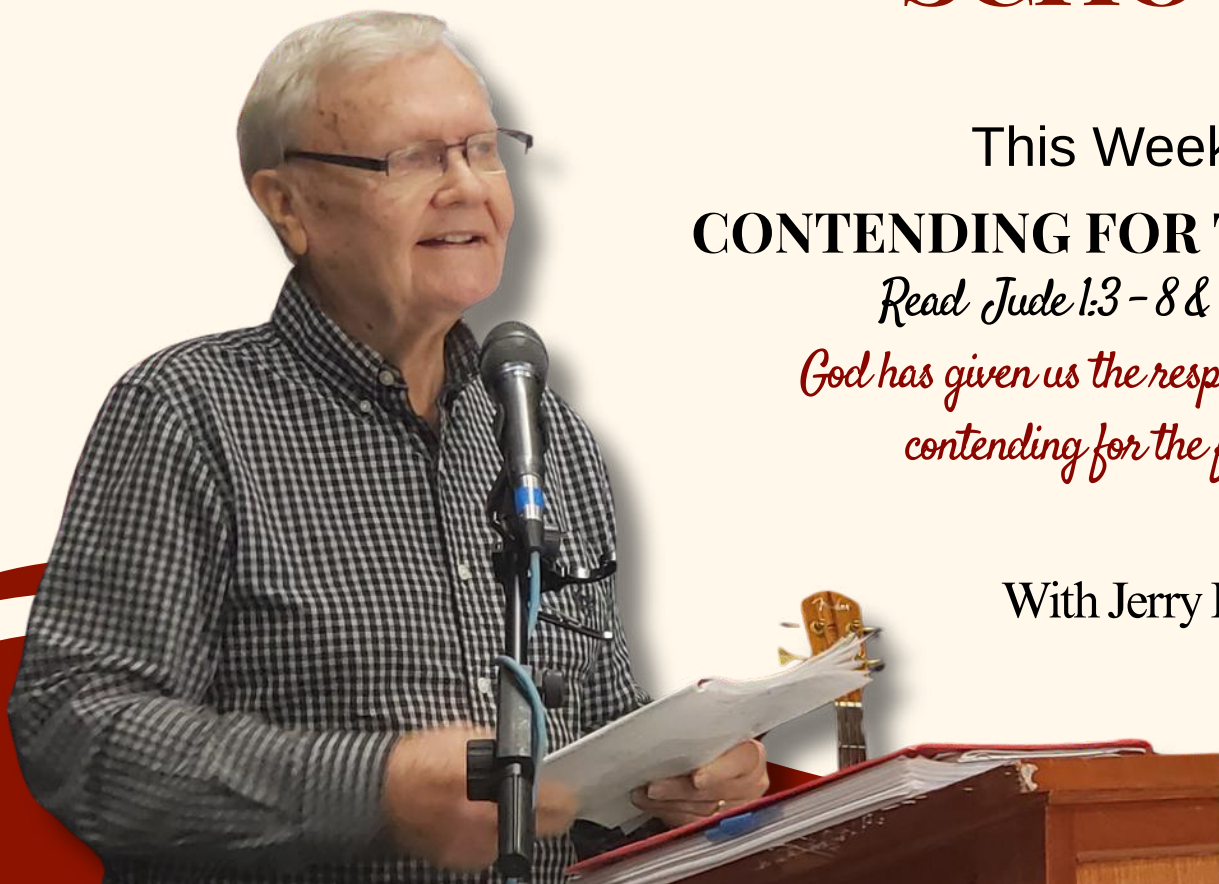
*In the mighty name of Jesus Christ I pray,*

