

**MAY 2017**



May 29th



**Mother's Day Breakfast**  
9a.m.  
May 14<sup>th</sup>



Ascension of the Lord May 25<sup>th</sup>



*May 4th*



**Session Meeting**  
May 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 PM

# *I Must.....?*

To Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ I must\_\_\_\_\_!

There are many words that a person could use to fill in that blank. I must be perfect. I must not have a background of socially unacceptable sins. I must have a degree of some sort. I must be able to read the Bible out loud without making a mistake.

What words would you put in there? I have a relative who truly believes that "Cleanliness is next to godliness". Therefore her house is always immaculate and every piece of clothing is properly ironed and put away. (She does not cook very often so the kitchen is clean also.) My house .... I'm nowhere close to godliness. I won't even describe the cat's litter box. I did however just now wash the dishes that have been in the sink for a week.

To be a Disciple of Jesus Christ I must stop comparing myself to everyone else and begin to enjoy who God created me to be. God created me in His image! Imagine that! Each of us is made in the image of God. Our inner being has attributes that belong to God. (The good attributes, not the bad ones.)

How do we know which are good and which are bad? I'm glad you asked that. We know from reading the Bible. How long does it take you to read a good book? Several days, or a week or more? Read the various books of the Bible as though they were each one book. Which they are by the way. Read the entire book of Matthew as a wonderful story book. Get a translation for which the language flows easy for you. For some that would be the New King James and for others it might be The Message. Check the library for various translations or ask me to borrow one of mine. The Bible is available free on line in every translation. The point is to read it. Did you realize that the book of Romans is a letter written by Paul to the Christians in Rome? Written about 24 years after Christ ascended into Heaven.



Once you have your own copy of the Bible in a translation that you can easily follow, you are allowed to write in it. I know, that boggled my mind for years. As a child we never wrote in a Book, especially the Bible. Then I saw the Bible of a beloved Sunday School teacher who REALLY KNEW the Bible. It was highlighted, underlined with all kinds of notes in the margins. If you cannot afford your own Bible, then the church will buy you one. (I haven't asked permission for this yet, but I'm sure it's okay)

Will you understand absolutely everything written in it? No. You can read the same passage many times and gain new insight from the Holy Spirit each time you read it.

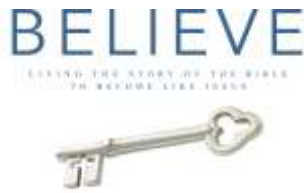
Back to the fill in the blank statement: To Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ I must know who Jesus Christ is and follow Him. Jesus is the Word made flesh. He is God incarnate. The perfect sacrifice to save us from our sins. He is the One who loves us unconditionally AND wants to be your Friend.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Grace

## **Christian Education**

*By Barbara Wilkinson*

We are wrapping up our study on the book Believe with 3 Chapters left. Our Sunday School meets in the room next to the kitchen upstairs at 9:00 every Sunday Morning. We will not meet on Mother's Day (May 14, 2017) and we will finish up the book on May 21, 2017. If anyone has any ideas on Specific Studies you



would like to pursue in Sunday School, please contact Barbara Wilkinson.



### **Oasis**

We finished our last Oasis gathering for the year with the Swimming Party at Carroll High School on 4/19/2017. There were 37 Children and 18 Adults present. Barb Mayfield had sent around surveys to each Oasis class on 4/12/2017 to give Leaders planning ideas for next year's Oasis Studies and Activities. We will be holding meeting(s) for the Oasis Leaders over the summer to make the necessary plans for our 2017-2018 School Year. May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a meeting to discuss Summer Activities for the Oasis' Families.

**Camp Geneva** Camp Geneva starts June 13, 2017. Six children have already submitted applications to attend. There are a few more children still planning to submit their application. Because our church has been blessed with donation from our congregation, the Grant from the Presbytery and donations from the Presbyterian Women we have the opportunity to pay a part in leading children to Christ. Any Geneva Camp Donations will allow us to continue to send children to this Amazing Christian Camp in the future.

## **Vacation Bible School**

The Amazing Race-God is our GPS will be visiting India, Egypt, The Congo, Argentina and end up back in the USA while learning about God's Salvation. Our next meeting will be held at the Flora Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM. We are in need of 4 Group Leaders and Volunteers to help in the kitchen and prepare food.

