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EMBRACING THE MONTH OF MAY



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The month of May, filled with the beauty of blossoming flowers and lengthening days, provides a perfect backdrop for inner renewal and spiritual growth. For Christians, this season of spring can symbolize a fresh opportunity to deepen faith, nurture spiritual disciplines, and realign life with the promises of God. Below are some ways believers can intentionally grow their relationship with Christ during the month of May.

Dedicate More Time to Prayer – As nature flourishes in May, so can our prayer life. The quiet moments of spring mornings or cool evenings can be perfect for setting aside extra time to connect with God. Whether it's personal devotions, intercessory prayer, or moments of silent reflection, prayer is foundational to faith.

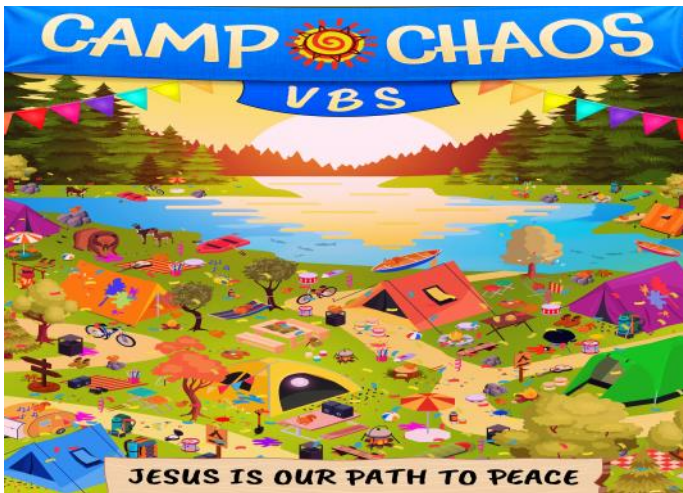
Reflect on God's Creation – May is often marked by the beauty of nature blooming to life. Use this visual reminder of God's power and creativity to stir worship and gratitude in your heart. Go for prayer walks, journal about creation, or read Psalms that celebrate nature.

Serve Others Intentionally – Spring cleaning usually applies to our homes, but what if we applied it to our hearts by serving others? May can be a time to live out your faith by volunteering, helping neighbors, giving to those in need, or simply being more available for those around you.

Renew Your Commitment to Scripture – With the school year winding down and schedules shifting, May can be a great time to begin or refresh a Bible reading plan. Choose a theme to explore during the month, such as joy, love, or perseverance.

Make Room for Rest and Stillness – In our fast-paced culture, intentional rest is a spiritual discipline. May's long weekends or gentle days provide a great time to cultivate sabbath rest. Step back from constant activity and reflect on God's goodness and grace.

May is more than a gateway to summer. It can be a season of spiritual blossoming. With prayer, reflection, service, and rest, Christians can use these 31 days to draw nearer to God. Let this month be one of renewal, remembrance, and rededication—a beautiful time to strengthen your walk with the Lord.



Are you ready for this summer to get a little ... chaotic? Get ready for **Camp Chaos!** This summer, your kids can spend a few days at a campsite in the forest. But watch out -- things are starting to get a little crazy at **Camp Chaos**.

Camp Chaos focuses on five of the Gospels' most chaotic stories.

- Jesus Is Our Strength In Chaos.**
- Jesus Cares For Us In Times Of Chaos.**
- Jesus Saves Us From Chaos.**
- Jesus Is Our Peace In Chaos.**
- Jesus Kicks Out The Chaos.**

During Camp Chaos the kids will learn how Jesus is our peace in a chaotic world.

VBS (Dates & Times)

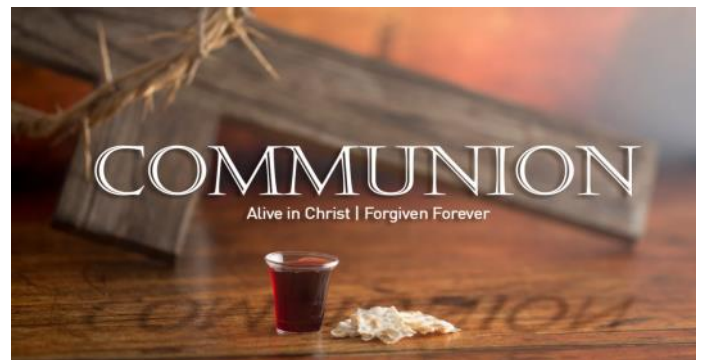
- June 27th (Friday) from 6-8 p.m.
- June 28th (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 29th (Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Worship Service (11 a.m.) – Will highlight VBS.
- “Camp Chaos” celebration after the Worship Service.

VBS is for ages 3 years old to 6th grade. The youth (7th-12th grade) will be our helpers.

(If anyone would like to help with VBS, please sign up in the foyer.)



Mother's Day is just around the corner (May 11th). To help celebrate our mothers and the women who have had a special influence in our lives, **USBC** will have a special ***Mother's Day Service***. During the 11 a.m. service, the children will be giving beautiful flowers to all the women in attendance. It is our way to express our appreciation for your love and dedication.



On Sunday, May 25th I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship. Let this be a special time of self-reflection and change as you recall the great sacrifice that Christ made for you. He gave His all so that you could experience the true meaning of life.



