



RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPITIVE PURPOSE

NOVEMBER 2025

***Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his
love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34***

Thankfulness



*"Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, with
thankfulness in your hearts to
God."*

Colossians 3:16



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"EMBODYING THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN AN UNPEACEFUL WORLD"

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"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18).

OUR FATHER, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

A THANKFUL HEART

Prayer of the Month

Dear God, my Heavenly Father, I come before you with a thankful heart—
thanking you for all that you have done
and for all that you are still doing. God, I
give you the glory, the praises, and the
honor.

I thank you for a new day that you have
blessed me to see. God, I am thankful for
life, health, and strength. I pray, Lord God,
that you will bless all who stand in need
of a blessing. With a strong mind, peace,
joy, and happiness, I pray Heavenly Father

that you will continue to draw people to you: those who have backslidden and
those who are searching for the unsearchable.

I thank you for being the Strong Tower that is unshakable. I thank you for the
mind and desire to worship you—to draw closer to you. Clean me up Heavenly
Father. Search my heart: anything in it that is not of you, please cast it into the
sea of forgetfulness.



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OUR FATHER, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

A THANKFUL HEART, continued



Heavenly Father, I pray for the sick that you will continue to heal, for all who are going through very hard times, and all that are going through the hours of bereavement. I pray that you will comfort them in a special way, strengthening them where they're weak, and help them remember that you are there for them.

Lord, I thank you for hearing and answering prayers. In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.

Sis. Bonnett Nash

OUR FATHER, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

TRAVELING "HOME"

Monday's Prayer

Lord, it's another day's journey, and I'm glad about it. I come before your presence in humble submission, thanking and praising you for all that you have done and what you will do in our lives as we travel through this land on our way "Home."



Lord, as we travel through this land, in your pathway, strengthen us as we share your "Word,"-- "The Good News" with dying men and women throughout this community and world. Jesus said in John 12:32, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Hear our prayer, oh Lord. We need you, Lord, individually and collectively. Hear our prayer. Oh Lord, incline thine ears to us and grant us thine peace. Amen.

Deacon Wallace Dinkins

SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

A Summary

LOVE

A selfless, sacrificial love that extends to everyone, reflecting God's love for humanity.

JOY

A deep-seated gladness that transcends circumstances, rooted in one's relationship with God.

PEACE

An inner tranquility that comes from knowing God and trusting in His plan, even amidst life's challenges.

PATIENCE

Endurance and forbearance, especially in the face of provocation or difficulty.

SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (continued)

KINDNESS

A gentle and compassionate attitude towards others, reflecting God's kindness.

GOODNESS

A commitment to what is right and just, actively pursuing righteousness.

FAITHFULNESS

Loyalty, dependability, and trustworthiness in all aspects of life.

GENTLENESS

A humble and considerate demeanor, reflecting Christ's meekness.

SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (continued)

SELF-CONTROL

The ability to discipline oneself and make wise choices, resisting temptation.

The fruit of the Spirit is not something that believers can produce on their own; it is the result of the Holy Spirit working within them.

As believers yield to the Spirit's influence, these virtues naturally grow and manifest in their lives.

MINISTRY IMPACT

CHURCH-GIVING TRENDS

A Decade That Reshaped Generosity: Perceptions and Motivations Toward Giving and eGiving

Churchgoers remain driven to give by personal faith and community impact.

The following are the most frequently cited reasons for giving:

- Supporting the church community.
- Upholding Bible-based values.
- Contributing to important community work.

Over time, perceptions toward eGiving have become increasingly more positive, especially among adults ages 24 to 54.

Concerns such as “eGiving not being Christian” or “Contributions not reaching the church” have declined, although resistance among older adults (ages 55 to 72) remains somewhat stronger.





HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

**May your birthday be a
testament to God's love, a
reflection of His vast blessings,
and an overflow of His peace.**

HEALTH IMPACT



Thanksgiving Safety Tips

For Thanksgiving 2025, let's focus on fire and food safety by staying in the kitchen while cooking, keeping children at least three feet from hot surfaces, and thoroughly cooking and refrigerating food. Also, you can practice travel safety by planning your route, ensuring your vehicle is prepared, and avoiding distractions. General safety includes keeping floors clear to prevent trips and falls and using timers for lights if you travel.

HEALTH IMPACT

Thanksgiving Safety Tips, continued

Kitchen and Fire Safety

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and hot food.
- Turn pot handles inward to prevent spills.
- Keep flammable items like oven mitts, towels, and curtains away from heat sources.
- Place matches, lighters, and knives out of children's reach.
- Use timers for holiday lights and never leave candles unattended.
- Keep the kitchen floor clear of clutter to prevent falls.

- Test smoke alarms before the holiday and consider purchasing a fire extinguisher.
- For deep-frying a turkey: Ensure the bird is fully thawed, use the fryer outdoors, and keep it away from any overhead cover.



HEALTH IMPACT

Thanksgiving Safety Tips, continued

Food Safety

- Cook the turkey to the correct temperature by using a food thermometer. The internal temperature should be at least 165°F.
- Do not wash the turkey, because this can spread bacteria. The only way to kill bacteria is through thorough cooking.
- Prevent cross-contamination by keeping raw meat separate from other foods. Use separate cutting boards and wash all items that touch raw meat.
- Refrigerate leftovers promptly within two hours of serving.
- Reheat leftovers to an appropriate temperature to kill any bacteria.

Travel Safety

- Plan your route in advance and check for potential construction or traffic.
- Perform a vehicle check and pack an emergency kit.
- Avoid driving under the influence and be mindful of potentially slick roads.
- If traveling, do not post on social media that you are away from home.
- Consider personal health and consider postponing travel if you are sick.



HEALTH IMPACT

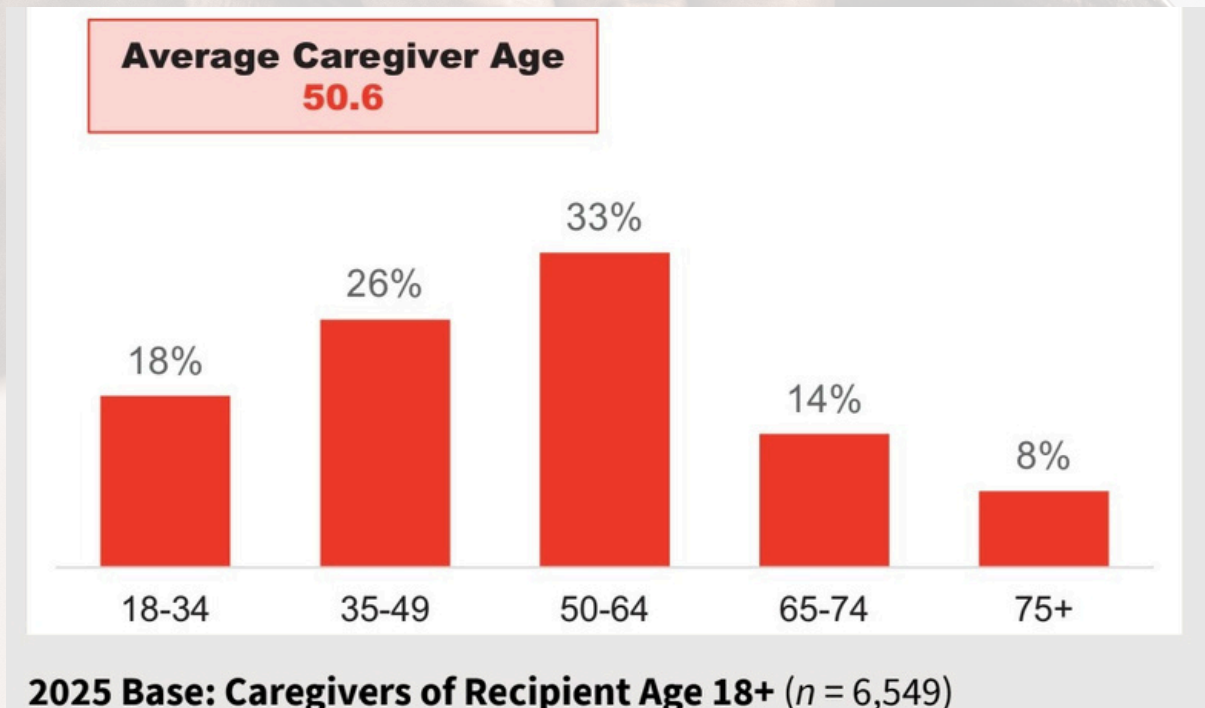
CAREGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, 2025

