

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, & SERVE THE WORLD IN WAYNE & BEYOND

SEPTEMBER 2023

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

DO 2, ALPHA & THE LOVE LIST

Dear church family,

DO 2 – As we get ready to kick off the fall, we want to encourage you to DO 2. Let me remind you of what we talked about at Vision Day in June:

1. We encourage everyone to attend a Sunday Worship Service in person unless providentially hindered. Corporate worship is a priority to God, so it should be to us as well.

2. We encourage everyone to either [serve](#) or [get equipped to serve](#). If you worship at 10:30 am, please jump into serving at 9:00 am. And vice versa if you attend early worship. You can [serve](#) in our kids, student, and adult ministries, or on our First Impression Team as a greeter, usher, or safety team member.

Our hope and prayer is that you will worship in one service and then “work” or prepare to work (i.e., get equipped at one of our [equipping courses](#)) during the other. Your participation in serving on Sundays can be part of Jesus’ transformational process that brings inside-out gospel change!

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ALPHA & THE LOVE LIST – Alpha is a globally proven and effective tool for people to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. This fall, before jumping into the 8-week Alpha course, we're going to begin with what we call a “Taste of Alpha” night (Tuesday, September 12 from 6:45-8:30 pm in F101 – the room next to the Gym) where we'll explain the basics of the Alpha course, share a meal, and participate in a fun event together...ultimately deciding who makes the best chocolate chip cookies in the area! The evening will end with an invitation to consider joining us on an 8-week adventure (Sept. 19 to Nov. 14) to explore some of life's biggest questions in a safe place.

As you reflect on those you've been praying will come to know Jesus, would you consider [inviting someone to the Taste of Alpha night on Tuesday, September 12](#) (6:45-8:30 pm in F101)? You don't have to invite them to the whole course! Instead, invite them to this exploratory night, and we will pray that they decide to join us for the 8-week course!

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This summer, our church has been praying over a “Love List”...a growing list of those we love who might not know Jesus. We've been praying that they would come to know His great love, and Alpha could be a great next step. If you have added someone to the "Love List," please consider inviting them to the Taste of Alpha to learn more about Alpha in a fun, laidback way. Consider inviting them to attend **with you**, and then, at the end of the night, you can ask them if they would consider going to the 8-week Alpha course. Some people are happy to attend on their own, but some like to attend with a friend. If that is the case, let them know you would love to attend with them.

Church of the Saviour, in a very special way, exists for the benefit of those who still haven't responded to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want everyone in Wayne and the surrounding communities to have the opportunity to say “yes” to the crucified and resurrected God. Let's keep praying for opportunities to invite all those in our sphere of influence who haven't yet experienced the furious love of Jesus to Alpha.

Until all have heard,

Pastor Kevin

SAFETY UPDATE

AEDs – Did you know that we have 5 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) on campus?

1. In the A building inside the usher's closet (outside the Sanctuary)
2. In the B building at the top of the stairs
3. On the 1st floor of the C building in the hall outside the ladies' room
4. On the 2nd floor of the C building in the hall outside the ladies' room
5. In the F building in the hall between the Gym and F101



All of our AEDs are labeled, and they have child-size pads included in their storage compartment. As you traverse the campus, keep an eye out for these life-saving devices so you can find them in case of an emergency. Also, if you have never operated an AED before, you can check out [this video](#) for a 3-minute guide on how to use them.

Wildlife around the campus – Around our beautiful 35-acre campus, there's a strong possibility that you will encounter deer, squirrels, groundhogs, and our friendly neighborhood foxes. With a constant stream of visitors and dog walkers, some of the wildlife have grown accustomed to human interaction and may not respond as you would expect. While all interactions with wildlife have been harmless to this point (and it can be humorous to watch the fox follow the dogs around the parking lot), we encourage everyone to **use caution and limit direct interaction with wildlife**. Also, **please DO NOT feed the wildlife**. This trains them to associate humans with food, which can negatively impact them and our congregants, staff, and preschool students.

If you have a concern, please call the Facilities # [\(484-919-6633\)](tel:484-919-6633) and leave a message for the team.

MINISTRY UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

International Students Day (formerly Reach International Yard Sale) is our church's way of welcoming university students from all over the world with a delicious brunch, socializing, and an opportunity to take home donated household items/furniture. Many will be meeting Christians for the first time! This is a great opportunity to commend the Gospel to others.

