

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC) is a Coordinator and Service Provider for Victims, survivors and those who are at-risk of Human Trafficking

*To help human trafficking survivors in the 2nd Judicial Circuit of Florida
(Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Franklin, and Wakulla)
and work with organizations statewide, across the nation and throughout the world.*

We work with local, state, and federal agencies and social service providers to help identify and support victims of sex and labor trafficking.

- Provide emergency and joint care management for victims;
- Work with existing agencies and organizations as a single point of contact for those who are assisting victims;
- Collaborate to provide needed services to victims and survivors such as shelter, care management, health care, legal services, education, job assistance, and counseling;
- Conduct community education on how to prevent sex and labor trafficking and empower survivors.

Who We Help:

- Victims and Survivors of Sex Trafficking or Labor Trafficking
- Children and Adults – inclusive of all sexes and gender identities
- Citizens and Foreign-born Persons (Including People with Undocumented Status)
- Community Groups, Local Businesses, Professionals, Faith Communities, Colleges, and Universities.

How Can You Help:

Lafayette Presbyterian Church will be collecting gift cards for local stores and supermarkets. Here are some suggestions:

- Fast food restaurant gift cards (McDonalds, Taco Bell, etc.)
- Gasoline gift cards (Shell, Circle K, BP, etc.)
- Walmart gift cards
- Target gift cards
- Publix gift cards
- Portable battery chargers
- Prepaid cellular phones (Tracfone, e.g.)
- Backpacks, purses, wallets



Coming This Fall:

We will host a talk by **Robin Hassler Thompson**, of the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center, to learn more about trafficking and how we can assist trafficking victims and survivors.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In the spirit of the Easter season, our joy in Christ's resurrection extends through to Pentecost, a celebration of new beginnings. The Easter season encompasses fifty days of reflection and anticipation, culminating in Pentecost, the day of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the disciples, marking the birth of the Church.

As we approach Pentecost this year, I am filled with hope for the revitalization of the vision cherished by Lafayette for 77 years. It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to all members of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church family to join us for a special Vision Night on May 9th at 5:30 pm. This evening promises engaging exciting discussions and activities as we examine the foundation for the next chapter that lies ahead. Finger foods will be provided.

Blessings,

Pastor Hanlim



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering will be collected on May 19, Pentecost Sunday. One of the four special offerings collected annually by the Presbyterian church, these funds go to assist youth and young adults, particularly those at risk. Forty percent of the offering is retained by our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in own church and community. The remainder is used to support young adult volunteers serving in communities around the world, to help fund supporting ministries that inspire and guide youth as they grow in their walk with Christ, and providing advocacy and education that protects and supports children and youth. Please offer your prayers and gifts to these programs that work to shape the future of our churches, our communities and our world.

History of Mother's Day

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."



Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"-the main church in the vicinity of their home-for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2024 falls on Sunday, May 12. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

From History.com



May Fellowship Luncheon will be on May 19th

**NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON IS A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL,
DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY.**

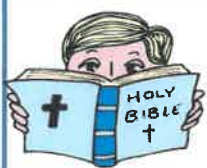
The Christian Education Committee will host the covered dish affair. The entrée of baked ham will be provided, with your tasty side dishes and desserts to share.



Coffee and a Cookie Book Club

Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

- **Monday, May 20 ~ Searching for Savanna: The Murder of One Native American Woman and the Violence Against the Many by Mona Gable**
In the summer of 2017, twenty-two-year-old Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind vanished. A week after she disappeared, police arrested the white couple who lived upstairs from Savanna and emerged from their apartment carrying an infant girl. The baby was Savanna's, but Savanna's body would not be found for days. The horrifying crime sent shock waves far beyond Fargo, North Dakota, where it occurred, and helped expose the sexual and physical violence Native American women and girls have endured since the country's colonization.
- **Monday, June 17 ~ Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng**
Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left without a trace when he was nine years old. He doesn't know what happened to her—only that her books have been banned—and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him. Then one day, Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, and soon he is pulled into a quest to find his mother.
- **Monday, July 15 ~ The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot**
- **Monday, August 19 ~ Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann (This will be a Traveling Book Club book provided by the Library)**



Thursday Bible study

Looking for a day time in person Bible study with lots of Fellowship too? We have something for you! Join the Thursday Bible Study led by Jackie Montgomery. They meet in the Christian Education Building at 1:30 P.M. on the first and third Thursdays. The dates for May are the 2nd and the 15th. The current study is on the book of Acts. The group will start its second year of study this month. Thank you Jackie! This Study group is open to everyone.

