

Headwaters Newsletter

His Church is not a building or a physical location. It is a living, breathing, holy temple built with living stones.



Jenny Glover listens to verses during Awana last year. This year kids can still work through their books memorizing verses, but verse time will look a little bit different. See below.

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I am so glad that we can offer Awana this Fall even though we cannot be together. Watching kids hide God's Word in their heart and growing in their faith is exciting!! I love that Headwaters Church is willing to make this happen!

Shirley Glover
Awana Secretary



Headwaters Kids

Awana will look a little different this Fall

Awana stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Awana curriculum centers on Scripture memorization and offers families the opportunity to have spiritual conversations at home as they assist their child in working through the material.

This Fall Awana will be done entirely at home, with verse time happening during HomeGroups.

If your family is not participating in HomeGroups but would like to do Awana, verses may be heard

Sunday mornings (or, for special circumstances, online).

Patches and Jewels will be awarded for progress throughout the semester in a manner TBD. Lessons will be available on YouTube weekly to watch at your convenience.

Other changes this year include a switch from Lil' Lights (ages 2-3) to the similar Awana club, Puggles.

Total cost is \$15 per child, which covers the price of the book (\$10) as well as a supply fee (\$5) for awards.

Registration will open Wednesday, August 19th. Check our website or use the Church Center App to sign your child up! ■

Headwaters **HOME** GROUPS

“Jesus told his disciples in the upper room that their defining mark would be their love for each other. The restrictions on group size have made it difficult for local congregations to effectively live that command. The goal for Home Groups is to provide a tangible means for the “one-another” commands of Scripture to find their natural home.”

*Luke Suci
Director of Discipleship*

What is a HomeGroup?

Headwaters HomeGroups are small groups that meet together every other week, for an hour and a half, at a regular time that works for everyone within the group, with the purpose of encouraging and building each other up in faith (1 Thes. 5:8-11)

What do we do with the kids?

Each group will decide what works best for the group. If kids are old enough to play without interruption in another part of the home, that is great. Older siblings could watch younger kids, if kids are old enough they could be left at home, or the group could collectively hire a babysitter. Whatever works best for the group. Each group will be given a small budget that can be used to help offset these costs.

What does a regular HomeGroup night look like?

Generally, a night will be organized by the first thirty minutes being relational. Sharing dessert, talking through life developments, and just generally living life together. The next forty minutes will be a dialogue on the book, designated discussion questions, and any other

directed content that the group leaders have been asked to include. The final twenty minutes is designated for taking requests and praying.

When do these groups begin and end?

The groups will begin in mid-September and end in mid-December.

What is the book about?

Relationships: A Mess Worth Making is a book by Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane that focuses on connecting the truth of who God is to how Christians should live together. It is an accessible book with short chapters that will provide a great foundation from which the group can build.

Is there a cost?

We are asking \$5/book to help offset our cost. Other than that, each group may rotate on who brings food and the aforementioned option on babysitters but there are no other designated costs.

Do we have to meet in someone's home?

The intention is for groups to meet in homes because they tend to have a better relational

environment. Outdoors will also work when weather permits. If homes are not the best fit for the group the church buildings can be made available upon arrangement.

How big will the groups be?

Groups will be limited to 8-10 adults and capped at 10 kids.

How is AWANA incorporated?

During the first thirty minutes of fellowship time at least two adults will sit down with kids who are working through AWANA books and listen to their verses from the last two weeks. If more time is needed for verses it can be squeezed in at the end. This is the only official component of AWANA that will happen during HomeGroups.

How are the groups organized?

The congregation will sign up and be organized into groups based roughly on life stage.

Where do I sign up?

Register on Planning Center by clicking [HERE](#) or by using the Planning Center App. ■



Growth Groups (GGs) are designed to help the women of Headwaters Church live out the calling of Philippians 1:27: "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel." GGs work toward this calling by gathering women monthly in small groups with the purpose of fellowship around the Word and encouragement to pursue wholehearted love and devotion to Jesus Christ. As sisters in Christ seek personal accountability and speak the truth in love to one another, the prayer is the "we will grow up in every way into...Christ." (Eph. 4:15)

How do Growth Groups work?

