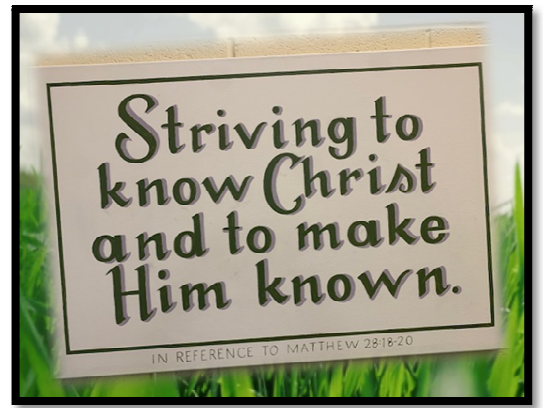


May / June 2025 Newsletter

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From The Pastor's Desk

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." - Acts 2:42-47

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By now, I hope you are beginning to see and embrace the direction the Church Council and I believe the Lord is leading us to as a congregation. We are genuinely grateful for your grace and patience with us as we listen to the Holy Spirit and decide where we believe He is guiding us. We are also thankful for you being willing to discuss things with us in regard to this guidance and direction and what the Holy Spirit may be leading you in as well. My dear friends, we believe that we have all been incredibly blessed to be following in the footsteps of some large pillars of the faith, especially in the Pietist Tradition. We are thankful for their faith in God and their willingness to point out the direction of the church. We just revised the Church Constitution back in 2024, so this should be familiar for most of you. I greatly encourage each one of you to please take time over the next two months to get familiar with it again by rereading it. We have been blessed with an incredibly rich history of Christian faith. I believe we need to remember and embrace this faith as we continue to move forward in the Kingdom of God. I will share more on this in the future.

Please keep the whole Church Council and our families in your prayers as we continue to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit. I ask this of you all, because attacks from the enemy are obvious to most of us now. You are all in our prayers and you are loved. As a Church Council we will be meeting once a week to discuss scripture and to go through the book *Pia Desideria*, and other writings written by Philip Jakob Spener, who is known as the "Father of Pietism."

I would ask that you please continue to pray to God for guidance and pursue making amends with those you may have wronged as we move forward as a congregation together. I know we all desire Evangelical Pietist Church of Chatfield to grow and to be known for serving Christ in all that we do and to see many people come to know Jesus Christ here as Savior and Lord. We need to continue to seek the Lord and not worry about things we cannot control. God is in control. If we invite people to join us and they choose something different, we need to keep praying and be joyful. We need to let God be God and trust Him with all of our hearts.

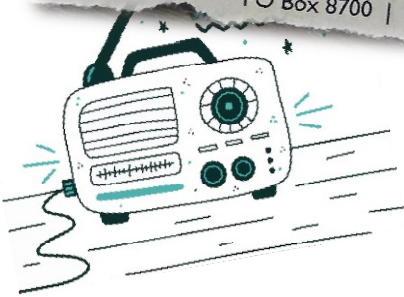
As I close, this May and June would be a great time for you to invite friends, family, and new people to join us on Sunday mornings as I will begin a new 8-week sermon series that will go through June 15th.

We will take a look at the Mission and Vision of the Church as well as the 6 things we are striving to do in pursuit of this vision.

* Worship God * Evangelize * Serve * Teach * Missions * Fellowship *

Thanks for your gift to our Africa Needs Jesus radio campaign, which provides a radio and a chance for many more least-reached people in sub-Saharan Africa to hear the gospel and find hope. The vast continent of Africa is home to nearly 2,500 ethnic groups, many of which are Muslim. In the rural settings of many of these people groups, radio plays a major role in village life, as 20 or more people typically gather around the radio for news, music, storytelling and, most importantly, spiritual nourishment. TWR's shortwave and satellite broadcasts bring in-depth teaching from God's Word to those in need. Thanks again for partnering with us to bring the hope of Jesus to Africa!

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It is hard to believe that choir has come to an end until next fall. Thank you, Cheryl, for all the work you put into selecting music and directing us. You make it a lot of fun. Thank you also to all the members who give their time and talent to make this a special part of our worship services. Remember, everyone is welcome to join us when we start up again next



## CSI News:

23 youth & 6 young adults participated in CSI on March 15.

