



Get Plugged In!

There was a poster in the manager's office in a place where I was once employed that I thought had a pretty profound message. It said this:

"We ditch diggers will be happy to dig our ditches. We just need to know a few things.

- How wide?
- How deep?
- How long?
- And in what direction?"

This makes a lot of sense and is also somewhat condemning of us in leadership or management, whether it be in the business world, or even in the church. We are always encouraging members to be involved in some ministry of the church, but we often assume that everyone knows all the ministry opportunities available. Many do not!

The four basic expectations of a church member are:

- Faithful attendance at scheduled corporate worship services and Bible Study
- Being a part of some small group or Bible Study to build relationships with others around the Word of God
- To give regularly and proportionately to the work and ministry of the church
- To be part of at least one ministry of the Church

In last month's newsletter, in my article about every member doing his or her part in the ministry of our church, I said it is very possible that we may have members (certainly newer members) who may be very willing to "dig their ditches" but may not be aware of all opportunities available. I had written that I would include a list of the various ministry teams here at WBC in this next newsletter. That is the purpose of this article this month.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter, is a separate, colored sheet of paper that lists the various "Ministry Teams" here at Westmoreland Baptist, and the various opportunities and related committees. Our Nominating Committee will begin meeting in August to seek to fill positions on committees, and to also help members get involved in at least one of the ministry opportunities.

I am asking each of you – new or seasoned members – to carefully look over the various teams and related opportunities to serve the Lord through His local church. Many of our members ARE currently involved in at least one ministry of the church, but some are not. Many of our newer members may be looking as to where they fit in as part of the body.

Each of us have our own spiritual gifts, and our own interests and talents. I guarantee there is a place for you to exercise those gifts, talents and abilities.

Here is what I am asking each of you to do.

Carefully look over the list. If you are presently serving in one or more of these ministries, that is great! If you see an area of interest to you, or

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even feel some calling from God to serve in a particular area I would like to know about it, and help you get plugged in to one of the ministries of our church. Right now I am just asking you to contact me privately. I will be willing to talk with you and answer any questions you might have and I will make sure we can get you connected with one of the team leaders and put you to work in the vineyard!

This info will also be shared with the nominating committee when they begin their work in August in filling openings on our various committees.

Please contact me, personally. **Would you just send me an email at this email address westmoreland@frontier.com or call or text me at 606-465-6160.**

Thank you so much.
Pastor C.J.



Items To Collect For Women On Mlssion

- Things that can be fidgetted for fidget mats for veterans
- School supplies for teachers and kids
- Large cosmetic bags for Vinson Middle School girls
- Tights, personal wipes and pads to place in cosmetic bags

For Operation Christmas Child: School supplies, small stuffed animals, coloring books, jump ropes, t-shirts, socks, etc. If you would like to pack your own box, please do. If not, donate items for a packing party.

Homeless: socks, gloves, hats

Call Janora Skeens, 304-360-6374 if you have any questions. Thanks so much for helping.



Jamie Davis	5 th	Wanda Cole	20 th
Ashly McClave	6 th	Elizabeth Mullins	20 th
David Davenport	7 th	Angie Scarberry	20 th
Micha Davenport	13 th	Kelli Helton	21 th
Brian Cunningham	14 th	Jaxon Cline	22 nd
Bethany Spurgeon	14 th	David Dunkum	27 th
Ashley Hayton	15 th	Mel Hicks	27 th
Piper Murray	15 th	Madison Edwards	28 th
Betty Jane Mullens	16 th	Rylie Richardson	28 th
Brittany Christian	18 th	Braxton Cline	30 th





Youth is from 6 - 7 pm on Wednesdays in the Summertime. We are going to be changing things up some for our Sunday night services. We are going to change the times to 5 - 7pm. The reasoning behind this is because our numbers are growing, and the ages are spread from 6th-12th grade. In order to break out into our D-Now/ Discipleship groups from Middle to Big effectively we will need more time to fellowship. We are really excited about what God is doing in Youth Right now. We have several moving up from TeamKid to Youth. With that being said,



We will be having a few summer activities to introduce them to The River Youth Group and then have their official promotion when school starts. This will give me time to set the curriculum and have the space ready. We have been having the kids provide us with a grocery list lately, so we have things that they like ready for them when they are there. If anyone would like to contribute drinks and snacks that would be much appreciated as we are getting a nice kitchen/wash area set up for them. Thank you everyone for supporting the kids of WBC. From Little to Bigs we greatly appreciate it.

