

The Grapevine



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In the poem of our text, there is a beautiful literary convention. There are fourteen pairs, which is twice biblical number of perfection and completion, additionally the list covers the whole sweep of human experience for birth to death and everything in between. This speaks powerfully to how God sees our lives. He sees perfectly and completely how each part of our lives fit together and in turn how our individual lives fit into the grand scheme of things. As our text says "he has made everything beautiful in its time."



Old Testament Professor Dereck Kidner describes this passage as a weaver's loom. When a weaver is at their loom they can see the pattern they are weaving. They see how everything fits together. But if you were to sit below the loom you couldn't see the pattern. You could make out there was some connection going on here or there. But you wouldn't see the full pattern that was being weaved. That is what this verse is saying. Our passage says "yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." We just don't see how the seasons of our lives fit together. Let alone how our lives fit together with other lives in the greater purpose of God. As finite humans we just do not see. Our response should be to trust that God sees what we do not see. As finite humans we will never be able to see the full picture of what God is doing with our lives. Our response is to trust that He is.

Faithfully, Pastor Greg

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Joys and Concerns

JOYS

- ***Jordan Jackson's open heart surgery was successful***
- ***Donna Owens sister, Tonya - her cancer is now in remission.***
- ***Sam & Rita Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!***
- ***Art Blackmore was honored with a Fire Department Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations!***
- ***Angie Miller's cancer surgery was successful***

CONCERNS

- Nancy Kirk - surgery
- Tyler Morrow - NUS procedure
- James Hoffman (age 2) -lung cancer
- Janet Knife
- Judy Taynor
- Quinley- praying for a heart transplant

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES WHO LOST LOVED ONES IN APRIL

- ***The family of Doug Taynor***
- ***The David Chivington Family***
- ***The family of John Norwood Gilfillan***
- ***The family of Kim Barnett***
- ***The family of Sara Watson***

Continued Prayer for:

Crystal Ayers
Ruth Caldwell
Nevin Elleman
Becky Gillman
Lee Harrison
Julie Kurtz
John Jess

Ryan Rice
Alena Smith
Richard Speir
Betty Trostel
Harry Worley
Ben Wilson

Happy Birthday

Cornelius Clark, Emily Benham
Katie Paulus, Kaysen Jackson
Jane Jess, Jeanie Unger
Christina Freshour, Jill Gearhardt
Josiah Trostel, Bill Meyer
Luke Fulton, Levi Worthington
Baylor Clark, Adelyn Roeser
Katrina Gaskins, Tim Holzen
Beckham Boyer, Doug Armstrong
Gemma Hess, Logan Greenlee
Anna Beth Douthit, Baine Clark
Seth Coverstone, Darin Williams
Marie Douthit, Jenna Clark
Doug Taynor, Cheryl Jackson
Gwendolyn Manning
Caleb Staley



Happy Anniversary

Katie & Tom DeMange
Katrina & Jack Gaskins
Tyler & Taylor Dunivan
Mackenzie & Kelly Horner



**Have you been MARRIED
50 YEARS OR MORE?**

**We are planning on
honoring you during
church service on June 1.
Please tell Pastor Greg or
Betsy Staley.**

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 4 – Cove Spring Kids, after church
 MAY 4 – Youth Group – 12pm, Long Shots
 MAY 4 – Special offering for school lunches
 MAY 11 – Mother's Day
 MAY 11 – Special Business Mtg, after church
 MAY 12 – Deacon Bd. Mtg., 7pm
 MAY 13 – Women's Fellowship, 10am
 MAY 18 – Honoring the Graduates
 MAY 26 – Memorial Day
 JUNE 1 – Bible School Registration Due
 JUNE 23 – 26 – Bible School, 10am – 12pm

Please mark your calendar for the
 Miami County Fair! Sunday, August 10
 in the Entertainment Tent at the Fair,
 Ray Perryman will
 be our guest pastor
 for the fair service.



