


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE WITNESS • FEBRUARY 2026

All are welcome to join in the discussion of **The Bible According to Christian Nationalists: Exploiting Scripture for Political Power** by Brian Kaylor.

This online book study opportunity is sponsored by the Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciling Justice Team, will take place via Zoom on each of the five **Monday evenings in March, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.** The study will be facilitated by Jeff Moore, PhD, of Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Jeff is Affiliate Professor of Biblical Studies and Theological Method at Eden Theological Seminary.

Please plan to join us as we explore scripture and faith together!

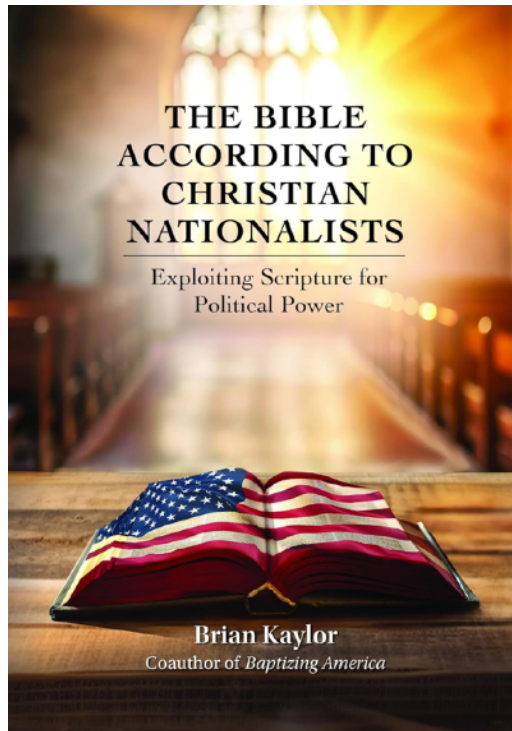
Register link:

<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/upcoming-events/2025/9/8/arprjm-online-book-study-n2rtr>

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89763694005?pwd=zMR4hckEgjATYbW5gkivxbVfr1PvF.1>

Join us in March for a vital discussion



WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

WGCC has returned to a 9 a.m. worship service start time.

You will be reminded of any upcoming joint worship services with Webster Groves Baptist Church.

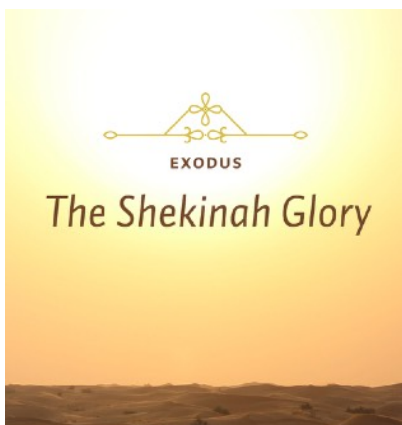
At this point, joint services have been scheduled for the last Sunday of the month, starting in February 22, 2026. Worship time on those Sundays is 10:45 a.m.

Intergenerational Sunday School (all classes) will be at 9:30 a.m. on those days.

Disciples Women share the love

The Disciples Women are following the February theme of "love." We all just "love" the snow! (But only for a few hours). Anybody would love the Valentine cards for sale to benefit our service projects; don't forget to pick up a few for your loved ones!

Tabitha Group met on a stormy night -- January 8. We had a small brave group of six people. That meant more of Laura Stuetzer's unique dessert for the rest of us!! Denise Pahl led us in the study "I Am Because We are". We discussed becoming one in our baptism and how we create a community and get past our differences in the Holy Spirit.



The February 11 Tabitha meeting will be at 7 p.m. at church. Denise Pahl will bring dessert. (We tend to have dessert first in order to get members there on time...it works!) Sally Smith will lead the study. The word from the study is "Shekinah."

Come to the meeting to hear about it!

Alice Yount hosted the

Martha Group in her lovely home on January 8. The study was led by Alice and we looked at grace and how power came through grace. It was a lovely lesson for all of us. Jane Martin gave the devotional. Julie Wood and Anna Yount served beautiful and delicious treats with coffee. Five members attended.

On February 12, Alice Yount will host us again in her home at 12:30 p.m. Kitty Baumgarth, Lisa Pyatt, and Jane Martin will serve as hostesses. Anna Yount will give the devotional.

