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Honoring Parents in Every Season of Life

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Freddie Klein - Minister

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The fifth commandment does not expire when children become adults. While mature sons and daughters eventually establish their own households (Genesis 2:24), the duty to honor parents continues throughout life. In many ways, that responsibility becomes even more visible as parents age and become increasingly dependent on the care, patience, and support of their children.

Scripture teaches that caring for aging parents is not merely a cultural expectation, but a spiritual duty. Paul instructed that children and grandchildren should “make some return to their parents” (1 Timothy 5:4) and warned that one who refuses to provide for his own family “is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8). The church has responsibilities toward needy widows, but families are expected to carry the primary burden whenever possible (1 Timothy 5:9–16).

Jesus also rebuked those who tried to avoid caring for parents by hiding behind religious excuses (Mark 7:9–13). True godliness is not demonstrated merely by giving money to religious causes while neglecting responsibilities at home.

Honoring parents also means respecting their dignity, independence, and property while they are still living. Scripture commends leaving an inheritance to children (Proverbs 13:22), yet greed can tempt children to view parents as obstacles rather than blessings. The prodigal son’s demand for his inheritance before his father’s death reflected a deeply dishonorable spirit (Luke 15:12). Ultimately, the habits children learn in the home shape nearly every area of adult life. Self-control, respect, responsibility, and compassion are not suddenly developed later in life; they are cultivated through faithful parenting and humble obedience from childhood onward.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Church That Knows What Matters Most - Acts 6:1-7

Children’s Bible Time: Front of Auditorium at 5PM

PM - How a Child Honors God - Proverbs 23:22-24

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - 1 Chronicles 4-6, John 6:1-21; **Monday** - 1 Chronicles 7-9, John 6:22-44;

Tuesday - 1 Chronicles 10-12, John 6:45-71; **Wednesday** - 1 Chronicles 13-15, John 7:1-27; **Thursday** - 1 Chronicles 16-18, John 7:28-53; **Friday**

- 1 Chronicles 19-21, John 8:1-27; **Saturday** - 1 Chronicles 22-24, John 8:28-59

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PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Wilma Davis had surgery recently. Please pray for her recovery.

Please pray for **Bryan Breedan** and his upcoming medical tests.

Please pray for a quick recovery for **Joe Burns**.

Please pray that **Jessica Burns'** surgery this Monday goes well.

Blake McDaniel's grandfather, **Roy Williams** is in the hospital and in need of prayer.

Bert Woodroof fell and needs to be remembered in our prayers as he recovers.

Please remember **Billie Rutledge** in your prayers. She is the mother of Beth Rutledge and is in long-term care.

Please keep **Kyle Labore** in your prayers. He is a friend of Jon Ferrie.

Pray for **Beverly Jenkins**, who fell recently.

Continue to Remember:

Mickey and Carol Petty, Ralph and Mary Nell Hogg, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof, George Page, Kathy Malon

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh



VBS Sign Up!

This year's VBS will be July 1-3 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Please use the QR code to register your child. Classes will be available for ages 2 years through 5th grade.

VISITORS: Please fill out a card from the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance.

Online Giving Instructions

Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKqAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers: Randy Hunt, Mike Pope
Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Reader and Opening Prayer: Bryan Breedan
Scripture: Acts 6:1-7
Preside at Lord's Table: Dan Cottrell
Serve the Lord's Supper: John Cottrell, Trey Burns, Marshall Post, David T. Sweeney
Closing Prayer: Ryan Haedger
Nursery Attendants: Sunshine Post, Pat Kempf

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie
P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: Steve Ellis
Closing Prayer: David Cost

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein
Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Opening Prayer: Marshall Post
Closing Prayer: Blake McDaniel
Sound for 5/17 Week: Marv Sowell
Projector for 5/17 Week: Kyle Richardson

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (5/10/2026)	
Morning Worship	125
Sunday School	90
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (5/13/2026)	58
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$9,726.00
Contribution YTD:	\$191,173.00
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$199,500.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - MAY

Linda Cottrell

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - MAY

Brooke Pantall & Marshall Post

BUILDING LOCK-UP - MAY

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - MAY

Dan Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today - Graduates' Reception

May 21 - Share Group outing

May 31 - Fifth Sunday

May 24-29 - WKYC

July 1-3 - VBS

Graduates' Reception

Our Graduates' Reception will be held after evening services. The whole congregation is invited to attend!

High School Graduates:

Marshall Post and Carson Haedge

Our College Graduates this year are:

Cy & Kaela Warren, Kayla Headge,
and Gabe & Peyton Oppermann.



Service Opportunity!

Our kids will be heading to Bible camp on May 24th, and it would mean a lot if you could write them notes of encouragement. We have several first-time campers and counselors who would especially appreciate it. If you'd like to participate, you can get a list of names from the office, Beth, or Sharon. Please return your notes to one of them by the morning worship service on May 24th. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday Schedule

We will have our fifth Sunday schedule on May 31st. Worship and Bible class will be at the normally appointed times of 9:00 am and 10:00 am, respectively. We will enjoy a fellowship potluck meal following Bible class and then have an afternoon worship service at 12:00 pm. There will be no 5:00 pm evening service. We look forward to being together!!

MISSIONS MEMO...

Velaphi Mlangeni • Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Greetings from Zimbabwe! It's a great privilege to send our Progress Report. Please review to have a very clear picture concerning our success & challenges. Foremost, we shall never grow weary in thanking you our Brothers and Sisters for your great support without which we could not continue winning lost souls and fortifying the faith of many saints. May the Lord bless you now and on that Great Day. We have been focused on Conquering Fear. Scripture clearly tells us that the devil will bring so many hardships in our lives. These hardships must not cause fear in our hearts but should cause us to stay strong in our faith. Fear enters into everyone's life. But we must not allow it to stay. Pray, worship God, rely upon His protection and patiently wait. Matebeleland Provinces have long faced severe drought, but this year floodwaters swept away homes, planted fields, roads, infrastructure and livestock-such a disaster has never been seen in our lifetime. We thank our Southern Hills Elders and brethren for starting a program of food distribution in Zimbabwe. It's very difficult to preach to hungry people. Our Lord experienced this. You have no idea how many lives you have saved from starvation! Our mission work has resulted in 15,484 World Bible Students being taught the Bible and 3316 baptized (that we could count). 62 congregations have been planted in various districts throughout Matebeleland and Midlands Provinces. Two more souls responded to the Gospel just a few days ago. Please pray for Moses Moyo (74) and Levious Nyoni (36). We are all God's children, and we know full well that our partnership in the Gospel is genuine and we shall carry it through to completion until Christ calls us home. Please pray for us so that we may continue to propagate the Gospel Truth with all truth and boldness! Again, we can't stop thanking you so much our loving Brothers and Sisters for your unflinching support. We are committed to continue preaching and teaching the Gospel Truth in Zimbabwe wherever our Lord opens the door. Proudly in His service - Velaphi



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TBD - Family Devo and Picnic

July 1-3 - VBS

TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 6 PM
Classes for all ages

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