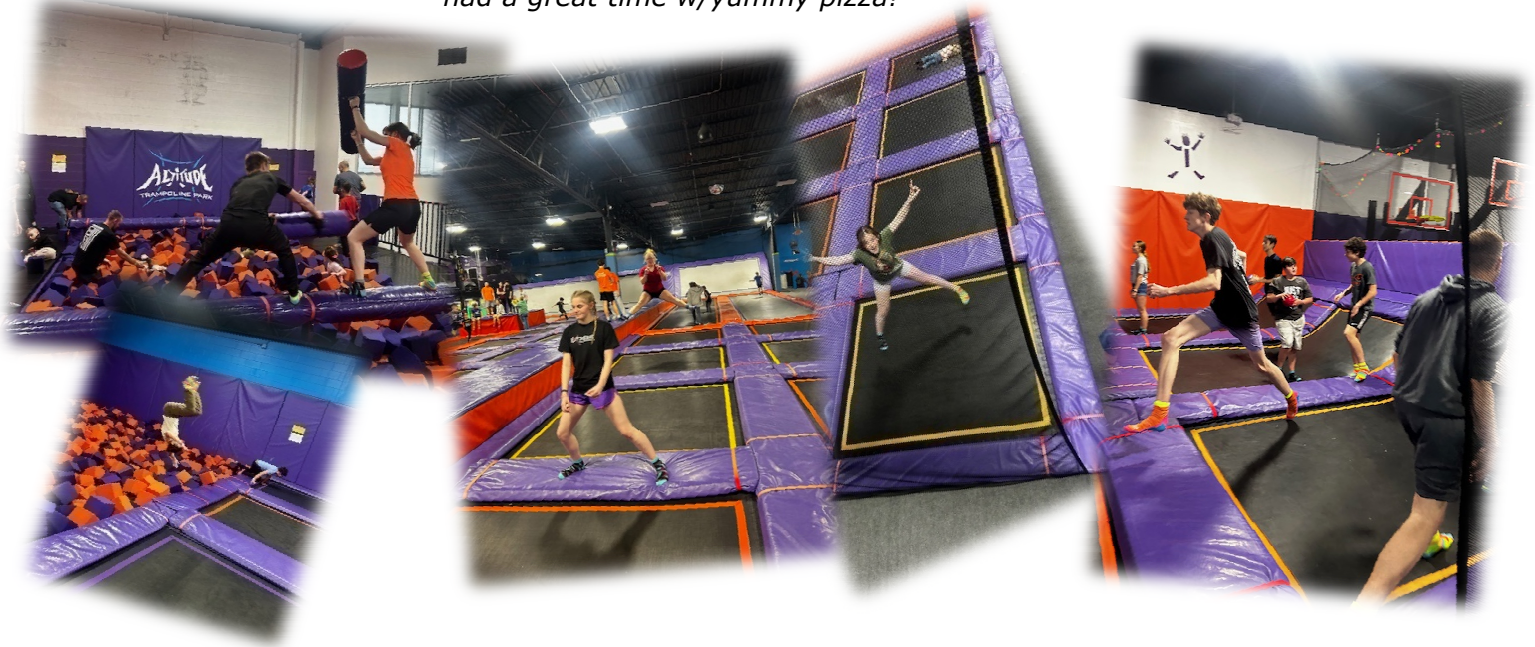
Our lesson topic was on the importance of relinquishing control of our lives to God.

As the lesson states: "We find our most fulfilling life when we live in obedience to God."

Participants played volleyball, basketball, a few fun group games, and fueled up on pizza.



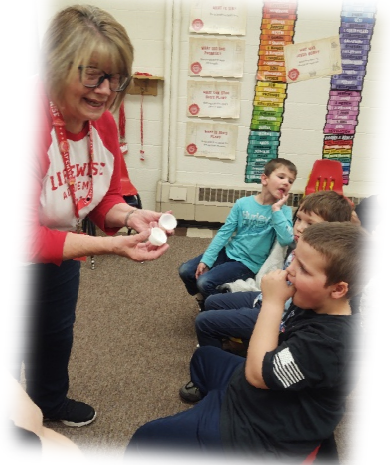
CSI-Trampoline Park day, was Saturday, April 5th. We met at Pietist church in Chatfield at 3:30 for a Bible lesson & then left at approx. 4 pm to head to Trampoline Park. We had a little over 30 that attended. We had a great time w/yummy pizza!





