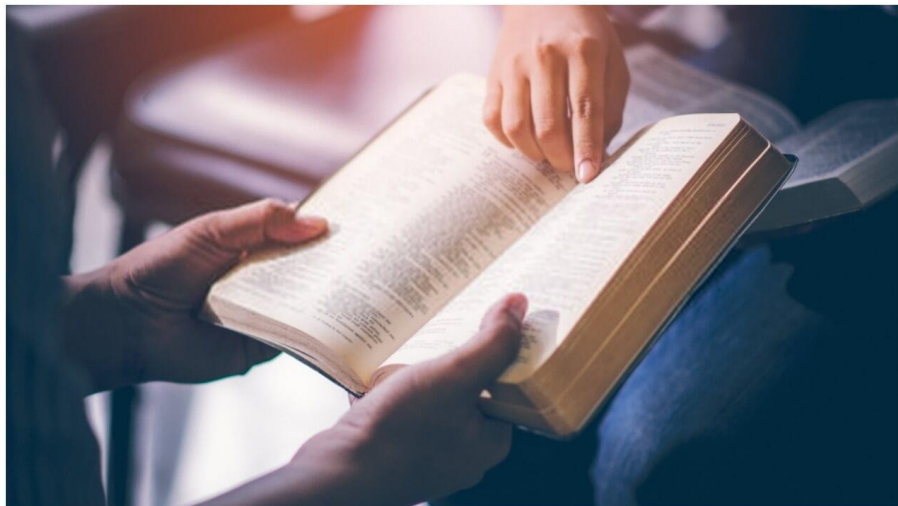




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It's Back to School Time!  
Don't Let Them Forget the Most Important Book of All,  
The Holy Bible!



## 2 Timothy 3:14-17 NLT

<sup>14</sup> But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Our monthly newsletter *Water Cup* is distributed gratis to members and friends of the congregation to encourage vital Christian living and to promote participation in the life and work of the Church.

We hope you find this issue of the *Water Cup* informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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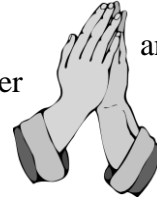
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### MISSION STATEMENT

*The living water of Christ wells up within us and overflows! It is our mission to be obedient to Christ by living in unity with one another, by disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit, and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

### **PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH**

Sandy Watkins and Bill Watkins  
Jordan Shroyer and Nancy Gindlesperger  
Christine Shroyer and Pat Koba  
Diane Bridge and Molly Stultz  
Elsie Michael and Karen Nagyvathy  
Patty Shaffer and Marlin Ott  
Connie Martin and Deanna Fisher  
Arbutus Blough and Sally Kaufman



...Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16b KJV

The **Moxham Church of the Brethren** is our prayer partner church for the year 2021. Let us, at Maple Spring, keep them in our prayers.

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### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ridge Michael Stultz, son of Jeremy and Molly Stultz, born on Monday, August 2.

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### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Breakfast  
With Pastor David

Place: Coal Miner's Café

Time: 8:00 am

Date: September 18<sup>th</sup>

*Deadline to sign-up is September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sign-up sheet on annex bulletin board.*

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✠ Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT ✠

<sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

## ***Please remember the following who are actively serving our country...***

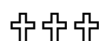


George M. Adams IV has retired from the Army after serving 23 years. He and his wife, Lisa, Sons – Quentin & Tristin are living in Georgia.

SGT Adam Veres, Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)  
Jonathan Zaroni, US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)  
MAJOR Mark Bedrin, Army (Katie McDonald)  
SPECIALIST Sierra Alwine, Army  
Ssgt Nathan Pahel, Air Force (Annie Bridge)  
Police Officer Matthew Bridge, Richland PD  
AB Jenna A. Hauser, US Air Force

### **Prayer Flag**

We are thankful for those who do God's work to protect us. Please pray for our peacekeepers. The Missions and Service Commission has a prayer flag displayed in support of active duty military personnel, 1st responders, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and conscientious objectors, presently serving from our congregation. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please give the name, office, or type of duty, along with a picture to the church office. If you prefer not to submit a picture, we can simply post the name.



