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Pastor's Notes

As I was thinking about what the Lord was to have me write this month, I was reading through and studying a couple of scriptures quoted from Jesus in John 14. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (vs. 15) "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and disclose Myself to Him." (Vs. 21) "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the words you hear are not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me." (Vs. 24)

During the days when I was not in a proper relationship with Jesus I struggled with these verses. I knew I was saved, but some of the sin residue from my life before and after my salvation still had power over me. I knew I loved Jesus and God, but sin and disobedience still had a hold on me. I read these passages and struggled with the concept of me not loving Jesus.

As I was pondering these passages again last week, I picked up a devotional from Joni Eareckson Tada. Some of you might know she is the woman, who at age 14, became a paraplegic. The battles she faced in her early life are beyond anything most of us can imagine. In this devotional, she is sharing her thoughts on another book by Brother Lawrence entitled, "Practicing the Presence of God." I wanted to share with you her devotional I read after reading John 14.

"We must know before we can love. In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure." Brother Lawrence

"If I want to love Jesus more – and I do – then I must strive to know Him better. And knowing Jesus better always gives rise to obedience, for He says "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments' (John 14:14 ESV) This is not a stern or shaming statement; it more like a promise. It's like Jesus saying, "If you love Me, if you make me the center of your thoughts, if you delight in Me and do your most ordinary tasks with an eye to My glory, if you pursue Me, then wild horses will not be able to stop you from obeying Me."

But there's more. Jesus adds, "Whoever has My commandments and keeps them...I will love him and manifest Myself to him (John 14:21 ESV). Your obedience prompts Jesus to peel back layer and layer of His heart, showing you the secrets of Himself; His beauty, worthiness and things that'll take your breath away.

I never used to cry at sunsets or sit for long moments by a flowerbed, reflecting on God's glory; I never used to burst into worship at the sight of snow-covered mountains – but my eyes are now open to these blessings because I keep His commands. So treasure His commandments for Jesus wants you to know Him and love Him more. We are blessed – supremely – not when we have everything going for us (yes then) but when everything in us is going for God." Joni Eareckson Tada

You can see why this hit me so strongly. I was just reading and studying the passages in John 14 in my Bible. I then open this devotional to this page and wow, God struck, God hugged, God spoke. Obedience is love, love is obedience. You give more, you get more, more of Jesus. Who wouldn't want that!
In much love, Pastor Darrel



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

☞ Attention Online Givers!- We still have a few members who are still using Vanco, but we are NOW working with Craft Financial for our online giving. To make the change, use this link for Vanco to cancel your scheduled giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZD4Y/home> Then use the new QR code to sign up. Thank you for your patience through this transition!

New QR Code:



☞ SAVE THE DATE!! 2025 Vacation Bible School is June 10th through 13th. Open to ages K-6th grade. Register through our Facebook page or website.

☞ Monday Night Men's Group is BACK!! Starts May 6th at 6:30pm.

☞ Help us raise monies for our Youth Camp Students!! Taco Salad Fundraiser for Youth Camp is Sunday, May 18th. Consider donating taco supplies or join us for lunch after service!

☞ Women's Fellowship is hosting a Lunch n Paint event on Saturday, June 7th. Join us as we paint and eat and enjoy some fellowship. Lunch will start at noon. Call or email the church to reserve your seat!

Happy Anniversary
May

7th- Jonathan & Tawny Nelson
21st- Aaron & Carly Erker
25th- Jewel & Stephanie Eskew

Important Dates: May

National Day of Prayer

Thursday the 1st, 6:30pm

Food Pantry Truck Delivery

Thursday the 1st, 6:30am

Friday the 16th, 6:30am

Senior/Graduation Sunday

Sunday the 4th

By-Law's Congregational Vote

Sunday the 4th After Service

Care Team

Monday the 5th, 5pm

Mission/Membership

Monday the 5th, 6pm

WCC Craft Day

Tuesday the 6th, 10:30am

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday the 6th, 1:30pm

Baccalaureate Service

WHS Auditorium

Thursday the 8th, 6pm

Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 10th, 7:30am

Mother's Day

Sunday the 11th

Valley View Service

Sunday the 11th, 2pm

Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 10th, 7:30am

Board Meeting

Tuesday the 13th, 6:30pm

Taco Salad Youth Camp Fundraiser

Sunday the 18th
After Service

Weekly Events:

Intercessory Prayer

Monday-Friday, 9am

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 10am

Men's Group

Mondays 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Youth Group

Wednesdays 6pm

Young Men's Bible Study

Saturdays 9am



Sunday School

9:00am

EPIC Youth

Sundays at 9am

Sunday Service

10:00AM

Care Team

We continue to send Get Well cards and Thinking of you cards to those in need. We especially pray for and send cards to those who have lost loved ones. This is a community outreach not only our WCC family. Care Team Luncheon is planned for June. Over 40 Easter Cards were sent reminding them of God's love.

