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Never Give Up



Julie L. Schults
New Philadelphia, OH
Publisher/Editor

Satan tried to get the best of me during deadline week but I straightened my crown because I'm a daughter of the most high King. You see, I learned a new word earlier this month. *Hemorrhagic Bullae* (plural). Google it, but don't look at the photos. Yuck!! I learned how painful getting several lidocaine shots in the hand feels since I have an HB on my middle finger of my dominant hand. Not only was I in Akron General hospital for three days during deadline week, I couldn't use my left hand for writing quick notes because it was wrapped. The IV in my other arm jammed into my skin every time I tried to bend my elbow attempting to write with the other hand.

The cover photographs were sent to my itty-bitty phone as Christy and I were trying our best to move forward with the May issue. The yellow cheered me up and Christy knows I love yellow. I kept working as much as I could while in the hospital bed. My itty-bitty phone just couldn't do what my computer could. How would I have known that I would be ambulated from Dover to Akron? Life threatening concern? Crazy!

When I returned home, I was allowed to unwrap my finger and carefully type. They said that air would help with healing. Yes, there was some oozing and bleeding but that passed. Did you know that the left hand is used more than the right while typing. Go figure! As I looked at the ick running out of my finger, I was reminded that we heal from the inside out. Immediately I thought of God's work in me. I had to have Him heal my heart in order to remove my anger, frustration and exhaustion while going through the outside healing of my finger. I had to remember that God told Elijah to have a snack and a nap. (I Kings 17-18) So I grabbed some graham crackers, had my antibiotic and took a nap!

I was concerned about meeting deadline and budget. My roommate, nurses and doctors thought I was crazy. I said, "No I'm dedicated!" However, I'm more concerned that the team of specialists hasn't been able to determine what caused this. Follow up with two specialists is in my future. So many tests, so much blood drawn, so frustrating but I know God is the Great Physician.

Now I'm thrilled to present to you the May Outreach! What a challenge it was to bring it to you. Oh, a happier note did you know that we're wrapping up 21 years? Come on year 22!!! Let's go!!

Happy Mother's Day. Mom

I AM
a Daughter
of the
KING!

*Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmovable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, forasmuch as
ye know that your labor
is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Have you ever experienced an electrical outage at home? It was late on a Saturday afternoon and, while I was enjoying reading the paper, bang, we lost all power. As it turned out, a nearby transformer had failed and hundreds of houses in our area were without electricity.

Instantly, we had no Internet, no way to cook on our electric stove, no TV, and no lights. As the evening darkness arrived, we found and lit some candles. We were never in any danger and eventually the electricity was restored. But, for several hours we were transported into a different and strange environment.

Even with all the conveniences that had been taken away, there was one experience that we cannot forget. It was the peace and quiet that had overtaken our house. As my wife and I sat around in the glow of the candles, we enjoyed a wonderful time and began to realize that, even without electricity, how blessed we were. We remembered that old gospel song ... "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done!" (*J. Oatman Jr*) We were thankful to our Lord and Savior for the many blessings we had received and were excited to name them. As this quiet time continued, we began to pray

for each of our family members and friends.

The simplicity and quietness of that time was truly refreshing. It was as if we were given a gift that allowed us to "get away," even if it was for just a short time and in our own home. We agreed that we would like to have more time like that but, of course, with at least some electric appliances that worked. Maybe we could create our own "Loss of Electricity" gift of quiet time and enjoy it again and again.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

EPHESIANS 6:16. KJV

How encouraging it is to live in the Sugarcreek area with many Amish people. They are a daily reminder that you can enjoy life and be happy without computers, TV or an automobile. A quiet night by the fireplace is something the next generation should learn to enjoy.

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Elizabeth Morris
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In a world where love is often defined by feelings, conditions, and fleeting moments, it can be easy to misunderstand what true love really is. Culture tells us that love depends on how we feel, how we're treated, or what someone can offer in return. But God's love stands in complete contrast to that idea—it is constant, unconditional, and deeply personal.

One of the most well-known verses in the Bible, John 3:16, captures the heart of this love in a simple but powerful way: *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* This verse isn't just something we memorize as kids—it's a life-changing truth.

God didn't just say He loves us—He showed it. He gave. Not just

anything, but His Son. That kind of love is sacrificial, intentional, and beyond human understanding. It reminds us that we are worth pursuing, worth saving, and worth loving, no matter our past or our mistakes. God's love is not something we have to earn. It isn't based on our performance, our past, or whether we feel "good enough." In fact, one of the most powerful truths in the Bible is that God loved us before we ever loved Him. His love meets us right where we are—in our brokenness, in our confusion, and even in our mistakes.

This love was most clearly shown through Jesus. When Jesus came to earth, He didn't come for the perfect or the put-together. He came for the hurting, the lost, and the overlooked. He spent time with people others rejected and showed compassion where others showed judgment.

Ultimately, His sacrifice on the cross was the greatest act of love the

world has ever seen—a love that chose forgiveness over punishment and grace over condemnation. What makes God's love so powerful is that it doesn't change. People may fail us. Circumstances may shift. Feelings may come and go. But God's love remains steady through it all. It's there in the quiet moments, in the chaos, in the joy, and in the pain. It is a love that never walks away.

For many, the hardest part isn't understanding that God loves people—it's believing that He truly loves them. But the truth is, His love is personal. He sees you, knows you, and cares about every detail of your life. You are not just another face in the crowd; you are intentionally created and deeply valued. When we begin to grasp the depth of God's love, it changes everything. It gives us identity when we feel lost, peace when we feel overwhelmed, and hope when life feels uncertain. It also calls us to reflect that same love to others—to be patient, kind,



forgiving, and compassionate, even when it's difficult.

God's love isn't just something to talk about—it's something to experience. And once you truly encounter it, you'll realize it's not just a feeling. It's a promise. A promise that you are never alone, never forgotten, and always loved.

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Are you hungry or are you full? There is a Proverb that reads; *The full soul loatheth the honeycomb, but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.* (Pr.27.7) I have read this proverb countless times over the years and have interpreted it as a message about food and eating, which it is. I think there is another way of looking at it though. The full soul in this Proverb needs nothing more, the hungry one accepts even the bitter as a gift.

If we are hungry for God, hungrier to know Him than we are to know or have anything else, He will come to us, and abide with us. He will make room for Himself in us. Do you remember the day you were saved, how you said to God that you surrender your whole life to Him, that you want Him to lead and direct your paths, that you give up your independence of Him? Do

you remember offering all of yourself to Him? Do you remember the joy and freedom that you experienced having yielded your life to Jesus? For most of us, our early experience of salvation was something like that. Many of us were delivered from evil thoughts and actions, many of us freed from addictions and other bad habits. But as time went on, we reclaimed some of our offering, we took back the control of our lives, we crowded our minds and hearts with *the cares of this life and with the deceitfulness of riches.* (Mt. 13.22)

The good news is that our God is as merciful as ever, and as interested in our well-being as ever.

He always has us in mind and He is always willing to take His rightful place in our hearts. If we are



hungry for Him, if we yearn to have the vibrant and rewarding relationship with Him that He promised to those who believe in Christ, He will satisfy our longings.

Though from the beginning we were labeled *new creations*, (2 Co.5.17) it has always been the will of God that His people be *conformed to the image of His Son.* (Ro.8.29) This is a lifelong process and it includes some bitter things. The hungry (and humble) soul says, "I thank God for anything he sends to me, even if it is bitter. I trust God to do only good on my behalf. In weakness or loss, I will praise Him because I know He cares for me and is preparing me for something good. I have confidence in Him, His wisdom, and His love for me. The Apostle Paul said, *"therefore I take pleasure in infirmities,*

in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Co.12.10)

I think these things that Paul experienced count as *bitter things*. I think too that Paul was a man who was hungry for God and to him these bitter things were sweet. He was obsessed with knowing God. In Ro.8.28, he tells us that *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to His purpose.* We tend to think that this verse describes God as the clean-up Man, the one Who takes all the messes that we have made and the ones others have foisted upon us, and molds them into something useful to us—after the fact. The reality is that He saw them all occurring before the fact, eons ago. Everything that comes our way He either orchestrated or allowed to occur, even the bitter things...because He loves us! Father knows best!

Scriptures KJV



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King David - 2 Samuel 15:1-14

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Molly Pfeiffer
Stone Creek, OH

I was recently asked to speak at a mother daughter banquet, with the theme being "Flamingos." That's right, those pink birds that stand on one leg. If you're

like me, you're asking yourself, "Why in the world would this be a theme for a mother daughter banquet?" Here's why – it is a known fact that flamingos lose their pink color when they have their young.

Flamingos are known to put so much energy into the breeding and birthing and rearing of their young, that they actually lose their color and turn a pale pink, white, or even gray hue. This occurs because they are transferring their pigment-rich food to their young, which temporarily leaves them washed out, looking bland. However, their color returns.

Now, as soon as I read this, I immediately said to myself, "Man, I have never identified more with an animal than I do right now."

Standing on one leg, trying to sleep, with squawking all around me, all while losing my beautiful plumage. What a picture of motherhood.

Being a mother is the absolute greatest blessing and privilege I have

ever had or will ever have. That God considered me – to gift 3 beautiful, thoughtful, intelligent, and ornery kids to – is without comprehension. But just as it is with many blessings, sometimes we forget how blessed we actually are. Our blessings become our norm and the expectation. We take them for granted. And if we are being honest, I believe at one time or another, we have all taken motherhood for granted.

But the thing I have been thinking about the most, has been that motherhood is the most sanctifying calling I have ever had. Being a mom is the most challenging, at times frustrating calling, and the job that I question myself the most while doing.

I work outside the home 2 days a week. And going to work as a physician assistant is far easier than managing the homeschooling and rearing of my children. We have hard days at home. We have days where attitudes are poor, obedience on everyone's part is half-hearted or non-existent, and days where we forget that Jesus is in the room with us. I start selfishly desiring just a few moments to myself and can go down the path of, "Am I really doing all that You called me to do, God? Why isn't this going better?" And if I wallow long enough, I too, lose my pink color.

