

A Moment with the Pastor

Freedom to worship has been a defining feature of the United States throughout its history. Many of the original 13 states were settled by those fleeing religious persecution, such as the Pilgrims in Massachusetts, Catholics in Maryland and Quakers in Pennsylvania.

98% of Americans in 1776 were Protestant Christians, and it was this Christian heritage which inspired the Founding Fathers to guarantee religious freedom in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Our nation's founders, and their commitment to Biblical Christianity, led them to establish a robust understanding of religious liberty for all citizens.

George Washington, America's first president, wrote in his 1796 Farewell Address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indisputable supports."

Washington also said, "From the earliest days of our national story, reflection and thanksgiving have been central to our character, identity, and destiny."

Today, too, we pray that our noble cause continues to be guided by the hand of providence and the grace of God — and that the fire of freedom will forever burn brightly in the heart of every American.

A powerful quote from John Adams puts things into perspective for all Christians. A Founding Father, John Adams helped draft the Declaration of Independence and served as the second President of the United States. He wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, referring to the day that Congress voted on a resolution to declare independence from Great Britain, adopted two days later by the Congress on July 4. This is a quote from that letter.

"There is no nation on earth that has had a greater Christian beginning than America. This nation was created in the name of God; rooted and founded in belief and faith in almighty God. And our Declaration of Independence is actually a declaration of dependence upon almighty God."

Our nation was born in 1776 under the guidance of Christian men, and it needs to be reborn today. We need for God to move in a miraculous way. We need the kind of revival that shakes this nation from sea to shining sea. In order to experience this miracle, we must remember our national heritage – who we are and why we're here.

It was the great American statesman Daniel Webster who said: "Whatever it is that makes men good Christians, also makes them good citizens."

As Christians we should be good citizens, engaging the culture and participating in the governmental processes – in our communities and in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, there are those who tell us to stay quiet, to stay in our churches. As long as we keep to ourselves and don't interact with society, nobody complains. When we stand up for Jesus Christ, we are confronted with contempt. But how can we stay silent? How can we risk our country being ripped apart. How can we stand by, while our national heritage shifts away from its Christian foundation?

We are called to be difference makers as we battle for the future of our country. We should be seeking the best for our children and our children's children. So let us stay focused and engaged as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

Let us commemorate this milestone and show our gratitude for this great nation we live in. Let us pledge allegiance to our country, but never forget, our ultimate allegiance is to the kingdom of God. May we continually praise the One in whom we put our eternal hope.

| Stewardship Statistics | | | | | | Total Money And Average Attendance |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | 4/26/26 | 5/3/26 | 5/10/26 | 5/17/26 | | |
| Attendance for in-person services. | 53 | 59 | 61 | 55 | | 57 |
| General Fund | \$2225.00 | \$3371.00 | \$1485.00 | \$2150.00 | | \$9231.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$2855.00 | \$2855.00 | \$2855.00 | \$2855.00 | | \$11420.00 |
| + or— Budget | (\$630.00) | \$516.00 | (\$1370.00) | (\$705.00) | | (\$2189.00) |
| Designated Giving | | | | | | |
| Birthday Money | | \$90.00 | | | | \$90.00 |
| Lehman Memorial | | | | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$100.00 | | | | | \$100.00 |
| Gala | | | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$200.00 |
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| Total Giving's | \$2325.00 | \$3461.00 | \$1585.00 | \$2350.00 | | \$9721.00 |
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Prayer list

Our church and its leaders
 John and Sara Roberts
 Sue Snyder (brain cancer)
 Gloria Snyder (cancer in vocal cords)
 Jamie Thomas (health issues)
 Nora (Jacob's niece/scoliosis)
 Sherry, friend of Mary Ann (cancer)
 Paul Kuzio (dialysis every 2 days)
 Dave Boswell (bladder cancer/chemo)
 Richard Saylor (chemo)
 Molly (continued healing)
 Tim Blohm (stroke recovery)
 Myra (brain test/minister's wife from W. VA Christian Church)
 Gary DuVall (health issues)
 Paul Cici, Patsy's 86 yr. old cousin (Canton hospital after painful fall)
 Dennis Tolles (pancreatic cancer)
 Family of Pat Beeker

Prayer list cont.

Diana Tussing's daughter, Christine (serious health issues)
 Jeff Frost (feeling better)
 Larry Frost (blood test showed cancer still dormant)
 Nancy Frost (needs to keep arm in sling a while longer)
 Perry Fletcher (needs prayer)
 Shari Perry (had cataract surgery, but still has some blurry vision)
 Mike Murphy's Uncle Dave (moved to hospice)

Remember our Shut-ins

Bud Brown - BG Manor

Those in Service:

Darryl & Carol Krause (missionaries)
 Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Carlisle, PA
 Ron Burkhardt - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan
 McNiel Snyder - USAF/Georgia
 Wynter Anderson - Army Nat'l Guard
 Hunter Braun - USAF
 MSgt Deidra (Anderson) Braun - USAF

Take a moment to pause and breathe in God's grace today.
 "The Lord bless you and keep you." (Numbers 6:24)

Thank

To all the Happy Quilters!

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you gave my husband, Tim Blohm.
 Every stitch is a special blessing and we thank you for your kindness!

