

BVCW Newsletter

May 2025



Bringing individuals and families into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Service.

**“For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing
has come, And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.”**

Song of Solomon 2:11-12



Sunday Ministries



Infant—age 2
With Live Video Feed

First Service

8:30am

Second Service

11:00am



Sunday School begins at 9:55am

Kids	Nursery	Room 1
	2 & 3's	Room 2
	Pre K– K	Room 3
	1st–4th	Room B 5
	5th–6th	Room B 4
	7th–8th	Room B 6
Teens	9th–12th	Room B 1
Adults	Pimm/Roberts	Youth
	Pastor Eric	Gym
	Stephens	Room 3
	Pickering	Room S 3



Prayer line

Praises and Prayer Requests can be shared through our Prayer Chain by filling out the Connection card in the back of the seat pockets and placing it in the offering basket, emailing: office@bvwesleyan.com or by calling the church office @ 607-698-4484.



CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL

(related to):

Tyrell DeSilva (Dave DeSilva)
 Jacob Hann
 Sean Turner
 Chris Travis
 Tyler Woodworth
 Samuel Patterson (Sharon Margeson)
 Adam Eaton (Karr/Stilson)
 Hilary Palmer
 Brendan Smith
 John Settje (Karr/Stilson)
 Daniel Robinson (Toni Burns)
 Brandon Hewitt (Heven Bills)
 A.J Peterson (Tim & Cindy Peterson)
 Bradley Havens (Geoff & Shannon Havens)

OTHER PHYSICAL NEEDS:

Phil Margeson
 Tom Burns
 Alexis Crusher
 Debbie Trueblood (Mary McCloskey)
 Jane Hartman
 Jean Spear (Mindy Best)
 Stephanie Mitchell (Luke Mullen)
 John Weaver
 Gretchen Knoll
 Darlene Baird (Doug Brokaw)
 Tony Harvey
 Cheryl Warner
 Dale Smith
 Jeff Brewster (Keith Brewster)
 David DeSilva

INDIVIDUALS BATTLING CANCER:

Jessica Kalvaitis (John Stilson)
 Lee Dickson (Sue Dickson)
 Phil Dickson (Sue Dickson)
 Charles Manroe
 DonnaLee McCormick (Campbell)
 Deb Moss (Tracey McCaig)

Dan Hartman
 Pat Evia
 Nancy Osgood (Charles Manroe)
 Christie Zimmerman (Egresi)
 Donna Haraty (Doug Brokaw)
 Douglas Kellner

A Note From Pastor Eric

“Be Strong in the Lord!”

In the last chapter of the book of Ephesians, Paul encourages us with these words, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10). Paul is bringing us into the section of putting on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), living a victorious life, a powerful life for Christ. He is talking about the supernatural power of God. And he calls us to be “strong”, but not in our own strength, but by the “power” of His might. The Apostle Paul uses the Greek word *kratos* for power. *Kratos* is great word for us as Christians. Dr. Rick Renner writes that *kratos* means “demonstrated power. In other words, *kratos* power is not power that one merely adheres to and believes in intellectually. Rather, this *kratos* power is a power that is demonstrative, eruptive, and tangible...This means that *kratos* power is not hypothetical power; this is real power!”

We are just a few weeks removed from Easter. And the reason I want us to consider this idea of being strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, is that this is not the first time Paul has used the word *kratos* in the book of Ephesians. Back in the first chapter we read a prayer of Paul for the Church.