## **Please Remember Those On Our Visitation List**

Jim Moran            1056 Soap Hollow Rd  
                             Hollsopple, PA 15935

Betty Shaffer        Richland Woods  
                             3324 Elton Rd  
                             Johnstown, PA 15904

John & Patsy        PO Box 247  
Shaffer                Jerome, PA 15937

Gale Shipley        51 Akers Street , Apt. 306  
                             Johnstown, PA 15905

Ray & Ruth         125 W. Main Street  
Stevens                Stoystown, PA 15563

Cliff & Sally        1404 Hay St.  
Stutzman            Room 328  
                             Berlin, PA 15530

Don Stutzman       1404 Hay St.  
                             Room 105-B,  
                             Berlin, PA 15530

Phyllis Thomas    Laurel View Village, Rm 522  
                             2000 Cambridge Rd  
                             Davidsville, PA 15928

Marilyn Ullery      588 Woodstown Hwy.  
                             Hollsopple, PA 15935

# DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

**The following is an excerpt from “*Let the Journey Begin*” by Max Lucado. I thought it definitely worth sharing:**

It’s quiet. It’s early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.

In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day’s demands. It is now that I must make a choice.

Because of Calvary, I’m free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace. I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I’ll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness. I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control. I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithful-ness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

Submitted by Sue Stevens

# PASTOR'S PAGE

## 2021 Pastor's Heart

**Fellowship ~ Prayer ~ Worship ~ Word ~ Testimony**

Apply all with life balance.

1. We need to know and follow God's will.
2. A preacher is for hire, but a pastor plows for his Lord's desire.
3. I wasn't ordained to be a people-pleaser, but a God-pleaser.
4. I refuse to be a victim, but am a victor.
5. I refuse to have time for gossip, slander, and backbiting.
6. Face-to-face solutions are better than third party complaints.
7. Rules may change with right motives and with the right method.
8. Don't be enamored with the every mule who lifts up Jesus.
9. Attack me, but not my bride.
10. Sunday is not a show, but ordained for encouragement.
11. Let me hear the flavor of the peoples heart in fellowship.
12. God will never forget the next generation, even if the church does.
13. We all can spend time alone with Jesus every day.
14. Be bold at the throne and move strong in your faith.
15. Support your fellow workers in the Lord.
16. No one gets a free pass to heaven from being on a church board, but only by the blood of Jesus Christ are we saved.
17. When you exit the church, welcome to the mission field.



# MAPLE SPRING CHURCH'S COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

at Maple Spring Church Grove  
470 Maple Spring Rd., Hollsopple, PA



Free Food, Live Music,  
Kids Activities, Petting Zoo,  
Pony Rides, Face Painting,  
Friendly Clowns



Community Groups present to Meet & Greet.

Food, Fun, and Activities for ALL Ages!  
We hope to see you there!  
All are welcome!

