



First Church of God Rushville -- Indiana

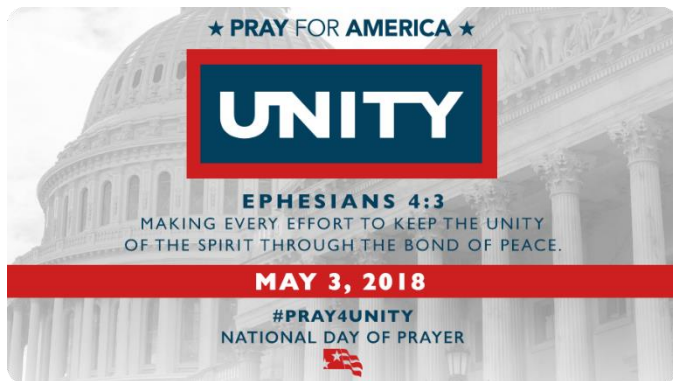
"Connecting with God & with One Another"

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May 2018 News



The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

It is the hope of the National Day of Prayer Task Force that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people." Dr. Ronnie Floyd – National Day of Prayer Chairman

Prayer Opportunities:

The Rush County Ministerial Association is hosting a National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the Filling Station (219 N. Perkins St.) on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:45 am

Our Church's Sanctuary and Prayer Room will be open from 8:00am to 6:30pm.

He's Back – Full Time!!!

In case you have not heard, Your Pastor is back to full-time ministry. It has been several months of dealing with severe pain, surgeries and insurance but thanks to the healing touch of our Loving God I am able to return to do what He has called me to do. I would like to thank the EMT's and others who have helped either during my absence or in my limited capacities (physical not mental – I guess I will let you judge that for yourselves). Please feel free to call on me for whatever need you may have at anytime...

It is good to be back!!!

Thursday Evening Bible Studies

Pastor Gary will re-start our weekly Bibles Studies beginning Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30pm. Each Thursday evening you are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we look into the Bible and study God's Word together.

On May 3rd we will begin a 7-week study from Chip Ingram on the Book of Titus. In this *Book of the Bible* series, Chip Ingram unpacks the book of Titus. He challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor. When the gospel has truly taken root in our lives, it produces the fruit of godliness. As we pass these things on to future generations, the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world.

So please plan on coming as we get back to searching the truths God has for us in a Group Bible Study setting.



On Saturday, May 19th at 5:00pm the ladies of the church are invited to celebrate Mother's Day at the Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown with a delicious buffet dinner. The Cost is \$7 per person and you will need to sign up at the information table by Sunday, May 13th. See Lynda Raab for any questions and to pay for your meal (checks made out to the church). All Ladies are invited whether you are a mother or not.

May Calendar

Thursday, May 3rd
 Bible Study at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 6th
 Worship at 10:30am
 Children's Church at 10:30am

Thursday, May 10th
 Bible Study at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 13th – Mother's Day
 Worship at 10:30am
 Children's Church at 10:30am

Thursday, May 17th
 Bible Study at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 19th
 Mother's Day Dinner at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 20th
 EMT Meeting at 8:30am
 Worship at 10:30am
 Children's Church at 10:30am

Thursday, May 24th
 Bible Study at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 27th
 Worship at 10:30am
 Children's Church at 11:00am

Thursday, May 31st
 Bible Study at 6:30pm



<u>Wed. – Sun.</u>	<u>Cleaning Group</u>
05/02 – 05/0	Pastor Gary & Rhonda
05/09 – 05/13	Jason & Megan Whitfield/Tim Williams
05/16 – 05/20	Brad & Tonya Ervine/Lois Moran
05/23 – 05/27	Mike & Heather Farthing/Bonita Farthing

The Church needs to be cleaned between Wednesday & Saturday of each week. Each group can decide which day or days they will clean on their scheduled week. If you need a key please see Pastor Gary.



Worship Team.....Rhonda Jordan & Chuck Kemker
 Instrumentalist.....Jeannie Kemker
 Greeters.....David & Jackie Hickmott
 Audio/Video.....Daryl Raab
 Children's Church...Lynda Raab
 Special Music.....
 May 13th Men's Group
 May 27th Rhonda Jordan

Behind The NUMBERS

Giving & Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
04/01/18	62	\$ 2,188.18
04/08/18	40	\$ 584.00
04/15/18	53	\$ 1,706.00
04/22/18	38	\$ 709.00

Amount needed weekly to maintain the 2018 Budget:
\$1,500.00

MAY



- 1st Shytana Whitfield
- 1st David & Jackie Hornaday (26 years)
- 8th Martin & Leeann Jacobs (3 years)
- 11th Debbie Hankins
- 16th Lynda Raab
- 20th Tim & Lori McCord (17 years)
- 23rd Lois Moran



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Church Shoeboxes

To help us fill 30 shoeboxes for children (boys & girls) ages 10 -14 for the month of May, we would like to collect Water bottles and small fishing kits. Please bring your donations in and place them in the OCC box in the designated class room at the back of the sanctuary.

