

# Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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MAY 2024



## Honoring God Through Restoration

April has proven to be the costliest month since I became Pastor. Our church faced a plumbing catastrophe. What started out as a sink backup turned into the discovery that most of our cast iron plumbing was seriously deteriorated and needed rework or replacement. We should not have been surprised since we were 10 years beyond their normal life. We were lucky that the church did not collapse into the foundation.

The major restoration is expected to be completed by May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have some floor repair remaining.

It occurs to me that in the annals of history, there are tales of great endeavors undertaken in the name of faith.

Among these narratives stands the account of Zerubbabel, who, with unwavering dedication, rebuilt the Temple of Jerusalem after its destruction. His story resonates deeply with us as we reflect on our recent journey of restoration within our beloved Crossroads Church.

Just as Zerubbabel faced the daunting task of rebuilding a sacred place, so too did we encounter challenges as we embarked on the restoration of our church's plumbing. The echoes of the past mingled with the urgency of the present, driving us to invest \$60,000 in ensuring the structural integrity of our spiritual home.

In this endeavor, we find parallels to Zerubbabel's labor of love. Just as he honored God through the reconstruction of

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**the Temple, we too honor Him by safeguarding the sanctuary where our congregation gathers to worship, to find solace, and to grow together in faith. Our investment speaks volumes about our commitment to stewardship and our unwavering devotion to God's work.**

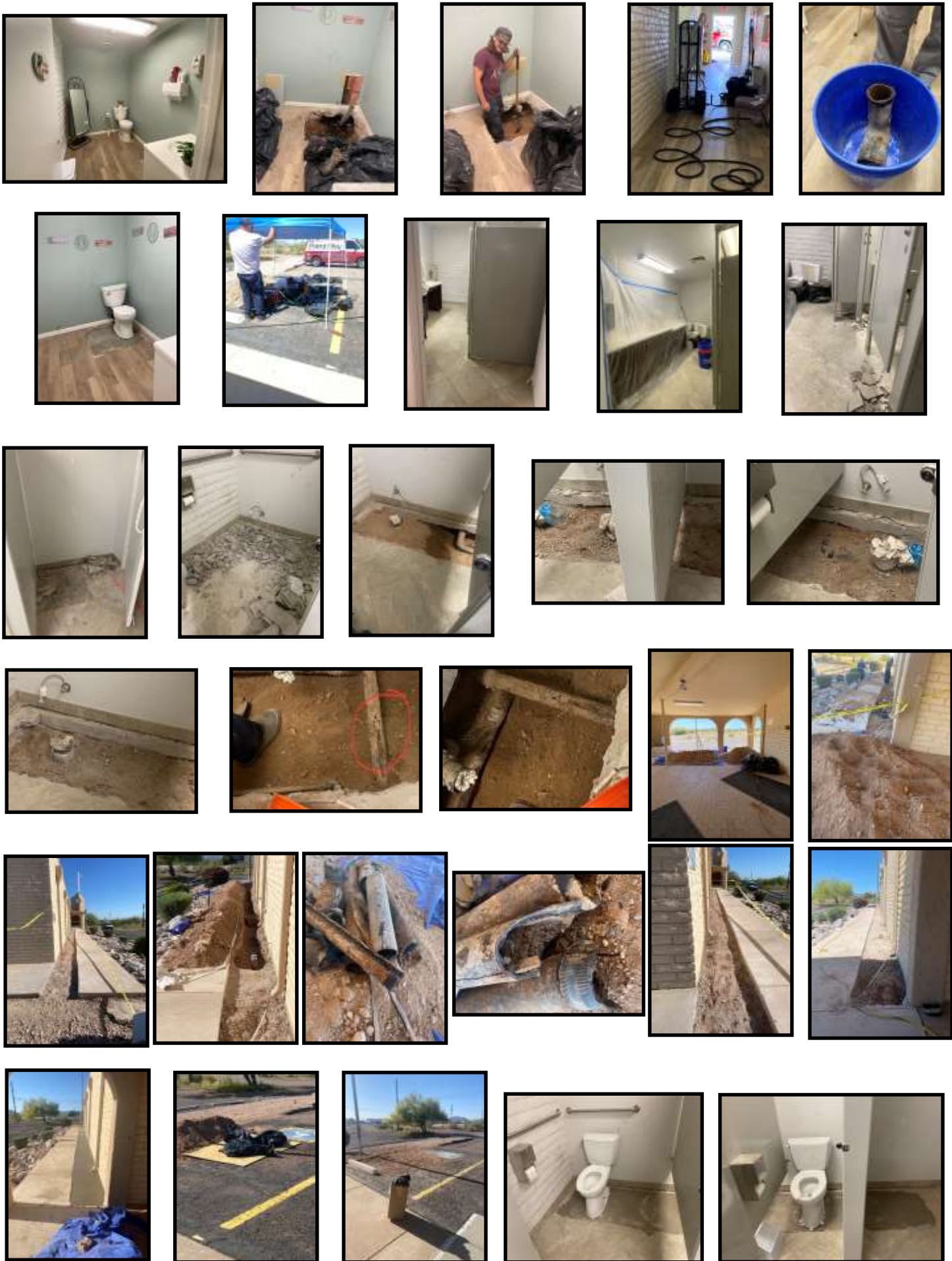
**Moreover, our restoration project symbolizes our dedication to future generations. Like Zerubbabel, who laid the foundation for the generations to come, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, recognizing their sacrifices and vision. Through our actions today, we pave the way for the spiritual journey of those who will follow in our footsteps, ensuring that they, too, have a sanctuary where they can encounter the presence of God.**

