

# Headwaters Newsletter

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

August 23, 2020



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In the Community

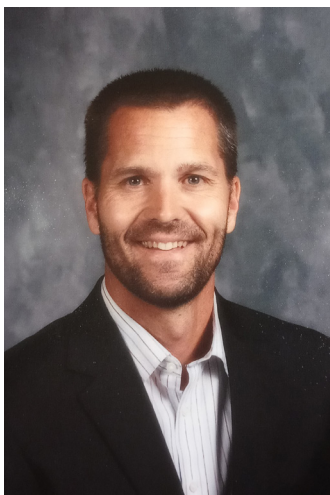
## Those Who Teach. Praying for Educators.

Headwaters Church is blessed to have a great representation of teachers, administrators, and support staff in many of the local public and private schools.

As they begin a school year full of changes and unknowns, we want to surround them in prayer from our church family.

We'll highlight these teachers over the next month, and we ask that as their friends and fellow believers, you would pray for them specifically and intentionally. They have an opportunity to make an incredible difference for the gospel.

If you would like to be added to this list on the following page, please click [HERE](#) to fill out our educators form.



**Caleb Miner**  
*Principal, Perry Hill Elementary*

My name is Caleb Miner. I am a member of Headwaters and also have the privilege of serving as the principal of Perry Hill Elementary School.

It has truly been one of the most challenging 5 months that I can recall, and the prayer is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

We've worked very hard this summer with local medical experts, the Dept of Education, and the Dept of Health on trying to figure out how to both reopen our doors and keep them open.

Our students deserve a quality education, and we greatly desire to be able to provide them with one. We've implemented a great deal of change in procedures and protocols to make this happen.

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# Thank you Teacher

**Donna Ashcroft**

2nd Grade Teacher  
Franke Park Elementary,  
FWCS

**Andy Baker**

Math Teacher  
Hamilton High School

**Christie Bowie**

Interventionist  
Lakewood Park Christian  
School

**David Brooks**

History Teacher  
Carroll High School,  
NACS

**Justin Brown**

4th Grade Teacher  
Northcrest Elementary,  
FWCS

**Emily Cook**

Kindergarten Teacher  
Whitney Young Early  
Childhood, FWCS

**Margie Dawson**

English Teacher  
Gateway Woods School

**Adela Dickey**

Director of Technology  
NACS

**Angela Esselburn**

Art Teacher  
Lindley Elementary,  
FWCS

**Emma Gaier**

Social Studies Teacher  
Norwell High School,  
FWCS

**Maelynn Gausmann**

Instructional Assistant  
Aboite Elementary,  
SACS

**Nancy Glenn**

Title I Tutor  
St. Jude Catholic School

**Jordan Harter**

6th Grade Teacher  
Heritage Elementary,  
EACS

**Lesley Hecht**

Preschool Teacher  
Creative Play School

**Jen Howey**

Spanish Teacher  
Blackhawk Christian  
School

**Bonnie Johnson**

Math Teacher  
Carroll High School,  
NACS

**Derek Leininger**

Assistant Principal  
Snider High School,  
FWCS

**Kathy Long**

3rd Grade Reading  
Intervention  
Van Wert Elementary

**Rich Luedeke**

Music/Theatre/Speech/  
Fine Arts Teacher  
Blackhawk Christian  
School

**Knicholas Middleton**

Math Teacher  
Homestead High  
School, SACS

**Caleb Miner**

Principal  
Perry Hill Elementary,  
NACS

**Lindsey Miner**

Remote Teacher  
Carroll & Maple Creek  
Middle Schools, NACS

**Wendy Molenhouse**

Instructional Assistant  
Eel River Elementary,  
NACS

**Gin Moore**

Lead Advisor  
IU School of Medicine

**Amelia Pflieger**

Curriculum Coordinator  
for High Ability  
& Fine Arts  
Central Administration  
Office, FWCS

**Aubri Rench**

7th & 8th Grade  
Language Arts Teacher  
Lakewood Park Christian  
School

**Joe Rich**

Information Technology  
Director  
Blackhawk Christian  
School

**Maryanne Rich**

Information Technology  
Specialist  
Blackhawk Christian  
School

**Kim Rohrer**

3rd Grade Teacher  
Eel River Elementary,  
NACS

**Sarah Schoolman**

4th Grade Teacher  
Lincoln Elementary,  
FWCS

**Aaron Smith**

Math Teacher  
Northrop High School,  
FWCS

**Abigail Snyder**

6th Grade ELA Teacher  
Maple Creek Middle  
School, NACS

**Tim Studebaker**

PE Teacher  
Lakewood Park Christian  
School

**Heather Watts**

2nd Grade Teacher  
Southwick Elementary,  
FWCS

**Marcy Winterholter**

Instructional Coach  
Lakewood Park Christian  
School

**Kyle Wood**

8th Grade History  
Teacher  
Carroll Middle School,  
NACS



# EDUCATION

## David Brooks

*History Teacher, Carroll High School*

Lots of good stuff happening at Carroll High School. 87% of NACS kids chose in-person learning, and you can tell they're excited to be around peers and teachers again. Everybody is complying with masks and seems to have a good attitude about everything. Same goes for kids in the athletic realm.

