

# Maple Spring

# Water Cup



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**B**e still, and know I am God. *(Psalm 46:10)*

**A**ll things God works for the good. *(Romans 8:28)*

**C**ast all my anxiety on Him. *(1 Peter 5:7)*

**K**now whose I am! *(1 John 3:1)*

**T**rust in the Lord with all my heart. *(Proverbs 3:5)*

**O**pen my eyes to see the truth. *(Psalm 119:18)*

**S**how me your ways, Lord. *(Psalm 25:4)*

**C**reate in me a clean heart. *(Psalm 51:10)*

**H**e who is in me is greater... *(1 John 4:4)*

**O**bey the Lord my God. *(Deut. 27:10)*

**O**h Lord, you are my strength & shield. *(Psalm 28:7)*

**L**et love and faithfulness never leave me. *(Proverbs 3:4)*

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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*Please submit all bulletin  
and Dew Drops announcements  
to the office by 11 a.m. on Thursdays.*

**WATER CUP DEADLINE  
for the October 2022 issue  
is September 15, 2022.**



**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 discipling one another through the Holy Spirit, and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

**PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH**

Pat Koba and Karen Nagyvathy  
Nancy Gindlesperger and Marlin Ott  
Bill Watkins and Deanna Fisher  
Sandy Watkins and Sally Kaufman  
Jordan Shroyer and Arbutus Blough  
Elsie Michael and Connie Martin



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



The **Rummel Church of the Brethren**, Windber, PA is  
our prayer partner church for the year 2022.



**CARD SHOWER**

Let's have a card shower for Doris Shaffer, whose 90<sup>th</sup>  
birthday is September 4<sup>th</sup>! We can shower Doris with  
cards and prayers for her special day!

Doris Shaffer  
c/o Rest Assured Living Center  
1137 Shirleys Hollow Rd.  
Meyersdale, PA 15552



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



SGT Adam Veres, Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)

Jonathan Zanoni, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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...***

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|---------------------------|--|
| Howard & Helen Hildebrand | Laurel View Village<br>2000 Cambridge Dr.<br>Davidsville, PA 15928         |
| Jim Moran                 | 1056 Soap Hollow Rd<br>Hollsopple, PA 15935                                |
| Betty Shaffer             | Richland Woods<br>3324 Elton Rd<br>Johnstown, PA 15904                     |
| Gale Shipley              | 51 Akers Street, Apt. 306<br>Johnstown, PA 15905                           |
| Ruth Stevens              | 125 W. Main Street<br>Stoystown, PA 15563                                  |
| Cliff & Sally Stutzman    | Meadow View Nursing Center<br>1404 Hay St., Rm 328<br>Berlin, PA 15530     |
| Phyllis Thomas            | Laurel View Village<br>2000 Cambridge Rd., Rm 522<br>Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Marilyn Ullery            | 588 Woodstown Hwy.<br>Hollsopple, PA 15935                                 |

**THANK YOU**

Dear Herald and Jane (Rummel) Griffith Memorial Scholarship Committee,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for selecting me and providing funds to further my education. I will be attending Penn State University in the fall and will major in music education.

Your gracious investment in me will assist me in purchasing a professional saxophone, which will be required for my degree. I will have Maple Springs Church in mind as my new saxophone makes its debut next month in Boston where I will be performing with the John Philip Sousa National Honor Band.

Once again, thank you for your investment in my future. I have nothing but kind things to say about Maple Springs Church, especially your delicious pies at the game dinner.

Musically,  
Aaron Kaufman

# DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

There are two things to do about the gospel: believe it and behave it. ~Susannah Wesley

## Do Not Merely Listen

Browse any Christian bookstore and you might get the feeling that following Jesus is a difficult and complex proposition. Thousands of books line the shelves in sections labeled “Christian Living,” “Women’s Interests,” and “Study Materials.” One book tells you to follow Jesus through a specific method, while another book outlines a different set of requirements. You might be overwhelmed by all the plans and steps and doctrines and programs that various authors have dictated as paths to following Christ.

But the gospel is simple: *declare with your mouth and believe with your heart that Jesus is the Son of God.* God doesn’t make the faith walk a mystery with puzzles to solve or codes to break. He tells us in His Word all He desires of us and for us, and then He says, “Do what it says.”

Jesus condensed the Bible to two directives: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. When we worship and revere God for His position as our Creator and Redeemer and when we treat others the way we would like to be treated, the gospel is winsome.

