



## Blackhawk Community Church Newsletter 2022

*She opens her mouth with wisdom; the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Proverbs 31:25 ESV*

### SPECIAL DATES

Church Council Meeting	May 3
Bible Study	May 4
National Day of Prayer	May 5
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>May 8</b>
Ciara Lawson's Bridal Shower	May 22

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Next month's meeting will be June 7<sup>th</sup>.



A new Bible study will start on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. at our church. The study will be on the Book of Esther. Anyone ... men or women are invited to be in this group so invite a friend or two.

Sandy Culver has led Bible studies for many years and really enjoys learning of how God reaches out to His beloved creation in the most unlikely and delightful ways. There will be no need for workbooks ... other than your Bible. Come join us, the coffee will be ready!

### Bridal Shower

**Ciara Lawson**

Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.  
Riley Lions Club  
7801 St. Rd. 46, Riley IN

**Registries:**

AMAZON <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/brendan-wertman-ciara-lawson-terre-haute-september-2022registry/107X5X02NSJNH>

WALMART <https://www.walmart.com/registry/WR/7b160413-b458-4e29-b4aa-3e484cd26187>

*Please bring a favorite receipt(s) for the bride!*



### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS A CALL TO PRAISE IN PRAYER:

**'EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US'**

based on Colossians 2:6-7 NASB

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

This theme is set against the backdrop of an inspiring painting created exclusively for the National Day of Prayer by renowned Christian artist, Ron DiCianni. The image illustrates God's people joining His angels in EXALTING Him as we pray, because He is God Almighty. We have bold access to His throne and passionate confidence as we pray – because HE HAS ESTABLISHED US in this nation and is working in the heavenlies to accomplish all that He has purposed . . . as we PRAY FOR AMERICA!

### *A Mother's Hands . . .*

*Reach out to bless her children and  
reach up to praise the Lord.  
They're always loving, often praying, and  
ever giving more than she keeps for herself.  
A mother's hands may tire,  
but they never expire in their efforts  
to do good for those she loves.  
A mothers hands may age,  
but her influence lasts forever.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary  
and praise the Lord. Psalm 134:2*

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them." - Phyllis Diller

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother." – Abraham Lincoln

"There is no role in life that is more essential than that of motherhood."  
– Elder M. Russell Ballard

"We can't all look good at the same time. It's either me, the kids or the house."

"Mom: an unpaid therapist with a built in lie detector."

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them." Victor Hugo

*"Don't let me forget their littleness.  
Because sometimes,  
that littleness is what  
makes me wish they  
would just grow up faster,  
sleep for longer,  
be more independent,  
give me more personal space,  
give me some freedom,  
and let me just do  
what I want to do, for once.*

*But it is that littleness, that precious,  
fleeting littleness,  
for which I will one day ache  
and yearn,  
and desperately, dearly miss."*

"My home is filled with toys, has fingerprints on everything, and is never quiet. My hair is usually a mess and I am always tired, but there is always love and laughter. In 20 years, my kids won't remember the house or my hair, but they will remember the quality time we spent together and the love they felt." - Proud Happy Mama

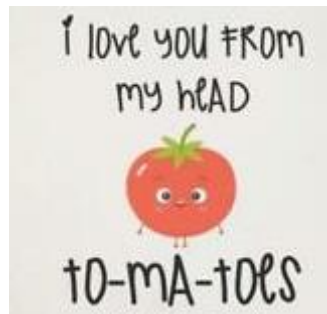
Mom, thanks for providing me with womb and board for all of these years!

Mom, I love you loads. Speaking of, can you do my laundry?

My favorite moments in life are really just mom-ents, because everything is better with you.



"It's like no one in my family appreciates that I stayed up all night overthinking for them. - Mom



I know I'm supposed to be preparing my teenager for life and all, but its hard when they already know everything.

TEENAGER POST  
"Mom? – "NO!"  
"But Mommmy?" –  
"NO!"  
"Fine" "..... Daaddd?"  
With three kids in the house, someone is always crying. Currently it's me. - Mom



You did a great job



"My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it? – Buddy Hackett

"I don't want to sleep like a baby. I want to sleep like my husband."

"Being a mom means kids banging on the bathroom door like the SWAT team, asking for a drink, while you're in the shower . . . and Dad is in the kitchen."



