

Maple Leaves

May 2025

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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Church Family
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Bayla Baker
Annette Berkey
Sue Cripe
Todd Green
Jim Kirkdorffer
Mike Overpeck
Betty Stutsman
Julie Yoder
Our Widow Ladies
Our Youth & Children
Andy Smith, Alex Becker & Gavin Erb
(serving our country)
Fairfield Food Pantry
Camp Mack (Staff & Volunteers)
Kid's Alive Ministry (Orphans)
Missionaries:
Erica Simone (SonSet Solutions)
Alan & Cheri Shea ((Liberia)
Mike & Tara Overpeck (Elkhart Co.)
Chris & Stefanie Hohm (Tanzania)
World Missionary Press
Destiny Rescue

Baptism

Cameron Cripe was baptized on Sunday, March 30th and became a member of the Maple Grove Community Church. Welcome Cameron, we are so glad you've become a part of the family of God!



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Pastor Dwayne Runkle

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“Time to Fish”

Happy May to you all. When I think of the month of May, my thoughts always go to Mother’s Day, my mom’s birthday which is the 14th and my mother-in-law’s birthday (Hazel) which is on the 12th. May holds many fond memories for me. Another unrelated memory in May is my days of fishing in Pennsylvania.

My favorite times were going trout fishing in small creeks around the county. I always had my favorite fishing hole that did me well. When I started dating Karen, she would go with me and fish as well. I remember one particular Saturday morning; it was the opening day of trout season. The creeks were well stocked, and we were ready to fish. By law you had to wait until 8:00 a.m. to cast out your line. I remember counting down the seconds as the time approached, and by 8:00 many lines including mine hit the water. This particular open day, my brother Troy was with Karen and me. It didn’t take long for me to catch my limit which was six trout per day. I could continue to fish but had to throw back any fish beyond my limit. Karen was having a good day as well. She caught her share as well. Then there was Troy, he tried his hardest but just was not catching any fish that day. To this day, I’m not sure why. His day went from bad to worse when the bank he was standing on gave way. He ended up sitting in the water all wet. It was time to leave this memorable day.

In the Bible, Jesus talked about fishing several times. In fact this is where He found some of His disciples that He had chosen; they were fishing. Matthew 4:18-20 tells us this: *“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two*

brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.”

Obviously, Jesus was talking about a different kind of fishing. Not fishing for fish in a creek, but for fishing for men. How can we fish for men? Like fishing for trout, we must go where they are at. Sometimes they are right off the bank, but more times than not, they are in deeper water, under old sunken trees or a large set of stones. Places where you get snagged or even lose your hook and bait. This can be very frustrating at times. But if you want to catch fish, especially bigger fish, this is where you must venture.

Fishing for men is not always easy, as you know. Sometimes we must go to deeper water so-to-speak, or where we lose your bait (patience) at times. That’s because most people that need to be reached are not going to be in your Sunday school class. You have to go after them. Here is one way you can go after them. Live the life that you now have in Christ. Be Christlike in all you do. Don’t hide your Christianity when you are around non-believers. Share your story of what Jesus has done for you. What He’s done in your life. I say it all the time, nothing is more powerful than a personal testimony. Others certainly cannot deny it. You and I are specifically placed where we are in life at this time for a purpose. God is divine! When you see someone who is wondering or lost (spiritually), go after them.

Remember, it’s our job to fish, but the Lord does the catching.

Happy May! Let’s do some fishing!

Pastor Dwayne

Worship Schedule

May 4th- We will be starting a new series called: "Building a Strong Marriage" with the first message called "6 Steps to a Good Marriage" and Madison Keck will sing "Nothing Else".

May 11th- Mother's Day Celebration along with Baby Dedication on this day.

May 18th- We will watch a music video called "Together" as we take a look at "God and Marriage".

May 25th- Today we will remember our loved ones that are no longer with us during our Memorial Day candle lighting ceremony.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Jerry Stutzman will be serving breakfast to everyone on Sunday, May 11th from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Come to the kitchen/café area and enjoy the spread!

