

MAY

Maranatha Sisters & Brothers,

Getting Back on Track

There is nothing like being in alignment with God's purposes, plan, and path. No matter how difficult or challenging life gets, following Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life brings a fulfillment and joy unlike any other. Consider what God promises...

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

When we put our whole trust and faith in God's plan, when we give up the self-directed life to submit to and acknowledge Him in every area of our life, He will keep us on the straight and narrow. He will bring chaos to order and bring harmony to life through a personal relationship with Him. God promises us that when we follow His path, it brings us great joy and eternal pleasures. And the greatest source of hope in this life comes when we follow His ways and teaching.

The problem is that the god of this world, our enemy, the devil, wants to do all he can to get us off track with God. If leaning not on our own understanding and submitting to his will is the key to being on track with God, then leaning into the self-directed life and ignoring God's teaching is the recipe Satan uses to get us off track with God.

A quick study of the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 would remind us that the son got himself into a terrible position of slavery, lack, and even longing for pig slop. His predicament can be traced back to him leaving home to live his own way apart from his father's and parent's plan and purpose. He wanted the father's blessings and resources without the relationship founded in conforming to and obeying his rules. This attitude led to a disastrous life with no joy, hope, nor peace. Only misery, loneliness, and dissatisfaction. He wound up broke, hungry, and far from those that mattered most. Isn't this what happens to us when we get off God's path and get derailed?


Perhaps we've been wanting God's blessings and provision, while still wanting our independence in how we want to live. Maybe we continue to get tripped up from past hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We go through seasons of walking with God on the straight and narrow, but then a distraction comes from the enemy. Discouragement sets in from our past. We give into temptation that leads to sin or despair enters in because of difficult times. Perhaps over time one seemingly small choice after the other has unknowingly led us so far off track that we wake up one day and wonder how we got to a place of such great distance from God.

A word from Pastor John continued....

Or perhaps we have everything this world has to offer: a house, a couple of cars, an iPhone, clothes, a good job, a great relationship, but we are still empty inside. We can't put a finger on it, nor do we really want to admit it, but we are dissatisfied and lonely even when loved ones are in the room. When anything else is guiding the pathway of our life, especially our own desires, no matter how great the world says it is, it does not lead to good things. The Bible tells us that even though a way may seem right in our hearts, without it submitted to God's guidance and direction, that way leads to a life of destruction.

During our new sermon series, beginning May 17th, we are going to learn how to get back on track with God. We will also learn the best practices and attitudes that help us remain on His path in a life of joy, hope, and peace. Here is a good start for you. It begins by learning to live the God directed life and not the self-directed life. I am praying that God lifts those of us who have fallen away, and that He strengthens us to stay on track with His good purpose in us.

Come on, God!


Pastor John

It's time to celebrate! Last month we burned the note on our capital debt. Rolling Plains Church is debt free! While we no longer have capital debt to pay off, we do anticipate the need to bring some restorative work to our existing facilities, starting with the resurfacing of our parking lot, new flooring throughout, and other needed upgrades. As a result, this fall we anticipate entering an exciting new Capital Improvement Campaign.

In the meantime, if you have been giving above and beyond toward capital debt, we want to encourage you to keep doing so. Our Capital Improvement Account continues to grow in anticipation of this renewal work. It is our plan to complete projects as funds come in. We will NOT be going in debt with this new season of work. Please watch for more information to come in September. Let's keep stepping out in faith together. God is so very good!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maureen Dennis
- 3 Roxanne Dively
- 4 Greg Miller
- 6 Aubrey Merlo, Kery Pettit, Lisa Wiseman
- 7 Paul Law
- 8 Christy Ammons, Tanja Stewart
- 9 Don Longwell, Terry Osborn
- 12 Brianna Morrison
- 13 Bill Coleman, Ashley Ervin
- 17 Stephanie Humphrey, Stephanie Lowe
- 19 Carl Shaw
- 20 Van Slack, Eli Swingle
- 21 Emilee Kemp, Chase Myers, Charlie Strickler
- 22 Rebecca Holt
- 23 Matthew Kahle
- 24 Chris Jarvis, Donna Talbot
- 25 Kathy Mohler
- 27 Joyce Krouskoupf
- 28 Tim Adams
- 29 Melissa Smith
- 31 Cameron Morrison