Youth Pastor

Ryan Smith



Ridgecrest Fuge Camp is
June 18-22. We ask for
your prayers for a safe and
wonderful camp.

“TRAIN A **CHILD** UP IN THE WAY *he*
SHOULD GO; AND EVEN WHEN *he* IS OLD
he WILL **NOT** DEPART FROM IT.”

— PROVERBS 22:6

The Persecuted Church
From: "The Alabama Baptist Paper"

KAMPALA, Uganda — Muslim extremists are suspected of setting a church fire that resulted in the deaths of two Christians.

Morning Star News reported the two elderly people were the only ones unable to escape the May 5 fire at Holy Healing Ministry International Church in Jinja, which is located along Lake Victoria.

Elsewhere, in Mbale on April 28 hardline Muslims intercepted a church leader, cutting him with knives as he left an evangelistic event.

Amon Sadiiki was hospitalized for his injuries. When ambushed, he had just completed four days of debates with Muslims in Mbale during an open-air evangelistic event. Eleven Muslims accepted Christ as Savior on the fourth day, Morning Star News reported.

On May 3 Muslim extremists attacked Sadiiki's son, Frank Amon.

Approximately 12% of Uganda's population is Muslim. The constitution and laws allow for freedom of religion, including converting from one faith to another. However, Christian churches increasingly have received threats of violence, and some converts have been attacked, killed or excommunicated by Muslim family members, the World Atlas reported.

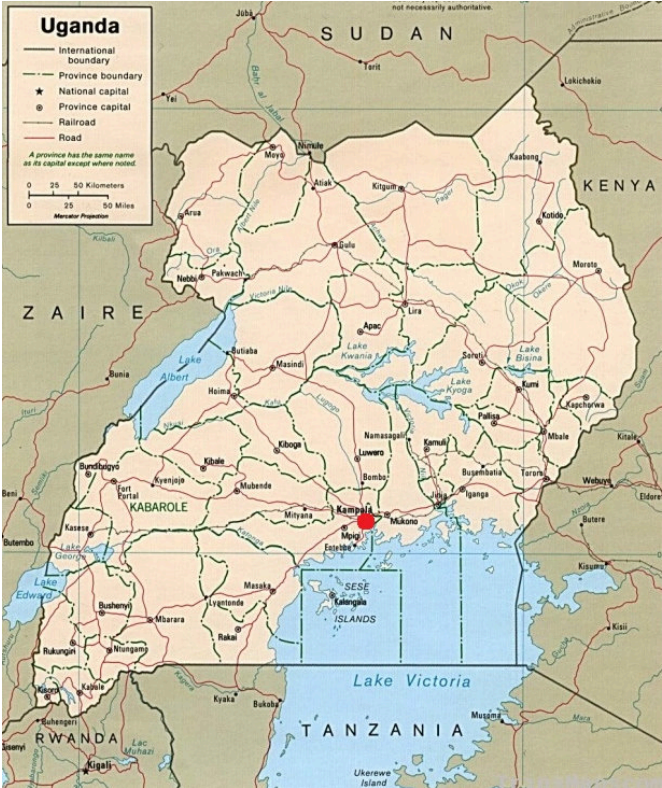
ABUJA, Nigeria — Muslim Fulani herdsmen and their terrorist collaborators continue to kill Christians and have expanded into another area of Nigeria.

The following are some recent attacks reported by Morning Star News.