**As we marvel at the completion of this project, let us remember that our efforts transcend mere physical renovations. They are a testament to our spiritual character, our commitment to honoring God, and our steadfast resolve to build a lasting legacy of faith. Just as Zerubbabel's faith moved mountains, so too does ours as we continue to build and nurture our community, brick by brick, in the name of the Almighty.**

**Once again, we see how God has protected us and provided for us. We may experience some financial “belt tightening” but we are not facing procuring expensive loans or ceasing activities.**

**Our past stewardship has allowed us to meet the need. God is blessing us for that.**

**God loves you and so do I!  
Pastor Rick**







April Average  
Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship:..... 91  
 Sunday School:..... 45  
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:..... 16  
**Ladies' Bible Study/Life Group:.....5/6**

Ministries/Other Events  
Actual Attendance

**Ladies' Breakfast Attendance:**..... 8  
 Social Saturday:..... 7  
 Business Meeting:..... 34



If you would like to have, or know of a church member who would like, a

**visit &/or the Lord's Supper taken** to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.



**\*\*If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact the office or other prayer chain member(s).**

**\*\*To add to our weekly prayer list, please get the info to the office by noon on Wednesday for the 3pm prayer meeting.**

**We Need Casseroles!**

In order to continue to help our members and families in need, we need more casseroles to put in the freezer. Help with a meal or two for someone that is ill or in need. Bring casseroles by the office or before church to be frozen. Let us know who needs help so we can arrange for delivery.

Show them our love by ministering to them in the name of Jesus through your church.

**Get Involved!**

- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts 9 am.
- **Bible Study** at 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 am.
- **Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group** Tuesdays at 10am & 11:15am respectively.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** at 3:00 pm.
- **Ladies' Breakfast—Monthly:** third Friday at 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- **Volunteering Your Time:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow?  
 Contact the office or the appropriate committee chairperson.

## Memorial Day is Monday, May 27

It is a day where we remember those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

It was originally called "Decoration Day" and founded by the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union organization, in 1868 "as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers." Did you know it wasn't declared a national holiday until 1971?

A handful of ceremonies and remembrances are planned around the Valley. We've listed those below. For others, the three-day weekend marks the unofficial start to summer (which technically isn't until June 21) with barbecues, pool time, and backyard games. If you're looking for something to do, we've included a few weekend events and parties that are going on.

### **University of Phoenix flag display (Tuesday - Friday, May 21-24)**

Thousands of flags -- totaling 15,000 -- were planted on the lawn of the University of Phoenix campus near the Interstate 10 and 32nd Street. They have been planted to spell out the phrase: Their Legacy Lives On. However, the flags will only be there for a short time. Volunteers will begin taking them down on Friday, May 24, where they will then be donated.

Address: 4045 S. Riverpoint Pkwy., Phoenix, AZ 85040.

### **Gilbert Historical Society's Memorial Day Ceremony (May 27)**

Hosted by the Gilbert Historical Society and the American Legion Post 39, the Memorial Day ceremony will take place on the lawn of HD South Building, also known as the Gilbert Historical Museum. The hour-long ceremony will start at 9 a.m. and include a flag ceremony, the laying of the wreaths, recognition of veterans military service, music from the Ahwatukee Foothill Concert Band, and remarks from Gilbert Mayor Jenn Daniels and USAF Retired Colonel, Cliff B. Stansell. It is a free event, and people are encouraged to bring lawn chairs as seating is limited.

Address: HD South, 10 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85296. More information.

