

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022

# FINDING YOUR PLACE

FALL BIBLE STUDY 2022

## Fall Bible Study Begins September 11

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Our annual church-wide Bible Study kicks off Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 am, in all of our Adult Small Groups. During this year's study, *Finding Your Place*, we will focus our attention on how God made us each unique, giving us spiritual gifts, and how we can use those gifts to minister to the body of Christ. If you aren't part of a small group or haven't been connected for some time, this is an excellent opportunity to join! For more information, contact Pastor Wade Casey ([wade@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:wade@lookoutvalley.org)).

### AM Small Groups:

- Bowman — Room 101
- Titus II Ladies — Room 102
- New Life — Room 103
- Young Adults — Room 209
- Young Professionals — 210
- Truthseekers — Fellowship Hall

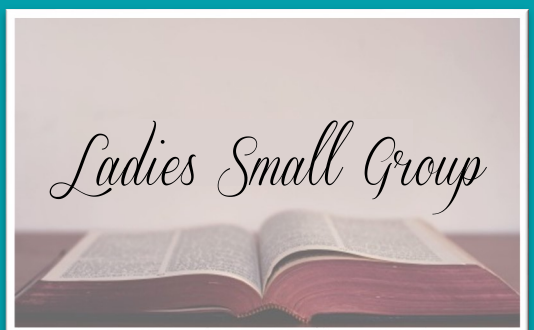
### PM Small Groups:

- Smith—Fellowship Hall
- Walliser—Home

## New Ladies Small Group

We are excited to announce that our Ladies Small Group has revamped! Now known as the Titus II Ladies, this class geared toward ALL women, regardless of age. If you are looking for a small group to join, our ladies group would love to have you! This class meets during the 9:30 AM small group hour on Sunday mornings in Room 101. For more information, please contact small group leader, Wendy Yates.

*Ladies Small Group*





# A Letter From Pastor Troy

## The Value of Community

We all need each other. This basic principle is known as “*Community*.” None of us have every asset and resource necessary to fulfill our individual assignment on planet earth. For this reason, God invites us to discover community and to live within the freedom it brings.

Community is not always easy. People are complicated, and relationships eventually involve mess. But community is defined by people who are willing to work through the messes for your good and theirs. There are several things that result from healthy community in a church:

**Community Stabilizes.** Storms in life will blow your way. It happens. When life happens, you need your church community partly because you need an anchor. Sometimes the storm is doubt. Sometimes it is difficulty. Sometimes it’s disorientation.

**Community Interprets.** People usually lack the proper perspective to interpret life events clearly. Because it is so close and personal, meaning tends to get skewed and distorted unless trusted souls walk alongside you who have the freedom to speak perspective into your life.

**Community Instructs.** Humility is that rare and wonderful ability to receive instruction and equipping from others. You have blind spots and so do I! The church community has the opportunity to encourage you and also challenge you, to comfort you and also correct you. This function flows to the extent that trust and humility reside in each heart.

**Community Defends.** Since life happens within the context of spiritual war, it is essential to know that you have people who love you surrounding you in prayer, warring against your spiritual enemies. Your community of faith, if it’s doing its job, will protect you both from the enemy and from yourself. They will identify the real foe and stand with you for victory.

Community is the essence of the Kingdom that God is bringing to earth. He intends for this interdependence to empower your life and bring you into alignment with the character of Christ. This quality of community is what we call church. I’m thankful to be a part of this covenant community with you!

Grace & peace,

*Pastor Troy*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day  
(Church Office Closed)
- 10 New Member’s Class
- 11 Fall Bible Study Begins
- 13 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 14 Member’s Meeting
- 18 New Kingdom Kids Study Begins

### OCTOBER

- 8 Children’s Ministry Pumpkin  
Painting Party
- 11 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 12 No Evening Activities  
(Fall Break)
- 30 Trunk or Treat





# The Lord's Prayer

*Begins Sunday, September 18 @ 10:45 AM*

We invite all Kingdom Kids and Preschoolers to join us for breakfast on Sunday, September 18, at 10:45 am, as we begin a new unit focusing on the "The Lord's Prayer". During this unit, we will learn what prayer really is, how we should pray, and who we are praying to. We hope your children will join us for this exciting day in our Children's Ministry! Contact Chantelle Bedrin for more details.



