

The Spire

May 2026



"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

~1 Peter 3:4

Summer Prep in the Food Bank

This month, we'd love to collect items that will help members of our community prepare for summer, especially families with children who'll be home for summer break. We are collecting the following items during May:

- Sunscreen for all skin types
- Packs of **unfrozen** freeze pops
- Individual snack packs (i.e. goldfish, cookies, etc.)

You may donate these items throughout the month of May. We appreciate your support!



"Listen to your father and mother. What you learn from them will stand you in good stead; it will gain you many honors."
~Proverbs 1:8-9

What's the Fellowship Offering?



On the first Sunday of every month, we collect two offerings. The first is your regular weekly tithe and the second is the fellowship offering. The fellowship offering is a fund for churches and community members in need. In the past, we've used this money to help people pay bills or rent or to donate to churches in times of tragedy. Your contribution to the fellowship offering is invaluable, and we appreciate your generosity to those in our larger community.

Mother's Day – May 10th

Blessed is the mother who offers her precious time, her gentle strength, her faith-filled wisdom, and her constant prayers to bless her family and those around her.

Thank you to all the mothers and role models in our congregation for all you do for the young and the adults we serve. To show our appreciation, pick up your snack cup and flower brooches after the service.



Friends & Family Committee Meeting

This year, Upland Baptist Church celebrates 175 years! We want to tie that anniversary celebration into our annual Friends & Family Weekend, and we will need a committee to accomplish this.

On Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM, we will hold a Friends & Family committee meeting in the Chapel. Please join us to plan this fun community event.



Service Sunday

Sunday, May 31st is Service Sunday. In addition to our usual trash pick-up, we will also be making a craft for Fair Acres to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. Please join us for this time of fellowship and worship through service.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for May and June

May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 5 David Geveke
Darlene Pysher
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Thomas Geveke
- 26 Dennis Decker
Jackie Wright



June Birthdays

- 7 Steve Weber
- 12 Molly Thompson
- 18 Lynda Miller
- 27 Mark Minchak
- 28 Lori Furniss

May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian & Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan & Dennis Decker
- 14 Steve & Angela Waltman

June Anniversaries

- 11 John & Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 13 Monnarae Fraim & Ken Eicholtz
- 15 Doug & Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene & David Pysher
- 30 Frank & Sue Kulp



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Fundraising Campaign

Upland Baptist Church has partnered with Captain Carwash for a fundraising campaign. All you have to do is scan our QR code to purchase carwashes, and 30% of each purchase goes directly to Upland Baptist!

The code only works for the Captain Carwash in Aston, located across the street from Giant. We appreciate your support!



Volunteer Opportunities

It is time to sign up for Communion Prep and Servers and Offering Ushers for the month of May. Please check the lists in the back of the sanctuary. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

Memorial Sunday

On Sunday, May 24th, we will honor those in our congregation who gave their lives while serving in the Armed Forces. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protesters to burn the flag.

William Herbster — WWII

Billy Wray — WWII

Charles Hartshorn — Vietnam War

Carlton Ottey — Vietnam War

We will also be acknowledging all those who had Memorial gifts given in their name in the past twelve months. Flowers will be planted around the church sign in their honor.



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day. We will lay wreaths in the Upland Baptist Cemetery at 8:45 AM, and the parade will kick-off at 9:00 AM from the church parking lot. A pick-up truck will be available for those with mobility issues.

The ceremony at the War Memorial will start at approximately 10:00 AM.

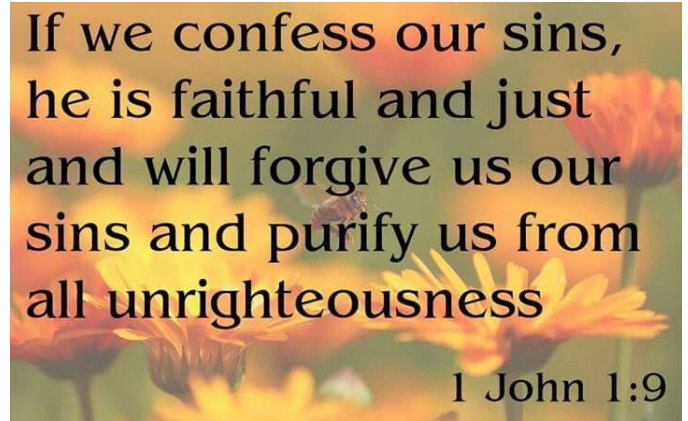
Devotional Thought...

"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ~1 John 1:9

During this season between Easter and Pentecost, the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection is still fresh in our minds. Jesus accepted God's will and took on the weight of all sin so that you and I, as believers, are cleansed.

But this does not give us a free pass to be unrighteous. We must take our sins to the Lord in prayer. When we confess our sins to the Lord, we are also confessing our sins to ourselves. Through prayer and meditation, we are able to walk down a more righteous path. The Holy Spirit will remove the weight that prevents peace. Jesus died for our sins so that we may experience peace.

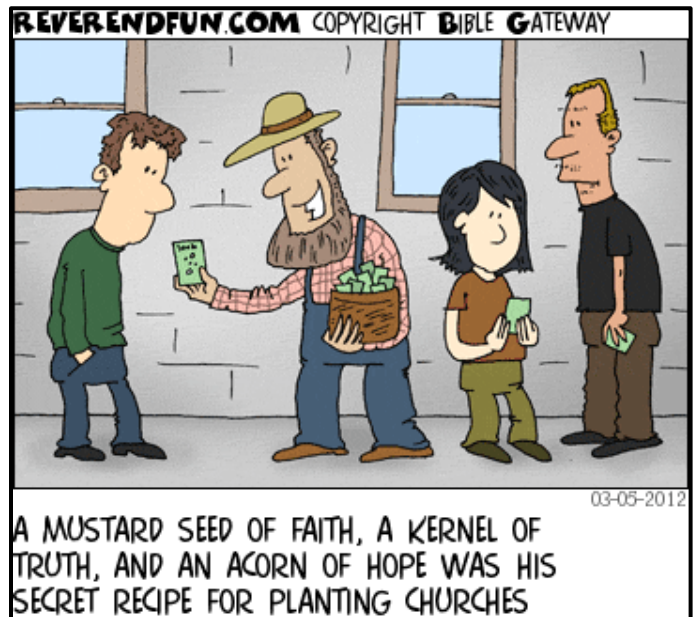
~Dave Rietz



Looking Ahead



Sunday School coverage is needed for **July 5th**. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



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