*AMEN*





# A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



This Week

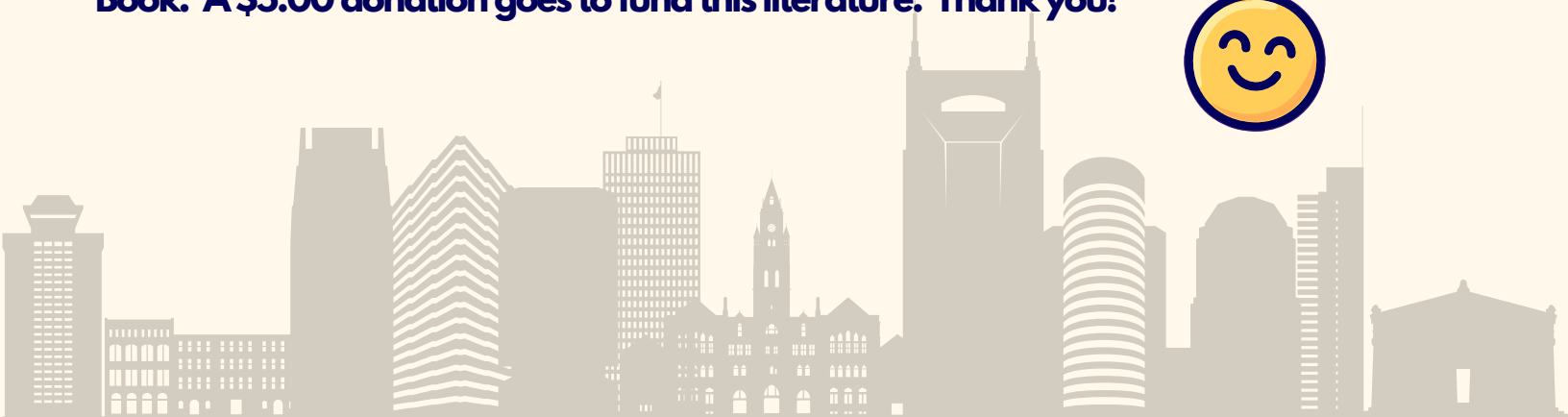
## CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

*Read Jude 1:3 - 8 & 17 - 25*

*God has given us the responsibility of  
contending for the faith.*

With Jerry Huff

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**HEART  
QUOTE**



*All Christians are but God's stewards.  
Everything we have is on loan from the Lord,  
entrusted to us for a while to use in  
serving Him. - John MacArthur*

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# The Book of Romans

The 45th book of the Bible - Paul's Epistles (Letters)

Understanding Salvation & Righteousness through  
Faith in Christ



## DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Justification by Faith - Paul underscores that salvation is attained through faith in Jesus Christ, rather than through works, emphasizing the grace of God. This theme provides reassurance to believers that their connection with God relies on trust in His promises, rather than on their own capabilities.

The Book of Romans, written around 57 AD in Corinth, was a letter to both Jewish & Gentile believers to illustrate law, faith, salvation, and righteous living. This diverse audience influenced Paul's emphasis on unity in Christ and the implications of the gospel for all people.

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. - Romans 12:1 - 2a*



## SYMBOLISM & IMAGERY

### The Olive Tree: A Symbol of God's People

The Olive Tree serves as a powerful symbol for the people of God, embodying both the Jewish origins of Christianity and the inclusion of Gentiles into God's family. Paul employs this metaphor to demonstrate how Gentile believers are grafted into the heritage of Israel, highlighting the unity of all believers in Christ.



**Baptism** - Baptism serves as a significant symbol of death and resurrection, reflecting the believer's identification with Christ's sacrifices. In Romans, Paul clarifies that through baptism, believers symbolically die to their former selves (sin) and rise to new life, signifying their transformation and dedication to living in accordance with God's will.



**The Body of Christ** - This concept describes the church as a unified yet diverse community of believers. Each member possesses unique gifts and roles, collaborating to fulfill God's purposes, which highlights the importance of mutual support, interdependence, and the notion that every part is essential for the functioning of the whole.



