



***The Christian Visitor***  
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**Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God**

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## **Graduation Sunday**

We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate our graduates on Sunday May 18. We will focus on our three high school graduates:

Elayna Blacketor graduating from Caston High School

Braeden Dwasman graduating from Caston High School

Kye Murphy graduating from Rochester High School

In addition to our high school graduates, Belle Simpson

graduates from elementary school to middle school,

Elena Bode and Rissa Klepinger graduate with

bachelor's degrees from Purdue University and IU

Kokomo, and Catherine Hughes earned her Masters

Degree from Manchester University.



## **Help Wipe out the Need**

The Outreach Team will be doing our toilet paper drive for United Ministries the month of May. We are collecting toilet paper along with Kleenex for United Ministries. Help fill the coat rack area. No job is finished until the paperwork is done.



## Elder Reflection



As believers the most important possession we have is the Bible. Throughout its pages we can hear the voice of God. In reading Scripture I have at times found a word or phrase that catches my attention and curiosity. You too have probably had a similar experience. For me “in Him” and “in Christ” have become just such phrases. Here are a few references in the Bible that use these words.

Roman 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ ...”

2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

2 Cor. 5:19 “... that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...”

Eph. 1:3-4 “... who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Just as He chose us in Him before the foundations of the world...”

Col. 2:6, 7&10 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him ...”  
rooted and built up in Him... and you are complete in Him...”

1 John 4:13 “By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”

1 John 5:20 “... that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true...”

Each of these Scriptures display a facet of truth, a measure of mystery to be revealed. Every dilemma and delight of Scripture is all a part of our coming into relationship with God. A God who wants to commune with us. A God who wants us to know Him.

If in your study of the Bible, should a word or phrase jump off the page, stop and pay attention, for you have just been invited by God to go on an adventure. Never pass on such opportunities for they are always enlightening and life giving.

John 1:4 “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”\*

\*Scripture taken from the New King James Version.

Joyce Jefferies

## Teaching Moment Tuesday X



Join Pastor Mike live on Facebook on Tuesdays at noon or catch the recording anytime on our Facebook page. We are studying the Old Testament book of Exodus. We have finished the 10 Commandments and are moving forward.



## PRAYER LIST

\*Key: Person's name (description; w submitted request).

Our Mission Co-Worker in **Palestine**

**Sharri Downing** 5/9 has severe back Pain; by Judy Musgrave

**Marcia Smith** 5/5 has stage 4 breast cancer, struggling with side effects from treatments; cousin of Jacque Douglas

**Candy Myer** 5/5 has colon cancer and stage 4 liver cancer; chemotherapy, with surgery 6/16; niece of Liz Robinson

**Jim Wilber** 5/1 had a stroke; he is now at Hickory Creek.

**Lance Musgrave** another eye surgery on 4/17. Prayer for healing and that the retina does not detach again; by Judy Musgrave

**Fred Jones** 4/17 as he continues through his cancer journey

**Mick Evans** 4/14 cancer that is localized, starting radiation; by Judy Evans

**Shane Rudd** 4/13 battling two different kinds of cancer, receiving chemo and radiation 5 times a week. Has a feeding tube for nutrition; nephew of Deb Tyler

**Jennifer McCarty** 4/13 personal problems; by Allen Glassburn

**Mary Ellen Nelsen** 4/10 stage 4 bone cancer; by Jacque Douglas

**Sandra** 4/9 tumor in stomach; friend of Peggy Johnson

**Jackie Liebrandt** 4/9 cancer treatments, just lost mother; by Christy Bennett

**Cathy Ralstin** 3/25 started physical therapy in Indy; by Dave Ralstin

**Jim Riffle** 3/17 stage 4 liver cancer, receiving treatments; nephew of Barbara Tibbets

**Cora Northrop** 3/3 knee surgery on March 3; by Sandra Hoffarth

**Barbara Swihart** 6/24 home with hospice; aunt of Gayle Rodriguez

**Carlene Musselman** 1/14 monthly chemo injections, still in congestive heart failure; by Judy Evans

**Pray for**

**Israel/Hamas/Gaza/Lebanon/Syria**

**Russia and Ukraine conflict**

## JOYS

**Ellis Downing** Ellis had three bypasses on May 9th doing well; Mom Gay is now also home from hospital. by Judy Musgrave

*Ladies Luncheon*

*Monday, May 19*

*at Noon*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Bring a brown bag lunch and come join us for great fellowship time. We will be learning how to take care of succulents. Bring \$5.00 to take a succulent home. If you want to bring in a container there will be soil here to transplant your succulent.*





Judy Evans and the Membership team for calling us together and hosting the Mother's Day Breakfast. It was another good day.

All those involved in our music ministry as well as Jacque Douglas for leading our thank you to them.

The Property team for spending their Saturday morning preparing our landscaping for new rock.

5/16 Paige Bode  
5/17 Bill Miller  
5/19 Daniel Miller  
5/19 Marvin Overmyer  
5/21 Judy Evans  
5/23 Kye Murphy  
5/24 Evan Harsh  
5/25 Joan Gordon

#### April 2025

##### April Financials

Income 18,523.00  
Expenses 20,360.75

##### YTD Financials

Income 51,934.16  
Expenses 63,898.09

##### Attendance

April Average  
YTD Average

##### In-person

Attendance 84  
Attendance 67

##### On-line

23  
24

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

##### **Tuesday, May 13**

Noon Teaching Tuesday  
7:00 pm Elder Meeting

##### **Wednesday, May 14**

10:00 am Outreach Team Meeting  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

##### **Thursday, May 15**

6:00 pm Praise Team

##### **Sunday, May 18 Graduate Sunday**

9:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
10:45 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship Team

##### **Monday, May 19**

Noon Ladies Luncheon  
3:00 pm Wynnfield Crossing Bible Study

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

##### **Tuesday, May 20**

Noon Teaching Tuesday

##### **Wednesday, May 21**

6:30 pm Choir Practice

##### **Thursday, May 22**

6:00 pm Praise Team

##### **Sunday, May 25**

9:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
10:45 am Sunday School

##### **Monday, May 26**

3:00 pm Wynnfield Bible Study

##### **Tuesday, May 27**

Noon Teaching Tuesday