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*Please come and worship with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M!
 We would love to have you!*



May

THE VISITOR

2025

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

Each week in worship we mention people who have asked for prayer. Often when we make light of this opportunity and honor. When we realize that there is NOTHING to do for someone, our response is, "I'll pray for you."

Jesus prayed early and often each day. Prayer is about trust. We speak with God whom we trust about many things – our faults and fears. I remember a comic strip of "Dennis the Menace," on his knees praying. The caption read, "Mom says I should tell you everything. So I hope you can keep a secret." Prayer shows we trust God. And it shows our need for God. We need His spiritual strength, mercy, and material blessings.

Prayer is not the "least" or "last resort". Prayer is effective. Jesus tells us that Our Father sees and answers. That's all we need to know. But even scientific research in hospitals all over the world has shown that patients who are prayed for, recover faster and more often when they receive prayer.

We've had some members and friends who have recently let us know of their health concerns. And we have some dear members who have gone home to be with the Lord. Let's pray for these families this month. 1 Timothy 2:1 says: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all ..."

Thanks be to God!

Rodney



May Worship Leaders

Elders: Betty Simpson, Leader
 Lynda Bryant, Back-up
 Greeters: Jack & Lynda Bryant
 Communion Stewards:
 Jack & Lynda Bryant

There is no love like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth... like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time... and when her children need her most, a mother's love will always shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one... for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on... through many generations, with God's blessing on each and every one.

We are thankful for our mothers for they love with a higher love... from the power God has given and the strength from up above.

To all the Mothers,
 Grandmothers,
 Aunts, Sisters
 and other women
 in our lives that care for
 us and love us
 unconditionally,
Happy Mother's Day!

PCC Spring Yard Sale
Friday & Saturday,
May 16 & 17
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Come, Shop, and Enjoy!



ATTENTION GARDENERS!



We still have some vacant garden spots available in our PCC Garden. All gardening spots are 28x28 and are \$35. Please contact the church office at 336-924-9925 or call Pat Landry at 336-416-0654.

Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon

11:00 AM

~ May 14 ~

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in the Narthex by May 11th

Come and join us and be blessed!



CWF

Our May meeting will be **May 20th at 1:00 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.**

Please bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert to share as we meet to decide what charities we will be supporting and making plans for the coming year.

All women are warmly invited and encouraged to come and join us. There are sweet, sisterly blessings always overflowing in this ladies group!



CMF

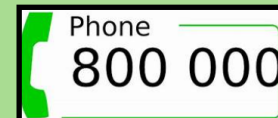
Men, come on out and enjoy some "man time" with your brothers in Christ! Join us **Tuesday, May 20 at 9:00 AM** at Mama Zoe's Restaurant on Reynolda Road.

Elder Meeting



Tuesday, May 6th ~ 6:00 PM

Library



Pfafftown Christian Church (PCC) was required to obtain a 1-800 number in order to effectively utilize the Dial My Calls Program, our church wide phone tree system. Please make note that when you receive a call from (1-800) -844-568-0515, it is truly from Pfafftown Christian Church. Unfortunately, a title depicting it is PCC calling could not be done. Thanks



THURSDAY, MAY 1st

(please see back side of calendar page for more details)

Notes from Tim

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Ascension Day will be Thursday, May 29, and we will celebrate it on Sunday, June 1. We will be singing *Crown Him with Many Crowns* in worship on that Sunday which commemorates the event recorded in Scripture wherein Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven in the presence of His disciples. This observance typically falls on the 40th day after Resurrection Sunday (Easter). It highlights the moment Jesus was "taken up" and seated at the right hand of God, completing His earthly ministry and ushering in a new phase of intercession and sovereign rule. According to *Acts 1:9-11*, as His followers watched, "He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight," and two angels announced He would one day return in the same manner.

The One who bore the crown of thorns while on the cross is now crowned with *many crowns* as the reigning monarch of heaven. Each crown in this hymn text exalts Christ for some specific aspect of His person of ministry: Stanza one for His eternal Kingship; stanza two for His love demonstrated in redemptive suffering; stanza three for His victorious resurrection and ascension; stanza four as a member of the Triune Godhead ever worthy of worship and praise. This worshipful text is the combined effort of two distinguished Anglican clergymen, each of whom desired to write a hymn of exaltation to our suffering but now victorious Lord. Matthew Bridges' version first appeared in 1851 with six stanzas, which appeared in his collection *Hymns and Sacred Lyrics*. The tune, "Diademata" (the Greek word for *crowns*, was composed especially for this text by George Elvey of St. George's Chapel in Windsor, England, where British royalty often attend.

1. *Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*
2. *Crown him the Lord of love; Behold his hands and side-- those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*
3. *Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*
4. *Crown him the Lord of heaven: One with the Father known; One with the Spirit thru Him given from yonder glorious throne. To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died; be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.*

God be with each of you! Tim



Church Family: Betty Barker, Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Terry Carter: Friend of Traci Canter
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Lawson Family: Friend of Tony Bryant
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt
Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer



Mary Ruth "Shiney" Timmons

March 6, 1930 ~ April 10, 2025



Patricia "Pat" Willis Millsaps

May 25, 1938 ~ April 13, 2025

The ministers and congregation of PCC extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary and Pat. May you feel the presence and peace that only our Heavenly Father can provide.