



APRIL

Maranatha Sisters & Brothers,

How often do we have trouble making up our minds? Perhaps even a greater struggle is once we have made up our minds, it is difficult to change them. Well, that is exactly what happens when we receive Christ. The presence of God enters into our hearts and begins the process of giving us a whole new mindset. It is God's desire to have control of everything in our life and to completely transform us into His brand-new creation. That starts with our hearts and minds. Consider God's call from Paul to the Church at Rome.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. -Romans 12:2

From the moment we enter this world our fleshly human nature begins to form a thought-life. Between 18 months and 3 years we start developing a will, our own independent autonomous mindset that desires to guide ourselves. Any parent of a toddler would recognize these signs as we begin to hear words like, "mine" and "no", the first signs of our independent stubborn will. Our children start pushing our buttons, testing the boundaries, and seeking their own independence. So, it is with our relationship with our Heavenly Father. We stubbornly hold onto our human desire to do our own thing, to make our own decisions, and to govern ourselves with our hearts' desire and the whims and waves of the culture and world around us.

Once we are in Christ, God spends a lifetime undoing what the enemy, the God of this world, has tried to accomplish since the beginning, a mind and therefore a life far from God's will and purposes. During the month of April, we are going to seek the power of the Holy Spirit to bring renewal to our minds. We will seek God's transformation from allowing this world and our autonomous independent ways to govern our life, to seeking God's will and purpose in us.

This means we are to test and approve what it is that we expose to our minds and our lives, because what we think in our minds leads to the actions that we take. Therefore the Holy Spirit becomes a filter in our life sorting through all the influences of this world that try to bring our thought-life into the dumpster. It means seeking the power of God in us to combat all the negative self-talk and intrusive thoughts that the enemy tries to use to bring us down. This means giving great attention to what we consume with our eyes, our ears, and with the friends and company we keep. Since our actions are tied to our thoughts, then what we think on matters.

If we are going to filter what comes into our thought-life and reject the intrusive thoughts of our enemy, it means being intentional about filtering and redirecting our minds. The Bible tells us to set our minds on things above and not things on earth. We are also told by God to take captive every thought and make them obedient to Christ Jesus. Clearly God is reminding us to give great effort and attention to the mindset we keep. A thought-life unbridled by the Spirit of God is a mindset and life that will lead to a great distance from God's purposeful intentions for us. The longer we go without giving God control of parts of our thoughts and mind, the more it taints the purity God intends for us.

Sometimes it means simply recognizing our need to give God control. It means memorizing scripture, filtering what we are watching, and listening to the conversations we are having. It means feeding our mind's thoughts on God and filtering out the conforming mentality of this world. This all sounds good, right, and Holy, but it is another thing to put it into practice. If we are to be transformed in the renewing of our minds to God's good, perfect, and pleasing will, it means we must no longer live to please others, this world, or especially ourselves. But rather, to live for the approval of our creator God, with a mindset and actions that are pleasing to Him.

After all, there is no freedom of the mind like living for, serving, and pleasing our Heavenly Father. To follow the way, the truth, and the life, to fulfill His commands and live for His tenants is a life of peace, that leads to a great hope and joy. So, let's let go of our earthly mindsets and our need to control things, and surrender our thought-life to the Lord God, our Heavenly Father. Let's seek Him to bring renewal, restoration, and complete transformation with a transplanted Godly mindset. How refreshing, how freeing, how blessed it will be to live for His good, perfect, and pleasing will.

Come on God!



Pastor John

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for each of you and for all you have done for our family. Your prayers, visits, meals, or simply checking in have carried us through challenging days and moments of joy. Your support has meant more to us than words can fully express. You have shown us what it truly means to be part of a church family and we have felt all your love. We appreciate every prayer offered and every kindness shown. We feel blessed to be part of this church community.

