

Dear Family,

This month coming is one that accentuates a key ingredient to life, and that is CHANGE! On Wednesday night, each week at the parsonage at 7pm, we open our Bibles and study together. We share our lives and food and what may be happening with us. We pray for each other. We have developed a closeness that only can come with time and Jesus in our midst. We are finishing a study series called "Intentional Choices" and looking at how stress affects us. Our next series begins May 4<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to join us on this next journey together. The series this time is: "Lasting Legacy: making a difference with my life." The first lesson is about "Sharing Our Spiritual Story." We will be looking at Galatians 1:11-24. Bring your Bible and join us.

I graduated High School in 1966. I have had some exciting jobs along the way since then, but none so important as my current vocation. It took me 21 years from high school to my first degree (B.A.) in 1987. Most people don't take that long 😊. It was another few years for my M.A. in 2005 in Preaching and New Testament Studies.

I feel like I have forgotten more than I currently know, but one thing is for certain: time is short and Jesus' second and final coming is going to be soon and sudden according to the Scriptures. So, what do we do in the meantime?

May is full of visits with doctors, and that simply helps us remember life is fragile and unpredictable. My High School class is having a get-together early in May, and there are fewer members who can come than the last time we gathered.

At the end of May, we are travelling, which is dangerous all by itself, to see Teresa's mom and family in Florida. Her mom is 91. We don't know how many more times we will see her or she will see us. Life is uncertain. All we know is we must live it for Jesus and His Kingdom.

Lord willing, starting on June 12<sup>th</sup> I plan to start a new preaching series that will include I, II, III John, Jude and Revelation. I hope you will be a part of this and invite others to hear God's word for their lives. Let's make all our lives count for Jesus. Blessings in your service of Him.

Gary

Stewardship Statistics	4/3/22	4/10/22	4/17/22	4/24/22	Total Money And Average Attendance	
	Attendance for in-person services.	55	57	71	52	
General Fund	\$3451.00	\$2025.00	\$1580.00	\$2070.00		\$9126.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71		\$9858.84
+ or— Budget	\$986.29	(\$439.71)	(\$884.71)	(\$394.71)		(\$732.84)
<b>Designated Giving</b>						
Birthday Money	\$87.00					\$87.00
Rick Bruielli Memorial	\$355.00	\$800.00	\$10.00			\$1165.00
Lake James Lehman Memorial	\$100.00					\$100.00
Gala		\$60.00	\$380.00	\$90.00		\$530.00
Bible				\$9.48		\$9.48
<b>Total Giving's</b>	\$3993.00	\$2885.00	\$1970.00	\$2169.48		\$11017.48

**Prayer List**

U.S. government leaders  
 Krause's-Pacific Rim Ministries  
 Duane Rupe (stroke/prostate)  
 Doris Rothenbuhler (cancer treatments)  
 Shelly Sharp (friend of Peggy's/cancer)  
 Norm Murphy (home with health issues)  
 Jim Fouts (lung cancer)  
 Erin Cooper (Stage 4 cancer/scan 4/20)  
 Jeremy Prowant (prayers for health)  
 Grace Barnes - 4 yr. old (done with chemo)  
 Kevin Roe (prayers to return to health)  
 John McKenzie (facial neuralgia)  
 Ukrainians under siege  
 Nicholas Nicely (cancer treatments)  
 Darryl Krause (right shoulder healing)  
 Josh Redford (auto accident)  
 David Wackler (needs work/housing)  
 Micky (5 yr. old unable to eat solid food)  
 Sandra Metzger (chemo)  
 Becky Repasz (done with treatments for now, pray for regained strength)  
 Kim Huffman/Preach (keep praying for strength from cancer and pain therapy)  
 Tammy Kuzio - home now doing better  
 Lori Bolton (throat cancer)  
 Tom Wilson (rehab from back surgery)  
 Dave Wichman (physical therapy)  
 Mari Ward (health issues)  
 Juanita Spaulding (back issues)  
 Juanita's dad (health issues)

**Prayer list continued:**

Penny Mackintosh's sister (hospital in Johnson TN/in grave condition); also, Penny's brother who had seizure resulting in auto accident killing other car's driver.  
 Janet Riesenbeck (care facility)  
 Larry & Nancy Frost's son, Mark had a heart attack. Pray for healing.  
 Jessica English (brain cancer surgery)  
 Jeremy Forrester (renal failure/dialysis)  
 Family of Gary Case  
 Bev Murphy (W.C. hospital)  
 Harleigh Foster (tests)  
 Christi Snyder's grandfather (hospice)  
 Bradley (biopsy at Cleveland Clinic)  
 Dave Underwood (hand/arm surgery 4/27)  
 Neil Mock, Linda Weatherbee's brother (knee replacement surgery 5/2)  
 Marsha Mitchell (brain bleed/shunt put in)

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Mary Ann Hillier - B. G. Manor #7  
 Rose Mary Gensen - Arbors of Oregon  
 Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105

**Those in Service**

Lt. Col. Elijah Ward - Korea  
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside  
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty  
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard  
 Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy  
 Luke Millican - USAF  
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan

- "The foolish fear death as the greatest of evils; the wise desire it as a rest after labors and the end of ills."  
—St. Ambrose
- "Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush."  
—Doug Larson
- "In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."  
—Margaret Atwood



**5th SUNDAY  
SINGSPIRATION  
May 29, 6:00pm**

**Neapolis Church of Christ  
8221 Main Street, Neapolis**

**BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, May 3, 7:30pm

**ELDERS MEETING**  
Tuesday, May 10, 6:00pm

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM  
AT THE PARSONAGE**

We start a new study on May 4th,  
“Lasting Legacy: Making a Difference  
with My Life”.