Life Wise has been experiencing an amazing growth in students and recognition. It always surprises me that many people have never heard of LifeWise. We are working hard to change that. The Crawford County Evening of Impact treated 300 guests to a delicious meal and some excellent speakers. As a result nearly \$30,000 was donated that evening to help continue the program next year. The program has an annual expense of nearly \$175,000. This covers hired staff, transportation (vehicles, fuel, insurance, repairs etc) and all the materials including providing a Bible and T-shirt for each child. Thank you to the many in this congregation who attended and support this ministry.

Our BC program had a wonderful time teaching about Holy Week. The children learned about Palm Sunday and received palm branches. They learned about Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the elements of Communion. And, of course, about Jesus being the sacrificial lamb whose shed blood protects us from our sins just as the Lambs' blood on the door frames protected the Israelites from the hand of death in Egypt. They read the Bible, reviewed what they had learned using Resurrection eggs, made crafts, watched videos, sang songs and practiced their memory verses. Every lesson was action packed. We only have three more weeks this spring. We are thankful for every opportunity to share Christ with these little ones.



On that note, we are looking at some big changes for next fall. As you know we are planning to add third grade. The school would like us to have the classes for all three grades on the same day. It will most likely be on Thursdays. We have many details to work out. Sadly, the classes might be shortened by 10 minutes. That doesn't sound like much of a loss but it is. Transportation uses 10 to 15 minutes of our time so the classes may only be 30 or 35 minutes long. Pray God will bless us with wisdom as we work on the details with our school administrators. We are excited to announce that we are in search of a bus. The New Washington Methodist Church has offered to purchase one for us. Hopefully this will go smoothly and we will have our bus ready to go by August. A bus will be easier for our volunteers. We will not need to buckle children into booster seats. Volunteers will be able to stand up and move to students more efficiently and they will have more room to lead the children through lesson review, memory verses or songs. These are all positives. Please pray this goes well.



## Easter Celebration at Pietist

We hope most of you were able to enjoy the wonderful Resurrection Sunday events here at the Pietist on Easter morning. Fragrance and joyful spring flowers filled the sanctuary as we celebrated the Good News at the 7:00 AM sunrise service. CHRIST IS RISEN!

Our Easter breakfast was mouth watering with so much to choose from: bacon & eggs, French toast, biscuits and gravy plus fruit and pastries! Thank you Rita, Shari, Donnie and all others for your delicious efforts. No one should have been hungry as they headed to Sunday school classes.

An Easter message sung by the choir and a special song, sung by Eva DeZurik enhanced the ten o'clock service. The traditional Easter congregational hymns along with an inspiring sermon filled our hearts with thankful praise. Be sure to remember and share the joy of Jesus' Resurrection throughout the year.

"Because He Lives We Can Face Tomorrow!"



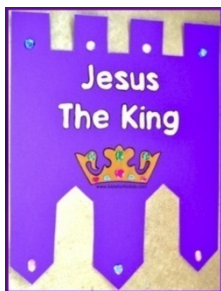
## Sermon Series in May/June:

### -- Making An Impact --

This will be an 8 week study on the Mission and Vision of the Evangelical Pietist Church of Chatfield OH.

- Week 1 - 4/27/25 - Making Disciples of Jesus Christ (Mission)
- Week 2 - 5/4/25 - The Kingdom of God (Vision)
- Week 3 - 5/11/25 - It's All About Almighty God (Worship God)
- Week 4 - 5/18/25 - In Action and In Word (Evangelism)
- Week 5 - 5/25/25 - Becoming an Acts 2 Church (Service)
- Week 6 - 6/1/25 - Becoming Mature in The Lord (Teaching)
- Week 7 - 6/8/25 - Reaching Out To The World (Missions)
- Week 8 - 6/15/25 - More Than Just Hangout Time (Fellowship)





**Vacation Bible school** will be here before we know it! **Worship the King** will be presented **June 9th, 10th and 11th from 6:00 PM until 8:00PM**. The children will learn about how people in the Bible worship God. These lessons are for children ages 4 through 12. Please invite everyone in the community to bring their children to learn about worshipping God.

Of course, as always, we need lots of volunteers to help with this ministry. Please watch for ways you can help as plans are finalized.

## "Voice of Hope" Baby Bottle Drive



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Pickup an Empty bottle  
or bottles Today,

Bring them back with  
what every you can.