The Sondra Karr family

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Amanda Klinehoffer, Beulah Strickler
- 3 Dave Armstead
- 5 Brian Spring
- 10 Dorothy Morrison
- 11 Anita Richards, Alan Smith
- 12 Tim Swingle
- 13 Teresa Bailey
- 16 Angie Gable
- 17 Gayle Kirkbride
- 18 Ruth Higgins, Abigail Slack
- 19 Jaron Kahle, Dan Morrison, Lisa Osborn
- 20 Dick Reese
- 21 Maggie Matarazzo, Riley Matarazzo,
Terry Wiseman
- 22 Becky Jewell, Teresa Ruppel,
Kathy Valentine
- 23 Marie Waltemire
- 24 Sally Snyder
- 25 Wesley Armstead
- 26 Bridget Geiger
- 27 Hilda Stalder
- 30 Cindy Buck, Linda Kirkbride

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Alan & Misty Lou Smith
- 12 Dick & Susan Reese
- 13 Lee & Cheryl Martin
- 28 Mike & Joanne Murphy
- 29 Terry & Lisa Wiseman



HOLY WEEK

AT ROLLING PLAINS

- 3/29 Easter Choir Concert @ 6:00 pm
- 3/30 Journey To The Cross @ 6:30 pm
- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm
- 4/3 Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm
- 4/4 Easter Jam & Egg Hunt @ 1:00 pm

THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, APRIL 6TH



Maysville All Pro Dads'
Breakfast



We are looking for volunteers!
Contact Tim Duff
tduff8@columbus.rr.com

**Thursday
April 16th
7:00 - 8:00 AM**



Maundy Thursday Service
THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 7:00 PM



LED BY RPYOUTH

Good Friday Service

APRIL 3RD @ 7:00 PM



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SHAPED BY HIS HANDS

In Isaiah 64:8, we're reminded of a beautiful truth: "We are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand." There's something deeply comforting about knowing that God is continually shaping us—gently, intentionally, and with a vision far greater than our own.

Just like a potter leans close to the wheel, God draws near to us. He molds our hearts through His Word, His Spirit, and the relationships He places in our lives. One of the most meaningful ways He shapes us is through fellowship with one another.

That's why we're especially excited for our upcoming Women's Brunch on April 18th. It's more than food; it's a moment to pause, breathe, and let God continue His shaping work as we connect with sisters in Christ. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, this is a place for you to be encouraged, uplifted, and reminded that you are a masterpiece in progress.

Come join us as we celebrate the Potter's hand and the beautiful community He is forming among us.

Women's ministry on the Move

Several of our ladies from Rolling Plains recently traveled to the Sisterhood Tour, where they had the joy of worshiping with Leanna Crawford. It was a beautiful time filled with music, meaningful prayer, great food, and the kind of fellowship that reminds us how powerful it is when women gather in faith.

If you're interested in connecting with other women or want to stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities, please reach out to Terra Armstead 740-704-6144. There's always room at the table, and we'd love for you to be part of the sisterhood God continues to build among us.



BURN THAT NOTE

On March 15th we ripped up our mortgage papers and said these words together at both services.

This follows us paying off our "mortgage payback" loan.

Dear friends, now that we have paid all indebtedness on this facility, let us dedicate this building and rejoice in its holy use.

To the glory of God, who has called us by grace;
to the honor of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us;

to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
for the preaching of the everlasting gospel;
for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

For the comfort of all who mourn;
for strength to those who are tempted;
for light to those who seek the way;

For the hallowing of family life;
for teaching and guiding the young;
for the perfecting of the saints;

For the conversion of sinners;
for the promotion of righteousness;
for the extension of God's reign;

In the unity of the faith;
in the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood;
in love and goodwill to all;

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;

in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord;

We dedicate this house.

METHODIST MEN

On Saturday, March 7th brothers from the Rolling Plains Methodist Men's Group served the lunch at Christ's Table. They prepared and served a lunch time meal, gave encouragement, and showed God's love to 80 Christ's Table guests. We will be doing this service every 4 months. Any man who calls Rolling Plains Church home is welcome to come and help serve at Christ's Table.

