



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

A Message from Pastor Mike

Next week we will start on our summer sermon series from the Book of Romans. The early chapters of Romans describes our lost state, showing that we were guilty. And then there is a short section by the apostle Paul which turns that guilt around and announces grace..... God's unmerited favor! Then, from chapters five through ten, Paul wrote about the hope we have as a result of God's grace! These theological terms and concepts all link together! The issue was guilt, the solution was justification (which includes forgiveness,) plus a full restoration into relationship with God. That's the Cliff Notes, or the shortened explanation of what Jesus accomplished for us through his life, death, and resurrection! That's the good news wrapped up in Paul's theological language... netted out for a new group of people.

We're living in faith, standing in grace, and we're going about our lives practicing gratitude and hope. Romans tells us that we are meant to: "rejoice in our hope". Christian hope is an assurance; it's a sense of confidence that we can have - and hold onto - as a result of the finished work of Christ on our behalf. We don't have to wonder if we're accepted by God... we've already been forgiven. Paul tells us, in Romans, that we have "the hope of glory."

Paul says we're assured that we have access to God's presence. That was a key idea for the earliest Christians. In the Old Testament, the priests were intermediaries between the people and God. There was a separation. The holy of holies in the temple was separated from everything else by a curtain. Only the High Priest could go into that place and even then, only once a year. He would go in there to offer sacrifice for his sins and for the sins of the people. That gives us an idea how seriously they took the rules about access to that holiest of places. When Jesus died on the cross, that curtain in the temple was ripped in half from top to bottom. Jesus took away that separation and we now have access to the throne of grace.

This is the flow in Romans: Guilt. Grace. Gratitude... (or rejoicing.) We come to salvation as a part of justification, but we don't stop there. We aren't in a holding pattern until heaven. Because we're now in a right relationship with God, we grow and mature. Our faith deepens and we rejoice because we know that God's love has been, and continues to be, poured into us by the Holy Spirit. You don't have to prove yourself to God. You don't have to earn God's love. You don't get God's love in dribs and drabs either... It's a free gift and it's been poured into your heart! Isn't that a great promise? Let us give thanks for that promise! Let's embrace that gift of hope, and let's run the race before us - in confidence and with joy! May God bless you this summer!

BRUNCH-OUT!!

On Sunday, June 28th we invite you to join us for Brunch-Out at Olive Garden. (By Southpark Mall) 4570 16th St, Moline. We will meet there at 11:00 am when they open. We hope you will plan to join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship.



Sally Bartosh



Music Notes

You won't want to miss services in June! Miriam Anderson is coming to sing on June 7, followed by Susan Runyon on June 14. Rounding out the month will be Lillian Dawn and Claire Reger. I might be taking some vacation time at the end of June and early July. Stay tuned for more news!

Sheila Doak,
Music Director



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

Special Board Meeting – June 14th after the worship service!

Chip in for your chance to win!

Birdies for Charity pledges now until June 21st. 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.



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



May Attendance

May 3	31
May 10	30
May 17	38
May 24—Joint Service with M.C.C.	57
May 31	31

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT YTD

Total Income	\$6517.00
Total Expenses	\$10458.03
Net Income	(\$3941.03)

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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

Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6 -

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.

Dawn is now back home, recovering from surgery. (Kathy W.)

Kathy T. recovering after heart bypass surgery at Loyola. (Judie)

Prayers for the family of Deb’s cousin, Bob, and his wife Wendy who died recently in Maryland. (Deb P.)

Please continue to pray for Zoey, regarding a possible cancer diagnosis. (Lynne Swanson)

Kathy O. Stage 4 cancer (Helen)

Doug has started a round of chemo. (Deb)

Tom Mockmore is finished with chemo. Next evaluation scheduled in 12 weeks. (Judie)

Lylah - heart transplant surgery, age 16, doing well. Thank you for your prayers. (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)

Mona (Alice and Mable)

Chris receiving cancer treatments. (Kathy Weston)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Judy Turner, lymphoma treatments (Craig & family)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

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

Pam DeSmet (family)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Brenda O. (family)

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

Nancy G., cancer (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!

JULY 2026

15th Avenue Christian Church

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

Serving Elders

7 Helen Popp
14 Annie Bloomer
21 Steve Swanson
28 Sally Bartosh

Visiting Elders

Sally Bartosh and Diane Block

Deacons

HD Rose Deibert, Grace Carlson, Marty Larson and Melisa Popp

Preparing: Melisa Popp

Flowers

7 Kathy Weston
14 Lisa Hatlett
21 Annie Bloomer
28 Lisa Hatlett