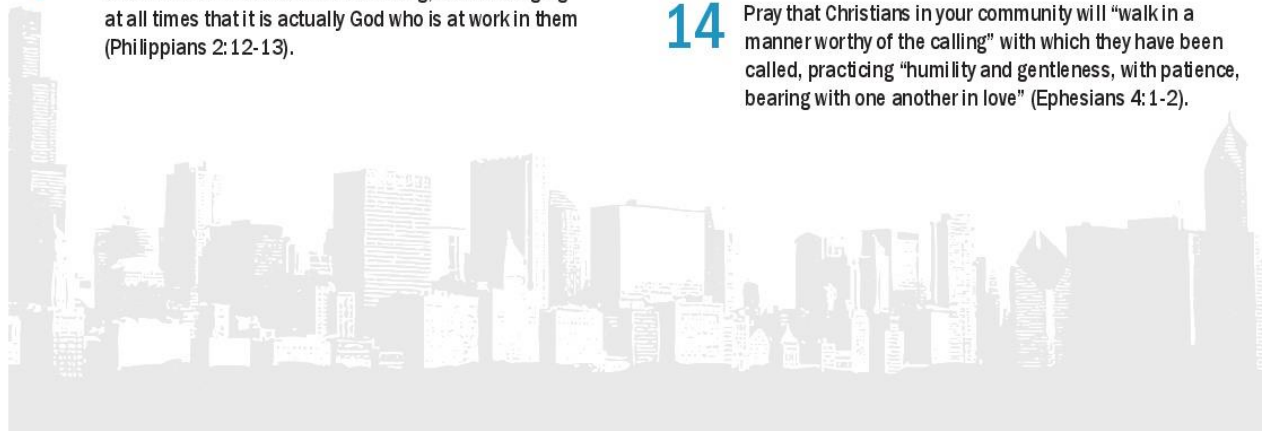




## LAYING DOWN SELFISH PRIDE AND WALKING IN HUMILITY

**Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross (Philippians 2:3-8 NASB).**

- 1 Ask God to examine your church and expose any activity that is driven by selfishness or empty conceit. Pray that He will give individuals and the entire congregation much grace for repentance (Philippians 2:3).
- 2 In a culture where selfish pride is often portrayed as a way of life, pray that everyone in your church will regularly practice humility and consider others as more important than themselves (Philippians 2:3).
- 3 Knowing that the Word of God commands us to love our neighbors (Luke 10:27), pray that we will demonstrate that love in tangible ways, looking out for the interests of others instead of just caring about our own personal concerns (Philippians 2:4).
- 4 As your church gathers for corporate worship, pray that your pastor will handle the Word of God with great humility and the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:19-20).
- 5 Even as Jesus modeled humility through His submission to God the Father and service to mankind, pray that we as followers of Christ will do the same, emptying our minds of self and submitting ourselves as bond-servants to God (Philippians 2:7).
- 6 Jesus was obedient even to the point of death (Philippians 2:8). Ask God to help Christians in your community walk with Him in the same measure of humble obedience.
- 7 Pray for the members of your church family to work out their salvation with fear and trembling, acknowledging at all times that it is actually God who is at work in them (Philippians 2:12-13).
- 8 One thing that seemed to keep the Hebrews from obeying God's commands was their "pride of power" (Leviticus 26:19). Pray that the leaders of your church will seek God's will while fleeing from the temptation to exalt themselves with power and control.
- 9 Pray that your church family will walk in victory over sin by realizing that "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life" are not from the Father but are from the world (1 John 2:16).
- 10 Since the beginning of the church, men have been tempted to "take pride in appearance and not in heart" (2 Corinthians 5:12). Pray that Christians in your community will lay down the pursuit of man's favor and will instead pursue God with all their hearts.
- 11 As your church family gathers, pray that God will put His convicting hand on the proud in heart, that they might humble themselves before Him (1 Peter 5:6).
- 12 Jesus said, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:12). On behalf of your church family, pray that those who are selfishly proud will genuinely repent when humiliation comes their way.
- 13 Jesus said that pride and foolishness are among the sins that proceed from the hearts of men (Mark 7:21-22). Pray that God will completely deliver your church body from these sins.
- 14 Pray that Christians in your community will "walk in a manner worthy of the calling" with which they have been called, practicing "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-2).



