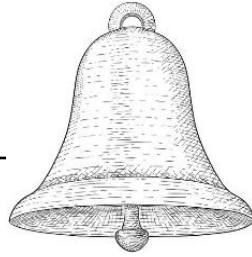


# The Church Bell

12316 BEESON ST NE  
ALLIANCE OH 44601  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11:00am

JUNE 2026

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## Welcoming the Stranger

**“I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”** (*Matthew 25:35*)

One of the joys of pastoring is the unexpected nature of ministry. You never really know what may happen on any given day or who you might meet. I had one such experience recently that I would like to share with you. On Monday, May 11, I was on my way over to the consistory meeting when I saw an older gentleman standing with his bicycle in the church parking lot. Most of his bike was wrapped in duct tape and covered with tote bags. With a heavy accent, he introduced himself as Sirius and said that he wanted to talk with the pastor. “*Oh boy,*” I thought. “*What am I in for now?*”

Sirius told me that he was biking across our country. He had journeyed up from Kentucky and was passing through Alliance on his way to Pennsylvania. He further explained that he was originally from Iran and was now based in Toronto, Canada. He had been biking for over 5 years, visiting over 55 countries in the process. He wanted to know – could he sleep in our picnic shelter overnight?

I told Sirius that he had come at a good time – our consistory was about to meet and we would consider his request. Since there was a freeze warning in effect, the consistory decided it would be best to extend biblical hospitality to this stranger. Several members offered to donate funds to provide lodging for him at a local motel. As the pastor, I felt it would be best if I drove him.

On the way, Sirius told me more of his story. He had earned two PhDs in Canada in the field of criminal justice. He had set out on his biking adventure as a journey of faith. Sirius lamented the mullahs’ rule over his homeland. His favorite country? The United States! He admired our ability to innovate technology, the kindness of our people, and our wide open spaces. “Everything is bigger in America!” he marveled as we were driving down State Street. We parted as friends with a word of prayer outside his motel room.

You can find “Sirius Kashefi” on Facebook as he posts about his world cycling tour. He’s just one of the fascinating individuals that God has sent my way in ministry over the last thirty years. You never know what God has in store. Let’s pray for Sirius’ safe and successful journey of faith, and let’s always look for opportunities to welcome the stranger!

*Pastor Jon*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

*Thank you kindly for your continued support and generous tithes and offerings.*

<u>WEEK OF:</u>	<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u> In person + Online	<u>OFFERING</u>
April 26	53 + 12	\$3,358.00
May 3	64 + 9	\$2,125.00*
May 10	60 + 10	\$2,653.00*
May 17	45 + 10	\$2,435.00*
May 24	48 + 13	\$3,108.00

### As of 4/30/26

General Fund Expenses: \$46,280.32

General Fund Income: \$53,082.40

**Year-to-date difference: - \$ 6,802.08**

**Budget for 2026: \$164,918**

Needed weekly is \$3,171.50\*

### MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

April Mission: Hammer & Nails Home Ministry \$333.00

*(In 2026 our church budget gives an additional \$100 monthly to the mission(s) of the month.)*

## JUNE 2026 MISSION:

Challenge Ministries stands for empowering individuals to overcome challenges, develop essential skills, and achieve lasting stability and self-sufficiency through their job readiness training and peer recovery support. They are located at Christ United Methodist Church, 405 S. Linden, Alliance. (Ph. 330-821-6367)

**CHALLENGE**  
**MINISTRIES**



### *Baby Bottle Challenge ends on Father's Day: June 21*

We hope you will take advantage of filling a baby bottle with change or dollar bills in a friendly challenge within our church walls. When returning your bottle, the Lectern side is a vote for Deacons, the Pulpit side a vote for Elders. You do not have had to be an Elder or Deacon to cast your baby bottle vote either way. All proceeds go to the Alliance Pregnancy Center.

**\$\$ GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS:** If you are not able to be in worship on Sundays, you can mail in your offering donations at any time to: Science Hill Community Church, 12316 Beeson St. NE, Alliance OH 44601.

A **PayPal option** is also available for those wishing to give electronically. Just visit our church website:

[www.sciencehillcc.org](http://www.sciencehillcc.org). THANK YOU for your support of our church!

**\*\*\*If you watch our service online, please let us know so we can add you to our virtual attendance.\*\*\***



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Items for the June 2026 newsletter should be submitted to the church office no later than **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am**. You can bring them in or send them in at any time to [office@sciencehillcc.org](mailto:office@sciencehillcc.org).

