



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

A Message from Pastor Mike.....

Have you ever read the Bible all of the way through, from cover to cover? Perhaps not that many people would have had time (or made time) to do that in our busy culture. I have read all of the Bible over the years, but there are certainly parts which I have read much more often than others. When I was being questioned in my final ordination interview, one committee member asked me a very interesting question. He said, *"If your life was over and your family or a close friend was thumbing through the Bible you had used most frequently, over a long period of time, which books of the Bible would be the most marked up? Which books would have the most wear and tear on the pages?"* My answer was three-fold, including one book each from the Old Testament, the gospels, and the epistles. The Book of Psalms would be near the top of the list because there is just no substitute for the beauty of the language of prayer found within those 150 "hymns." The gospel I have read most often is Mark. That one moves right along from one scene to the next like the good story that it is. The epistle which I go back to frequently is Paul's letter to the Romans. He wrote that one later in his life and it is kind of a capstone summary of what he felt was most important for Christians to know about their faith.

How would you answer that question? Do you have favorite books of the Bible that you read more often than others? Have you ever seen any of those guides for reading through the whole Bible in a year? There are programs that show you what books and chapters to read each day to make it through all 66 books of the Bible in one year. Another popular option entails reading through the Old Testament *once* and the New Testament *twice* in one year. You can also find a plan that allows you to spread the reading over two years. There are options for reading chronologically, rather than in the order the various books appear in our Bibles. There are many themes and schemes for mapping out a structured reading plan that will guide you through the greatest story ever told! While there are many versions of the Bible, some of them are more conducive to a daily reading program than others. Modern translations, like Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, are a joy to read devotionally. Some of the study Bibles, on the other hand, can have so many interesting footnotes that it can make it hard to concentrate on the narrative of the text itself! However you choose to do it, I encourage you to read God's word often! May God bless you and keep you as we continue to celebrate these weeks of the Easter season.

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. - Second Timothy 3:16-17 -

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter celebration! I loved seeing a few more friends and family in the pews downstairs.

Coming up in May, we get to hear from Gary Troyer, Susan Runyon, Lillian Dawn, and our superb Handbell Choir!

Sheila Doak, Music Director



Fellowship Time!

Please sign up for fellowship time. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. There are many dates available.

BRUNCH-OUT!

On Sunday, April 27th we had 14 people enjoy lunch at La Herradura Mexican restaurant in Coal Valley. Our next event will be on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at Tap 22, located at 1443 1st Street in Silvis. When driving on Avenue of the Cities, curve past left side of HyVee and Secretary of State Office, then restaurant will be on the right. We will meet there at 11:00 am, when they open. I hope you will add this to your calendar, and plan to join us.

Sally Bartosh

As the time for the John Deere Classic approaches, we have a new option for supporting our church. The Birdies for Charity Program now includes "Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church" with a **"Charity ID" of 2322**. You can find more information and donate on the web site at: <https://birdiesforcharity.com/>. You can also put your donation in the offering plate. Please make checks out to Birdies for Charity. Deadline for donations is June 29, 2025.

One hundred percent of all donations to #2322 plus a bonus will come to 15th Avenue Christian Church. If you have any questions please call Lynne Sheese at (309)738-0634.

See the next page for the pledge form.

**61 days and counting until the
John Deere Classic**



Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

2322

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$_____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2025 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only one grand prize will be awarded.

Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 27.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)
2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)	2,315 (2024)

MAKE MORE MAGIC with the BONUS FUND

☐ YES, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$_____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

WHY BIRDIES FOR CHARITY?

- Your charity receives every penny you donate to them!
- We will match your donation to that charity by a minimum of 5%, and up to 10% from our Bonus Fund!
- For tax purposes, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization!
- By entering the contest, YOU have a chance to win!

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at:

15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

OR



BIRDIESFORCHARITY.COM/DONATE

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I pledged \$_____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$_____ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.

Chip in for your chance to win!

When you chip in to support local charities, you could win big! But the real champs? Your beloved charities! They score 100% of every donation you make through this program, plus a sweet bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which guarantees a 5% match. Talk about a win-win!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday.



GRAND PRIZE: 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2025 LEXUS!

One lucky supporter of the **LEXUS SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES** John Deere Classic's Birdies

for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2025 Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing
- Open to all participants 21 years or older & a U.S. licensed driver
- The grand prize shall only be delivered within or around the Quad Cities metropolitan area
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card & received at the tournament office by June 27
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Winner responsible for all sales taxes, registration fees, license plate fees, & income taxes on all prizes, including local, state, & federal taxes
- Full list of official rules & details found at birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12TH!!!



Rummage Sale

We need **YOUR HELP**. Last year we were able to hold a Rummage Sale on September 20th & 21st. At that time Marcia Swanson did a wonderful job as Chairman of the sale, and with her working team we had a very successful sale. Presently we have several members who are willing to help, as they have before. People have things they would like to donate. We still need one or two people who are willing to be Chairman for the sale. You would be able to set the time for the sale to meet your schedule, and would have helpers that week getting ready and holding the sale. If interested, call Cali in the Church Office, 309-786-6925 or Sally Bartosh, 309-762-0328.

