



A Message from Pastor Mike

THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

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Our June Scripture readings will include Jesus' prayer in John chapter 17, the account of the Day of Pentecost from the Book of Acts, some of the Apostle Paul's thoughts from Romans chapter 5, an account of Elijah's flight from danger in Second Kings, and an entry from chapter 5 of Galatians. What we call the "Lord's Prayer" comes from an occasion when the disciples asked Jesus *how* to pray. The prayer that Jesus prayed after the Last Supper, detailed in John chapter 17, is what we might call the personal prayer of Jesus, on our behalf, and on behalf of what would become the church. The overall theme of that prayer is that Jesus has claimed us and prayed for us, his followers, members of the church, that we might continue the work that he did on earth. As we know all too well, that just isn't possible if we try to do the work in our own strength! Fortunately, the reading from Acts tells us that Jesus did send the Comforter, just as he had promised he would. The apostles were not powerful and well educated. They had a very hard time catching on to the lessons that Jesus taught them. Even so, once they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they were able to go out and change the world! They faced unbelievable hardships and yet they spread the gospel all over the known world of their day.

The text from Romans is about faith, grace, hope, and love. In chapter 19 of the 1st Book of Kings, we see an early example of what we know all too well from personal experience. Just because we belong to God, follow God, and obey God's word, things can still go very wrong! Not all of our days and years will go smoothly. We will see that Elijah had to flee for his life from the evil rulers Ahab and Jezebel! We will wrap up the month in Paul's Letter to the Galatians. There we have another example of the golden rule, to "*love your neighbor as yourself.*" In those verses, we are reminded that the gifts of the Spirit are the result of Jesus' prayer for us, that we will have the Holy Spirit to strengthen us. Verses 22 and 23 list the gifts, or the fruit, of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All of these portions of Scripture combine to bring us the good news that we have been claimed by God, and equipped to follow in Jesus' footsteps! God bless your summer!

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:1-4 -

THE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT NEEDS HELP!

We are looking for persons/families to do basic weekly cleaning in the church by month. The tasks are as follows:

1. Take out all trash and put in dumpster (key hanging in kitchen cupboard)
2. Check all trash cans for trash (list in cupboard with key)
3. Take out recycling put in blue container
4. Wash door glass and elevator vestibule windows if needed
5. Dust Sanctuary and under pews
6. Vacuum Sanctuary and Friendship Hall carpets
7. Clean handrails
8. Clean bathrooms (3)
9. Wet mop tile in kitchen, friendship hall, entry vestibules and elevator (once a month)
10. Sweep elevator vestibule floor and car (monthly; more in winter)

We are looking to rotate this among persons volunteering to lend a helping hand, you can pick your month and time of day. Please call the office to volunteer or Judie Holmer 304-890-6042.

Thank you,

Judie Holmer, Property Chair

Music Notes

Five Sundays of music to praise God in June! On June 1st, while I am gone to my daughter Catherine's graduation, Anne Johnson will play the service and Claire Reger will provide special music. We'll celebrate Pentecost on June 8 with Gary Troyer singing. June 15th brings a clarinet duet with Dawn Swartz and Susan Runyon. Susan returns on June 22nd, followed by Lillian Dawn on June 29th. Looking forward to a great month of music at 15th Avenue Church!

Sheila Doak, Music Director

SUNDAY—JUNE 8th!!

PENTECOST SUNDAY!!!

LET'S CELEBRATE BY WEARING YOUR RED!!!!

Congregational Meeting Called

On Sunday, June 22nd, there will be a Congregational Meeting with the purpose of electing a Trustee for the position that has been vacated. Please plan on staying for a few minutes after worship to participate in this meeting. Thank you.



BRUNCH-OUT!!

On Sunday, May 25th we had 21 people enjoy lunch at Tap 22 in Silvis. Next, on Sunday, June 29, 2025 we have a reservation at Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th Street, Rock Island. This is located on the Rock River, off Blackhawk Road. We have enjoyed a Brunch-Out meal there before, and look forward to good food and great fellowship again. I hope you will plan to join us.