The ***Forever Young Luncheon*** is held every month at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. It will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:30 p.m. Remember, anyone is welcome.



May Sermons

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In May, I will be starting a new 3-part sermon series entitled, *“Attitude”*. Attitude is more than a mindset; it is a compass that guides the course of our lives.

May 4th

Sermon Title: *“Your Attitude Determines Your Destiny”*

Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Synopsis: Your attitude can shape the direction of your life. There are many obstacles that will challenge your walk with Christ. However, having the right attitude during such times, can unlock the doors to your destiny and position you for victory.

May 11th

Sermon Title: *“Questions of a Mother”*

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-4

Synopsis: Motherhood can be a challenging role and can generate a lot questions. However, God will walk and help direct the path of any mother who holds tightly to Him and follows His word.

May 18th

Sermon Title: *“An Attitude of Fortitude”*

Scripture: Genesis 37-50

Synopsis: We are encouraged to cultivate a spiritual endurance and to remain faithful even in the darkest seasons, trusting that God’s purpose is greater than our pain. An attitude of fortitude not only sustains us, but also leads us to the fulfillment of God’s promises.

May 25th

Sermon Title: *“Attitude of Gratitude”*

Scripture: Psalm 100:4-5

Synopsis: Living with an attitude of gratitude transforms our relationship with God and with others. Gratitude is more than a polite response; it is a powerful posture of the heart that draws us closer to God’s presence.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
May 18, 2025

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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God's Plan Of Salvation

Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

April Highlights



Below are some wonderful events that happened in the life of USBC during the month of April.

Easter Egg Hunt – On April 13th, our children gathered outdoors as they made their way across the lawn to find Easter Eggs filled with prizes.

Palm Sunday Service – On April 13th, the church celebrated Palm Sunday by waving our palm branches in the air and sing “*Hosanna*”.

Good Friday Service – Our *Good Friday Service* took place on April 18th. During our time together, we reflected upon the great sacrifice that Jesus paid for us on the cross. The special service was filled with songs, scripture, videos, and communion. This service is available for your viewing on the church’s website.

Easter Communion – On Easter Sunday, a room was dedicated for anyone to participate in *Easter Communion* in a private and reflective manner.

Easter Service – On Easter Sunday the church had a very meaningful and uplifting service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many decisions were made for Christ. This service is available for your viewing on the church’s website.

Pizza with the Pastor – On April 27th, the church gathered at J&P Pizza for a good time of food and fellowship.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering went to support our local missionaries as they carry out the Great Commission.



“May the God of
hope fill you with all joy
and peace in faith
so that you overflow
with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13





On Sunday, May 18th, the following **Ministry Teams** (**Children's Ministry/VBS, and Security**) will meet for about 15 minutes following the 11 a.m. worship service.



There has been a lot to celebrate in the life of **USBC**. As you read about the blessings below, give God the praise for the great things He has done.

Mae Settles – Mae has officially retired from the Montgomery County School System after many years of being a faithful school bus driver for the county and students.

Esther Navarrete – Esther was born to Yve and Carlos on March 29, 2025.

Decisions – During our Easter Service, there were many decisions made for Christ.

Judy Namme (Salvation)

Dan Conley (Church Membership)

Laura Conley (Baptism)

Katie Conley (Baptism)



Jacinto and Oriella –

On April 3, 2025, Jacinto and Oriella said, “*I do*” and are now husband and wife.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for May 25th for our next **Church Chat**. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop

for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. **Church Chat** is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.



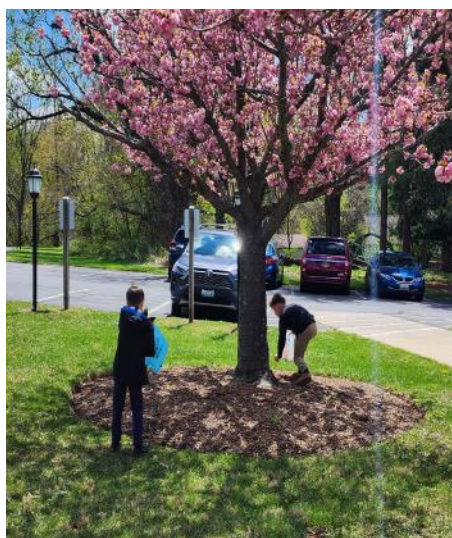
On Sunday, May 25th, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be “**How to Defend the Faith**”. This study will offer practical guidance and biblical insights to help you confidently and respectfully share your beliefs. Whether you are new to apologetics or looking to deepen your understanding, this is a valuable opportunity to grow in your faith and engage with others effectively.



We have the winners. Before Esther Navarrete was born to Yvie and Carlos, the church had a fun contest to determine who could guess the date, the time, the length, and the weight of the baby Esther. The winners are as follows who guessed closest: **Mindi Kirschenmann** (**DATE**), **Mae Settles** (**TIME**), **Sharon Moone** (**LENGTH**), and **Mary King** (**WEIGHT**). Congratulations to all the winners.



USBC Easter Egg Hunt





CANCELLED

The following activities will be canceled in May.
After the Sermon Bible Study (May 6th)
Prayer Meeting (May 6th)
 Church Office Closed (May 26th)

Lacey Shifflet
receiving Communion

