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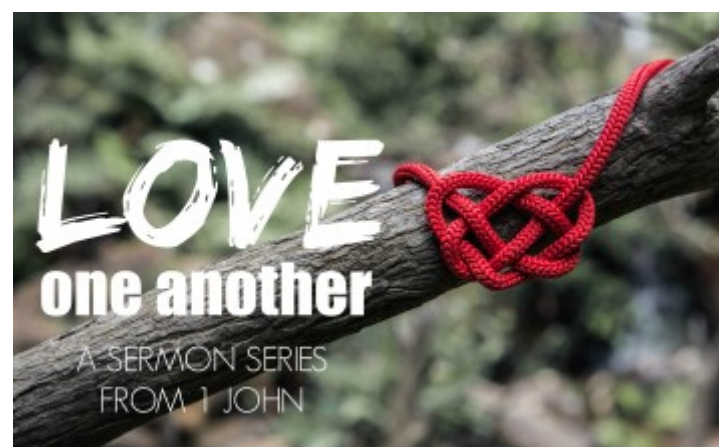
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A family of faith united in service

Sermon Series

Visit southelkhorncc.org/sermons to: Listen to sermon audio Download reflection guides



There is something strong enough to transform the pain, disappointment, failure and fallout of life. Jesus lived it, died for it, and was raised by it.

- August 5** Joy Complete 1 John 1:1-10
- August 12** Abide 1 John 2:20-28
- August 19** Greater Heart 1 John 3:11-20
- August 26** Love Perfected 1 John 4:1-21



Discover the spiritual freedom of generosity in a world torn apart by scarcity, fear, and shame.

- Sept 9** Discovering Gravity Matt 19:16-26
- Sept 16** Breaking Free Luke 15:11-32
- Sept 23** Flight Plan Luke 12:13-21
- Sept 30** Launch Pad Luke 16:10-13

Gravity

Michael Swartzentruber, Senior Minister



There are forces acting on us all the time. Invisible forces. Strong forces.

There's a reason you don't float off into space every time you take a step and push off the ground. It's called gravity. It's strong enough to keep you earthbound. And while I've tried for decades to fend off gravity's influence and reach for the basketball rim, it has--to this very day--prevented me from reaching the milestone of a slam dunk on a regulation hoop. Well, that and my height, weight, and explosiveness. I'm a real Air Jordan on the Little Tikes hoop, though.

Just as gravity invisibly pulls us toward the earth, there are other forces acting on us invisibly. Indeed, the spiritual life is an adventure in gaining awareness of those forces. It is learning to resist and free ourselves from forces that would otherwise destroy, deplete, and diminish us.

One of the those forces is shame. It's a powerful force. It's so powerful it makes many subjects taboo, subjects we would benefit from addressing directly and honestly in order to mature in our faith and grow the Kingdom of God. Subjects like money.

Jesus is refreshingly direct and honest. In a world governed by shame where so much is shrouded in secrecy, Jesus invites us into a more authentic and life-giving way. Perhaps that's why Jesus spoke about money more than any other subject. Yes, more than peace and love and eternal life. Jesus knew that peace, love, and eternal life where not separate matters from money.

Jesus knew that if money was kept behind the veil of shame, we couldn't gain clarity on generosity or release ourselves from the insidious reach of

greed, insecurity, and ignorance: the very things that thwart love, diminish peace, and turn people against each other.

"Jesus spoke more about money than... peace and love and eternal life."

I'm excited to begin a sermon series in September and enter a church season that affords us a chance to gain clarity, become more intentional, and broach a subject near to Jesus' heart: financial gravity.

Jesus talked about money and possessions, yes, but not to demonize them. He knew they exert pressure on our lives and shape our decisions. Jesus invites us to live without being dominated, depleted, and destroyed by them. He invites us to experience the breath-taking and life-changing freedom of *living generously* in the Kingdom of God.

ENGAGE THIS FALL

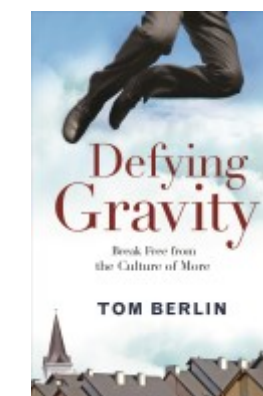
Sunday School

Discussions on *Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From the Culture of More* by Tom Berlin.

Angela Webb, Room 211,
 9:00 AM Sundays,
 starting Sept 9

Budgeting Basics

Evening Class offered this fall, Dates TBA
 Gary Murphy



Life Together

Did you know...



In Room 110, the Lectionary Sunday School room, are numerous photo albums of people and events from years in the past. These albums are informative and give a great look at the history here.

