

# Connections

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## **Sunday Services**

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Inner Mission  
10:30am Worship Service  
(Livestream Available)

## **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday  
9:00am–3:00pm

Friday  
9:00am–12:00pm

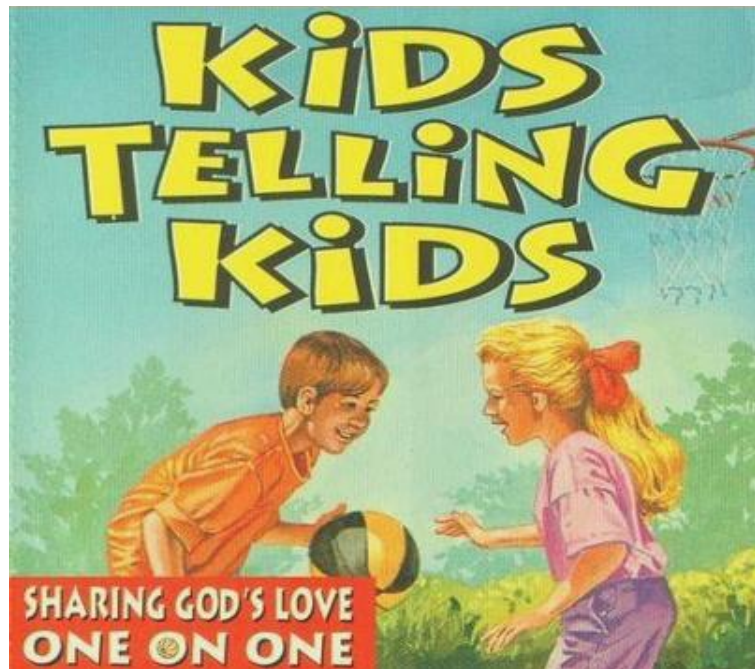
*(The church office will be  
closed on Monday, May 26  
in celebration of the  
Memorial Day holiday.)*

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## **SONSHINE SINGERS PERFORMANCE — PLEASE COME!**

Our Sonshine Singers children's choir will present their musical drama, "Kids Telling Kids," at 6:00pm on Sunday, May 4. In this 30th year of Sonshine Singers, they are doing a reprise of our very first Sonshine Singers musical, which was presented 28 years ago. You will find the kids out on a playground, sharing God's love one on one, while doing some "cross training" with their friends. Invite your family and friends to join you for this fun and energetic performance!

## **CONGREGATIONAL INTERVIEW OF ELDER CANDIDATE**

As the pastors and Board of Deacons pursue affirmation of a minimum of three non-vocational elders, in order to implement the revised articles of incorporation and bylaws that were approved last year, candidates for the office of elder will be presented to the congregation for your consideration in light of the biblical standard (1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:6–9). Please take some time to prayerfully meditate on these qualifications that the Lord has established for the men who will serve as shepherds and overseers for His Church, so that you are prepared to evaluate the candidates based on the priorities given by the Lord of the Church. Currently, there are four elder candidates in the examination process: Justin Caldwell, David Chung, Tom Dries, and Chad Smale. On Sunday evening, May 18, you will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with Justin Caldwell.



### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you are invited to meet for dinner at The Pines Pizza & Pub (4100 River Ridge Dr NE), at 6:30pm on Monday, May 5. If you plan to attend, please call or text Deb Gaeta at 319-491-7720 so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange for someone to pick you up.

### MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS (MUMs)

MUMs will meet Tuesday, May 6 at 9:15am for the *final meeting at church* for the school year. MUMs will resume in September. Contact Katie Staab for more information.

### AWANA AWARDS SUPPER

The Awana year ends with a special awards night on Wednesday, May 7. Awana kids and their families are invited to enjoy a supper provided by the Awana leaders at 6:00pm in the gym, followed by an awards ceremony at 7:00pm in the sanctuary to honor the efforts of our clubbers and leaders.

### ATTENTION: 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS

Starting Wednesday, May 14, the youth who are completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come on Wednesday evenings to the junior high youth group, which meets in the youth building from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

### POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 10:00am–3:00pm in room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in working on favorite craft projects. This is an enjoyable way to spend time developing relationships in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.

### PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

A parent-child dedication ceremony is planned for the Sunday morning worship service on Mother's Day, May 11. If you would like to participate in this public expression of your commitment to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord," please notify the church office.

### SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Retirees are invited to meet for lunch and a program on Tuesday, May 20 at 11:30am. More information to come.

### ADVENTURELAND TRIP

The junior high and senior high youth will be headed to Adventureland in Altoona, Iowa for a day of fun on Tuesday, June 10, 8:00am–9:00pm. **Please turn in permission slips and \$45.00**, which covers the cost of admission, to Pastor Matt or the church office **by Wednesday, June 9!** Remember to bring extra money for two meals.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1 is the National Day of Prayer. The theme verse for the 74th annual National Day of Prayer is Romans 15:13 — "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Please take some time on this day to pray for your neighbors and your nation.