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Paul & Jane Law
- 5 Kevin & Tanja Stewart
- 16 Brian & Kim Spring
- 18 John & Erin Alice
- 18 Rob & Heather Matarazzo
- 20 Larry & Maureen Dennis
- 24 Allen & Pam Deaver
- 25 Chuck & Heather Yontz
- 28 Zach & Mary Robinson

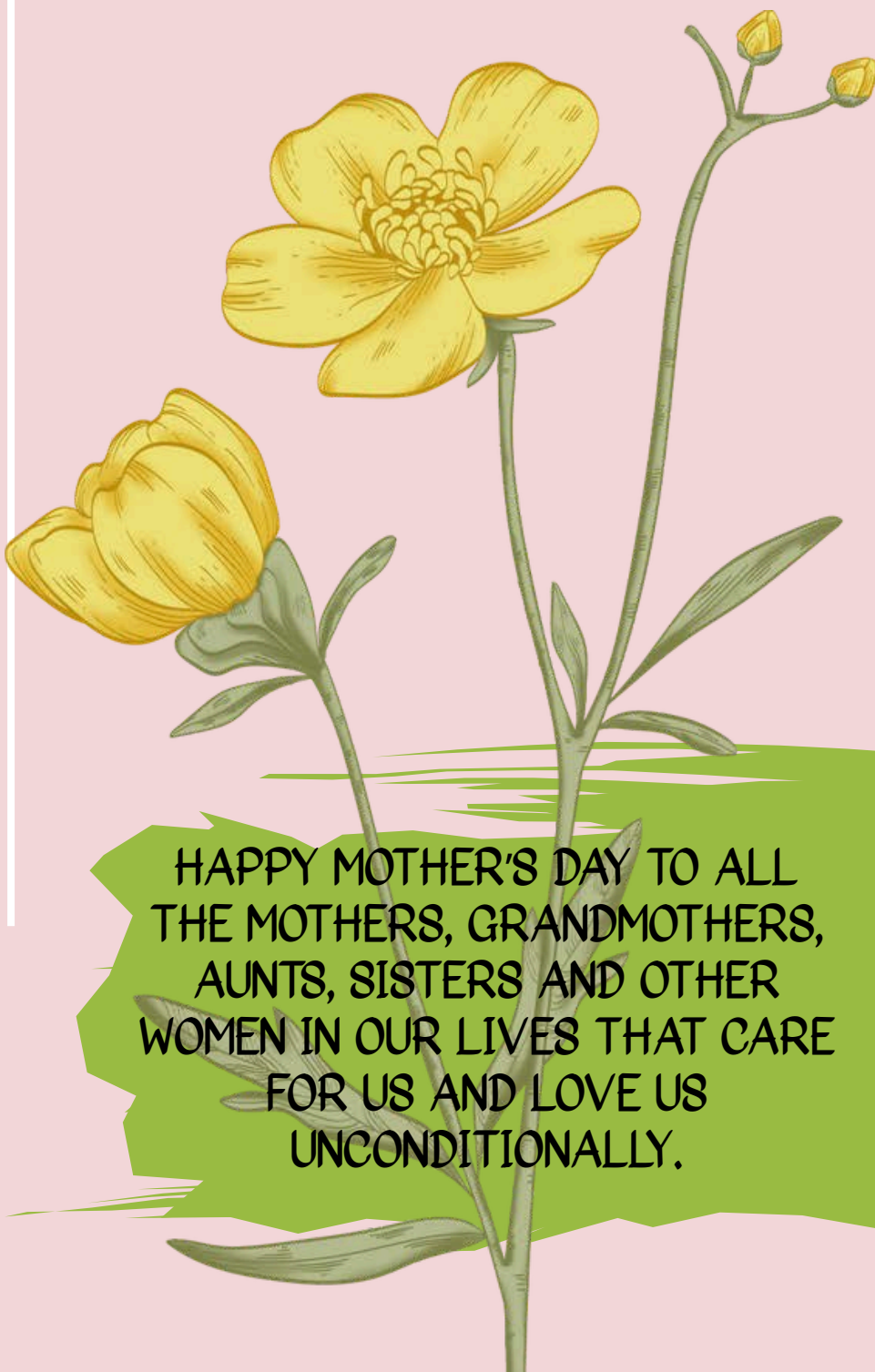
MAYSVILLE ALL PRO DADS



Breakfast

THURSDAY
MAY 14TH
7 - 8:00 AM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US
BLESS FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN.
CONTACT TIM DUFF OR GO TO RP APP TO HELP.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL
THE MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS,
AUNTS, SISTERS AND OTHER
WOMEN IN OUR LIVES THAT CARE
FOR US AND LOVE US
UNCONDITIONALLY.