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know

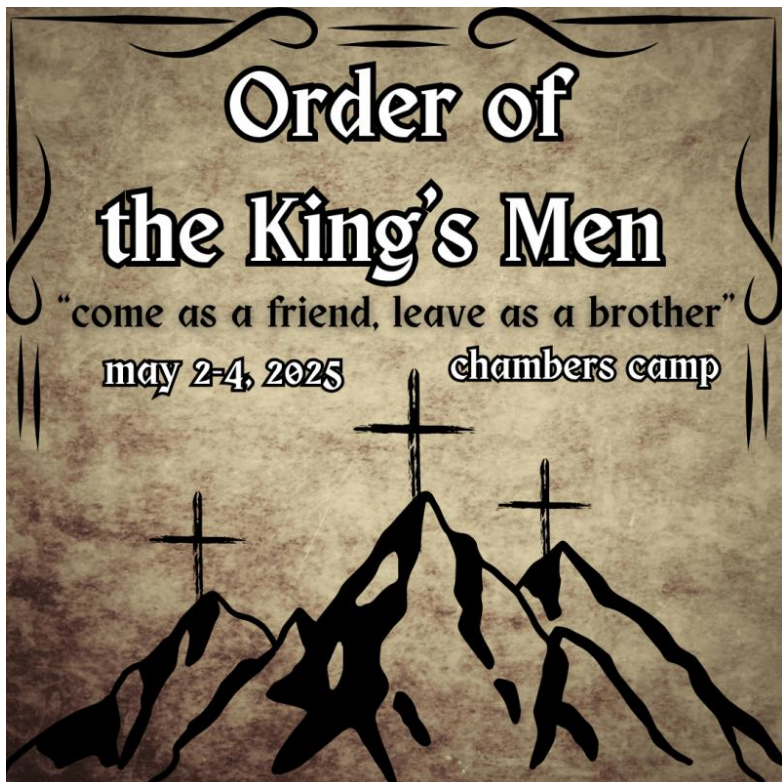
*what is the hope of His calling, what are the of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His **power** toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty **power** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”*

-Ephesians 1:15-21

The Apostle Paul uses the word “power” twice in verse 19. The first time it is the word “*dynamis*” which we get the English word “dynamite” from. But the second time it is the same word from Ephesians 6:10, *kratos*. But I am struck by the context. Paul encourages us to be strong in the Lord, and he tells us that the same power that God used to raise Jesus from the dead at the Resurrection, that same power is at work in us. Isn’t that amazing to think about? As we come through the Easter season, I want each of us to remember what we witnessed at the empty tomb, that extraordinary power of God at work, this is the same power at work in you.

Through the Holy Spirit in us, we are empowered by the Lord. Don’t forget about the awe you witnessed on Easter, the ground shook, the veil was torn, the graves were opened, the dead were brought back to life. Jesus is victorious! But remember as you think of Easter that God has not left you powerless. Instead, we are called to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. That empty tomb is a beautiful reminder of God’s power towards you and in you. “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37). Let the Church be strong in the Lord, everyone of us!

News & Events



**District Men's Retreat *The Order of the King's Men...*
*Come as a friend; leave as a brother!***

A retreat for emerging, full-throttle, or seasoned men and their sons at least 13 years old organized by the Penn York District of The Wesleyan Church.

Date: May 2 – May 4, 2025 -

Chambers Camp and Retreat Center

Contact Information: Rev. Jay Trainer, 585-944-9441,
jtrainer@csbministries.org

Local Church Conference

May 14th @ 6:30pm

In the Sanctuary



**Our Gym Floor is being
resurfaced**

**The Gym will be Closed
May 26th-May 31st**

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	2 Men's Retreat	3 Men's Retreat
4 Men's Retreat Sunday Service 8:30am & 11:00am Youth @ 6pm	5	6 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Volleyball @ 7pm	7	8 Bone Builders @ 9:45am	9	10
11 Sunday Service 8:30am & 11:00am No Youth	12	13 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Volleyball @ 7pm	14 LCC Annual Meeting @ 6:30pm	15 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Young Adults @ Applebee's	16	17
18 Sunday Service 8:30am & 11:00am Youth @ 6pm	19	20 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Volleyball @ 7pm	21	22 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Food Pantry @ 2pm	23	24
25 Sunday Service 8:30am & 11:00am No Youth	26 Gym Closed	27 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Volleyball @ 7pm Gym Closed	28 Gym Closed	29 Bone Builders @ 9:45am Gym Closed	30 Minnehan's Youth Event Gym Closed	31 Gym Closed