Mary's Circle collects:

- Old eyeglasses for Lions Club
- Box tops for education (Hindman School)
- Plastic bottle caps to create benches
- Coupons to benefit One Parent Scholar House
- Aluminum tabs to send children with cancer to camp
- Magazines for Ronald McDonald House & Cardinal Hill

Susan Mossman collects sample size toiletries for those in need.



Facebook Live: The How, The Who, The Why

A couple of weeks ago when I preached I was asked by several people who are close to me to live stream my sermon on Facebook, so they could watch. My parents, boyfriend, college teammates and coaches, and friends from back home were all able to tune in and listen to my sermon. Michael also found himself, on his last day of vacation, listening to my sermon while folding laundry. This led to a conversation between me and Michael on Monday discussing how we could utilize this feature more.

How do we do this? Facebook has a feature that allows its members to live stream a video through their personal and group accounts. All we have to do is, set up our phone in the loft, press the blue play button, and tada, you have a live video.

Who can see these live streams? In our case, since we now broadcast it on South Elkhorn's Facebook page, anyone who follows South Elkhorn will see the live video on their newsfeed. However, if you would also like to get notifications for when South Elkhorn goes live, go to the Facebook page, click on *following* and then turn on the *get notifications* button.

Why do we do this? The worship team is examining the use and resourcing of this experiment, and for now we will be limited to live streaming the sermon. However, we are excited to see if this little experiment can help us reach members of our church who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. We are also excited to see how this experiment might impact the larger community of Lexington and surrounding areas.

Social media can be flooded with division and negativity. It can make people bitter and resentful towards their neighbors. We believe that this endeavor will help unite us and bring us closer together as a family of Christ.



Callie Olson
Student Minister

Children & Youth

All Church Kick Off Sunday

September 16, 5:00 PM

Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family at Shillito Park, Shelter #2. Bring a picnic meal, drinks, outside toys, and chairs. Popsicles provided.

Tiny Tots, Children and Youth Programs

Download programs for Tiny Tots and Children at: southelkhorncc.org/children/
Download programs for Youth at: southelkhorncc.org/secc-in-action/youth-ministry/

Sunday Evening Snacks

Help is needed in providing healthy snacks on Sunday evenings for children and youth. Please go to Signup.com at: signup.com/go/zhUOnri

You can also call the church office at 223-1433 or email at admin@southelkhorncc.org. and let administrator know when you can serve.



Save the Date

Sunday, October 28

10:30 AM Children's Sabbath
5:00 PM Trunk or Treat



REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE RESUMES August 12

Time	Activity	Room
9:00 AM	Sunday School	
	Nursery ages 6 weeks—2 years	214
	Age 3 - Kindergarten	125
	Grades 1 & 2	123
	Grades 3 - 5	121
	Grades 6 - 8	208
10:30 AM	Worship & Wonder	203
	Kids begin with adults in worship service. After Children's Moment, children dismissed to Worship & Wonder rooms.	& 209

REGULAR SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE RESUMES September 16

Time	Activity	Room
4:40 PM	Children & Youth Groups	
	Children's Choir Ages 5—5th Grade	204
5:00 PM	Open Gym & Snack	211 & CMC
5:30 PM	Activities	
	Tiny Tots, Ages 3 - Pre School	214
	Children, Grades K - 5	203 & 209
	Youth, Grades 6 - 12	207 & 208



Financial Overview



By Davis Marksbury, Treasurer

South Elkhorn's financial position remains in a strong condition as 2018 moves past the halfway mark. As of the beginning of July, giving was approximately 6.4% above expectations. Your generosity continues to be something to be commended. Our continued financial strength has provided the Cabinet with the opportunity to undertake some needed projects around the church. As a result, our expenses have crept up, expectedly, above budgeting. However, the Church does possess the capital to absorb this cost.

As it stands, our giving falls somewhat short of the necessary expenses of our church. We are fortunate to have certain large events, such as the upcoming Fall Festival, to provide a budget windfall in addition to funding our ministerial mission and community support. I believe, however, that we as a church family can strive to fulfill or exceed our church's expenses. Doing so would give South Elkhorn the opportunity to continue to thrive into the future while also spreading Christ's love in ways that were once beyond our means.

On a personal note, I would like to extend Stacie and my heartfelt gratitude to all members of the congregation for your prayers, thoughts, and well wishes during our son, Griffin's, difficult entry into the world. It meant more than we can say and showed we are truly a family in Christ.

For more information or questions please feel free to contact me: leemarksbury@gmail.com or call at 859-333-2661.

