

# THE VINE

**Mission:** Go and make disciples of Jesus

**Vision:** Provide hope, life, and new beginnings to change lives and transform the world

**Purpose:** Teach people about Jesus so they can go be Jesus

**Journey:** Know, love, and serve Jesus

## EVENTS

July 31st, 2026

### SUNDAY

8:30-9:15AM

**THE 8:30 GROUP:** LIBRARY

9:30-10:30AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ASBURY CLASS:** LIBRARY

9:15-10:30AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADERS CLASS:** FH104

*TO SIGN UP FOR ZOOM, EMAIL NSHARVEY51@GMAIL.COM*

9:30-10:30AM

**GARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E105 & E106

9:30-11:30AM

**NURSERY:** E103 (BIRTH-PRESCHOOL)

9:30-10:30AM

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E104 (KINDERGARTEN- 5TH)

9:30-10:30AM

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E110

10:30AM

**WORSHIP:** IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM SERVICE

10:30AM

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** E104 (KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE)

3:00-4:00PM

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:** LIBRARY

### WEDNESDAY

12:00PM

**SMALL GROUP WITH WARREN:** LIBRARY

6:30PM

**YOGA WITH NANCY**

### SATURDAY

10:00AM

**YOGA WITH NANCY**

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# A WORD

## *from our pastor*

**Written by:** Pastor Jeff Wilson

**July 31st 2026**

*“Let your eyes look straight ahead;  
fix your gaze directly before you.  
Give careful thought to the paths for your feet  
and be steadfast in all your ways.” (Proverbs 4:25–27 (NIV))*

Squirrel!

Rabbit trail. Rabbit hole. Wild goose chase.

They all describe the same thing: distractions...and I’m not talking about hunting—I’m talking about life.

Even as a pastor, it’s easy for me to get distracted in my walk with Jesus. Maybe I’m spending time in my nightly devotions when suddenly I remember something I forgot to do. Or my mind starts wandering to the game I watched—or the one that’s coming on later.

Before I know it, my focus has shifted.

You see distractions come at us from every direction. Some are the constant thoughts racing through our minds. Others are the endless demands, notifications, and noise surrounding us every day. It seems like staying focused has become more challenging than ever.

That’s why we have to be intentional - Jesus’ invitation is simple: “Follow Me.”

Every day, God places opportunities in front of us to do just that. Our work, our conversations, our relationships, and even the ordinary moments of life can all become ways of responding to Jesus’ call and reflecting Jesus’ love.

Proverbs reminds us to keep our eyes fixed straight ahead and to be steadfast in our walk. When our focus stays on Christ, we’re less likely to be pulled off course by the distractions around us.

So today, ask yourself:

Where is my focus? Am I following Jesus, or have I been distracted by everything else?





# WEEKLY EVENTS



## Small Groups



**Small group with Warren** meets every Wednesday, 12-1pm in the library (Door 3). This is a time for fellowship, sharing, study and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies, join us for a small group on Sundays, from 3-4 p.m. in the Library. **Dessert & Devotion**, led by **Margo Deck**, is a safe and supportive space for women to enjoy fellowship, tasty desserts, and uplifting Biblical devotions. Don't have a dessert to bring? No worries — just come and be part of the fun! For more info, contact **Margo Deck at 540-309-6309**.



Weekly Sermon:  
**Feeding the Multitude**

Thank you!

The UWIF would like to thank everyone for the generous donations received for our Christmas in July mission.

The items will be delivered the first weeks of August. We will be having another mission in December.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



## Baby Shower Announcement

**“Ready. Set. Baby!”**

A future running buddy is on the way for Chaz and Elizabeth Edmonds! Please join us for a baby shower to celebrate their little bundle of joy.

**Date: Saturday, August 15**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Genesis Fellowship Hall**

**Registry Link: <https://my.babylist.com/elizabeth-edmonds>**



## UPCOMING PRAYER GARDEN WORK DAYS



Prayer Garden work days will continue through August.  
Thursdays 7:30-9 pm and Saturdays 7 -9:30 am.

Contact Nancy for information about what you might need to bring. 540.580.3634 [nsharvey51@gmail.com](mailto:nsharvey51@gmail.com)



## Small Group Interest Survey

We are planning new small groups at Genesis and would love your input! Your feedback will help us create small groups that fit the needs and schedules of our church family. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return to the office by Aug 10. The survey was sent via email on July 29.