### FLOWERS FOR OUR MOMS

Take a moment to put up a flower on the window in the foyer to honor your mother during the Sundays leading up to Mother's Day. No matter your age, you have a mom or someone in your life who served as your mom — be it a sister, aunt, grandmother, etc. Jot a few words to honor your mom or share a special memory of her and tape it up on the window. (There are flowers, tape, and Sharpie markers in the foyer.) Take some time to be encouraged or inspired by reading what others have written on their FLOWERS FOR OUR MOMS.

### NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for the kind memorial in memory of Shawn's dad. God bless you.

The Family of Bob Sandersfeld and  
Shawn & Jennifer Sandersfeld & Family

Thank you for allowing us to use your building for Classical Conversations. It has been such a blessing to our homeschool community as we strive to know God and to make Him known.

Classical Conversations

We would like to thank our entire church family for the many prayers, cards, gifts, and meals as Joan has been recovering from illness and a fall. We are so appreciative of every single one of you and have been deeply moved by the love shown to us.

Jim and Joan Hale

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to the family of Jean Salter, who went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 26. Please continue to pray for her husband, Bill Wendell, as well as the rest of the family.



Josh & Allie Melanson  
have a new address!

1501 Yuma Dr NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

### SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP WORK DAY

Help get Spring Valley cleaned up for the camp season! If you are interested in joining the Spring Valley Bible Camp Work Day on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, contact the church office or Marla Hoy. There is both indoor and outdoor work to be completed. Lunch will be provided.

### 2025 SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP DATES

<b>Kids Camp (K–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)</b>	<b>June 30–July 2</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp</b>	<b>July 6–11</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp</b>	<b>July 13–18</b>
<b>High School Camp</b>	<b>July 20–25</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp</b>	<b>July 27–30</b>

Registration and payment can be made online at [www.springvalleycamp.org/camp-overview](http://www.springvalleycamp.org/camp-overview).

Please register based on the grade your child will be entering in the fall. There is a \$25 discount for registering before June 1, AND Calvary will provide a subsidy of \$40 for each child entering grades 3–12 who is a regular participant in our church programs. Submit camp receipts to the church office to receive a reimbursement. If financial assistance is needed, contact the church office about scholarship funds.

**\*Please also contact the church office if you would like to provide scholarship funds.\***





# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am–12:00pm Sonshine Singers Dress Rehearsal 9:00am–3:00pm Spring Valley Bible Camp Work Day
<b>4</b> 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sonshine Singers Present "Kids Telling Kids" 6:00pm Grief Share	<b>5</b>  6:30pm Ladies Night Out at The Pines Pizza	<b>6</b> 9:15am MUMs	<b>7</b> 9:00am Staff Prayer  6:00pm Awana Banquet 6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  10:00am–3:00pm Positive Impressions
<b>11</b> MOTHER'S DAY 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Parent-Child Dedication) 6:00pm Grief Share	<b>12</b>  6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:15am MUMs Leadership Team Meeting  7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	<b>14</b> 9:00am Staff Prayer  6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	<b>15</b>  6:00pm MUMs Moms-Only Dinner in Amana	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service  6:00pm Elder Candidate Interview 6:00pm Grief Share	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:15am MUMs at Bever Park  11:30am Salt & Pepper Retirees Fellowship 6:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00am Staff Prayer  6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  2:00pm–4:00pm Landen Eastburn Graduation Party in the Church Fellowship Hall
<b>25</b> <i>No Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes, and Inner Mission</i> 10:30am Worship Service (Senior Recognition)	<b>26</b> MEMORIAL DAY  Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am Staff Prayer  6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



3 Taylor Bredenberg	14 Chris Jones	25 Claudine Nyambo
5 Donna Smejkal	16 Verne Johnson	Neil Bredenberg
8 Gary Hensch	Troy Patton	Brianna Hagemeyer
9 Lori Abben-Goodwin	Janice Tomash	26 Sadie Hanna
Logan Hill	19 Abigail Hauptly	28 Ron Ehrle
Sharon Pelton	Katie Staab	29 Ann Eckert
10 John Mulvihill	20 Carl Fields	30 Linda Pearson
Heidi Gritten	21 Steve Howard	Anton Sandersfeld
11 Joey Goodwin	22 Samuel Tokpa	31 Ben Hagemeyer
Donald Winchester		



# Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 25 during the Worship Service

**LANDEN EASTBURN**

430 Erusha Dr NE  
Walford, IA 52351  
School: Home School

**Landen's Graduation Party**

May 24, 2pm–4pm  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall

**CADE FEENEY**

120 Bluff Drive  
Fairfax, IA 52228  
School: Home School

**JOEY GOODWIN**

4120 Timber View Dr  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411  
School: Home School



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for June 16–20, from 9:00am to 11:30am each day. Start inviting children ages 4 years through 6th grade to come for an exciting week of learning from God's word through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, snacks, and more!

Our VBS theme this year is *Wonder Junction: Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory*. It is an Old West adventure that will teach kids who Jesus is as they marvel at His birth, His childhood, His ministry, His death and resurrection, and His coming return. It's all about Jesus and the call for kids to live for His glory.

*We will need lots of volunteers! If you are available and willing to help, even for just one day, please call or text Roxann Von Lienen at 319-361-0215 or email [rvonlienen@imonmail.com](mailto:rvonlienen@imonmail.com).*