

## May/June 2026 Newsletter

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## From The Pastor's Desk

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. - Romans 13:1-5

To those paying attention, it is more, clear than ever what has happened and is happening in our nation. Others are still waking up to the situation we are finding ourselves in as a Church and the people of God. Even though all of us weren't Christians in the past nor are we in the present, primarily, we could all agree on how to have our society run. Because primarily, our society's foundational beliefs were based on The Bible and biblical standards. In essence, we would and could all abide by these foundational beliefs. However, things have greatly changed in our nation over the past 100 years. I hope this newsletter article and the quotes found in this edition of our newsletter encourages you to stay the course with the Lord and to keep looking to Him as our Savior and Lord.

To better understand the Romans 13 text above, I believe most need to be reminded that the United States of America is a unique government and experiment based on the very fact that "We The People" are the governing authorities that God has established for the servants to be subject to. We must correctly read this text and interpret this for our time, remember that the "subjects" or "servants" in our form of government are those who are elected into office and those who work for "We The People." Now please go and read Romans 13:1-2 in that light. (I have added terms in place to make this easy to follow)

**"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities [We The People], for there is no authority [We The People] except that which God has established. The authorities [We The People] that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever [Subjects, Representatives] rebels against the authority [We The People] is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those [Subjects, Representatives] who do so will bring judgment on themselves [Subjects, Representatives]." Romans 13:1-2**

For those of you struggling with thinking I'm reading into the text or am manipulating the text so it says what I want it to say, or you are just struggling with what I've written, perhaps the following will help.

Looking at founding documents of the United States, "We The People" are the government in the USA. We are the government who elect representatives to serve We The People. When these elected subjects work



or go outside of the scope of their range of service, within the proper framework of the U.S. Constitution, they are in rebellion.

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**Let me try and help us understand this idea with the following little story.**

*One day, Ron, who is the owner of a home, needed to move with his family to another state. He decided to rent this property and found Joe and his family to rent it while he was living out of state. Ron moved to his new property to live and Joe started renting from Ron. Month after month Joe paid Ron his rent, and months became years.*

*After 15 years of renting, Joe figured out that he had paid Ron what the house was worth and decided to stop paying rent. After the first month of not paying rent Ron contacted Joe about this and Joe told Ron, "Oh, don't worry. I'll pay you soon. I've come under some difficult times." This took place for three months and still no payment.*

*Ron decided to take a trip to the house Joe was renting from him and found that Joe was claiming the house to be his own. Joe would not let Ron in the house. Ron also noticed that some things were now changed to favor what Joe wanted and liked, even though Ron had not agreed to these changes. Joe made claims that others in "power" had given him permission to make the changes he wanted, and he no longer needed Ron's permission because times had changed. Yet, Ron was the one who held the deed to the property and was the rightful owner. Ron was the one with the rightful claim to the property.*

Some reading this might say, well of course Ron owned the home. Plus, he had the deed.

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I believe this little story shows a great parallel going on in our country right now. The renters are our representatives, many of them claiming to be the government in the USA, when all they really are is effectively the renters of a position held in an office that the owners (We The People) have given them permission to hold. The owners have given the renters a certain boundary to work within, and many of them are working outside of their boundary, effectively rebelling against We The People. We The People are the authority that God Himself put into place, according to Romans 13. How can I make this claim? We The People hold the deed, the U.S. Constitution.

And what does it say about "rebels" in Romans 13?

"Consequently, whoever [Subjects, Representatives] rebels against the authority [We The People] is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those [Subjects, Representatives] who do so will bring judgment on themselves [Subjects, Representatives]." (Romans 13:2)

Those aren't my words, friends. That is straight up Scripture.

Is God in control? Absolutely! Of that, there is no doubt. With that said, He has also given, we the people (this includes you and me) an incredible responsibility. One that seems many have either forgotten or have never been taught about this. Please don't hear what I am not saying or even implying. What I am

encouraging each one of us to do is to seek the Lord and His ways asking Him how we can be more involved in this world, specifically in our nation in advancing the Kingdom of God. I greatly encourage you to pray, think, and meditate on this and then DO! May God bless each one of us and may we each truly desire to follow Him in all of our ways so He will get all the glory.



