



**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC**

SUNDAY, JULY 31  
AT MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!**

WE WILL PROVIDE:  
CHICKEN AND DRINKS  
PLATES, CUPS, FLATWARE, AND NAPKINS

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEATING AVAILABLE

### COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS August 7 - August 28

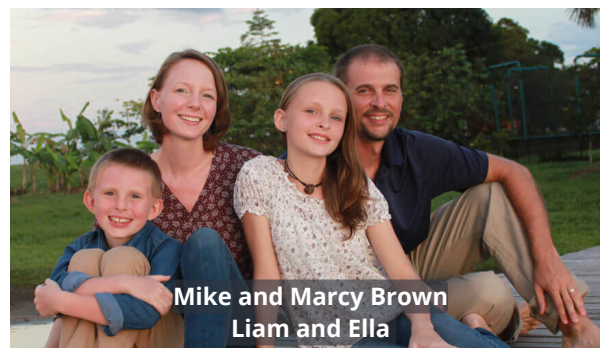
Please join us for Dr. David Jeremiah's video presentation, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Dr. Jeremiah opens up the Word of God to reveal what it has to say about the days we are living in—and to offer hope and courage to believers.

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TEACHINGS, MUSIC, &  
MORE, check out:  
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## HAPPENINGS

### JULY 31 MIKE AND MARCY BROWN



Mike and Marcy Brown  
Liam and Ella

Mike and Marcy Brown, missionaries in Pucallpa, Peru, will be teaching the combined Adult Sunday School Class on July 31.\* They will also be sharing about their ministry at the SAM Academy, a school for missionary children in Pucallpa, during the worship service Mission Moment.

\*There will be no David Jeremiah Study on July 31. The study will resume August 7.

### JULY 31 CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC Following the Worship Service

## GATHERINGS

**9:30 AM Sunday School In-person**

**10:45 AM Sunday Worship**

In-person & ONLINE via Facebook

**7:00 PM Wed. Night In-person Bible Study  
"Creation Vs Evolution"**

*Please join us as Ford Campbell presents an in-depth study of the scientific evidence that supports the Biblical account of creation.*



## MEET LINDA MCCOY AND SHEILA GRIMM

Linda McCoy and her daughter, Sheila Grimm, started coming to Mount Moriah about eighteen years ago. They already knew a lot of people who attended our church, so it immediately felt like family. "We loved the services, the singing, the Sunday School classes, and we loved the people." However, their favorite part of attending is that new people have the opportunity to teach and serve.



Linda McCoy and Sheila Grimm

Both Linda and Sheila are members of "The New Life Sunday School Class," which they enjoy. Sheila has been a nursery helper, and Linda has used her culinary talents to help with various fundraisers. On any given Sunday, you can also witness Linda talking to and loving the children of Mount Moriah. Linda says, "The children are the church of tomorrow," and Sheila agrees that young people are the future.

More than anything, Linda and Sheila are thankful to attend a Bible-believing church like Mount Moriah. "We're growing by leaps and bounds. What's being brought forth is the nourishment that we need."

We're so glad that Linda and Sheila choose to be filled with God's word here as part of our body of believers at Mount Moriah!

## MOUNT MORIAH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

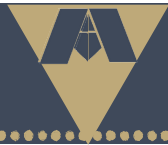
Vacation Bible School 2022 was a total success! We ministered to as many as 210 kids and had as many as 50 volunteers! God is so good. This year, the VBS offering went to our very own **Closet of Hope**. We raised over \$1300.00 and donated plenty of items to help stock their store.



*"What a blessing it has been to serve as VBS director for yet another wonderful year and to minister to so many kids alongside some amazing teachers and volunteers! Looking forward to VBS 2023!"*

Erin Graham, VBS Director





## MEET THE DUNHAMS

John (Bill) and Valli Dunham and their three children started attending Mount Moriah almost forty years ago. They first met Pastor Tom McClelland in 1983, and he convinced them to attend his church. They fell in love with the preaching and the fellowship that was offered here. The Dunhams have been at Mount Moriah long enough to see four different pastors occupy the pulpit, and all of them have preached God's word—a facet Bill and Valli are extremely grateful for and credit our leadership with ensuring.



Bill and Valli Dunham

Their favorite part of Mount Moriah is that there are so many opportunities to serve and so many opportunities to learn—from Sunday School, to Youth of Light, to Wednesday night service, to Junior Kids Church, to V.B.S., to Operation Christmas Child, to mission trips—and Valli, with a ton of support from Bill, has been a part of all of them.

Shortly after joining the church, Valli was asked to teach "The Victory Class," a Sunday School class with about twenty women over the age of sixty. After praying about it, she thought, "I know the scriptures, and I know the Lord, and the Holy Spirit will help me. Why not?" In saying yes to that opportunity, she gained twenty grandmothers and developed a deeper appreciation for studying God's word.

Through the years, Valli's love of teaching has only gotten stronger—and Bill is right there with her, building her visual aids, running for supplies, and supporting that passion. Valli has taught almost every age and now serves as a Sunday School teacher for grades five through eight. She is currently the head of our Junior Church Program. She is passionate about seeing our youth program grow.

