

# NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS MAY/JUNE 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**WORK DAY** 

SATURDAY, MAY 17th BEGINNING 8 A.M. TIL ?????

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YOUTH MISSIONS YARD SALE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MAY 31ST IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DO YOUR SPRING CLEANING AND BRING YOUR DONATIONS IN FOR SALE TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP.
ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DROPPED AT THE

FELLOWSHIP HALL NO LATER THAN MAY 24TH

CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 12:30 P.M.
LIONS PAVILION
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY PARK
MEAT AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED
BRING A DISH TO SHARE

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# **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Worship Center** 

2101 Linn Street, Williamsport

Education/Fellowship

**Building/Offices** 

2100 Linn Street

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### MAY/JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE

MAY/JUNE EVENT SCHEDULE

Nursery 9:30 am

**WEEK 1**—Merlyn Sawyer

WEEK 2—Anna Monks

WEEK 3—Diane Schlee

**WEEK 4**—Cindy Thomas

WEEK 5—Michelle Paulhamus

Men at the Table

MAY- Johnny Shirey and Jason Pettengill

JUNE- Fred Thomas and Nate Bierly

Communion Preparation

**MAY—Paulette Shirey** 

JUNE—Jan Smithgall

**Serving Communion** 

MAY—Jeff Ward and Steve Fischer

JUNE—Brent Smithgall and Scott Lose

Greeter(s)

MAY—Janine Bower-Snyder

JUNE-Margaret Phillips

### **STATS**

Date	Morning Worship	Children's Church	Sunday School/ Youth Group	Offering
3/2/25	102	9	32	\$4,149.75
3/9/25	84	13	26	\$3,074.00
3/16/25	85	13	31	\$2,703.00
3/23/25	89	11	33	\$3,847.00
3/30/25	86	YOUTH SUNDAY	14	\$2,157.00
4/6/25	85	11	17	\$5,031.00
4/13/25	97	12	35	\$3,076.00
4/20/25	99	EASTER	EASTER	\$2,822.00
4/27/25	90	10	31	\$2,128.00

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES
Tuesday, Mornings AND Wednesday
Evenings
WILL BE ON SUMMER BREAK
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

PRAYER IN THE COFFEE CAFE
Every Saturday
7 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70+ YEARS
MAY/JUNE

Pat Bryan May 23rd

**Betty Conner** June 12th

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 40+ YEARS MAY/JUNE

Steve and Carmen Fischer May 25th

No June Anniversaries

# MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT SPRING PLANTING.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLANT, WATER, WEED, HARVEST
AND MAINTAIN. PLANT DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED!

Monday, May 5th and June 2nd 6 p.m.Board Meeting, Ed/Fellowship Hall

EVERY Wednesday, Rhoda's Crocheting/Knitting Class 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### **GRADUATES!!!!!!!**

NCC WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN OUR BULLETIN AND OUR SERVICE IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GRADUATE'S NAME, SCHOOL, ACHIEVEMENTS, DEGREE,
FUTURE LIFE PLANS; ETC, TO OUR OFFICE SO WE MAY HONOR THEM.

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST AND THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH 1:30—4:30 P.M. COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 AND JUNE 11TH

10 a.m.—2 p.m. Quilting Club, Ed/Fellowship Hall, 2nd Floor

JV Brown Library Bookmobile TWO MONDAY'S PER MONTH

1:50 TO 2:35 P.M.

MAY DATES ARE THE 5TH AND THE 19TH THESE ARE THE FINAL TWO STOPS FOR THIS SEASON

BOOKMOBILE IS ON SUMMER BREAK, RETURNING IN THE FALL!

### NOTICE

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS
TUESDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO NOON
WEDNESDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
THURSDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

# **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

What do you want to do with your summer? Go fishing? Play video games? Be bored? Well, there might be another option. How about go on a trip to the beautiful state of New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment this July? But this isn't just any trip. It is a mission trip. That means a chance to experience something different outside of the normal, while serving God through serving others. I am looking for any youth interested, ages 13 – 18 to be part of the team, and at least two more adult volunteers to join as well. The trip is still in the fund-raising phase at this time, so spread the word. But this is not a vacation, or an excursion. This is a mission trip, and while it can be exciting, and adventurous, it is work. So, some serious commitment is required. Please see Nate if you are interested and would like more information. Exact dates are still dependent on plane tickets but will be between the dates of July 13th – 21st.

