



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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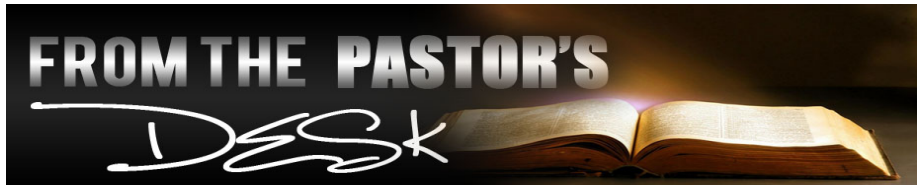
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Sunday Worship Services  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School / ESL  
9:45 a.m.



## Shepherding the Flock (Part 3)

*You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia... how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house... I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. -- Acts 20:18-20, 27 (NASB)*

On his way to Jerusalem, the Apostle Paul met with the elders of the church of Ephesus (Acts 20:17-38). After ministering together for years, they would not see each other again in this life (Acts 20:25, 37-38). Their loss is our gain for Paul's last words to them reveal some important features of caring for God's people.

First, the foundation of ministry is the Word of God and Prayer (Acts 20:24, 31-32, 36). Elders care for the flock by **feeding** them a balanced diet from the Word. This happens through group activities like corporate worship and coordinated Sunday School programs. More personal ministries like small groups and mentoring also feed the flock.

Modeling the Christian life through personal holiness, sacrifice, love, and hard work is also an important lesson from Paul (Acts 20:18-20, 33-35). Did you ever notice that the qualifications for elders are almost all character related (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)? That's because the elders **lead** not only through big picture mission and vision development, but also through living the faith before others and counseling those in need.

Paul also warns that leaders must be on guard for their own souls and watch out for wolves who would seek to harm the other sheep (Acts 20:28-31). Elders **protect** the flock by surveying the cultural temptations facing our people and also giving private warnings in areas of sin (Matthew 18:15-18).

So, shepherding happens publicly, in large group settings, and privately, in personal-relational encounters (Acts 20:20-22). As we saw last month, this distinction is what we call macro-shepherding and micro-shepherding (see April newsletter). It is not only a vital feature of **knowing** the flock, but also a reality in the other aspects of shepherding outlined above: feeding, leading, protecting.

Dr. Timothy Witmer (pastor emeritus of Crossroads) helpfully charted the nature of shepherding in his book, *The Shepherd Leader*. His chart, on page 2 of this newsletter, summarizes the shepherding approach employed by the elders of Crossroads Community Church.

Praise the Lord for leading us through His Word and through the fruit of Pastor Tim's labors. Ask the Lord to keep us faithful to the whole shepherding task entrusted to us by the Good and Great and Chief Shepherd.

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen

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## Shepherding at Crossroads

	Knowing	Feeding	Leading	Protecting
<b>Macro</b>  <i>Public / Corporate Ministry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurate membership rolls</li> <li>Knowing the flock's corporate strengths, weaknesses, traits, opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pulpit ministry</li> <li>Sacraments</li> <li>Christian Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision casting</li> <li>Mission and purpose</li> <li>Ministry decisions</li> <li>Committee leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public instruction and warning from the Scriptures</li> <li>Awareness of cultural "wolves"</li> <li>"Tell it to the church" step in Matt 18:17</li> </ul>
<b>Micro</b>  <i>Personal / Relational Ministry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowing the sheep personally</li> <li>Knowing which elders are caring for which sheep</li> <li>Strategy for regular, personal contact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship</li> <li>Mentoring</li> <li>Small groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By example in personal godliness, family life, church commitments</li> <li>Counseling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private warning</li> <li>Matthew 18:15 - 16 steps to restore wandering sheep</li> </ul>
Prayer				
Ministry of the Word				

## Missions Highlight

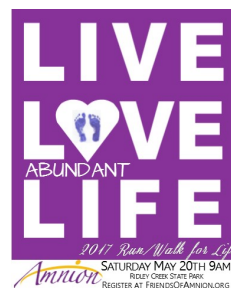


Please take note of two upcoming events in May that will enhance your missionary experience and your preparation for fulfilling the Great Commission:



**Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. @ Crossroads**

Share with fellow believers from many churches **Evangelism Explosion Day** training seminars in the morning, then in the afternoon (after lunch, of course) head for the 69<sup>th</sup> Street and environs mission field to share the Gospel. Imagine, a whole mission experience from training to reaching a lost world in one day!



**Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. @ Ridley Creek State Park**

Put feet on your Great Commission by joining the **Amnion Pregnancy Center 5K Run/Walk for Life** fund raising event. Not exactly Jerusalem to Rome but then Paul probably didn't run that whole way either. This is another chance to fellowship with folks from many different church backgrounds in the cause of (abundant) life!

Please sign up for these events on the websites of Crossroads ([www.crossroadspca.com](http://www.crossroadspca.com)) and Amnion ([friendsofamnion.org](http://friendsofamnion.org)) or at the church directly.



The Session met on April 17th together with the Deacons. Due to Easter and Pastor David's trip to Thailand, the meeting had been delayed for one week. The meeting opened with prayer and an exhortation from Pastor Quillen. The Officers divided into groups to pray for their respective flocks and then resumed their meeting together noting particular needs that all of the officers should be praying about.

After reviewing the financial reports, the Officers discussed several property matters including updating March's discussion regarding key access to the church and certain exterior doors which are not closing correctly. The Officers noted that several changes to prepare the basement level area for the new preschool had already commenced. These changes included (a) installing a new floor for the stage area of Armstrong Hall; (b) installing a double wide door between classrooms B4 and B5; (c) relocating CHEER items from the Cunerd classroom to other locations in the building, primarily the closet in the Barrington Road stairwell; and (d) repainting areas of the Heather Road stairwell in the new addition, the Cunerd classroom, the Armstrong Hall stage area and each of the basement-level classrooms. It was noted with thanks to the Lord that these improvements are being financed with generous donations to the church.

The early April church cleanup was a great success and many commented on the improved look and organization of the church as a whole, noting that the dumpster was completely filled. It was also noted that the Zoning Board approved the variance request for the preschool and that the transition plans of the Preschool Launch Committee were on schedule.

Jack Matsinger gave a report on the inspection of the church by a water and foundation firm. The report was positive and included a number of options to be considered. Many of the water issues have been addressed by the new roof installed by the church in 2016. Some of the items to consider include some regrading of areas at the base of the exterior walls, installation of a French drain and sump pump, reworking the areas near the old window wells and fixing the exterior door to Heather Road.

In light of the anticipated increase of diaconal matters with the addition of the preschool and future Armstrong Hall renovation, the Officers discussed a proposal to revise the current officer meeting format to provide for separate elder and deacon meetings in certain months while retaining the joint officer meeting format for the remaining months. This would avoid some duplication while allowing the deacons and elders to more directly focus on their respective concerns. To insure that individual flock matters are addressed and prayer for each flock takes place among each flock's elders and deacons each month, the respective flock teams will work to meet together as flock teams at mutually convenient times hopefully including either Pastor Mike or Pastor David on the months when the officers do not meet jointly. It was agreed to implement this proposal on a trial basis in the upcoming summer months and to then evaluate the results in the fall.

After ending their joint meeting in prayer, the Session and Deacons separated to address matters of particular concern to them. The Session discussed various ministry proposals and discipleship opportunities. They reviewed the upcoming preaching schedule and briefly discussed plans for the Sunday Evening Crossroads in the Summer.

The Session also discussed the upcoming EE Day and noted that their proposed standards had been fully adopted and well received by the EE Day organizing committee. The Session reviewed and discussed the Good Friday Prayer Vigil and noted with thanks the encouraging attendance and benefits mentioned by many of the participants. On Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, new members will be received including several young members. The Elders closed their meeting in prayer and asked the Lord for His continued guidance and direction and prayed particularly for the May 7<sup>th</sup> EE Day that it would be an encouragement to the attendees and contribute to the propagation of the gospel in Upper Darby.



## White Water Rafting by Dan Wilson

The Bible says, *"every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights"* (James 1:17). On Saturday, July 8, 2017, a contingent of men and boys from the church, ages 8 and older, plan to carpool to Jim Thorpe, PA, about 90 minutes from Crossroads. Their mission? To receive the gift of God's wonderful love and blessings through the activity of white water rafting.

Yes, "rafting," you read that right. Jim Thorpe River Adventures' "Introduction to White Water Rafting" experience, uniquely chosen by the Mighty Men's Ministry for this inaugural "guys-only" occasion of its kind, is primarily intended to facilitate fellowship among men/boys of the church—and through this a clearer picture of the "breadth and depth" of God's love.



