



HEADWATERS
Church

NEWSLETTER
JULY 23, 2023



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to our entire church family for your involvement with VBS. We had over 100 volunteers, and more than 300 kids attend! Thank you for those who participated by giving your time, sending your kids, purchasing supplies, feeding the volunteers, or working on decorations. We could not do this without each of you and we appreciate all that you sacrificed to be here with us this week!

WE RAISED JUST OVER \$900 FOR THE AFRICA SCHOOL PROJECT

The offering we raised this week will be donated to **Awana for the Africa School Project**, where the public schools use Awana in their programming. We brought in enough to support 2 1/2 schools for the whole year... how exciting!! Thanks for your generous donations!





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UPCOMING EVENTS- THIS WEEK



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I'M NEW HERE

THIS SUNDAY | JULY 23

MEET JIM OUTSIDE OF THE WORSHIP CENTER IN THE GYM RIGHT AFTER SERVICE

Get to know the heartbeat of Headwaters, our purpose, vision and core values, as well as get answers to your questions and a tour of the campus. The tour lasts 20 minutes and kids are welcome to join.

ELDER CANDIDATE Q&A | THIS SUNDAY | 9AM & 10:45AM | CHAPEL

ABFs will combine at 9AM in the chapel instead of their regular meeting locations and 4th and 5th graders who attend Sunday School in the chapel at 10:45AM will meet in room 312 instead.



MEN'S SOFTBALL | NEXT GAMES JULY 24

Our 2 men's softball teams have games all summer long so come be a part of the excitement! **Join us for both teams' games at Kreager Park on July 24, Headwaters 1 begins at 9:15pm and Headwaters 2 begins at 8:15pm.**



JUBILEE LADIES LUNCHEON | JULY 27

Jubilee Ladies will be meeting on Thursday, July 27 at noon in building 2, room A. We will be eating grilled hot dogs and everything that goes with it. After lunch, some members of the Headwaters Youth Group will share stories about their mission trip to Ecuador. We are very excited to hear how God is working through our teens to encourage other Christian children and teens in Pomasqui, Shandia, and Ponce Loma, Ecuador. Please register if you are planning to attend.

[REGISTER](#)

4TH & 5TH GRADE RETREAT



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AUGUST 4-6 | REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Our theme this year is going to be **“Say WHAT?!” (Crazy Commands of Christ)**. We’ll be focusing on some of the crazy things Christ commands in The Sermon on The Mount. How do we go the extra mile, love our enemy, and follow the Golden Rule? We’ll unpack these commands together as we study God’s Word!

WHERE: Epworth Forest in North Webster, IN

WHEN: Fri-Sun, August 4-6 | Leave @ 4pm August 4th | Return @ Noon August 6th

WHAT TO EXPECT: Students will spend 3 days (2 nights) together in camp dorms. We’ll have all our meals together at the camp, have group game times, large-group sessions, water time, and some free play time. This is a great time for this group of kids and adults to bond and grow before the school year begins. We can’t wait to spend time together at our annual retreat!

WHAT TO BRING: Bible, bedding, bath towel, toiletries, modest swimsuit, swim towel, & sunscreen

QUESTIONS: ewood@headwaterschurch.org

REGISTER

UPCOMING EVENTS- THIS AUGUST



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Senior Saints Choir!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH @4 PM | CHAPEL

71 SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS, AGED 58 TO 91, FROM 30 LOCAL CHURCHES

ENTERTAINING, SMILE-INDUCING, AND BRINGING A MESSAGE OF HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST!

AUGUST 12 | 4PM | CHAPEL

The Senior Saints are coming your way. When they are all present there are 71 singers and instrumentalists, age 58 to 91, from 30 area churches. Their program this year is **“The Music of Our Hearts.”** **The Saints’ goal is to be entertaining and bring smiles but also to bring a message of hope found in Jesus Christ.**



Interested in serving in Awana Wednesday nights through the school year. Email Erin Wood (ewood@headwaterschurch.org) or Awana commander, Jillian Christensen (jillianchristensen27@gmail.com) if interested. Sign up for kids will open next week!

BEGINNING AUGUST 23

MORE INFO IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER



ELDER CANDIDATES

Tom Clothier and Andy Opliger have been nominated as candidates for the elder position! Below, you will find more information about their relationship with Headwaters and their testimonies on the following pages. Attend the Elder Candidate Q&A this Sunday in the chapel during the 9am and 10:45am services to learn more.

ANDY OPLIGER

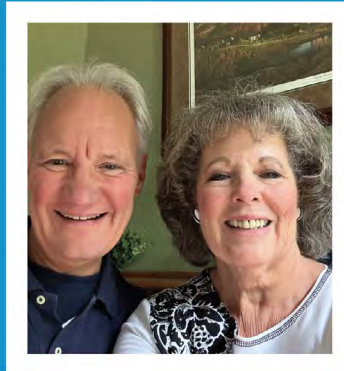


ANDY, HIS WIFE, RANDI, & HIS THREE SONS HAVE ATTENDED HEADWATERS FOR **FIVE YEARS.**

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS

- A TEACHER IN 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOM CLOTHIER



TOM & HIS WIFE, DIANA, HAVE ATTENDED HEADWATERS FOR **SIX YEARS.**

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS

- VOCALIST ON WORSHIP TEAM
- LEGACY ABF TEACHER
- STEPS TEACHER



NEW BONUS EPISODE: Elder Candidate Interview with Tom Clothier and Andy Opliger



TOM CLOTHIER

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.” – John Newton

What the Apostle Paul expressed to the Ephesian believers in Christ, and John Newton wrote as a personal testimony, God has used to remind me as to who is truly responsible for my salvation. I was born and raised in Detroit, MI. My parents were religious, but remained unconverted to the biblical gospel until just prior to their deaths. My family and I attended church throughout my childhood. However, I remained an unconverted sinner. I was spiritually dead in my trespasses and sin (Eph. 2:1-3).