If you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and didn’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. ~James 1:25 NLT

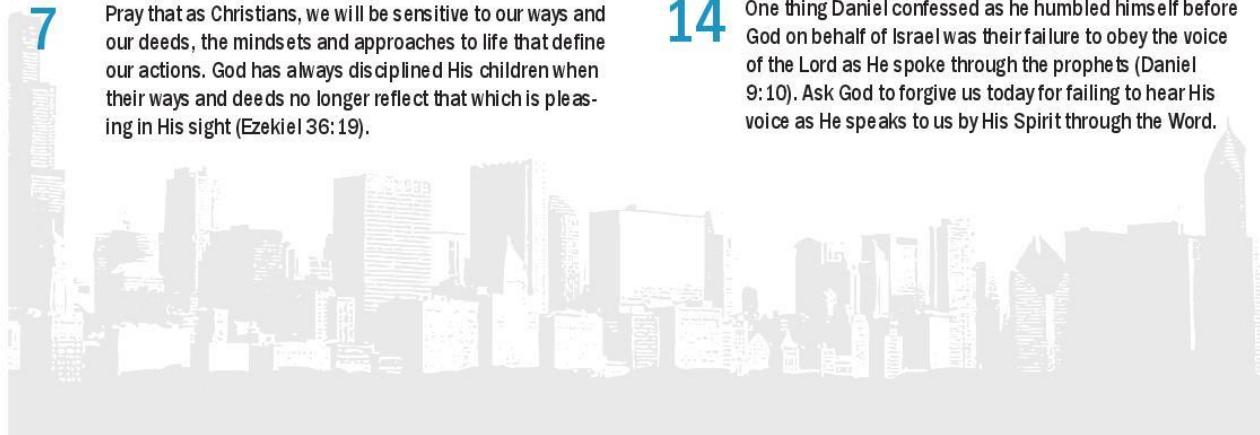
(An excerpt from *Practicing the Presence of Jesus* by Wally Armstrong.)

Submitted by Nancy Dunmyer

## BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD

**You have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE PUNISHED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE PUNISHES EVERY SON WHOM HE ACCEPTS." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. . . . For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-11 NASB).**

- 1 Pray that Christians the world over will understand that when we sin against God, individually or corporately, He loves us as a father and disciplines us to help us repent and turn away from what displeases Him (Hebrews 12:5-6).
- 2 Many Christians today still regard lightly the love that moves God to discipline us. Pray that the leaders of your church will take God's corrective disciplines seriously and will help their church members understand the biblical basis of God's discipline and how to repent (Hebrews 12:5).
- 3 Some people grow despondent when they are disciplined by God. Pray that your Christian friends will not give up their pursuit of God when He disciplines them, but will quickly move toward Him in genuine repentance and change (Hebrews 12:5).
- 4 Pray for the salvation of those in your community who never experience the discipline of God, knowing that even if they have their names on a church membership role, they are illegitimate children and not part of God's family (Hebrews 12:8).
- 5 Pray that those you know who are currently facing God's discipline will find hope in the truth that God disciplines us for our good, so we may share His holiness (Hebrews 12:10).
- 6 Pray that those who are facing the pain associated with God's discipline and training methods will soon know His joy and the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11).
- 7 Pray that as Christians, we will be sensitive to our ways and our deeds, the mindsets and approaches to life that define our actions. God has always disciplined His children when their ways and deeds no longer reflect that which is pleasing in His sight (Ezekiel 36:19).
- 8 When we depart from God's ways, His reputation can be tarnished in the minds of those living around us (Ezekiel 36:23). Pray that God will send revival to our nation so His reputation is restored.
- 9 Pray that God's discipline will graciously expose any sin within your church and that rebellious, hard hearts will be replaced by tender, spiritually receptive hearts (Ezekiel 36:26).
- 10 Pray that congregations who have been under God's discipline will receive a great outpouring of His Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27). Pray that God will cause them to walk in His statutes and that they will be careful to follow His ordinances.
- 11 Pray that God will send a great spiritual awakening to the major cities within our nation so that the only thing remaining of their evil ways will be shameful memories (Ezekiel 36:31).
- 12 If God sends devastating discipline on our nation, pray that the result will be a great increase of new believers turning from their sin and trusting in Jesus for salvation (Ezekiel 36:37).
- 13 Daniel became an intercessor on behalf of his people, confessing their sins and assuming responsibility for that which his nation had done (Daniel 9:2-19). Pray that God will raise up an army of intercessors in our nation who will have that same kind of heart and humility.
- 14 One thing Daniel confessed as he humbled himself before God on behalf of Israel was their failure to obey the voice of the Lord as He spoke through the prophets (Daniel 9:10). Ask God to forgive us today for failing to hear His voice as He speaks to us by His Spirit through the Word.





