

# The Branch

May



2023

Bunkertown Brethren Church– Independent Fellowship

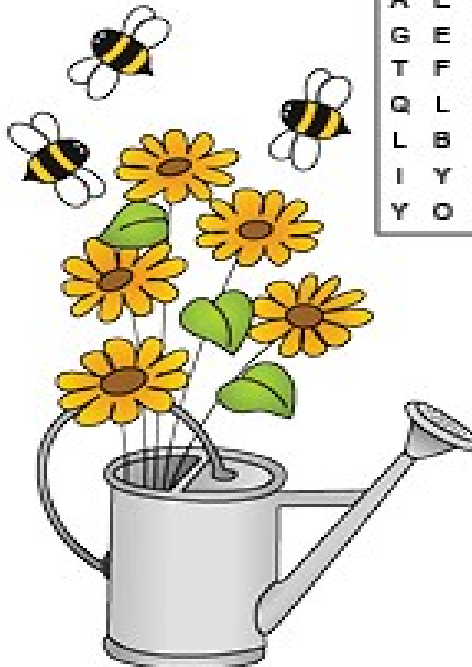
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**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

## MERRY MONTH OF MAY

### Word Search

BASEBALL  
BLOSSOM  
BUMBLEBEE  
BUTTERFLY  
CINCO DE MAYO  
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GARDEN  
GEMINI  
GREEN  
LADYBUG  
LAWNMOWER  
MAYPOLE  
MEMORIAL DAY  
MOM

MOTHER'S DAY  
PIÑATA  
PLANT  
SEEDS  
SPRING  
SUNSHINE  
TAURUS  
TEACHER

## PASTOR'S CORNER...

Numbers 23:19 says; *God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?* This verse speaks of God's Holiness and Righteousness and even His Omnipotence. I think we can take a little liberty here and say that God isn't made by man, nor does He take instruction from man, He doesn't get caught off guard, He doesn't change His mind and He never worries about an outcome. Paul wrote to the church in Philippi. He had been there, preached the Gospel, had many converts, and this church had taken it upon themselves to send supplies to care for Paul's needs, probably while he was imprisoned in Rome awaiting his eventual martyrdom. Paul had contentment even with all that was happening and tried to relay that to the Philippians. Christians are to become more and more like Jesus, Reborn, and Sanctified. Christians should be remade in His image. Mankind, even in the church, Christians try to make God in their image. They try to bring God down to earthly limitations in size and ability. Let me share with you that God, our Heavenly Father, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit is God in 3 persons, completely Holy and Righteous, completely without need or error. Completely without regret, fear, weakness, or any other infirmity known to mankind. God is at peace and has never been nervous or anxious. God does not deal in anxiety or fear, and He isn't interested in us living in it either. Our Faith and Trust are in our Savior and Lord. Our peace and Hope are in His return. Our strength is in His presence.

Pastor Wes



**A Mother's Day Prayer**  
*Happy Mother's Day*

In the name of  
**JESUS CHRIST**,  
we lift up all  
**MOTHERS** today.

We thank them for their  
sacrifices so that we can  
have a life of contentment.  
Grant them favour, Lord  
and may they have a  
wonderful place in existence  
in Your heart of **GRACE**.

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## Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!

Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word! If you would like a yearly copy, please ask Lisa to print you one out.