- GGs are intended for the women of Headwaters Church who are at least 18 years of age.
- GGs will consist of a total of 5 women or less. Each group will be led by a facilitator. GGs will include women representing various stages of life.
- GGs will meet one time a month (Sept-May) for 2 hours at a time determined by the GG members with the goal of ALL participants being at every meeting.

- GGs will meet in the home of the group facilitator or a participant. This year a Zoom group may also be offered for those not comfortable meeting in person. In an effort to provide a distraction-free and confidential environment, it is requested that children and guests not attend under any circumstance.
- GGs will use a book/resource as a guide for group discussions. All groups will use the same material selected by GG leadership.
- Women desiring to be a part of GGs must register/submit the online application below. Once all applications have been received, they will be reviewed by GG leadership who will then form the groups.

What book will we be working through?

- "Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health" by Donald S. Whitney

What can I expect?

- GGs are designed to encourage candid discussions centered on God's Word, Christ's sufficiency, and viewing all of life through the lens of Scripture.
- GGs are intended to foster transparency, authenticity, accountability, teachability, humility, growth in Christ-likeness, and a deeper love for Jesus: all in a safe and confidential environment.

What does my commitment involve?

- Participating in the assigned GG for the entire Sept-May cycle by attending all meetings.
- Coming to each meeting ready to participate by having all assigned material completed.
- Upholding an environment of confidentiality by keeping what is said in GGs within the group.
- Remembering to speak the truth in love in coming alongside one another and focus discussions on the truths of Scripture and how they can be applied to all aspects of life. ■

Are you in?

Click [HERE](#) to sign up TODAY!

Or go to headwaterschurch.org or use the Church Center App.

BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY



Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Safe Families for Children Northeast Indiana is excited to invite you to hear Chris Kascmarek, Associate Missions Pastor from County Line Church of God, speak on understanding poverty.

His training session will be based on the framework from *Bridges Out of Poverty*, by Ruby Payne.

This research is a big step in beginning to understand the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty on an individual and systemic level.

Bridges Out of Poverty provides concrete strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty, while helping participants understand their own biases in this issue. ■

Training Details

August 19 from 6-8 pm
St. Joe Community Church
(2900 N. Anthony Blvd)

Both training dates cover the same material. Beverages will be provided, but please note that childcare will not be available.

Click [HERE](#) to
Register.
or go to
headwaterschurch.org



Safe Families *for* Children

Work Day at Wells

Chapel Clean-up

Sat, Aug 22 | 8am-Noon
Wells Street Chapel

The Chapel project is nearing completion, and it's time to tidy up in preparation for the first Fall weddings at the end of August.

We need many willing hands to make the restored chapel sparkle.

Volunteers will be cleaning:

- windows
- mirrors
- walls
- doors
- baseboards
- floors

Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Masks are recommended if working in close proximity with others.

Let us know you are coming by signing up [HERE](#).

Call the church office if you have any questions.
260.489.4942





New Service Times

8:00 am Masks Required | Wallen Road

- 8+ must wear mask inside facility
- No childcare provided

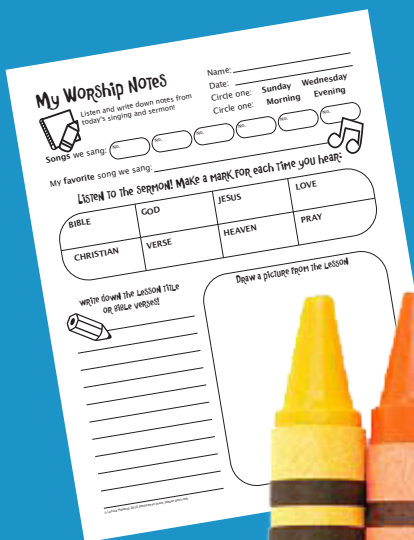
9:15 am Masks Optional | Wells Street

- Childcare available for age birth-5

10:45 am Masks Optional | Wallen Road

- Childcare available for age birth-5

All sanctuary seating will be socially distanced.



Worship Notes for Kids

Available at Welcome Center and Online.