May

Birthdays

1	Matt McCloskey Lily Campbell
3	Carl Patterson Ellie Fervan
4	Ryan George
6	Brandon Brokaw Larry Sherer
7	Chad Groff
9	Carter Button
10	Janet Sherer
11	Hayden Hubbard Joshua Mullen
12	Sauna Roberts
13	Beau Gardner Tony Harvey
15	Marcus Burns Noah Burns
16	Marrionna Passero Cheryl Warner
18	Ziah Sharp
19	Gabriella Passero
22	Wanda Moore
23	Owen Hubbard

24	Deb Brokaw
26	Wayne Hartman
27	Chuck Hill
29	Sue Babbitt

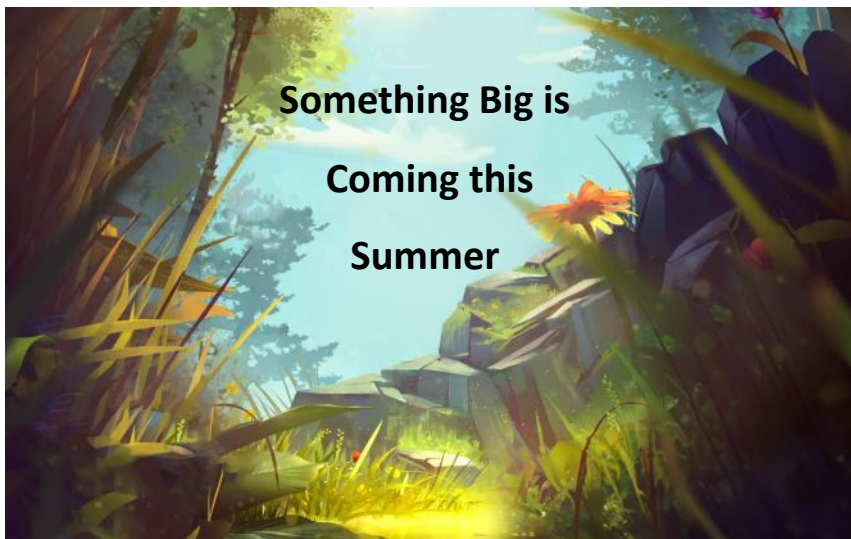
Anniversaries

1	Larry & Carolyn Campbell
2	Bruce & Jackie Knoll
19	Matt & Mary McCloskey
20	Mike & Judy Crook
24	Dale & Cathy Jo Mashewske Bryan & Paula Pimm
30	Ryan & Toni Burns



If your birthday or anniversary is during this month and is not listed, please email the office.

Ministries



VBS will be July 7th-July 11th. Please see Pastor Norma if you are interested in helping this year. You can also contact the office.



May 22nd
2-4pm

Looking Ahead

June

● District Conference -June 12th & 13th

Victory Highway

● Food Pantry- Thursday, June 26th

2pm-4pm

● Family Camp-June 26th-July 6th

Cambers Camp



Family Camp Programming 2025

Bible Teachers

Saturday, June 28 - Tuesday, July 1:
Rev. Dr. Benjamin Espinoza

Thursday, July 3 – Sunday, July 6:
Rev. Hannah Bowersox



Wednesday - July 2 -
9:00 – 11:30AM
Praying on Offense:
Mr. Roger Younce
Registration:
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Registration](#)

Worship Service Speakers	Worship Leaders
Friday, June 27: Rev. Angel Scribe	Lyncourt Worship Team
Saturday, June 28: DS Matt Pickering	Lyncourt Worship Team
Sunday, June 29: AM: Rev. Gary Hart	Lyncourt Worship Team
Sunday, June 29 PM: Rev. Eric Paashaus	Lyncourt Worship Team
Monday, June 30: Rev. Brad Strange	Lyncourt Worship Team
Tuesday, July 1: Rev. Ed Torres	Jeff and Amy Falke
Wednesday, July 2: Rev. Dr. Theo Griffin	Jeff and Amy Falke
Thursday, July 3: Rev. Dr. Theo Griffin	Buena Vista Worship Team
Friday, July 4: Rev. Dr. Theo Griffin	Buena Vista Worship Team
Saturday, July 5: Rev. Dr. Theo Griffin	Buena Vista Worship Team
Sunday, July 6 AM: Rev. Dr. Theo Griffin	Buena Vista Worship Team





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