**THERESA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays and Thursdays 8am-3pm.

**PASTOR JON'S DAY OFF:** Pastor Jon's weekly day off is Wednesday.

*“Our mission is to joyfully share the good news of  
Jesus Christ and lovingly care for others.”*

**“HIGHLIGHTS” OF THE CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, May 11, 2026**

Present: Elders: Derek Swegheimer, Mark Haidet, Gary Casto, Jan Raber

Deacons: Ben Favazzo, Ray Courtwright, Jeff Hahn, Rose Wade

Pastor: Jon Truax and Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks

DEVOTION and PRAYER was given by Gary Casto.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Consistory meeting Monday, April 13, 2026 were reviewed and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) We are no longer supported by CVLI license (movie use) but continue to use CCLI license (music use). 2.) We updated our information with the Canton Public Health Department for the Health Alert Network database.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ending April 2026 was reviewed and placed on file. It was noted that giving still remains under what is being spent. Consistory members will seek ways to gently trim the budget for the rest of the year, as well as Derek informing the congregation.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: For May 2026 of \$12,214.49 for the General Fund and \$0 for the Youth checkbook were approved with motions by Gary and Jan.

MISC. REPORTS: 1.) Building & Grounds by Rose: a.) The mower and trimmer have been serviced again. b.) Estimates are still being received for the parsonage portico. c.) New closet doors were installed by the west entrance. d.) The voting day bake sale brought in \$509. e.) Estimates for river rock around the pavilion are being sought. f.) Two window A/C units will be purchased out of the Memorial Fund. 2.) Peggy Hawkins is seeking someone to help drive a U-Haul to Virginia Beach soon with a return ticket by train. 3.) Outreach Committee by Ray: a.) Akron Rubber Ducks tickets will be sold for that game on July 24<sup>th</sup> behind home plate. b.) Speaker guidelines are being updated. c.) Taking table rentals for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale/Raptor Hallow event. d.) Book Club discussion will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. e.) They will help serve the community dinners at Christ United Methodist Church on June 9, July 14 and August 11. Help is always needed. f.) The welcome bags for visitors will be revamped.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) A new church safe will be purchased thanks to a donor. 2.) Pastor Jon updated the speaker guidelines and it was approved with motions by Gary and Rose.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) A 54" television monitor will be donated and placed either in the Science Hill Room or the Upper Room for the Sunday School class. 2.) The Girl Scout Troop that has their meetings here at the church had an end-of-year picnic, inviting anyone from the congregation to join them. They are growing in size and appreciate being able to use our church for meetings and activities.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: 1.) Before the consistory meeting, a visitor stopped by who is cycling across the U.S. and asked to sleep in our pavilion. It was decided to put him up for the night in a nearby motel room. See Pastor Jon's story on page 1. 2.) Pastor Jon will be out of the office May 20-June 5<sup>th</sup>. Derek will preach 2 Sundays. 3.) The Tech Committee said we should be cautious about taking photos of children and posting to social media.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45pm with motions by Jan and Gary. The next scheduled Consistory meeting is Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00pm. A Spiritual Council meeting followed with the Elders.

Derek Swegheimer, 2026 Consistory President  
Theresa Marks, Secretary/Treasurer

*Welcome New Members!*

*Congratulations to PATTY HAHN and  
CHERISE KENNELL as they officially joined  
as new members on Sunday, May 3, 2026.*





Wednesdays 6-8pm from June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$25.00 and can be paid on the first session with cash, check or Venmo.

Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is ... your income. Join the millions who never worry about money!

Sign up today on the clipboard in the Science Hill Room, or call the church office to add your name to the list. For questions, please contact Laura Courtwright 330-207-2473.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Science Hill Flea Market**

9am-2pm

**Raptor Hallow Experience Presentation**

11:30am-12:15pm

We are accepting individual or vendor applications now through June 6<sup>th</sup>. There are forms in the Science Hill Room or contact Laura at 330-207-2473 or the church at 330-823-3439.

\$10 for spot only (bring your own table)

\$10 for spot + \$5 per table (using the church's table)

Maximum of 3 tables per vendor.

No electricity provided. Limited running water available.

Family friendly items only.

Food will be available for purchase.

All proceeds support the Outreach Committee.

