



2024

FAMILY VISITOR



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This will be Thursday, May 2 at noon. Meet at the Polk County Courthouse.

SERVICE TIMES IN MAY

Starting May 5, we will be adjusting our time of study and worship as an experiment. Family Life, the church that will be using our building from 7 am to 1 pm will start meeting here on May 5th. **On May 5, we will have a finger food potluck at 11:30 am, followed by a time of study at 12 noon.** As noted later, we are watching a video series: Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Crossing by Timothy Mahoney. This will be in the small dining room downstairs. **We will be having our worship service at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary and will continue to do our live stream.**

If you come for the potluck and time of study, please use the ramp at the back, or the door closest to Clay Street to get to the basement. The Family Life service will be in progress in the Sanctuary.

We will follow this schedule through May and see what it is like and if there are other times that may work better.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Dallas First to do some new things in the life of the church and see where God is leading us into the future!

MAY SERMON SERIES

In the month of May, we will be walking together through a sermon series entitled Redeeming Failures. If you have ever felt that you have failed too deeply or had life been against you too much, that God can't use you anymore, think again. The Bible is full of stories of God redeeming women and men who have struggled and who have failed and making them into faithful people who have made a difference in the world. People like Peter, David, Esther, Joseph, and Paul are just a few of those who were redeemed and restored and did wonderful things in the service to God. You are invited and encouraged to invite others to hear what God has done and will do when we struggle and fall short but look to God for our new life and new chances.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for volunteers to spend time in the office, especially for times when Darren has to be out. If you are interested, let Darren or Marsha know your availability, and we will work out a schedule.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There will not be Bible Study the Second Wednesday of each month due to CWF. All other Wednesdays, Bible Study is at 9:30 am in the parlor. We are studying the book of James.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There will be a men's Bible Thursdays at 8:30 am in the parlor.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF will meet on Wednesday, May 8, at 1 pm in the Parlor. All women are welcome to attend.

DENTAL VAN

There will be no Dental Van in May. If you know someone who wants to schedule a time for the van in the future, have them call 503-623-2569.



Food Bank

Supporting our local food bank is an important ministry. We collected 107

pounds in April.

They have requested canned corn this month.

Items that can always be used: Food: spices, chocolate, canned meats and jerky, crackers and tortillas, soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned foods including canned meat, pasta. Please make sure donated items have not passed their expiration date.

Non-food: Feminine products, toiletries, baby toiletries including diapers, wipes, and socks.

Cash donations to the Food Bank, which can be made through the church, are used to buy perishable foods like milk, eggs, etc. for the food boxes that are given out.

We will be accepting donations for the Food bank in church on Sunday, May 12, and donations can be brought to the church through Thursday, May 16.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have in person Adult Sunday School. Starting in May, this will be at noon in the small dining room. On May 5, we will have a finger food potluck at 11:30 am. For the other Sundays, feel free to bring a lunch with you.

As of April,7 we have been doing a small group study called Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Crossing by Timothy Mahoney.

Description: "Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle" continues to raise big questions about biblical miracles. This series is by Patterns of Evidence's award-winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney. How could thousands of feet of water be parted at the Red Sea? Or was the sea merely parted by the act of wind in nature, through a shallow Egyptian lake? Mahoney investigates these locations to see if any have a pattern of evidence matching the Bible. People of faith will be inspired and skeptics will have much to think about as Mahoney reveals two decades of documentary research including if divers found the remains of Pharaoh's army on the seafloor. This cinematic journey leads him to inquire... "Do miracles still happen today?"