Bill and Valli's children, and now their grandchildren, have continued the Christian walk they began here at Mount Moriah. Christy Eckert attends Gans church as their pianist, Todd Dunham attends Journey Church, and Leann Bergman still attends right here at Mount Moriah. Bill and Valli are so thankful for the relationships that have grown at Mount Moriah. They are especially grateful for the prayer warriors who have stepped forth in support of their grandson, Ian, who struggles with various health issues. "We're all one body. In anyone's life, there are going to be trials. But we have a God, a Lord who is in control. We place our burdens in His hands and trust in His will. Jesus is in charge."

We are so honored to be part of Bill and Valli's family— brothers and sisters in Christ here at Mount Moriah — supporting one another on our journeys.



## OPERATION BLESSING BAG

Operation Blessing Bag (OBB) continues to provide backpacks to our homeless population. The Closet of Hope, OBB and other Mount Moriah Baptist Church ministries work together hand in hand. These ministries continue to provide resources to those in our community who have the greatest needs. We are one body in Christ!

OBB currently hosts a Bible study at the women's shelter. This is a small group set aside for Bible study, prayer, devotions, and praise and worship. We spend time in fellowship and provide snacks, goodies, and of course...some coffee.



Each woman is given a backpack that contains a Bible along with some other necessities. Together we read scripture and spend time in God's word.

If you have any questions about or want to serve or connect with *Operation Blessing Bag*, *Closet of Hope*, or the *Women's Ministry Team*, please reach out to us! We would love to have you!

In Christ's love,  
Jen Diamond  
Mount Moriah OBB Coordinator  
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## Young Life Fayette County Update



**Kyle and Jessica Smith**

Hello!

My name is Kyle Smith, and that is my beautiful wife, Jessica, in the picture with me. You can just call her Jess. We are beyond excited to be moving to Fayette County! Being the Young Life Area Director is a dream come true. We know and trust that God will do a mighty work through this ministry.

It was actually through Young Life that I gave my life to Christ. It was my freshman year of high school at a Fall Weekend in Erie, PA where I first heard the Gospel truly articulated. That's when I was offered to follow Jesus, and I told him, "I am all in." That statement remains true today.

*"Young Life has had an indelible impact on my life. It not only introduced me to Jesus, but it nurtured me and allowed me to grow in my faith." - Kyle*

As a teenager, I knew that I wanted to be a part of YL for the rest of my life. I was heavily involved throughout high school, served as a volunteer leader while attending Marshall University, and was on staff for three years after I graduated. I have spent the past seven years as a youth pastor, but God has called me back to the ministry that changed my life for all eternity.

Jess and I were married on November 6, 2021, so we're still newlyweds. You will come to find that she is the kindest, sweetest, and most loving person ever. Admittedly, I am a little biased. She is also passionate about her faith and sharing the Good News with teenagers. Though Jess doesn't have a background in YL, she has absolutely fallen in love with its mission.

We're excited to plant our roots and begin our family in Fayette County. We're up for just about anything. We love movies, board games, going out to eat, reading (Jess is a librarian, after all), and getting to know people. We're both into sports. Jess prefers to watch, but I will never turn down playing a pick-up game or some disc golf. What we are most looking forward to is building relationships with all the people that we are about to meet and seeing what doors God opens. We have no doubt that this is the beginning of an incredible journey!



July 2022

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - Col. 3:23-24*

Welcome back to “the real world”.

Well, that’s what I call it. I have spent three out of the last five weeks being involved in kid’s and youth ministry; one week of Vacation Bible School and two weeks of Camp Carmel. Personally, these have become some of my favorite weeks of the year. Ask all the people who partnered in these ministries alongside of me; it’s intentional, it’s intense, and it’s exhausting. So why do we do it? Because we love God, we love these kids, and these are weeks, days and moments that we get to show and tell kids about Jesus. It’s that simple.

When these weeks are over, there are mixed emotions of joy, sorrow, and fatigue for the people ministering. There are many “success” stories; kids receiving Christ, kid’s being baptized, kids rededicating their lives, or simply relationships that are built on Christ that will last for a lifetime. There are the sorrows; kids having to go home to abusive families or relationships, kids who are struggling with addictions, bullying, or worse. And then there is the fatigue. The ministers have invested so much prayer, time, effort, resources, love—and mostly themselves—into the concentrated week of ministry that there is this extreme feeling of “withdrawal”. During the weeks, they have become reliant on the strength and joy that the Holy Spirit has supernaturally provided. And then, the kids have gone home. And we return to “the real world”.

This has happened to me for years, more than I care to count or admit. My pastor would take me aside and pray for me in these stages of withdrawal. He would remind me to allow for a time of rest. And he would remind me that “the real world” needs Jesus too. There are still people who need to see and hear about Jesus just as much as those kids do.

Folks, I just wanted to write to you this month and let you know that your Pastor is praying for all of you. I am especially praying for all of you who invested into the summer ministries here at Mount Moriah. I thank God for your commitment and willingness to spend yourself on kids and people. Your labor has not gone in vain. Now get some rest. Let the Spirit revive you. Keep showing and telling the world about Jesus.

In His service,  
Pastor Darrell