Final collection  
will be the  
First Sunday in June



**May Birthdays:**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Ted Klink         | 2         |
| Kerri Pope        | 3         |
| Sue Rothhaar      | 3         |
| Chuck Baird       | 6         |
| Jamie Betts       | 8         |
| Shirley Kalb      | 8         |
| Jenny Burton      | 9         |
| Randy Kalb        | 9         |
| Angie Marquart    | 12        |
| Becky Schimpf     | 17        |
| Jason DeZurik     | 18        |
| Katerina DeZurik  | 19        |
| Eva Johnson       | 21        |
| Dick Dunbar       | 22        |
| Carol Hepner      | 22        |
| Roy Vercruysse    | 22        |
| Josephine Reynold | 24        |
| Allyson Cundiff   | 25 (Ally) |
| Roselyn Garrett   | 25        |

**June Birthdays:**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Dawn Ratliff    | 2  |
| Natalie Johnson | 3  |
| Taylor Ratliff  | 4  |
| Jim Betts       | 5  |
| Grace Bertsch   | 10 |
| Charley Mahley  | 10 |
| Carolyn Ulrich  | 10 |
| Donna Barth     | 14 |
| Donna Betts     | 14 |
| Alexis Pope     | 16 |
| Hayden Kehres   | 21 |
| Hayden Cundiff  | 24 |
| Ilona Bertsch   | 24 |
| Joy Bertsch     | 28 |
| Sarah Johnson   | 30 |

**June Anniversaries:**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Kenneth & Rosalie Kalb   | 5  |
| Jim & Donna Betts        | 7  |
| Robert & Norma Gebhardt  | 9  |
| Jim & Donna Barth        | 10 |
| Greg & Sue Steiger       | 15 |
| Ed & Carolyn Ulrich      | 15 |
| Shawn & Amy Bloomfield   | 16 |
| Glen & Sue Blackford     | 19 |
| Jeremiah & Cyndy Bertsch | 25 |

**May Anniversaries:**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Donnie & Nichole Johnson | 5  |
| John & Deb Leuthold      | 5  |
| Marv & Gloria Nelson     | 7  |
| Zach & Amber Haskins     | 11 |
| Wayne & Ruth Leuthold    | 20 |

**Greeters: May – June 2025**

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| May 4:   | Al & Becky Schimpf      |
| May 11:  | Joe & Joyce Schimpf     |
| May 18:  | Ty & Amanda Garrett     |
| May 25:  | Tom & Linda Schulze     |
| June 1:  | Glen & Sue Blackford    |
| June 8:  | Ken & Kathy Kark        |
| June 15: | Bill & Ruth Ann Hanes   |
| June 22: | Roger & Juleen Marquart |
| June 29: | John & Deb Leuthold     |

**Junior Church Roster**

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| May 4:   | Sue Blackford and helper  |
| May 11:  | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| May 18:  | Norma Gebhardt and helper |
| May 25:  | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| June 1:  | Sue Blackford and helper  |
| June 8:  | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| June 15: | Norma Gebhardt and helper |
| June 22: | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| June 29: | Sue Blackford and helper  |

If you cannot serve the day you are scheduled, please ask someone else on the roster to trade with you. If you cannot make that happen, call Randy Kalb 419-988-0204.

**Nursery Supervision: May-June 2025**

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| May 4:   | Mary Ann Cooper; Theresa DeZurik |
| May 11:  | Wayne & Ruth Leuthold;           |
| May 18:  | Sarah Johnson; Eva DeZurik       |
| May 25:  | Alita Phillips; Cindy Richards   |
| June 1:  | Mary Ann Cooper; Theresa DeZurik |
| June 8:  | Wayne & Ruth Leuthold;           |
| June 15: | Sarah Johnson; Eva DeZurik       |
| June 22: | Alita Phillips; Cindy Richards   |
| June 29: | Mary Ann Cooper; Theresa DeZurik |