Our Grace Adult Sunday School class

You will find them on Sunday mornings in the Christian Education Building at 9:00 A.M. There is room for you!





CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Our May meeting date will be Thursday, May 25th at 1:30 P.M. We will meet in the Christian Education Building.

New “crafters” are always welcome. Our meetings are very casual. The “crafts” do not require you to be an expert. Most of the crafts are very simple. Our finished products are contributed to several missions. The primary missions that we support are Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, Courage Through Cancer, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The crafts vary and are fun, but the fellowship is a major part of our workshops.

Join us in May. “Come and see.” (John 1:46). It would also be great if you shared a new craft or mission with us. We are always looking for new ideas.



Your Session Members in 2024 are:

Class of 2024: Kay Lachat, Paul Munyon, Rita Tucker

Class of 2025: Randy Burns, Phil Ferguson, Denise Vandiver

Class of 2026: Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer

Your Deacons in 2024 are:

Class of 2024: Sandy Kuhn, Sara Lou Smith

Class of 2025: Aliceann Donaldson, Peggy Johnson

Class of 2026: Diane Dowling, Sandi Herrington,
John Kinneer, Molly Miller, Nancy Telander



Your Property and Finance committees are working together to address the need for major property repairs and replacements. The roof on the Christian Education Building is over 20 years old. It has compromised places and needs to be replaced soon. The estimated cost for this is \$25,000.

We also have 9 air conditioning units for heating and cooling of the buildings. Last year we replaced one for about \$11,000. The average age of the remaining 8 units is between 20-40 years. Therefore, we need to develop a plan to fund the replacement of these as they begin to expire.

We are working to develop a plan to raise funds with a 3–5-year fundraising to supplement funds that we already have in reserves for major repairs. We have both Rainy-Day reserves as well as an endowment that we will look to use. We ask for your prayers as we develop a plan and bring it to the congregation.

Spring Is Here! Time to clean out the closets!

If you missed the “news” on Sunday, our Deacons are committed to a clothing drive for Brehon Family Services. This is a family home for women, who are coping with a trauma in their lives, and their children (up to 3 years old). These ladies are responsible with feeding themselves and their children, as well as getting a job.

They do have a need for clothes, especially professional clothes. Please be sure they are in good condition; no rips, stains or buttons missing. The children also have a clothing need, up to size 3. It would also be good to include your friends, neighbors and family for help with the clothing drive.



Please place the donations in a bag and bring to the church, either on Tuesday mornings between 10 AM – 12 PM or on Sunday morning. Donations can be placed in the nursery in the Christian Education Building. We will be collecting until May 18. Another thought...these ladies would really appreciate a plate of brownies or other goodies. If this is something you would like to do, please call me, and I will be happy to deliver them to the home.

Yours in Christ,
Peggy Johnson

P.S. Please call me if you plan to drop off donations on Tuesday morning. Thank you!



Session Highlights April 2024

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Hanlim Chae.

Several pieces of mail were received thanking Lafayette for its donations.

The next Session meeting will be Thursday, May 16th.

The Fellowship committee is reviewing the membership lists.

The Mission committee presented a Mercy Fund policy for approval.

Rev. Chae closed the meeting with prayer.



