



Fall Small Group Bible Study



FALL NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2017

## SPEAK THE WORD BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Think about the many words you use during a given week. How many conversations did you have? What did you post on social media? How many emails or texts did you send? What do those words reveal about you? If you were to analyze all of those words, what would be most prominent? What would stand out? This September, we will begin our new church-wide small group study, called *Speak the Word*. In this study, we will learn how the Word of God dwells among the people of God.

During this four week study, we will focus on how the Word of Christ makes its residence among us, the people of God, and how it should impact our conversations, our relationships, our discipleship, and our evangelism.

Whether you have been with the same small group for forty years, if you have never been to a small group, or if you have fallen away from attending a small group, this study is for you! There will be some new and exciting opportunities for all of us as we gather together with new and long-time church members to learn about what inhabits our hearts and mouths as Christians. Our hope in this study is to see relationships grow and develop across the generations and beyond natural affinities – for new friendships to form, and for the Word to flourish in our midst. We pray that God will use this study to develop stronger community in our church. Please join us!

## CHURCH EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Labor Day**  
(Church Office Closed)
- 5 **WMU Meeting**
- 10 **Speak the Word Bible Study Begins**
- 12 **Senior Adult Meeting**
- 13 **Member's Meeting**
- 16 **Women's Ministry Brunch**
- 22 **5th Quarter (Youth)**
- 24 **Anniversary Banquet for Troy & Amy Walliser**
- 30 **New Member's Class**

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Bibles In The Schools**
- 3 **WMU Meeting**
- 7-13 **Mission Trip to Honduras**
- 10 **Senior Adult Meeting**
- 11 **No Wednesday Evening Activities (Fall Break)**
- 29 **Fall Festival**

# A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

*WELCOME OLIVIER & MEGAN!*

Dear Church Family,

I am beyond thrilled that we are welcoming Olivier and Megan Hakizimana (pronounced hockey-Z-mahna) to our church family as he comes to serve as our Minister of Worship Arts & Missions! Olivier impressed our elders and music team with not only his musical versatility, but his passion for solid biblical congregational worship.

Originally from the small African country of Burundi, Olivier holds a Bachelor's degree from Handong Global University (South Korea) in Global Management and Counseling Psychology (2014). He will be graduating in December with a Master of Arts in Worship Leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). Along with his education, Olivier brings a wealth of international Christian ministry experience to Lookout Valley.

Currently, Olivier serves as the Minister of Music at Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. His wife, Megan is originally from New Albany, Mississippi. They have been married for one year and are expecting their first child in February 2018!

Olivier's first choir rehearsal with us will be **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary. If you have sung in the choir before, or thought about singing in the choir, please plan on being at the first rehearsal with him. He will lead us in congregational worship for the first time on **Sunday, September 10.**

I look forward to great days ahead as God leads us forward together!

*Pastor Troy*



# BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

On Sunday, October 1, LVBC has the unique opportunity to gather together with area churches for a community-wide prayer service, dessert social, and fundraiser in efforts to bring a Bible History teacher at Lookout Valley Middle/High School. This event will take place in the gymnasium at LVHS from 5:30-7:30 pm. Cost is free, but reservations are required. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit [www.lookoutvalley.org/bits](http://www.lookoutvalley.org/bits).

## PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

- Lookout Valley Baptist Church
- Lookout Valley Church of the Nazarene
- Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church
- Mountain View Presbyterian Church
- Riverside Baptist Church
- Tiftonia Baptist Church
- Valley Memorial Baptist Church
- Wauhatchie United Methodist Church

## HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY PASTOR TROY!!



This August marked Pastor Troy's 10th anniversary at LVBC. Over the past decade, many updates and improvements have happened in and around the church. It is easy to see the physical renovations to our church campus, but if we look closer, we can see many spiritual improvements and developments within our church family as well. The Lord has blessed our church family and much of that blessing has come through the tireless labor of our Senior Pastor.

On Sunday, September 24, immediately following the Worship Service, for a Celebration Banquet. This will be a potluck lunch, so please bring something to share! We hope that you can join us for this great event to celebrate what God has done through them.

Contact the church office or Wade Casey for more information of how you can help us bless Troy and Amy for their diligent service.

## MEMBER'S MEETING

On Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite you to join us at 5:45 pm, as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see September's bulletin for cost and menu). Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will discuss membership issues and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

## MISSION TRIP

On October 6-13, a team from LVBC will be traveling to Honduras to serve alongside Forgotten Children Ministries, where they will have the opportunity to share God's love with rescued street children, as well as assist with their food ministry, which provides aid to impoverished communities. Please join us as we pray not only for safe travels, but also for the Lord to use our team for His glory.