Would you consider joining us? There are several ways to get involved:

1. Our biggest need is for delivery drivers. We need men and women who can help deliver furniture to students' homes on Saturday afternoon.
2. We also need donations. Drop off your apartment-sized household items/furniture NEXT WEEK (8/28-9/1, 5:00-8:00 pm) in the Gym. (Please clearly label items, especially bedding, with sizes.)
3. We could use a few more volunteers to welcome and build relationships with international students before, during, and after the event.
4. AND, if you know any international students, please invite them to join us!

For details, visit coswayne.org/gointernational. If you're inviting students to join us, please have them sign-up here: tinyurl.com/intstudentday.

ADVENTURE CAMP RECAP (JULY 30-AUGUST 5)

What a week! We are praising God for a week of fun, adventures, meeting new people, making friends, learning new things, worshiping & praising God, and exploring what it means to be Kingdom Citizens.

Five campers accepted Christ, some jr. counselors & campers re-affirmed their faith, and kids from different faith backgrounds heard the Gospel. Many seeds of the Gospel were planted that we are excited to continue watering at Adventure Camp next year!

Check out a recap of our week!



FALL MINISTRIES

MINISTRIES AND COURSES STARTING THIS FALL

We're excited to have many ministries and courses starting this fall. For the most up-to-date information, visit the [Upcoming Events](#) calendar under the "Events" menu on the website.

ALPHA & LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ALPHA - SEPTEMBER 12

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/alpha.

ROOTED - SEPTEMBER 12

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/rooted.

COS PREMARITAL - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/premarital.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

COMMUNITY GROUPS - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/groups.

EQUIPPING COURSES

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/courses.

LIFE WITHOUT LACK - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information, visit coswayne.org/courses.

ROOTED EQUIPPING COURSE - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/courses.

STUDENT MINISTRY - PARENT PARTNERSHIP - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information, visit coswayne.org/courses.

YOUR CAREER MATTERS TO GOD - SEPTEMBER 17

For more information, visit coswayne.org/courses.

FORGIVENESS - FOLLOWING THE STUDENT MINISTRY COURSE

For more information, visit coswayne.org/courses.

FALL MINISTRIES

GLOBAL OUTREACH

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH (ESL) - SEPTEMBER 16

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/esl.

CARE MINISTRY

DIVORCE CARE - SEPTEMBER 11

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/care.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

JOY IN THE MORNING - SEPTEMBER 6

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/women.

JOY IN THE EVENING - SEPTEMBER 6

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/women.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 12

For more information, contact the Kauffmans at laksail@verizon.net.

AWANA - SEPTEMBER 19

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/kids.

STUDENT MINISTRY YOUTH GROUP - SEPTEMBER 20

For more information, visit coswayne.org/students.

HERITAGE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 20

For more information, visit heritagekids.org.

FREE FRIDAYS - SEPTEMBER 22

For more information and registration, visit coswayne.org/women.

TOGETHER WON FELLOWSHIP (18+) - OCTOBER 4

For more information, visit coswayne.org/specialneeds.

YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE

GIVING UPDATE

We praise God for His provision to His church through the generosity of His people. The strong start to the fiscal year is enabling ministries to kick-off the ministry year well. (Check out the details on pages 4-5 for the ministries and courses starting this fall!) It has also allowed us to address some critical safety and maintenance priorities, including converting the Nursery entrance to an emergency exit, purchasing walkie-talkies and safety vests for our Safety team, removing several dead and damaged trees (over the playground and powerlines), and repairing our HVAC and fire alarm systems that were damaged by a lightning strike.

We're also thankful for the generous contributions of time and resources that have supported concrete repairs around the campus and weeding around the Missions House.

Overseeing a church budget is an exercise in daily faith. We know that all good gifts come from God and that He will build His church. We trust that He will provide for our needs and give us wisdom to invest His money to make disciples of Jesus in Wayne and beyond. And we hold our goals and budgets loosely, placing our faith in His loving and gracious plan.

Please join us in praying for God's best for our Ministry/Operations and our Missions budgets, especially as giving to Missions is trending below the budget target.

	<u>Ministry/Ops</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Love-in-Action</u>
GIVING TO DATE	\$392,331	\$64,480	\$11,062
BUDGET	\$335,386	\$76,285	\$5,606*
OVER/(UNDER)	\$56,945	(\$11,805)	\$5,456

LOVE-IN-ACTION is a fund managed by the deacons to provide financial aid for people in our church and community who are suffering. *Aid provided from 7/1/23 - 7/31/23.



Text Messaging

Text **"JOIN COS"** to **833-744-9334** to receive alerts or important messages from COS.

Questions & Feedback

We welcome and encourage all inquiries: info@coswayne.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media by searching "Church of the Saviour" on Facebook and Instagram!