Evangelism Challenge

Forget-Me-Not Challenge. Please make a note stating that "You've been missed at Maple Grove..." and the Evangelism committee will send them out with a packet of Forget-Me-Not flower seeds to people we haven't seen at MG lately. Notes can be placed in the basket on the Welcome Center by May 11th.

Next month, Pork Burger sales on June 7th. We'll have sign up sheets out soon.

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on April 6th. They are in need of **shampoo, tooth paste, and deodorant!** Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary.

Two Cents Worth Offering:

The children will be taking up the Two Cents Worth Offering the first Sunday in March. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Mackline from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh.

Thanks for giving to those in need!

Worship Nursery Workers:

May 4 Lauren Carrick & Leah Herschberger
May 11 Brian & Linda Snider
May 18 Crystal Dunlap & Julie Nankervis
May 25 Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

Kid's Stuff Volunteers:

May 4 Crystal & Michael Dunlap
May 11 Krista Runkle & Madison Keck
May 18 Tricia Stilwell & Vicki Becker
May 15 Jessica & Derek Gilreath

Men...

Come join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd at Fashion Farm Restaurant at 7:30 am. Jason will have the back room all ready for you. If you're coming, please sign up on the Welcome Center.

The next *Bible in the Barn* will be on May 22nd at 6:30 pm in Brad Baker's barn. Bring your Bible and lawn chair and come join him!

Sister's In Christ

On Saturday, May 10th, at 10:00 a.m. we will have our annual Spring Tea at *The Stables at Meadow Brook*, 16255 CR 22, Goshen. The theme is "We are God's Masterpiece". Ladies/girls invite your friends and family to this inspiring event. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center. Please sign up by May 4th or contact Linda Snider at 954-806-1682.

Car Hop

The Sr. High Youth will be hosting a Car Hop on May 18th from 4:30—6:00 pm. Pull up for a fun time and great food!

Mission Trip

Maple Grove plans to send another team to the Dominican Republic next February. There is a sign up sheet on the mission table in the foyer. Prayerfully consider going and sign up soon.

Samaritan Fund

The Deacon's will be collecting money for the Samaritan Fund for the month of May. We continually help our members with financial needs through this fund. You may use one the of the envelopes on the back of the pews to give or there will be a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for giving!

Multi Generational Sunday School Classes

We will be having a few multi generational class offered May 18 through June 8 during Sunday School. Check the Welcome Center to sign up for the one you are most interested in. Leaders will be Ron Cripe, Brian and Linda Snider, and Brian and Karis Cripe. Give it a try even if you don't usually attend Sunday School.

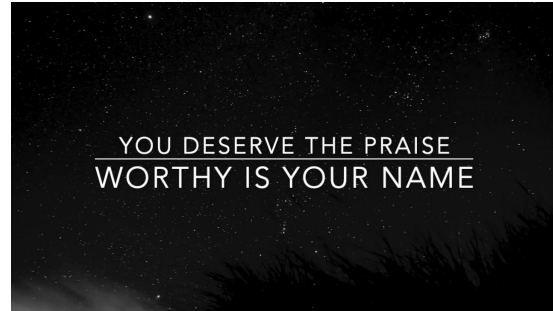
Book of the Month

One day I went shopping for books for the library. I found two that jumped out at me. "Lies Girls Believe" And the Truth That Sets Them Free and 'Lies Boys Believe" And the Epic Quest for Truth. I read the index and it included topics I wanted available to questioning girls and boys. I bought one of each. However when I read them at home, I discovered the were actually written as work books or journals for one person.

So, I am offering one girl's book and one boy's book (free) to the first boy and girl who wisher to use them. I will place them on the Welcome Center for you on the first Sunday in May. Please do no keep them if you decide not to use them after you have looked through them, place them back on the Welcome Center so that someone else can use them.