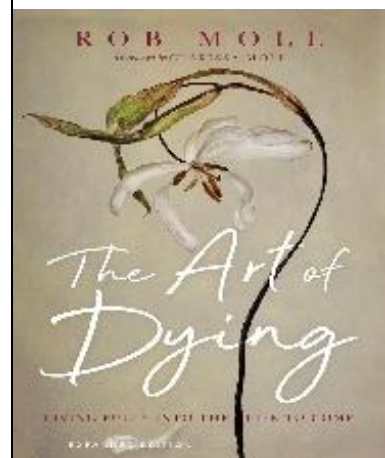
**SCIENCE HILL BOOK CLUB**

Thursday June 25, 6pm – 8pm

Light Dinner and Discussion

***The Art of Dying, by Rob Moll***

Join us in reading “a gentle companion for all who face death.” We will have a “pastorally sensitive” view of living in the light of death, the Christian funeral, caring for the dying, grief and mourning, a culture of resurrection, hard conversations, end of life care and much more. See Laura for a copy of the book, ph. 330-207-2473.



## **Children's Ministry News** *Holly Swegheimer, Director of Children's Ministry*

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I wanted to thank Cindy Casto and Lynn Penturf for doing a wonderful job this year for the children's Sunday School class. They have learned a lot and had fun doing the crafts and games. Thank you for your service.

In Jr. Church, we are continuing to learn about Jesus's ministry and his life. It has been so exciting to see the kids learn their memory verses and to learn more about Jesus.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have done the Children's Messages. I appreciate the time, energy, desire, and willingness to serve even the least of these. The children are learning and enjoying their time, getting to know you.

There still may be time to sign your youngster up for summer camp! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly or Pastor Jon. Partial financial help may be available.

Camp Carl in Ravenna, Ohio: [www.campcarl.life](http://www.campcarl.life)

Camp Gideon in Mechanicstown, Ohio: [www.campgideon.org](http://www.campgideon.org)

Camp Wanake in Beach City, Ohio: [www.campwanake.org](http://www.campwanake.org)

Round Lake Christian Camp in Lakeview, Ohio: [www.roundlake.org](http://www.roundlake.org)

Camp Luz in Orville, Ohio: [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com)



### MOWING SCHEDULE

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THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to mow the church grounds.

We still have a few weeks available on the clipboard in the Science Hill Room.

You can also call the church office and add your name to the schedule.

A riding mower is available and some other yard equipment back in the locked shed.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Casto.

**June 1 – 10:** Favazzo

**June 11-20:** Boyce

**June 21-30:** Jon Truax

### **Community Outreach Missions Opportunities**

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These are no pressure/no obligation opportunities we are presented with for our congregation to volunteer if available and wanting to help in the community.

The Commons: Mondays 11:45 – 1:30 Soup & Bingo

The Commons Fridays 10:25 – 11:30 Mugs & Muffins

For more info...contact Jill Gruver [gruverji@mountunion.edu](mailto:gruverji@mountunion.edu).



**\*Science Hill volunteers are serving at Christ United Methodist Church for the Alliance of Churches Community Meal Tuesdays, June 9, July 14, and August 11.** (see the sign-up sheet).



Our **clipboard sign-up sheets** are located in the Science Hill Room. Any and all help you can give is very much appreciated!

You can also call the church office to add your name to any volunteer list ... which may include Sunday leaders, mowing schedule, Lunch & Learn, rummage sale, book club, Akron Rubber Ducks tickets, and more!

*The LORD your GOD will BLESS you in all the work of your hands, and your JOY will be complete.  
-Deuteronomy 16:15*

**“THANK YOU” FOR VOLUNTEERING ON SUNDAYS**

DATE	CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	LITURGIST	BELL RINGER
June 7	Marsha Graham	Marsha Graham	Kaylin Ketler
June 14	Theresa Marks	Charlene Boyce	Jenny Digiantonio
June 21			
June 28			
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Ben and Janet Favazzo	<b>GREETERS</b> Ray and Charlene Boyce	<b>ACOLYTE</b> Sabrina Thomas

★ **We’re heading to the** ★  
**Akron Rubber Ducks Game!**

**Want to come with us?**

The Outreach Committee has reserved 25 tickets for **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

The seats are in Section 14, right behind home plate!

**The cost per ticket: \$15**



We have a sign-up sheet in the Science Hill Room or you can call the church office to reserve your tickets. Payment for tickets need to be made by June 29<sup>th</sup>. As the time gets closer, we will decide how to car-pool if you want. We hope you will join us!