### **Anthem Community Council's "A Day of Remembrance" ceremony (May 27)**

The Daisy Mountain Veterans, VFW Post 12031 and American Legion Post 128 will host a Memorial Day ceremony at Anthem's Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 27. The service, which is scheduled to start at 9 a.m., will feature Rear Admiral William Putnam, United States Navy (retired) as its keynote speaker, a POW/MIA ceremony, and performances from the Musical Theater of Anthem and the Arizona Veterans Band. The ceremony is expected to last between 45-60 minutes. There is a parking lot, but parking is limited. The closest lot is the

Address: Anthem Community Park, 41703 N Gavilan Peak Pkwy., Anthem, AZ 85086. More information.

### **Pioneer & Military Memorial Park (May 27)**

The Pioneers Cemetery Association and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will host a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony on May 27 at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park. The ceremony starts at 9 a.m. Marshall Shore, the unofficial state "hip" historian, will emcee. There will be guided tours of the Seven Historic Cemeteries, a display of Victorian-era fashion, and local groups dressed in full regalia.

Address: 1317 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85007.

## Memorial Day Activities Schedule

### **May 25, 2024, 7 a.m.**

Flag Placements, meet at center stage at VA National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix AZ 85024

### **May 27, 2024, 8 a.m.**

Memorial Day Program at center stage at VA National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix AZ 85024

### **May 28-May 31, 2024:**

Flag Retrieval (on your own go and retrieve flags and place in bin containers)

### **June 1, 2024, 7 a.m.**

Flag sorting and rolling at Cemetery Warehouse, at VA National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix AZ 85024



Come join us for this FREE Kids Event, Sat. May 25, Memorial Weekend!  
Saturday, May 25, 9:30am to 12:30pm  
**KidS Day Event!**

Memorial Weekend Family Event  
Mesa Market Place Swap Meet

The advertisement features a collage of photos showing children with face paint, a child on a motorcycle, and a group of people. A star icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.





I find joy  
in everyday,  
not because  
LIFE is always  
good, but  
because GOD is.

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*Look around and do not  
miss the beauty that  
God gives us daily.*

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can stand before anyone.

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DEAR GOD,  
SO FAR TODAY,  
I'VE DONE ALL RIGHT.  
I HAVEN'T GOSSIPED.  
I HAVEN'T LOST MY TEMPER.  
I HAVEN'T BEEN GREEDY, GRUMPY,  
NASTY, SELFISH, OR OVERINDULGENT.  
I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR THAT.  
BUT IN A FEW MINUTES, GOD, I'M  
GOING TO GET OUT OF BED...  
AND FROM THEN ON, I'M PROBABLY  
GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE HELP.  
AMEN

# NOTICES & EVENTS



**Our food pantry is well stocked and available. Check in through the office staff to do your 'shopping.'**

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**The church work day on May 4 was a huge success!**

**Thirteen people showed up and did everything from pulling weeds, deep cleaning, defrosting, installing, etc!**

**Thank you and may God bless each of you for your extra service to your church body!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### **OUR CHURCH HAS A PHONE APP WITH AN ONLINE GIVING OPTION.**

**Both the app and the website have the new online giving option.**

When giving online, there is a fee (a percentage) charged as well. You can choose to pay the fee or not. If you do, the church receives your full gift and the fee you paid is deemed tax deductible for you. If you choose not to pay the fee, the fee is taken out of your gift amount prior to deposit to the church's bank account.

You will find the Crossroads Baptist Church app in the Google Play Store and in the Apple App Store for both Android and iPhone.

**\*\*Search for Crossroads Baptist Church AZ**

Then download the app to your phone.\*\*

*Look for the blue square with a white 'C' in the middle.*

*(This picture below is from the Apple Store)*

**For assistance, please feel free to call the office for assistance.**



The **Ladies' Bible Study & Life Group** are held on Tuesdays at 10:00am & 11:15am respectively. We are studying 2 Corinthians. See Judy M or Beth S. for information. Come to all or whenever you can make it



| 1978                      | 2023                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Long hair                 | Longing for hair         |
| 8 Tracks                  | Cataracts                |
| KEGs                      | EKGs                     |
| Streaking                 | Leaking                  |
| Acid Rock                 | Acid Reflux              |
| Seeds and stems           | Fiber                    |
| Stayin' Alive (the song)  | Stayin' Alive (the goal) |
| Hoping for a BMW          | Hoping for a BM          |
| Going to a new, hip joint | Getting a new hip joint  |
| Rolling Stones            | Kidney Stones            |
| Bell bottoms              | Big bottoms              |
| Disco                     | Costco                   |
| Whatever                  | Depends                  |
| Rock n' roll all night    | Sleep through the night  |
| Think you know everything | Think you know your name |

My kids will never have to experience the frustration of dealing with this



\*working from home\*

Can you cover for me, I'm gonna go take a nap

My dog:



What if I told you humans intentionally clean away cat hair.