## THEMES IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- Romans 1 - Salutation
- Romans 1 - Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Romans 1 - The Power of the Gospel
- Romans 1 - The Guilt of Humankind
- Romans 2 - The Righteous Judgment of God
- Romans 2- The Jews and the Law
- Romans 3 - None is Righteous
- Romans 3 - Righteousness through Faith
- Romans 4 - The Example of Abraham
- Romans 4 - God's Promise Realized Through Faith
- Romans 5 - Results of Justification
- Romans 5 - Adam and Christ
- Romans 6 - Dying and Rising with Christ
- Romans 6 - Slaves of Righteousness
- Romans 7 - An Analogy from Marriage
- Romans 7 - The Law and Sin
- Romans 7 - The Inner Conflict
- Romans 8 - Life in the Spirit
- Romans 8 - Future Glory
- Romans 8 - God's Love in Christ Jesus
- Romans 9 - God's Election of Israel
- Romans 9 - God's Wrath and Mercy
- Romans 9 - Israel's Unbelief
- Romans 10 - Salvation is for All
- Romans 11 - Israel's Rejection is Not Final
- Romans 11 - The Salvation of the Gentiles
- Romans 11 - All Israel Will Be Saved
- Romans 12 - The New Life in Christ
- Romans 12 - Marks of the True Christian
- Romans 13 - Being Subject to Authorities
- Romans 13 - Love for One Another
- Romans 13 - An Urgent Appeal
- Romans 14 - Do Not Judge Another
- Romans 14 - Do Not Make Another Stumble
- Romans 15 - Please others, Not Yourself
- Romans 15 - The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike
- Romans 15 - Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly
- Romans 15 - Paul's Plans to Visit Rome
- Romans 16 - Personal Greetings
- Romans 16 - Final Instructions
- Romans 16 - Final Doxology

## THE FOUR MAIN MOVEMENTS OF ROMANS

- Rom 1 - 4: Reveals God's Righteousness
- Rom 5 - 8: Creates a New Humanity
- Rom 9 - 11: Fulfills God's Promise to Israel
- Rom 12 - 16: Unify the Church



He (Jesus) became what we are  
that He might make us what He  
is.

~ Athanasius of Alexandria

AZ QUOTES



**IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. - ROMANS 10:9**



# Learning to Trust

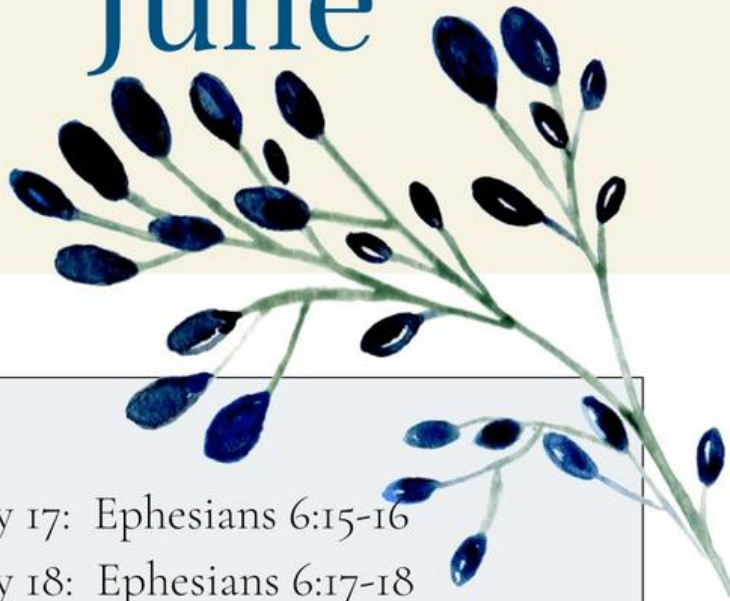
May



- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

# Dealing with the Adversary

## June



- Day 1: Isaiah 14:12-14
- Day 2: Ezekiel 28:12-13
- Day 3: Ezekiel 28:14-15
- Day 4: Ezekiel 28:16-17
- Day 5: Ezekiel 28:18-19
- Day 6: Genesis 3:1
- Day 7: Genesis 3:4-5
- Day 8: Genesis 3:15
- Day 9: Job 1:6-7
- Day 10: 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Day 11: Matthew 4:1-2
- Day 12: Matthew 4:3-4
- Day 13: Matthew 4:5-7
- Day 14: Matthew 4:8-10
- Day 15: Ephesians 6:12
- Day 16: Ephesians 6:13-14
- Day 17: Ephesians 6:15-16
- Day 18: Ephesians 6:17-18
- Day 19: 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- Day 20: Hebrews 4:14-16
- Day 21: James 1:12-13
- Day 22: Matthew 26:41
- Day 23: James 4:7
- Day 24: Galatians 5:16-17
- Day 25: 2 Corinthians 10:3
- Day 26: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Day 27: Psalm 119:11
- Day 28: Psalm 97:10
- Day 29: Hebrews 2:14-15
- Day 30: Hebrews 2:16-18



