

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

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## From Pastor Bob's Desk

Is Church as We Know it...Church as God Wants it?

Jesus challenged his followers to launch a movement that would change the world.

The instrument he used to launch this movement is the body of Christ or known as the "Church." Jesus hand picked a rag-tag group of no-name characters that included fishermen, tax collectors and a variety of other sinners to build his church. The Book of Acts offers this description of the first church that gathered in Jerusalem:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together

and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord

added to their number daily those who were being saved. — Acts 2:42-47

What a simple plan: learning TOGETHER, meeting TOGETHER, eating TOGETHER, praying TOGETHER, believing TOGETHER, sharing TOGETHER, laughing TOGETHER, worshipping TOGETHER, reaching out beyond our church TOGETHER. This is CHURCH

as Jesus designed it... CHURCH as God wants it.

### **Questions to help strengthen our faith and the ministry of this church**

1. What do you need most to help strengthen your faith?
2. How are you feeling about the mission of our church?
3. How are you feeling about your relationship with God?
4. What may help you to have a closer relationship with God?
5. Are you setting personal priorities that help care for your soul?
6. How are you feeling about your family relationships?
7. What would you do if you were not afraid to fail?
8. What is the best contribution you can make to serve God, help people, and strengthen the work of our church?
9. What is something you should stop doing because it hinders your walk with Jesus
10. What problems or conflicts are you having with other leaders in the church?
11. What do you sense God saying to you about your walk with Jesus?
12. If you could change just one thing about your life or work right now, what would it be?



Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in [Luke 24:50-51](#) and [Acts 1:9-11](#).

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" ([Acts 1:11](#)).

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful for several reasons:

- 1) It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. The period of human limitation was at an end.
- 2) It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished.
- 3) It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration ([Matthew 17:1-9](#)).
- 4) It symbolized His exaltation by the Father ([Ephesians 1:20-23](#)). The One with whom the Father is well pleased ([Matthew 17:5](#)) was received up in honor and given a name above all names ([Philippians 2:9](#)).
- 5) It allowed Him to prepare a place for us ([John 14:2](#)).
- 6) It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest ([Hebrews 4:14-16](#)) and Mediator of the New Covenant ([Hebrews 9:15](#)).
- 7) It set the pattern for His return. When Jesus comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left-literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds ([Acts 1:11](#); [Daniel 7:13-14](#); [Matthew 24:30](#); [Revelation 1:7](#)).

Currently, the Lord Jesus is in heaven. The Scriptures frequently picture Him at the right hand of the Father-a position of honor and authority ([Psalm 110:1](#); [Ephesians 1:20](#); [Hebrews 8:1](#)). Christ is the Head of the Church ([Colossians 1:18](#)), the giver of spiritual gifts ([Ephesians 4:7-8](#)), and the One who fills all in all ([Ephesians 4:9-10](#)).

# Sunday School

## Adult Sunday School

### David Jeremiah Series – The Promise of Heaven

**May 3 – Tough-Minded about Heaven**

**May 10 – One Way**

### **David Jeremiah Series – Spiritual Warfare**

**May 17 – Are We Really in a War?**

**May 24 – Identifying the Enemy**

**May 31 - The Girdle of Truth**



**Church Family,**

I want to THANK each one that donated to help our Church friend in need.

We all worked together to provide her with all the necessities to get her started on her own.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to: Debbie, Brayden, Justin, Nelson and Buddy for transporting 3 truck loads of items and then carrying them up 2 flights of stairs. Was not easy task with small size of the area. Somethings were cleaned, put together and arranged. Our Friend was very Thankful!

Our DEAR PASTOR, REVEREND STINE would often say "I CAN THANK YOU, BUT THE GOOD LORD WILL BLESS YOU" !

Hebrews 6:10



## **Birthdays**

Wilton Smith III 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Nancy Anders 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wesley Wiser 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dale Reed 19<sup>th</sup>  
Greg Stambaugh 20<sup>th</sup>  
Alan Simpson 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Pat Wiser 30<sup>th</sup>

Alice Eyler 3<sup>rd</sup>  
RJ Smith 9<sup>th</sup>  
Kathryn Carnes 15<sup>th</sup>  
Austin Smith 19<sup>th</sup>  
Elijah Moser 21<sup>st</sup>  
Kayla Reed Petrosky 30<sup>th</sup>  
Linda Troxell 30<sup>th</sup>

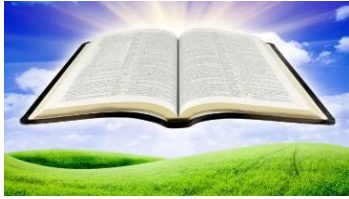


## **Anniversaries**

Bernie & Dawn Hobbs 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wilton & Tammy Smith 9<sup>th</sup>  
Josh & Tracey Gormer 19<sup>th</sup>  
Nelson & Tina Smith 9<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew & Kaylee Wiser 12<sup>th</sup>  
Bob & Carol Krouse 19<sup>th</sup>

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## SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS MAY

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>Acts 7:1-16           | <b>2</b><br>John 8:48-59              | <b>3</b><br>Psalm 66:8-20   |
| <b>4</b><br>Acts 7:17-40          | <b>5</b><br>Acts 7:44-56              | <b>6</b><br>John 8:31-38    |
| <b>7</b><br>Acts 27:1-12          | <b>8</b><br>Acts 27:13-38             | <b>9</b><br>John 14:27-29   |
| <b>10</b><br>Acts 27:39-44        | <b>11</b><br>Psalm 93                 | <b>12</b><br>1 Peter 3:8-12 |
| <b>13</b><br>John 16:16-24        | <b>14</b><br>Ephesians 2:1-7          | <b>15</b><br>2 Kings 2:1-12 |
| <b>16</b><br><b>John 8:21-30</b>  | <b>17</b><br>Seventh Sunday of Easter | <b>18</b><br>1 Peter 4:1-6  |
| <b>19</b><br>1 Peter 4:7-11       | <b>20</b><br>John 3:31-36             | <b>21</b><br>Acts 2:1-11    |
| <b>22</b><br>Romans 8:14-17       | <b>23</b><br>Matthew 5:1-12           | <b>24</b><br>Romans 8:18-24 |
| <b>25</b><br>Psalm 104:24-34      | <b>26</b><br>Romans 8:26-27           | <b>27</b><br>John 7:37-39   |
| <b>28</b><br>2 Timothy 1:8-12a    | <b>29</b><br>2 Timothy 1:12b-14       | <b>30</b><br>John 14:15-17  |
| <b>31</b><br>Psalm 8<br>Job 38:39 |                                       |                             |

# BIBLE MOTHERS

ABIGAIL  
 BATHSHEBA  
 BILHAH  
 ELIZABETH  
 EUNICE  
 EVE  
 GOMER  
 HAGAR  
 HANNAH  
 JEZEBEL  
 JOCHEBED  
 JUDITH  
 KETURAH  
 LEAH  
 LOIS  
 MARY  
 MILCAH

*Delve into the heart of biblical heritage  
 with this word search, spotlighting the  
 names of mothers whose faith and  
 strength echo through generations.*

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