Make no mistake, there is fun involved. God-willing, plans include driving up to Jim Thorpe together Saturday morning, perhaps stopping for pancakes at a roadside café along the way; boating for several hours downstream, battling rapids and taking in God's beauty amidst Pennsylvania's vast Appalachians; devouring packed sandwiches, cookies, and other snacks during lunch at a local rest stop; and more. Indeed, there is much excitement anticipated. In all of this, however, the real gift it is hoped participants will taste entails the blessing of being a part of a body of believers—a place where the gift of God's loving grace and mercy are realized in a more meaningful way.

The mission of Crossroads is to *"meet people at the crossroads of life with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help one another along the road of spiritual growth."* One manifestation of growth, and perhaps supreme over all, is realized maturity in our greatest commandments: *to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves* (Mark 12:30-31). What better way to practice these commandments than by white water rafting with fellow believers in Jim Thorpe, PA? Participants will be positioned to praise God for the beauty of nature while traversing the Pennsylvania wilderness. They will also be able to prayerfully lean on the Lord for protection and wisdom during the day's journeys. At the same time, participants will be able to minister to each other. This may entail listening to and laughing at jokes or stories shared during the car ride, helping less-experienced participants use proper safety measures with the boats, offering to share a bite with any brother who (shamefully!) forgets to pack a lunch, or even taking a prayer request from someone in need. Like any occasion, this opportunity to love God and neighbor on July 8th can only be appreciated as a manifestation of the gift of God's gracious love provided through Christ's work. Certainly then, this opportunity should not be taken for granted!

Even still, this event may NOT be for everyone. For those looking for hard-core, "serious" white water rafting with life-threatening rapids, this event will disappoint. And for those who cannot swim and are terrified of getting even a hair on their head wet, this event will not be ideal. The "Introduction to White Water Rafting" experience was uniquely chosen for the purpose of fellowship and thus intended to be as inclusive as possible (Jim Thorpe River Adventures promotes this event as providing fun and adventure but being safe enough for the "out-of-shape", the young, and people with bad joints). Yet those who fail to find this occasion appealing should not worry, for new ideas are always being considered by the men's ministry through which to more effectively minister to all guys of the church and beyond.



What can participants expect? A road trip, boating, eating, and Christian fellowship. Details about Jim Thorpe River Adventures and the trip can be found on their website (<https://www.jtraft.com>). Anyone interested will want to register immediately by clicking on the link on the church website. At least 15 people are needed for the discounted price of \$54.74/adult or \$47.25/youth (under 17) to apply. (So, any new registrants will serve their brothers who are already going by lowering the price!) Speaking of money, full payments will need to be made to the church by June 3rd. No exceptions. This is due to the first come, first served nature of the event. Participants will also want to keep in mind the trip is stated to happen rain or shine.

Of course, all of this is subject to the will of God. Please pray for His blessing upon this event, including the organization efforts and the number of participants that will attend. Ultimately, may everything work out to bring Him glory because in the end, this is all that matters—is it not?



# Married Couples Dinner



## Married Couples (and Seriously Engaged Couples!) Pot Luck Dinner



**May 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
By Candlelight in the Church Narthex**



Sponsored by the Mighty Men's Ministry and Women in the Church  
To Celebrate and Encourage Biblical Marriages  
And to Honor Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Fun, Music, Games, and more!

Please bring your favorite dinner dish and desert that you and your spouse enjoy together

Bring your favorite photo from your wedding or the early years of your marriage

Wear fashions that reflect your favorite time as a couple, or your native country

Nursery care will be provided

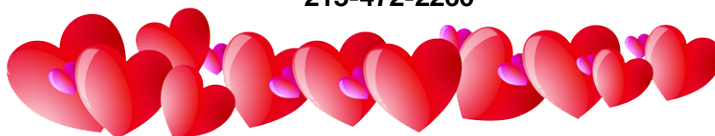
*"Husbands love your wives just as Christ loves the Church"*

*"Adam said, you are bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh and you shall be called woman!"*

**For more information**

**Contact Brother Eric or Sister Gretchen Wilson**

**215-472-2260**



# Evangelism Explosion Day



## E. E. Day Reminder

Don't forget, E. E. Day is coming up on **Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It's not too late to register, either online through the church website, [crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com), or by calling the church office at 610-352-3130.

