



MAY MISSION FOCUS

Our mission focus for May is **FMSC- Feed My Starving Children**. Every couple of years we partner with FMSC to host a MobilePack Event that welcomes volunteers from the community to pack meals that are shipped around the world to fight malnutrition among children. To date, and with your help, we’ve shipped over 1.5 million meals! With the events having such a huge impact, we want to start moving toward our next Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event! We’ve seen great things happen at our MobilePack Events in the past. Those that would have gone hungry have been fed. By the grace and power of God, let’s do it again. Using our Online Giving portal or the app on iOS and Android you can set up a one-time or recurring gift that will change the world for hungry kids and help us get one step closer to our next FMSC event! Baskets are also located at the back of the Worship Center to place your donation (write FMSC in the memo).



CONNECT

GUESTS & BG FAMILY TEXT BGCONNECT to 94000 to let us know you are here each week **OR** you can fill out the Connection Card below, detach & place in offering plate as you leave.

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THE MESSAGE

The Lord Is With You: Assurance
Judges 6:33-40

The same Spirit who came upon Gideon is the same Spirit who clothes us as believers in Jesus.

“Putting out the fleece” means asking God to guide us in a decision by fulfilling some condition that we lay down.

The fleece is an approach used by people like Gideon who are honestly wrestling to know God’s will in a particular situation and haven’t been able to discern it otherwise.

Even as we attempt to live and follow Jesus in faith and obedience, we may still have moments where we deal with fear and worry.

The fleece isn’t to be the primary means of determining God’s will for our lives. It’s an approach used by people like Gideon who are honestly wrestling with the decision to know God’s will in a particular situation.

The fact that God responded to Gideon’s request proves that God is gracious and understands our need for assurance and offers us appropriate encouragement to be confident in His will.

Before we begin laying out our fleeces, we need to know we have advantages that Gideon didn’t have.

God’s Word

God’s Spirit

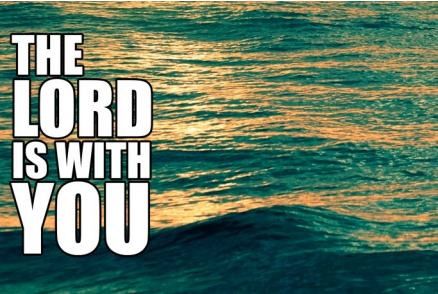
Growing Faith

Surrendering Prayer

We are disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.



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On-Campus & Online —8:30 & 9:45am



Today’s Message:
Assurance

Judges 6:33-40

Rev. Doug Heiman
Lead Shepherd

Welcome to Blue Grass!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We hope you find our worship celebration a meaningful and uplifting experience and sense the warmth & friendliness of our congregation.

May 5, 2024



NEWS & EVENTS

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

Today we have the great honor of welcoming 12 young women and men of the 2024 Discipleship Journey class into full membership of Blue Grass Church. Please join us in celebrating with the following confirmands: Kayden Andrews, Ella Boston, Carson Crummley, Olivia Ellerbrook, Ivy Foster, Brielle Jones, Madison Lovell, Clara McCombs, Mack Nichols, Sawyer Plisky, Lucy Vollman and Blake Woodard. Continue to pray that they would grow in faith to become the women and men that God would have them be. Thanks to all of the parents & mentors who lent support & encouragement to the class.

THANK YOU

The BG Students Mission Trip Team would like to thank everyone who made our cook-out fundraiser and online silent auction a huge success! **Thank You** to all those that bought meals, made online bids, donated items and gave cash donations. Final costs haven't been calculated yet, but we are estimating a profit of at least \$3,000 to help fund the trip. We look forward to taking 15 people to Week of Hope in Indy June 16- 20. Thank you for your support! It is very much appreciated.

