

PURSUIT NEWSLETTER

March 2023



It's Starting to Look Like Spring!

Days are getting longer and snow piles are getting smaller...spring is officially here! This time of rebirth is a powerful reminder of our God who is making all things new (Revelation 21:5) and whose mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:23). Spring also means that it's Easter season (more on that in the next section). Please be praying for those who will find their way to The Pursuit to celebrate Easter with us, and be praying about who *you* can invite!

Upcoming Events: Easter & Spring Cleaning

We're excited for a great Easter weekend at the Pursuit! On Good Friday (April 7) we'll gather at 6:30PM to reflect on our Savior's sacrifice on the cross. This intimate, introspective service is in-person only (will not be available online). Easter Sunday (April 9) will be a joyous celebration of the risen King at 10AM, in person or online. Invitation cards are available at the church for you to hand out to friends & family.

Later this spring (late April or early May, date TBD), we're planning a church work day/ spring cleaning day on a Saturday. We'll have all sorts of small projects to work on, and we'll provide lunch for all that can come and volunteer some time to help out. Stay tuned for details!

Financials & Facilities Updates

Two significant items headline this section. First, we are under contract to sell a lot of land adjacent to the back portion of our church property. This sale is helping us fund a new roof for the church building. The land sale is due to be finalized at the end of March, and the roof work is tentatively scheduled for early May.

Our budget for 2023 includes corporate giving: financial support for individuals and organizations that are meeting spiritual and physical needs both locally and globally. This was an "in faith" addition to the budget, meaning that it pushed our planned spending beyond what we received in tithes and offerings in 2022. Through February, giving is on pace to be at 85% of our budget. Please pray that God will meet the financial needs of our church, and also that He'll provide wisdom in how we spend those gifts and who we partner with in ministry.

2023 budget and month-end financial reports are available in the church office

Community Outreach Opportunity: Come Spring Food Pantry

As we seek to be faithful in following Jesus in His work to transform our local and global community by showing compassion and love for those at the margins, we wanted to follow up with some opportunities available for YOU as we come alongside local partners to build, engage, and serve. As a reminder, one of the organizations we are partnering with is Come Spring Food Pantry in Union, which serves Western Knox County. There are a combination of recurring needs and upcoming projects/requests below. Please connect with Aaron or Kristie Kosalski (ministry contact later in this newsletter) for more details!

Recurring needs:

- Food pantry staffing: check in and help recipients, help with stocking, etc. Training provided!
 - Wednesdays: Need 1-2 more folks to staff the pantry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am-1pm
 - Saturdays: Need 3-5 more folks to staff the pantry on the 1st Saturday of the month starting May 6th from 10am-1pm

Upcoming Projects:

- Gardening and construction: we will need folks willing to be part of our gardening and construction projects in spring and summer (dates TBD)
 - Construction: Converting existing bathroom to an ADA bathroom and the walls will need to come out. We have a master plumber and building manager as well, we just need a crew.
 - Gardening: We have a lead for the garden projects but we will need a crew to help build raised beds, put them in and plant them. Also need someone to maintain the mowing during the summer as well.

Food Requests:

- Here are a list of some items that go quickly and are consistent needs: Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken, Baked Beans, Jam or Jelly, Cereal, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Tea, Mayonnaise, BBQ Sauce, Condensed Milk, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Dog Food & Cat Food, and Resealable Plastic Bags.

Pursuit Ministries & Community Groups

Church is not a spectator sport! The Bible refers to the church as the “body of Christ.” As members of this body we’re called to serve one another and to live in community, all for His glory and to reach the world with the Gospel! What an awesome calling!

Below you’ll find info about our ministries and our community groups. You are highly encouraged to connect with these ministry leaders and community group hosts and *get connected* with this local body of Christ followers at The Pursuit.

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Women's Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethany Curtis • bethanykyzar@yahoo.com • 901-493-3355 	Men's Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Curtis • curtisjustin@outlook.com • 901-661-3445
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<u>Community Group info</u>	
Pursuit Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundays 6pm @ Church • FMI: Joe & Jenna Blakey 	I Am Second <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fridays 6pm @ Church • FMI: Dave & Cindi Hamlin
Wednesday Community Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm @ Church • FMI: Pastor Justin 	Friday Community Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm @ Kosalski's home (Union) • FMI: Aaron & Kristie Kosalski