There will be eight different workshops teaching us how to share our faith with people of various nationalities and religious backgrounds. There will be leaders from several churches participating in this event and leading training sessions. The afternoon sessions will feature "OJT", during which teams of people will be going out to the streets to share the Gospel.





## Christians in Baseball, Part 2 by Steve Cunerd

First, thank you to everyone who reacted so favorably to the first article on Christians in baseball, several of whom asked for a follow-up. I'm pleased to tell you that God is still actively working in baseball today.

Being a Philadelphia suburbanite, obviously, I root for the Phillies. I also root for Christians on other teams to do well and have a good testimony. Among the more prominent active believers are outfielder Andrew McCutchen of the Pirates, second baseman Daniel Murphy of the Nationals, World Series MVP Ben Zobrist of the Cubs, pitcher Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers, pitcher Adam Wainwright, catcher Yadier Molina, and infielder Matt Carpenter of the Cardinals, second baseman Brian Dozier of the Twins, third baseman Chase Headley of the Yankees, pitcher R. A. Dickey of the Braves, first baseman Chris Davis of the Orioles, pitcher Cody Allen and catcher Yan Gomes of the Indians, designated hitter Albert Pujols of the Angels, manager Ned Yost of the Royals, first baseman Paul Goldschmidt of the Diamondbacks, and outfielder Carlos Beltran of the Astros.

I want to share an incident involving a younger player, pitcher Adam Conley of the Miami Marlins. Last September his close friend and teammate Jose Fernandez was tragically killed in a boating accident at age 24. I don't know where Fernandez stood with the Lord, but his death impacted his team greatly. The scheduled game for Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> was postponed. When Conley woke up to the news that his friend was gone, he knew he had to go to the ballpark and see his teammates. He walked into a clubhouse full of men crying. He stopped and asked the Lord what he wanted him to do at such a moment. Then, he stood up before the team and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As quoted in Sports Spectrum magazine, Conley said, "I looked these guys right in the face and I said Jesus is the only way to Heaven. It's the most loving thing I could have ever told them. I think it was the Spirit of God".



Miami Marlins starting pitcher Adam Conley (wearing a Jose Fernandez jersey) takes a moment before stepping up to pitch. Marlins players wore Jose Fernandez (16) jerseys in honor of the pitcher who died in a boating accident.

Team chaplain Chris Lane described it as a moment he would remember forever. Two Marlins players prayed to receive Christ into their life. God is still working in baseball.

## Finances & Attendance



### Report for April, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
2	71	177	248	\$ 4,490.50	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 607.00
9	68	187	255	\$ 4,534.06	\$ 1,287.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 504.00
16		318	318	\$ 4,154.56	\$ 1,237.00	\$ 384.50	\$ 364.00
23	55	151	206	\$ 2,630.59	\$ 935.75	\$ 375.34	\$ 201.00
30	66	197	263	\$ 4,692.06	\$ 720.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 861.00
April Totals:				\$ 20,501.77	\$ 5,604.75	\$ 2,545.84	\$ 2,537.00
Current and Missions Fund April Budgets:				\$ 26,783.04	\$ 5,784.30		

## Dates to Remember



### Together Experiencing a Ministry (T.E.A.M.) Nights

**Wednesdays, May 3 and 17**

Come join us in intercessory prayer, dynamic evangelism, friendship and encouragement, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring. Everyone can participate in one of five teams: Prayer; Encouragement; Evangelism; Discipleship; or Hospitality.

### Evangelism Explosion Day

**Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### Communion Services

**Sunday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

### Officers' Meeting

**Monday, April 17 at 7:15 p.m.**

### Amnion Walk/Run

**Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m.**

### Married Couples Dinner

**Saturday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

### Youth Sunday

**Sunday, May 21 at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**

## Crossroads Sermon Schedule May 2017

**May 7**

### "The Apostles' Heart"

Romans 15:14-33

Pastor Mike Quillen

**May 14**

### "The Family of God"

Romans 16:1-23

Pastor Mike Quillen

**May 21**

### Youth Sunday

2 Corinthians 11:1-4

Mr. Brandon Burks

**May 28**

### "Benediction"

Romans 16:25-27

Pastor David Van Meerbeke

## Volunteers Needed



### Transportation Ministry

Volunteers are needed to transport older members or members who cannot drive to church, doctor's appointments, etc. If you are interested in being on a list of available driving volunteers, or want more information, please contact Pastor David at 610-804-2788 or [pastordavidvan@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidvan@gmail.com).