## **OCC DONATION SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

May and June—Clothing Items

Shirts—Dresses—Socks—Underwear

Flip Flops—Hats—Bandanas—Sunglasses w/case

Watch—Hair Accessories

# According to Johnny... by John Shirey

Anyone who knows me knows that fishing is never far from my mind. I LOVE to fish. I'm usually either planning my next fishing trip, wishing I was fishing, fishing, or just coming back for my latest fishing trip. Well, I want us to think about being "fishers of men" the way Jesus said Peter, Andrew, James and John were going to be.

We all know the Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20 "Then Jesus came to them and said, 18 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This Great Commission applies to all of us. Everyone who wears the name Christian shares in the responsibility of communicating the good news of Christ with the people in our lives and making disciples.

A thought that came to me was this...while we are all equally called to share the gospel, we are not all expected to do so in the same way. I happen to be gifted by the Holy Spirit to preach and teach, but those might not be your gifts and that's OK.

See Jesus equated evangelism to fishing for a reason, Matthew 4:18-19 18"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Well as someone who loves to fish, let me tell you there are many, many different methods of fishing. There is fly fishing, ice fishing, bait fishing, jigging, casting, trolling, and the list could go on and on. The point is, there are many approaches to fishing, each different from the other, but all designed to accomplish the same goal...which is to catch fish!

Likewise, the work of evangelism requires many different approaches. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 19"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."

Paul knew there was no one universally effective approach to presenting the gospel to someone.

Here is my point, your way or method of sharing the gospel might be different from mine or anyone else's, but that is OK. The people God has put in your life are there for a reason. Maybe that reason is because your approach of sharing the gospel with them is the approach that will be the most effective.

So my exhortation to you is this...don't be afraid of speaking with the people in your life about Jesus. Yes, we need to learn the fundamentals, and the essential points of sharing the gospel. However, each of us will communicate those fundamental truths in a unique way that only we are qualified for. So be bold in fulfilling Jesus' command to share the gospel and make disciples. Just as there are many differing methods of catching fish, trust that God is going to use you and your unique method of communicating the gospel to capture the hearts of those He has put in your life.

In Christ,

Johnny.

# From the Elders

Jesus came into the world to make it possible for us to be forgiven of our sins and go to heaven when we die.

While he was here, he took every opportunity to teach. He used many different ways. He used parables, one on one or 5,000 at a time.

Here are some verses to study. Take some time to read and pray about them and grow closer to Jesus.

Matthew 5:1-48

1 John 2:1-29

John 3:1-36

John 1:14

Luke 11:1-4

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Psalm 110:1-7

Luke 6:20-49

John 6:1-14

John 4:1-42

Fred Thomas







# Deep Thoughts for Younger Minds...

As I said last time, this year is just flying by, and the older we get it seems to go faster, which is probably why the older we get we tend to slow down to enjoy our life before this vapor is gone. But enjoying this life raises some very interesting questions. Questions and thoughts I have been very seriously grappling with as of late.

What makes a good life? What good is it to save for the future, spend for today, make a schedule, stick to a plan? And on and on the questions go. Is it worth the time to build our collection of Star Wars action figures, or to save our mementos for our children, or grandchildren? Questions that we all deal with from time to time, but when evaluated in the light of eternity begin to look very different.

Let me explain. Lately I have been reading through a book titled Experience Jesus. Really. The author of this book is John Eldredge. Years ago, I was introduced to this author while training for missions with an organization called Youth With A Mission. I eventually served the Lord and his kingdom for six years in the African bush.

This author had a profound impact on my life. What it meant to be a man of God. Years later though, I am still discovering something new from John, with some help from Voice of the Martyrs' book 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians. Between his words of wisdom, and those who are giving their all for their faith, I have been able to look at my life and these questions in a new light.

Too many times, we Christians in the western world, struggle in ways our brothers and sisters in the persecuted church would never understand. This is not because we have some different sins, or because our lifestyles are inherently wrong; but because we are on the border of a daily sleepiness of spirit that they have never experienced. What do I mean?

From the moment Satan fell from heaven, he has declared war on the children of Adam and Eve. He has tried through all the long years to steal them away from their Creator and has been mildly successful through the ages, sometimes more, sometimes less. And he has wrought all kinds of evils. Pharoh drowning thousands of Jewish babies in the Nile, the Holocaust, abortion, wars, etc. The list is quite long. Yet, through all this there was always someone who spoke into the darkness. Moses, Columba, Bonhoeffer, Graham, etc. Heroes.

But what do these heroes have in common? They were all wide awake. They took on everyday life while also living one part of their life in the spiritual presence of their savior. This is not something only for the holy saints, but each of us. Last time I asked you to think about what is real. What was your answer? What did you discover? These mighty warriors for Christ knew. These men and women through history knew what was REAL.