But Jesus meets me in these gray areas, as long as I remember to call on His name and meet with Him. And He speaks life, like this, "Fight the good fight. Don't give up. There's a crown waiting." "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." "Molly, don't grow weary in doing good, for at just the right season, you will reap a harvest if you don't give up." "Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. He's the father of lies and the author of chaos and confusion. I came, to bring you life, abundant full and free." "Do you trust me?"

And friends, when I walk in the truths of God and stop wallowing in the emotions and what ifs of Molly, the pink, it comes right back. His word does that – it speaks life over us and into us – so that we can continue to speak life over and into our children.

Mamas, don't you dare second guess the calling and the blessing God bestowed upon you when He placed a baby in your arms. Motherhood, it's Kingdom work. It's the most important work we will ever do. But it's work that requires us to first feast at the table with Jesus, so that we can continually feed those in our homes.

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A CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

Even If

by Bart and Shannon Millard with Robert Noland



Book Review by
Marcia Bryan
Uhrichsville, OH

MercyMe's Bart Millard and his wife Shannon wrote this book together along with Robert Noland as a means of sharing the honest and real-life events behind the band's hit song *Even If*. This song is the inspiration behind the recently released movie *I Can Only Imagine 2*. MercyMe was just a small worship band from Texas until the release of their song, *I Can Only Imagine*, in 2002. Everything changed for the Millard's and the other band members once their song hit the airwaves and it launched them to worldwide fame. I remember exactly where I was when I heard that song for the first time and I could not hold back my tears. That's probably true for so many others. It wasn't long after that until MercyMe began headlining concert venues, receiving music awards, and living out their wildest

dreams while giving God the glory. However, in less than two years, Bart and Shannon's lives took another turn, but this one was more like a nightmare than a dream.

January of 2004, Shannon's younger brother was killed in a tragic accident. Only a month later, one of Bart's favorite uncles died suddenly from a brain aneurysm. On November 4 of that year, their second child was born six weeks prematurely. On November 15, their toddler son, Sam, was admitted to the hospital, placed in ICU, and diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Sam's chronic condition has no cure and is still difficult to manage. In December, Shannon's dad was diagnosed with a brain tumor and had to have surgery. The Millard's made it through yet another crisis, but the emotional toll that year took on them left them reeling. Since Bart was required to be on the road touring with his band much of the time, Shannon was left to handle things at home which added stress to their marriage. In this book, Bart and Shannon invite us into the "living room of their lives" as they share "The Good, the Bad, and the Broken" and how they journeyed through it.

I really appreciated the raw and honest testimony expressed by these authors. I also loved how Bart shared his thoughts and then Shannon did the same from her viewpoint ... even Sam contributed his own perceptions. As Christians, I think many of us try to hide our struggles and doubts about God and what we're going through. Grief, loss, uncertainty, and "the



whys and what-ifs" are not easy and if we expose those feelings, we often worry that we'll be judged. But this book allows fear, doubt, anger, and more and shows us real faith ... not perfect faith. Faith does not guarantee a life without problems. That's not Biblical. But navigating through difficult and sometimes heartbreaking times can grow our faith and remind us of Who's in control.

The story behind the song *Even If* draws upon Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and their encounter with King Nebuchadnezzar in regards to them being thrown into a fiery furnace for disobeying him. These three young men knew that God was strong enough to save them from the fire, but still they stated that "even if" God chose not to, they would remain faithful! (Daniel 3:17-18) THIS is the message behind the song as well as how it related to Bart's son and the fact that God was still good no matter what happened. We trust God because of who He is!



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Carolyn Lee Peerman
Lynchburg, VA

Have you noticed how important words are in the Bible? *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.* John 1:1-2

Notice the words that God spoke at the beginning of creation. *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Genesis 1:3-6

God demonstrated His action with words; He proved His love for you by His words. You live by the Word of God. *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.* Jeremiah 15:16.

The Word of God will endure. *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.* Matthew 24:35.

That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment...by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. KJV



Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart

Proverbs 3:5-6



Mike Goldsmith
Proctor, MN

So, what does it mean to trust in the Lord with all of our heart? Simply this: When life seems to be going totally crazy, the Lord our God, through His Son Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, will protect us. Sometimes, that protection requires our Father to have some people step in and help us out, even when we haven't asked for that help. Remember, we are trusting our Father in Heaven to take care of us.

You see, when those who love us do things that, on the surface, we don't like, but in reality, are for our good, we need to trust our Father that He does have it all under control. We should rejoice in that he is putting the people in our lives that we need to regain control of our environment around us. When we do this, we will be able to keep serving the Lord.

Go in peace.



That is Just God Watching Out for You

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Peter 5:7 KJV



Pastor Cathy Hawkins
Dover, OH

Recently a nurse friend of mine traveled to Maryland to visit her loved ones. The forecast was calling for two snow storms along the way. When she returned, I asked her if she got stuck anywhere. No, she smiled and said, "I went between both storms".

Then I inquired if she was praying and she answered, with a definite, oh yes I did. I could hardly wait to tell her prayers to God have been going up for her since she left.

My parting words to her was this title, "That is just God Watching out for You!"

A Mother's Heart

Mother's Day flowers are in floral shops everywhere,
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The day is so special for it commemorates a Mother,
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A Mother's love goes on and on...
It's a forever thing—an eternal bond.

A Mother will go through thick and thin,
For her children she's nestled in her heart within.

A Mother will put herself last,
Without a thought of it being a task!

A Mother's love is unconditional,
Loving through hurt and crying dismals.
God gave Mothers a special protective place,
To carry their babies in a perfectly made space.

The bonding that happens is so surreal,
God allows for women to literally feel.

A Mother should be honored for her values of life,
Loving from the cradle to adulthood without a price.
Her children's well-being is always on her mind,
She thinks of her children as one of a kind!

Praying for her children is just as natural as can be,
Because a Mother's love is genuine and given freely.
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— LESSONS FROM CHURCH HISTORY —

Tertullian, A Man for all Seasons



Doug Frautschy
Dover, OH

I must admit that I have a special fondness for Tertullian. While he certainly had some flaws, he was a very early voice keenly addressing important issues in the development of the Church. On many subjects his insights would be just as relevant in our time as they were in his day.

Tertullian was born in the year 155 (and died around 220) in Carthage, in northwest Africa. He was not raised as a Christian and did not convert until he was in his 40s. He was very well educated. He was apparently a lawyer and was clearly proficient in rhetoric. He wrote in both Greek and Latin, but mostly in Latin. In his later years he became associated with the Montanist movement and defended it in spite of the problems that caused him with the greater Christian church.

Tertullian was married, and never became a priest or bishop. However, his writing and speaking ability were so forceful that he was impossible to ignore. He was somewhat crude by today's standards

and not very polite to his opponents. He was attracted to the Montanist movement because of their high level of commitment and strict behavioral rules. He would have made a good Pharisee. A conversion to Montanism would have destroyed most church leaders' careers, but not Tertullian, he didn't care and it didn't slow him down.

He is notable for his response to Marcion. Marcion rejected the Old Testament and most of the books of the New Testament. Tertullian gives a list of books and letters that make up all of the New Testament except James, II Peter & III John. He also spoke out on practical issues such as infant baptism, which he did not support. He did not hesitate to disagree with the powerful Bishop of Rome when he thought the Bishop was wrong.

Tertullian was one of the first theologians to write and publish in Latin. Tertullian was located in the Latin speaking west, and most of his readers would not have understood Greek. He certainly was familiar with the Greek philosophers and was well

aware of their influence on the church fathers, especially in the Greek speaking east. He was not a fan of integrating Greek philosophy with Christian Theology. His famous saying is, *What does Athens have to do with Jerusalem?* I love it!

He is also famous for his formulation of the Trinity. Tertullian wrote a response to Praxeas, who taught that there was only one God, the Father, who sometimes also acted as the Son, and sometimes as the Holy Spirit. We usually call this teaching, "modalism." Tertullian in his mocking tone said of Praxeas, *Having driven out the Paraclete, he now crucified the Father.* Tertullian skillfully argued from Scripture

that the Trinity is made up of three persons with one nature, and that the incarnate Christ is one person with two natures. This simple formulation in the Latin has anchored the Trinitarian and Christological theology of the western church and kept it from many of the controversies which plagued the Eastern, philosophically oriented, Greek speaking church.

Unfortunately, Tertullian also stepped into the trap of trying to over explain the Trinity and nature of the incarnate Christ. His theories borrowed more from the Greek philosophers than he would likely admit. His speculative theory implies that the Son and Holy Spirit did not always exist as persons distinct from the Father. The Trinity was not fully developed until creation. His theory has been clearly rejected by the church.

We should learn from Tertullian and others who try to over explain the Trinitarian nature of God, and the human and divine nature of the incarnate Christ. The orthodox church and many fringe groups have struggled with this temptation for almost 2000 years. We think we should have all the answers to these difficult questions. Tertullian's simple formation of the Trinity - three persons with one nature; and the incarnate Christ - one person with two natures, will suffice. We can live with a little mystery.



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It was Miriam’s turn to speak. She attended a local college where antisemitic threats were being experienced. Unknown to many of the students, Miriam was

Jewish. Her parents had emigrated to the United States from Israel before she was born and held dual citizenship.

The students were asked to write a paper about a historical event that impacted them personally. Some shared about the Vietnam War and how it affected their families. Others shared about WWII.

Miriam was concerned because revealing her Jewish heritage could bring threats, but she knew it was

time for her to take a stand.

As Miriam made her way to the microphone, she thought of Queen Esther. She, too, was Jewish and it was time for her to take a stand for their people because there were threats to destroy them. Esther came before the King, which was forbidden, unless she was summoned. Esther could have been executed, but she made the choice to stand in the gap. Miriam felt the same.

Miriam cleared her throat. “I am speaking about the Holocaust and how it affected me.” Looking down at the star of David pin that she was wearing, she said, “and my people.” Many in the room looked dumbfounded and some sneered. Miriam stood proudly as she said, “Yes, I am Jewish from the tribe of Benjamin.”

You could tell, by the look on their faces that there were many who had no clue what the tribe of Benjamin was. Miriam explained about the twelve tribes of Israel. She was calm. She explained that from the beginning of time, the Jewish

people have been hated. She shared how brutally her people were hunted by Hitler to be executed, just because they were Jewish. Some were shot, some were gassed and others were sent to concentration camps where many starved to death. Some were ordered to stand at attention in the frigid cold for hours.