The Lord converted me in October of 1974 when I was nineteen. This occurred through the sowing of many seeds of the Gospel by faithful co-workers at jobs I held throughout high school and upon entering college (I Corinthians 3:5-9).


I received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord following the preaching of the Gospel in a Sunday evening worship service at a church I recently began attending. During the message, the pastor stated, **“If any of you were to die tonight, where would you spend eternity?”** Following years of hearing the truth of Jesus Christ’s virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death on the cross, and bodily resurrection on behalf of sinners like me, it was at that moment the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sinfulness and brought to me a realization of the condemned condition of my soul.

It was later that evening, when alone in my bedroom of my parent’s home, **I literally knelt down beside my bed, repented of my sin and received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord (John 1:12-13).**

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**“I ONCE WAS LOST,
BUT NOW AM FOUND.”**

ELDER CANDIDATES TESTIMONIES




The Holy Spirit regenerated my soul enabling me to believe the truth of the Gospel (John 3:1-8; Titus 3:1-5), **God gave me new, spiritual life in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5). He saved me from the penalty, power, and eventual presence of sin by grace alone, through God-given faith alone in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone (John 1:1-18; Rom. 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9).** ▶▶▶

Following my conversion, I became aware that this was part of God's eternal plan before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-4). As an unconverted sinner, I was a spiritual criminal against God (Isaiah 53:4-6), a debtor unto God (Colossians 2:13-14) and an enemy before God (Romans 5:8-10). **As a believer in Christ, I am now declared righteous (justified) by God with the imputed righteousness of Christ (Romans 3:21-26; 4:1-25), redeemed unto God (I Cor. 1:30; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:15), and reconciled before God (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Colossians 1:20). I am a child of God.**

Soli deo Gloria!

ANDY OPLIGER



I believe that God created the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, including me. I believe that I was born a sinner in desperate need of a Savior (Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 6:23). Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ came to this earth fully God and fully man to accomplish the Father's will of bringing salvation to all who believe (Philippians. 2:6-8; Hebrews 1:3; John 1:14). I am saved by grace through faith that is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Jesus lived a perfect life on earth and died on the cross for me as a perfect sacrifice for my sins (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus defeated death through His resurrection proving His deity (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Philippians 2:9-11). I have been justified by faith (Romans 3:24; Romans 5:1; Titus 3:4-7). I am being sanctified to the image of Christ by the Holy Spirit who indwells me, convicts me, and helps me in my daily pursuit to be more like Christ (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:11; Romans 8:26; John 14:16-17; 2 Corinthians 3:18). I can't wait to be in my glorified body spending eternity with God (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Romans 8:23).

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I am thankful to have grown up in a home with loving parents that knew Christ as their Lord and Savior. I am grateful for the sacrifices they made to send me to a school where the teachers were faithful in daily sharing the gospel. My 5th grade teacher was influential in my life at an early age. It was evident she loved the Lord, and she was not afraid to share her faith. It was in the 5th grade that God saved me from the depths of my sin.

Throughout my junior high and senior high school years, I was a “good” kid and loved the Lord, but He was not my priority. My senior year of high school was a year of spiritual growth. I joined the student leadership team at youth group and God used this period to stretch me and grow my faith. This was important as I went off to college and found myself in the “real world.”

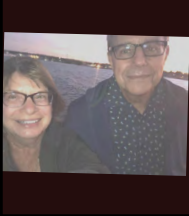
For the first time in my life, standing for Christ would have a negative impact on how I was treated by new friends and teammates. As always, God was faithful. By His grace, I was able to stay strong in Him and I prayed His love was evident to those around me. Randi and I married in 2000 and she has been a constant encouragement to me in my pursuit to be more like Christ. For several years after we were married, God allowed us to be in a Bible Study with older, godly married couples that poured into our lives as we navigated life together and began to raise our three sons. We have been blessed to serve together in the local church for over 20 years. Whether teaching Sunday school, leading Bible studies, hosting missionaries in our home, or one on one discipleship, we are grateful for the opportunities God has given us to serve Him.

**“TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE
CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS
TO ALL GENERATIONS,
FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN”** *Ephesians 3:21*

REMINDERS



MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES



Jerry & Nancy Touchet



Brett & Lainie Holder



Michael & Bethany Biggs



John & Katheen Reinking

NEW MEMBERS



Jerry & Cheryl Huffman

New Items Needed

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED BEEF
- BAKED BEANS
- TOMATO SOUP

DROP OFF AT WELCOME CENTER OR CHURCH OFFICE

ENGAGE MY CITY
 Pine Hills CHURCH

Garage Sale

Friday, Aug. 18
 8AM - 5PM

PRESALE FOR NMM VOLUNTEERS & FAMILIES
 Aug. 17
 6PM - 9PM

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
 NEW MERCIES MINISTRIES

THIS SUMMER

Journey through the
OLD TESTAMENT

NEW MERCIES MINISTRIES

WE ARE IN NEED OF
SIZE 4 DIAPERS

GIVING

General Giving Totals

Last Week	\$42,849
Weekly Budget	\$41,391
YTD Giving	\$1,296,956
YTD Budget	\$1,200,339

Attendance 920

Share² Capital Fund* Giving

Last Week	\$4,541
Weekly Goal	\$18,868
YTD Giving	\$224,197
YTD Goal	\$547,172
Total Share ² Giving	\$693,711

*The Share² Capital Fund is a building fund for construction of a sanctuary, lobby, & kitchen. You can watch a flyover of an early version of the proposed spaces [HERE](#).

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