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Dear DeGraff~

Years ago my husband Frank applied for an internship and residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was accepted! The surprise for us was that he was accepted that very Spring, not in the Fall which he had applied for. As a young wife I was in a tail spin! So I went to God's word looking for some peace and direction with this opportunity. And there I found it, written in red of course, were the words of Jesus! The words were found in John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'Four



months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Deep within my spirit I feel these same words directing me as your pastor. I know other pastors, people, etc. would tell me not to do this but I'm listening to the Spirit that compels me

to invite you to meet with me on Tuesday nights from 6-8 for four months starting May 12th. I am fondly referring to our time together as TWOsdays! inspired also from words from our Lord,

"for wherever two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."  
Matthew 18:20

We will meet, we will eat, we will pray, we will share and we will study together. Now I realize it is summer and many of you will need to miss a few Tuesdays due to family vacations etc. The fishing hole may lure you away, etc! But for most Tuesdays you will be able to join us. May the time we spend together be an investment in eternity!

Trusting His leading and His Timing!

Pastor Kym

# Chasing Daylight

*Pastor Kym to lead a small group on Tuesdays starting May 12 from 6-8 p.m. based on her favorite book "Chasing Daylight."*

"There are few things more POWERFUL than a LIFE LIVED with PASSIONATE CLARITY," writes McManus.

"EVERY MOMENT is waiting to be SEIZED by those who are CHASING DAYLIGHT."

We all have dreams and aspirations. Why, then, do some of us realize our dreams and advance-forward while others watch timidly from a distance and hope for a break? Author Erwin Raphael McManus reveals the direct relationship between passion and initiative.

But how do we know that the dreams we pursue are God's will for our life? How can we live with a clarity that frees us from apprehension and hesitation and catapults us forward with confidence and courage?

WHEN WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT GOD, WE CAN TRUST OUR PASSIONS.

*Chasing Daylight* is a call to live a life of blazing urgency. We have but one life. We are given one opportunity to pursue our dreams and fulfill our divine purpose. Every moment counts, and we must engage them with fierceness and zeal. Put an end to passive observation, paralyzed by the need for perfect opportunity, and start seizing the raw, untapped potential of your life with God.

Are you willing to risk failure? Are you ready to get in the game? You may stumble, but you will find yourself falling forward, propelled toward the God-inspired adventure He intends you to live.

Date	Children's Sermons	Greeters	Lay Reader
May 3	Pat Holt	Martha Siders	
May 10	Nadine Tussing	Sandy Dammeyer	Mike Madden
May 17		Larry & Kay McMillen	
May 24	Darcie Jenkins	Jerry & Barb Haas	
May 31	Pastor Kym	Martha Jackson Esther Mohr	Dan Bowman
	<b>Jr. Church</b>	<b>Nursery Help</b>	
May 3	Kids Stay	Kaitlyn	
May 10	Stephanie	Kaitlyn	
May 17	Amber	Kaitlyn	
May 24	Shelley	Kaitlyn	
May 31	Kelly	Kaitlyn	

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Date	Children's Sermons	Greeters	Lay Reader
June 7			
June 14		Martha Siders	
June 21		Sandy Dammeyer	Dan Bowman
June 28			Connie Madden

Just as God uses the sun to light the world, He uses our prayers to accomplish His purposes. Whether to create a closer connection to Him, to bring healing and understanding, to share love and praise—we pray and share our lives with God. With this in mind, a gathering for prayer will be held at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of May and June at 9:15 a.m.

Even if you can participate in only one of these times, your presence would be a blessing. Hope to join with you in prayer, Tuesday, May 5 at 9:15.



If your child or someone you know is interested in attending Church Camp, please see Kelly Kauffman...or pick up a registration form from the counter in the church office. You can also register online at [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com)

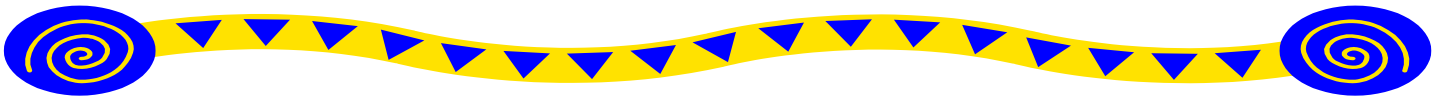


Dear Friends of Jesus and Servants of Children,

Fifty (**50**) kids blessed us with their presence at the April session of First Wednesdays. Twenty (**20**) servant volunteers served the children in a variety of capacities. Madison Bell was a student volunteer who was promptly put to work in the puppet area and did a great job.