Also, copies are available at the church office and will be handed out on Sunday Aug 2 & 9.

Thanks - Warren





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## Education Hall Room Changes

Room changes are complete in the Education Hall! These updates created a shared bathroom space between the Children's Room and the Nursery, making it more convenient for families and volunteers. The Missions Room is close to the Welcome Center for easy access.

Below is the updated room assignment list.

Room 102 - Missions Room  
Room 103 - Nursery  
Room 104 - Children  
Room 110 - Youth Room  
Room 107 - Office/storage  
Room 109 - Activity Room



## *Welcome, Dakota!*

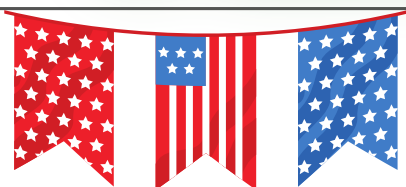
Please join us in giving a warm Genesis Church welcome to our newest staff member, Dakota Campbell!

Dakota is a graduate of Salem High School and has experience working in child daycare. She will be serving in our nursery, helping provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for our youngest members. In addition to her childcare experience, Dakota currently works at a doggie daycare in Salem, where she continues to demonstrate her caring and compassionate nature.

We're excited to have Dakota as part of the Genesis Church family. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her when you see her!



# VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, & LEADERSHIP BOARD



**SUNDAY**



**VOLUNTEERS**

## GREETERS

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Welcome Center: | Dee Sheffer     |
| Porch/Door:     | Carrie Carswell |
| Sidewalk:       | Nancy Harvey    |
| Exit Greeter:   | Carrie Carswell |

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Children's: | Melissa Spencer |
| Nursery:    | Gloria Gibson   |

## LEADERSHIP BOARD

Tommie Crozier | Karen Davis | Robin Edwards | Gloria Gibson | Georganna Hite | Allison Stallings |  
Pat Walters | Alan Wolfe | Savannah Wood

## CHURCH STAFF



Co Pastors: Warren Carswell & Jeff Wilson

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Office Manager:      | Aeron Langheim     |
| Choir Director:      | Bob Zimmerman      |
| Accompanist:         | Rhonda Casey       |
| Nursery Director:    | Dakota Campbell    |
| Children's Director: | Megan Walkup       |
| Custodians:          | DJ & Renee Johnson |

## STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Rhonda/Bob (going to Bob)  
Children's Director  
Youth Director  
Office

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[children@genesistroa.org](mailto:children@genesistroa.org)  
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# Prayer List

*Prayer requests left on the list more than 4 weeks without an update will be removed.*

## *Congregation*

- Allen Nichols - ongoing health concerns
- Homebound members

## *Congregation Family*

- Tom Langheim - ongoing health concerns
  - Father of Aeron Langheim
- Anne Brown - Health Concerns
  - Cousin of Amy Shank & Rosemary Hodges
- The Family of Bill Hughes
  - In his Passing

## *Friends*

- Kaylee Ahler - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Rhonda Painter
- Chillie Falls - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Margo & David Deck
- Jimmy Stultz - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Joan Jones
- Isla - Health Concerns
  - relative of a friend of Linda Richmond
- Carol Salliss - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Ellen Brown
- Reece Franklin + Mission Group - Safe Travels

## *In Praise*

- Bryan Mattox - Successful Surgery/ Recovery from Cancer

## *In the Military*

- Josh Sullivan
- Wyatt Williams (Lorraine Cunningham's nephew)
- Garrett & Caroline Brown
- Rachel Harris
- Will Harris
- Joshua Levendosky
- Erik Flury
- Dustin Fines Jr

## *In the Community*

- Caregivers
- Our Country
- All people in war conditions or in need
- Families of special needs children

## *Nursing Home & Assisted Living*

- Margorie Buchanan - Pheasant Ridge
- Ike Carper - Friendship Salem Terrace
- Peggy Shaver - Jeanne's Elderly Care
- Alda Bower - Hermitage
- Al Saladiner - Friendship South
- Sandra Collins - Friendship North
- Bob and Arlene Cheeseman - Friendship North
- Jessie Gilliam - Friendship North
- Ed and Ruthie Conner-Friendship North

## *Rehab*

- Dottie Weaver - Friendship North
- Karen Harris - Berkshire Vinton
- David Myers - Oakwood in Bedford