We look forward to another visit to Alice's home where we enjoy her fantastic furniture - mostly her grandmother's antiques.

-Susan Burney

Warm hearts ... and warm gifts

Thinking back to December, our Disciple Women Service really answered the winter need with coats, sweat pants and shirts for MBCC, and now with all the snow and frigid temps, how welcome all those warm items are. Thank you again for your kind generosity.

For January your donations have not been completely totaled for Service to NOW at Head Start. Steve's total shows \$112 through January 27; however that does not include monies given on January 25 when the church was closed and through the end of the month.

In addition to money, several of you bought the needed items. Janie and Pat will buy additional items for NOW when the total donated is known the first of February.

February Service is the MBCC Welfare Fund which is used in the same manner as our Neighbor Fund, at the discretion of the minister. Let your HEART speak!

Checks may be made to WGCC with DW February Service in memo line.

-Pat Roseman

Updates from the WGCC board

At the halfway mark in our Church Fiscal Year, we are doing OK. The giving is running a little behind, but the investments at Church Extension in our Legacy Fund are making up the difference. We are reminded to keep up our giving to the Church.

The proceeds from the sale of the Lockwood property are still in CDs at various banks in the St. Louis area. The interest rates are coming down, but average is still 4 percent. At the May Congregational meeting decisions on these investments will be voted on.

The Mission Team now has \$12,445.10 to distribute from the interest on the CDs. Chair John Pahl and his committee met in early January. They are looking at several programs but decided on two at this time. One is EKKLESIA - an inclusive ecumenical campus ministry affiliated with the Disciples of Christ and four other denominations. It welcomes students at its Missouri State University campus from all (and no) faith traditions. The other program is the Affton Christian Church community meals program.

The Mission Team voted to recommend sending each of them \$1,000. The Church Board voted to accept these recommendations.

We will be worshipping jointly with the Webster Groves Baptist Church congregation on the last Sunday of each month, at 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30. This schedule will start on February 22, 2026.

The website release is being held up for lack of high resolution photos. If you have any, please let the office know.

Building maintenance was discussed. The Music Room walls will be getting a plasterer to repair them. The uneven floors will be taped to highlight the transition. We have requested reinforcing brackets on the half wall in the choir area in the front of the Sanctuary

There were two time capsules from the Lockwood Building. We will be planning a congregational gathering to open them, with a date to be set by the Memorial Committee.

We discussed having a Continental Breakfast after the 9 a.m. Easter service on April 5. We will invite WGBC to join us.

At the annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 17, 2026, the Board will present a proposal to affirm continuing to nest with the Baptist Church.

Submitted by Secretary, Sally Smith

On the move...



Steve Staicoff, Office Administrator/Bookkeeper, has announced his retirement on September 18, 2026. The Personnel Task Committee, chaired by John Pahl, will be working on sending Steve off with our appreciation, and searching for a replacement.



Our Eden intern, David Moss, has completed his time with us. He is now serving his home Church, Hope UCC. We will be applying for a new intern in the fall.



WORSHIP AND SERVICE FROM WGCC



Each Thursday, MBCC provides a hot lunch to people from their neighborhood, many of whom are clients for the food pantry at MBCC. WGCC members and friends provide money and people for this lunch on the third of each month. WGCC members and friends are encouraged to contact the church office or Sally Smith if you are interested in helping with this program – either on the third Thursday, or any Thursday!



Saturday April 18, 2026
Shaare Emeth Congregation
11645 Ladue Road, St. Louis MO 63141

Trivia, games, silent auction, and more!
Doors open at 6.00pm, the FUN begins at 7.00pm!

Save the date! RATI trivia

Gather your team for a lively night filled with trivia, games, a silent auction, and more!

Whether you are a hardcore trivia nerd or someone who wants to support an important mission, you will not want to miss a night of community, competition, and meaningful impact!

Every ticket, table, and auction bid helps empower individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and provides pathways to stability and hope.

Tables are now available, so buy yours today by using the link below or scanning the QR code!

bit.ly/Room-at-the-Inn-Trivia-Night-2026

For more information regarding the event, call Jed Buechele at 314-209-9181, x105 or email at jbuechele@roomstl.org.