MISSIONS INITIATIVE

Thank you!



A giant Thank You goes to the congregation for adopting students and donating boxes of mac-n-cheese.

-Misty Maysville Helping Hands

Dear Rolling Plains,

Thank you for graciously allowing Maysville Helping Hands to use your worship center as a space to prepare for serving families in our community. Your generosity and hospitality played an important role in making our work possible.

This year, we were able to assist 88 families and 210 students, and having a place to prepare was essential to that effort. We are truly grateful for your support and partnership.



Dear Laurie, Cody and friends at Rolling Plains GMC,

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity! You literally exceeded our wildest dreams and we are so grateful. It will be so fun to put your sacrificial gift to good use and get audio Bibles into the hands and hearts of people eager to listen to the Word. From the Iris family to yours, thank you for seeing the plight of the lost, the broken, and the forgotten and being the hands & feet of Jesus. You are showing them what love looks like.

On behalf of Heidi, Roland, and Iris family

Joy (and ... O-H!)

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

March 3, 2026

Dear Reverend Alice,

Thank you for the very generous gift of \$11,909.33 sent to Samaritan's Purse from Rolling Plains Global Methodist Church for Bibles and Christian Literature. Your support and partnership are appreciated more than you know.

As we work around the world to bring relief and assistance to the suffering, our goal is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with as many as possible. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

We would be grateful for your continued prayers. Again, thank you, and may God richly bless you.

Sincerely

Franklin Graham

FG/lh

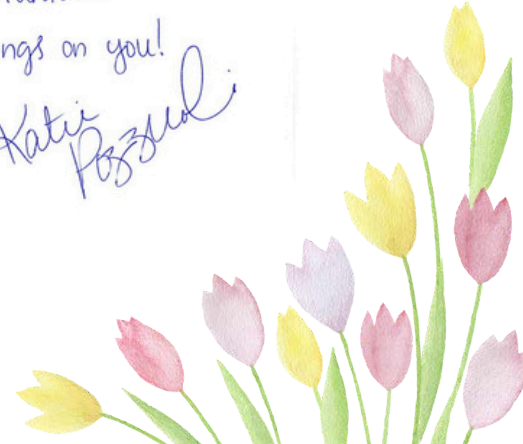
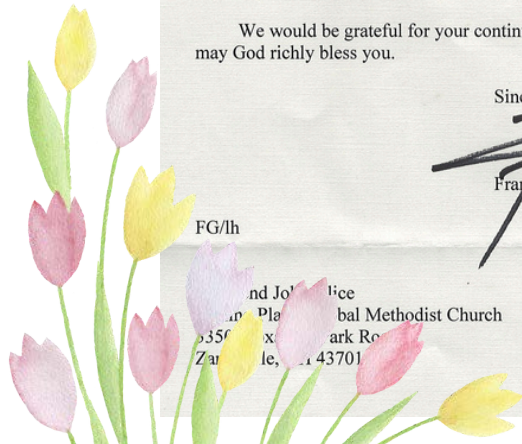
and John ...
Rolling Plains Global Methodist Church
3500 ...
Zar ... 43701

Dear Rolling Plains GMC,

THANK you for your generous gift to IFI-Murkingum! Your financial support allows us to bless students, primarily through hosting cultural events that allow students to connect with one another + American volunteers.

Blessings on you!

Katie Pazzoli





Families of all ages are invited to join us on a 1-night mission trip! Have toddlers? Absolutely welcomed! Teenagers? No problem! This trip is meant to introduce your family to a fun, meaningful way to serve the community together and more importantly the importance of honoring God in this way.

The cost is just \$45 each. We'll start Saturday morning, September 19th and finish up after church (in the Chapel in the Woods!) on Sunday afternoon, September 20th.