Calendar Dates and Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:30 AM
Grace Sunday School	Sundays	9:00 AM
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesdays	5:30 PM
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS

AKtion Club	1st, 3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Thursday Bible Study	1st, 3rd Thursday	1:30 PM
Circle of Friends	2nd Monday	6:30 PM
Committee Meetings	2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM
Men's Breakfast	2nd Saturday	9:00 AM
Contemporary Book Club	3rd Monday	1:30 PM
Crafts for Missions	4th Thursday	1:30 PM
Morning Circle	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM
Session Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30 PM
Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Girl Scouts 4023	1st Sunday	2:00 PM
Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30 PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00 PM
Senior Patrol Leaders	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY	1		May Day
THURSDAY	2		School Principals' Day
FRIDAY	3		National Day of Prayer
SATURDAY	4		World Press Freedom Day
SUNDAY	5		Kentucky Derby
MONDAY	6		Cinco de Mayo
TUESDAY	7		National Nurses Day
THURSDAY	9		Teacher's Day
		5:30 PM	Ascension Day
SUNDAY	12		Pastor's "Vision Night"
			Mother's Day
			PW Birthday Offering
WEDNESDAY	15		Peace Officers Memorial Day
			International Day of Families
SATURDAY	18		Armed Forces Day
			Preakness Stakes
		9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	19		Pentecost Sunday
		11:30 AM	Fellowship Luncheon
MONDAY	20		National Rescue Dog Day
SUNDAY	26		Trinity Sunday
MONDAY	27		Memorial Day
THURSDAY	30		Hug Your Cat Day



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Bible Study

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
MORNING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Lunch	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall	Maree Peacock
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	Bible Study	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Education Building	Kay Lachat
EVENING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Supper	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Denise Pentecost

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Sunday, April 28th, Lafayette's Presbyterian Women held their Spring Gathering. We enjoyed salad, pizza, and a delicious homemade dessert (cookies and ice cream, yum!). There was no business presented at this meeting.

Our speaker was John Cousins, President of the

Tallahassee Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This

wonderful organization provides hand-made bunk beds to children who don't have beds of their own. Not only do they deliver these beds to kids in need, but they partner with local organizations, churches, businesses, and individuals to build them at events called "Build Days." Their motto is "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in OUR Town." They have over 270 local chapters nationwide and last year built (and delivered) almost 56,000 beds! The Tallahassee chapter has built 1406 bunk beds (as of April 27th, 2024) since their founding in 2018!!!

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/fl-tallahassee/> .

Faith Kinneer

PW Moderator



Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. (1 Chronicles 29:13)

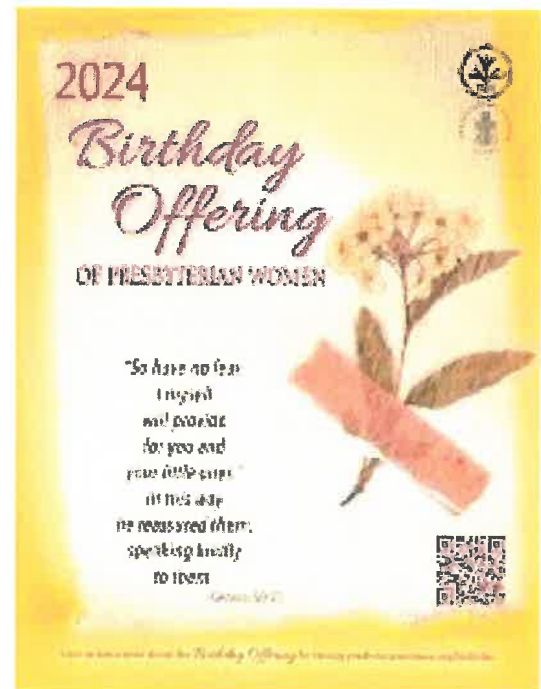
We will collect a PW Birthday Offering on Mather's Day this year. The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.



2024 Birthday Offering Recipients:

**Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills
Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area
Marthasville, Missouri**

Many adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Many are placed in nursing homes, boarding homes, with aging parents or in other environments that are expensive and isolating. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with I/DD by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish.



**Shawnee Presbyterian Church
Café Gingko
Louisville, Kentucky**

Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church began serving free dine-in meals at Café Gingko, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Gingko will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Gingko Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops.