## THANK YOU NOTES IN THE MAIL AND MISC. INFO ...

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** The new directory is at the printers and will be available in the next few weeks.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who baked delicious goodies for the voting day Bake Sale. The Roof Fund was the recipient of the profits of \$509.

**THE TOOLBOX: A Men's Ministry:** Area men are invited to gather and enjoy breakfast, fellowship and a program on the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-10:00am. **Meet them on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Faith City Church, 425 E. Market Street in Alliance.** There will be NO gatherings in July or August.

**DONATE YOUR POP TABS:** This initiative is good for Ronald McDonald House families, local organizations and the environment. We can all do a little to make a big difference in our community! *Our container is in the area where the food is collected for the Salvation Army.* **How do pop tabs help the Ronald McDonald House?**

They are taken to be recycled in exchange for dollars for our Family Fund, which provides items for families that use RMHC NEO programs. They offer assistance in emergencies, lodging, travel, clothing, hygiene and help to give families special moments – like providing small birthday gifts for children.

### JUNE CALENDAR

1<sup>st</sup>: 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee  
6<sup>th</sup>: Men's Toolbox Ministry at Faith City Church, 425 E. Market Street in Alliance at 8:30am  
7<sup>th</sup>: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship with Communion  
8<sup>th</sup>: 2pm Tech Committee; 7pm Consistory and Spiritual Council following  
9<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm Serving a community dinner at Christ United Methodist Church  
14<sup>th</sup>: Flag Day; 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship outdoors  
15<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm Worship Committee; 7:30pm Christian Education Committee  
20<sup>th</sup>: Flea Market and Raptors Hallow Event 9am-2pm  
21<sup>st</sup>: **Father's Day**; 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship  
22<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30pm Outreach Committee  
25<sup>th</sup>: Newsletter deadline at 8am for July info; Book Club gathering at 6pm  
28<sup>th</sup>: 9am Prayer Time; 9:30am Worship

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3<sup>rd</sup>: Nancy Springer, Austin Williamson, M/M Bob Crum  
4<sup>th</sup>: Garrett Crum  
5<sup>th</sup>: Corey Casto, Morgan Snode  
6<sup>th</sup>: Mark Haidet, Connor Cole  
11<sup>th</sup>: June Truax  
12<sup>th</sup>: M/M Joel Fabrey  
13<sup>th</sup>: M/M Jon Truax  
14<sup>th</sup>: Tom Linerode  
15<sup>th</sup>: Connie Poto  
19<sup>th</sup>: Adam Church  
20<sup>th</sup>: Chris Stroup  
21<sup>st</sup>: Larry Beck  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Carol Datz, Jim Hornyak, M/M Craig Datz  
27<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Church, M/M Austin Carper  
29<sup>th</sup>: Jimmy Campbell, Justin Reay  
30<sup>th</sup>: M/M Bob Poto

SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

HAPPY  
*Father's Day*

“Do all that you can do  
to live in peace with everyone.”

-Romans 12:18

# CHURCH MEMORIES *-Tami Theisler, Church Historian*

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – A beautiful spring morning for outdoor worship. The baptism of Griffon Michael Gowen, son of Jenna and Kevin Gowen, was celebrated. Graduates were honored including Caleb Baxter and Alaina Courtwright from high school and Austin Carper, Katie Davis and Zachary Owen, college grads. Reception held in the pavilion after worship.

**\*\* 10 Years Ago – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – Graduate Recognition with the following honored – Anthony Church, Zach Owen, Quentin Rock, Bethany Truax, Lindsey Fugett and Mandy Digiantonio. A reception in their honor followed worship service. Dennis Kohler provided special music – a stirring “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. Katy Boyce spoke about our new sponsor child Maria, and flowers on the altar were in memory of Bruce Raber from Jan, Tam and Heidi.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – A special day – confirmation, baptism, reception of new members and communion. Bonnie Linerode provided special music. Our confirmands were Austin Carper, Anthony Church, Kaylee Datz, Zach Owen, Quentin Rock, Bethany Truax. New members were Tyler Church, Craig and Carol Datz, Tim Mayle, Steve and Emma Owen. Those baptized were Zach Owen, Quentin Rock, Linda Hoover, Larry Beck and McKenna Datz. A reception followed service.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 | VBS Program** - Audra and Amanda Cirone and Sarah Farnham sang a beautiful VBS trio. There was a congregational vote to change the name of the church and change all of the UCC wording in the constitution and corporation. The new name will be Science Hill Community Church. There was an all-church VBS picnic following the vote to celebrate with the children and their families.