Watch for information that will be coming soon on how to reserve your spot. Meanwhile, if you have questions, ask Heather, Sydney, or Laurie. If you're curious about the campground that we will be going to you can check it out here: www.lancastercampground.org/



A short 4-hour drive to a beautiful campground in Pennsylvania gets you to an awesome mission opportunity to work on a Christian Camp, doing things like cutting grass, painting buildings, clearing trails, or whatever else is deemed helpful. This opportunity will take place in July and will run Thursday through Sunday, exact dates will be available soon.



The cost is just \$200 and there is an opportunity for scholarships.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING OUT SOON, BUT IN THE MEANWHILE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO BECKA MCCONNELL 740.607.2995 OR ALEX FORD 740.704-4812. HERE'S THE LINK OF THE CAMPGROUND YOU'LL BE HELPING OUT: WWW.WESLEYWOODS.COM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MAY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: GROWTH

Growing With God in a Season of Renewal!

Spring has a way of preaching its own quiet sermon. As the earth softens and new life pushes through the soil, we're reminded that growth is both natural and necessary. What looks dormant in winter begins to flourish when spring returns. Our spiritual lives follow the same pattern.

Scripture encourages us, "Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him" (Colossians 2:7). Growth doesn't happen by accident—it happens when we stay connected to the One who nourishes us. Just as gardens need tending, our hearts need intentional care: time in prayer, time in the Word, and time with one another.

During the month of May, as you notice buds forming on branches and color returning to the landscape, let it remind you that God is also cultivating something new within you. He invites us to grow in grace, in strength, and in faith—one small, steady step at a time.

If you are ready to step into a women's group, a place where women gather to grow in faith, encourage one another and build friendships, please email Terra Armstead at dtarmstead@yahoo.com or text 740-704-6144. We have several circles that meet on various times of the day/week/month.

Blessing to all!



I HAVE DECIDED
Parking Lot
Baptisms

May 10th
following each service

HAPPY SPRING!

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS MAY 2ND FROM 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. LOOKING AHEAD, JULY 3 WILL BE THE NEXT DRIVE. PLEASE NOTE IT IS ON FRIDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY. IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT. CALL OR TEXT VICKI 740-704-9509



GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS

I CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

75TH
NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER



The Prayer of Huldrych Zwingli, 1528, Eric Fiebert, Art Library

You're Cordially Invited to a Milestone Celebration

In honor of their 80th birthdays,
please join us in celebrating

Paul and Jane Law

Saturday, May 2

3:00 – 5:00 PM

This will be a relaxed, come-and-go gathering—please feel free to arrive at your convenience and stay as long as you're able.

Embers Room
Rolling Plains Global Methodist Church
3350 Moxahala Park Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Your presence is truly the only gift we request.

Kindly RSVP by contacting:
Kelly Law
740-704-3278
kellylaw1987@gmail.com

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND OUR COMMUNITY WILL COME TOGETHER AT NEW HOPE CHURCH AT 7:00 PM, NOT OUT OF TRADITIONS – BUT OUT OF DESPERATION. NOT CASUALLY – BUT URGENTLY. NOT AS SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS – BUT AS ONE BODY, WITH ONE CRY:

"LORD, HAVE MERCY. LORD, SEND REVIVAL. LORD, LET IT BEGIN WITH US."

OUR CHURCH CHOIRS WILL BE JOINING TOGETHER ON THIS SP



FAMILY MINISTRY

Register your child for



VBS

2
0
2
6

June 22nd-26th
from 6:00-8:00 PM



Parents' Night-Out!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
6:00-8:00 PM

OUR RP YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING
A PARENTS NIGHT
BABYSITTING BY DONATION FUNDRAISER
FOR OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIP.



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Volunteer
Registration

VBS

2
0
2
6

June 22nd-26th
from 6:00-8:00 PM



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.



@ROLLINGPLAINSFAMILY

TRP Youth Summer Missi:ō:n
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

Graduation Sunday



May 31st during both services

Please contact Danielle Morris if you have any questions.

PRAYER TEAM

The Power of Prayer: Drawing Near to God

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given to His people. It is more than words spoken into the air—it is direct communication with our Heavenly Father, an invitation to draw near to Him in every season of life. Through prayer, we find strength, peace, guidance, and a deeper relationship with the One who knows us best.