May Anniversaries

May 1 Gene & Sally Bartosh



May Birthdays

- 1 Rick Miers
- 14 Aaron Flemming
- 15 Judie Holmer
- 18 Alice Lyons
- 22 Grace Carlson
- 23 Kim Miers

April Attendance

April 6	31
April 13	36
April 20 Easter Sunday	55
April 27	46

Profit & Loss Report

Income	\$6423.00
Expenses	\$9547.50
Net Income	(\$3124.50)

Please see the Calendar at the end of the Bell for Elders, Deacons, Fellowship Hosts, and Flowers scheduling.

Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition***"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24****Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers.
Send a card, call on the phone or make a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.*

Bob Bloomer has passed away. Please keep Annie in your prayers. (family)

Dave Popp dealing with anemia and respiratory complications. (Helen & family)

Beverly Ducey has been moved to hospice room 335 Memory Care at Park Vista. (Jim & Diane)

Marilyn Mix is back home, recovering from a broken hip. Also, resuming her cancer treatments.

Judy Turner has lymphoma. Treatments start 4/24 (Craig & family) Amanda & Dante (Matt)

Diane Block (family) Pastor Mike Tyler (Jeanne K.) Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Bill (Judie and Bill) Roy Morley fell and broke his hip and is in rehab. (Jan, Tim & Julie)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family Kenny Hitchcock (Karen & family) Jeanie Kirgan

Johnny, Julian, Hector, Tony Westmoreland & JD UAW Chaplains (Jeannie) Pam DeSmet (family)

Lili (6 yrs old) leukemia (family) Edward Grindley (Jacob)

Bill being treated for cancer (Candy)

Mike Besette has stage 3 cancer (Sabrinna, Zac, Nathaniel & family)

Don Young (Sherry & family) Barb (Nancy) Merle (friend of Westons)

Melanie (Diane Block) Mike F. stage 4 colon cancer (family)

Jackie Adams (Dolores and Dick Frybarger) Matt (Karen Hitchcock) Gibson (friend of Weston's)

Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's) Patty R. (Rick & family) Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice) Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family)

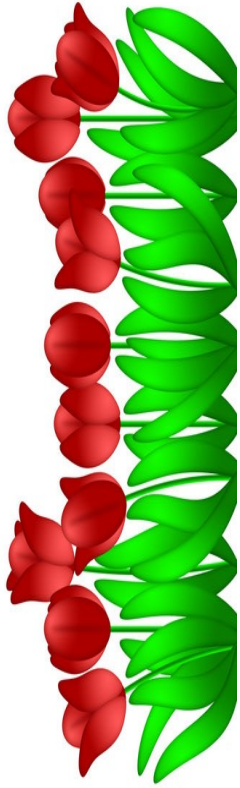
Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family) Nancy G, cancer (family) Pat, cancer (family)

Dawn F. (family) Cara (friend of Diane B.) Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don & family)



15th Avenue Christian Church

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am Bible Study	2	3
4 8:30 Elder's Meeting 9:30am Worship Service	5 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	6	7	8 10am Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30am Worship Service Food Pantry Mother's Day	12 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	13	14	15 10am Bible Study	16	17
18 9:30am Worship Service 10:30 Cabinet Meeting	19 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	20	21	22 10am Bible Study	23	24
25 9:30am Worship Service 11:00 Brunch-Out	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29 10am Bible Study	30 10am Bell Deadline	

Serving Elders 4 Judie Holmer 11 Sally Bartosh 18 Steve Swanson 25 Lisa Hatlett Visiting Elders: Dave Popp & Steve Swanson

Serving Deacons HD Ron Standley, Melisa Popp, Marty Larson and Gary Troyer Preparing: Marty Larson
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Flowers 4 Karen Hitchcock 11 18 Sandy Schlorf 25 Sandy Wentler

Know His WORD

Bible Reading Plan
May 2025



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May 1	Matthew 6:5–7:12
May 2	Matthew 7:13–8:27
May 3	Matthew 8:28–9:34
May 4	Matthew 9:35–10:31
May 5	Matthew 10:32–11:30
May 6	Matthew 12:1–37
May 7	Matthew 12:38–13:23
May 8	Matthew 13:24–58
May 9	Matthew 14:1–36
May 10	Matthew 15:1–39
May 11	Matthew 16:1–17:13
May 12	Matthew 17:14–18:20
May 13	Matthew 18:21–19:15
May 14	Matthew 19:16–20:19
May 15	Matthew 20:20–21:22
May 16	Matthew 21:23–46
May 17	Matthew 22:1–46
May 18	Matthew 23:1–39
May 19	Matthew 24:1–35
May 20	Matthew 24:36–25:30
May 21	Matthew 25:31–26:25
May 22	Matthew 26:26–68
May 23	Matthew 26:69–27:26
May 24	Matthew 27:27–56
May 25	Matthew 27:57–28:20
May 26	Mark 1:1–39
May 27	Mark 1:40–2:22
May 28	Mark 2:23–3:35
May 29	Mark 4:1–41
May 30	Mark 5:1–43
May 31	Mark 6:1–29



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19**