BRIDGE SUNDAY FOR 6TH GRADERS

Join us for a fun-filled Carnival-themed Bridge Event for all 6th graders and their families. It will be held on **Sun., June 2nd, from 10:45 am-noon at the Chapel Campus**. You'll enjoy carnival games, delicious food, and build connections with the youth group students and our amazing leaders. Please RSVP online at bluegrass.church.



NEWS & EVENTS

TRI STATE FOOD BANK DRIVE

The Tri-State Food Bank supplies food to 250 feeding programs in the 33 counties around Evansville. We want to help out, so beginning **TODAY thru Sun., May 26**, we will have barrels in the Main Lobby for you to donate food to assist the Tri-State Food Bank. The food items most needed are: canned fruits, canned vegetables, beans, soup, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, rice, and pasta.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

We're celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 19. This is a time to celebrate all that our graduates have done so far, and all that God has in store for them going forward. If you call Blue Grass your church home and are an upcoming graduate (8th grade, High School, College, & Post Grad), or parent of a graduate and would like to be recognized and celebrated on Graduation Sunday, you must submit the required information through a link that can be found online at bluegrass.church. **TODAY is the last day to submit the info.**

BG STUDENTS SERVICE DAY

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to participate in a morning of service on **Sat., May 18th**. Join us from 9:30am-noon at the NEW Borrowed Hearts located at 8230 Burch Park Drive. Register at bluegrass.church.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Join us at the Cedar Hall Spring Carnival on **Fri., May 10 from 4-6pm**. We are looking for volunteers to help with kids carnival games, food sales, ticket sales, and raffle assistance. Check out the full article and register online at bluegrass.church.



NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

NEXT GEN MINISTRIES (Birth—high school)

Our Next Gen ministry, outlined below, meets Sundays during the 9:45 service. Infant & toddler nursery is available. A cry room is located in the back of the Worship Center. A family restroom is located next to room 1010 on the Children's Wing.

BG Kids (ages preschool—3rd grade)

The Bible is brought to life through creative and imaginative story-telling & interactive learning activities for ages preschool through 3rd grade. We create a safe place for children to feel comfortable to express their faith and ask questions. BG Kids meet in age related rooms on the children's wing.

BG Preteens (4th, 5th, & 6th graders)

This ministry is designed specifically for preteens. Through interactive games and creative teaching, a fun & safe environment is created for preteens to be themselves, to explore their faith-related questions, and address their doubts and find their wings. BG Preteens meet in the Hospitality Room.

BG Students (7th—12 grade students)

This is a time for 100% acceptance and 0% drama for 7th-12th grade students to meet together and grow in their faith, build Christ centered friendships, serve others, and have fun! We are passionate & intentional in our time together and welcome all students. BG Students meet in the Youth Room at the Chapel Campus (next door) on Sundays at 9:45am.

Follow Next Gen BG Kids and BG Preteens Blue Grass Church on Facebook for all the latest information and activities.



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BE A HERO

YOU have the power to make a difference in the lives of our children here at Blue Grass! BG Kids is a vibrant place where young minds explore their faith through engaging lessons, fun activities, & positive role models. But to keep things running smoothly and ensure a safe, enriching environment, we need a few amazing volunteers like YOU to join our team. We're looking for enthusiastic parents to teach or assist our dedicated teachers in the classroom. This could involve:

Helping with crowd control: A little guidance keeps out energetic youngsters focused and having fun.

Assisting the teacher: From handing out materials to participating in activities, you'll be a valuable support system.

Sharing your faith: By simple being present and engaged, you'll show our children the importance of a strong faith community. **Why volunteer?** The rewards are endless! You'll get to:

Witness firsthand: See the joy of learning and the positive impact you can have on a child's faith journey.

Connect with your child/grandchild: Share a special experience and create lasting memories as they learn and grow in their faith.

Make a difference: Your time & talents will help shape the lives of our church's future generation.

No experience is necessary! We'll provide all the training and support you need. **Ready to be a hero?** Contact Melody at melody.pfeffer@bluegrass.church.