



# THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter  
15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church

*A Message from Pastor Mike.....*

You may recall that the Revised Common Lectionary provides us with four Scripture options for each Sunday service. There is a selection from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a gospel reading, and an entry from one of the epistles. The 3-year Lectionary cycle covers a lot of the books of the Bible, although there are just not enough weeks to cover even a fraction of the total content of the Bible. As we did a couple of summers ago, we will temporarily change our usual practice of moving around between the Old Testament, gospel and epistle readings. This summer, we will have a multi-week sermon series focused on the New Testament letter of Paul to the Romans. This letter was written by Paul fairly late in his life. It is kind of a capstone of all of his teaching, and an explanation of the Christian faith that is deep, profound, and life changing!

The 16 chapters which make up Paul's letter to the church at Rome include some of the most important concepts and terminology in the entire New Testament. We won't be able to cover all of those chapters, but we will follow the flow of the Lectionary selections, primarily concentrated on chapters 4 through 12. June's sermons will explore Paul's presentation of God's grace and forgiveness. During the weeks of July, we will learn more about justification and salvation. August and the first two weeks of September will find us digging into the idea of spiritual renewal and transformation in the lives of Jesus' followers.

Beginning with Adam, the faith of Abraham, and the history of Israel, Paul painted a picture of what God was doing in the world. His teaching connected the dots between the prophecies and the Mosaic law, to the life and work of Jesus. He explained how we can have peace with God, while experiencing changed hearts and minds, as we walk our own path of faith.

Paul had been all over the Eastern portion of the Roman Empire during the missionary journeys which followed his conversion on the road to Damascus, in that famous scene from the Book of Acts. He was making plans to take the gospel to Spain, and so he wrote to the church at Rome as a kind of introduction before he was to stop there, on his way west. The Book of Romans has been described as Paul's masterpiece. I'm looking forward to learning more about Paul and about his life and work. Hope you can join us for this summer series. May God bless you always!

*"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:37-39 -*

We are blessed to have so many wonderful musicians in our church community. The five Sundays in May were filled easily with Claire Reger, Susan Runyon, Steve Swanson, Gary Troyer, and Lillian Dawn. I am excited to have Miriam Anderson coming to sing for us in June! My busy season at the schools is winding down and I'm looking forward to relaxed summer weeks again. Please let me know if there are any other musicians you'd like to hear from in June or July!

Sheila Doak, Music Director



## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you all so very much for volunteering to clean the church! It is greatly appreciated!!

## BRUNCH-OUT!

On Sunday, April 12th we had 17 people meet at ETA Table and Tap for a delicious meal. There will be no Brunch-Out in May. I will keep you up to date if there will be one in June. Thank you all so much for joining us!

Sally Bartosh

As the time for the John Deere Classic approaches, we still have the 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 21, 2026.

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.

**50 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) All pledges due by July 1, 2026.*

### GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2026 LEXUS!

I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

*Only one grand prize will be awarded.  
Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due to BFC office by July 1.*

#### BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

|              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1,918 (2017) | N/A (2020)   | 1,929 (2023) |
| 2,355 (2018) | 1,905 (2021) | 2,315 (2024) |
| 2,091 (2019) | 2,041 (2022) | 2,102 (2025) |

### 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

*\*by providing an email, you are opting in to email updates from Birdies for Charity.*

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

### WHY BIRDIES FOR CHARITY?

- Every cent you donate goes directly to your chosen charity!
- We will match your contribution by at least 5%, and up to 10% from our Bonus Fund!
- For your tax records, we are recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!
- By participating in the contest, YOU have the opportunity 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 2026 LEXUS!

One lucky supporter of the **SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES** John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2026 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 July 1.
- 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](http://birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest)

## MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12TH!!!



*You're invited!*

Celebrating Lisa's Retirement  
For

June 6, 2026  
Date

Open House 1-3 pm  
Time

Fellowship Hall  
15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church  
Place

309 / 737 / 2338 by May 16<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP

### May Anniversaries

May 1 Gene & Sally Bartosh



### Profit & Loss Report

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Income     | \$6827.00   |
| Expenses   | \$8784.18   |
| Net Income | (\$1957.18) |

### May Birthdays

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

### April Attendance

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| April 5th Easter Sunday | 53 |
| April 12th              | 35 |
| April 19th              | 29 |
| April 26th              | 30 |

*Are you an **Elder**?? Are you on **Board or Cabinet**? Your attendance at every meeting is very important!! Thank you for your dedication!*

**Elder Prayer Update Bell Edition**

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

- 2 Corinthians 13:14 -

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.

Doug, Deb’s brother, is awaiting test results after a lung scan revealed a spot. (Deb P.)

Prayers for Sabrina, following a workplace-related eye injury. (Helen)

Please pray for a 10-year-old girl named Zoey, regarding a possible cancer diagnosis.  
(Lynne Swanson)

Cali’s grandmother is doing well and is now back at her care center after her recent hospitalization. (Cali)

Kathy O. Stage 4 cancer (Helen)      Tom Mockmore still has two more weeks of cancer treatments. (Judie)

Lylah - heart transplant surgery, age 16, doing well. Prayers for her, her family, and the family of the donor heart who made the organ donation choice (Lisa)

Greg H. continues his cancer treatments. (Diane B.)      Melanie, Scott, and family. (Diane B.)

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)      Diane... multiple family health concerns. (Kathy)

Olivet Jagusah (Sheila and family)      Don Young (Sheri & family)

Chris receiving cancer treatments. (Kathy Weston)

Mona (Alice and Mable)      Karen, prayers for a possible auto-immune disorder. (Kathy)

Lili’s treatments have been successful! She is now in an observation phase (family)

Judy Turner, lymphoma treatments (Craig & family)      Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Pam DeSmet (family)      Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)      Brenda O. (family)

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

Dawn F. (family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & family)

**Thank you for helping us keep our list up to date.**

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# MAY 2026

| Sun   | Mon                                   | Tue                   | Wed                   | Thu                    | Fri                     | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
|   |                                       |                       |                       |                        | 1                       | 2   |
| 3<br>8:30 Elder's Meeting<br>9:30am Worship Service | 4<br>6pm Special Board Meeting        | 5<br>10am Bible Study | 6<br>10am Bible Study | 7<br>10am Bible Study  | 8                       | 9   |
| 10<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>Food Pantry         | 11                                    | 12                    | 13                    | 14<br>10am Bible Study | 15                      | 16  |
| 17<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:30 Board Meeting | 18                                    | 19                    | 20                    | 21<br>10am Bible Study | 22                      | 23  |
| 24<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>Pentecost           | 25<br>Memorial Day--<br>Office Closed | 26                    | 27                    | 28<br>10am Bible Study | 29<br>Bell Articles Due | 30  |
| 31<br>9:30am Worship Service                        |                                       |                       |                       |                        |                         |     |

**Serving Elders**  
 3 Annie Bloomer  
 10 Judie Holmer  
 17 Lisa Hatlett  
 24 Kathy Weston  
 31 Annie Bloomer

Visiting Elders:  
 Kathy Weston and  
 Annie Bloomer

**Serving Deacons**  
 HD Ron Standley, Melissa Popp, Barb Hansen and Gary Troyer

**Preparing:** Helen Popp

**Flowers**  
 3 Gene & Sally Bartosh  
 10 Dave Glanz  
 17 Sandy Schlorf  
 24  
 31

## Know His **WORD**

Bible Reading Plan  
**May 2025**



Lifeway.women

|        |                     |
|--------|---------------------|
| 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**