Ushers	Offering Stewards	Children's Church	Nursery
5/4 Dave Goddard & Aaron Erker	5/4 Bill & Mike	5/4 Braigen/Amelia	5/3 Emilee
5/11 Mike Schimpf & Scott Clement	5/11 Glen & Dave	5/11 Carly/Aubrey	5/11 Shiloh
5/18 Larry Lehnerz & Wayne Bader	5/18 Sean & Wayne	5/18 Jody/Emily	5/18 Emilee
5/25 Chris & Tammie Wick	5/25 Dana & Bill	5/25 Yvonne/Rio	5/25 Shiloh
Greeters	April Mowers	Children's Message	Sunday School
5/4 Shipman Family	5/1-2 Kevin & Kristin Wagner	5/4 Peggy	5/4 Donna
5/11 Jerry & Judy Schmidt	5/8-9 Boyd Bonser	5/11 Cheryl P	5/11 Natalie
5/18 Tammie & Chris Wick	5/15-16 Sean Bowling	5/18 Pastor	5/18 Jody
5/25 Florence & Kaye	5/22-23 Desiree Larkin	5/25 Patricia G	5/25 Donna
	5/29-30 Aiden Mayer		

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP!!!

Calling all 7th-10th graders! Summer Youth Camp will be June 23-26 at Camp Machasay. Register through our website or at <https://campmachasay.campbrainregistration.com/>

Put Wiggins Community Church where it asks for payment. We are asking parents to pay half of the fee (Fee is \$280 per student), but if there is a challenge in paying half, please let Pastor Darrel know and we will try to work with you- we do not want any children missing camp! You can make checks out to WCC and put Youth Camp in the memo. And Hey! Summer Camp needs volunteers and counselors, so adults and older teens are also welcome to come along!!

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- ☞ Monthly Offering of \$50 to WCC Prison Ministry.
- ☞ Ordered new baby lambs that play “Jesus Loves Me” to welcome new babies.
- ☞ Sent a \$1,000 check to Salvation Army to help with disaster relief for Kentucky, Tennessee, and South Carolina, and other states experiencing disaster from flooding.
- ☞ Received a very nice thank you letter from the 4H group that we donated funds to who were struggling because of the disaster in their community.



Membership:

We continue to address weekly bulletins and give out Welcome Bags -to new folks attending worship services. We also provide new baby welcome bags and Baptism/ Dedication gifts. We sent Easter Cards to those in need or are unable to attend church.





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2025 MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Food Delivery 6:30a NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Amanda Herbstan, Amy Schroeder & Rylee Green BD	2 Johnny Nelson & Trent Kerr BD	3 Arnold Kammerzell, Tina Steward & Tim Wunsch BD
4 Graduate Sunday By-Laws Vote	5 Care Team 5pm Mission/ Membership 6pm	6 Craft Day 10:30am Women's 1:30pm Benecio Gonzales, Tammie Wick, Bryce Wilson & JD Nelson BD	7	8 Baccalauiate Service Wiggins High School 6pm	9 David Knievel BD	10 Men's Breakfast 7:30a
11 Valley View 2pm Mother's Day! Weston Harris & Zach Harris BD	12 Stephanie Mayer & Krystal Castillo BD	13 Board Meeting 6:30pm Cody March BD	14 Grace Mayer & Kenny Neb BD	15 Last Day of School!!	16 Food Pantry Delivery 6:30a	17 Myra Vicchirilli BD
18 Taco Salad Youth Camp Fundraiser Larry Rossman, Terri Green & Kaleb Oster BD	19 Jentry Lee BD	20 Roger Wunsch BD	21	22 Linda Neb BD	23	24 Kenna Nelson & Jacki Gray BD
25 Hailey Jamison, Susie Bostron & Kris Shutts BD	26 Jentry Lee BD	27 Mallory Hawthorne BD	28 Pam Sheaff BD	29 Eric Davis BD	30 Violet Wunsch, Aiden Gray & Val Loose BD	31 Berlynn Wilson BD Nathan Schroeder, Megan Andrews, James Bostron, Tracy Donaghy & JR Meyer BD