Miriam’s speech lasted thirty minutes. All eyes were fixed on her and at any point, you could hear a pin drop. Miriam wept as she shared about her grandparents who were sent to the concentration camp but never returned.

“Everyone has the right to exist,” Miriam said boldly. “God loves us all. We need to stop trying to kill each other because we are not all the same nationality.” Many of the students hung their heads while others mocked.

Miriam finished with a prayer, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.” She knew by standing up for her people, whether accepted or not, was the right thing to do.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

And we know that all things
work together for good to
them that love God,
to them who are the called
according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 KJV

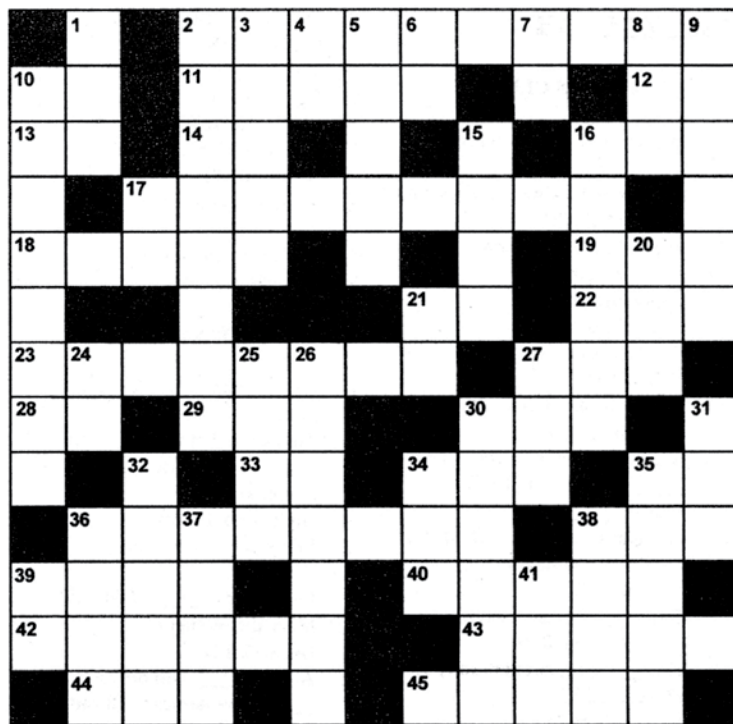
ACROSS CLUES

- He calleth together his friends and _____. (Luke 15:6)
- His kingdom was lifted up _____ high. (1 Chron. 14:2)
- Loosen, free from bonds.
- North America (abbr.).
- Vermont (abbr.).
- Doctor (abbr.).
- Buddy, friend, _____.
- Your _____ is come abroad. (Rom. 16:19)
- The state of wearing a robe.
- A type of grain (singular).
- Expression of pain.
- Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a _____.
- Cain brought...an _____ unto the Lord. (Gen. 4:3)
- Ye have put off the _____ man. (Col. 3:9)
- 2,000 in Roman numerals.
- Disk Operating System (abbr.).
- Prefix meaning "before."
- Either/_____.
- They...weave the spider's _____. (Isa. 59:5)
- _____-ta ("good-bye" in baby talk).
- Who am also a _____ of the glory. (1 Pet. 5:1)
- Mice that _____ the land. (1 Sam. 6:5)
- Prefix meaning very small.
- An island in eastern Indonesia.
- In the _____ of one Tyrannus. (Acts 19:9)
- Ye shall be _____ from your enemies. (Num. 10:9)

- A brand of sneakers (singular).
- Whose _____ I am not worthy to bear. (Matt. 3:11)

DOWN CLUES

- Go to the _____, thou sluggard. (Prov. 6:6)
- For he was _____ with us. (Acts 1:17)
- When forty days...were _____ he hungered. (Luke 4:2)
- This is the way, walk ye in _____. (Isa. 30:21)
- "Get in" (colloquial).
- Whose son is _____? (Matt. 22:42)
- Eat straw like the _____. (Isa. 11:7)
- Ribonucleic acid (abbr.).
- _____ them that have the rule over you. (Heb. 13:24)
- I have _____ the world. (John 16:33)
- He _____ who should betray him. (John 13:11)
- A _____ prepared for the Lord. (Luke 1:17)
- Obstetrical (abbr.).
- _____ed him in the killing of his brethren. (Judg. 9:24)
- _____ the King of Bashan. (Num. 21:33)
- Frequency Modulation (abbr.).
- Because they had no _____ they withered away. (Matt. 13:6)
- Belonging to God's chosen nation.
- Globe.



- Lord, save us: we _____. (Matt. 8:25)
- Though _____ should rise against me. (Ps. 27:3)
- A hidden supply of stores.
- They are _____ with the showers of the mountains. (Job 24:8)
- The _____ of the field. (Matt. 13:36)
- The ravens of the valley shall _____ it out. (Prov. 30:17)
- Medieval churches had a _____ screen at the entrance of the chancel.
- To take from one place to another.
- Postscript (abbr.).
- Former Chinese leader.

Mother is a Verb



Mary Ann Lauber
Dover, OH

My Mom made motherhood look easy. She was a stay-at-home Mom, volunteering at our elementary school a few hours a day. There was always a delicious meal on the table for my Dad, three brothers, and me. And plenty of chocolate chip cookies.

The house was clean, laundry done, and she found time to do it all.

In high school, although my brothers didn't need it, my Mom had to go to bat for me to get me through. Although not diagnosed with dyslexia until after high school, she knew I studied hard and tried even harder for my mediocre grades. Each semester of my freshman year, she would schedule a meeting with my math teacher and ask for a little more grace to get me through.

When I became a mother in my early 20s, I knew it was my mother who I would emulate. The thing is, she made it look easy with four children in six years. I had one baby and thought I'd lose my mind and called her often for advice. When my second baby was born, she taught me how to manage two children when I was outnumbered and how to manage my time wisely so I could be at the book fair, volunteer as a room mother, and help my girls navigate those tough middle school years.

But I would be remiss if I didn't mention the most trusting and phenomenal mother of all....Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary displayed immense bravery and faith by

accepting the responsibility of being the mother despite the social pressure and hardship she faced.

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

LUKE 1:28-35

With Easter a few weeks behind us, Mary, the mother who watched her son beaten, made to carry his own cross, and crucified. How did she do it? Imagine her indescribable pain and anguish. Her heart was breaking, and she could do nothing to save him. Then, her pure joy when Jesus rose from the dead. Mary is the one we should strive to be like. Trusting God, every step of the way, through every single hardship.

If you are a mother, through birth or through your heart, you've been blessed. If you are fortunate to mother children in your family as an aunt, you are indeed lucky. Mothering your friend's children is another wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the life of a baby, child, or young adult. It takes a village.

When I lost my Mom, a wonderful group of ladies at the Y took me under their wing. As we did our water aerobics, they mothered me, the youngest in the group. They gave me solid advice, encouragement about a myriad of different things, and were always as close as a phone call. I may have been in my 30's, but I still needed to be mothered. It's what I was born to do.

Thank you, Blessed Mary, for being our best example.

Happy
MOTHER'S
Day

Missing the Mark



Joey Rudder
Sherrodsville, OH

A fictional story

Malachi moved easily through the airport, unlike those toting heavy suitcases full of unnecessary things. This would be his seventh and final airport inspection.

The place was neat and tidy with adequate lighting.

He knew many complained about such things, even as the pressing matters of passports and proper identification were often overlooked.

Just yesterday, he visited an airport with the largest coffee bar, yet the staff members were so worn out they missed speaking to a man confused about his ID. And nothing, Malachi knew, mattered more than having a

properly stamped passport.

A woman approached Malachi and smiled. "You look a little lost. Is this your first time visiting us?"

Malachi recognized the light in the woman's eyes. "I'm not lost, but this is my first time here."

"Well, welcome. My name is Elsie."

"I'm Malachi."

Her eyes widened. "Malachi? Doesn't that mean *messenger of God*?"

"That is correct."

The light in her eyes trembled as if an earthquake had stirred within her spirit.

"You know why I'm here."

"Yes, of course," she breathed.

He gave a single nod as Elsie bit her thumbnail. Malachi had seen it before. Workers concerned that everything needed to be perfect—the music just right, a welcoming environment—when all that really mattered was the correct passport stamp. He'd seen weary travelers turned away at the end of their journey because they had been misled or misdirected. A tragedy with lasting consequences.

As Malachi aimed for the line of individuals clutching passports, a voice called from behind.

"We're the best, you'll see! Top notch! We've got the largest crowds!"

Malachi glanced over his shoulder to see a man with his chest thrust out beside Elsie, her cheeks flushing as she looked to the floor. She knew the truth—it had never been about numbers.

As Malachi approached the checkpoint, he knew, when the worker handed him a woman's passport, that word had already spread about his visitation.

"You have many stamps, and I can see you've done a lot, but this won't work," Malachi said to the traveler who began uttering filth, her eyes darkening. Unflinching, Malachi looked into the darkness and spoke

boldly. "You can't enter Heaven by any other way than Jesus, and I see no stamp from His blood on your identification."

Malachi looked past the woman in the long line of those waiting. Being an angel in his position, with limited time, left him searching for a worker who might help. He spotted Elsie and the boastful man, smiling with his hands tucked under his arms and chin lifted. Malachi wondered if he understood that having the highest attendance wasn't the goal, but sharing Jesus while working together with other churches, other airports, as Malachi called them—he reasoned that both prepared people to be lifted up from the earth. It was disheartening how many churches felt they needed to compete with one another, to be the shiniest, the best, when a single soul mattered more to the Lord than those things.

"Sir? What do I do with this one?" the worker whispered to Malachi.

Malachi closed the woman's passport booklet. "It's too late. Her flight is set to depart immediately, and I'm afraid her destination is a tragic one."

The woman's jaw dropped before she was quickly escorted away, her passport discarded in the trash, and her bags deposited in a pile of unnecessary items.

The man with Elsie realized he'd missed the mark. He broke down and covered his face with his hands, while Elsie moved quickly to those in line, boldly sharing the truth about Jesus, and stamping passports for those willing. When a break in the line came, she pulled out her cell phone and called other churches, other members of the body, reminding them they were not competing against each other but against time.

