

FOR GOOD & GLORY

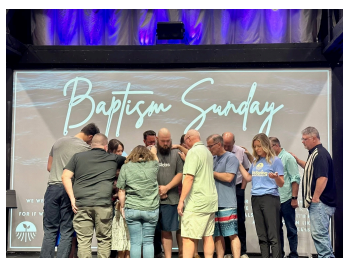


Welcome to the Newsletter!

For Good and Glory! This is why we exist. Our mission, as a church family, is to grow as mature disciples of Christ who bear fruit **for the good of our community and the glory of God**. As you read this newsletter, I pray you get a glimpse into how LifeSpring is serving within this mission and how God calls us to partner with him in his beautiful kingdom work in our community. Here's what happened in *May and June*.

May and June 2025

New Life in Christ: Joe Clark began attending the Men's Life Group this year, where he learned what it means to be a man who follows Jesus, lives in Christian community, and experiences the life-changing power of God's grace. As the weeks passed, Joe's faith in Jesus grew, and he witnessed an incredible transformation in his thoughts, relationships, and actions. On June 8, we celebrated his **new life in Christ** through the beautiful act of **baptism**. The men from his group gathered around him in commitment to fostering his faith in Jesus, and his family and church family prayed over his life before he entered the waters. There is nothing more exciting for our church than celebrating new life in Christ, and it was our great joy to stand with Joe as he professed his faith and committed to following Jesus as his Lord and Savior!



Special Moments of Worship: On **Pentecost** Sunday, one of our congregants, **Charen**, read our weekly **Psalm in Filipino**, her native language. It was a powerful moment for all of us as we considered that the gospel is for all people, everywhere, and that God is doing a redemptive work across the world.

As the adults have been journeying through 1 John, our **Kingdom Kids** have been learning the same passages, and their teachers have utilized **fun and creativity** to drive home the important truths of this book. Our older Kingdom Kids recently **recited a memory verse** from 1 John for the congregation, and our younger kids **sang a worship song** they've been learning. We love celebrating their growth in the knowledge and love of Jesus!



We welcomed a **new member to our preaching team** this June: **Ian Duff**! We are thankful for his willingness to serve through preaching and teaching and look forward to how he will help our church grow in faith.



Church Celebrations: We sipped & celebrated all of our faithful women on **Mother's Day** with an iced drink bar, which was a big hit! On **Father's Day**, we served up ice cream floats in honor of our amazing men. We thank God for the spiritual mothers and fathers who love the people of our church. We also had fun with **Summer Shirt Sunday** in June—everyone looked fabulous!

Community Blessings: During graduation season, I (Claire) organized and hosted the **Baccalaureate Service** for Point Pleasant High School. We had a record number of seniors involved in speaking and singing, as well as record attendance from the community. We are always grateful for the way LifeSpring supports these graduates in their faith.

We also awarded **two scholarships** in memory of our dear friend **Larry Bragg** to PPHS graduates Sophia Atkinson and Elizabeth Handley. It is a joy to honor his legacy and support young people in his memory. We honored our own graduates, Joel Foreman and Amber Wroten, at LifeSpring on **Graduation Sunday**.

As part of our Fostering Community outreach ministry, a team from the church completed a **landscape project for a local foster/adoption family**. We started this project last year as a way to bless this family and ease their load. Thank you to the hard-working team that sacrificed a Saturday to see it to completion.



Financial Snapshot: For the first time, we're including a financial snapshot in our newsletter to keep you informed and encouraged by the impact of your generosity.

As of June 30, general giving for 2025 is nearly on track with our budget, just \$5,000 under what was projected for the first half of the year. Our expenses have been lower than anticipated, which means we are currently \$4,500 in the positive. Praise God! But the story doesn't stop there.

In addition to general giving, over \$10,000 has been generously given toward scholarships, helping families in need, and sending students to Camp Cowen.

We've also been able to use over \$9,000 from last year's surplus to:

- Support specific families facing hardship,
- Contribute to our local ministerial association, which helps cover rent, groceries, and utility bills for local families in crisis, and
- Make important updates and repairs to the church van that was gifted to us last year.

We're grateful for how God is providing through you, and we'll continue to steward these gifts with care, prayer, and transparency.

Thank You, LifeSpring!

These ministries are possible because you have chosen to participate in God's good work in our community. Thank you for praying, casting vision, serving, encouraging, and giving financially to support LifeSpring's ministry. I sincerely look forward to how God will continue to work through us, as we surrender to him, *For Good and Glory!*

Your Grateful Co-Laborer in Christ,

Pastor Claire