

"They are new every morning; great is your  
faithfulness." *Lamentations 3:23*

May

# Happenings @ Grace



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*Elvin Dillard, Pastor Emeritus*



# The *Pastor's* PAGE

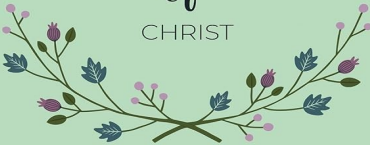
**1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:1-3

Easter has been celebrated; the Passover has been kept. Now, we are heading towards the celebration of Pentecost – the promised day when the Holy Spirit fell upon the church and filled the people of God making them the new temple. But until then, Jesus spent the forty days after his resurrection teaching and reminding the disciples about the Kingdom of God and the Great Commission. Therefore, the content of the sermons for the next few weeks will be all about the nature of the Kingdom of God told through the parables, its relationship to the resurrection, and



— SOPHRON STUDIES —  
Keri Folmar, Series Editor

*Galatians*  
REDEEMING GRACE  
AND THE CROSS  
of  
CHRIST



MELISSA MCPHAIL  
LISA MENCHINGER

**Ladies  
Bible  
Study**

**Thursdays in  
May 9:00 AM**

**“Galatians”**

★ ★ **HAPPY** ★ ★

**MEMORIAL**

★ ★ ★ **DAY** ★ ★ ★

REMEMBER AND HONOR

## Memorial Day

We walked among the crosses  
Where our fallen soldiers lay  
And listened to the bugle  
As TAPS began to play.

The Chaplin led a prayer  
We stood with heads bowed low,  
And I thought of fallen comrades  
I had known so long ago.  
They came from every city  
Across this fertile land  
That we might live in freedom,  
They lie here 'neath the sand.

I felt a little guilty  
My sacrifice was small.  
I only lost a little time  
But these men lost their all.

Now the services are over for this Memorial Day.  
To the names upon these crosses I just want to say,  
Thanks for what you've given, no one could ask for more.  
May you rest with God in heaven  
From now through evermore.

*C.W. Johnson*



# MUFFINS WITH MOM

**Sunday, May 10, 9:00 AM**

**Who:** All students preschool through graduating seniors and the significant women in their lives!

**What:** Students get to spend some sweet time with the significant women in their lives!

**Where:** Grace Community Church Activity Center

## SERVICES AT POMONA LAKE MARINA

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM

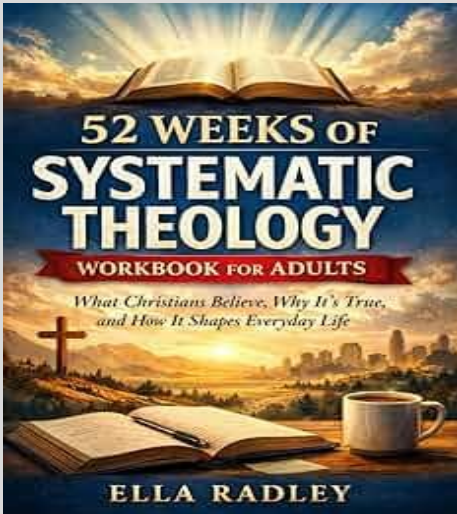
JUNE 7, JULY 5 & AUGUST 2

*JOIN US OR BE IN PRAYER FOR THIS MINISTRY*

# POWER of PRAYER

Calling all prayer warriors in the Overbrook and surrounding areas to join us. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a community prayer group, regardless of where you worship on Sunday mornings!

**This group meets at 6:15 PM every Wednesday evening.**



BAND  OF BROTHERS

**52 Weeks of Systematic Theology provides a year-long, structured study of core Christian doctrines (God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Salvation, Church, Future). These guides bridge the gap between academic theology and daily life. Designed to build “owned convictions” rather than borrowed beliefs. The workbook focuses on strengthening**