- 15** Pray that within your community, God will bring honor to those who are humble, but will bring a measure of destruction to the arrogant of heart that they may repent (Proverbs 18:12).
- 16** Pray that all those who have been chosen of God in your community will put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with and forgiving each other (Colossians 3:12-13).
- 17** Pray that your neighbors will put aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness and will then humbly receive the implanted Word of God, which is able to save our souls (James 1:21).
- 18** Pray that your church family will please God by being humble and contrite when convicted of sin, and by trembling at His Word (Isaiah 66:2).
- 19** Pray that the younger men of your church will submit themselves to your church's elders and that everyone in your church family will clothe themselves with humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5).
- 20** Pray that your entire church family will walk in humility and the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 22:4). Since the writer of Proverbs wrote that the rewards of this kind of walk are riches, honor, and life, pray that your church family will remain humble if God rewards them in such ways.
- 21** By the world's standards, most Americans would be considered financially rich. Knowing that everyone will pass away like the grass, pray that the rich within your church will learn quickly to "glory in [their] humiliation" (James 1:10).
- 22** Pray that when we as Christians fail to obey the voice of the Lord our God, we will mimic Jeremiah's heart when he wrote, "Let us lie down in shame, and let our humiliation cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God" (Jeremiah 3:25).
- 23** Remembering how God led the Hebrews in the wilderness for forty years to humble them and see whether or not they would keep His commandments, pray that when spiritual tests come our way, we will be faithful to continue to humbly walk in God's ways (Deuteronomy 8:2).
- 24** Pray that your church will be known throughout the community as a people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God (Micah 6:8).
- 25** In their attitudes toward each other, pray that the husbands and wives of your church family will be "harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead" (1 Peter 3:8-9).
- 26** Israel's history is filled with kings who did not humble themselves before God. This often led to increasingly trying times when God's remedial disciplines were poured out on the nation (Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28). In light of what we are currently facing, pray that our leaders will acknowledge God and humbly lead us to walk in His ways.
- 27** Let's take a few minutes right now to "praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just; and He is able to humble those who walk in pride" (Daniel 4:37). This is the way Nebuchadnezzar worshiped God when he was delivered from his prideful insanity.
- 28** God is quick to forgive the humble and repentant who trust in Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of the self-righteous in your community to see their sin and cry out to God for mercy (Luke 18:13).
- 29** Pray that boasting in the Lord becomes a common practice among the members of your congregation, and that when the humble hear it, they will rejoice (Psalm 34:2).
- 30** As we continue crying out to God, asking Him to hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land, pray especially that we will be willing to humble ourselves before Him, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14).





# September 2021

## Maple Spring Church Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Dwight Keim Andrew & Jennifer Baraniak	3 Bill Shroyer	4 Doris Shaffer
5 Ryan & Jamie Beahr	6	7	8 Bill & Rona Hemminger	9 John & Allison Luprek	10	11 Wonda Piskuric
12	13	14	15	16	17 Mike & Susan Stevens	18 Frank Blough Caven Miller
19 Bob & Karen Nagyathy	20	21 Don Tresnicky	22	23 Doug & Elda Baraniak Joe & Christine Stutzman	24 Tom Moss	25 Patty Koba
26 Don Stutzman Bill & Christine Shroyer	27 Alan & Linda Baraniak Calvin & Megan Hostetler	28 Patty Moehler Ruth Stevens	29 Toni McClain Cody & Jennie Todaro	30 Ray & Patricia Shaffer Ray & Ruth Stevens George & Sally White	1	2

# September 2021

## Maple Spring Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship 7 pm "In God We Trust" Revival	30	31	1 9:00 am Prayer	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship 1-6 pm Camp Harmony's "End of Summer Blast"	<b>Labor Day</b> 6	7 9 am Humble Hands	8 9:00 am Prayer	9 6 pm Community Day Planning Committee Meeting at the Grove.	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b> 9 am Moxham COB Guy's Breakfast
12 <b>Grandparents Day</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Outdoor Worship & Sunday School Picnic	13	14 9 am Humble Hands	15 9:00 am Prayer	16	17 <b>Constitution Day</b>	18 8 am Men's Breakfast 4-6 pm: Heavenly Harvest Hoedown at Geiger COB
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship 2-4:30 pm: Hope-N- Harmony Youth Choir.	20	21 <b>Day of Prayer for Peace</b> 9 am Humble Hands	22 <b>First Day of Fall</b> 9:00 am Prayer	23	24 COB Disaster Relief Auction	25 11 am – 3 pm <b>Community Day at The Grove</b> COB Disaster Relief Auction
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