

# May Calendar 2026

Date: Family to Pray For:

Scripture Reading

1	Rose Mace	Acts 3
2	Joshua, Zeyada & Zakai Mack	Acts 4
3	Michael, Kristina, Gabe, Judah & Haddie Neill	Acts 5
4	Gary & Teresa Nicely	Acts 6
5	Richard Nicely	Acts 7:1-36
6	Pastor Matt, Amy, Eliot & Morgan O'Meara	Acts 7:37-60
7	Robert & Shelley Persinger	Acts 8
8	Dave, Kathy & Hannah Pritt	Acts 9
9	Chuck & Robyn Ratliff	Acts 10
10	Pastor Mike & Tracy Rollins	Acts 11
11	Mary Ryan	Acts 12
12	Danny & Barbara Ryder	Acts 13:1-41
13	Gertrude Simmons	Acts 13:42-52
14	Lee & Frannie Simmons	Acts 14
15	Minnie Slayton	Acts 15:1-21
16	Greg & Cindy Smith	Acts 15:22-41
17	Jesse, Holly, Eliana & Maddie Smith	Acts 16
18	Betty Snead	Acts 17
19	Chris, Amber, Bayleigh & Billy Sorrels	Acts 18
20	C.R. & Vicky Sorrels	Acts 19:1-20
21	Daniel, Liana, Raylan & Levi Sorrels	Acts 19:21-41
22	Brad & Kandace Speer	Acts 20
23	Larry & LaDonna Stevenson	Acts 21:1-25
24	Paul & Joan Strausbaugh	Acts 21:26-40
25	Donna Talbert	Acts 22
26	Alan & Beverly Taylor, Cameron Tucker	Acts 23
27	Pauline Taylor	Acts 24
28	Bill, Irene & Becki Wade	Acts 25
29	Wayne Walton	Acts 26
30	Wilson & Pam Webb	Acts 27
31	Laila White	Acts 28



# May Newsletter 2026

Proverbs 12:1 NKJV “Whoever loves instruction knows knowledge,  
But he who hates correction is stupid.”

I appreciate it when I read a proverb that doesn't mince words! It sounds a little strange whenever we see the word “stupid” in scripture, but there really is no better word to describe how we are acting when we hate godly correction. The word for stupid might also be translated as “brutish,” and it gives the image of someone who is acting like a beast, reacting without any thoughtfulness or humility. At that moment we forget our common sense and act very stupidly indeed.

My time as a pastor at Living Stones has not just been of occupying a role of leadership, but of receiving correction and guidance from Pastor Mike, as well as the Elders and others of my church family. Yes, it is true, there have been times that I have needed someone to speak truth or rebuke into my life. One of the things I have learned through those experiences is that there is just nothing pleasant about being corrected. It is very difficult to not be hurt, to listen without becoming defensive, and to receive the truth being shared with you. Instead of listening, or even welcoming correction, our pride springs up at a moment's notice, ready to defend us.

But this proverb speaks of the person who loves instruction! They see great value in being corrected, because they are more concerned with what God thinks than their own pride. These people, the proverb tells us, know knowledge. They gain understanding, and ultimately, that means they will walk in a way that is pleasing before the Lord. They bring blessing on themselves instead of the destruction that comes with God's rebuke.

As a church family, we are called to walk in humility before God. Humility in the Lord will be key to our unity as we move forward. Without humility we won't be able to speak truth into one another's lives, and without humility we won't know the lessons God desires to teach us. There will be plenty of opportunities for each of us to make mistakes and fall short of righteous behavior. That means there will be a multitude of opportunities for us to show genuine grace and mercy with one another. I pray for myself, and for us as a church family, that we might be a people who love instruction - that we will maintain a willingness to receive what God has for us.

I am so thankful to be part of such a loving and gracious church family. I have great peace and joy in the unity we have in Christ Jesus. Let's remember to thank Him for all the many blessings He has given us.

Pastor Matt



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**Sunday, May 3rd:** Jonathan Grooms, founder and president of Global Impact for Peace and Development, is scheduled to be with us. Pastor Mike met Jonathan 25 years ago when they roomed together on a trip to Uganda. Following the service that day, we will gather under the shelter for a meal and time of fellowship.

Pastor Mike will be on vacation thru Tuesday, May 5th

**Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day.** Join us as we celebrate God's design for the family.

- We will observe Communion on May 10th. The offering will go to help support Micah Fender as he goes on a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic July 11th-18th.



**Sunday, May 17th:** Rajesh Tiwari is scheduled to be with us. Rajesh was the first person saved out of his Hindu village and was put out by his family as a result. Last year Rajesh founded Global CoMission. He focuses on the persecuted, as well as the unreached, in India, Nepal, Pakistan, and other countries where Christians are a small minority.

**David Clark's May preaching schedule:**

- Sunday, May 17th – Clifton Forge Presbyterian Church

**Monday, May 25th** - Memorial Day - a time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live free.



**May Weekly Events at the Life House:**

- Tuesday:** LSM Bible Study, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday:** Disciples for Christ Bible Study, 9:30-Noon
- Youth, 6-8 PM
- Friday:** BSF, 9:30-11:30 AM – May 1st, last class
- Karate classes, 6-8 PM

# Happy Mothers Day



## APPRECIATION

- BEAUTIFUL
- BREAKFAST
- CANDY
- CHARMING
- COMFORT
- DEVOTED
- FLOWERS
- FORGIVING
- GIFTS

- GUIDANCE
- HUGS
- JEWELRY
- JOY
- KISSES
- LAUGHTER
- LOVE
- MATERNAL

- MOM
- MOTHER
- NURTURE
- PERFUME
- PROTECTIVE
- SHARE
- TELEPHONE
- TENDER

## THE BEST

- WARM
- WISE

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

- GRAD
- LEOV
- LABRECETE
- ACNYD
- EERICPTAAP
- LOFRSW
- TEMORH
- ALIFMY
- OMHE
- PENSTRE
- NAMOW
- RCAING
- VLGON
- CTEOPTR
- ETAREHC
- URTOSPP
- TERUNUR
- GEUNERS
- SREETPC
- RELNSTEI