## **Important quotes to consider about the founding of our nation and the mindset of our Founding Fathers and those who observed them.**

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other" - [John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798](#)

"Government does not create liberty; on the contrary, government is the one persisting danger of human liberty.... This role of government as the enemy of liberty was well understood by the Founding Fathers of the Republic. They wished government to have sufficient power to 'restrain men from injuring one another.' But beyond that, they tied it down securely with constitutional limitations, separation of powers, bills of rights, and other legal barriers and barbed wire entanglements."  
- [Clarence Manion](#)

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. . . . Continue steadfast, and with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, no man ought to take from us."  
- [Resolution from the Massachusetts Provincial Congress - 1774](#)

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other." - [Alexis De Tocqueville, 1835](#)

"Providence has been given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."  
- [First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay](#)

"He who made all men hath made the truths necessary to human happiness obvious to all . . . Our Forefathers opened the Bible to all."  
- [Samuel Adams / Signer of the Declaration of Independence](#)

"My only hope of salvations in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly!"  
- [Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence](#)

"Now I will avow, that I then believed, and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity, are as eternal and immutable, as the Existence and Attributes of God"  
- [John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813](#)

"The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed." - [Patrick Henry](#)

"Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." - [George Washington](#)

"Our Consolation must be this, my dear, that Cities may be rebuilt, and a People reduced to Poverty, may acquire fresh Property: But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty once lost is lost forever. When the People once surrender their share in the Legislature, and their Right of defending the Limitations upon the Government, and of resisting every Encroachment upon them, they can never regain it..." - [John Adams to Abigail Adams](#)

"While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to him only in this case they are answerable." - [George Washington](#)



Chatfield Evangelical Pietist Church will be hosting  
Vacation Bible School

June 8-10 from 6:00 pm-8:10pm.

This FREE event is open  
to children ages 3-12.

The theme is "Get in the Boat".

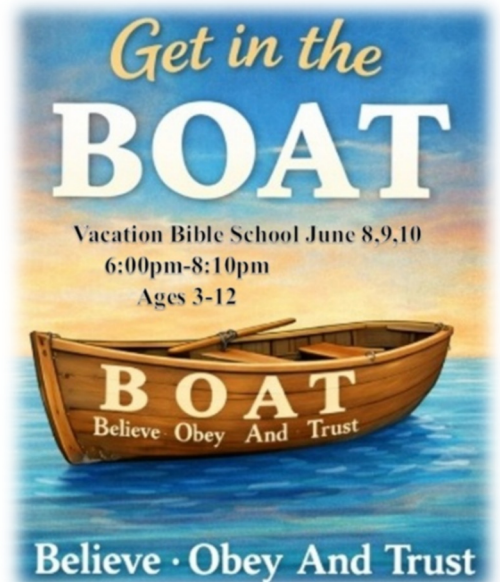
B.O.A.T.= Believe.Obey.And.Trust.

Children will learn how Noah believed God,  
Jonah obeyed God when he was afraid,  
and fishermen trusted God with their lives.

Each evening will begin with singing and learning  
Scripture followed by a Bible lesson.

Children will then play fun, active games outside, make  
take-home crafts, have a snack, and participate in a hands-on activity relating to the Bible story.

The evening will close with singing.



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Representing Christ to the Community

**The 11th annual BORN Garage Sale Friday, June 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Alliance Church, 1955 Hopley Ave.**

The Garage Sale is a great time for both fellowship with other church's members and to help BORN. We are asking each church to begin collecting items for the Garage Sale. As in other years, we will **not be selling clothing or shoes**. The items to be sold should be clean and in good working condition. Each church is being asked to select someone to lead your collections.

Please call Tabby Linn at **419-562-2150** or email [bucyrusborn@gmail.com](mailto:bucyrusborn@gmail.com) with the names of your volunteers who will be working during the garage sale and the times they will work, before May 30th or call if you have any questions.

Thank you ahead of time for helping BORN!

# Congratulations Graduates

Ava is the daughter of Leah Markley and Dustin Cundiff and the sister to Hayden, Allysen, Svetlana, Johanna, Elliana.

Ava enjoyed playing basketball and volleyball with the Stripes program. In Ava's spare time she likes riding horses and spending time with her friends. Ava plans to enlist in the Navy, and then pursue vet tech through college.



Theresa DeZurik, daughter of Jason and Jaya, is a homeschooled graduate of high school. She played basketball for seven years and volleyball for three years with the Stripes. She plans to take a gap year while learning photography.

Troy Johnson will be graduating from Mohawk High School and Sentinel Technical School from their welding program. He attended Sentinel for 2 years and will graduate with 5 welding certifications. Troy enjoyed wrestling all four years of high school. After graduating Troy plans on going right into the workforce to pursue a career in welding.



Way to go grads, we are sooo proud of you !!!



