

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 *September and October*.

September and October 2025

Take Root, Bear Fruit: We spent the fall considering what it would look like for the **fruit of the Spirit** to come to bear in our lives. John 15 and Galatians 5 served as the anchors for our sermons and Kingdom Kids' teachings. We pray that we will return to the truths of this series repeatedly so that we might continue to take root in Jesus and bear his fruit in the world.

Fostering Community: This fall was a big season for our outreach ministry: Fostering Community. In September, we invited local churches and businesses to partner with LifeSpring by collecting new socks (the most requested item) for children in foster care. Through the boxes that were filled at church and in the community, **we collected 3,212 pairs of new socks to donate!** We celebrated with Silly Sock Sunday at LifeSpring.



For our fall Sunday Serve, we packed **48 independent living baskets for young adults aging out of foster care** and into their own homes or apartments. These baskets were filled with essential household items and Bibles to help them get started. Thank you to our church for your generosity and enthusiasm for serving this community together!

Church Business: We had several **business meetings** this fall that resulted in fruitful decisions for LifeSpring. First, we amended our **bylaws** to better serve the church, and then we voted on our **2026 budget and leadership positions**. We thank Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides, for supplying us with the resources we needed for the new budget. We also praise him for providing new leaders for our church. We welcomed new members to our Servant Leader Team and Nominating Committee, and we established an Elder Board! This is the first time in our history as our own church that we have had a full slate of leaders in these positions.

2026 Appointments

Nominating Committee: David Rossi, Vanessa Sayre, Nikki McGrath

Church Officers: Chris Payne–Moderator, Deanna Watts–Clerk, Chris Watts–Treasurer

Servant Leader Team: Chris Payne, Deanna Watts, Chris Watts, Joni Knight, Stuart Morrison, Chad Foreman, Lee Campbell

Elder Board: Chad Foreman, Debi Cottrill, Brian Decker

Community Involvement: LifeSpring partnered with Main Street Baptist Church in October to **feed the high school football and cheerleading teams**. Along with dinner, we provided a devotional on the fruit of self-control.

Discipleship Cohort: In September, I (Claire) began a **ministry cohort through Practicing the Way** to help our church develop a strategic plan for discipleship. Josh Weddle is participating in the cohort alongside me. We are very eager to see how God will use this pastoral development opportunity to make many disciples of all ages at LifeSpring!

Church Compassion In Loss: In September, one of our church members, Beverly “Toodle” Cottrill, passed from this life into eternal life with her Savior. While her death leaves a hole in the lives of many, we thank you, church, for your compassion to the Cottrill family, which was a healing balm during their time of pain. We will miss her in our family and our church, but we thank God for the love, gentleness, and kindness she modeled to our church family for many years. Her life reflected Jesus to all of us.



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