SPECIAL NOTE!!!! Brothers, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday in April so we decided to move the April breakfast meeting to the second Sunday in April (April 12th) at 7:00AM in the Embers Room. At this meeting we will be finalizing team members who will be helping prepare and serve the Women's Brunch on Saturday, April 18th. We will need as many hands on deck as possible because this will be a table service event. We will be plating the food and serving the guests at their tables. We started this at last fall's Women's Brunch and it was so well received that the event planning committee asked that we continue.

We will need brothers to help prepare the food on Friday, April 17th in the evening, dish it up and serve it on Saturday, April 18th. This event is such a blessing for the women who attend and a blessing to the men's group. Hope you will be able to help again this year.

**In His Service,
Tim Collins, Secretary**



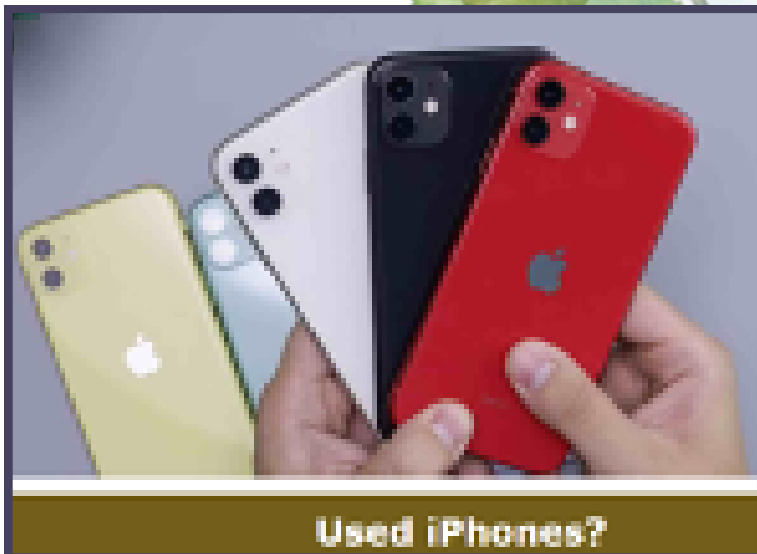
MISSIONS INITIATIVE

Your RP Mission Team is working on several things. We don't yet have updates on the mission opportunities that we hope to bring you about PA and AZ this year, but hope to announce those soon! We are also working on a new opportunity that we're excited about. We will be hosting a mission trip for families in the Fall. This trip will be especially welcoming for those with 'littles.' More details coming soon! There are still spots open for the July trip to Thailand! For information, call Laurie 740.819.0537.

Bob and Debbie Sjogren of UnveilinGlory (and Delivering Dignity) are looking for used iPhones for their Pastor partners in Kenya. Isn't it amazing that your "trash" can be used to help the ministry in Kenya? If you have an old phone that you know the password, can power it up to scrub the data, and can get it to load to the Hello screen, they'd love to have the donation! Power cords and ear buds are a plus as well. Marci Jones and Pat Wiseman-Jones are heading to Kenya with the Sjogren's in June, so it'd be great if they could get them no later than May. Call Marci 740.441.7018 for details.

Samaritan's Purse often has opportunities to serve in disaster relief. Right now, one opportunity that is close to us is in Michigan where they recently had a tornado leave behind decimated towns. Another that is now open is Cordova, Alaska. Samaritan's Purse has no fees for accommodations or food while on mission. Your travel expenses would be it! You can find out more information and sign up for these opportunities at spvolunteer.org

We had another fabulous conversation with Pastor Corn (Thailand Now) last month. She recently attended the Annual Conference for the GMC held in the Philippines where she obtained some great training. Some of you may remember the ILI Training that much of our leadership took last year. Pastor Corn has had that same training, as well as the "Train the Trainers" curriculum. Not only that, but she has also translated all that material into Thai! That's a huge undertaking! You may remember hearing about the outreach her church did at Christmas time and that several came to Christ as a result. Since then, these new believers have been discipled and taught more about their faith. Pastor Corn asks for prayers as she's excited and humbled to relay these new believers will be baptized soon! Please continue to keep their ministry in your prayers.