**Thank you so much for blessing us with this valuable gift of love and time!**

| May 2025                          |                                                                                         |                                                              |                                                                                 |                                                           |     |                                                                                                  |
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| ◀ Apr 2025                        |                                                                                         |                                                              |                                                                                 |                                                           |     | Jun 2025 ▶                                                                                       |
| Sun                               | Mon                                                                                     | Tue                                                          | Wed                                                                             | Thu                                                       | Fri | Sat                                                                                              |
|                                   |                                                                                         |                                                              |                                                                                 | 1<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm  | 2   | 3<br>Young Adult Small Group 9-10am<br>Womens Tea Party 5:00pm                                   |
| 4<br>Mission Meal Council Meeting | 5                                                                                       | 6                                                            | 7<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                             | 8<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm  | 9   | 10<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Young Adult Small Group 10:30-11:30am<br>Food Pantry Dist. 1-2:30pm |
| 11<br>Mother's Day                | 12                                                                                      | 13<br>Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm | 14<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Car Show Meeting 5:30pm<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM | 15<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm | 16  | 17<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Young Adult Small Group 10:30-11:30am                               |
| 18                                | 19                                                                                      | 20                                                           | 21<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                            | 22<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm | 23  | 24<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Young Adult Small Group 10:30-11:30am                               |
| 25                                | 26 Memorial Day<br>Gideons in Meeting Room 6:30pm & in Sanctuary from 7:30 until 8:30pm | 27                                                           | 28<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                            | 29<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm | 30  | 31<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Young Adult Small Group 10:30-11:30am                               |

| June 2025                                                                 |                                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                          |                                    |                                                                   |
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| ◀ May 2025                                                                |                                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                          |                                    | Jul 2025 ▶                                                        |
| Sun                                                                       | Mon                                                                        | Tue                                                                       | Wed                                                               | Thu                                                      | Fri                                | Sat                                                               |
| 1<br>Graduation Sunday<br>Council Meeting<br>(no mission meal this month) | 2                                                                          | 3                                                                         | 4<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM               | 5<br>Praise Team 7:30pm<br>Home Discipleship Group 6-8pm | 6                                  | 7<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Young Adult Small Group 10:30-11:30am |
| 8<br>"Pentecost"                                                          | 9<br>VBS 6-8pm                                                             | 10<br>VBS 6-8pm<br>Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm | 11<br>VBS 6-8pm<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM | 12<br>Praise Team 7:30pm                                 | 13                                 | 14 Flag Day<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Food Pantry Dist. 1-2:30pm  |
| 15<br>Father's Day                                                        | 16                                                                         | 17                                                                        | 18<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM              | 19<br>Praise Team 7:30pm                                 | 20 Summer Solstice (Summer Begins) | 21                                                                |
| 22                                                                        | 23<br>Gideons in Meeting Room 6:30pm & in Sanctuary from 7:30 until 8:30pm | 24                                                                        | 25<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM              | 26<br>Praise Team 7:30pm                                 | 27                                 | 28                                                                |
| 29                                                                        | 30                                                                         |                                                                           |                                                                   |                                                          |                                    |                                                                   |

## Our Mission

Striving To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

## Our Vision

Guided by the Holy Spirit we seek to proclaim and embody  
the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's Kingdom.

**In pursuit of this vision we will in a spirit of prayer:**

Worship God - Evangelize - Serve - Teach - Missions - Fellowship

Thank you for picking up schedule for our daily Bible reading as a congregation. You will notice that Psalm 119 is a big focus over May and June in 2025. This is not a mistake or an accident. My prayer is that all of us begin to see how these Psalms are wonderful foundational verses for each one of us to keep our faith and hope and trust in the Lord through all things. I hope and pray that by reading these verses it will help us all to embrace the Lord's ways even more than each one of us are already doing.