Ticket Package

- Individual Ticket (\$40) - Attendance for one person.
- Table Package (\$300) - One table for eight individuals.
- Round Sponsor (\$1,000) - One table for eight individuals; Logo placement on event materials and registration website; Verbal recognition during the event, and before and after the Round sponsored.
- Title Sponsor (\$5,000) - Two tables for eight individuals each; Verbal recognition during event, and logo placement on tables and materials.

News & Notes

2025 Giving Statements

Giving statements for Tax Year 2025 will be available for pickup this Sunday, Feb. 1.

Sally Smith will try to find you at worship with your copy.

Those not picked up will be mailed on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Donate by Givelify

Even if you are unable to attend worship in person, please prayerfully and generously consider supporting WGCC's many ministries via check by mail, bank draft/direct deposit or through Givelify using this link:

<https://giv.li/6asilf>

Updated office hours

The church office will be close on Mondays and Fridays through February. 13, 2026.

Office hours during that time will best Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Paper Drive for WRHM

Webster Rock Hill Ministries is running very low on paper products. Toilet paper is the most urgent need, but also needed are paper towels, diapers, and incontinence products.

There will be a container in the coat room next to the food pantry bin. Please help if you can!



Week of Compassion Special Offering: A new way

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2: 1 - 5)

Offering dates : February 15 & 22, 2026

Give us a like! Drop us a follow!

WGCC Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

All are welcome-- please invite your family and friends to tune in!

<https://www.facebook.com/WGCCDisciples/>

Make sure to "Like" the WGCC Page on Facebook, in order to receive all notifications of upcoming events!



Our Neighbor Fund helps neighbors near and far in a number of important ways! Please consider a generous gift to the Neighbor Fund during 2026.

The **Neighbor Fund** is maintained by our congregation, and is used at our pastor's discretion to aid those within our congregation and those from our wider community with one-time emergency assistance.

Our congregational budget includes money for the Neighbor Fund, but the majority of income from the fund comes from generous and faithful designated gifts by WGCC members. **In addition to your regular support of our budgeted mission and ministry, please consider a one-time or ongoing gift to the Neighbor Fund.**

WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**Our mission: Following Jesus' teaching
and sacrificially serving the people
who are the most marginalized.**

Prayer concerns for WGCC

- Prayers of gratitude for student intern David Moss, who has finished his time at WGCC
- For Max Ott's friend Bob and his wife Susie, as Bob battles a blood infection
- For the friends and family of Laura Stuetzer's friend Carlene, who passed away after a short bout with cancer
- For Denise Pahl and family, in the recent passing of her mother
- For Pat Roseman's friend Joan, who fell and suffered a broken nose and neck
- For Max Ott's brother-in-law Steve, still grieving his wife's death after a year
- For Susan, a friend of Billie Swartz's, recovering from open-heart surgery
- For Susan, a friend of Kay Love, also recovering from open-heart surgery
- For Gerry Love's mother, who is recovering from a serious fall
- For the mothers of Becky and David Piening, who are both suffering from congestive heart failure
- For Robin Woodrome and family, following the passing of her mother, Grace
- For Bev Richmond, who was hospitalized, and is battling other major health issues
- For our divided nation, and its leaders
- For Carolyn Dyess's friend, Becky, battling gall bladder cancer
- For Bill Woodrome
- For Jeff Tedford
- For Vicki Ott, suffering from MS
- For Shirley Arther, who recently suffered a small stroke
- For Eulalia (Lee) Arnold Will
- Prayers for DeVere and Bev Shoop
- For Mildred Baker
- For basic needs of food, shelter clothing and healthcare for all.
- For the families served by Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and for WRHM as a helping organization
- For the MBCC Food Ministry, and neighborhoods of Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

Monday Afternoon Bible Studies

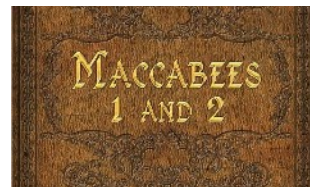
New session studying
Apocryphal
Maccabean Literature!

Jeff Moore is inviting
you to a scheduled
Zoom meeting.

Time: This is a
recurring meeting.

Join the Zoom
Meeting anytime at

[https://
us02web.zoom.us/j/
87469209858](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87469209858)



For a calendar of church events, go to:
<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73851247/month>

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The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/>

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