VBS and the African Ambulance Mission will hold a Block Party on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be a Speaker for the Ambulance Mission explaining what has been accomplished and what he hopes for the future. The African Ambulance Mission will humbly accept donations. VBS will be registering children. Kevin Clark will be supplying the meat. The Churches (we) will be supplying main dishes, vegetables and deserts, with more details explained at a later date.

## **May Library Corner**

*By Laraine MacLauchlan*



Just wanted to report our Oasis circulation for the year for the library corner:

This past Oasis year showed a big increase in the number of books circulating. We circulated 30 books and 16 DVD's for the year! Children are surely wanting to read more and the quality of the books they are reading is great! I have added more DVD's to the collection, but it was at the end of Oasis' year, so starting in the Fall, I am sure they will be viewed many times. These books and DVD's are also available to everyone throughout the year - please stop by and check some of them out!



### **Presbyterian Women**

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on May 16 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Year Book of Prayer, Marlene Smith; Horizons, Donna Sholty; Bible Study, Barbara Wilkinson. We welcome and invite all women of the church.

### **Thrift Shop Schedule for May**

Thurs. May 4...Libby. Sort & Mark  
Sat. May 13...Barbara. Cashier  
Sat. May 20...Joan.....Tags  
Sat. May 27...Marlene...Sacker

### **Congregational Life**

*By Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss*

Please join us on Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the church dining room for a Mother's Day breakfast. The men of the church are cooking, so please join us for a delicious meal

### **Clerk of Session**

*By Lauraine MacLauchlan*

The next Session Meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Stewardship/Mission**

Happy May to everyone. I want to thank you for your generous contributions to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing collection. 800 dollars!! The world does indeed need our help! Look for some upcoming summer events this year, and even though summer is coming, please make plans to be regular attendees. We need everyone!  
For the first quarter of 2017, our income was \$26,066, and our expenses were \$33,733. Please note the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenses include the one time plumbing expense of \$7,800.

Please continue to pray for our church's outreach to the community, pray for level heads and Godly thinking concerning North Korea, and please pray for Syria and the middle east.

Sincerely and with much love,

Joe Mayfield, Stewardship and Missions Committee



### **Usher Schedule**

May 7	Ed & Donna Sholty
May 14	Ed & Donna Sholty
May 21	Kevin & Martha Clark
May 28	Kevin & Martha Clark

### **Nursery Volunteer for May**

Susan Scholl

### **Scripture Readers**

May 7	Laurie Brower, Marshall McCammack
May 14	Terry Langston, Martha Clark
May 21	Kevin Clark, Joe Mayfield
May 28	Laraine MacLauchlan, Gerry Hollis

### **Session Leaders**

Laraine MacLauchlan-	Clerk
Terry Langston-	Worship
Tammy Moss & Sally Schmidt-	Congregational Life
Barbara Wilkinson-	Christian Educ.
Joe Mayfield-	Trustee

**Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced**

# Flora Presbyterian Church

**May 2017**

**B=Birthday**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  B=Martha Clark	2	3  B=Marge Scholl	4 National Day of Prayer  B=Peter Bishop B= Teaha Miller	5  B= Gary Scholl	6
7 9AM Adult Sunday School  Session Meeting	8	9  B=Bob Brown	10	11	12	13
14 9AM Adult Sunday School 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9 AM Adult Sunday School	22	23  Pulse Articles Due Presbytery Meeting	24	25 Ascension of the Lord 	26	27
28 9AM Adult Sunday School  B=David Kratz	29 Memorial Day 	30	31			

**Please be sure to check page 4 for Usher and Scripture Reader Schedule**

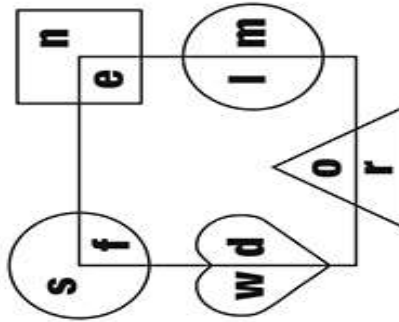


# GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.  
What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

## Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

in all his splendor was

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

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