A little bit about Short Round Ministry:
 Reaching the Livestock World For
 Jesus! Ray and Tricia Perryman of
 Midland, Texas share the Good Word.
 Short Round Ministries is a ministry
 that some would call a little different.
 It is unique in the fact that we minister
 at stock shows and rodeos all across
 the United States as well as a few
 conventional churches along the way.
 More than anything, we want to reach
 the lost and broken for Jesus.
 more info: shortround.org

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

*There will be a vote after church on
 Sunday, May 11 concerning the
 compensation for the Audio Visual
 Team. Minutes from the April
 Business meeting can be found on
 pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. Next
 business meeting is July 8th at 7pm.*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

WE WILL BE HONORING THE
 GRADUATES ON SUNDAY MAY 18

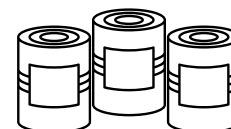
Please let us know any names
 of graduates for
 8th grade, High School and College,
 so that we can recognize them
 on May 18

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are meeting at the church on
 Tuesday, **May 13, at 10am.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather every **Wednesday**
at 12:30pm in the church basement.
 All ladies are welcome to join us!

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Blessing Box /Food Pantry is in
 need of donations of soups, mac &
 cheese, fruit cups, toiletries, etc.
 NO Expired Items, please.

YOUTH GROUP



MAY 4 - Long Shots

UPDATE, instead of 11:15am, it will be from 12pm-1:30pm, to celebrate our seniors. Pizza will be provided. Youth is responsible for their drinks and extra food.

If you have your own golf clubs, please bring them. Buckets of balls will be bought, but if you would like your own please bring extra money.

A big congratulations to the Seniors! Remember as you face challenging times and obstacles along your life, take heart in knowing that you can overcome them with God's strength, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. May God Bless you in your future endeavors.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

COVE SPRING KIDS



MAY 4: 10:30-11:30am

**Easter Egg Hunt was a great success!!
A thank you goes out to all who helped.**

BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School

June 23-26, 10am-Noon

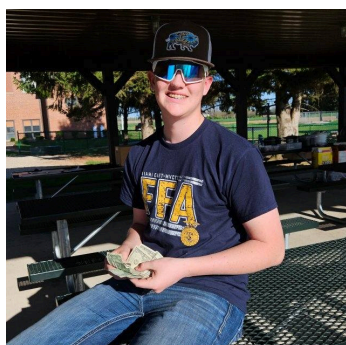
Please register your child (age 4 to children entering 6th grade in the fall) and return form to Michelle Robbins by June 1st please.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS please contact Michelle Robbins

YOUTH CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who came out for the fundraiser! The weather was beautiful! Fellowship, food, and fun was had! We raised \$329 for the Food Pantry in Fletcher. A big thank you to the youth and parents who helped!

Pictures from the fundraiser



**Winner of the 50/50 drawing!
Thank you, Kyle
for donating it back!**



MAY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Offering for School Lunches 4 <i>Cove Spring Kids</i> Youth- 12pm Long Shots	5	6	7 Women's Bible Study 12:30	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Deacon Bd. Mtg. 7pm	13 Women's Fellowship 10 am	14 Women's Bible Study 12:30	15	16	17
18 Honor Graduates Communion	19	20	21 Women's Bible Study 12:30	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Women's Bible Study 12:30	29	30	31

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2025 BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
age 4 - going into 6th grade
DUE BY JUNE 1

Child's first name

Child's first name

Child's last name

Child's last name

Grade in the fall
(if applicable)

AGE

Grade in the fall
(if applicable)

AGE

Allergies

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Emergency Contact

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Cove Spring Church Business meeting minutes (DRAFT), April 8, 2025

Church Moderator, Tom Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and opened with the Lord's Prayer. 18 members were present. Tom asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 14 Business meeting. Betsy Staley moved to accept the minutes. Michelle Robbins second the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Dan Sutherly passed copies of the financial reports around, and went over the receipts, expenses and total assets. Randy Mott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Diana W. second the motion. Motion passed.

Deacons – Bill Hershberger reported that some members of the congregation suggested that we have Ray Perryman (a rodeo pastor from Texas) do the worship service at the Miami County Fair. Pastor Greg and the Deacon's looked into this and Ray is available to come to the fair. Ray does not charge a fee. It was decided that Cove Spring Church will pay him the fee that we pay our guest ministers, and a collection basket will be put out at the service if attendees feel moved to contribute to him. Bill also reported that the Deacon's have prepared for the reception on Palm Sunday that will be held after church, as well as Maundy Thursday's communion service at 7pm. The Good Friday service will be held at the Lostcreek Memory Barn at 7pm, Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Lostcreek Memory Barn at 7am, and regular service will be held at the church at 9:30am.