**For he that is not
against us is for us.**

MARK 9:40 ASV

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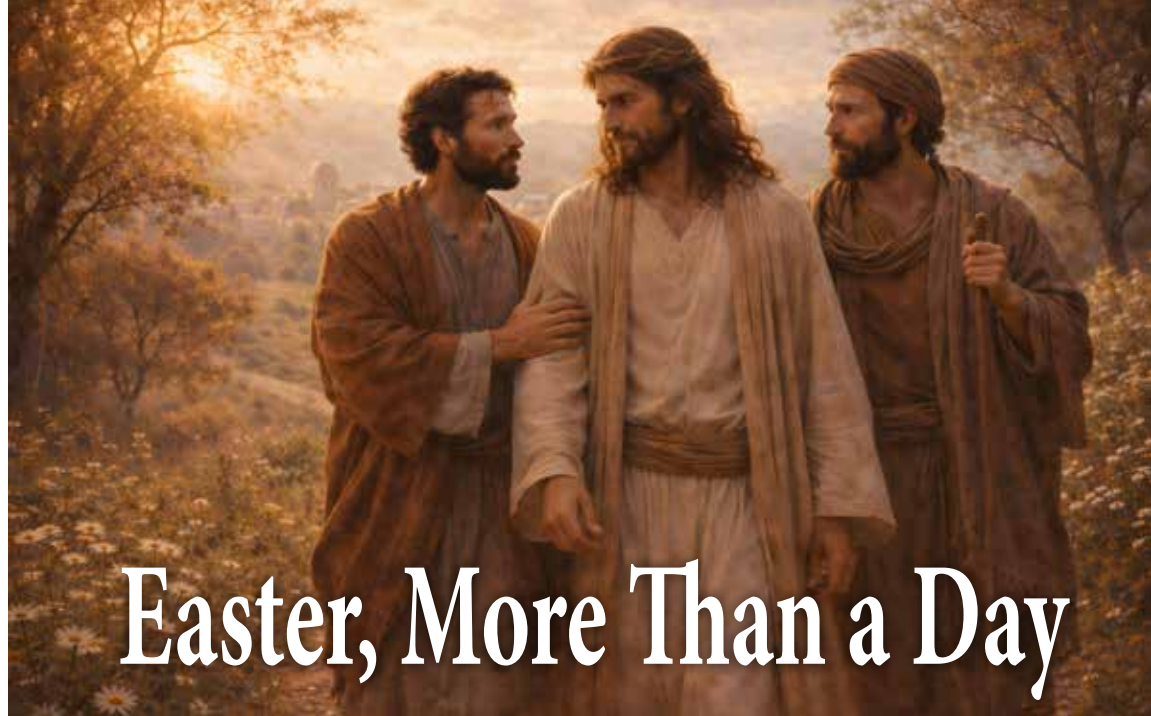


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H a p p y
Easter! Yes, I
know Easter
Sunday was
last month. But
that was just
the beginning
of the Easter

season. Easter is too important and overwhelming to celebrate in just one day. That's why most Christian churches celebrate the Easter season for fifty days until Pentecost, the day that marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection, but it can take a while to really comprehend how the empty tomb changed the world and can change us as well. The first disciples were stunned, confused, scared, dumbfounded, and overjoyed. Now, two thousand years later it is still difficult to wrap our heads around what happened and what it means for all of humanity and each one of us. In the blink of an eye, we moved from Jesus dying on the



Easter, More Than a Day

cross saying, "It's finished," to the women at the tomb declaring, "I have seen the Lord." We have journeyed from the night of Lent to the light of the Resurrection. In one moment, the cross, an instrument of torture and death, is transformed into a symbol of victory and life. Christ is risen.

Christ has destroyed death. Christ has thrown open the doors of salvation.

How can we share in that joy? The resurrection demonstrates God's great and unconditional love for us. Think about it. After centuries and centuries of seeing His chosen people sin and repent over and over again, God sends His Son to the rescue. Then, when Jesus was arrested, tortured and killed, even His closest followers deserted Him and went into hiding. After His resurrection they still doubted and failed to understand. Mary Magdalene failed to recognize Him at the tomb until He called her by name. The disciples on the road to Emmaus were initially blind to His presence. Thomas stubbornly refused to believe until he touched His wounds. We do the same every time we sin and fail to follow His will. But, through it all Jesus pours out His love and mercy. He says peace be with you, do not be afraid. He patiently explains all on the road to Emmaus. He allows Thomas to touch His wounds. The risen Jesus is still wounded as we are wounded. But despite all of our faults, when we recognize God's unconditional love we too can journey from death to life, from Lent to Easter to eternity.

So how do we celebrate the Easter season? We can remember

how we prepared during Lent for Easter and shared in His journey to Calvary. During Lent, we devoted more time to prayer. Maybe we gave up chocolate and sweets. Perhaps we spent less time on social media. We donated to charity. We sacrificed and walked with Jesus through His passion and death. There was a purpose to those Lenten actions. We sacrificed to draw closer to God, to strip away the distractions and desires that keep us from Him. Sacrifice leads to mercy and love. Now we can celebrate with many of the same tools and practices of Lent. We can pray. We can read scripture. Spend time in silence with God. We can give to charity. We can give our time and talent to our neighbor. We can maintain spiritual devotions. We can stand at the foot of the cross that is now a sign of victory. Now we can do all those things with joy and thanksgiving. The resurrection is God's love spilling over from day to day, opening our eyes and filling our hearts.

*This is the day the
Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and
be glad in it.*



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Ready Position: Saying “YES” to God’s Call



Jackie Freeman
Onsted, MI

Pickleball has a way of pulling people in. What starts as a simple game quickly becomes a calendar-filler, a conversation starter, and for some...a bit of an obsession. I've heard it said more than once, "I just LOVE pickleball!" I smile because I understand.

But recently, a comment made me stop and wonder...

A friend told me she had given a copy of *Pickleball Parables: Inspiration On and Off the Court* to someone curious about the sport but hesitant.

Her concern?

"I see people obsessed with pickleball. I don't want it to become an idol in my life."

That's a fair question. In a world where good things can quietly become consuming things, it's wise to pause and



ask what holds first place in our hearts. God was clear from the beginning: "*You shall have no other gods before Me*" (Exodus 20:3). Not because He wants to limit us, but because He knows how easily our hearts can attach

themselves to something other than Him. Sometimes, it's not the obvious things that take that place. It's the fun, harmless ones that begin to take more than they give.

But here's what happened next.

After reading the very first devotion, *Ready Position: Saying "YES" to God's Call*, her perspective began to shift. She realized that "ready" wasn't all about the game.

It was about... Ready to follow, ready to obey, and ready to shine the light of Jesus, wherever He sends us.

Jesus gives us a clear, ready position for life: "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.*" (Matthew 6:33).

Seek first. FIRST.

When He is first, everything else finds its proper place—even pickleball.

There is nothing wrong

with loving the sport. The laughter, the physical activity, the community of friends, it can all be a gift. In fact, Scripture reminds us, "*Every good and perfect gift is from above*" (James 1:17). And in many ways, for me, this game has been one of those gifts, a lifeline in a season when I needed one.

But we need to remember gifts weren't meant to replace the Giver.

So, perhaps the question isn't, "Should I play?" but rather, "Who am I playing for?"

"*So whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever you do, do all for the glory of God*" (I Corinthians 10:31).

Let's keep showing up to the court, laughing, playing, and encouraging others while we reflect His presence, on and off the court.

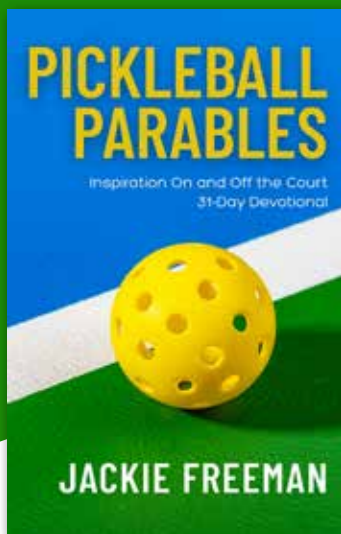
"Let your light shine before men"

MATTHEW 5:16 KJV

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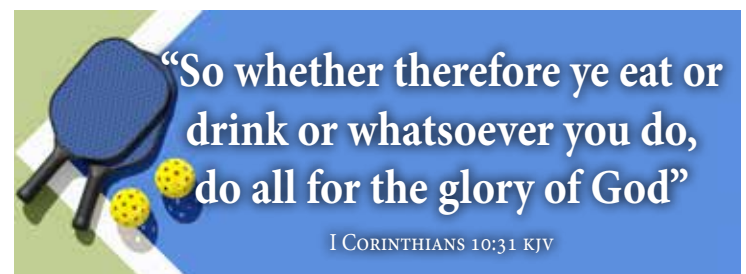
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As an author of nine books, Jackie is proud of her first children's picture book, which is about the sport of pickleball. *Bend Your Knees, Louise! A Pickleball Primer*, also available on Amazon.



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¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.



¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

A Birthday Blessing for May

May Flowers



Wesley Vaughn
Dover, OH

The showers of April, so they say,
Bring to us the flowers of May.
The opening of each fragrant bloom
Says we are past dark Winter's gloom.

As life's renewed by April's rain,
Christ's crimson flow brings life again.
As flowers open to the sun above,
May our hearts be open to the Father's love.

To you who have been born in May,
Have a Bright and Blessed Birthday.



The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

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- 60% of Tuscarawas County Youth reported drinking 1 or 2 days within the past 30 days.
- 33% took their first drink between the ages of 13 and 14.
- Children who are drinking alcohol by 7th grade are more likely to report academic problems, substance abuse, and delinquent behaviors in both middle school and high school. By young adulthood, early alcohol use was associated with employment problems.

UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

What Parents Should Know:

- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstances, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission.
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Still So Sweet



Marilyn Borga
New Philadelphia, OH

My slender legs dangled freely from my perch on the hard cherry wood seat. The white lace-trimmed anklets I wore accentuated my black patent leather shoes. I smoothed the full skirt of my pink checkered dress on the slick waxed surface of the pew. A fresh breeze fluttered in through the narrow, partially open windows while shafts of sunlight washed into the room. In the green pasture across the way, a newborn calf chased after its mother.