- Eight Christians were killed May 5 in the Kwall District of Plateau state by Fulani and possible Islamic State members. In Miango District in April at least 21 Christians were killed.
- Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) raided Kautikari town in Borno state May 3, killing eight Christians.
- Taraba state experienced its first ISWAP attack April 19, showing that the group is expanding. Six Christians were killed in Isware by an explosive device thrown into their gathering place. Another attack in Isware occurred April 22 in which 11 were wounded.
- Islamic extremists murdered 12 Christians in Yobe state's Geidam April 20 by slitting their throats. On April 24 an explosive device killed a Christian in Gashua.
- Fulani and collaborators attacked four villages April 26 in Kaduna state, killing 18 Christians.

Last year Nigeria led the world in the number of Christians killed or kidnapped for their faith, according to Open Doors, a ministry to support the persecuted.

Nigeria is No. 7 on Open Doors' 2022 World Watch List of places most difficult to be a Christian.



Deacons Of The Month



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Wednesday Evening Dinner

Wednesday evening dinners are suspended for the months of June and July. They will be resumed in August.

Snacks and drinks will be available in place of the dinners.



Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs

Should COVID Vaccines Be Mandatory - NY Times

Are COVID Vaccine Mandates Ethical - CNBC

Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Air Passengers - CDC

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. NASB Revelation 13:16–17.

No, COVID vaccines are not the mark of the beast, but you can see some similarities. Given no choice, many had to decide between receiving the shot(s) and keeping their jobs, receiving healthcare treatment, or traveling on an airplane.

Ukraine Conflict Could Become A World War - Fox News

5 Ways Russia's War In Ukraine Could Spark World War III - Business Insider

World War III May Have Already Started With Russian Invasion - NBC News

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.” NASB Matthew 24:6.

There seems to be armed conflicts taking place somewhere on the planet at any given time, but few have the potential to turn into a global war. Starting with the Vietnam War, in which the horrors of war were brought into our living rooms during the evening news broadcast, most have become numb to the constant conflicts in one country or another.

With Food Prices Climbing, The U.N. Is Warning Of Crippling Global Shortages - NPR

The Food Crisis Is What Happens When Global Chains Collapse - The Guardian

The Looming Catastrophe Of The Global Food Shortage - Yahoo

“And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.” NASB Revelation 6:6.

Recently, food prices have spiraled upward making many items out of financial reach for many. Supply chain issues have caused gaping holes on store shelves where food products use to be. Beef, chicken, and eggs are in short supply.

We are not in the tribulation period yet, but these are all signs of things that will take place under a one world government led by the antichrist. What may be taking place now is a softening up of the population for what is coming. Acceptance of mandates, apathy to global conflicts, product shortages becoming the "new normal" will blind people to the significance of events that take place in the "time of Jacob's trouble".

If you find what is taking place today inconvenient or troublesome, it will only get worse, much worse. If you want to avoid God's wrath during the tribulation, there is a way. If you haven't already, believe and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and repent of your sins. When the Lord returns for His church, we will all be removed from this world and avoid the wrath to come.



Stand Up For Jesus

George Duffield (1794 - 1868)

In 1858 churches throughout Philadelphia united in a citywide evangelistic effort. Every morning and evening, services were held in churches, convention halls and theaters. Dudley Tyng, a 29 year old Episcopalian preacher, spoke to 5,000 and over a thousand responded to the gospel invitation.



Four Days later, however, Tyng was fatally injured in an accident. As he lay dying his fellow ministers gathered around him. Tyng was still thinking about the men who had made professions of faith for Christ and his last whispered breath he said, “Tell them to stand up for Jesus”.

Presbyterian minister George Duffield preached the next Sunday on the text, “Stand Therefore” and in conclusion he read a poem that he had just written entitled “Stand Up For Jesus”. A church member sent the poem to a Baptist newspaper, where it was eventually published.

Ephesians 6:10-12 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,

Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

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