Security Team – Joe Shellhaas suggested that new door handles for the exterior doors in the East Vestibule be replaced by a more secure option.

Trustees – Mike Rindler is looking into making the restrooms ADA compliant. The Miami Co. Building Department requires an architect to do the plans. After discussion with members present, a temporary committee will need to be formed to explore options of renovating the current restrooms or adding on to the east side of the church. In the meantime, the Trustees will plan to replace the toilets and fix the sink in the men's restroom.

Mike reported that he will continue to monitor the church basement's previous water damage behind the cabinets on the east wall to be sure the new drainage system is working. If so, he will look into having part of the basement repainted in the next year.

Mike also reported that the parsonage had water coming into the basement with the historic rainfall that we recently had. A professional air cleaner will be put in to prevent further issues. There are also two unused furnace fuel tanks in the parsonage basement that need to be addressed.

Flower Committee – Easter flowers are ordered and the cross with the lilies will be put up.

Youth Director – Michelle Robbins reported that Cove Spring Kids has monthly meetings with 12 to 15 children attending. They made resurrection gardens at their last meeting and learned about Holy week. Michelle reported on the upcoming activities planned; the Easter egg hunt is after church on Palm Sunday and they will plan to do a lemonade stand in May or June. Bible School is planned for June 23-26 (in the morning).

Youth Group had a Lock-In in February with 16 youth and 8 adults. They helped at Fletcher Food Pantry in February as well. Upcoming activities include a cornhole tournament April 27 and Long Shots on May 4 to celebrate the seniors.

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Music Committee – Wade Wilhelm reported that the Easter Cantata will be performed at the Lostcreek Memory Barn on Good Friday, 7pm. Wade is having a sound system set up, and Randy will do the Facebook Livestream. Darin has been working on the accompaniment music. Wade made a motion to pay Darin for all of the time and work he puts into the accompaniment for the Cantata. Ann Horner moved to accept the motion. Diana Wilhelm second the motion. Motion passed. Cheryl Jackson reported that the Music Committee met with the Audio Visual team to identify their challenges and needs for the livestreaming and AV presentation during worship service. Wade noted how important the AV Committee is to our Church and how we are reaching many people that do not attend in person. Pastor Greg also noted that we have new congregation members because of our livestreaming and our services at Lostcreek Memory Barn.

After a discussion about compensating the AV Committee, it was decided that the Finance Committee will review suggestions to pay the AV committee and move forward from there.

Audio Visual Committee – Randy reported that the two new computers purchased have been installed. A desk was also purchased and things were rearranged upstairs to better fit the AV equipment. New software has been installed to livestream the worship services to Youtube and Facebook. They are looking into having the livestream go to the webpage as well. Currently the AV Committee is Randy Mott, Brian Bensman, and Donna Owens. Ideally they would like to have one or two more people to join their team.

Blessing Box – Diana reported that more donations are needed and the box gets refilled once or twice a week.

Women's Fellowship – Diana reported that Women's Fellowship is wanting to do a collection for unpaid school lunches again at the end of April/ beginning of May.

Church Secretary – Betsy Staley reported that postcards about Easter services are going out this week. The monthly newsletters go out the beginning of each month. She mails to 30 people, e-mails go to 110 people, it is posted to the website, and there are also printed copies in each vestibule. Yearbooks are available in each vestibule for everyone to take.

The Church Basement is reserved – Saturday, April 19.

Pastor's Report – the Livestream of worship services and the services held at the Lostcreek Memory Barn has brought in a lot of new people to our congregation.

Additional Comments – Tom Wallace asked those who have served on a committee to review their committee description and duties that are in the yearbook. Many committees have new people on them, and they are not always aware of how things were done in prior years or what other additional duties they are responsible for. Also, the Church Constitution needs to be revised. Tom asked for a motion to adjourn. Randy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike second the motion. Motion passed.

Next Church Business Meeting is July 8 at 7pm.