Dive Deeper into this riveting evidence for a deep sea crossing and its impact on our faith. This small group study includes thought-provoking questions that will help you explore key scenes from the film and why it matters today.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

4/5 payroll actual	2,417.84
4/20 payroll actual	2,417.68

Bills due:	Amount	due date
Concordia Supply	39.85	15-May
Auto insurance	108.50	3-May
Property insurance	655.26	13-May
Willamette Valley Fiber		
- phone & internet	120.66	20-May
NW Natural Gas	152.12	19-May
Republic Services		
(due every 2 months)	88.51	20-May
Pacific Power	161.76	30-Apr

City of Dallas	94.56	10-May
Paid by auto deduction		
Icon Church Mgmt	50.00	
Nucleus (online giving)	24.16	
Total utilities, etc.	1,495.38	
Total with payroll	6,330.90	
Next payroll will be due May 1.		
Bank balance as of 4/23	1,341.06	

Average monthly offering through March 31
6,031.95
Average monthly offering in 2023
6,019.07
Offering so far in April \$4,551.09

ONLINE GIVING

Do you ever wish you could give without writing a check? Do you ever wish you could give on a weekday? Or at Midnight? We are now set up for online giving! Go to our web page, <http://www.Dallasfirstcc.com> and click on the "Giving" page or button. This link will take you to the donation page.

NEIGHBOR LINKUP COMMUNITY CONNECTION

The churches of Dallas and community helping organizations have come together to help people. Called Neighbor Linkup, this website allows needs to be screened and then sent out directly to people who have signed up with an account. If you can help with the need, you contact the helping organization person and go forward from there. It is a simple process, and you are encouraged to do this to be involved in the life of the community.

The website is www.neighborlinkup.com/dallas.
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Darren.

JAMES 2 COMMUNITY KITCHEN

As of April 4, the James 2 meals will be dine in from 4:30 – 6 pm on Thursday at the United Methodist Church on LaCreole Drive. They welcome volunteer helpers.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jayce Thompson
- 4 Dee Oleman
- 4 Jameson Tormey
- 5 Tami Harustak
- 9 Cathy Dunlap
- 9 Dane Jones
- 9 Brooklynn Thompson
- 9 Sarah Tormey
- 10 Brittney Blair
- 16 Ashley Decker
- 16 Jenoveva Ocampo
- 17 Byron Perry
- 18 Rachael Anderson
- 18 Eliana Cameron
- 20 Erinn Berberick
- 20 Andrea Thorpe
- 23 Glendoris Dyer
- 27 Dan Bartel
- 28 Carl Massey

We have no anniversaries listed for May.

If we've left out your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know.

PLEASE PRAY



HEALTH CONCERNS:

Cancer: Bob Bishop; Sharon Chapman; Ted Collins; Dick Dunaway; Ron Hume; Raylene

James; Carol Jones; Charlaine Knox & Vicki Massey's classmate; Sabrina Penney's friend Roger; Johnny Post; Melvin Smith; Sarah Taylor; Bobby Thomas; Megan Trowbridge; Sherry Washburn.

Health issues: Buddy; Ahsan (8 year old with life-threatening genetic disorder) & his brother Ismail, who is having health issues also; Chris Anderson; Diana and Neil Anderson; Rachael Anderson; Joy Bartel, Shirley Bird, her sister, Darlene, & her brother, Dean; Joe Born; Maggie Brown & her mother; Glendoris & Ross Dyer; Dave Eady; Alden Erickson; Ken Gardner; Julie Hasuly; Phil Hill (Baker's cyst); Shel Hill; Taylor Hill; Mark Isham; Darrel Isaacson; Charlaine Knox's friend Raelene; Kyle Massey; Calvin Penney's friend Chuck; Sabrina Penney, her aunt Fiona and her friend Corky; Edith Perry; Christine Perston; Alden Petersen (brain tumor); Linda Phipps; Debbie & Steve Pickering; Sonia Potter; Diana Ramos & her nephew; James Roberts; Debbie & Alden Sears; Christina Taylor; Vonnie Taylor; Don Teal; Tracy Young. People infected with Covid-19, the flu and RSV.

Heart: Ron Getty; Vicki Massey's friend Roserria; Dave & Shel Hill's friend, Greg Ketchum.