Thank you, Linda Myers

May Song of the Month



Worthy found at: <https://youtu.be/xdeFFKRX8as?si=XgL4QGSDIXvAu0A3>

Birthday's & Anniversary's

- 3 Bayla Baker
- 3 Julie Yoder
- 4 Quinnley Stuckman
- 6 Josh & Andrea Keck, 2007
- 10 Derek Gilreath
- 11 Terry Keck
- 12 Gray Dunlap
- 15 Cameron Byler
- 17 Vicki Becker
- 17 Phyllis Kirkdorffer
- 17 Quin & Tricia Stilwell, 2014
- 20 Sawyer Smith
- 21 Brian & Linda Snider, 1983
- 22 Brian Cripe
- 22 Brenna Farling
- 26 Julie Nankervis
- 28 Silas Stuckman
- 29 Crystal Dunlap
- 30 Ned & Linda Myers, 1964
- 31 Jeanie Stuckman

June Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by May 19th. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!

Looking Ahead...

- June 7 Pork Burger Sales
- June 22-26 Vacation Bible School
- June 29 Church Picnic at Sunnyside Park



May 2025

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Worship Greeters: Ron & Sue Cripe			7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Fashion Farm
4 Two Cents Worth FF Food Pantry Collection Pastor Dwayne at Basic's Conference	5 Pastor Dwayne at Basic's Conference	6 Pastor Dwayne at Basic's Conference	7 Pastor Dwayne at Basic's Conference
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 7:30-8:30 am Mother's Day Breakfast for all Forget-Me-Not notes due	12	13	14 9:30 am JTMA Meeting 6 pm MG Board Meeting
18 New SS classes start 4:30-6 pm Youth Car Hop 7 pm Fairfield Baccalaureate @ NP Nazarene Church	19 Newsletter articles due	20 6:30 pm Dwayne Runkle's Small Group at Brookins'	21
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> (Church office will be closed.)	27	28
	29	30	31
	22 6:30 pm Men's Bible in the Barn at Brad Baker's	23	24
	15	16	17
	8	9	10 10 am Sister's In Christ Spring Tea

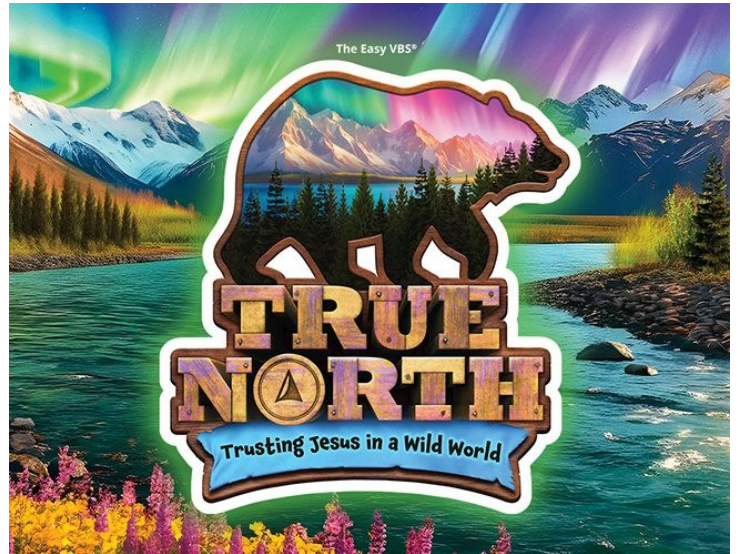
*New
Information
for
Kid's Stuff*

We will be starting another Kid's Stuff group on May 18th for children Kindergarten through 2nd grade. They will meet down stairs in the kitchen area.

*Vacation
Bible
School*

June 22-26
6:00—8:00 pm

Ages 3 years old
To 6th grade



Mark your calendar, it will be here before you know it! More information will be coming soon.

Our vision at the Maple Grove Community Church is to train an equip believers to reach the unsaved by sharing the Gospel with children, youth and young adults in our church, community and the world; to mentor and train them by using multiple generations; to make disciples and enable them to disciple others; and to baptize them and teach them to obey the commands of Christ in their daily lives.

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The Mission of Maple Grove Church:
"To nurture the spiritual growth of our congregation,
empowering us to share with others the hope of Jesus Christ."