DEMOGRAPHICS

One of every four adults is a caregiver. Of these, 94% care for adults and one in three is under age 50. Caregivers are increasingly diverse across race, income, and generation. Twenty-nine percent (29%) are sandwich generation caregivers, supporting both children and adults.

INTENSITY AND COMPLEXITY

Over 40% of caregivers now provide high-intensity care. Many perform complex medical tasks, such as administering injections or managing equipment, yet only 22% receive training.



HEALTH IMPACT

CAREGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, 2025 (continued)

PAID CAREGIVERS

For the first time, the care-givers report includes 11 million caregivers who receive some compensation through Medicaid, the VA, or other state programs. These caregivers are more likely to be younger, lower-income, and from diverse backgrounds.

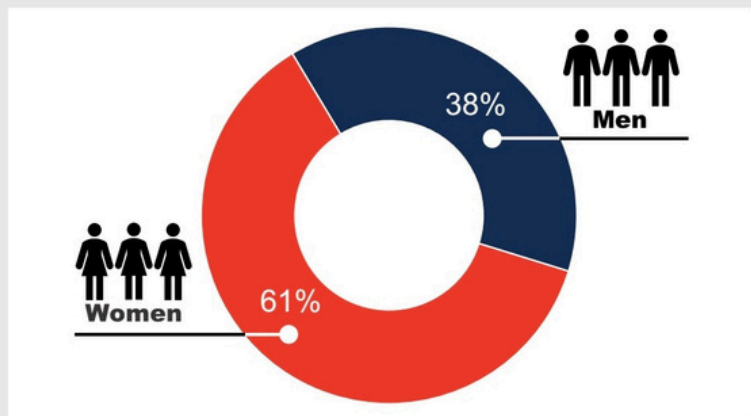
WORKPLACE IMPACT

Seven of ten family caregivers are employed, but many face disruptions and lack access to supportive benefits, especially the 18 million hourly wage workers.

HEALTH AND FINANCIAL STRAIN

One of five caregivers report poor health; a quarter are taking on debt because of caregiving. Half report negative financial impact due to caregiving, and one in five cannot afford basic needs (e.g., food).