OTHER: Debbie Eisenhut, medical missionary with SIM; peace in Cameroon and comfort for victims of violence in Cameroon. Vicki Massey (Patience, Faith and Peace); Chris Anderson's brother Bryce; David Graham (facing hard situations). Jorvan Leiby who is living on the streets and doing drugs. Jessica Vincent's brother, Joe, who is homeless, and their mother, Donna. People with relationship issues. People looking for work and/or apartments. Chris & Natasha Cameron and Larry Blair's grandson, Dakota, who fish in Alaska. Mabel Fisher's grandson Cody, Stephanie & Anastasia Barth. People experiencing depression and anxiety. People impacted by natural disasters around the world. A peaceful end to the wars and political unrest around the world.

To add someone to the prayer list, you can call the office at 503-623-2569, email Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com, use messenger (through Facebook), or fill out one of the prayer cards in the pew pockets.

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If there are any updates for someone you put on the prayer chain, let us know.

To start the prayer chain, call the office (503-623-2569) or e-mail the church at Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com

TO GET THE FAMILY VISITOR:

- Pick up a copy at church!
- Send your mailing address to the church or call the office at 503-623-2569.
- Send your email address to: Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com
- Read it on our web site: <http://dallasfirstcc.com>

NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY



There is a lot happening in the life of Dallas First Christian Church with some new experiments coming up beginning in May. They say that "April showers bring May flowers". We have had our share of showers lately, both outside in nature and within our congregation. As we turn the corner into the month of May, I can very much see the affects of the rain that we have had this spring as the

plants and flowers are beginning to bloom with the promise of fruit and beauty. The same is happening here at Dallas First Christian.

As many of you have heard, or if you haven't heard yet, we are entering into a partnership with a new church starting here in Dallas, Family Life of Dallas. This is a new church start that has met in the downtown theater and the Events Center and beginning in May, will be meeting in our building for their Sunday morning gatherings. This church will be using the sanctuary and upper floor on Sunday mornings. What does this mean for us? That is a great question! With Family Life being here in the mornings, we are going to experiment in the month of May, with having our morning study time at 12 noon downstairs and then have worship in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm. I know this is different; I know this is unusual, but this is an experiment, and we are going to see what fruit this brings. Both groups will be working together to make great use of the space we have, we will be flexible with each other, and we will work together in a variety of ways to further the Kingdom of God in ways neither of us could do alone.

While this is an exciting time for Dallas First Christian, it is also a time where we need all your prayers, support, participation, giving and sharing to move forward into what God has for us all. Each one of us is a part of the Body of Christ, bringing different gifts, dreams, and energy to the Body and each individual congregation brings different things to the larger Body of Christ. As we move through the month of May, I encourage you to listen for updates and news about what is happening and to be flexible in what you do as part of Dallas First Christian. Please feel free to share with me and the board any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Even in an uncertain future, we can be certain that God is present, and we are not alone, we have never been alone. God is

continuing to move and to guide us in ways we may not be aware of yet. Let's participate in what God is doing and see what God will be doing as we experience the resurrected life of God in our lives and church! Join us and invite your friends and neighbors to join us in worship and service together. We'll see you in worship and in the life of the church!

Peace.

Pastor Darren Anderson

<p>Church email Dallas1stchristianchurch@yahoo.com</p> <p>Darren's Email pastormdarren@yahoo.com</p> <p>Church Web site: Dallasfirstcc.com</p> <p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> Noon Adult study 1 pm Worship (on site, on Facebook live & Youtube)</p> <p><u>Church Office Hours:</u> Currently no set hours Phone: 503-623-2569</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Darren Anderson, Senior Pastor</p>
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BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MAY

