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MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER





From the Pen of Brother Len:

As we put April showers behind us and prayer that May flowers await us, I wanted to focus my thoughts for the newsletter on Mother's

Day. Mother's Day can be traced back to a young girl's desire to honor her Mother. It took a while, but, Mother's Day was finally made a National day of celebration of our Mothers. When I think of my Mother, I have to consider her influence on my life.

Several years ago, someone interviewed the contemporary artist Marc Chagall for a PBS program. The young, arty interviewer started the session with a question about influences. When the young man finally gave the artist a chance to answer for himself, Chagall said, in the simplest way possible, that his greatest influence was his mother.

I know of no more permanent imprint on a life than the one made by mothers or those who have had to take the role of Mother...I guess that's why Mother's Day always leaves most people a little nostalgic. Not simply because many of our mothers has gone on, but because that's the one day the real heroines of our world get the credit they deserve.

More than any statesman or teacher, more than any minister or physician, more than any film star, athlete, business person, author, scientist, civic leader, entertainer, or military hero . . . Mothers are the most influential person in a child's life. Never doubt that fact!

Not even when the dishes in the sink resemble the Leaning Tower of Pisa . . . or the washing machine gets choked and dies . . . or the place looks a wreck and nobody at home stops to say, "Thanks, Mom. You're great."

It's still worth it. There never would have been an Isaac without a Sarah, a Moses without a Jochebed, a Samuel without a Hannah, a John without an Elizabeth, a Timothy without a Eunice, or a John Mark without a Mary.

These men were the men they were, in great part, because of the mothers they had. The hidden secret of that winning combination? Mother with child—just that simple. So, please ...when tempted to despair over a child or children...stay at it! One day the Lord will reward your faithfulness to the call of "Mothering."

A mother's influence is so great that we model it even when we don't realize it, and we return to it—often to the surprise of others.

As I think of my own mother's influence on me, several words come to mind: Determination, Honesty, Fairness, Frankness, Integrity, Spirituality... She also possessed such a zest for life. I am indebted to her for my enthusiasm and relentless drive. Her indomitable spirit got passed on, thank goodness.

And so, mothers, don't ever forget the permanence of your imprint. The kids may seem ungrateful, they may act irresponsible, they may even ignore your reminders and forget your advice these days. But believe this: they cannot erase your influence.

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Congratulations to Toogie & Sharon Bahm as they celebrated their 60th Anniversary on April 18th.



CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our sidewalk worship service in April. It was a beautiful day and so good to get back to a little bit of normal.

We've been playing a song by Josh Baldwin called "Stand in Your Love". It seems to really speak to the times we've been going through....

When darkness tries to roll over my bones When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own When brokenness and pain is all I know I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide I am not a captive to the lies I'm not afraid to leave my past behind I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

There's power that can break off every chain There's power that can empty out a grave There's resurrection power that can save There's power in Your name, power in Your name

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

No, my fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love

We're standing on the rock Standing in Your love





Brothers and Sisters, our presence here in our Father's house puts a smile on His face and joy in His heart. We at

Coalville love our brothers and sisters as family and encourage each other in our faith. When we **pray** we are exercising our faith in **our God of the Impossible**.

I remember Rev. Charles Stanly saying years ago for us to look beyond our circumstances whether they are world issues, national, or personal in our home with illness or loss. We are to look and focus on the source of love and power that can accomplish 'anything'.

Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

The National Day of Prayer is celebrated on Thursday, May 6, 2021. The theme this year is "Lord, Pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY."

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

The sanctuary at Coalville will be open from **9 AM – 6 PM** for your time of come and go. At **5:30 – 6 PM** there will be a closing time of song and prayer.

There will be three stations set up for you to visit and pray for those concerns. The American flag and the Christian flag will be one of those stations.

Thank you in advance for your presence here and uniting with fellow believers in the power of prayer and praying together.

*TV Broadcasters for NDP are: God TV; TLN; Daystar ---- these channels will broadcast only a portion of the event.

*Livestream on FB

National Day of Prayer website: www.nationaldayofprayer.org2021_national_observance

Fox News has broadcast portions also

If you know of other resources for viewing please share with others.

Pray now for participation and for the witness this event will have on America. GOD BLESS AMERICA

WORSHIP

What a beautiful Holy Week/Easter season we had. There are so many to thank and hopefully I won't miss anyone: Terri Radich and Becky Jiminez for the Palm wreaths on the front doors, Wes Householder for building the bases for the cross to place the candles, Ted Keller helping put the cross in the front, Jennifer Comeau and Barb Jones who put the Easter wreathes on the front door, everyone who put real flowers on the cross for Easter, Jan Gum who covered the base of the cross, Janice Laut for putting greenery as filler on the cross and also planted the lilies from Easter and some Azaleas by the church sign, and of course Mike who helped Ted with the setting up the cross and he put it away, also he put up the Easter banners and whatever else I needed. I want to add Wayne Taylor for pressure washing the front porch before Easter.

For the month of May

May 9th - Mother's Day

May 16th - Homecoming

9 AM - Sunday school

10 AM - Combined Worship

11 AM - Potluck in the CLC

May 23rd – The Christian holiday of **Pentecost** is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

From Jan

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

The youth and young adults have begun to work on this year's VBS. We are so excited to be able to have VBS again after missing last year. We could use help, so if you are interested please let us know.

JESUS AND ME



Our new children's ministry is off to a great start! Each week 4:30-5:30 we meet in front of our "Bible Barn". We start off with a craft, then the children experience a Bible story which the young adults act out. We rotate Old Testament and New Testament stories. After the story they have music, games, and a snack. All of these go with the theme of the story.

Our goal is to ignite a love of God's word in the hearts of these children that will set them on a journey of a lifelong love and interest in the Word of God. If you know of a child that you can bring please do so. Ages are 4 to 5th grade. Younger children are welcome as long as the parent remains with them. Please keep this ministry and all who are involved in your prayers.

VBS



Yay! We are having VBS this summer. It will be a little bit shorter this year as we get back into the swing of things, but it will still be packed full of Bible stories, crafts, music, etc. The dates are July 22nd-25th. Mark your calendars!



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We just completed our study *Fierce* by Jennifer Cowart where we learned about Fierce women Shiphrah and Puah, Deborah, Naaman's Slave Girl, The Samiritan Woman, Dorcas, Lois and Eunice. If some of these names seem unfamiliar to you, ask any of our WOW ladies so they can share their stories.



Thanks Mike for setting everything up for us.

Birthdays Anniversaries Monthly Events Scheduled Meetings Weekly Events

CLC - Christian Life Center

S – Sanctuary CC – Corvette Club

CW - Contemporary Worship TW - Traditional Worship

AB – Administrative Board

CB – Cornerstone Band
DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers

JAM – Children's Ministry Pm – Prayer Ministry UMYF - Youth

WOW – Women of Worth YA – Young Adults

FH – Fellowship Hall DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers						
✓ April May 2021 June ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Kathy Yon	3 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC	4 Michael Roberts	5	6 9 AM – 6 PM Nat'l Day of Prayer Jan Gum	7	8
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30 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Ashley Marsh 4:30 – 5:30 PM, JAM, CLC	31 Bobbie Williams 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC	Back Pack Blessings 2 nd – Tuna 9 th – Mac & Cheese 16 th – Peanut Butter 23 rd – Small Cereal				
6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	6 PM, CB, S 30 th – Chicken Noodle Soup					