

FROM YOUR PASTOR

*"²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted **periods** and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him."*

Acts 17:26-27 ESV

On Easter Sunday we began a new sermon series centered around the Greek word *kairos* (καίρος). As a reminder, the Greek language, the original language of the New Testament, uses different words to convey the meaning of "time." One word is *chronos* (χρόνος). This is where we get our word chronology from; time is simply a series of events. *Kairos*, however, is the time that defines "life changing moments." These moments shape who we are. We will continue to examine these moments found in scripture throughout the month of May. I hope you will make plans to join us each Sunday.

It has been good to see many of you able to once again worship with us in person as you have been able to receive your COVID-19 vaccinations. Last month our Governor removed her "Safer at Home" order which means we are no longer required to use face coverings and social distancing while on our campus. As we continue to take steps towards normalcy, beginning Sunday, May 2nd, the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume. Some classes may be meeting in different rooms, so be sure to check with your Sunday School teacher to learn more about the relaunch of Sunday School. I am extremely excited to see our classes once again gathering on our campus. If you do not have a Sunday School class, this is the perfect time to get involved. Ask one of our staff members or stop by our Welcome Center to learn about our available classes.

We will be announcing some exciting news concerning our children's ministry on Sunday, May 2nd. Until then, let me encourage you to join us on Wednesday, May 5th for a Cinco De Mayo taco night as we discuss Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will be June 21st - 25th from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. If you would like to help out this year, be sure to join us on May 5th.

If you haven't been joining us already, let me invite you to our Wednesday Night Bible Study in the Activities Building. We are still in the beginning stages of our study on The Revelation to John. It is not too late to join in. Also, you can catch up on the previous messages in the Sermon Archive on our App and Website. Also, in another step towards normalcy, we will resume our Wednesday Night Children's Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, May 12th. All Wednesday activities start at 6:00 p.m. and end around 7:00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you this month!

Expecting Great Things,

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*Sunday School resumes
May 2nd!
Please check
with your teacher
to learn more.*

MAY SERMONS

May 2, 2021

Kairos: Redeeming Our Time - Ephesians 5:15-21

May 9, 2021

Kairos: Allotted Time - Acts 17:24-31

May 16, 2021

Kairos: Temptation - Luke 4:1-13

May 23, 2021

Kairos: Your Moment - Esther 4:14

May 30, 2021

Kairos: The Time is Near - Revelation 22:10

FROM YOUR WORSHIP PASTOR:

Greetings!

For our Tenebrae service, we used a series of sonnets written by Malcolm Guite. As we continue to celebrate the resurrection throughout Eastertide, I wanted to share the corresponding Easter poem. I hope these poems blessed you as we walked through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, and I hope you enjoyed being able to remember and celebrate these things TOGETHER this year after missing out last year.

Grace & Peace,
Timmy

XV Easter Dawn

He blesses every love that weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognize the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gently question, 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply,
'They took my love away, my day is night.'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

From *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year* by Malcolm Guite

Woodward In the Word Reading Plan for May

5/3: 2 Kings 11
5/4: 2 Kings 12
5/5: 2 Kings 13
5/6: 2 Kings 14
5/7: 2 Kings 15

5/10: 2 Kings 16
5/11: 2 Kings 17
5/12: 2 Kings 18
5/13: 2 Kings 19
5/14: 2 Kings 20

5/17: 2 Kings 21
5/18: 2 Kings 22
5/19: 2 Kings 23
5/20: 2 Kings 24
5/21: 2 Kings 25

5/24: 2 Thessalonians 1
5/25: 2 Thessalonians 2
5/26: 2 Thessalonians 3
5/27: Ecclesiastes 1
5/28: Ecclesiastes 2

5/31: 2 Ecclesiastes 3

STUDENT NEWS

There will be a Junior/Senior retreat that will include whitewater rafting May 14th–15th. **Juniors and Seniors, if you have not signed up, please get with Clint or Katie to make sure you are registered.** Cost is \$50.00 per student.

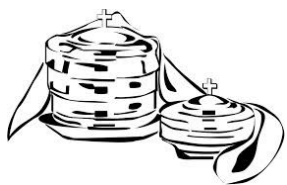
Graduate Recognition Sunday will be May 23rd. Seniors will be honored with a breakfast in the Activities Building during Sunday School.

All Seniors need to make sure and bring their cap and gown.



Students will be meeting at WABC, Saturday, May 29th to travel to Pam & Mike's home for a day of boating, food and fellowship. **(Get with Clint or Katie for time and to sign up).**

The Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday, May 2nd



*There will be a
Vacation Bible School
interest meeting*

Wednesday, May 5th

At 6:00 in the Activities Building

*Taco Dinner
will be provided.*

*Even if you are just considering
being a part of this year's VBS,
please sign you and your family up
at the table
in the Welcome Center.*



*There will be no other Activities
on this night
so that all can participate
in this important event.*



*June 21st
through
June 25th
9 a.m.—Noon*

*Child Dedication
During Worship Sunday,
May 9th*

*(Please let the office know if you
would like to participate).*

**Choir Practice &
Children's Activities resume
Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

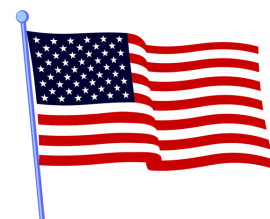
**A WORK DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED
FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25TH
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**TO PREPARE THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING FOR
THE SUMMER.**

SUMMER REFRESH

**BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 30TH
WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD
IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING
(SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WILL CONTINUE TO MEET
IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL ROOMS)**

**The church office
Will be closed
Monday, May 30th
In observance of
Memorial Day**



DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 2nd:
Jack Pennington

May 9th:
Roger Balentine

May 16th:
David Mayo

May 23rd:
Jerry Plaxco

May 30th:
Pat Collins

**A list of our current deacons
and their phone numbers
is available on
the table in the Welcome Center.**

**THE MONTHLY DEACONS' MEETING
WILL BE SUNDAY, May 16th
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE
ADULT EDUCATION BUILDING**

MAY NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 2nd: Beth Crumley &
Melinda Neal

May 9th: Tammy Kirk &
Megan Pigg

May 16th: Jennifer Bragwell &
LaRetha Newell

May 23rd: Jennifer Collins &
Kelli Rue

May 30th: Lou Cornelius &
Nona Parrish

**VIEW SERVICES LIVE AT:
[www.woodwardvenuebaptist.org/
watch-us-live](http://www.woodwardvenuebaptist.org/watch-us-live)**

**ZOOM APP LOGIN:
Meeting ID: 8013834078
Password: WABC**

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

May 2nd:
Bob Freeman
Mike Lansdell
Jacob Richardson
John Webb

May 9th:
Mike Brooks
Ethan Hall
Phil Richardson
Tim Ray

May 16th:
David Gresham
Irl Parks
Jack Pennington
Keith Malone

May 23rd:
Will Cottingham
James Gautney
Anthony Sparks
Lance Wright

May 30th:
Bob Freeman
Mike Lansdell
Jacob Richardson
John Webb

MAY SCHEDULE

Sunday

*Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
(Worship Center & Online)

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
(Activities Building & Zoom App)
Student Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
(Underground)

*** Please check with your teacher to
see if your class will be meeting.**

Your Staff:

Pastor.....Dr. William Rushing
Worship Pastor.....Timmy Ray
Director of Student Ministries.....Clint Perry
Nursery Coordinator.....Jenny Boozer
Financial/Administrative Assistant....Sheila Holland
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