May 1 2 Sam 5:1-10, 1 Chr 11-12

May 2 Ps 133

May 3 Ps 106-107

May 4 2 Sam 5:11-6:23, 1 Chr 13-16

May 5 Ps 1-2, Ps 15, Ps 22-24, Ps 47, Ps 68

May 6 Ps 89, Ps 96, Ps 100, Ps 101, Ps 105, Ps 132

May 7 2 Sam 7, 1 Chr 17

May 8 Ps 25, Ps 29, Ps 33, Ps 36, Ps 39

May 9 2 Sam 8-9, 1 Chr 18

May 10 Ps 50, Ps 53, Ps 60, Ps 75

May 11 2 Sam 10, 1 Chr 19, Ps 20

May 12 Ps 65-67, Ps 69-70

May 13 2 Sam 11-12, 1 Chr 20

May 14 Ps 32, Ps 51, Ps 86, Ps 122

May 15 2 Sam 13-15

May 16 Ps 3-4, Ps 12-13, Ps 28, Ps 55

May 17 2 Sam 16-18

May 18 Ps 26, Ps 40, Ps 58, Ps 61-62, Ps 64

May 19 2 Sam 19-21

May 20 Ps 5, Ps 38, Ps 41-42

May 21 2 Sam 22-23, Ps 57

May 22 Ps 95, Ps 97-99

May 23 2 Sam 24, 1 Chr 21-22, Ps 30

May 24 Ps 108-110

May 25 1 Chr 23-25

May 26 Ps 131, Ps 138-139, Ps 143-145

May 27 1 Chr 26-29, Ps 127

May 28 Ps 111-118

May 29 1 Kgs 1-2, Ps 37, Ps 71, Ps 94

May 30 Ps 119:1-88

May 31 1 Kgs 3-4, 2 Chr 1, Ps 72



## 2023 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL GODLY WIVES/ MOTHERS

1. Proverbs 31:10
2. Proverbs 14:1
3. Ephesians 5:22-23
4. Titus 2:4

## MAY MESSAGES

May 7.....King Saul.....1 Samuel 10:17-20, 23-26

May 14.....Letting God choose.....1 Corinthians 1: 25-31

May 21.....Trust in the Lord.....1 Samuel 17: 40-47

May 28.....Brothers in Christ.....1 Samuel 18: 1-5



## Our Church Family

### Remember those with Health- Related issues..

*Gary & Ethel Lentz*

*Austin Parker*

*Maxine Kerstetter*

*Donna Jean Barth*

*Lawrence Fronk*

*Peach Yeater*

*Sandy Hunter*

*Lydia Grace Swartwood*

*Bruce & Bonnie Campbell*

*Lawrence Benner*

*Lisa Peters*

*Gibson French*

## **BUNKERTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES , BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES**

**Children's Classes**—Stephanie Freyermuth , Pauline Hummel, Jen French

Teaching a curriculum which is Answers in Genesis is produced by the founder of The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The curriculum brings the Bible to life in the class.

**YOUTH— Jr. High—** Mike Swartz

**Senior High—** Sara Steele— Sara's class studies scripture through lessons that provide critical thinking, challenging students to consider personalities, character, and culture to better understand what scripture means and how it is meant to guide our relationships, our decisions, and our lives.

**COLLEGE & CAREERS**— Pastor Wes will be beginning a new lessons on May 7th.

**ELECTIVE 2-** Dave Hummel- This class is studying Revelations.

**ELECTIVE 3 -** Pastor Steve— Teaching Answers in Genesis.

**SENIOR ADULT CLASS**— Dave Varner The class uses the Standard Sunday School Quarterly .

**SMALL GROUPS**—Small groups are the foundation structure of the church body and meet to study God's Word from discussion points of the previous sermon, spend quality time in prayer, and to provide accountability. Small groups meet the first & third Sunday evenings. Small groups are finished for the summer and will resume in September.

### **OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES:**

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study, Monthly Prayer Vigil ■ Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group ■ Senior Supper ■ Young Family Night  
Mentoring

### **KIDS MINISTRIES:**

Family Resources ■ Nursery ■ Children's Church ■ Sunday School ■ AWANA ■ VBS  
■ Volunteer - links for anyone that needs clearances

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Men's Breakfast ■ Men's Bible Study ■ Men's Small Group

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:**

Women's Small Group ■  
Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

\*If you want more information contact the church secretary .



# CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

1-Rose Ann Peachey

3 - Betty Strawser  
Savannah Forry

Steven Hooper

4 – Gary Krall

5 - Donna Hanawalt  
- Christine Kline  
Chelsea Boyer

9- Sylvia Peachey

14- Traci Brubaker  
Heather M. Colyer

15- Christie Hockenberry

16- Ryan Vrabel  
- Mildred Spade  
Parker Boop  
Mike Dressler

19 - Galene Sellers

21- Kelsey Benner

22 - Pauline Hummel

23- Katie Stuck

25 - Jason Stuck

26- Mike Stuck

20 - Deedre Mitchell  
Pearl Swartz

27 - Tom Hockenberry

28- Miles Burd  
Cora Condran

29 -Suzanne Zeiders



11 - Jason & Kim Stuck ('96)

14 – Mike & Katie Stuck(10)

17- Jeff & Judy Flanders

18 - Jim & Cara Shirk ('13)

20- Brandon & Rachel Rowles (16)

26 - Gary & Ethel Lentz ('79)

27- Matt & Suzanne Zeiders- (03)

28- Sean & Jody Ehrisman(05)





# MAY HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
May 7	Chris Kline	Suzie Shallenberger	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Caleb Eia	Dave Hummel
May 14	Donna Fritz	Suzie Shallenberger	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson	Dave Varner
May 21	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
May 28	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Steve Osenga

## NURSERY

May 7	Heather Reed/ Judy Flanders
May 14	Lisa Ritzman/ Cathy Shellenberger
May 21	Heather Reed/ Lois Varner
May 28	Louise Hummel/ Hannah Bashore