**Meets Wednesday Evenings at 6:15PM**

**Ladies Day Out!**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2PM**  
(Carpool leaving church @ 1:30 PM)

**Kansas Museum of History**  
**Topeka, KS**

**Dinner @ Golden Corral**

**Two Ways to Give**

**Text**

**Give 2 Grace**

**@73256**

Or

**ONLINE GIVING**

**[www.gccinoverbrook.com](http://www.gccinoverbrook.com)**

**"Give"**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**AND**  
**WORK DAY**

**Saturday, May 30**  
**8:00-10:00 AM**

**5th -12th Grade**

**Sunday Evenings, 5:30 PM**

**Connect**

**Contact Crystal (785)670-6456**

# BIBLE STUDY CALENDAR

Day	Morning Study	Evening Study
1	I Kings 1,2	Luke 22:54-71
2	I Kings 3-5	Luke 23:1-26
3	I Kings 6,7	Luke 23:27-38
4	I Kings 8,9	Luke 23:39-56
5	I Kings 10,11	Luke 24:1-35
6	I Kings 12,13	Luke 24:36-53
7	I Kings 14,15	John 1:1-28
8	I Kings 16-18	John 1:29-51
9	I Kings 19,20	John 2
10	I Kings 21,22	John 3:1-21
11	II Kings 1-3	John 3:22-36
12	II Kings 4,5	John 4:1-30
13	II Kings 6-8	John 4:31-54
14	II Kings 9-11	John 5:1-24
15	II Kings 12-14	John 5:25-47
16	II Kings 15-17	John 6:1-21
17	II Kings 18,19	John 6:22-44
18	II Kings 20-22	John 6: 45-71
19	II Kings 23-25	John 7:1-31
20	I Chronicles 1,2	John 7:32-53
21	I Chronicles 3-5	John 8:1-20
22	I Chronicles 6,7	John 8:21-36
23	I Chronicles 8-10	John 8:37-59
24	I Chronicles 11-13	John 9:1-23
25	I Chronicles 14-16	John 9:24-41
26	I Chronicles 17-19	John 10:1-21
27	I Chronicles 20-22	John 10:22-42
28	I Chronicles 23-25	John 11:1-17
29	I Chronicles 26,27	John 11:18-46
30	I Chronicles 28,29	John 11:47-57
31	II Chronicles 1-3	John 12:1-19



9:00 AM

**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES**

Fishers of Men, led by Cliff Fischer  
meeting in the East Center Conference Classroom  
Study: *New Testament Studies*

God's Vessel, led by Bessie Bauer  
meeting in Office Conference Room  
Study: *Living in the Dazes of Deception*

GracePoint, led by Frank Rhodes  
meeting in Room C-26  
Study: *Deuteronomy*

Sonlight Seekers,  
led by Pastor Adam Johns, Brian Spencer  
meeting in Room C-2  
Study: *Biblical Doctrines*

Grades 7-12, led by Stan Friesen  
meeting in the Lighthouse  
Study: *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*

Grace Kids - Preschool-6th, led by Crystal O'Brien  
meeting in the Grace Kids Loft



**Brookside Retirement  
Community  
Ministry  
Sunday, May 10 & 24**

## **Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**Sunday, May 3**

**During AM Service**

**Recognizing all Preschool,  
Kindergarten, 8th grade,  
High School & College graduates**

**Please sign up at the  
Information Center**



## **“Morning Glory”**

**Sunday**

**May 17**

**9:45-10:10 AM**

**Bring pastries/treat to share**

# CCS Upcoming Events



## Bingo Night

Saturday, May 2 @ 6:00 PM

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 9:00 AM  
(Breakfast @ 9:00AM)



## CCS Art & Music Program

Tuesday, May 12 @ 6:00 PM



## CCS Graduation

Thursday, May 14 @ 5:00 PM



## Baby/Child Dedication

Sunday, May 10

*Please sign up at the  
Information Center*





# May 2

SUN	MON	TUE	W
<p>3 <b>Graduate Recognition Sunday</b> Connect Youth, 5:30 PM Evening Service, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 <b>Lions Den Prayer Group, 9:00 AM</b></p> 	<p>6 <b>Worship Pr</b> <b>Band of Bro</b> <b>Prayer</b></p>
<p>10  <b>Muffins w/ Mom, 9AM</b> <b>Baby/Child Dedication</b> <b>No Evening Service</b></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 <b>Ladies Day Out, 2:00 PM</b> <b>CCS Art &amp; Music Program</b> <b>6:00 PM</b></p>	<p>13 <b>Worship Pr</b> <b>Band of Bro</b> <b>Prayer</b></p>
<p>17 <b>Morning Glory Pastries</b> Connect Youth, 5:30 PM Evening Service, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>18 <b>Men's Night Out, 6:30 PM</b></p> 	<p>19  <b>Lions Den Prayer Group, 9:00 AM</b></p>	<p>20 <b>Worship Pr</b> <b>Band of Bro</b> <b>Prayer</b></p>
<p>24 <b>Brookside Ministry, 2:30 PM</b> <b>No Evening Service</b></p>	<p>25  <b>Happy Memorial Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p>26 <b>Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 PM</b></p>	<p>27 <b>Worship Pr</b> <b>Band of Bro</b> <b>Prayer</b></p>
<p>31 Connect Youth, 5:30 PM Evening Service, 6:00 PM</p>			

