

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- **May 4 -  
National Day  
of Prayer**
- **May 14 -  
Mother's Day**
- **May 21 -  
Ascension  
Sunday**
- **May 28 -  
Pentecost**
- **May 29 -  
Memorial Day**

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## Our Proper Role

“We’re called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.” This quip may bring a chuckle, but it’s also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8, NRSV).



While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others’ morality or relationship with God. “Do not judge,” Jesus says, “and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.

## Breath of the Spirit

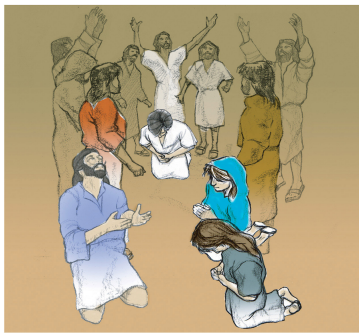
The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday’s grace and spiritual strength must be renewed and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned me.

-Augustus Toplady



**“The mothers in our lives leave a legacy that last forever.”**

*Her children arise and call her blessed;...*  
*Proverbs 31:28*



## A Legacy that Lasts Forever

“Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
 She looks well to the ways of her household  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
 Her children rise up and call her happy:” – Proverbs 31:25-28

May is the month we celebrate the impact of mothers and the women in our lives who shared their motherly love with us. Throughout history mothers have impacted the lives of those who would later impact the lives of many. George Washington once said, “All I am I owe to my mother, I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.” Abraham Lincoln made it clear, “All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

The mothers in our lives leave a legacy that lasts forever. Billy Graham observed, “Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.” God has specially equipped women for that very purpose.

Thomas Edison once said this about his mother, “I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me.”

As Proverbs 31 points out, our mothers and those women who

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shared their motherly love with us provide a lasting legacy and hope. It is this hope that blossoms our personal faith and character. This is the reason for celebrating mothers whose “hope in the Lord” has proven contagious!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Tyler

## Life Immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country—and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: “Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul.”

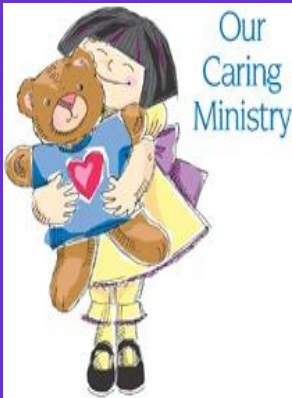
To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Christian Symbol

**TONGUES OF FIRE** — Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flames symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s Life.



# Our Caring Ministry



... let your request be made known to God.

*“Happiness is like jam. You can’t spread even a little without getting some on yourself.”*

## Short Term Concerns

- Sonny Harrison
- Paul Hoff
- Angie Jordan
- Joyce Little
- Joe Rector
- Sofia Rodriguez
- Joe Schrufer
- Mary Schrufer
- Willard Smith
- Sarah Lynn White

## Intercessory

- Eric Alford
- Rhett Bozeman
- Connie Carpenter
- Bonnie Hall
- Laura Williams
- Virginia Williams

## Caregivers

## Persecuted Christians

## Those Battling Cancer

- Grace Barfield
- Terry Blair
- Robert Hughes
- Iann Kollarik
- Heather Leonard
- Luke Melvin
- Karen Pilcher

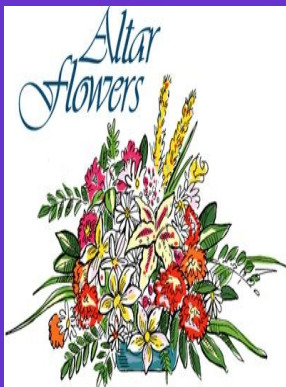
## Our Shut-Ins

- Joe Webb
- Ann Weiler

## Our Military Ukraine

**Please contact the office with any updates to this list – Thank You!**

Just a reminder names placed on Our Caring Ministry List must be submitted through the church office. Requests can be done by emails, or phone calls.