- Pastor Jason DeZurik

May 2025 Bible Reading Plan

| Date   | Morning Reading   | Evening Reading | Old Test. |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1-May  | Psalm 119:1-8     | John 1          | Deut.10   |
| 2-May  | Psalm 119:9-16    | John 2          | Deut. 11  |
| 3-May  | Psalm 119:17-24   | John 3          | Deut. 12  |
| 4-May  | Psalm 119:25- 32  | John 4          | Deut. 13  |
| 5-May  | Psalm 119:33-40   | John 5          | Deut. 14  |
| 6-May  | Psalm 119:41-48   | John 6          | Deut. 15  |
| 7-May  | Psalm 119:49-56   | John 7          | Deut. 16  |
| 8-May  | Psalm 119:57-64   | John 8          | Deut. 17  |
| 9-May  | Psalm 119:65-72   | John 9          | Deut 18   |
| 10-May | Psalm 119:73-80   | John 10         | Deut. 19  |
| 11-May | Psalm 119:81-88   | John 11         | Deut. 20  |
| 12-May | Psalm 119:89-96   | John 12         | Deut. 21  |
| 13-May | Psalm 119:97-104  | John 13         | Deut. 22  |
| 14-May | Psalm 119:105-112 | John 14         | Deut. 23  |
| 15-May | Psalm 119:113-120 | John 15         | Deut. 24  |
| 16-May | Psalm 119:121-128 | John 16         | Deut. 25  |
| 17-May | Psalm 119:129-136 | John 17         | Deut. 26  |
| 18-May | Psalm 119:137-144 | John 18         | Deut. 27  |
| 19-May | Psalm 119:145-152 | John 19         | Deut. 28  |
| 20-May | Psalm 119:153-160 | John 20         | Deut. 29  |
| 21-May | Psalm 119:161-168 | John 21         | Deut. 30  |
| 22-May | Psalm 119:169-176 | Mark 1          | Deut. 31  |
| 23-May | Psalm 119:1-8     | Mark 2          | Deut. 32  |
| 24-May | Psalm 119:9-16    | Mark 3          | Deut. 33  |
| 25-May | Psalm 119:17-24   | Mark 4          | Deut. 34  |
| 26-May | Psalm 119:25- 32  | Mark 5          | Joshua 1  |
| 27-May | Psalm 119:33-40   | Mark 6          | Joshua 2  |
| 28-May | Psalm 119:41-48   | Mark 7          | Joshua 3  |
| 29-May | Psalm 119:49-56   | Mark 8          | Joshua 4  |
| 30-May | Psalm 119:57-64   | Mark 9          | Joshua 5  |
| 31-May | Psalm 119:65-72   | Mark 10         | Joshua 6  |

June 2025 Bible Reading Plan

| Date   | Morning Reading   | Evening Reading | Old Test. |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1-Jun  | Psalm 119:73-80   | Mark 11         | Joshua 7  |
| 2-Jun  | Psalm 119:81-88   | Mark 12         | Joshua 8  |
| 3-Jun  | Psalm 119:89-96   | Mark 13         | Joshua 9  |
| 4-Jun  | Psalm 119:97-104  | Mark 14         | Joshua 10 |
| 5-Jun  | Psalm 119:105-112 | Mark 15         | Joshua 11 |
| 6-Jun  | Psalm 119:113-120 | Mark 16         | Joshua 12 |
| 7-Jun  | Psalm 119:121-128 | Luke 1          | Joshua 13 |
| 8-Jun  | Psalm 119:129-136 | Luke 2          | Joshua 14 |
| 9-Jun  | Psalm 119:137-144 | Luke 3          | Joshua 15 |
| 10-Jun | Psalm 119:145-152 | Luke 4          | Joshua 16 |
| 11-Jun | Psalm 119:153-160 | Luke 5          | Joshua 17 |
| 12-Jun | Psalm 119:161-168 | Luke 6          | Joshua 18 |
| 13-Jun | Psalm 119:169-176 | Luke 7          | Joshua 19 |
| 14-Jun | Psalm 119:1-8     | Luke 8          | Joshua 20 |
| 15-Jun | Psalm 119:9-16    | Luke 9          | Joshua 21 |
| 16-Jun | Psalm 119:17-24   | Luke 10         | Joshua 22 |
| 17-Jun | Psalm 119:25- 32  | Luke 11         | Joshua 23 |
| 18-Jun | Psalm 119:33-40   | Luke 12         | Joshua 24 |
| 19-Jun | Psalm 119:41-48   | Luke 13         | Judges 1  |
| 20-Jun | Psalm 119:49-56   | Luke 14         | Judges 2  |
| 21-Jun | Psalm 119:57-64   | Luke 15         | Judges 3  |
| 22-Jun | Psalm 119:65-72   | Luke 16         | Judges 4  |
| 23-Jun | Psalm 119:73-80   | Luke 17         | Judges 5  |
| 24-Jun | Psalm 119:81-88   | Luke 18         | Judges 6  |
| 25-Jun | Psalm 119:89-96   | Luke 19         | Judges 7  |
| 26-Jun | Psalm 119:97-104  | Luke 20         | Judges 8  |
| 27-Jun | Psalm 119:105-112 | Luke 21         | Judges 9  |
| 28-Jun | Psalm 119:113-120 | Luke 22         | Judges 10 |
| 29-Jun | Psalm 119:121-128 | Luke 23         | Judges 11 |
| 30-Jun | Psalm 119:129-136 | Luke 24         | Judges 12 |