Sally Bartosh



Board Meeting – Sunday, May 15th after the worship service!

Nominating Committee

Hello. We are looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee for 2026. Our Constitution/Bylaws state that we need, "at least 4 committee members which includes at least one Elder and one Deacon, and may include one or more Participating Members who are not currently serving on the Board." If you feel this is something you could help with, please let Lisa Hatlett know by June 15th.

(lhatter@mchsi.com or (309) 737 - 2338.)

Thank you.



A BIG **thank you** to Tim & Jackie Fleming, Steve, Lynne, & Marcia Swanson and Chris Gordon for doing some deep cleaning in the church - window ledges, moping floors, base boards, vacuuming where ever there was carpet, etc.

Judie Church-Holmer

Property Chair



Chip in for your chance to win! Birdies for Charity pledges now until June 29th.

15th Avenue Christian Church #2322.

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is guaranteed 5% match. See next page for donation form.



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 **SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES**

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



Anniversaries

- 3 Dan and Jennie Deibert
- 3 Darren & Michelle
Butcher
- 21 Doug and Marcia Nelson

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

YTD

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Total Income | \$6583.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$8268.66 |
| Net Income | (\$1685.22) |

May Attendance

| | |
|--------|----|
| May 4 | 42 |
| May 11 | 33 |
| May 18 | 36 |
| May 25 | 39 |

Summer Day

I was awakened very early
On a special Summer day;
The sun was shining through the window
In a special kind of way.
I had so much to praise God for -
His presence seemed serene,
I knew that God had planned this day;
It wasn't just a dream.
I thanked Him for His beauty
And I praised His holy name,
'Cause, I knew that He had planned it
In His own miraculous way.
Yes, he sent the sun with all its splendor
As He sent His love that day;
So, I realized how much He loved me
In His very special way.

Bonnie J. Lyons

Birthdays

- 3 Dan Deibert
- 6 Kathy Weston
- 10 Darren Butcher
- 12 Gary Troyer
- 16 Jerry Harris
- 18 Sandy Wentler
- 19 Karen Hitchcock



Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

"Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief." - Psalm 143:1 -

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.

Dorothy Tooley Family

Helen and the Popp Family

Kathy Weston and Family

Annie Bloomer

Pam Scott (Deb Peck)

Diane Block (family)

Frank who has inoperable cancer. (Helen)

Lili (6 yrs old) leukemia (family)

Beverly Ducey is now in hospice room 335 Memory Care at Park Vista. (Jim & Diane)

Marilyn Mix continues her recovery at home. (family)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

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

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Bill (Judie and Bill)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Roy Morley is in Overlook Village. (Jan, Tim & Julie)

Jeanie Kirgan (family)

Kenny Hitchcock - prayers for respiratory concerns. Karen & family)

Prayers for Johnny, Julianna, and Hector (Jeanie)

Pam DeSmet (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 Kathy Weston)

Melanie (Diane Block)

Mike F. stage 4 colon cancer (family)

Matt (Karen Hitchcock)

Jackie Adams (Dolores and Dick Frybarger)

Gibson (friend of Kathy Weston)

Roland, Cancer (friend of Kathy Weston)

Patty R. (Rick & family)

Julie (cancer)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice)

Brenda O. (family)

Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G, cancer (family)

Pat, cancer (family)

Dawn F. (family)