You

God bless you, each and everyone!

Tim and Lou Ann Blohm

VBS is Coming in JULY!

Vacation Bible School is almost here! Join us Tuesday, July 21 through Saturday, July 25, 9:00am-11:00am.

There will be lessons with Bible stories, music, crafts and games. Registration will open soon. Invite a friend and come ready for a great time!



Fellowship Break

Sunday, June 7th, after Worship
Hosted by Gaylyn, Jan & Mary Ann

Men's Mentoring

follows Fellowship Break.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30pm

Food Pantry is Open

June 6th and 20th
10:00am - Noon

Friday Game Nights

June 12th and 26th
6:30 - 9:00pm

Small Group Bible Studies at the church

Wednesdays at 7:00pm continuing our study of the 'Gospel of John'

Monthly Prayer Meeting

1st Wednesday each month

Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:00-6:45pm

Pray for anything and anybody.

You are welcome to come whenever you are able during this time frame.

This takes place before Small Group Bible Study.

Movie Night

Friday, June 19, 7:00 - 9:30pm

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HONOR BEGINS AT HOME



- ⇒ Junior/Senior High
- ⇒ Saturday, June 6th and 20th
5:30 - 7:00pm
- ⇒ At the Anderson's
- ⇒ Dinner - Games- Lesson

Evangelism Class

Saturday, June 6th and 20th

9:00 - 9:45am

Jacob will lead a discussion on evangelism.

Called Friends by Christ



According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:15–16, ESV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13–14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."

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Bowling Green Pregnancy Center Needs

The church received an email dated May 19, 2026 with an updated list of current needs for the summer. Clothing items are for their boutique.



Boys Summer Outfits

0 month
6 month
9 month
12 month
18 month
24 month - 2T

Boys Pull ups

4T/5T
5T/6T
6T/7T

Girls Summer Outfits

9 month
18 month
24 month - 2T

The BGPC gives outfits away, so they are preferred, but they also make outfits from separates that are donated. They have mostly tops, so neutral bottoms would be very helpful, also.

Diapers

Size 3
Size 6
Size 7
Wipes (unscented)

Some favorites that are depleted

(not needed as much as clothes, diapers & wipes)

Bathtub
Boppy pillow
Gate
Stroller
Swing

Reflecting the Father's Name



Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

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A Safe Haven in the Storm

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley penned the beloved hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in 1739. According to tradition, Wesley wrote the words after surviving a violent storm at sea. During the chaos, a frightened bird is said to have flown through a window and sought shelter in the folds of Wesley's coat, a small but powerful image of refuge in the midst of danger.

The opening stanza of the hymn echoes that sense of protection and trust:

*Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.*

These words call to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23–27. Tossed by wind and waves, they feared for their lives and cried out to Jesus for rescue. With a word, he calmed the storm and reminded them of his power and presence.

We, too, face seasons when life feels overwhelming. In those moments, we can take refuge in our Savior, trusting that he is our safe haven and that, no matter the storm, our destination is secure.

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The Quiet Power of Faithfulness

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

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From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.



Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

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- 1 Howard Roberts
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- 6 Gary & Teresa Wackler
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- 23 Bud & Susan Brown

I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
 I am always — and above all — the truth.
 To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
 To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
 To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
 To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.
 To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.
 To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
 To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
 To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.



Puzzle!

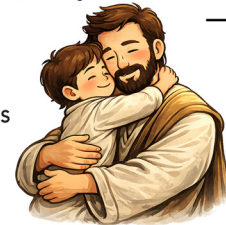
A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

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| Shem, Ham & Japheth = M | John the Baptist = N |
| Solomon = O | Jacob & Esau = A |
| Jonathan = I | Cain, Abel & Seth = O |
| Jesus = C | Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| Rachel & Leah = S | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, |
| Isaac & Ishmael = P | Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S |

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." _____
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. _____
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. _____
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. _____
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

As a father has _____
 on his children, so the LORD has
 _____ on those who
 fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answer: compassion

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and the go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

A Child's Favorite Word

A 6-year-old boy attended a church conference with his parents. After listening for a short while, he began to fidget in his seat. To help him settle down, his mother handed him a notepad and pencil and suggested he make a mark every time the speaker said the word "and."

Before long, the boy grew restless again. "Would you like to listen for a different word?" his mother whispered.

"Yes," he replied. "I'd like to listen for 'Amen.'"

JUNE 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | 6:00-6:45pm Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm Band Practice | | 9:00 - 9:45am Evangelism Class 10am - noon Food Pantry 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group at the parsonage |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9:30am Worship Birthdays and Anniversaries Fellowship Break Men's Mentoring | | | 7:00pm Small Group Bible Study | 7:00pm Band Practice | 6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.  | | | 7:00pm Small Group Bible Study | 7:00pm Band Practice | 7:00pm Movie Night "Courageous" | 9:00 - 9:45am Evangelism Class 10am - noon Food Pantry 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group at the parsonage |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:30am Worship  | | | 7:00pm Small Group Bible Study | 7:00pm Band Practice | 6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| 9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S. | | | | | | |

THIS YEARS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, JULY 21 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 25, 9:00AM - 11:00AM.

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July news articles are due June 23

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Sunday School



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strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**