And we can too. "Therefore, it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:14-16. AWAKE, O SLEEPER! We all could use this spiritual wake up call to the reality in which we live. AWAKE!

# Sunday School /Junior Church/Youth Classes

PAIRS AND SPARES ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be continuing in the Ed/ Fellowship Hall first floor classroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. The class is studying the Book of Genesis.

# YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE ON SUMMER BREAK AT THE END OF APRIL SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GRADES 1-8\*

Please join us for an exciting new series of questions of the faith in the book Foundational Truths: A Modern Catechism—Answering the Essential Questions of Christianity and their biblical foundation for why we as Christians believe what we believe.

\*Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. in the church downstairs classroom.

# JUNIOR CHURCH/JUNIOR WORSHIP \*\*

Children will continue the Answers in Bible Curriculum series of lessons but with a more in depth focus on apologetics and a big picture overview of biblical history from Genesis to Revelation. This curriculum will teach children the truth of God's word as it relates to all parts of life and how we can trust its message for our day to day lives.

\*\*Junior Church classes meet during the worship hour and children are dismissed from their families following communion. Please consider inviting the children, grandchildren and family friends in your life for these interesting and intriguing new programs.

NATE WILL BE TEACHING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS\*\*\*

We will be using the book series, The Most Important Thing You'll Ever Study. This will be a survey of the Bible starting in the Old Testament and working through the entire Bible. This will teach students to see how the Bible comes together into one overarching story. It is the Bible, the most important book they will every study. This class will be held in the Ed/Fellowship Hall, second floor left side at the back of the hall, the youth activity room.

\*\*\*Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m.

# YOUTH GROUP

Sunday evenings 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Youth group will be breaking for the summer.

May 25th will be the last meeting until the FALL. HAVE A SAFE AND PRAYERFUL SUMMER

There will be "To Be Determined" youth get togethers during the summer.

They will be announced as they are planned.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

If you can **sing or play an instrument** and would be interested in being part of the worship team, please contact Steve Lingle at 717-513-7245.

### DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

If you haven't yet filled out the form to update your church records, please do so at your earliest convenience. This information is necessary for us to update our Servant Keeper System. Place your form (located on the back table) in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or drop them at the church office.

Even if you are just visiting occasionally or a regular attender but not a member, please fill out a form. This will allow us to include you on mailing lists of special events upcoming.

BE SURE TO HAVE UPDATED EMAILS AND CELL PHONES LISTED FOR AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS OF CHURCH CLOSINGS AS THE WINTER WEATHER IS STILL A FACTOR.

### LINN STREET KEY INVENTORY......

We are asking any members of our congregation who possess keys to any of our Linn Street facilities to fill out the Key ID form on the back table and place it in the collection basket or drop it at the office. An inventory of all keys is being constructed currently. The safety and security of our congregation and our buildings is imperative. Thank you for your cooperation!

# **SECURITY / REPAIRS**

-PLEASE check all external doors when leaving our buildings to be sure they have been locked when you exit. ALL MEMBERS ENTERING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SHOULD DO SO THROUGH THE LINN STREET FRONT DOOR. THE FUNSTON STREET DOORS SHOULD NOT BE USED PER THE ELDERS. THANK YOU!

If you have any **MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**, please fill out a work order form and drop it at the church office or to Jeff Ward.

# NEWSLETTER CHANGES......

Our Newsletter is now available for viewing on our website. There will also be limited copies available in the back of the church. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a printed copy, please advise either Michelle or Cheryl in the office.

### CHECK US OUT!!!!!!!!!

ON FACEBOOK...... at Newberry Church of Christ OUR WEBSITE.....WWW.NCCWMPT.ORG YOU TUBE....NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# ANNOUNCING OUR NEW NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAY, MAY 1ST
AND
THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH
1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

THIS FOOD PANTRY IS REPLACING OUR FRESH EXPRESS.

\*\*WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF HAMBURGER HELPER, TUNA HELPER AND SOUPS

FOLKS WILL PARK IN THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH ON LINN STREET. THEY WILL ENTER TO REGISTER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL LOBBY AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE HALLWAY TO THE PREVIOUS FRESH EXPRESS PACKAGE PREP AREA IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING.

THERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT THEIR FOOD ITEMS AND WILL EXIT BACK OUT INTO THE HALLWAY TO THE LOBBY ONTO LINN STREET TO THEIR CARS.

\*\*ALL SHOPPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN REUSABLE