The sounds of shuffling feet and friendly greetings filled the air. My eyes focused on the wood attendance board mounted on the cream-painted wall. Last week's attendance was 93. The offering, \$454.82. This week's hymns were numbers 400, 247, 344, and 241.

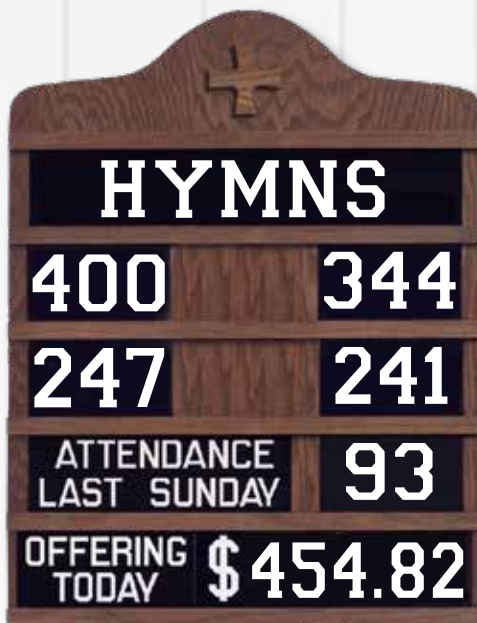
In the entrance, someone pulled on the thick rope that hung down from the bell tower. The joyous toll signaled the call to worship. Crystal King sat at the upright piano lightly fingering the keys. Mrs. Dynes, our song leader, strode down the aisle, her sensible two-inch heels clicking on the hardwood floor. We lifted our hymnals from the seat backs.

"Good morning, dear friends," she said. We'll begin with 'At Calvary.'"

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died on
Calvary.

Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty at
Calvary.

Joyful enthusiasm made up for any lack of skill or harmony. We continued through the



morning's selections with Fanny Crosby's "He Hideth My Soul."

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me,
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

And then "My Faith Looks up to Thee" by Ray Palmer:

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

"This song by Louisa M. R. Stead was my mother's favorite," Mrs. Dynes beamed.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

I couldn't articulate the myriads of tender emotions that filled my soul: yearning and sorrow, joy and peace, assurance and trust. My heart settled for "Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus!"

I was jolted from my reverie by the squeal of the sound system gone awry as the praise band warmed up for the first service. "Testing, testing." An electric guitar let out a screech and the drummer tapped out a rat-a-tat rhythm. Shafts of blue and purple LED lights cut through the darkened sanctuary. The projector screens came to life. The ceiling lights brightened as the overhead fans and air conditioning clicked on. I shifted on the comfortable padded seat as I waited for my friends to arrive and checked to make sure I'd silenced my phone.

"Nothing stays the same," I mused as I remembered the cherished country church of my youth. But no, I was wrong about that. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

The time, place, and circumstances will change, but He will not. Still savior, still friend, still sweet to trust. Still the tie that binds all who call on His name.

The hymns "At Calvary" by William R. Newell, "He Hideth My Soul" by Fanny Crosby, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" by Ray Palmer, and "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by Louisa M. R. Stead are in the public domain.



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New Castle, PA

May is a month in which we honor mothers, grandmothers, and other women who have impacted our lives. In past centuries women were not always revered. However, when Jesus began his earthly ministry, women gained more esteem. We remember well in John 4 when Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. He broke gender and social mores by speaking with her.

Ladies, are you grateful to be born in the U.S.? For the most part here in our country, we enjoy freedom in all areas of life. Of course, many women around the world do not have this freedom.

In an *Open Doors* newsletter of March 3, 2026, they give us an outline of the lives of women in Afghanistan. "Girls cannot attend school beyond grade 6. So teen girls are typically forced into marriage at a very young age. Women are not allowed to work in many sectors. Women are not allowed to leave their homes without

a male guardian. A woman's full face and body must be covered in public. Women must interact with men only within their own homes and with only men who are relatives."

Do you remember when Iranians took to the streets to protest more freedom? Many were women. Mahsa Amini, a 22 yr. old Kurdish-Iranian woman was arrested by the "morality police" for violating the strict hijab rule. (A hijab is a head covering that completely covers a woman's hair.) She died three days later. Some witnesses claimed that she was brutally beaten. This was covered on national news and in a newsletter written by Iran Alive.

While many American girls fall in love with man of their dreams and plan their special wedding day, it is not so in other cultures.

SAT 7 ministry (a Christian satellite television network) enlightens us about marriage in the Middle East and North Africa regions. "...many girls and young women run away from their family homes to get married, thinking it will solve their problems. These girls often come



from difficult family situations, where they may have experienced abuse or neglect, or they be facing social or economic pressures that leave them feeling trapped and hopeless...Girls who run away to get married often do so in secret..."

We also learn from SAT that many of these girls who run away are not ready for married life and responsibilities. Consequently, they may be physically and emotionally abused from their husbands. Many have had little education and face limited employment opportunities.

So, on this Mother's Day and every day we, ladies, need to be grateful that we are born here. Enjoy your special day, you deserve to be pampered and revered. At times when our minds wonder, let's remember women who are less fortunate and live in strict cultures. Pray for them. Jesus is our only hope and the only hope for the world. We desire that all women will be set free in Jesus despite their difficult lives.

"and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

JOHN 8:32...KJV

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days of your children...
as the days of Heaven
upon the earth.*

DEUTERONOMY 11:21



Suzanne Bower
Uhrichsville, OH

“As days of
Heaven upon
the earth”...
This is God’s will
for His children.
Jesus taught us
to pray saying,
“Thy Kingdom
come, Thy will

be done, on earth as it is in
Heaven.”

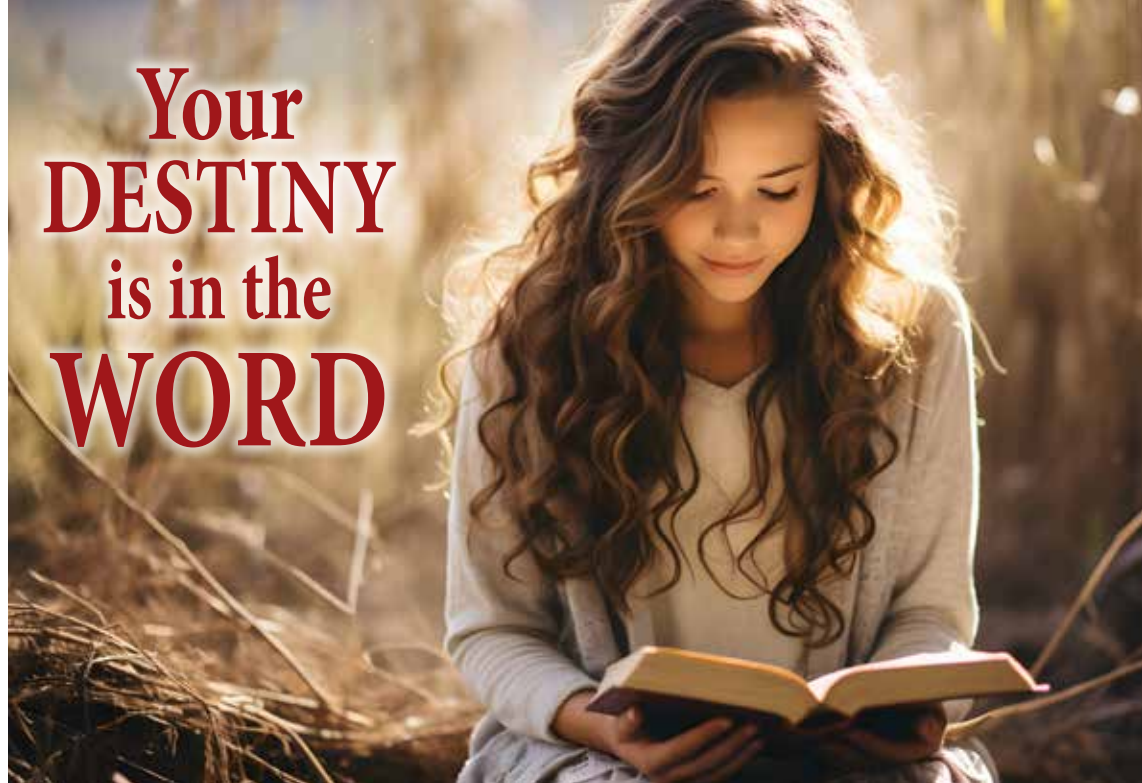
Many people pray those
words, (I have for years), never
fully realizing what they are
saying, and never expecting
it to come to pass. But
Deuteronomy explains why:
*Therefore shall you lay up these
my words in your heart and in
your soul, and bind them for a
sign upon your hand, that they
may be as frontlets between
your eyes. And you shall teach
them to your children, speaking
of them when you sit in your
house, and when you walk by
the way, when you lie down and
when you rise up. That your
days may be multiplied, and the
days of your children,...as the
days of Heaven upon the earth.*
Deuteronomy 11:16-21

These were the instructions.
Spend time in the Word, store
it in your heart, meditate on it
throughout the day, and teach
your children to do the same.
In Proverbs it goes even further:

*My son, attend to my words,
incline your ear unto my sayings:
Let them not depart from your
eyes; keep them in the midst of
your heart. For they are life to
all who find them, and health to
all their flesh. Guard your heart
with all diligence, for out of it
are the sources of life”* Proverbs
4:20-22

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before your eyes, meditate on,
sow into your heart, as a seed,
brings forth the fruit in your
life of what it says, which is

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God’s perfect will for your life.
And, as we see, His perfect will
for your life is “days of Heaven
upon the earth.”

So many people are living
their lives trying to earn
“brownie points” with God so
that He will like them enough
to let them into Heaven when
they die. It isn’t about just later
on; it is about right now.