You'll find this Kid's Worship Notes under **RESOURCES** on our website.

Don't forget to bring your own pens and crayons!

Don't live in the past



MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY'S INFO IS UP-TO-DATE

- Download the Church Center App.
- Click on your profile icon in the upper right corner.
- You can update photos and info for all members of your household.




Pickleball

Monday Nights

5:30-8pm

Wells Street

- Track Open
- Bring water bottle
- Children must be supervised at all times



Summer Youth Group

Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm | Wells Street Gyms & Outdoors

If you are joining us from home...

**May we pray
for you?**

Communication
Card Online

Headwaterschurch.org
under RESOURCES

3 ways to give



in person



by mail



online

Offering Boxes are located at the back of the sanctuary

headwaterschurch.org

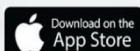
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Download the
church center app
TODAY

QUICK & EASY way
to register for
upcoming events



In Case You Didn't Know...

If you are at least 70 ½ years old and have made contributions to an IRA, you are eligible to make charitable contributions to a qualified charity directly from your IRA. Such contributions count toward annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and are not included in Adjusted Gross Income as a Retirement Distribution.

A few rules:

- You can contribute more than your RMD as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year,
- You may not receive anything (other than an intangible religious benefit) from the charity as quid pro quo for your contribution,
- The charity must provide you an acknowledgment stating the amount of the charitable distribution and that no goods, services or benefits of any kind were or will be provided to you in consideration for the distribution from the IRA,
- The contribution cannot go to a donor-advised fund, supporting organization or private foundation,
- You cannot make the charitable IRA distribution from Simplified Employee Plans and Savings Incentive Match Plans for Employees if an employer contribution is made for that year,
- You would not include any such contributions as itemized deductions because they are already excluded from Adjusted Gross Income.

Potential benefits:

If your financial situation allows you to donate IRA funds to a charity, you can benefit tax-wise if you match one of more the following profiles:

- You don't itemize deductions (under the normal rules only itemizers get any income tax benefit from charitable donations),
- You want to avoid being taxed on the required minimum distribution amount that you must take from your IRA,
- You want to reduce your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return.

If this has piqued your interest, consider speaking to your financial planner, CPA or the financial institution that holds your IRA about arranging for a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD).

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Amazon Smile allows participating Amazon.com shoppers to enable Amazon to donate to non-profits like Headwaters Church with each designated purchase made (0.5% of each purchase).

There is no cost to the participating Amazon shopper or to Headwaters Church.

Shoppers need only follow this one time to designate Headwaters (*still known as Wallen Baptist Church, Inc on Amazon.com due to our EIN*) as their Amazon Smile charity.

Once you enable Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of ALL of your Amazon purchases to Headwaters Church.

You can also find a link to sign up for Amazon Smile at the bottom of our homepage. ■

Community Outreach

Food Assistance

If you know of anyone in need of a meal, you can direct them to our Wells Street parking lot, where Wellspring on Wheels will be distributing food, **Tuesday, Aug 25th, from 11am-1pm.**

The tentative menu will include: Whole Chickens | Canned Pears | Apples/Produce | Juice | Bakery Item | Hygiene Items ■



Pop-Up WOW Site!

The Wellspring van will be distributing food at...

Where: Headwaters Church @ 2000 N Wells St, Fort Wayne, IN - Look for our van on the circle-drive facing Wells St!

When: Tuesday, August 25th

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

**No identification needed
&
Please follow the orange cones
for drive-thru access.**

Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out an online Communication Card on our website.

Giving Totals

Last Week General Giving \$31,365
Weekly General Budget \$36,875

Amplify Giving*

Last Week Giving \$2,554
2020 YTD Giving \$125,250

YTD General Giving \$1,125,557
YTD General Budget \$1,180,000

"Chapel Phase" Goal \$250,000
Total "Chapel" Giving \$213,794
Remaining Needed \$36,206
Total Amplify Fund Giving \$847,404

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Office Hours:
M-F | 9am-4pm



*The Amplify Fund is a building fund for preparing our new facility at 2000 N. Wells Street for current & future ministries.