**\*\* 25 Years Ago - June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001** – Word was received that Elenor Wells Diller, wife of former pastor Robert G. Diller, died in Denver, Colorado on May 9. A memorial service was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Tiffin, OH. The Dillers served our church, the former Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church from 1941 to 1955.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 1996** – Vacation Bible School “Friendship Adventures with Jesus”.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 1991** – Vacation Bible School directed by Charlene Boyce, had the theme “Jesus and You at Camp Can-Do.”

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986** – The following graduates were honored: From high school – Bryan K. Baker, Diane Erica Baxter, Christopher C. Brueske, Teresa Marie Honaker, Timothy George Phliger, Brian Christopher Thomas, Jill Marie Tinker, and Wade Eugene Unkefer. From college – Kay Ann Honaker, Perry Lynn Honaker, Todd Johnson and Mark Schmitt.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 1981** – Bible School saw an average daily attendance of 138 students and 34 staff members. The children learned peace-loving, kind attitudes which Jesus advocates in Bible stories. The offering received will send honeybees to Haiti and will purchase three baby swings for the play area.

**\*\* 50 Years Ago – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1976 | Father-Son Banquet** - Ladies of the church served a steak dinner. “Lionel and the Little Ones” puppets entertained.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1971** – Annual Festival

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1966** – Science Hill Festival, net income was \$528.49.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 1961** – Our Bible School was well attended, 110 children enrolled.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 1956** – Bible School was held at the church and parsonage with the young mothers acting as teachers and also furnishing transportation for children. Mrs. Meckstroth also had charge of a class.

**\*\* 75 Years Ago - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1951** – The congregation held its annual festival on the church grounds, with the inevitable rain, but had a good attendance, nevertheless. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Raber furnished shrubbery which was planted around the church to help beautify the grounds.

**June 1946** – No historian entries



## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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Seri Baker	Randy Oyster
Jeanine Battershell	Shirley Steed
Calvin Beck	Paul Sullivan
Kathy Boyce	Bruce & Lisa Tennis
Donna Cowden	Greg & Rose Wade
Marsha Graham	Tiffany Wallace
Donna & Valerie Grubb	John Waltz
Debbie Haidet	Kathy Wilks
Cindy Knepp	Tom Williamson



To the Family & Friends of Danielle Sadler, Garland Lambert, Ron Wallace

### **HOMEBOUND/CARE FACILITIES**

Peggy Hawkins, moving to Virginia Beach  
June Truax, St. Luke's - N. Canton  
Craig & Carol Datz, Bel-Air  
Audrey Wood-Clayton, Green Meadows

### **MILITARY**

Nick Marks, Air Force  
Ryan Brown, Marines  
Jared Azemopoulos, Space Force  
Matthew Cicero, Marines

### **COLLEGE**

Cayden Monk, University of Mount Union

### **CONSISTORY**

ELDERS: Gary Casto  
Mark Haidet  
Jan Raber  
Derek Swegheimer  
DEACONS: Ray Courtwright  
Ben Favazzo  
Jeff Hahn  
Rose Wade

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor: Jonathan Truax  
Secretary/Treasurer: Theresa Marks  
Pianist: Nancy Springer  
Children's Ministry Director: Holly Swegheimer  
Custodians: J & D Cleaning / Elizabeth Courtwright

### **Junior Church and the Nursery**

Junior Church class takes place on Sunday mornings after the Children's Message in worship. Those Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited upstairs in the educational wing for a lesson and craft.

**FLOCKNOTE:** *We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text. Text SHCC to 84576 or connect at: [sciencehillcommunitychur.flocknote.com](http://sciencehillcommunitychur.flocknote.com). No passwords or app download necessary. Choose the ministries (including prayer chains) and committees you would like to connect with.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS HELD AT SCIENCE HILL OFTEN INVOLVE PHOTOGRAPHY, AS WELL AS AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS. BY ATTENDING, YOU ARE CONSENTING TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING, AND POTENTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR LIKENESS/VOICE ON OUR WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, OR OTHER DIGITAL PLATFORMS. THANK YOU.

**SCIENCE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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*(Address Correction Requested)*

*June 2026*



Jesus  
is the  
Anchor  
of my Soul

*Hebrews 6:19*