**GAME NIGHTS - 2 Fridays  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-9:00pm**

**Bring food to  
share. Games  
are provided.**



**Food Pantry Open  
2 Saturdays**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:00am - Noon**

**Thanks for helping!**

**May Sermons**

May 1	How to Get to Heaven	II Peter 1:3-11
May 8	The Perfect Mother	Isaiah 66:13
May 15	Prophecy is Important	II Peter 1:12-21
May 22	God’s Judgment Is Coming on False Teachers	II Peter 2
May 29	A Strategy for the Lord’s Return	II Peter 3



## *Welcome our newest member, Becky Repasz*

*On April 10th Becky officially transferred her membership  
to the Weston Church of Christ!*

## **We Remember**

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



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## **Jesus Leads Us into Heaven**

On Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter — May 26 in 2022 — the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. John Donne (1571-1631) wrote the poem “Ascension,” which contains an important reminder: When Jesus returned to his Father, it was the culmination of all he had done to prepare the path to heaven for us.

... Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son ...

He first enters the way.

O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!

Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path!

Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see! ...

May we follow our strong-yet-mild, brightly shining Savior into God's eternal presence.

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#### Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, 5/5
- Mother's Day, 5/8
- Armed Forces Day, 5/21
- Ascension Day, 5/26
- Memorial Day, 5/30

### A Mother's Day Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!  
Earth prospers from the way  
God "mothers" each new child into  
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood  
A channel from above  
That longs to share with every child  
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,  
Who "mothers" us from birth!  
Providing what we truly need  
Throughout our lives on earth.

—Peggy Ferrell

### Prayer's Certain Payoff

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost and will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

Missionary Wesley Duewel

### May 1 - Mission Moment - IDES

#### International Disaster Emergency Service

355 Park 32 West Drive, Noblesville, IN 46062

Phone: 317-773-4111 · Email: [ides@ides.org](mailto:ides@ides.org) · Website: [www.ides.org](http://www.ides.org)

*They have many exciting volunteer opportunities. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, contact [volunteer@ides.org](mailto:volunteer@ides.org)*



- GAP Meal Packing
- Disaster Site Volunteer
- Shed Component Build
- SonFish Bank Assembly
- Office/Clerical Work
- Harvest of Talents

## Ladies Night Out

Pizza Hut

Monday, May 23

5:15pm

Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF) has finished our season of meetings and work projects. Our regular meetings will start up again in September.

Our annual get-together will be at Pizza Hut in Bowling Green on Monday, May 23rd at 5:15pm.

We will enjoy a meal together and have great conversation. Prepare to have a night of laughter!



## Our Fun-loving God



Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crook-necked squash, the bob-white's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

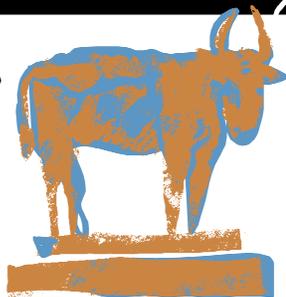
**OBE**—A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.



## Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

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## Thank-You's

To the Weston Church of Christ Family,

Please accept our heart-felt thanks to you all for your special funeral arrangements, flowers, food and kind words you offered us for Rick. All the cards & phone calls made such a difference during some of Rick's very difficult days. Especially we thank you for caring so much about Rick.

Love,  
Vic, Sara, Trevor, Lane, Austin,  
Erica, Louis, Leanna, Elliott,  
Owen, Jeff, Pat & Bugs!



Dear Friends at the Weston Church of Christ,

You are such a blessing! We feel so grateful and humbled by your support, and 3 tables at the gala WOW! How wonderful it will be to see such a strong church family full of love and support at our gala!

God Bless,  
Angel Henry

## God's Hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

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# PUZZLE

## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

- 1 Becky Repasz
- 3 Ed Tolles, Jr.
- 3 Braxton Strickland
- 11 Carol Krause
- 12 Lee Higley
- 17 Allan E. Hughes
- 20 Gaylyn Finn
- 24 Susan Brown



20 Steve & Sherry Murphy



Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

### What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9:30am Worship Fellowship Break Adult S.S. Mission Moment: <b>IDES</b> Love Offering for IDES & TCM		7:30pm Board Meeting	7:00pm Small Group (start new study)	 7:00pm Band Practice		FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON 
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.  Mother's Day		6:00pm Elders Meeting	7:00pm Small Group	7:00pm Band Practice	 6:30-9:00PM GAME NIGHT	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.			7:00pm Small Group	7:00pm Band Practice		Armed Forces Day  
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.	5:15pm Ladies Night Out! Pizza Hut in Bowling Green		7:00pm Small Group	 7:00pm Band Practice	 6:30-9:00PM GAME NIGHT	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.  6:00pm 5th Sunday Singspiration at Neapolis	MEMORIAL DAY 					

“Trust in God. He will see you through; glorify His Name in 2022!”

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June newsletter articles due Tuesday, May 24

**Sunday Worship Times**

9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School



Weston Witness

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**May 2022**

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**The purpose of the Weston Church of Christ is to glorify God by reaching the lost,  
strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**