

Meet Jennifer Shoemaker

Please join me in welcoming Jennifer. She joined our church in August this year and has wasted no time getting involved. Jennifer is already an indispensable help in launching our Freeway Ministries here! So awesome how God is providing the laborers for this field white unto harvest.



Jennifer's family struggled when she was growing up. Divorce, generational addictions and crime, constant moving, no church affiliations, and a blended family with mental health issues characterized her childhood. Her mother was a Christian, though not discipled, who did the best she could working two jobs.

Jennifer said the best thing that ever happened to her was when she surrendered her life to Christ in 2022. She immediately followed that encounter with a one-year discipleship program through Freeway Ministries. She learned to see the world through a biblical lens. After graduating there she continued in this ministry, becoming a house leader. She graduated from that internship in May of 2024. Jennifer has also received an Associate degree in Human Services and trained as a peer support through the Missouri Credentialing Board.

Jennifer has four children ages 12 to 19: Hayden, Stella, Jaks, and Josephine. She enjoys spending time with family which includes her mother and three sisters and a niece and nephew. She loves to garden and cook and anything to do with arts and crafts. She also loves to read and write. She especially enjoys God's Word and the privilege of presenting Bible lessons for women's groups.

Women's Ministry at Concord

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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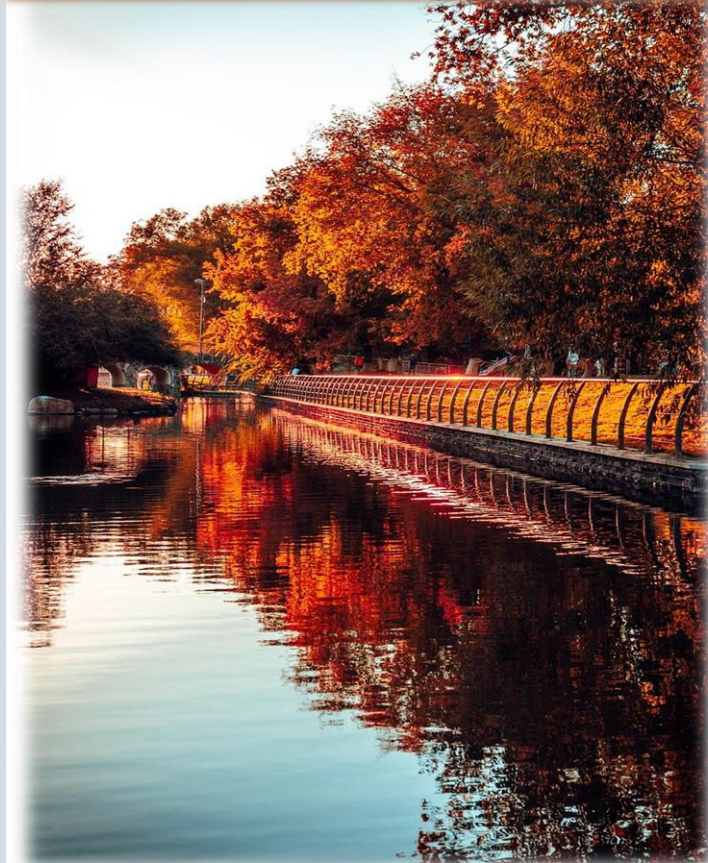
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*God is in control and therefore
in everything I can give thanks.*

Kay Arthur

Studies & Events

- ♥ December 14 @ 10am, Annex D - Joy Comes in the Morning. Widows' ministry that meets each month on 2nd Saturday
- ♥ Grief Share on Tuesdays @ 6pm
- ♥ Divorce Care on Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm – separate classes for men & women
- ♥ Prepare Him Room Christmas Fellowship – Monday, December 2 @ 6:30 pm
- ♥ Revealing Revelation study by Amir Tsarfati led by Becky Quinn - begins in January
- ♥ February 22, 2025 Women's Conference

Bible studies underway:

- ♥ God of Covenant Bible study (Jen Wilkin) with Sandy Steenbergen (class is full)
- ♥ Discovering Daniel Bible study (Amir Tsarfati) with Becky Quinn (6 to 7:30pm) ends Nov 20th
- ♥ Monday, Sept. 9 @ 10am – God of Freedom Bible study (Jen Wilkin) with Pam Tannehill



Even though Amendment 3 (A-3) did not have the outcome at the polls we desired, I am thankful for a pastor who took a stand for the unborn. I am also thankful for a church that voted their faith values. A-3 was approved, but not overwhelmingly. When you look at the map that shows voting outcomes for A-3, by far the greatest number of Missouri's counties voted no. The only areas that carried A-3 were Columbia, St. Louis, and Kansas City.

We have work to do, church. I believe the far-reaching consequences of A-3 has served as a wake-up call for Missouri believers. The Scriptures make it clear that it is God's people who hold the key to revival and our land being healed. "If **my people** who are **called by my name** will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" 2 Chron 7:14).

I am also thankful that this was a mostly positive national election for people of faith. One party has

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alarmingly set itself against our First Amendment and the freedoms of speech and religion that are guaranteed therein. There was increasing government weaponization against people of faith.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28-29

A recent movie (Average Joe) was about the true story of high-school coach Joe Kennedy. This movie detailed how people of faith are being targeted.

Joe Kennedy was a Christian coach who had made it a practice to pray at the 50-yard line after every game. After several years of doing so he was told he could not continue. Just as Daniel prayed

after an edict declared prayer was against the law, so Coach Kennedy continued to pray. As a result, he was fired. Daniel knew the cost was a death penalty by a den of lions. Coach Joe didn't face that high of a price, but his stand did require loss of livelihood and strained relationships. After many years of an uncertain outcome, the case was finally heard at the Supreme Court. The high court made a monumental ruling in Joe's favor. This ruling restrained an overreaching government and was a victory for all believers in America. Thank God for conservative justices who rightly see their jobs of interpreting our Constitution and not legislating.

Let us all become more like Joe, willing to pay the price to challenge ungodly ideologies and stand for righteousness. May we all sacrifice for what we say we believe. We have unique responsibilities in our country because we get to choose our leaders. What differences could be realized if we became salt in decaying places and light in dark places. Let us pay attention, choose wisely, watch and hold our governing leaders accountable.

I hope the American church will not return to its slumber, but it will continue to stand for righteousness and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov 31:8-9).

Becky Quinn

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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