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way. From the newsletternewsletter.com



## A PREEMPTIVE PRAYER

*Becoming angry is quite easy. The difficult part, as Aristotle observed, is “to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose and in the right way.” That, he added, “is not within everybody’s power.”*

But with God’s power — and prayer — we can resist the pull of anger. Use these Scripture-inspired words: “Teach us, O God, how to keep our cool when provoked, exercising patience and self-control so we can think wisely and creatively about how to handle stress calmly, after the heat of the moment has passed. Help us choose our associates wisely, avoiding those who are hot-tempered and easily angered. Help us choose your way of handling anger, rather than our own, so we might conquer harmful impulses by doing good. In the name of Christ, who showed us how to use anger for good rather than evil. Amen.”

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## FLOATING ON FAITH

As a man and his young daughter were boating one day, their vessel sprang a leak. The father knew he’d have to swim to shore but couldn’t with the child in tow. She hadn’t gotten far in swimming lessons but could float on her back, so he told her to do so and promised to return.

Coast Guard personnel were skeptical that a child could survive so long in the water. But hours later, as the sun set and they considered halting the search, someone spied a red dress amid the waves. The girl, still floating, was singing a hymn. Astounded, rescuers asked how she held on so long. “My daddy said he’d come back for me,” she said, “and he never breaks his promises.”

Prayer rests on just such trust. We can’t know when God will answer or act, but we know he promises never to abandon us and that God keeps his promises. So we can lie back and float — on faith.

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## THE LIVING WORD

Many know of teacher Annie Sullivan helping young Helen Keller break through barriers of blindness and deafness to discover language: how Sullivan placed one of Helen's hands under running water, spelling *water* in sign language over and over into the other. In Keller's words: "Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten — a thrill of returning thought; and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew that w-a-t-e-r meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free."

God's living Word, working through the waters of baptism, also awakens us — to a life of faith anchored in God's unconditional love. Baptism gives in us a "misty consciousness" that we are safe in God and reveals "the mystery of language" that is prayer. In baptism, as water washes over our bodies, the living Word gives us light, hope, joy and true freedom. From TheNewsletterNewsletter

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## BE A LIGHTHOUSE

*I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.*

John 12:46

One of the strongest images of standing strong in a storm is the lighthouse. In the era before radar, satellite navigation and GPS systems, lighthouses were vital to protect ships from crashing onto rocks, shoals and shores. Building lighthouses can be considered one of man's most noble endeavors.

Since the beginning of seafaring, families and friends have lit bonfires at night to guide sailors home.

George Bernard Shaw said, "*I can think of no other edifice constructed by man as altruistic as a lighthouse. They were built only to serve.*"

And evangelist D.L. Moody commented, "*Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine.*"

Jesus used this imagery of light to describe our role in His kingdom. We are the light of the world, He said, after claiming Himself to be the true light. Therefore we function much like a lighthouse, both internally and externally.

The first design for a lighthouse is the internal function of generating light. Early lighthouses used a literal fire that had to be constantly fed and

watched. Later electric lights were utilized and ultimately laser lights. But this light still has to be internally projected.

So we too as followers of Jesus project internal light, the outer expression of the inner life under the control of the Holy Spirit.

The other aspect of a modern lighthouse is that it also is an **external reflector**. Over the years of improvements, revolving lenses have been developed to reflect that internally generated light further into the darkness.

As the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we reflect the light of the Son in a world of darkness. And finally, lighthouses remind us of God's love. Like the bright shining beam of a lighthouse, His love reaches out...piercing through the darkness of any storm.

**RESPONSE:** Today and throughout this year I will be a lighthouse for Jesus, projecting His inner light and reflecting His light externally.

**PRAYER:** *Lord, may Your love and Your light pierce the darkness of the world around me as I stand strong and faithful for You like a lighthouse, today and through the year ahead.*

*Standing Strong Through The Storm (SSTS)*

*A daily devotional message by SSTS author Paul Estabrooks ... 2011 Open Doors International*

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## THANKS MOM!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said. From TheNewsletterNewsletter

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*Holy Spirit,*

*We invite you each Sunday to ignite us by filling us and leading us to share the good news about Jesus and His promise of heaven! Please saturate us today with power and creativity so that when we leave church, we understand we are entering our mission field.*

*Open our hearts to follow your call.*