## *May Memory Verse*

*The thief does not come  
except to steal, and to kill,  
and to destroy. I have come  
that they may have life, and  
that they may have it more  
abundantly.  
John 10:10*



## MUSIC CITY WEST PRISON MINISTRY

# CLOTHING DONATION

MCW Prison Ministry is collecting gently used clothing donations to help men and women re-entering society with dignity and hope. If you have clean shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, or other wearable items to give, we'd love your help. Every donation can make a real difference.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Bring all clothes to church on Sunday or Donate \$\$\$



# BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*



On behalf of our neighbors we serve, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for continuing to support your ministry of providing food to our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity in our local community.

**As of 5/26/2026, 3705 individuals representing 1241 families have visited our food bank**

*(1/27 and 2/3 closed due to the ice storm, and closed early on 4/28 due to the thunderstorm).*

**Ninety-eight percent of our neighbors live right here in Bellevue!**



## IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR OUR DISTRIBUTION ON TUESDAY 6/2/26

- **Crackers** (60 boxes)
- **Jelly** (40 jars)
- **Ketchup** (30 bottles)
- **Dry cat food** (6 L or XL bags)
- **Dry dog food** (6 L or XL bags)
- **Diapers – sizes 5 and 6**  
(8 packages each – Huggies or Pampers preferred)
- **Pull Ups – sizes 2T/3T and 3T/4T**  
(8 packages each – Huggies or Pampers preferred)
- **Wipes** (30 packages)



## ON-GOING WEEKLY NEEDS

- **Coffee** (60 cans or packages)
- **Juice** (60, 64-oz bottles)
- **Paper towels** (100 packages) –  
1 or 2 roll packages only
- **Toilet paper** (100 packages) –  
4, 6 or 8 roll packages only
- **Laundry detergent** (60 bottles)
- **Gift cards to Aldi's, Kroger or Publix**  
(in any amount to purchase supplemental foods, and you get to save the tax!)



## \*UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expired foods</li> <li>• Dented or rusted canned goods</li> <li>• Canned beans or cream soups (we have a surplus of these items)</li> <li>• Extra-large canned goods</li> <li>• Items not in original or opened packages</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perishables (refrigerated and frozen items)</li> <li>• Fresh vegetables</li> <li>• Baby food or formula</li> <li>• Meal kits</li> <li>• Macaroni &amp; cheese with powdered cheese sauce</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze-dried foods</li> <li>• Bread or bakery items</li> <li>• Baby items including highchairs, car seats, strollers, training potty</li> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Clothing</li> </ul> |
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**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS  
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**FOR LARGE DONATIONS,  
PLEASE CALL US AT  
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*Thank you again for your generous support of our local food bank!*



# THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

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For Women struggling with addiction, The Next Door Recovery is the treatment program that provides expert care for substance use and co-occurring disorders in a faith-based compassionate setting to empower women for lifetime recovery. Your donation matters. MCW delivers donations to TNRD every Tuesday.

MUSIC CITY WEST CHURCH brings a 12-Step Worship Program of Music and Scripture to the women at The Next Door Recovery every Wednesday at 5:15 pm CST.

Website: <https://thenextdoorrecovery.org/>

Each client welcomed at The Next Door Recovery receives a **Welcome Bag** which is the first touch of encouragement from the TNRD community. They are filled with items to help ease a client's transition from addiction to a life transformed in recovery.

On a monthly basis, 140 bags are needed to meet the needs of our ongoing admissions. MCW supplies welcome bags on a regular basis. Drop off your items in the designated bin at church or if you can not physically bring an item, monetary donations can be made by check or Venmo. Designate the donation as "TNRD Welcome Bags".