# 2026

## EVERY LORD'S DAY:

Breakfast ..... 8:00 AM  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 AM  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:15 AM  
 Connect Youth ..... 5:30 PM  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2  CCS Bingo Night 7:00 PM
Practice, 5:00 PM Youth, 6:15 PM Men, 6:15 PM	7  Ladies Bible Study, 9:00 AM National Day of Prayer	8	9
Practice, 5:00 PM Youth, 6:15 PM Men, 6:15 PM	14 Ladies Bible Study, 9:00 AM CCS Graduation, 5:00 PM	15  Last Day of School	16
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# Children's Ministry May News to YOU!

## NURSERY CURRICULUM

### Coming Home



Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son to teach about God's love. When a sinner turns back to God, God shows His love to the sinner, just like the father showed love to his son in the story. Like the younger son in this story, we are all lost and dead in sin until we return to the Father who created us and loves us. God rejoices when His children choose to change their ways and follow Him.

## Preschool and Elementary Curriculum

**May 3** -- Tell Me a Story #4 -- "The Parable of the Talents"

**Power Verse** -- Matthew 25:29

**Whatchagaddaknow** -- "I gotta use it - or lose it!"

**May 10** -- Mother's Day -- **WORSHIP AS A FAMILY**

**May 17** -- Tell Me a Story #5 -- "The Parable of the Rich Fool"

**Power Verse** -- Luke 16:13

**Whatchagaddaknow** -- "I'll love God more than my stuff!"

**May 24** -- Church #1 -- "Why Is Church Important?"

**Bible Story** -- The Church is Established (Acts 1-2)

**Power Verse** -- Hebrews 10:25

**Whatchagaddaknow** -- "God made the church for you and me!"

**May 31** -- 5th SUNDAY -- **WORSHIP AS A FAMILY**



In May, we will finish up the last two lessons of Tell Me a Story - The Parables of Jesus. Jesus was a master storyteller. Everywhere He went, He used the location,

customs, and environment, that were familiar to His followers in order to tell stories that conveyed amazing spiritual truths. We call these stories “parables”.

In this series, we will be studying some of the most well known parables that Jesus told during His earthly ministry. We will not just be looking at the stories on the surface. We will be diving deeper to discover the spiritual significance of each story.

We hope you enjoy this amazing journey into some of the greatest stories ever told!



Save the Date!!!

VBS

July 21st - July 25th

## Church Services and Events Currently Available Online:

GCC Web Site: [www.gccinoverbrook.com](http://www.gccinoverbrook.com)

Sunday Morning Services: 10:15 AM Sunday Mornings, Live Stream Online at <https://gccinoverbrook.com/media> or on YouTube at: [youtube.com/@gracecommunitychurchoverbrook](https://youtube.com/@gracecommunitychurchoverbrook) (please subscribe) or Facebook live

Sunday Morning Services:  
Archived video is available on YouTube for viewing at any time after presentation:



[youtube.com/@gracecommunitychurchoverbrook](https://youtube.com/@gracecommunitychurchoverbrook)  
(please subscribe)



Archived Sunday Morning and Evening Services (Audio Only) are available on Sermon Audio at: [https://www.sermonaudio.com/source\\_detail.asp?sourceid=gccinoverbrook](https://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=gccinoverbrook)

Sunday Evening Services: (Limited to Audio Only) will be available on Monday or Tuesday at <https://gccinoverbrook.com/archived-sermons>

Grace Kids – Look for Grace Kids on the GCC Facebook page

Become A Friend and Follow GCC on Facebook, Grace Community Church in Overbrook



# Pentecost Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, June 7

*Please sign up for luncheon foods!!*

*Everyone is welcome to attend*

**ENROLLING FULL & PART-TIME STUDENTS NOW!**



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Christ-Centered Academic Excellence