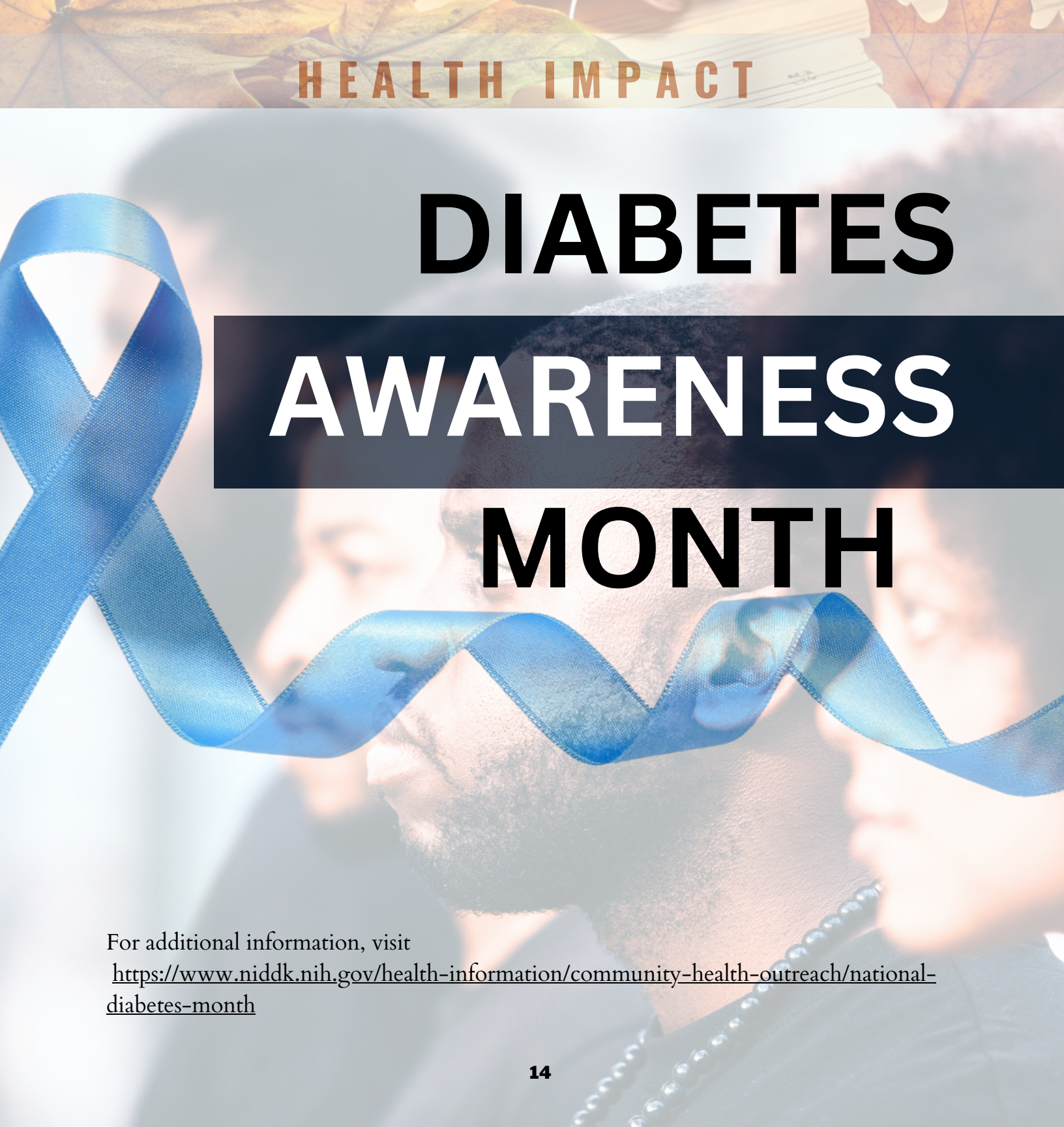
Figure 1. Caregiver Gender



2025 Base: Caregivers of Recipient Age 18+ (n = 6,549)

<https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/ltss/family-caregiving/caregiving-in-the-us-2025/>

HEALTH IMPACT



DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

For additional information, visit

<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/community-health-outreach/national-diabetes-month>

NEWS FROM THE LOWER DIVISION

Congratulations to the Rev. Lillian Reynolds

The Rev. Lillian Reynolds was presented a "Women of the Year for Ministers and Pastors' Wives" plaque at the Wateree Baptist Association Lower Division's conference, October 22, 2025. Mrs. Cassandra Mack presented the award during the Pastor Wives & Female Associate Ministers Hour.



NEWS FROM THE LOWER DIVISION

Congratulations!