As far as what I do to witness to my students, I strive to make them smile and laugh every day. Make my classroom a place they're excited to be and in which they feel comfortable. We talk about "20 Year Stuff" (i.e., beyond the curriculum. Stuff that'll make them better spouses, parents, employees, etc. in the future. Like being a "7/7ths" person, the importance of attitude, and listening with their eyes.) for a focused time at least once a week. And we're getting outside more than normal!

As far as prayer requests, two come to mind. First, I have two ELL kids in my 1st period class, one who moved from Thailand to the U.S. on March 11! So not only has she been in the States for just five months, but she hasn't exactly been exposed to a lot of natural language learning in that time. **Please pray** for language acquisition for her, and for wisdom and patience for me as I teach someone who's got far bigger fish to fry than learning world history. Second, our block schedule is going to wear on kids: 90 minute classes every day, 3 one day, four the next. **Please pray** for perseverance and gratitude that we get to be in school. ■

## Caleb Miner continued

The reality is that we cannot eliminate all risk; there is risk with all that we do. However, we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk for our students, families, and staff. We do have medically fragile stakeholders, and I don't want to see harm fall upon any of them.

That said, **please pray** for the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. **Please pray** that we can keep our doors open and provide our students with both some normalcy and a great education.

I am incredibly proud of what our faculty and staff have and are doing to meet our kids' needs. They continually go over and above for our students and families. Nonetheless, this has been a daunting task for all. **Please pray** for encouragement, strength, and wisdom for them.

**Please pray** for the educational leaders both in Fort Wayne and around the nation. They are also in dire need of encouragement, strength, and wisdom.

Lastly, **please pray** for grace for all. This is a difficult time for everyone; tensions are high. We will all be better off if we remember to give grace to each other and ourselves when needed. Thank you.



# Safe Families for Children



## Volunteer Opportunities:

Our Family Coaches come alongside struggling parents and help them find the resources and referrals they need to support their families. **Do you have a heart for this kind of ministry or know of someone who does?** If you're interested in the Family Coach role, please contact Ranetta Wiley at [rwiley@safefamilies.net](mailto:rwiley@safefamilies.net). We hope this can be an amazing opportunity for you to share the love of Christ!

## Training:

### TBRI 101—A Self-Guided Course in Trust Based Relationships

*This course through the Karen Purvis Institute of Child Development is helpful for any of our volunteer roles and is FREE until August 31st!*

## Needs:

- Gas Gift Cards
- Grocery Gift Cards

You can drop off gift cards at the Church Office or at the Welcome Center on Sundays. Please put them in an envelope with: **"Safe Families - ATTN Bonnie Doolittle."** Or you can email us at [Northeastindiana@safefamilies.net](mailto:Northeastindiana@safefamilies.net) for other drop off options.



## Women's Bible Study

Coming Tuesdays this Fall

## 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Save the Date: **Sept 15**



## At Home | Sept-Dec

Verse time during HomeGroups  
or Sunday mornings  
for kids age 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Register on website or with Church Center App



WHO'S READY FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL?

**Beginning Sept 6**  
Sunday morning classes  
**PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**





headwaters women

# Growth Groups



**SUN 8/23**  
is the  
**LAST DAY**  
to Sign up!

**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](https://headwaterschurch.org) or use the Church Center App.

# 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. ■



# 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



# 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!





## 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

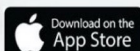
## My Sunday Planner

- Newsletter
- Sermon Notes
- Kid Worship Notes



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).**

## Support Headwaters Church.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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## Get Amazon Smile for Headwaters

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 \$34,120  
Weekly General Budget \$36,875

#### Amplify Giving\*

Last Week Giving \$1,501  
2020 YTD Giving \$126,750

YTD General Giving \$1,159,677  
YTD General Budget \$1,215,875

"Chapel Phase" Goal \$250,000  
Total "Chapel" Giving \$215,294  
Remaining Needed \$34,706  
Total Amplify Fund Giving \$848,905

### Headwaters Church

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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.