# Weddings



*Natalie Johnson + Troy Green married on March 21st. They met working together at Tiffin Kroger and he asked her out the week before Valentines Day at their favorite coffee shop. Two years later in May he proposed at the Columbus Park of Roses. They married at Melmore United Methodist Church and their reception was at the Meadowbrook Park Ballroom in Bascom. They bought a house in Tiffin on 140 Apple Street. She started working in the customer service department of Tiffin Paper Company at the beginning of April and he has been the back up head of the Findlay Kroger meat department for about 3 years.*



*Ezra DeZurik and Madison Hite were married on Sunday, April 26th near Lancaster, Ohio.*

*Ezra is Jason and Jaya's oldest son. The family is planning to have a reception at Jason and Jaya's home on Sunday, June 28th.*

*The couple is planning to reside, with their family, at 1271 N 6th St, Columbus, OH 43201*



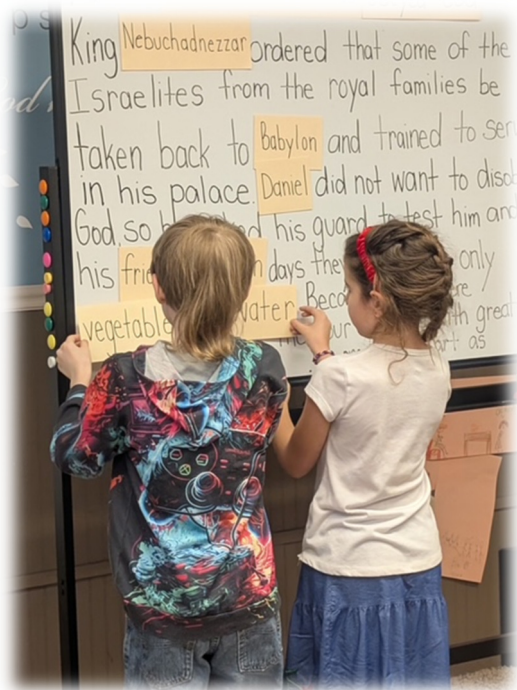
## \*\*\*LifeWise\*\*\*

Our BC LifeWise 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 classes until May 14th this spring. Please pray that these last sessions will be even more fun and inspiring for these youngsters so they will desire to return next fall. 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 fourth grade. We have many details to work out. The school administration will be meeting with the two Buckeye Central LifeWise teachers, the county director and the site coordinator, Linda Schulze the morning of June 1st. Pray God will bless us with wisdom as we work on the details with our school administrators.

We continue to search for a bus. The New Washington Methodist Church has generously gifted money to our program to purchase one for us. Hopefully this will go smoothly and we will have our bus ready to go by August. This year we were able to share with another program. A bus makes it easier for our volunteers. We do not need to buckle children into booster seats. Volunteers are able to stand up and move to students more efficiently and have more room to lead the children through lesson review, memory verses or songs. These are all positives. Please pray this goes well.

Thank you so much for all you do to support this vital ministry.



# God & Country Car Show 2026

Can you believe it? We are planning the 7th annual **God & Country Car Show**! All the forms: Posters, sponsorships, registrations, are ready to distribute. Many have gone out. Ask Randy for forms if you are going to an event where they can be distributed or if you just want some in your car to share as the occasion arises. We are already publicizing on social media and in newspaper articles. Please share the word. We would love to have over 100 cars this year.

Date: August 8th

Time: 9 am - 3:15 awards ceremony

Free lunch 11 - 1

Free registration - registrar by noon to have your car judged.

25 trophies

Trophies and door prizes

Music:

**New Washington Community Band**

Faith Tent

Kids activities including face painting

Proceeds benefit:

**Crawford County LifeWise Academy, BORN, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace**



## Help us out!

1. We need door prizes and items for the goodie bags. If you want to provide either of these or know businesses you could ask, please help us out. We have door prize forms you can take to those you contact. Sponsors of trophies and/or door prizes/goodie bag items will be promoted on large signs by the stage, fliers on the tables and in the goodie bags. And, they will be promoted in announcements from the stage.
2. If you have ideas on how to better share the love of Christ let us know. We also need fresh ideas for items in the goodie bags. Contact co-chairs Leah Markley or Linda Schulze or office manager, Randy Kalb.
3. Pray for favorable weather and thank God for the privilege of doing this work. Most importantly, pray we honor and glorify God in all we do.
4. We will be passing around signup sheets in June. As always, we need everyone's help. You never fail to come through. **Let's get it done!!!**
5. On the day of the show, if possible, please wear a Pietist staff shirt or your LifeWise shirt.