He told us how to obtain it.
When we spend time each day,
filling our hearts and minds on
the promises in God’s Word, and
sowing them as seed into our
life, that Word will bring forth
the fruit of what it says. *And he
(Jesus) said, So is the kingdom of
God, as if a man should cast seed
into the ground, And should
sleep and rise, night and day, and
the seed should spring and grow
up, he doesn’t know how. For the
earth brings forth fruit of herself,
first the blade, then the ear, after
that the full corn in the ear, For
when the fruit is brought forth,
immediately he puts in the sickle
because the harvest has come.*
Mark 4:26-29

The previous verses in this
chapter told us the “seed” is
the Word of God. The ground,
or the earth, that receives it is
the heart. It is your heart that
brings forth the fruit of the
Word, when you guard it with

all diligence and don’t clutter it
up with the “weeds” the world
wants to sow in it.

Jesus said: *Whosoever says
to this mountain, be cast into
the sea, and doubts not in his
heart, but believes the things he*

*says shall come to pass, will have
whatsoever he says.* Mark 11:23

“Walk with the King today,
and be a blessing.”

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Remembrance



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It is with excitement that we greet the month of May. The flowers that were watered through April showers are now blooming profusely, the grass

and trees are all green and growing, and we are planting the many seeds in our gardens that we only dreamed of in winter. For me, personally, May brings such joy in the soft breezes through my open windows, but also it brings deep remembrances of times past and a special loved one I remember every May 15th, my father, John, on his birthday. My mother would always fix his favorite carrot layer cake. God has a beautiful way of tying memories together to our hearts, as this is also my husband's favorite birthday cake. So, each May, while I am rejoicing in the welcome weather of spring, I am

also remembering my father who passed in March 2013.

God's Word tells us many times of remembrance, reminding us of what the Lord has done in the past, and using it to help us in the present. Psalm 77:10b-11 ASV *But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. I will make mention of the deeds of Jehovah; for I will remember thy wonders of old.* God desires to help us by reminding us of what was behind us, using the past to heal our present hearts and minds. I remember my father fondly, an amazing man with such unique characteristics that most people would find unbelievable. He loved me unconditionally, and in that I was able to relate God's love for me and see what it was to have a Father in heaven who wanted only the best for me, who provides for me in every way, and protects me from danger.

My father wasn't perfect, yet

God used him to show me good things. Each May brings sweet memories of years past, and helps heal my heart that misses him and would love him to be here to see his grandchildren grow. The gift is that I can always do things that bring him to mind, cook things he loved such as carrot cake, pizzelles, or star cookies. I remind my own children about him and the amazing things he would do. In that same way I can share the love of Christ with them and remind them of the things He has done for us, the ways He has loved us, and His provision for us in so many situations. His promises indeed are true, and how He will never stop loving us or forsake us.

One of my favorite authors L.M. Montgomery says this about the season we are in, "That is one good thing about this world, there are always sure to be more springs." A sweet reminder that we will never be without hope, or remembrance



of the good things of God, even through the darker seasons of our lives. In honor of my dad I am sharing his favorite recipe, Lucy's Carrot Cake. Enjoy!

Lucy's Carrot Cake

Combine well 2 cups sugar, 1 ½ cups vegetable oil, 3 cups grated carrots, and 4 eggs. Add 2 tsp baking soda, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 tsp cinnamon, 2 cups flour, and 1 c. chopped pecans (optional), mix well. Bake in two 9 inch pans, or three 8 inch pans that are greased and floured. Bake 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Once cool, Mix 1 (8oz) package cream cheese softened, ¾ stick of butter, 1 box powdered sugar, ½ tsp vanilla and frost.

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Seeing that we just got done celebrating Resurrection Day, let's not lose our focus so quickly. Resurrection Day was the chance for those of us who are aware of our separation from God to be Reborn, not in the flesh, but in the spirit. All so that we can represent the Risen Savior in a fallen world! Jesus took upon flesh and endured the suffering and just as the month of May offers proof of natural rebirth in the form of blooming flow-

ers and green trees. This is equally and more importantly true of the pain, to give all who choose to accept Him, this Rebirth!

Yes, this life can be cruel and leave us feeling helpless, but the Savior, Jesus the Christ, came to give you the choice to become something greater than you were. Are you willing to take the chance? Some may ask, "Why are we talking about Easter? That was last month." Yes, according to the calendar, but the truth is that every day is about this one day of Obedience by the Savior!

There's something hidden that we can't see, a spiritual war that was initiated by God's enemy. Due to the love that God has for us, Satan has also become our enemy. God sent His Son to break the chains. To break the curse that the enemy started, and what continues to

impact our world. God's Promise tells us this truth in *John 3:16-18 (KJV)*.

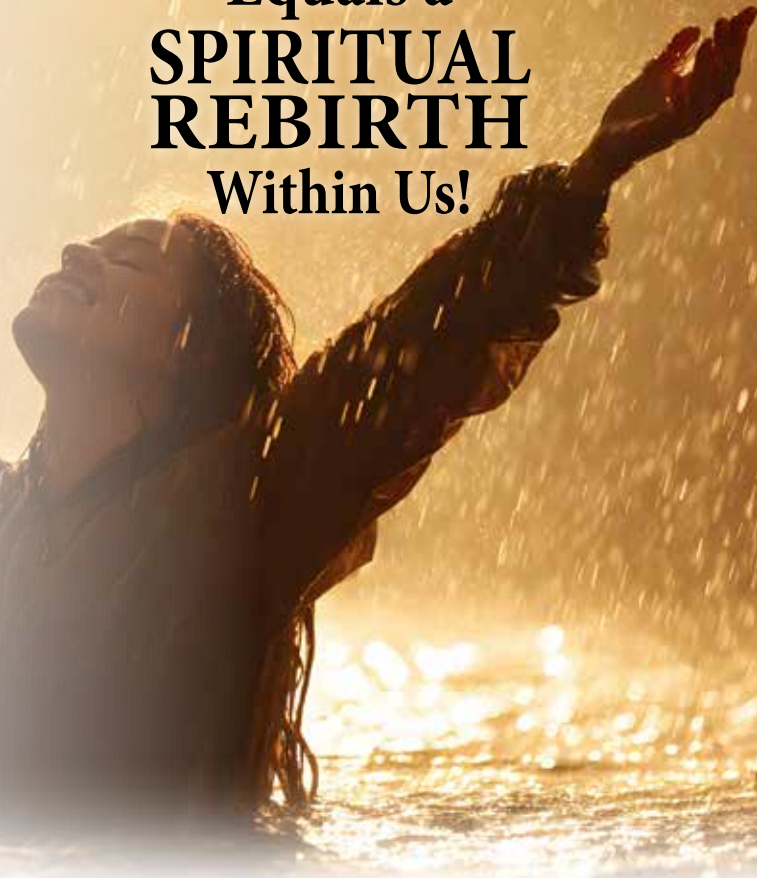
This is about making a choice. Christ came, died, and rose again! So now, what are you going to do? According to *Romans 8:1-3 (KJV)*, Jesus, through His act of obedience, has provided us freedom from this unseen curse. You have probably finished the spring-cleaning projects around your home, but why don't you apply this same thought to your very life? Jesus came to give us the opportunity to have our very own rebirth. A chance to start over, to

be made new, not on the outside (skin) but within your spirit. After all, the spirit is who you truly are.

In this life, where there is so much uncertainty, our Heavenly Father was and is more than aware of our struggle. That is why the Savior came to give you victory over the circumstances of life. The rebirth that we've obtained isn't a cleaned-up version of our old self. This newness that is within us looks like Jesus! So, if May offers proof of rebirth, then grab hold of this truth. The power of Resurrection Day is still alive and can still change lives and hearts!

Let us understand that Jesus has broken the chains of the curse (*Romans 8:3 and 6:6 KJV*). Jesus has overcome the world and deprived it of power (*John 16:33 KJV*). Choose and live wisely, Focus!

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"Elijah's story is filled with dramatic, heightened characters and situations that take on an almost larger-than-life bent," explained Joseph Sheridan,

script writer. "Whether that's the powerful, puppeteering queen Jezebel, the hopeful successor to Elijah, Elisha, or the rugged prophet himself, there is so much depth to the situations these characters face."

This follows the success of Ohio Star Theater's first original Bible-based musical and has the same creative team at the helm. In addition to Sheridan, it includes Ohio Star Theater Artistic Director Tammie McKenzie, Composer Steve Parsons, and Lyricist Ellie Zumbach.

"The response to *The Road to Damascus* made it clear that there's a strong desire and need for Bible stories like this in our community," said Zumbach. "When we were coming up with ideas for our next show, the writing team discovered that the story of Elijah had never been told in this way before, so we were excited to take on the challenge!"



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AHPPC provides free pregnancy tests, compassionate support, prenatal planning, maternity clothes and infant gear, prenatal and postpartum education, mentors for mothers and fathers, and more.

AHPPC's mission is to offer Christ-centered pregnancy and parenting wellness services, emotional support, material assistance and educational opportunities so pregnant

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"Our goal is to save women and babies from abortion by answering every question, explaining every procedure, and providing free and confidential short- and long-term resources so she can confidently navigate pregnancy, childbirth and parenthood," says Rhonda Harris, center director. "We want any woman who thinks she may be pregnant to know she's not alone. We're here to help."

AHPPC is staffed by caring Christian volunteers who have a heart for protecting women and children. This hometown mission is made possible by the generous contributions of local churches and individual donors, and by the diligent efforts of its Board of Directors:

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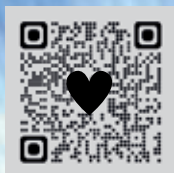
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Management of blood sugar is key in reducing health complications of diabetes. This fingerstick screening test measures your average blood sugar over the past two to three months. It is a non-fasting test. Cost: \$10 cash or check only

Monday, May 4 | 8 - 10 a.m.
Tuscarawas County YMCA
600 Monroe Street, Dover

Monday, May 11 | 10 a.m. - Noon
Bolivar Public Library
455 Water Street, Bolivar

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS

This is a five-minute instant screening for total cholesterol, good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol, as well as triglycerides and blood sugar. Most accurate results with a 12-hour fast. Cost: \$12 cash or check only

Monday, May 18 | 8 - 10 a.m.
Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital
Orthopaedic Surgery Office
515 Union Ave., Ste. 167, Dover
Wednesday, May 20 | 8 - 10 a.m.

Buehler's Fresh Foods - Dover
3000 N. Wooster Ave., Dover

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE

A person living with dementia often wants to stay independent for as long as possible. Caregivers can learn how to balance safety and manage expectations to support independence at every stage of the disease.