# Excerpts From: **70 Words (and Phrases) You're Probably Using All Wrong** by Lauren Cahn

[https://www.rd.com/list/words-youre-using-wrong/?utm\\_term=&utm\\_medium=browser\\_notification&utm\\_source=pushly&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.rd.com/list/words-youre-using-wrong/?utm_term=&utm_medium=browser_notification&utm_source=pushly&utm_campaign=)

## All and all

We hope that what you meant to say was "all in all," which is an idiom (a word or phrase whose meaning can't be understood outside its cultural context) meaning "everything being taken into account." If you actually meant "all and all," then you're just being redundant. Please never do this when it comes to acronyms, or grammar snobs will be saying you have [RAS \(repetitive acronym syndrome\)](#). But if you're looking to be concise, you might want to consider replacing "all in all" with "in sum."

## At nauseum

You know when someone's droning on and on and on about something to the point where you feel like you're going to be sick? Well, they're going on *ad nauseam*. It's Latin for "to sickness." We know the "ad" sounds an awful lot like "at," but we can assure you it's not. And if we go on *ad infinitum* (to infinity) about it, you'll forgive us, won't you?

## Undoubtedly

If what you mean is "without a shadow a doubt," then you have two choices, and neither of them is "undoubtedly." You can say either "undoubtedly" or "indubitably." Either one is correct. Just don't mash them together to create an eggcorn.

## Should of

Did you say "should of" when you really meant "should have"? That's another eggcorn, but now you know better. It's "should have," "would have" and "could have." There is no "of" in any of these phrases.



Teddy Roosevelt's son fought in WWI as a pilot. He was killed in a dogfight and his plane crashed behind enemy lines. The Germans gave him a full military burial with honors. Reportedly, they admired that a president's son chose to fight.

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America's Founding Fathers initially had no political parties because they tried to avoid the vicious fighting they'd witnessed within the British government, and they aimed to focus on electing the best candidate for presidency instead of becoming divided over greed driven competitions.

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### Did You Know?

Dancing can improve brain function and boost memory. It's also linked to a reduced risk of dementia.



(Jesus Christ God's Son Savior)

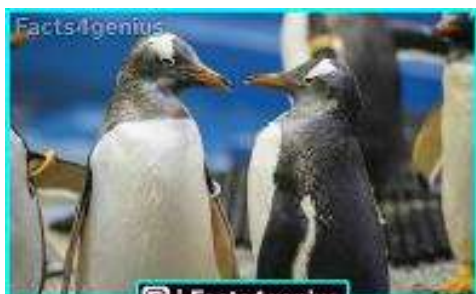


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Just 2 minutes of walking after eating a meal can lower Diabetes, Heart risks: Even 2-5 minute leisure walks can maintain blood sugar, BP.



'The Restaurant Of Order Mistakes' employs waiters with dementia, and you never know what you're getting. Photo courtesy of yamoco.p weird-facts.org



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When a male penguin falls in love with female penguin, he searches the entire beach to find perfect pebble to present her.



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Drinking Coconut Water regularly helps you lose Weight, reduce cramps, and improves heart, while providing you with Vitamins and minerals.

In 1915 a three minute, long distance phone call cost the equivalent of \$500 in today's money.

# May 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                      | Mon                                             | Tue                                                                | Wed                                        | Thu                     | Fri                                    | Sat                                                      |
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| <p><i>Start or continue your daily Bible reading plan today!</i><br/> <i>The read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year plan is in the January newsletter.</i></p> |                                                 |                                                                    | 1<br>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  | 2<br>No Choir Practice  | 3                                      | 4<br>9 am-Church Work Day                                |
| 5<br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship<br>The Lord's Supper                                                                     | 6                                               | 7<br>10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br><br>11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group  | 8<br>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  | 9<br>No Choir Practice  | 10                                     | 11                                                       |
| 12<br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship                                                                                         | 13                                              | 14<br>10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br><br>11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group | 17<br>3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  | 16<br>No Choir Practice | 17<br>8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop | 18                                                       |
| 19<br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship                                                                                         | 20                                              | 21<br>10 am-Ladies' Bible Study<br><br>11:15 am-Ladies' Life Group | 22<br>3:00 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study | 23<br>No Choir Practice | 24                                     | 25                                                       |
| 26<br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship                                                                                         | 27<br>Memorial Day Holiday<br><br>Office Closed | 28<br>No-Ladies' Bible Study<br><br>No Ladies' Life Group          | 29<br>No Prayer Meeting or Bible Study     | 3<br>No Choir Practice  | 31                                     | <i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i> |

Office Hours 9am-1pm, May 28 through June 7

*“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”  
 Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)*



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Pastor: Rick Basch

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Bob Allen, Wes Ehlers, Earl McDonald,  
Hector Palma, Mike Tacker, Robert Wisner



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