**THANK YOU!**



*Thank you choir for the fantastic numbers performed in the past 6 months or so. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to hearing you again in the fall...*



# THE SENEDOT STRIPES

**The off-season is upon us** but that doesn't mean things with the Stripes ends or slows down. If anything, it's even busier than during the season for our AD, Coaches and some volunteers.

**Preparation is incredibly important.** Without preplanning and getting on the same page as much as possible, things during the season, would not go as well as they do. And let's not forget, The Stripes are definitely used to disciple our Athletes, Parents and others in the ways of the Lord. We genuinely believe that if Coaches and volunteers are not open to the Lord working in their own lives, how can they disciple others into living out for Him both on and off the court? The answer is, they can't. "What's Down In The Well, Comes Up In The Bucket." So, equipping our coaches and those involved in putting this ministry on is very important in the off season. All of our Coaches are planning to meet on Thursdays during the Month of May for discipleship training as well as discussing things for the sport they coach. We are very intentional in teaching the mindset we believe that God is calling us to lead and coach with in order for our coaches to grow and then teach and lovingly pass this mindset on to our Athletes and families involved with the Stripes. We also are planning to have a Volleyball Camp the first week of June and what we are calling "Volleyball Fellowships" on Thursday's in June and July. Basketball has already been having Open Gyms with great turn out but is still in process of more organized things. Be on the look-out for details. All these off-season opportunities greatly helps in recruiting.

**Volleyball Camp: At Evangelical Pietist Church**  
For girls ages 11 – 18 years old. All are welcome.  
Monday, June 1 – 4pm – 6pm  
Tuesday, June 2 – 4pm – 6pm  
Thursday, June 4 – 4pm – 6pm  
Friday, June 5 – 4pm – 6pm

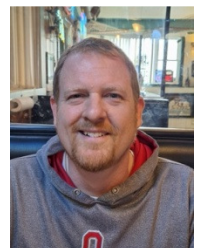
**Volleyball Fellowships:**  
June 11 - June 25 - July 9  
For Girls: ages 11 – 18 years old  
4pm – 6pm  
All are welcome.

**Volleyball Practice for the season begins the week of July 27!** - For Ages 11 – 18 years old  
**For more information about our Competitive Volleyball Ministry Contact:**  
**Head Coach Varsity Volleyball** - Marita Harer / 419-618-3714  
**Head Coach Junior High Volleyball** – We are still searching for this coming season (If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Jason DeZurik in the church office

**Basketball Open Gyms will be happening throughout the summer.** All Are Welcome.  
For athletes 11 – 18 years old  
**For More Information about our Competitive Basketball Ministry Contact:**  
**Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach** - Elijah DeZurik / 419-835-2777  
**Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach** – Dan Hoy / 419-310-1788  
**Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach** – Sean Martin / 419-619-6315  
**Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach** – Maggie Hoffman / 419-561-8475

**Athletic Director:** Jason DeZurik – 419-998-0204 / [epcpastor.1@gmail.com](mailto:epcpastor.1@gmail.com)

***Note: We are still in the process of looking to fill our Junior High Girls Volleyball Position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact our AD. Thanks.***



New Junior High Boys  
Basketball Coach:  
**Sean Martin**

### May4 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 |
| Tommy vonHaase  | 26 |
| Joy Bertsch     | 28 |
| Sarah Johnson   | 30 |



### May Anniversaries

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Donnie & Nichole Johnson | 5  |
| John & Deb Leuthold      | 5  |
| Marv & Gloria Nelson     | 7  |
| Zach & Amber Haskins     | 11 |
| Mark & Tabetha Linn      | 17 |
| Wayne & Ruth Leuthold    | 20 |



### 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 |

### Greeters: March-April

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| May 3:   | John & Deb Leuthold       |
| May 10:  | Troy & Tracy Blanchard    |
| May 17:  | Jaya DeZurik              |
| May 24:  | Roger & Juleen Marquart   |
| May 31:  | Glen & Sue Blackford      |
| June 7:  | Dennis & Robin Gottfried  |
| June 14: | Al & Becky Schimpf        |
| June 21: | Tyler & Kerri Pope family |
| June 28: | Bill & Ruth Ann Hanes     |



### Junior Church Roster

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| May 3:   | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| May 10:  | Norma Gebhardt and helper |
| May 17:  | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| May 24:  | Sue Blackford and helper  |
| May 31:  | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| June 7:  | Norma Gebhardt and helper |
| June 14: | Jaya DeZurik and helper   |
| June 21: | Sue Blackford and helper  |
| June 28: | Jaya DeZurik 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.