Used iPhones?

FAMILY MINISTRY

Easter Jam & Egg Hunt

scan to register



saturday, April 4th
at 1:00 PM

games  music  prizes



April 10th
6:30-8:00 PM

Please contact Chad Lawson for more information
Chad@rollingplainsgmc.org

THURSDAY NIGHTS

6:30-8:00 PM

PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE



VBS IN THE MIDDLE
OF YOUR CHILD'S WEEK

craft, game, snack, Bible Lesson



IT'S NEVER TOO
LATE TO JOIN A
SMALL GROUP.

SEE YOU
THURSDAY
NIGHTS!

FAMILY MINISTRY CONT.

Relationships thrive in community. Please follow our Rolling Plains Family Instagram Page to find tools to help your relationships, friendships and marriages strengthen and grow.



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JRP Youth Summer Mission Trip 2026



June 14th-20th

Please see Danielle Morris or Chad Lawson to register.

The Youth Mission Trip is open to youth 8th-12th

\$479.00 per

**THANK YOU,
Rolling Plains Family for supporting our
youth and making our luncheon
fundraiser a huge success.**

-YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

PRAYER TEAM

As another spring comes around new growth is everywhere. Grass, flowers, many animals giving birth – WOW. Life is coming alive again.

In Psalms 90:12 Moses writes “Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.” When we lived in Uganda up on a mountain – many mornings the valleys were filled with fog and looked like a sea of water and would remind us of what James 4:14 “Your life is like the morning fog.” Every spring we enjoy is one more spent.

In Jeremiah 26:2 God told Jeremiah to... “include every word.” Down in the study guide part it says, “we must never ignore or exclude parts of God’s word just to please someone.”

Last night we watched a movie. This little girl fell from a tall tree and was rescued by an angel. Then she realized she had the power to heal. The story went on and she became very sick. The doctor said she had - all the things she healed others from, and she knew one more healing would finish her life, but she did one more. Tear drops! Anyway – we have been talking in the Prayer Ministry about healing. Jesus just said be healed, or He just touched, the disciples’ shadows would heal, and many other accounts. Why can’t we? Life is too short to say maybe tomorrow or somebody else needs to pray. Doctors and pills are important, God can definitely use, and does, other persons and ways but... What would happen if we prayed for discernment and wisdom and then very simply lay our hand on the sick or hurting, or an arm around them or anoint with oil as James says to do – but just ask God in the name of Jesus HEAL THEM. With faith as small as a mustard seed, Jesus can heal. The Bible has over 130 accounts of healing.

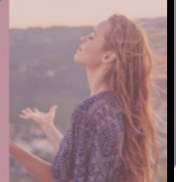
Why are we not getting more serious about asking God for healing? In James 5:14-16 “Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith, will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.... confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great powers and produces great results.” All prayers are subject to God’s will of when, how, why, how much... We put it into God’s hands. Cast all our cares on Him. Please pray for the strength and wisdom from God and the faith to do His will. Amen!

Gerry,
Prayer Team member



We have moved
back to cracker
barrel

JOIN US TO
PRAY OVER ZANESVILLE
SATURDAY
APRIL 25TH
@ 8:00 AM



APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES AT: 8:15 AM – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>6 Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM</p>	<p>3 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM</p>	<p>4 EASTER EGG HUNT 1:00 PM</p>
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AT ROLLING PLAINS

8:15 Traditional

9:45 Contemporary

Nursery, Children, and Youth Ministry

11:00 Contemporary

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