**Mission Team:** Tim & Kristen Clouch, Pat Sartin, Amber, Ashley & Troy Walliser.

# LVBC FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 FROM 4:00-6:00 PM

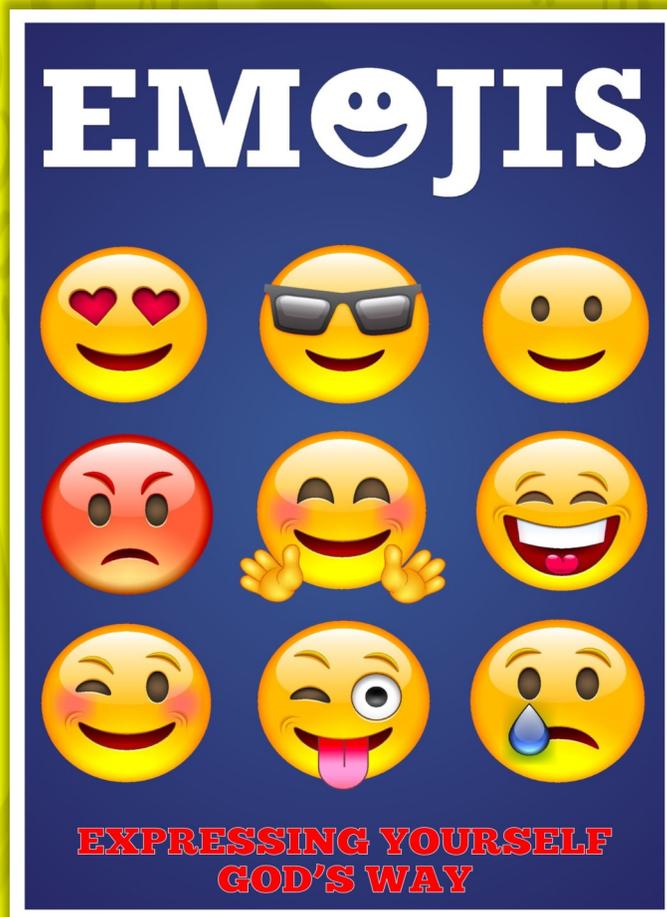
It's that time of year again, and our annual Fall Festival is just around the corner! We invite you to join us on Sunday, October 29, for an evening of fun, food, games, candy, and more!

As always, our volunteers are what makes this memorable event a success and this year is no different. Below is a list of ways you can help.

For more information and/or to sign up, please call the Church Office (825-5335) or email Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org).

## How You Can Help

- Bring candy (no nuts!) starting October 1 and place it in the barrel in the back hallway
- Help with set up October 27 & 28
- Sign up to work a carnival game or in the concession stand
- Invite your family, friends, and neighbors
- Pray for contacts and relationships to be built within our community



## NEW FALL SERIES FOR THE KINGDOM KIDS

*"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well."*

*Psalm 139:14*

Emojis have quickly become a fun way for us to express our emotions with each other. But, did you know that the Bible teaches us that our emotions are a gift from God? That he has a purpose for each emotion we feel?

We invite your children (Grades K-5) to join our Kingdom Kids on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning September 6, as they learn how to express themselves using the different emotions God gave them.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LVHS FOOTBALL TEAM

Did you know that LVBC feeds the Lookout Valley High School football team before every home game? Please join us in prayer, as we pray for the Lord to move among the members of the football team as we share His love with them.

Remaining LVHS Home Games:

- Friday, September 22 (5th Quarter)
- Friday, September 29 (Homecoming)
- Friday, October 6

## 5TH QUARTER YOUTH EVENT

Attention all students, grades 6-12! Are you looking for something exciting to do on a Friday night? Well if you answered yes, then we have the perfect event for you!

Immediately following the LVHS football game on Friday, September 22, we will host our annual 5th Quarter! You are invited to join us for an evening filled with fun, games, inflatable obstacle courses, and an extreme bungee competition. This is a community outreach event, so be sure to invite your friends!

## SENIOR ADULT MEETING

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Fall Meetings are scheduled for September 13 and October 10 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

If you have recently joined, or would like to join LVBC, please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will hear from our staff and elders about our church's theological foundations, why church membership matters, and how we live life together here at LVBC. This class is required for all new members wanting to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend, please contact Wade Casey ([wade@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:wade@lookoutvalley.org)) or call the church office (825-5335).

## ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

Ladies, save the date! Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 6:00 pm.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY HARVEST BRUNCH

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 11:00 AM**

All women, high school age and up, are invited to join us on Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 am, as the Women's Ministry of LVBC host a Harvest Brunch! This will be an exciting afternoon, filled with great food and fellowship, as well as a powerful message from special guest speaker, Michelle Rickett!

Michelle is a celebrated author and founder of the *She is Safe Foundation*, an organization which seeks to prevent, rescue, and restore women and girls from abuse and slavery in high risk places around the world, equipping them to build a life of freedom, faith, and a strong future.

The Women's Ministry will also be presenting new relationship building opportunities, such as Secret Pals and Adopt-a-Widow! Even if you are unable to attend the brunch, you are still welcome to participate. Please contact Wendy Yates ([wendygrace333@gmail.com](mailto:wendygrace333@gmail.com)) for more information.





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