Missionary
Peggy Sanders
for the
Woman of the Year
Missionary Award

Trustee
Dianne Herrington
for
Outstanding Work
in the Association



FROM THE PAGES OF OUR HISTORY

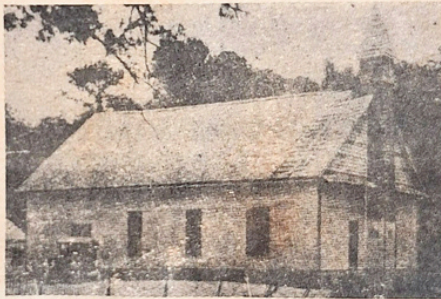
Rafting Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Highway 261 North
Rembert, South Carolina

Reverend Charles H. Davis, Pastor

One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Anniversary

Sunday, June 7, 1992

Theme: "Committed to the Lord for Another Year
and a New Journey"



Old Structure



Present Structure

128th Anniversary Program

June 7, 1992

"Committed
to the Lord
for Another
Year and a
New
Journey"

FROM THE PAGES OF OUR HISTORY

For just as the
body is one and
has many
members, and all
the members of
the body, though
many, are one
body, so it is with
Christ. For by one
Spirit we were all
baptized into one
body—Jews or
Greeks, slaves or
free—and all were
made to drink of
one Spirit. . . .
Now you are the
body of Christ
and individually
members of it.

Program

9:45 - 10:45 Church School

Call To Order Deacon Hampton Gardner, Superintendent
Men's Bible Class Deacon William Sanders
Adult Class Dr. Beatrice G. Sanders
Young Adult Class Mrs. Bernice Hill
Youth Class II Mrs. Dianne W. Herrington
Youth Class III Mrs. Esther Gardner
Intermediate Class Mrs. Gertrude Spann
Beginners Class Mrs. Maggie Osborne
Lesson Talk Adult Class

Sunday School Report Mrs. Esther Gardner

Music Youth Choir

History of Sunday School Mr. Derrick Wright

10:45 - 11:00 Morning Devotional Services

Deacon Elbert Williams
Deacon George Sanders
Deacon Willie Sanders

Worship Through Preparation

Call To Worship Minister Burdell Hill
Procession
Doxology
Invocation Deacon Edgar Dinkins
Choral Response

Worship Through Praise

Hymn Senior Choir
Litany Mrs. Kathy Sanders
Dedicatory Prayer Deacon William Sanders
Music Children's Choir
Scripture Reading Trustee Teddy Osborne
Gloria Patri

FROM THE PAGES OF OUR HISTORY

Worship Through Instructions

Church Related News	Deacon William Sanders
Recognition of Visitors	Ms. Marie Sanders
History - Church Reflections	Mrs. Margaret Davis
Memorial Tributes	
Poem	Mrs. Sharon Boyd
Memorial Song	Male Chorus

Worship Through Stewardship

Offertory Period	
Music	Gospel-Ettes
Offertory Prayer	Trustee Joseph Spann
Music	Adult Choir

Worship Through Proclamation

Presentation of Speaker Mrs. Christine Lawson
 Music Gospel Choir
 Spoken Word Reverend C. H. Davis

Worship Through Decision

Invitational Hymn	
Remarks	Mrs. Dianne W. Herrington, Chairperson, Anniversary Committee
Presentation of Incoming Chairperson	Reverend C. H. Davis

The Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer
Closing

Therefore,
since we are
receiving a
kingdom
that cannot
be shaken,
let us be
thankful,
and so
worship God
acceptably
with
reverence
and awe.

MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

*Meetings and rehearsals will be held as scheduled,
Monday through Saturday.*

Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday, 6:30am

Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

Inspirational Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

Tuesday Bible Study

6pm, via Zoom & Conference Call

Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

Scriptural Presentations

Thursday, 6pm

Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

Trustee Ministry

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, TBA

Public Relations Ministry

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Via Zoom

Public Relations Ministry

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2025 THEME

Embodying the Presence of GOD in an Unpeaceful World

Join us on Sunday for Sunday Church School at 9AM, in person, and worship service at 10AM, in person or via Facebook livestream.

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