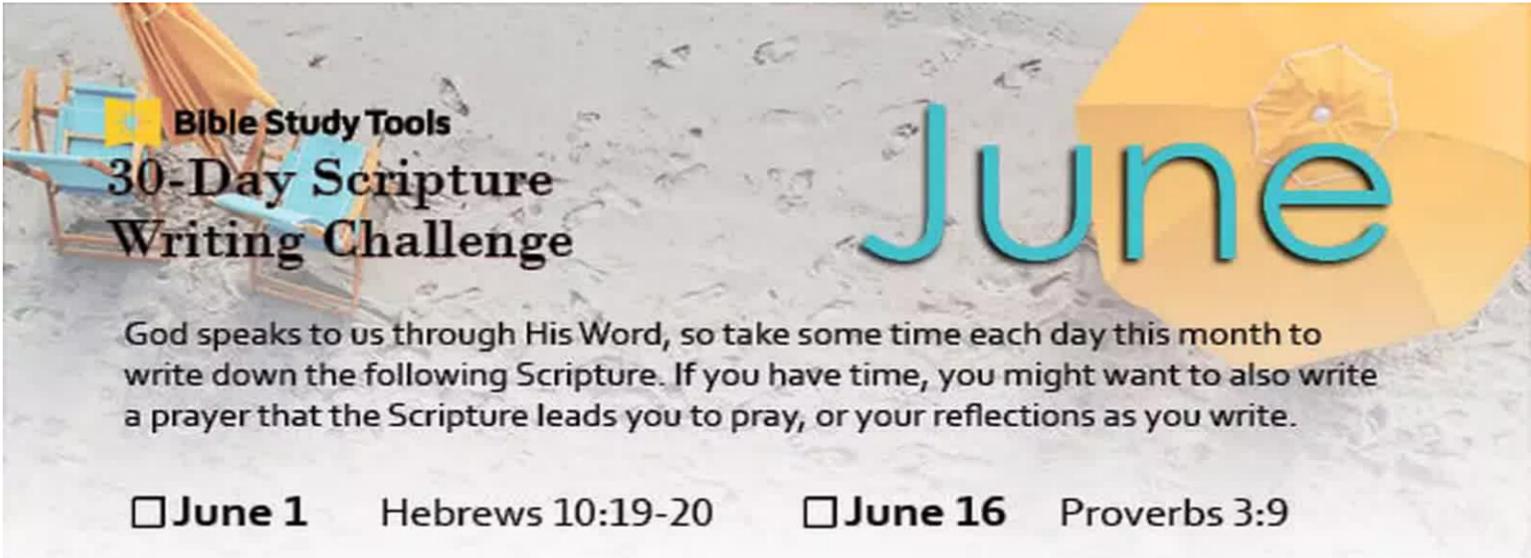
Cara (friend of Diane B.)

Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & family)



Bible Study Tools
30-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge

June

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> June 1 | Hebrews 10:19-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 16 | Proverbs 3:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 2 | Revelation 3:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 17 | Acts 3:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 3 | John 12:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 18 | Matthew 6:21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 4 | 2 Corinth. 4:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 19 | 1 Samuel 2:6-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 5 | Job 19:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 20 | Revelation 3:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 6 | John 14:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 21 | 1 Corinth. 16:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 7 | Proverbs 10:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 22 | Joshua 1:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 8 | 1 John 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 23 | Ephesians 5:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 9 | Isaiah 56:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 24 | James 1:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 10 | John 15:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 25 | Isaiah 40:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 11 | 1 Chron. 16:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 26 | Joshua 24:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 12 | Isaiah 46:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 27 | Psalms 16:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 13 | Psalms 77:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 28 | 1 Timothy 6:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 14 | 1 Peter 4:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 29 | John 8:36 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 15 | Malachi 3:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 30 | Galatians 5:1 |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

JUNE 2025

15th Avenue Christian Church

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1 8:30am Elder's Meeting 9:30am Worship Service Pride Month Begins | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 10am Bible Study | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Pentecost Sunday 9:30am Worship Service Food Pantry | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 10am Bible Study | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Board Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 10am Bible Study Juneteenth | 20 World Refugee Day | 21 |
| 22 9:30am Worship Service Congregational Meeting after Service | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 10am Bible Study | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30am Worship Service Brunch-Out | 30 10am Bell Articles Due Pride Month Ends | | | | | |

Serving Elders

1 Mark Carlson
8 Annie Bloomer
15 Diane Block
22 Judie Holmer
29 Lisa Hatlett

Visiting Elders

Judie Holmer & Lisa Hatlett

Deacons

HD Melisa Popp, Barb Hansen, Marty Larson and Jackie Flemming

Preparing: Helen Popp

Flowers

1
8 Lisa Hatlett
15
22 Karen Hitchcock
29 Lisa Hatlett