### Preschool Transition

We need a team of people to use their heads and hands - and backs! - to help transition the Preschool into our building as we add this ministry to serve the CHILDREN and NATIONS of our community. Please consider offering time and energy in April to help with:

- 1) Packing up & moving things from the old location across the street into our building
- 2) Assembling new furniture, cabinets, etc.
- 3) Removing and relocating wall cubbies
- 4) Arranging rooms and "decorating"
- 5) Painting
- 6) Lots of paperwork & computer work

Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## May Birthdays

01 - Cassandra Edwards	09 - Daniel Wilson	20 - James Jones
02 - Diane Anderson	10 - Peris Kagiri	20 - John Pross
02 - Janel Dia	10 - Grace Lee	22 - Austin Needs
03 - Evangeline Brindle	10 - Mary Jean Murphy	23 - Munah Pailey
03 - Alaziah Grandison	10 - Daniel Schicktanz	24 - Ousseynou David Dia
03 - William Jarwood	12 - Douglas Sneh	24 - Richamel Tougeekay
05 - Mary Virginia Reese	13 - John Melbourne	25 - Rebecca Serbin
06 - Natalia Brindle	13 - Ginnie Mulgrew	27 - Darlene Burrell
06 - Jutomue Freeman	15 - Mark Lankford	27 - Seah Alice Geeh
07 - Bonnie Widger	15 - Jonah Quillen	27 - Becca Van Meerbeke
08 - Sekou Wilks	16 - John Batzel	29 - Josiah Reese
09 - Danton Barr, Sr.	18 - Roy Zweig	29 - Uduak Udoh
09 - Samuel Batzel	19 - Monique Delivay	30 - Zhi-Fong Zhu
09 - Emmanuel Vincent	19 - Autumn Young	

## May Anniversaries

04 - David and Janel Dia	15 - Zack and Jocelyn Groff	21 - Eric and Gretchen Wilson
06 - Brent and Diane Anderson	18 - Fred and Christy Nelson	22 - Michael and Julia Quillen
07 - Lyle and Fran Sine	21 - Devadatta and Sunila Gorde	23 - Dana and Cheryl Coffin

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



### Report at:

### Nursery

### Greeters

#### May 7

8:10 a.m.	Dudley Reese; Pam Widger
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; David Van Meerbeke
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala
	<b>Inf:</b> Cindy Van Meerbeke

Fran Froelich; Doris Goe  
Pat Cavaliere  
Ron and Lynette Vessels; Lynn Brown

#### May 14

8:10 a.m.	Traci Burks; Jen Widger
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Victor Sesay
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis <b>Inf:</b> Alayna Jones

Zonia Smith; Victoria Goodlin  
Louines Louis  
Dolapo Olowu; Emilia Adah; Udo Umoh

#### May 21

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Amalia Robinson
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; Bobbie Smith
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh <b>Inf:</b> Grace Ellis

Mary Finnerty  
Maddie Barch  
Ami Gbolo; James and Susanna Mahn

#### May 28

8:10 a.m.	Sarah Melbourne; Shari Melbourne
9:30 a.m.	Aminata Sesay; Julia Quillen
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Dana Ellis <b>Inf:</b> Chimwemwe Doctor

Anthony Yeboah  
Sarah Melbourne  
Kathy Ford; Betty O'Dero; Helen Davies





## May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>2</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>3</b> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 TEAM	<b>4</b> <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 10:00 am Women's Bible 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30am – 5:00pm Evangelism Explosion Day  Presbytery @ Covenant PC, Harleyville
<b>7</b> COMMUNION	<b>8</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>9</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>14</b> Mother's Day  No Evening Meetings	<b>15</b> 7:15 p.m. Officers' Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House  9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>17</b>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 TEAM	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Married Couples Dinner 6:00 p.m.
<b>21</b> YOUTH SUNDAY  Gospel Praise Rehearsal 12:15 p.m.	<b>22</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>23</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		←	GROWTH GROUPS	→		
<b>28</b> Gospel Praise Rehearsal 12:15 p.m.  No evening mtgs.	<b>29</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>30</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>31</b>	<b>Women's Call-In Prayer Line</b> <b>Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.</b> <b>Phone: 605-475-6006</b> <b>Enter Code: 333732</b>		