2018 through July Financial Snapshot

	Actual	Expected
Pledged Ministry	\$146,041	\$143,688
All Other Revenues	\$160,402	\$ 94,203
Total Revenues	\$306,443	\$237,891
Operating Expenses	\$307,935	\$237,891
Total Over/(Under)	\$ (1,492)	-

Little Elks Preschool

We are so excited about all of the changes going on at Little Elks. We are putting the finishing touches on the new playground. After we freshen up the mulch, you should check it out. We are expecting the construction in McMahan to be completed within the next couple of weeks. We will be ready for school to start at the end of August. Walk through the hallway at that time and see how cute everything is in the classrooms. It's my favorite time of the year.

We are able to expand our program and that means a couple of openings in our classes. If you have a child 2-PreK or know someone who is looking for a preschool tell them about Little Elks.

Check out our updated website, I will be putting pictures of all of the improvements soon!
www.littleelks.com



Kim Skidmore
Little Elks Director

Serve

CONSIGNMENT SALE

September 14, 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
September 15, 8:00 AM-Noon

Quality, name brand clothing at affordable prices. Seasonal clothing for newborns to juniors.

Fall sale has fall and winter clothes. The proceeds from the sale go half to Little Elks Preschool and half to South Elkhorn. For more information email:
kidsconsignmentsale@gmail.com.



FALL FESTIVAL

Our very popular Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and where we have 175 vendor booths selling their hand made wares and where we have more than 10,000 people visiting. We do provide parking on the church grounds, but this year we are able to provide additional parking at The First Alliance Church across Harrodsburg Road traffic lights, on the left at the First Alliance Church, since we no longer have the adjacent field due to the development under construction.

We always urgently require volunteers to make this event a success, especially with the Parking activity this year. We do also require volunteers during the week prior to the event. Please therefore sign up on the Volunteer Sheets on the table in the entrance hall each Sunday or on the notice board during the week to ensure that our event operates efficiently.



Peter Woollam
Fall Festival Coordinator

Get Connected



BLOG: southelkhorncc.org/blog

Read Michael's (almost) weekly musings. Stay updated on church construction and staff developments.

MICHAEL'S MUSINGS

Get Rev. Michael's (almost) weekly musings sent directly to your inbox, including community care updates:
<http://eepurl.com/COIOAf>

THE CURRENT ENEWS

Stay up on the latest news and church alerts by email. <http://eepurl.com/cQRAkn>

1767 Legacy Partners



By **Diana McKenzie, Endowment Trustee President**

Save the Date

Legacy Planning Workshop
Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM
Hosted by the South Elkhorn Endowment Trustees

For more information contact,
Email: dianabmckenzie@gmail.com
Phone: 859-699-6039

Or feel free to contact any other South Elkhorn Endowment Trustees: Dick Murphy (Vice President), Aden Randles (Secretary/Treasurer), Janet Connell, Jim Price, Lynn Purdom, or Janet Warren.

Choir & Music

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, August 19, 10:00 AM
Morning choir rehearsals resume.

Sunday, September 9, 5:00 PM
Evening rehearsals resume.



Chris Weiss
Minister of Music

Disciples at Moondance

Saturday, August 25, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM,
Moondance Amphitheater

Enjoy great music from: Bands to be announced.

Connect with friends from Disciples churches across Lexington and Central Kentucky. Salsarita's food truck will be there with food to purchase.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, food, and drinks. Kids and friends are welcome!



Moondance Amphitheater,
1152 Monarch St., Lexington

Community

Join a Group, Class, or Circle to deepen your faith and connect with others.

Women's Circles and Groups:

Martha Circle, Meet first Monday of each month
Sharon Woollam, 859-396-9493

Marys' Circle, Meet first Tuesday of each month
Phyllis Rohlf, 859-223-8989

HOPE Group, Meet every Thursday
Holly Fuqua, 859-223-1433

Asher Group, Meet various dates
Laura Walsh, 859-537-4211

Men's Groups:

Tuesday Bible Study, Weekly at 7:30 AM
Michael, 859-223-1433,
Michael@southelkhorncc.org

Men's Breakfast, Meets 4th Saturdays
Dave Johnson, 859-396-4709,
kybammer@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bible Class, Room 108
Reading through the Bible.
Jean Gatewood, 859-351-3965,
jsgatewood@aol.com

Lectionary Class, Room 110
Discussing scripture used in sermon/worship.
Jack McAllister, 859-806-8096,
mrjackmac@twc.com

About Christianity, Room 211
Topical discussions.
Timothea Branham, 859-351-6860,
timotheabranham@gmail.com

Disciples Anonymous, Room 111
Lectio
Jane Estep, 859-221-0127,
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Tara Cox, 859-539-4269, tkcox00@gmail.com

Reflection Guides



Click on the sermon link at southelkhorncc.org

Click on the current sermon series.

Download a reflection guide for the Sunday.

Guides include scripture passage and discussion questions for personal or group study. Series context, big ideas, and other material is included in some guides.

Sunday Bulletins with order of service, announcements, and event information can be downloaded from the sermon series page, too.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.