

UPCOMING

CONNECTION POINTS

Fall Fun Fest

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2-4 PM

ELF Poland Mission Trip Meeting

Oct. 11 at 12:15 PM in Rm. 102/103

Women's Go Deeper: A Study in Psalms

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8-12:30 PM

Biblical Counseling

Need help for the problems of life?



Visiting Missionaries

Visit the Skopych family in the missions area this Sunday.

CONNECTION POINT

Want more information about upcoming events? Want to sign up to serve, register for an event, give, or check in kids? It's all right there in one place! Stay connected with our new app, Church Center, for everything happening at LifePoint.

Our heart is to help every person Know, Love, and Share Jesus, and Church Center is a simple tool to help you grow, connect, serve, and find opportunities to share throughout the week—not just on Sundays.



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NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Chain:

Please call Diane Hawk (317-862-3924) or the church office during business hours for prayer needs within our church family.

VISITING?

Introduce yourself.

We're so glad you're here. We'd love to learn a little about you... Fill out the welcome form by scanning the QR code.



This lets us know what ministries you might be interested in exploring.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

986

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

General Fund

Mission Fund

September Giving	\$154,759	\$48,799
YTD Budget - August	\$1,560,000	\$448,355
YTD Giving - August	\$1,507,000	\$487,590
YTD Expenses - August	\$1,393,797	\$473,629



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Parables OF THE KINGDOM

LUKE 8:4-15

JYM GREGORY

OCT. 4, 2026



Nickolas & Kati Skopych
Serving in Germany

Nickolas, previously a pastor with Sasha Skrypak in Ukraine serving the Almaz Church Fellowship, now serves with Almaz Europe Church. With the onset of the war, he moved to Germany and began ministering to refugees there with the help of his wife, Kati. A church has now been planted in Germany, and we support both the church-plant and Nickolas and his family as they minister there.

Prayer Requests

- **Growth and provision for ministry.** Their church and ministry continue to grow, bringing new needs and new areas of ministry. Please pray that God would provide the people, leaders, and finances they need to continue expanding and serving well.
- **A healthy balance between ministry and family.** Please pray that God would give them more time to rest and spend together as a family. They are all very involved in ministry, especially in the evenings, and sometimes it is difficult to find a healthy balance between ministry and family life. Pray that God would help them protect time for their family and give them wisdom in this area.
- **Completing the construction.** Please pray that God would provide everything needed for them to complete the construction project "Almaz Mission Halle" in 2027, including the necessary finances, people, and resources.

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

I. A SOWER AND A SEED

- Jesus begins a traveling ministry, surrounded by his disciples, women supporters from a variety of backgrounds, and the ever present crowds (Luke 8:1-3).
- The word of God is spread indiscriminately. The sower has done his work (Vs. 5; Isa. 55:10-11; Amos 9:13).

II. A HARD PATH, ROCKY SOIL, AND THORNS

- The seed (the gospel) falls on soil that hears but does not listen, and the enemy snatches it away.
- Some seed falls on receptive soil that listens and receives but is so shallow that the word quickly dies away and is forgotten (Matt. 23:27-28; Heb. 3:7-11, 4:1-2).
- Some seed falls on receptive soil that hears, listens, and believes, yet is eventually choked out by the pleasures and cares of this world (Vs. 14; Luke 9:57-62; 1 John 2:19).

III. A PRODUCTIVE SOIL

- Some seed falls on receptive ears that hear, listen, believe, and grow.
- This soil hears with honest and good hearts. The seed is cherished and held onto, and fruit is produced with patience (Vs. 15; Acts 17:11-12).

IV. THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM

- The disciples are invited into the secrets of the kingdom. To some the parables were a cloak to hide the truth and to bring forth judgment. To the disciples (and those who would hear), the parables of Jesus drove truths home and set them clearly before them (Isa. 6:9-10, 55:10-11; Matt. 13:13-15).
- Those who hear and believe are doubly blessed. They see what the prophets longed to see, and they receive what the prophets could only hope for (Matt. 13:16-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12).

KNOW:

In God's kingdom the gospel goes forth. Those who are receptive hear and bear fruit; those who are not wither and die. In this world, Jesus utilized parables to reveal the true kingdom and the true king and to hide the kingdom from those who refused to see.

DO:

Receive the word of God. Believe and bear fruit!

Suggested Readings:

The Gospel's Power and Message by Paul Washer (Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

The True King by Nancy Guthrie (Available in the LifePoint Children's Library)