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THE CROSSROADS

It's songbird time. Birds generally don't sing very much, if at all, except during the spring days when they're looking for a mate, or as some ornithologists believe, are just singing with joy. Isn't that a wonderful thought – that a bird sings out of pure joy? I've watched the male cardinal at my house feeding the female. That is a touching sight. Female cardinals choose their mate based on both the male's songs and this feeding activity. It makes sense – if the male is good at feeding the female, he will help feed the babies. I have a nest of swallows under the porch at the lake house, and as usual, a Carolina wren keeps trying to build a nest in the garage. I have to close it as fast as I can to keep her out. My rufous sided towhee is back and keeps bumping in the windows on the back of the house. Fran Youngblood has had the same problem with this kind of bird. The male puffs up as it thinks it sees its reflection and careens into the window. I always wonder why the window glass doesn't break.

On top of the birds and all the incredible flowers that are blooming, Mother's Day is coming May 10, and Pentecost is May 24 – very late this year. So we will have celebrations of those who have raised us and mentored us, and then wear red to celebrate those tongues of fire and the founding of the Christian church when the Holy Spirit appeared to the early believers. I hope you listen for the birds, remember to honor or remember your mothers and grandmothers, and wear red on May 24!

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTH-DAYS

03/ Parveen Yusufji
07/ Rusty Taylor
08/ Diane Banke
12/ Annelle Maxwell
18/ Kaif Nevrekar
25/ Kathy Banke
27/ Philippe Karka
30/ Dinah Bingham

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
David Hatch
Debbie Bray

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

04/16 Barbara Barlow – going through chemo treatments

03/11 Margaret Brady – Joyce Smith's sister – not at Christian City. She is at a nursing home in Griffin and doing well.

04/22 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother – in the hospital – intermediate ICU, is being treated for low blood count and a large stomach ulcer

03/15 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) having difficulty with chemo therapy but is halfway through her treatments for stomach cancer

03/22 Betty McDonald – back home and staying with Mike and Kim and is doing well

04/21 Nancy Phillips – in the hospital but will soon go home under Hospice Care

03/22 Dot Pearce – recovering from a recent medical issue

04/19 Tom Smith – scheduled for pacemaker surgery on 4/28 and still having difficulty with his knee.

03/01 Rusty Taylor – recovery going well. Cast should come off this month and will start therapy soon

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@att.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please plan to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, May 6th at 9:30am @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!



Parents Day Luncheon

Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 31st as we celebrate all of the parents in our congregation. We will have a covered dish luncheon after service so please bring your favorite dish to share.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Randolph reception after John's service. Kathy Banke, Beverly Johnson, Connie McWilliams and Jennifer Rohrbach, you all came to my rescue when I wasn't able to be there and I am so grateful. You all did a great job. Thanks Jennifer for sending pictures. Everything looked beautiful.

Barbara Barlow
Bereavement Committee Chair

WORKDAY— Saturday, May 16th @ 9:00am



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

MAY 9 — Circle One — 10:30am

MAY 13 — Mary & Martha — 7:00pm

A Few Reminders:

- Throughout May we will be collecting contributions to the PW Birthday Offering. See more information on this year's recipient projects in a separate article.
- There will not be a PWCT meeting in May. Our next PWCT meeting will be on Sunday, June 7th, following the worship service.



PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy May! I hope you are enjoying this warm weather—a little too warm this early in the year. While I have enjoyed being able to work outside, we definitely need some rain.

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. For the month of March, our financial information was as follows:

- Total Assets - \$81,325.02
- Monthly Identified Offerings - \$12,530.00
- YTD Identified Offerings - \$32,473.35
- Monthly Total Revenue - \$15,126.16
- YTD Total Revenue - \$40,009.09
- Monthly Total Expenses - \$15,124.13
- YTD Expenses - \$37,586.91
- Monthly Surplus/Deficit - \$2.03
- YTD Surplus/Deficit - \$2,422.18

SECURUS HOUSE

Please help us collect Bath Towels & Wash cloths (new only) of **any color** for the women's shelter. Bring them in and leave in the narthex as you are able. We will take them to Securus House as they come in and we will collect these items until the end of June. Thank you for your support!!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Wednesday, May 20th, there will be a community church choir concert at Spivey Hall. Several Community choirs, including our very own Philadelphia Choir, will perform together. The concert is free and will start at 7:30pm. We hope you will plan to come and enjoy some wonderful music!!!

As always, we greatly appreciate all of your support for our church.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms!!! I hope you feel appreciated and loved EVERY day—not just on Mother's Day.

Love,


Jennifer

Gospel Sing at First Baptist Church of Morrow

The first Tuesday of each month the First Baptist Church of Morrow is hosting a Gospel sing a long. The sing a long will be from 10:30-11:30am and everyone is invited to come.

This month the sing a long is on Tuesday, May 5th.

The Babb Project –Community Outreach

In March we were able to purchase all of the food needed for 13 bags each Friday, at the cost of \$489.89. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry. We have just a few weeks left before students get out for the summer. **If you are wanting to donate any food items for this school year, please do so by the Sunday, May 3rd. Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info see Debbie Durden or Danny Morris. 

PW Birthday Offering

Each May, we contribute to the PW Birthday Offering, which provides funds to support projects to improve the lives of people in need. This year, the following two projects will receive our help. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. You may make your contribution at May PW Circle meetings or put it in the offering plate on any Sunday in May. Please note on your check that it is for PW Birthday Offering.

Thank you for your generous support of these deserving projects.

Debbie Bray, PW Moderator

City Mission of Findlay Women and Children's Crisis Shelter Findlay, Ohio

City Mission of Findlay empowers change by offering safe shelter, warm meals and hope. One of their services is Martha's Home, a haven of compassion and support for women and children in crisis. By offering not only shelter, but also services and resources tailored to the needs of women and their families, Martha's Home strives to break the cycle of homelessness.

The Birthday Offering grant will support renovations at Martha's Home including roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater and a new air conditioning unit. The grant will also purchase a vehicle to provide reliable transportation to employment, medical appointments, recovery meetings, childcare and community services. PW's Birthday Offering is helping Martha's Home to maintain safe, comfortable living conditions at the crisis shelter and ensuring access to critical resources for more than 100 individuals each year.

Haywood Christian Ministry Rural Food Assistance Project Waynesville, North Carolina

Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) believes that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy food. Food shouldn't simply be about survival but also about showing love through quality ingredients and thoughtful preparation. Their anti-hunger programs, including the Smoky Mountain Harvest Hub, work to ensure that people across Haywood County, North Carolina, have the food they need, when they need it, and where they are.

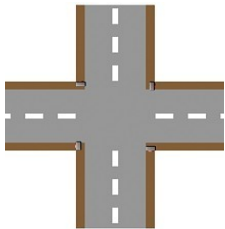
The Birthday Offering grant will equip a commercial kitchen within HCM's food hub, facilitating the preparation of food products from rescued produce. The grant will also cover the cost of retrofitting a decommissioned school bus into a mobile market to expand food access and reduce food waste. Together, these tools will enable Haywood Christian Ministries to reach underserved, rural communities and ensure that everyone has ready access to healthy, fresh, good food.



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She
is clothed in
strength
& dignity
and she
laughs
without fear
of the future
proverbs 31:25

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