PNC Update for May 2024 Newsletter



In our quest to search for the next Pastor of LPC, the PNC recently invested 5 weeks of intensive work to develop the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) which is a sort of formal job announcement for the Call of a New Pastor. After careful review by the Presbytery Pastor Transition Team (PTT), the MDP was approved and has since been loaded to the PC (USA) General Assembly Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website. Essentially, it is now “live” and can be viewed by possible candidates as a means to discern interest in a possible Call. It is a secure website – it cannot be viewed by Church Members.

It is important that our Congregation understands that only the PNC is authorized by the LPC Session to work on this matter and to discern possible candidates and their interest. Any and all possible candidates will need to work through this framework – the General Assembly Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website - which the PNC will be reviewing constantly. No other route exists for consideration.

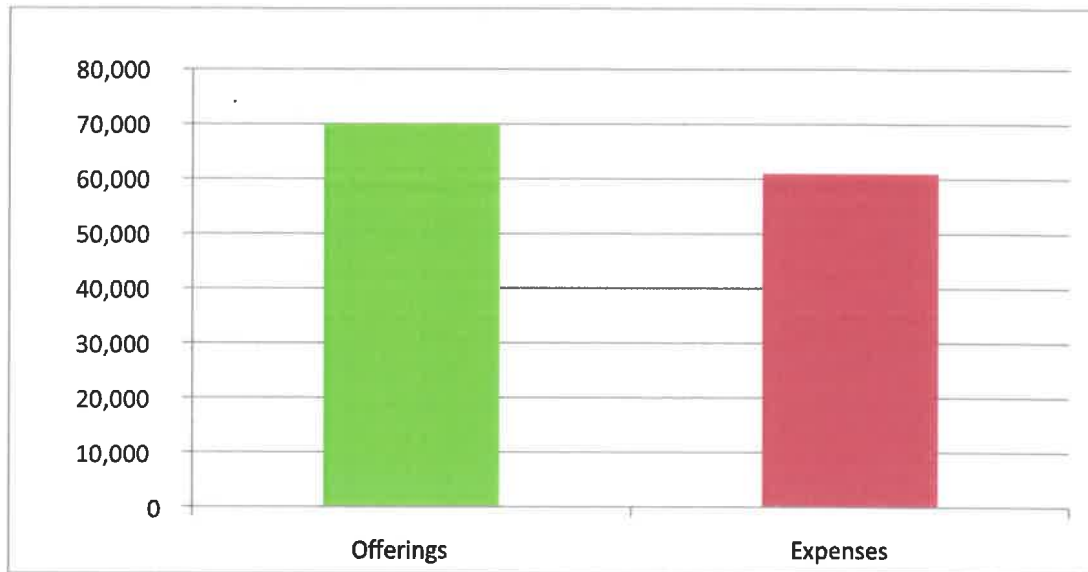
Because of the obvious sensitivity involved with all personnel related matters, no member of the PNC is authorized or permitted to share any information about possible candidates outside of the Committee itself. There are important reasons for this that we all need to abide by. We thank our Congregation for their understanding and trust in the work we have been called upon to do. The PNC requests your prayers – lots of them – as we go through this process of Calling our next Pastor. Prayers for guidance and discernment both for ourselves and the person being led by the Lord to receive the Call ... there is much to pray for ... this is an important process that will affect the future of our Church. As Matt Frease has so faithfully reminded us, “we need to pray with the belief that God has already called the right person to LPC and that the PNC and LPC’s next Pastor are discerning that movement of the Spirit through this process.”

If you have any questions or comments that we can assist with outside the restrictions we must uphold, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

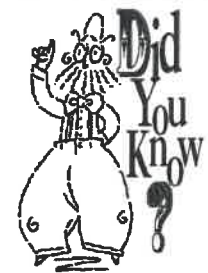
Leo Charles Lachat
PNC Chair

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Actual Offerings Jan-Mar	Actual Expenses Jan-Mar
\$70,089.49	\$61,058.14



Seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God,
and to establish his righteousness. Matthew 6:38

DID YOU KNOW? BY PHIL FERGUSON



Everyone knows that someone who does a good deed may be called a good Samaritan because of the compassion exhibited by the Samaritan in Jesus' parable.

