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"Serving others as we serve Jesus."

**Scott McFarland**  
Minister

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Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

**Wednesday**

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Elders**

**Deacons**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld  
Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Mark Henthorn  
Mark Henthorn  
Shawn Howell

Butch Lallathin  
Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Jesse Stalder

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

The widows of the congregation.

Lester will be returning home soon.

**Those battling cancer** – Bob Foster (Jamie Ackerman-Foster's father-in-law); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Marie Rose; Nancy Young (Cathy Bunting's sister); Roger Highman (prostate cancer); Sue Thornberry (friend of Bev Jones); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman.

## **Pregnancies**

Please keep Rachel Jackson, Lakin Arnold, and Erika Gauding in your prayers, for their health and the health of the babies they are carrying.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

## **Parent/Youth Meeting**

There will be a parent/youth meeting this morning directly after services at the front of the building.

## **Feed the Flock**

The Feed the Flock fellowship will be Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building. It will be a Fish fry night, please bring a dessert.

## **Church Camp**

There has been a generous donation of \$1,000 for the purpose of helping any child or children interested in attending church camp. If your child or children are interested in attending church camp, please call the office and let us know.

## **Widow/Widower Meeting**

There will be a Widow/Widower group meeting Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> after morning services at the front of the auditorium.

## Listen and Shut Up

I've had a sticky note in my Bible for years—16 years to be exact. It's written in Romanian and says, "Asculta si upcineste—Bogdan." It was given to me on a mission trip in the summer of 2007 by a Romanian friend, Bogdan. I kept it because Bogdan signed his name to it, not because I knew what the phrase meant. All these years, I never knew what the note actually said, so this week I looked it up. The Romanian phrase means "listen and shut up." I laughed out loud when I typed it into Google translate. I have no idea what was going on when Bogdan wrote that, but he had a way of saying things at important moments that made you think. So, I began to reflect on my own life and how I have often needed someone to say, "listen and shut up."

James says in James 1:19, "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." How often have you been in a conversation and realized part of the way through you were more interested in what you were going to say next than you were listening to what the other person was saying? Many people believe they are good listeners, but when it comes down to it most of us only retain about half of what other people say in a conversation, according to research. We are easily distracted by our own thoughts, what someone across the room is doing or saying, what we want to say next, etc. Yet, Scripture calls us to listen better than we speak.

This week, I challenge you to "listen and shut up"—concentrate more on what other people are saying than what you want to say next, what the weather is going to be like tomorrow, who's playing this weekend, etc. Be interested in people. One of the reasons I think God is so adamant about us being good listeners is that it mirrors God's listening to us. Scripture says God listens to the cries of his people (Psalm 40:1)—let's listen to the conversations of others.

**May 28, 2023**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

May 21, 2023

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	94	Sunday morning Live feed views	17
Attendance at the building	180	Post-Sunday sermon online views	22
Bible Hour Attendance	30		
Sunday night Bible Class	60	J.O.Y. Bus Attendance	
		1 Riders 2 Workers	
Wednesday night Bible Class	35		
Budget	\$ 5,100		
Contribution	\$ 6,193		



Thank you to all of the wonderful ladies of this church for the beautiful bridal shower. The food was delicious, and the decorations were perfect. I'm also so thankful to everyone for the new pots and pans, vacuum, home décor, gift cards, money, cards and so much more. I am so blessed to have grown up with such great examples of a Christian woman, wife, mother, and friend. A special thank you to: Sue Dearth, Bev Jones, Dawn Watkins, Abby Friday, Abby McFarland, and Missy Wayt for all your hard work in preparing the food and decorating.



Thank you to the generous donors of the church who supported the MAGI boxes this year. Thanks to your efforts we were able to fill boxes to bless 92 children this coming Christmas. Each box was packed to the brim with an outfit, flip flops, personal care items, school supplies and some small toys and candy. Due to time constraints, we were not able to host a box stuffing party this year, however your donated items and monetary gifts were still a great blessing to the children. The boxes are on their way to the distribution center where they will be sorted and sent to the children in time for the holidays. If any member or group of members would like to head up the MAGI project for next year, please let Sherry know.

**Reminder**

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.