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
01	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	Psalm 102:1-28	Proverbs 14:15-16
02	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	Psalm 103:1-22	Proverbs 14:17-19
03	Judges 17:1-18:31	John 3:1-21	Psalm 104:1-24	Proverbs 14:20-21
04	Judges 19:1-20:48	John 3:22-4:3	Psalm 104:24-35	Proverbs 14:22-24
05	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	Psalm 105:1-15	Proverbs 14:25
06	Ruth 2:1-4:22	John 4:43-54	Psalm 105:16-36	Proverbs 14:26-27
07	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21	John 5:1-23	Psalm 105:37-45	Proverbs 14:28-29
08	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	Psalm 106:1-12	Proverbs 14:30-31
09	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	John 6:1-21	Psalm 106:13-31	Proverbs 14:32-33
10	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	John 6:22-42	Psalm 106:32-48	Proverbs 14:34-35
11	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	Psalm 107:1-43	Proverbs 15:1-3
12	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23	John 7:1-30	Psalm 108:1-13	Proverbs 15:4
13	1 Samuel 14:1-52	John 7:31-53	Psalm 109:1-31	Proverbs 15:5-7
14	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 8:1-20	Psalm 110:1-7	Proverbs 15:8-10
15	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	Psalm 111:1-10	Proverbs 15:11
16	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	Psalm 112:1-10	Proverbs 15:12-14
17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	Psalm 113:1-114:8	Proverbs 15:15-17
18	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	Psalm 115:1-18	Proverbs 15:18-19
19	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	John 10:22-42	Psalm 116:1-19	Proverbs 15:20-21
20	1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	John 11:1-54	Psalm 117:1-2	Proverbs 15:22-23
21	1 Samuel 29:1-31:13	John 11:55-12:19	Psalm 118:1-18	Proverbs 15:24-26
22	2 Samuel 1:1-2:11	John 12:20-50	Psalm 118:19-29	Proverbs 15:27-28
23	2 Samuel 2:12-3:39	John 13:1-30	Psalm 119:1-16	Proverbs 15:29-30
24	2 Samuel 4:1-6:23	John 13:31-14:14	Psalm 119:17-32	Proverbs 15:31-32
25	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18	John 14:15-31	Psalm 119:33-48	Proverbs 15:33
26	2 Samuel 9:1-11:27	John 15:1-27	Psalm 119:49-64	Proverbs 16:1-3
27	2 Samuel 12:1-31	John 16:1-33	Psalm 119:65-80	Proverbs 16:4-5
28	2 Samuel 13:1-39	John 17:1-26	Psalm 119:81-96	Proverbs 16:6-7
29	2 Samuel 14:1-15:22	John 18:1-24	Psalm 119:97-112	Proverbs 16:8-9
30	2 Samuel 15:23-16:23	John 18:25-19:22	Psalm 119:113-128	Proverbs 16:10-11
31	2 Samuel 17:1-29	John 19:23-42	Psalm 119:129-152	Proverbs 16:12-13

VIEWING SERVICES ONLINE

If you happen to miss the Facebook Livestream, you can find the service at one of these three places:

- Facebook page under videos
- The church's Youtube channel: [youtube.com/channel/UC787GHImq8kXipwN5MSnvRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC787GHImq8kXipwN5MSnvRw)

MONTH AT A GLANCE

- May 1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study in Parlor
- May 2 8:30 am Men's Bible Study in Parlor
Noon National Day of Prayer at Polk County Courthouse
- May 5 11:30 am Finger food potluck in small dining room
Noon Adult Sunday School in small dining room
1 pm Worship Service in Sanctuary
- May 8 1:00 pm Christian Women's Fellowship
- May 9 8:30 am Men's Bible Study
Noon DMA meeting here
- May 12 Noon Adult Sunday School in small dining room
1 pm Worship Service in Sanctuary
Collect food for Dallas Food Bank
- May 14 9:30 am Board Meeting in Parlor
- May 15 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- May 16 8:30 am Men's Bible Study
- May 19 Noon Adult Sunday School in small dining room
1 pm Worship Service in Sanctuary
- May 22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- May 23 8:30 am Men's Bible Study
- May 26 Noon Adult Sunday School in small dining room
1 pm Worship Service in Sanctuary
- May 29 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
- May 30 8:30 am Men's Bible Study