Topics in the program include:

- How dementia affects independence.
- Four steps to help with daily activities.
- Tips to make activities meaningful.
- Providing the right amount of support.

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATE RECOVERY

201 Stonecreek Rd NW, New Phila
Tues, 630 p Dinner by donation
7pm, Lg Group/Worship & Testimony or Lesson
8pm Small Groups
For details call 330-578-4858

NEW BEGINNINGS ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

The Red Barn
Thursdays 630pm
878 Commercial Ave SW New Phila
Meal & Childcare provided
330-260-1536/740-227-0235



THE HILL HOPE CENTER

217 E. 3rd St.
Uhrichsville
June 6 430-6pm
Community Meal
Dine-in or Carry-out



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FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
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131 S. 6th Street • Coshocton, Ohio 43812
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P. O. Box 1088 • Coshocton, Ohio 43812

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DAILY DEVOTIONS
WJER 100.9 FM/1450AM
Mon-Fri 5:40PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
WJER 100.9FM, 1450AM LIVE
Pastor Kory Rowland
Worship Service-Sundays 11-1130AM

NEW PHILA CHURCH OF CHRIST
WBTC 101.9 FM and 1540 AM
Mon-Fri 550AM-Minister Caleb Conley

UHRICHVILLE 11TH ST CHURCH OF GOD
A Moment in the Word
WBTC 945am Daily

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES
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New Phila Church of Christ

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BALTIC

Baltic Zion United Church of Christ
203 N. Butler St 330-897-6855
Rev. Dr. Jim Henniger
• Sunday Worship 9 am

The Branch Church at Countryside
2236 SR 93 Baltic - 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Eric Schrock
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran Church
206 S Butler St.
• Sunday Worship 8:30 am

BOLIVAR

Bible Baptist Church
11150 Glenpark Road NE 330-316-7096
Pastor Doug Kilchenman
BelieveTheBible.org
• Sunday Worship 10:15 am

Bolivar Community Church
241 Pine Street | 330-874-3104
Pastor Aaron Rae
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Bolivar United Methodist Church
256 Poplar Street | 330-874-2930
www.bolivarumc.org
Rev Gordon Furbay
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Faith Baptist Church
9481 SR 212 NE | 330-874-3014
Floyd Stanfill, Sr. Pastor
www.faithbaptistbolivar.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ
409 Park Ave SE
www.stjohnbolivar.org
Pastor Don Perks
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
156 Poplar Street S.W. | 330-874-4540
Pastor Michael Pozzuto
stpaulbolivarpastor@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am
3rd Sunday 9:30am only

DENNISON

Dennison Foursquare Gospel Church
7325 US 250 SE | 740-922-4433
Pastor Rod Phillips
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God
403 N. 3rd Street | 330-204-1511
Pastor Jim Wallick
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church
301 Grant St. | 740-922-5743
Pastor Carolyn Behrendt
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist
123 S. 7th St. | 740-922-5471
Pastor Dr. William J Blake
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Park Christian Church
236 Miller Ave. | 740-922-4118
www.parkchurchonline.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Hope (Formerly Pleasant Valley)
4195 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Pastor Jerralyn A. Myers 330-987-1259
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Roxford Methodist Church
771 Roxford Church RD
www.roxfordchurch.org
330-343-5359
Pastor Bro James Manbeck
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Strait Gate
501 N. 2nd St. | 330-407-0862
Pastor Michael O'Guin
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

DOVER

Bisel Church
3108 Bisel Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Burning River Church
420 W 3rd St
www.burningriverchurch.net
Pastors Dode Overton & Hombre Liggett
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the New Hope
3735 Schneiders Crossing Rd NE
330-343-7980 | Pastor Daniel E. Legg
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Dover Alliance Church
228 E. 3rd St | 330-364-3113
Sr. Pastor Rev. Bruce Sexton
www.doveralliance.com
• Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am

Dover Baptist Temple
2896 State Route 800 | 330-364-5228
Rev. Christopher Rhodes, Sr Pastor
office@doverbaptisttemple.org
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Dover Bible Church
4173 Minard Rd NW | 330-343-3413
Pastor Mark Britton
doverbiblechurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dover Faith Global Methodist Church
420 N. Wooster Ave. | 330-343-9224
Pastor Shelly Nordine
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dover First United Methodist
1725 N. Wooster | 330-343-1322
Pastor Wes George
www.doverfirst.org
• Sunday Worship 10:20 am

First Baptist Church
140 Regent Street 330-364-2010
Rev. Rasheed As-Samad, Pastor
• Sunday Worship 11 am

First Christian Church
3029 N Wooster | 330-364-3520
Pastor Josh Robinson
Doverfcc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

First Moravian Church
319 N. Walnut Street | 330-364-8831
Licensed Pastor Marie Coutts
• Sunday Worship 10 am

God's Family Church
3573 Mt Pleasant Rd NW
330-934-3719
Pastor Bill Johnson
godsfamilychurch3@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Grace Bible Fellowship
310 Main St | 330-451-6878
Pastor - Dan Branch
www.gbftusc.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Grace Lutheran
216 N Wooster | 330-343-6915
Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi
• Sunday Worship 10 am

LifeBridge Community Church
301 N. Wooster Ave.
Pastor Eric Miller
• Sunday Worship 10 am

New Life Church of God
115 South Ave. | 330-987-4032
Co-pastors Larry Gross & Brett Hughes
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NewPointe Community Church
3950 SR 39 NW | 330.602.5600
Lead Pastor Dwight Mason
www.newpointe.org
• Sunday Worship 9 & 11 am

Reformed Fellowship Church
454 E. Front St. | 330-432-0295
Pastor Michael Thomas
www.rfcdover.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Ruslin Hills Church
5839 Ruslin Hills Rd NW
330-343-7682
Pastor Bill Breon
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John's United Church of Christ
409 N. Wooster | 330-364-4458
Sr Minister Rev Dr. Cassandra Granados
www.doverstjohns.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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661 Roxford Church Rd SE
• Sundays - 4-530pm The ROCK youth group for kids in 6th-12th
• May 1 - 630-8pm and May 22 630-830 HISability - This is a service specifically designed for teens and adults who have developmental disabilities.
• May 2 - 8-1030am Big Breakfast
• July 5-9 6-830pm VBS

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We are a small, non-denominational church located approximately 5 miles outside of Newcomerstown, off of State Route 258. If interested, please call Lori Bassett at 330-260-3800 or send resume to jwlabassett@att.net.

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613 N. Tuscarawas Ave. | 330-364-6661
Fr. Jimmy Hatfield, Pastor
• Services: Sat, 4 pm,
Sun 8:30, 10:30 & 11 am

The Summit-Dover

302 E. Slingluff Avenue | 330-343-6142
Pastor Rob Coburn
www.thesummitdover.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Winfield Community Church

5247 SR 516 NW
330-343-1494 | winfieldchurch.org
Pastor Josh Davis
• Sunday Worship 9 am

DUNDEE

Dundee Church of God

8027 SR 516 | 330-852-2045
dundeecog@outlook.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Dundee United Methodist

6764 St Rt 93 | 330-852-1324
Deacon Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lakeview Baptist

10202 St Rt 93 | 330-878-7966
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

GNADENHUTTEN

Gnadenhutten United Methodist

220 N. Walnut St. | 740-552-0413
Lee Ann Dunlap
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

John Heckewelder

Memorial Moravian
133 S Walnut | 740-254-4374
Pastor Dave Geyer
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Restoration Centre

7550 Wolfes Crossing | 740-552-0413
Pastor Sandra Mann & Pastor David Rudder
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

MIDVALE

Midvale Methodist Church

4383 E State St. | 330-339-2087
Pastor Kory Rowland
• Sunday Worship 10 am

MINERAL CITY

Atwood Lake Ministry

Nondenominational
Atwood Lake Park
Chaplain—Mike Wells
• Sunday Worship 9-10 am,
May 25–Oct 5 (Cancel if heavy rain)
Notify Park if attending church
services at entrance

Church of the Nazarene

4705 Center St. | 330-859-2724
Senior Pastor; Pastor Karma Burton
www.mcnazarene.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Mineral City Methodist Church

4821 Davis St. | 330-859-2011
Pastor Bob Smith
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Paul's Community Church

8733 1st St | 330-859-2337
www.stpaulsohio.com
Pastor Mark Gross
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Tabor Ridge Community Church

3398 Tabor Ridge Road NE
330-602-9765
Pastor John Dunn
jdunn19@roadrunner.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW CUMBERLAND

Lake Drive Fellowship

8168 Lake Dr. NE | 330-364-6559
Lead Pastor: Rev. Larry G. Stitt
email: larrystitt@yahoo.com
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am & 6 pm

New Cumberland Methodist Church

4058 New Cumberland Rd NE
330-343-0029 | Pastor Jon Campbell
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Broadway Global Methodist

120 Church Ave. SE | (330) 339-1082
Pastor Harley Wheeler
www.thebroadwaychurch.org
• Sun Traditional Worship 8:30 am
• Sun Contemporary Worship 10:45 am

Calvary Baptist

1507 Oldtown Valley Rd | 330-339-1035
Pastor Donald Snow
calvarybaptistnp.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

202 East High Ave | 330-364-7571
www.emmanuelnp.com
Email: office@emmanuelnp.com
Pastor Rob Eller
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Emmanuel Church

1434 South Broadway
Rev. Scott Lawton 205-514-3044
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 7 pm

Faith Christian Church

2012 Pleasant Valley Rd NE
330-602-6008 | www.faithchristians.org
• Sunday Worship 9 am & 10:30 am

First Baptist Church

878 Commercial Ave SW | 330-339-1141
Troy Stogsdill | www.firstbaptist.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Christian

104 3rd St NW | 330-339-6715
Lead Pastor: Jim Borton
www.fccnewphila.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am
First Church of the Brethren
700 Fair Ave. NW | 330-339-5998
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Church of God

824 Tuscarawas Ave NW
330-343-3501 | www.npfcg.org
Pastors Billy and Leanna Roe
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Church of the Nazarene

233 Fair Ave. NE | 330-343-7144
www.npnaz.org
Pastor Scott Jones, Lead Pastor,
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Presbyterian Church