**Mrs. Becky Florance**  
LEAD TEACHER

**Please email Becky at:  
ccs.kansas@gmail.com**

**REMEMBER:**

- \*Pray for the unsaved
- \*Pray for our nation and its leadership
- \*Pray for our military
- \*Pray for Community Christian School
- \*Pray for our pastoral staff, church staff  
and their families
- \*Pray for our Sunday School teachers,  
children's ministry workers  
and small group leaders

## May 3



**Worship Leader:** Stan Friesen

**Elder of the Week:** Jim White

**Security Team:** Skip Courtois

**Worship Team Leader:** Stan & Debbie Friesen

**Worship Team:** Kathy Henkensiefken, Brian Spencer, Gary Collins

**Vocalists:** Beth Nelson, Lisa Myers, Patrick O'Brien

**Special:** Beth Nelson

**Sound:** Devin Wray

**Video Computers:** Shane Toomay/**Stream:** Cheyenne Miller

**Camera:** Becky Florance

**Information Center:** Karen Shumate

**New Visitor Welcome Table:** Becky Florance, Beth Nelson

**Bulletins:** Melissa Bame, Geri Rumold, Connie Fager, Cheryl Garrett

**Greeters:** Alan Myers, Lonnie Blackburn

**Worship Nursery:** Susan Stromgren, Jadynd Anderson

**Children's Church** - Sherri Rhodes, Haydn Norris

**Children's Church** - Crystal O'Brien, AJ Hartford, Reagan Sunday

**Evening Service** - Will Nicol (Worship Leader) Angela Spencer (Pianist)

## May 10



**Worship Leader:** Brian Spencer

**Elder of the Week:** Frank Rhodes

**Security Team:** Todd Yeagley

**Worship Team Leader:** Patrick O'Brien

**Worship Team:** Haydn Norris, Gary Collins, Kathy Henkensiefken

**Vocalists:** Youth

**Special:** Youth

**Sound:** Cole Duncan

**Video Computers:** Glen Fager/**Stream:** Chad McClay

**Camera:** Greyson Webb

**Information Center:** Joyce Collins

**New Visitor Welcome Table:** Becky Florance, Beth Nelson

**Bulletins:** Karen Shumate, Brooke Allen, Connie Fager, Cheryl Garrett

**Greeters:** Beth Nelson, Ray Shumate

**Children's Church** - **Worship as a Family**

**Children's Church** - **Worship as a Family**

**No Evening Service** - **Happy Mother's Day**

## May 17



- Worship Leader:** Pastor Elvin Dillard
- Elder of the Week :** Glen Nelson
- Security Team:** Thomas Baumgardner
- Worship Team Leader:** Stan & Debbie Friesen
- Worship Team:** Brian Spencer, Gary Collins, Kathy Henkensiefken, Michele Miller
- Vocalists:** Geri Rumold
- Special:** Frank Hess
- Sound:** Randy Roberts
- Video Computer:** Barb Roberts/ **Stream:** Hilario Reyes
- Camera:** Hadyn Norris
- Information Center:** Karen Shumate
- New Visitor Welcome Table:** Becky Florance, Beth Nelson
- Bulletins:** Chris Toomay, Bessie Bauer, Connie Fager, Cheryl Garrett
- Greeters:** Lloyd Nelson, Lonnie Blackburn
- Worship Nursery:** Kim Spillman
- Children's Church - Preschool:** Amy McClay, Gracyn Anderson, Gwen Willmott
- Children's Church - Elementary:** Crystal O'Brien, Debra Arnold, Colton Anderson
- Evening Service**– Will Nicoll (Worship Leader) Angela Spencer (Pianist)

## May 24



- Worship Leader:** Frank Rhodes
- Elder of the Week:** Pastor Adam Johns
- Security Team:** Daniel Webb
- Worship Team Leader:** Stan & Debbie Friesen
- Worship Team:** Brian Spencer, Gary Collins, Kathy Henkensiefken
- Vocalists:** Shane & Chris Toomay, Kaylin Johns
- Special:** Choir
- Sound:** Keith Engler
- Video Computers:** Shannon Engler/**Stream:** Patrick O'Brien
- Camera:** Frank Hess
- Information Center:** Joyce Collins
- New Visitor Welcome Table:** Becky Florance, Beth Nelson
- Bulletins:** Tim & Laurie Nesbitt, Leslie White, Connie Fager, Cheryl Garrett
- Greeters:** Charles Young, Jeannie Hardman
- Worship Nursery :** Beth Nelson
- Children's Church - Preschool:** Amy & Micha McClay
- Children's Church - Elementary:** Crystal O'Brien, Connie Neilson, Shane Branson, Greyson Webb
- No Evening Service - Happy Memorial Day**