## Pumpkin Painting & Fall Craft Party

Join our Children's Ministry on Saturday, October 8, in the Fellowship Hall, from 10:00 am—12:00 pm, for a Pumpkin Painting & Fall Crafting Party! We will have breakfast snacks and juice, as well as coffee and pastries for parents. Paint and decorating supplies will be provided, but please be sure to bring your own pumpkin. Register online via the Realm App or by scanning the QR Code. Please contact Chantelle Bedrin for more information.



*We have a lot of exciting opportunities for you get involved in our Children's Ministry! If you would like more information about how you can help serve and minister to children here at LVBC, please contact our Children's Director, Chantelle Bedrin ([chantelle@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:chantelle@lookoutvalley.org)).*



# **Annual Trunk or Treat**

## **Sunday, October 30 @ 4:00 PM**

We invite you and your family to join us on Sunday, October 30, from 4:00-6:00 pm, for our annual Trunk or Treat. This will be a safe and fun trick or treating experience for the whole family! There will also be games and lots of candy, so don't forget to invite your friends and family! Contact Chantelle Bedrin for more information.

## **Trunks & Treats Needed**

We need individuals to bring their Cars, Trucks, SUVs, and Minivans decorated for fall. Then stock those trunks and cargo spaces with all types of candy and other goodies to hand out to our community. We also need individuals who are willing to donate bags of candy (remember no nuts!)

If you are able to serve during this year's Trunk or Treat or make a donation, please log onto Realm or use the QR Code and let us know if you will be bringing your vehicle, donating candy, or even better...both!! Contact Pastor Wade Casey or Chantelle Bedrin for more details.





# Members Meeting

On Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to our meeting, we invite you to join us as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm and the cost is \$2.00 per person. Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will welcome new members, discuss membership issues, and hear about what the Lord is doing in the life of our church.

**Dinner Menu:** Italian Chicken, Pasta, Salad & Garlic Bread

## LVHS Football

Every fall, LVBC ministers to the LVHS Football Team and Coaches before every home game by providing them a hearty meal. This is a great way to show hospitality to our students, their coaches, and our community! If you or your small group would like to help provide meals, please contact Brice Green ([brice@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:brice@lookoutvalley.org)).



## Upcoming New Member's Class

Have you recently become a member of LVBC? Do you have a desire to join our church fellowship? If the answer is yes, then please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will have the opportunity to hear from our staff and elders about our church's theological foundations, why church membership matters, and how we live life together at LVBC.

This class is required for all new members who desire to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend this quarter's New Member's Class, please contact Pastor Wade Casey ([wade@lookoutvalley.org](mailto:wade@lookoutvalley.org)) or call the church office (423-825-5335).



## Upcoming Meetings

### Annual Picnic:

Our September Wise & Wonderful Meeting will be an exciting one! We invite **EVERYONE** to join us on Tuesday, September 13, at 10:30 am, for our annual Picnic, with guest speaker, Cathy Scott, President of *BIBLE in the Schools*. This special gathering is a **church-wide** event and we encourage each of you to attend, as Cathy teaches us how we can help keep the Bible and Bible classes in our local schools.

Lunch will include Hamburgers & hotdogs, courtesy of Chuck O'Mary and his grilling talents. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

An RSVP is required. Please contact Jennifer Smiley at (931) 224-6392 to reserve your seat.

### Chili Cook Off & Dueling Desserts Contest:

The Wise & Wonderful Meeting invites you to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 am, for a Chili Cook Off & Dueling Desserts contest! This is a church-wide contest, so bring your best batch of chili and your most decadent desserts for a chance to win one of our exciting prizes, as our "Celebrity" judges name the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

If you are not competing, but would like to partake in the festivities, we ask that you bring a side dish/dessert to share, as we enjoy lunch and a devotional time with Alan Houts.

For contest entries & RSVPs, contact Jennifer Smiley at (931) 224-6392.

### A Special Thank You:

*Thank you to all who brought school supplies during our August drive. We had a wagon full of supplies and Lookout Valley Elementary School was so excited to receive these much needed items. REMEMBER, these children are our future and need our support and encouragement, so again thank you for your contribution!*

- The Wise & Wonderful of LVBC



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