## FLOWER CALENDAR

- May 07 - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tucker
- May 14 - Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
- May 21 - Dr. & Mrs. Finlay Corbin
- May 28 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hand

Chancel  
Choir  
Youth  
Wednesdays



Healthy  
Living Group  
Thursdays  
@ 5 P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Communion</b> Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel <b>Offering</b> Golden Cross	1	2  ♥Barbara & Hentz McClellan	3  ♥Sandi & Jonathan Kimbrel ♥Brittany & Julian Smith	4  <b>Sister Friends 10:00 am National Day of Prayer</b>	5  ♪ Mike McCaskill ←	6  ♪Ashley Whitfield ♪Kelby Durham
7  ♪ Ryan Whitfield	8	9  ♪Mike Mayo	10  <b>Sister Friends 10:00 am</b> →	11  ♪Kinsey Jones ♪ Mary Ann Willams	12	13
14  <b>Mother's Day</b>  ♪ Gale Ferguson	15  ♥Jackie & David House	16  <b>UMW Meeting 10:00 am</b> ♪ Chris Herndon	17	18  <b>Sister Friends 10:00 am</b>	19	20
21  <b>Ascension Sunday</b>  ♪ Drayton Hayes	22	23  ♪ Zeb Kimbrel	24  <b>Sister Friends 10:00 am</b> →	25  ♥Cheri & Quentin Henderson	26	27  ♪ Jackie House
28  <b>Pentecost</b>  ♪ Sharon McCrone	29  <b>Memorial Day</b>  ♪ Jagger Weiler	30  ♥Laurie & Brian James	31	<b>Ushers</b> Hentz McClellan Finlay Corbin <b>Standby</b> Glen McClellan		



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**Glorifying God by loving and leading all  
people to Christ.**

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## **PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES**

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|--|---|---|
| 1. Nick Hughes Family /<br>Brian James Family            | 13. Brenda Parrish /<br>Gary Parrish                      | 25. Esther Alford /<br>Gina Averett Family          |
| 2. Sandra & Jim Jines /<br>Billy Jordan Family           | 14. Joyce Peacock /<br>Michelle Pettis Family             | 26. Dresia Barfield /<br>John Barfield Family       |
| 3. Kinsey & Seth Jones /<br>Becky Kastli Family          | 15. Charmian & Jerry Register /<br>Diane & Russell Scholz | 27. Wynelle Bateman /<br>Mary Margaret & Bob Barsch |
| 4. Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel /<br>Jonathan Kimbrel Family    | 16. DellAnne & Michael Schrufer<br>Shelia Shelton         | 28. Connie & Alton Carpenter /<br>Betty Ann Cayson  |
| 5. Clay Knight /<br>Richard Leath                        | 17. Ken Sheppard Family /<br>Stacy Sims                   | 29. Finlay Corbin Family /<br>Jimmy Cox Family      |
| 6. Alva Martin /<br>Sally & Mike Mayo                    | 18. Brittany Smith Family /<br>Rodney Smith Family        | 30. Gina & Tyler Cox /<br>Joe Durden Family         |
| 7. Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill /<br>March McCaskill Family | 19. Donald Stanley Family /<br>Sue & Don Stanley          | 31. Kelby Durham /<br>Debbie & Tommy Edwards        |
| 8. Michael McCaskill Family /<br>Danita & Glen McClellan | 20. Mert Stephens /<br>Scott Stephens Family              |   |
| 9. Heath McClellan Family /<br>Hentz McClellan Family    | 21. Virginia House Szrowics /<br>Chris & John Tomlinson   |   |
| 10. Kyle McClellan Family /<br>Sharon & Henry McCrone    | 22. Ann & Mike Tucker<br>Ann Weiler                       |   |
| 11. Helen McCowen /<br>Phyllis & Frank Miller            | 23. Janis & Jack Weiler /<br>Jarred Weiler Family         |   |
| 12. Kathryn McMillan Mitchell /<br>Betty Monford         | 24. Joe Webb /<br>Cherie White Family                     |   |