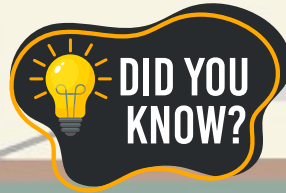


- Reusable Tote
- Spiral Notebooks and pens
- Reusable water bottles
- Chapstick or lip balm
- Welcome Notes
- Life Recovery bible

For donations, visit the TNRD Wishlist.  
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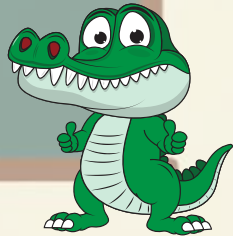


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## MCW OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY | WORSHIP LEADERS (WEDNESDAYS @ 5:15 PM)
- GOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | LUNCH BUDDIES (EVERY OTHER WEEK)
- THE BOOK CLUB | SOMEONE TO LEAD/COORDINATE
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY | SOMEONE TO LEAD/COORDINATE
- HARMONY AT BELLEVUE | PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP (SUNDAYS @ 3:30 PM)

## MCW MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA

- SHARE FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM POSTS | EMAIL POSTS | THANK-YOU CARDS
- PHOTOGRAPHER | TAKE PHOTOS AT EVENTS & SERVICES
- FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS & ZOOM
- PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS | YOU TUBE & WEBSITE CONTENT

## EVENTS

## OTHER

- HOSPITALITY | COORDINATOR
- SET-UP & BREAK-DOWN FOR SERVICE (CHAIRS/ALTAR AREA/RECEIVING TABLE)

**GET INVOLVED**

# Loving God ~ Loving COMMUNITY ~ Loving Life

## TPK Bible TALKS

Tuesdays

with  
Pastor Kim

Tap into the power of faith every Tuesday evening with Pastor Kim McLean for inspiring Bible talks at 7-8 pm (CST)  
In person or on Zoom  
Zoom Link to TPK

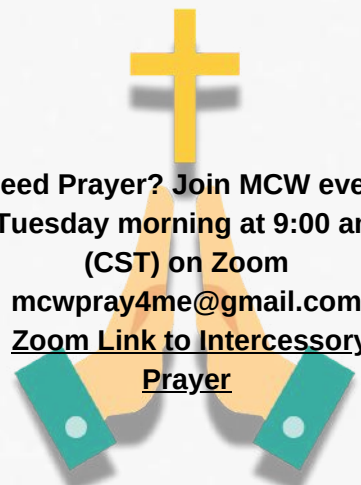


Bringing a full worship service each Sunday to Harmony at Bellevue, an assisted living facility.  
Services start at 3:30 pm (CST).

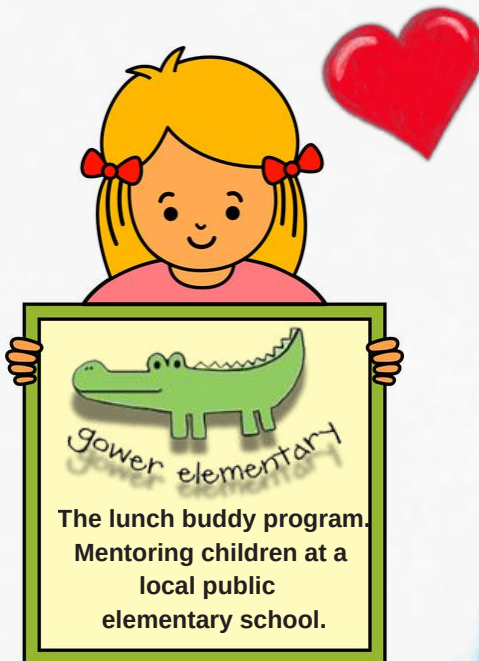


COMMUNITY FOOD BANK  
at Bellevue United Methodist Church

Providing weekly food donations to support families in need.



Need Prayer? Join MCW every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am (CST) on Zoom  
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Zoom Link to Intercessory Prayer

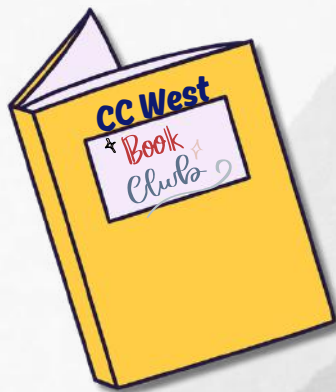


The lunch buddy program. Mentoring children at a local public elementary school.



THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

A recovery facility for women where we provide a 12-step worship service, prayer, serve meals, organization and donate needed supplies.



Monday's @ 6:30 pm (CST). Classes will be in person at Pastor Kim's place. Watch the calendar for updates.

A Trauma Recovery Group

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A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Contact Pastor Kim if you are interested in this class.



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