But did you know that many of today's common phrases come from the Old Testament? For example:

1. The fat of the land. Genesis 45:18
2. By the skin of your teeth. Job 19:20
3. Pride goeth before a fall. Proverbs 16:18
4. There is nothing new under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:9
5. Eat, drink and be merry. Ecclesiastes 8:15
6. A fly in the ointment. Ecclesiastes 10:1
7. Cast your bread upon the water. Ecclesiastes 11:1
8. Woe is me. Isaiah 6:5
9. A drop in the bucket. Isaiah 40:15

May 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28 9:00am Grace Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Brownie Troop 2:00pm Girl Scouts	29 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 10 7:00pm Aktion Club	30 7:00pm Troop 10 Meeting	May 1 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 1:30pm Thursday Bible Study	3	4 10:00am Alanon/Alateen Meetings
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We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

Joys and Concerns, 4/28/24

- ◆ Faith Kinneer and family, upon the passing of Faith's Uncle, Fred Dickman, on Wednesday, April 24.

Joys and Concerns, 4/21/24

- ◆ Rickey Brock joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday morning April 18. Service details will be announced at a later date.
- ◆ Please pray for Jackie Montgomery who continues to be in a great deal of pain.
- ◆ A Joy! Jayson, Tyler & Nancy Telander's grandson, had his chemo port removed!
- ◆ A Joy! Alex & Leah LaDuke and family are moving from Kentucky to Florida in July! Alex is in the anesthesiology residency program. Leah is the niece of John & Faith Kinneer.
- ◆ A Joy! Pastor Hanlim Chae had his doctorate paper accepted!

Joys and Concerns, 4/14/24

- ◆ Prayers for Bonnie & Randy Burns' granddaughter, Micah Knuth, as she undergoes medical tests.
- ◆ Prayers for Bonnie Burns' cousin, Ann Delaney, whose brain cancer has returned.
- ◆ Prayers for Bill & Lynda Blount.
- ◆ Prayer's for Rickey Brock, friend of Margaret Warren. She has been under hospice care and the family was notified that she had stopped eating/drinking. So they are expecting to hear soon.
- ◆ Doug Pitts asks for prayers for his friend (and one of my favorite supervisors from many years ago) Doug Pyle, who has been battling cancer.

*I call on you, my God,
for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me
and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV

Joys and Concerns, 4/7/24

- ◆ Pam Terry requests prayers for her friend Ginny who has cancer and recently had a tumor on her frontal lobe removed. She will be moved to a facility this weekend and has a difficult recovery ahead of her.
- ◆ Prayers for all those affected by the earthquake in NJ on Friday, April 5th, which impacted the Northeast US. Also, those impacted by the earthquake in Taiwan on April 3rd.
- ◆ Faith & John Kinneer request prayers for their uncle, Fred Dickman, who is still recovering from serious health issues and was moved to rehab.

Joys and Concerns, 3/24/24

- ◆ Jerry and Kay Phillips requested that we keep Twila Phillips in prayer. She had a recent fall and is recovering ok. Twila appreciates visits at Woodmont (Pacifica) on North Monroe.

Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ◆ Jon Chapman's daughter, Tiffany
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Georgia Latimer
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ◆ Jackie Montgomery
- ◆ Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman and her brother Earl Keister.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

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May Ushers

- *Bonnie Burns
- *Randy Burns
- Sandi Herrington
- Bianca Martin
- *Captains



May Birthdays



2 Sophie Korta	18 Marlyn Weinell
7 Chrys Graves	21 Nancy McCoy-Cohen
12 Richard Loose	22 Billie Jackson
15 Diane Dowling	30 David Herman
17 Chance Grant	

June articles are due
May 17

Remember our church in your will.