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

### Nursery Supervision: March-April

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| May 3:   | Mary Ann Cooper; Theresa DeZurik |
| May 10:  | Wayne & Ruth Leuthold            |
| May 17:  | Sarah Johnson; Eva DeZurik       |
| May 24:  | Alita Phillips; Cindy Richards   |
| May 31:  | Mary Ann Cooper; Theresa DeZurik |
| June 7:  | Wayne & Ruth Leuthold            |
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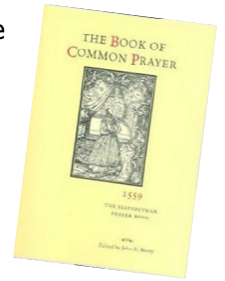
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| Sun                                                 | Mon                                                                        | Tue                                                          | Wed                                                                                      | Thu                      | Fri | Sat                                                                      |            |
|                                                     |                                                                            |                                                              |                                                                                          |                          | 1   | 2<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Tea Party 5-7pm                              |            |
| 3<br>Mission Meal after the 10:00am Worship Service | 4                                                                          | 5                                                            | 6<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                                      | 7<br>Praise Team 7:30pm  | 8   | 9<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Local Food Pantry Distribution 1:00 - 2:30pm |            |
| 10 Mother's Day                                     | 11                                                                         | 12<br>Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm | 13<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Home Group Leader Meeting 5:30pm<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM | 14<br>Praise Team 7:30pm | 15  | 16<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am                                                |            |
| 17                                                  | 18<br>Gideons in Meeting Room 6:30pm & in Sanctuary from 7:30 until 8:30pm | 19                                                           | 20<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                                     | 21<br>Praise Team 7:30pm | 22  | 23<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am                                                |            |
| 24                                                  | 25 Memorial Day                                                            | 26                                                           | 27<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                                     | 28<br>Praise Team 7:30pm | 29  | 30<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am                                                |            |
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| ◀ May 2026      | June 2026                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                           |                                                  |                            |                                                                           | Jul 2026 ▶ |
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| Sun             | Mon                                                                        | Tue                                                                              | Wed                                                                       | Thu                                              | Fri                        | Sat                                                                       |            |
|                 | 1<br>Volleyball Camp 4-6pm                                                 | 2<br>Volleyball Camp 4-6pm                                                       | 3<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                       | 4<br>Volleyball Camp 4-6pm<br>Praise Team 7:30pm | 5<br>Volleyball Camp 4-6pm | 6<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am                                                  |            |
| 7               | 8<br>VBS<br>6 - 8:10pm                                                     | 9<br>Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm<br>VBS<br>6 - 8:10pm | 10<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM<br>VBS<br>6 - 8:10pm | 11<br>Volleyball 4-6pm<br>Praise Team 7:30pm     | 12                         | 13<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am<br>Local Food Pantry Distribution 1:00 - 2:30pm |            |
| 14 Flag Day     | 15                                                                         | 16                                                                               | 17<br>Prayer meeting 9:00AM<br>Prayer meeting 7:00PM                      | 18<br>Praise Team 7:30pm                         | 19 Juneteenth              | 20<br>Men's Prayer 9-10am                                                 |            |
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| 28              | 29                                                                         | 30                                                                               |                                                                           |                                                  |                            |                                                                           |            |

In October of 2023 when I was first called here to be the Pastor of Evangelical Pietist Church, I greatly sensed from the Holy Spirit's leading that, as a congregation, we needed to be given the opportunity for us to read God's Word together on a daily basis. In 2021 my family and I made a trip to Williamsburg Virginia. Little did I realize, at the time, how that trip would impact this congregation. The Burton's Parish Church, established in 1674 is very unique. After all these years, it is still an active congregation and served as a place of worship for George Washington and even Thomas Jefferson While my family and I toured Williamsburg I was blessed to come across an amazing resource that was used by the Church.



"The Book Of Common Prayer" from 1559. In it is not only incredible prayers but a list of daily Bible readings for each month. When I came across it, I knew this is what we needed to implement as a congregation. As most of you know, I absolutely love learning about history and honoring the past, especially Christians that came before us. I praise God that we have been practicing this discipline as a congregation for over two years now. I hope you have been as blessed as I have been in reading the Word of God together for this long. Here's our Bible reading schedule for May and June for 2026.