217 E. High | 330-343-7114
www.newphilapc.org
Rev Joseph Svancara
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First United Church of Christ

201 Fair Avenue NW, 330-339-6412
firstuccnp.com
Pastor Daniel Grimminger
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

First United Methodist Church

201 West High Avenue | 330-339-6411
Pastor Ryan Cockrill
npfirstumc.org
• Service time 930am

Fry's Valley Moravian

594 Fry's Valley Road SW
(740) 254-9373
sharedmoravianministryohio.org
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Goshen Community

Church of the Nazarene
2501 David Rd SE | Ph: 330-339-3770
Pastor Lee Randolph
• Sunday Worship 1030 am

Holmes Church

Holmes Church Rd. | 234-423-0001
Pastor Roger Warnes
• Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Jerusalem Church (Evangelical)

1417 Stonecreek Rd SW | 330-339-2242
www.jcnp21.com | Rev Tom Hendershot
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Lifeway

742 Cookson Ave. SE | 330-339-9734
Lead Pastors Travis & Leslie Wright
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Legacy Church

233 Front St | 330-440-2539
Pastors Tommy and Shanda Miller
www.legacychurchclm.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Dennison Foursquare Church

A Place Where Hope Abounds

~ Jeremiah 29:11



SUNDAY SERVICES

9 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Morning Worship
Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study,
Thrive Youth and KICKS Club

May 7 6pm National Day of Prayer Dennison Gazebo
Rain location Dennison Presbyterian Church
May 10 9am Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
No Sunday School

Pastor Rod Phillips

7325 US-250 • 740-922-4433
www.dennisonfoursquare.com

New Life Center Ministries

1865 Roxford St (Barnhill)
330-339-5873
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Otterbein United Methodist Church

156 Beaver Ave | 330-343-4131
Pastor John Armstrong
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Preach the Word Ministries

327 Beaver Ave. NE | 330-440-2855
Pastor Lisa M. Meese
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Revive Church

335 Union Ave NW | 330-243-8544
Pastor Thomas Cunningham, D.Min., Ph. D.
reviveohio.church
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Schoenbrunn Moravian

2200 E High Ave | 330-339-1940
Pastor Ben Lippert
pastor@schoenbrunnmoravian.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. Peter's Church of Oldtown Valley

3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW
330-407-2835
secretarystpete@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Branch Church

140 West High Ave 330-401-6643
Campus Pastor: Josh Nims
www.thebranchchurchohio.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Restored Church of Jesus Christ, Dover Restoration Branch

1440 5th St NW
330-440-7066
Pastor: Tim Levensgood
• Sunday Worship 11 am

The Salvation Army

809 Emmet Ave. NW | 330-364-3811
Lt's Andrew & Amanda Allen Corps
Officers/Pastors
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Trinity Episcopal Church

122 3rd St. NW | 330-339-6439
• Sunday Worship 10 am

NEWCOMERTOWN

Calvary United Methodist

149 W State St | 740-498-8534
www.newcomertowncalvaryum-charge.org
• Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Christ Methodist Church

648 Oak St. | 740-498-8134
www.christnct.org
Sr. Pastor: Bracken Foster
• Sunday Worship 9 and 1030am

Church of the Nazarene

363 Neighbor St. | 740-498-7588
Pastor John Kohr
nazarene.nct@sbcglobal.net
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU)

560 W. State St. | 330-827-5587
Pastor Sonny Easterday
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Baptist

135 S River St | 740-498-6589
Pastor Wayne Baker
office@firstbaptistnct.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Hartwood Community Church

14206 Hartwood Rd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Kings United Methodist

5651 Kings Ridge Rd | 740-498-8534
http://web.tusco.net/kingsumc
• Sunday Worship 11:15 am

New Beginnings Church of God

309 W. Church St. | 740-492-1211
Pastor Queen E. Williams
• Sunday Worship 10 am

St. Paul Lutheran Church

121 South College St., 740-498-6682
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Victory Assembly of God

311 South College St. | 740-498-6547
www.victorynct.org
Pastor Jimmy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wesley Community Chapel (WCC)

17333 Chapel Rd | 740-610-4986
Pastor Rocky Tidd
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

PORT WASHINGTON

Countryside Baptist

4283 Shoemaker Rd SW
740-498-5500
Pastor Paul Harvey
www.countrysidebc.com
• Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

114 North High St | 740-492-4158
Pastor Jim Shamel
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

West Union Church

13679 Gilmore Rd
Pastor Garry Marlatt
• Sunday Worship 10:30

SANDYVILLE

Church of the Open Door

10984 Sandyville Rd NE
330-866-4523 | Pastor: Lisa L. Elliott
e-mail: elliottray@sbcglobal.net
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sandy Valley Church of God

11281 SR 800 NE | 330-866-9014
Pastor Joel Donahue
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

STONE CREEK

Grace Community Church

229 W. Jefferson St | 330-339-5007
Pastor Bill Mallernee
www.GraceChurchStoneCreek.org
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Salem Evans Creek

Lutheran Church
9030 Deibel Rd. SW
Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Zion Lutheran Church

204 W Jefferson St 330-339-5423
Pastor Jean Coleman
• Sunday Worship 10:30am

STRASBURG

Community Bible Church

201 2nd Street NW (Cross Café)
330-634-6187 | Aaron Minard-Pastor

First Lutheran Church

211 8th St. SW | Ph: 330-878-5581
www.firstlutheranstrasburg.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ

516 N Wooster Ave | 330-878-5113
Pastor Jason Rissler
stjohnuccstrasburg@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

United Methodist

206 2nd St NW | 330-878-5179
strasburgumcchio.org
Pastor Matthew Wald
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

SUGARCREEK

Alpine Bible Church

719 Dutch Valley Rd. NE | 330-852-3300
Pastor Byron Stewart
office@alpinebible.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Barrs Mill Church of God

4677 St. Rt. 93 NW | 330-852-2508
Pastor Josh Wilson
www.barrsmillchurch.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the Brethren

144 Yoder Ave | 614-507-4435
Pastor Nelson Brown
nelson.brown87@icloud.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

First Mennonite

113 Main St. | 330-852-2822
Pastor Michael Gehman
firstmenno@tusco.net
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Grace Church

1019 West Main Street 330-893-3110
Campus Pastor Chad Stutzman
allaboutgrace.org
• Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

Ragersville Zion Church

8831 Crooked Run Rd SW | 330-897-3151
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Shanesville Lutheran Church

SR 39 & 93 intersection | 330-852-2820
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sugarcreek United Methodist Church

212 North Broadway | 330-852-2885
Rev Randy Lewis
• Sunday Worship 9 am

Union Hill of Sugarcreek

7877 Union Hill Rd NW | 330-852-4449
Pastor: Jeff Calkins | unionhillumc.com
email: uhcofsugarcreek@gmail.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

TUSCARAWAS

Emmaus Chapel, IPCC

221 S. Main Street | 740-922-9269
www.emmausipcc.org
Pastor: Sam Brown
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Sharon Moravian Church

4776 Moravian Church Rd SE
740-922-5507
www.sharonmoravian.org
Pastor Lloyd Gooden
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

215 Church St. | 740-922-2356
Pastor Wally Anderson

UHRICHVILLE

11th Street Church Of God

1033-1/2 N. Water St. Rear
234-801-4087 | Pastor Dan Millard
• Sunday School 9:30am
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am
• Sun Jr Church (12 & under) 10:30am
• Sunday evening 6:30pm
• Wed Prayer and Bible Study 6:30pm

Bethel Worship Center

634 N. Main St. | 740- 922-9848
Pastor John Stevenson
bwcuhrichsville.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

Cathedral of Praise

480 Morris Street | 330-987-6121
• Sunday Worship 11 am

Christian Temple

4249 Belden Dr | 740-922-2628
Pastors Larry & Janie Hostettler
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Church of the Nazarene

116 N. Dawson St. | 740-922-0456
• Sunday Worship 10:30

First Moravian Church

315 N Water | 740-922-0886
office@sharedmoravianministryohio.org
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

First Presbyterian

633 Main St Box 50 | 740-922-3692
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Baptist Church

308 East 1st St. | 740-922-6520
Pastor Steve DeLong
sd4gbc@aol.com
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Methodist

524 W 3rd St. | 740-922-4981
Pastor Larry Malterer
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Mount Bethel Community Chapel

88605 Bethel Rd
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Newport Methodist Church

8022 Newport Rd. SE
740-922-5564 | Pastor Kory Rowland
• Sunday Worship 8:45 am

Organic Church

1943 N Water St Ext | 740-922-1564
www.ucfoursquarechurch.org
Pastor Michael Brindley
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Pleasant Grove Church

8560 Edie Hill Rd
Jon Kinsey, minister
• Sunday Worship 9am

Rush Community

Church of the Nazarene

4941 Rush Church Rd SE | 740-254-9234
Pastor Brett Warkentine
www.rushnaz.org
• Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:45 am & 6 pm

South Side Gospel Chapel

7091 Deersville Ave Ext SE
740-922-6971 | Pastor John Cadwell
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Worship & Praise Community Church

1030 Cook Street | 740-922-6026
Pastor Henry L. McNeil
www.sjwpc.org
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Uhrichsville Christian Fellowship

132 Kutcham Dr | 740-229-7017
Pastor Jimmy Stull, Sr Pastor
www.ucfclm.com
• Sunday Worship 10 am

Uhrichsville First Methodist

225 N Dawson St.
740-922-3881 | Pastor Kory Rowland
methodists@att.net
• Sunday Worship 11 am

ZOAR

Church of the Holy Trinity

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd NE | 330-874-4716
Father Jimmy Hatfield
• Masses: Wed 6:30, Sat 4:30 pm & Sun 10 am

Zoar United Church of Christ

142 E. 5th St | 330-874-4641
Pastor Rev Dr Dan Grimminger
• Sunday Worship 9:30 am

ZOARVILLE

Christian Chapel

7439 Main St | 330-859-2891
• Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

Good Hope Lutheran Church

3359 New Zoarville Rd | 330-859-2480
Pastor Brian Rossow
• Sunday Worship 9 am



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Tuscarawas County Dog Pound

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(NEW OR USED)

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- Sheets
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