- 15** According to the prophet Hosea, when a people plow wickedness, they reap injustice (Hosea 10:13). Pray that we will listen to Hosea's command to sow righteousness, harvest kindness, and seek the Lord until He comes and rains righteousness on us (Hosea 10:12).
- 16** Pray that we will not despise those moments when God trains and corrects us, since "happy is the person whom God disciplines" (Job 5:17).
- 17** When God disciplines us, He will often show us through the Word how we have offended Him. Pray that we will not hate discipline and throw His words behind us (Psalm 50:17).
- 18** Pray that your church family will understand that God's commandment is a lamp, His teaching is light, and rebukes for discipline lead to life (Proverbs 6:23).
- 19** Pray that your Christian friends will actually grow to love God's discipline, because His Word tells us that the one who loves discipline loves knowledge, but the one who hates rebuke is stupid (Proverbs 12:1).
- 20** Neglecting the discipline and instruction of man brings poverty and shame, while complying with correction brings honor. How much more do we stand to lose or gain by responding to the Lord's discipline? Pray that Christians will quickly comply with God's correction and instruction (Proverbs 13:18).
- 21** Pray that your pastor and church leaders will never miss or misconstrue God's discipline, because the one who neglects discipline rejects himself, but one who listens to a rebuke acquires understanding (Proverbs 15:32).
- 22** Pray today for the authorities God has brought into your life. Ask the Father to help them listen to counsel and accept discipline, that they may be wise for the rest of their days (Proverbs 19:20).
- 23** If you know any individuals or churches who are pushing back against God's discipline, pray that they will repent and submit to God today, because "A person often rebuked who becomes obstinate will suddenly be broken beyond remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).
- 24** Pray that your church family will purpose to lay down their worldly sins, because when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so we won't be condemned along with the world (1 Corinthians 11:32).
- 25** When individuals have hindered their fellowship with God through sin, their time with the Father in His Word can become neglected. Pray that the Spirit will guide those you know who are away from God back into the Word, which is profitable for correction and training (2 Timothy 3:16).
- 26** According to Jeremiah 5:3, some individuals refuse to take correction and make changes in their lives. Pray that there would be no one like this in your church family—individuals who make their faces harder than rock and refuse to repent.
- 27** Just like individuals, there are also churches and even nations that refuse to repent when God disciplines them. Pray that every church in your city will repent of its evil ways, lest they perish and truth be cut off from their mouths (Jeremiah 7:27-28).
- 28** Pray for churches who have lost their first love for Jesus. Pray that they will remember from where they have fallen, repent, and do the deeds they did at first. Pray that revival will come to them before God's disciplines bring a final judgment (Revelation 2:4-5).
- 29** There are some congregations in America who, like the church at Pergamum, have left the sound teachings of God's Word or have mixed truth with error (Revelation 2:14-16). Pray that these churches will repent, lest God also wages war against them with the sword of His mouth.
- 30** Jesus said in Revelation 3:19, "Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent." Pray for every lukewarm congregation in America to make the connection between their sins and the remedial judgments they are facing.

**ONECRY SUMMER PRAYER SERIES**  
**ISAIAH 64**

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Together, we'll learn how to pray for revival in the church based on Isaiah 64.

**Byron's CHURCH Acronym**

I have used the "church" acronym as a template for prayer each time I come to verse 10 of Isaiah 64.  
Perhaps you'll discover these prayer points helpful as well:

C – Lord, please take the church that is . . .

- Cold
- Calloused
- Complacent
- Carnal

H – and make it . . .

- Honest about its need
- Humble before You
- Hungry for change
- Hope-filled in Your power

U – and put within it a spirit of . . .

- Urgency to cry out
- Understanding of the times
- Ugliness regarding sin
- Unity with fellow believers

R – and give your church grace for . . .

- Repentance
- Reconciliation
- Restitution
- Regeneration

C – resulting in . . .

- Conversions
- Consciences cleared
- Conflicts resolved
- Great Commission embraced

H – evidenced by . . .

- Harvest of souls
- Heavenly mindedness
- Homes rebuilt
- Holy Spirit power

# September 2022

## Maple Spring Church Activities, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Dwight Keim	3
4 Doris Shaffer 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship Guest Speaker - Chris Fory	5 <b>Labor Day</b> Ryan & Jamie Beahr	6	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Patriot Day</b> Wonda Piskuric 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship-At-The-Grove	12	13	14	15	16	17 Mike & Sue Stevens
18 Frank Blough 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship	19 Bob & Karen Nagyvathy	20	21 Don Tresnicky	22 Fall begins	23 Joe & Christine Stutzman	24 Tom Moss
25 Patty Koba 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship	26	27 Alan & Linda Baraniak	28 Ruth Stevens	29 Toni McClain Cody & Jennie Todaro	30 George & Sally White	1