Scripture reminds us of the power and importance of prayer. In James 5:16, we are told, “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” This truth encourages us to pray boldly, trusting that God hears us and is actively working, even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Prayer is not about perfect words but about a sincere heart turned toward God.

Philippians 4:6-7 offers both instruction and promise: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” When we bring our worries to Him, He replaces our anxiety with His peace—a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Prayer also strengthens our faith. Even when answers seem delayed, we are called to remain persistent. Jesus teaches in Matthew 7:7, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” God’s timing is perfect, and His answers are always rooted in His love for us.

As a church community, let us be committed to prayer—not only in times of need but in times of gratitude and joy. Let us lift one another up, intercede for our families, and seek God’s direction in all things. Through prayer, we become vessels of His grace, and we witness His power at work in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

May we never underestimate the power of a praying heart.

If you are in need of prayer or feel lead to pray for others, please reach out to me or any other member of your Rolling Plains Prayer Team.

Don Rice
God is good!



PRAY OVER
ZANESVILLE

SATURDAY
May 30th @ 8:00 AM
@ PUTNAM HILL PARK

MAY 2026

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

Parents' night-Out!

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
6:00-8:00 PM
 OUR EP. YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING
 BAPTIST NIGHT BY SPONSORING PAPERDRESSER
 FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP.
 PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN!



3 **METHODIST MEN**
MEETING 7:00 AM

Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM
 6th-12th grade

10 **HAPPY**
Mother's Day
OUTDOOR BAPTISM
 FOLLOWING
10:00 AM SERVICE
 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM
 6th-12th grade

17
 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM
 6th-12th grade

24
 Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM
 6th-12th grade

31 
GRADUATION SUNDAY

4 **NEEDLE**
CRAFTERS
FOR CHRIST
 6:00-8:00 PM

11 **NEEDLE**
CRAFTERS
FOR CHRIST
 6:00-8:00 PM

18 **NEEDLE**
CRAFTERS
FOR CHRIST
 6:00-8:00 PM

25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
NEEDLE
CRAFTERS
FOR CHRIST
 6:00-8:00 PM

5



19

26

6

13



20

27

7



Prison 6:30-8:00 PM
 pre-6th grade
 Youth Small Groups 6th-12th grade
 Young Adult Small Group
 11-25 year olds
 6:30-8:00 PM

National Day of Prayer

14

Prison 6:30-8:00 PM
 pre-6th grade
 Youth Small Groups 6th-12th grade
 Young Adult Small Group
 11-25 year olds
 6:30-8:00 PM

ALL PRO DAD'S BREAKFAST

21

Prison 6:30-8:00 PM
 pre-6th grade
 Youth Small Groups 6th-12th grade
 Young Adult Small Group
 11-25 year olds
 6:30-8:00 PM

28

1



6:30-8:00 PM

8

15



6:30-8:00 PM

22

29

2

BLOOD DRIVE



9

16

23

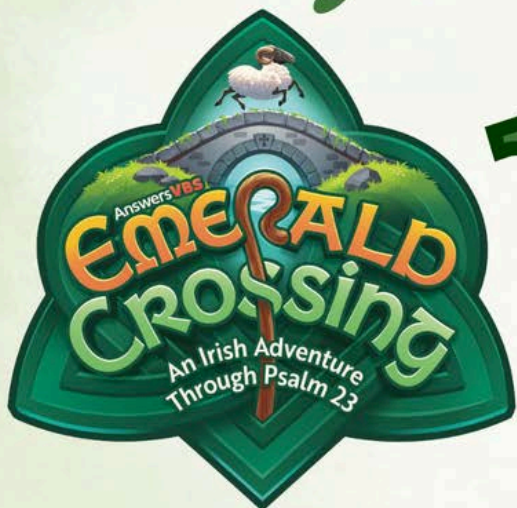
30 **Praying**
over the
 city
8:00 AM

Rolling Plains Church
3350 Moxahala Park Rd
Zanesville, OH 43701
rollingplainsgmc.org

Non-Profit Organization
US Postage PAID
Zanesville OH 43701
Permit No. 447

Return Service Requested

Register your child for



VBS

2
0
2
6

June 22nd-26th

from 6:00-8:00 PM