**Jason and Jaya in front of The Burton's Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia.**

### May 2026 Bible Readings

### June 2026 Bible Readings

| Date   | Morning Reading | Evening Reading | Psalms        |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1-May  | Ezra 4          | Mark 15         | 119:33 - 48   |
| 2-May  | Ezra 5          | Mark 16         | 119:49 - 64   |
| 3-May  | Ezra 6          | Luke 1          | 119:65 - 80   |
| 4-May  | Ezra 7          | Luke 2          | 119:81 - 96   |
| 5-May  | Ezra 8          | Luke 3          | 119:97 - 112  |
| 6-May  | Ezra 9          | Luke 4          | 119:113 - 128 |
| 7-May  | Ezra 10         | Luke 5          | 119:129 - 144 |
| 8-May  | Nehemiah 1      | Luke 6          | 119:145 - 160 |
| 9-May  | Nehemiah 2      | Luke 7          | 119:161 - 176 |
| 10-May | Nehemiah 3      | Luke 8          | 120           |
| 11-May | Nehemiah 4      | Luke 9          | 121           |
| 12-May | Nehemiah 5      | Luke 10         | 122           |
| 13-May | Nehemiah 6      | Luke 11         | 123           |
| 14-May | Nehemiah 7      | Luke 12         | 124           |
| 15-May | Nehemiah 8      | Luke 13         | 125           |
| 16-May | Nehemiah 9      | Luke 14         | 126           |
| 17-May | Nehemiah 10     | Luke 15         | 127           |
| 18-May | Nehemiah 11     | Luke 16         | 128           |
| 19-May | Nehemiah 12     | Luke 17         | 129           |
| 20-May | Nehemiah 13     | Luke 18         | 130           |
| 21-May | Job 1           | Luke 19         | 131           |
| 22-May | Job 2           | Luke 20         | 132           |
| 23-May | Job 3           | Luke 21         | 133           |
| 24-May | Job 4           | Luke 22         | 134           |
| 25-May | Job 5           | Luke 23         | 135           |
| 26-May | Job 6           | Luke 24         | 136           |
| 27-May | Job 7           | Matthew 1       | 137           |
| 28-May | Job 8           | Matthew 2       | 138           |
| 29-May | Job 9           | Matthew 3       | 139:1 - 12    |
| 30-May | Job 10          | Matthew 4       | 139:13 - 24   |
| 31-May | Job 11          | Matthew 5       | 140           |

| Date   | Morning Reading | Evening Reading | Psalms |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1-Jun  | Job 12          | Matthew 6       | 141    |
| 2-Jun  | Job 13          | Matthew 7       | 142    |
| 3-Jun  | Job 14          | Matthew 8       | 143    |
| 4-Jun  | Job 15          | Matthew 9       | 144    |
| 5-Jun  | Job 16          | Matthew 10      | 145    |
| 6-Jun  | Job 17          | Matthew 11      | 146    |
| 7-Jun  | Job 18          | Matthew 12      | 147    |
| 8-Jun  | Job 19          | Matthew 13      | 148    |
| 9-Jun  | Job 20          | Matthew 14      | 149    |
| 10-Jun | Job 21          | Matthew 15      | 150    |
| 11-Jun | Job 22          | Matthew 16      | 1      |
| 12-Jun | Job 23          | Matthew 17      | 2      |
| 13-Jun | Job 24          | Matthew 18      | 3      |
| 14-Jun | Job 25          | Matthew 19      | 4      |
| 15-Jun | Job 26          | Matthew 20      | 5      |
| 16-Jun | Job 27          | Matthew 21      | 6      |
| 17-Jun | Job 28          | Matthew 22      | 7      |
| 18-Jun | Job 29          | Matthew 23      | 8      |
| 19-Jun | Job 30          | Matthew 24      | 9      |
| 20-Jun | Job 31          | Matthew 25      | 10     |
| 21-Jun | Job 32          | Matthew 26      | 11     |
| 22-Jun | Job 33          | Matthew 27      | 12     |
| 23-Jun | Job 34          | Matthew 28      | 13     |
| 24-Jun | Job 35          | Acts 1          | 14     |
| 25-Jun | Job 36          | Acts 2          | 15     |
| 26-Jun | Job 37          | Acts 3          | 16     |
| 27-Jun | Job 38          | Acts 4          | 17     |
| 28-Jun | Job 39          | Acts 5          | 18     |
| 29-Jun | Job 40          | Acts 6          | 19     |
| 30-Jun | Job 41          | Acts 7          | 20     |