Give THANKS  
to the LORD  
FOR He IS GOOD..  
His mercy  
ENDURES FOREVER  
*Psalm 106:1*

## WC SERVANTS

May 7	Merv & Darlis Strawser
May 14	Rodney Knouse
May 21	Harry & Hannah Bashore
May 28	Greg & Heather-Colyer

Ushers	Jason Stuck, Chief Merv Strawser, Beau Stuck
Greeters	Clint & Deedra Mitchell Family
C/D Ministry	Sandy Reed
Counting Committee	Kimi Fitzwater/ Laurie Schreiber/ Cathy Shellenberger

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Men's Breakfast

Will be held Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please sign up by Sunday, before the breakfast.

## SENIOR SUPPER—

Come share in our Senior Supper on May 8th at 5:00 p.m. 55 & up are all welcome.

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIENDS BANQUET



Ladies, please join us on Thursday, May 11th, at 6 o'clock in the evening for a night of Fantastic Food, Fun & Fellowship at our Annual Mother/Daughter/Friends Banquet in the Family Life Center. The Little Store will be catering our chicken dinner meal (gluten free options will be available), Briana Smith & Ashley Berkheimer from Stony Run Mission will be our musical entertainment, and there will be games and door prizes. A sign-up sheet will be available in April at the Welcome Center. Thank you.



## From Our Children's Director

VBS will be here before you know it! July 17-21 With this VBS, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth. Please start praying now! Contact Stephanie Freyermuth if interested in helping make VBS to life.



## Relay for Life:

It's time for Spring Cleaning! On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Bunkertown Brethren Church Relay for Life team will be holding a yard/bake sale at the church. If there are any items you wish to donate for this fundraiser, please feel free to let Jason or Kim Stuck know and/or drop them off at the church any evening from May 31st-June 2nd and place them in the Family Life Center. You do not need to price the items because we will be asking for people to pay through a monetary donation. We will be setting up for the yard sale after 4pm on May 31st-

June 2nd so if you wish to help, please feel free to do so. Any help on Saturday from 8am-3pm will also be greatly appreciated. In previous years, this was a HUGE fundraiser for our team. We couldn't have done it without your help! All proceeds will go to help find a cure for cancer through the American Cancer Society.

We will be having a sandwich sale in April to help raise funds for the relay team. More details to follow.

The Relay for Life event will be at Derry Township Park beginning on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. We will be placing a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church for anyone who is interested in walking. Relay for Life requires that we have a team member on the walking trail at all times during this event. Again, we've appreciated your willingness in the past to help support the team through your physical and financial support. Our goal is to raise \$5000 this year. If you prefer not to walk, but would rather experience the activities that go along with this event, please feel free to come visit us at Derry Township Park. We'd love to see you there!

Thank you,



## SNACK SCHEDULE

May 7– Louise Hummel, Jen Hummel, Pauline Hummel, Pat Sierer, Mandy Brown, Kelly Frymoyer, Georgia Wynn

May 14– Teresa Forry, Christine Hockenberry, Lois Varner, Peach Yeater, Jamie Shiffer, Kathy Lehman, Laurie Schreiber

May 21– Bev Richmond, Cathy Shellenberger, Shannon Boop, Cara Shirk, Connie Hestford, Lisa Ritzman, Rachel Rowles

May 28– Cathy Dysinger, Amber Stahl, Lisa Krall, Pam Master, Tina Rigsby, Suzanne Zeiders, Emily Ehrisman

## MISSIONS

**MAY MISSIONARY** offering is Golden Years Ministry. April offering was Building Outreach with an offering of \$732.00 with one Sunday left to give.



**THE** June newsletter deadline is **Sunday, May 21**. The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Wednesday at noon.



Monday– 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday—7:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Thursday-7:00a.m.—11:00 a.m..

**JUST A REMINDER** that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon.

## 2023 BOAR MEMBERS

Tim Burris- Chair

Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

### **NURTURE COMMISSION**

Hannah Bashore - Chair

Teresa Forry- Vice-chair

Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary

Jeff Ritzman

### **STEWARDS COMMISSION**

Gary Krall—Chair

Andy Carvell– Vice Chair

Pam Master– Secretary

Dennis Colyer

### **WITNESS COMMISSION**

Neil Swart-Chair

Barry Stuck-Vice Chair

Dave Brubaker- Secretary

Kimi Fitzwater

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

## CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Associate Pastor	Steve Osenga
Secretary	Lisa Krall
IT Director	Justin Reed
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Sara Steele
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Annette Kantz-Lori Alderfer