## May 31



**Worship Leader:** Patrick O'Brien

**Elder of the Week:** Jim White

**Security Team:** Skip Courtois

**Worship Team Leader:** Stan & Debbie Friesen

**Worship Team:** Kathy Henkensiefken, Brian Spencer, Gary Collins

**Vocalists:** Kathy Henkensiefken, Pastor Elvin Dillard

**Special:** Kathy Henkensiefken

**Sound:** Aaron Smiley

**Video Computers:** Glen Fager/Susan Stromgren

**Camera:** Greyson Webb

**Information Center:** Karen Shumate

**New Visitor Welcome Table:** Becky Florance, Beth Nelson

**Bulletins:** Melissa Bame, Geri Rumold, Connie Fager, Cheryl Garrett

**Greeters:** Alan Myers, Lonnie Blackburn

**Children's Church - Worship as a Family**

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**Evening Service** - Will Nicol (Worship Leader) Angela Spencer (Pianist)

## Lions Den Prayer Group

Tuesday, May 5 & 19

9:00 AM

*Office Conference Room*



## Sunday morning breakfasts for May sponsored by the Men's Ministry

Come to church early and enjoy a hot breakfast served by the Men's Ministry every Sunday morning from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. This is a really good time to fellowship with your church family before heading to Sunday School.

# **Shop With Your Church Family First**

**\* Insurance (life, residential, auto,  
motorcycle, financial)**

**Integrity Insurance, Marshall Madill  
Insurance, Inc., Dennis & Sean Donnelly**

**\* Electricians**

**Frank Rhodes, Frank Hess**

**\* Heating/Air Conditioning**

**Skip's Heating & Air - Skip Courtois**

**\* Realtor**

**Shannon Engler**

**\* Stampin' Up**

**Kit Bostrom**

**\* Cosmetics (MaryKay)**

**Debbie Ansley, Michele Miller**

**\* JML Engraving Sublimation Imprinting**

**Melissa Bame**

**\* Lawn & Landscape**

**Shawn Hiatt**

**\* Thrivent Financial**

**Sara Blair, Financial Associate**

**\* Longarm Quilting Services**

**Dianne Yeagley**

# May Birthdays

3. Ardith Badger
  5. Reid McClay, Eric Johnson
  8. Connie Fager
  9. Ainsley Blackburn
  10. Sara Floyd
  11. Crystal O'Brien
  12. Gaylord Anderson
  15. Mason Adams
  20. Chris Toomay, Evelyn Willmott
  25. Lincoln Allen
  26. John Schierling
  28. Gary Spillman
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# Happy Anniversary

9. Stan & Laura Hart
14. Eric & Mallory Johnson
15. Jim & Ardith Badger
20. Rob & Deb Gloss
21. Elvin & Connie Dillard, Rod & Jane Falley
28. G.N. & Jeannie Hardman



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\*Indicates those who have keys or key fobs which open exterior church doors.

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10**

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**God’s not asking us to be impressive,  
He’s asking us to be available!!!**

**Missionaries that GCC Supports**  
*(please be praying for them on a daily basis)*

Alan & Sarah Good.....	SonSet Solutions, Indiana
Philip & Rita Warkentien.....	Global Grace Fellowship, Brazil
Justin & Amy Culp.....	Pioneers, Kansas City
Luke & Jenna Fangman.....	Mustard Seed Network, Japan
Malachi & Carissa James .....	TEAM, Bulgaria
Solid Rock Action Center.....	Osage City, KS
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	Santa Fe Trail USD #434
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	Osage City USD #420
Osage County HELP House.....	Scott Perkins, Lyndon, KS
Topeka Rescue Mission.....	LaManda Cunningham, Topeka, KS
Bill & Lora Durkes.....	Hope City, Kansas City, MO
Life Care .....	Ottawa, Kansas
Lifeline .....	Topeka, Kansas
Beni Kahamba (PHA.).....	Goma (DRC), Africa
Phil Wiebe (Church planting) .....	Utah
Christian Aid Mission .....	Supporting Indigenous Ministries
Alpha Christian Children’s Home .....	Perry, KS
Jacob & Alyssa Friesen.....	Helping International Students (HIS)
Aneela Zia (Pakistan).....	IAGM, Seneca Falls, NY

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