Zacchaeus, the wicked tax collector who's heart was changed by Jesus, was the featured Bible Story. Samuel, the boy who became a prophet, was featured with puppets. Pastor Kym brought forth and shared with the kids a famous painting of Samuel as a boy. The painting has been in her family for a long time and it is beautiful. There was a break in the storms and some of the classes were able to go outside for activities. Sgt. Godwin from the Logan County Sheriff's Department was able to make it for the meal and had time to interact with the kids.

Next month we will be celebrating with the presentation of certificates and "good job" ribbons for the kids. Each child will be asked to say one of their favorite Bible verses from this past year. Certificates for each child will need to be signed by the teachers. We will begin the award presentations at 4:30. We also will have cake and ice cream as part of the meal, so there will be no need for cookies in May.



#### ***Financial News....from the April 9th Meeting***

- ◆ ***The minutes and financial reports were approved.***
- ◆ ***Loose change offering for April was \$68.28***
- ◆ ***LuCinda Holycross and Sarah Minnich will do the church audit.***
- ◆ ***Approved the payment of \$1000 to Weekday Religious Education for 2014***
- ◆ ***Discussed financial concerns of the bank balance***
- ◆ ***The nursery and Jr. church program was discussed***
- ◆ ***The next meeting will be May 14th.***



If you are interested  
in joining a  
Summer Bell Choir,  
call Janet at  
585-5736.

#### **5 Loaves Food Bank Donation Calendar**

Boxes are made up and handed out the 3rd Wednesday of each month & our donations are needed by the Monday morning before that. (They shop Monday evening for items still needed.) They serve approximately 90 families each month. If you would like to help work the pantry,

contact Janice Davis at 937-585-6210

May—boxed or bagged cereal

June —Instant potatoes



The Jr/Sr. High youth group has had a very eventful spring! They hosted the community Easter egg hunt, they filled over 3500 eggs with candy, gave out over 200 prizes and had about 300 kids aged birth to 12 years show up to hunt eggs. It seems to get bigger and bigger every year! A special thanks to all of the sponsors that always come through with eggs, candy, prizes and money!

The youth are in the process of preparing and planting the community garden. They have tilled and weeded and are ready to plant. We have corn, beans, carrots and peas that will be planted this week, and tomatoes, peppers, and various other plants that will follow in the

next weeks. If anyone has veggies they would like to plant, please let us know. The extra produce will be given to the 2 local food pantries for distribution to the community. They are very excited about the garden.

The kids once again will be helping with the DeGraff Police Departments annual kids bike safety Roadeo. This will be held at noon on Monday May 25th at the DeGraff village park on Pleasant st immediately following the Memorial day parade. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your child, their bike, scooter or skateboard to learn safety and watch the safety presentation.

Soon the kids will be picking up trash on our adopted highway, CR 24, in front of the church, from the DeGraff corp. to SR 47 in Loganville. We will announce on the day of, if anyone wants to help. It all depends on the weather.

The youth are reading the New Testament and are in the process of finishing Matthew this week. We are studying the books of the bible by using the S.O.A.P. method. S- scripture, what book/chapter we read. O-observation, what we learn about the scripture we are studying. A-apply, how we can apply what we have learned, to our own lives. P-prayer, we then write a prayer for the week based on what we want to pray about. This has been an interesting way to study the bible, it really puts the scripture into a common, relatable text. We are learning alot about God, ourselves and each other.

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>S.L.A.M.</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Bryce Kauffman</i>	<b>4</b> <b>FPU 6:30</b> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <i>Prayer 9:15</i> <b>Exercise 7</b> <b>Kindergarten</b> <i>Transition Mtg.</i> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1st Wednesday</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Logan Acres 2:30</b> <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Exercise 7</b> <b>Trustees 7</b> <i>Kylee Ransbottom</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <i>Small Group 6</i> <b>Exercise 7</b> <i>Gail Dodds</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Finance 6</b> <b>Ad Council 7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Jean Carey</i> <i>Martha Siders</i>
<b>17</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Dixie Reames</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <i>Prayer 9:15</i> <i>Small Group 6</i> <b>Exercise 7</b> <i>Brandon Butler</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b> <i>June/July News-</i> <i>letter Due</i>	<b>21</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Shirley Linet</i>
<b>24 Pentecost!</b> <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>25 Memorial Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Exercise 7</b> <i>Maddie Bowman</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <i>Small Group 6</i> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Fitness 8</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise 7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Lorena Knox</i>						

June, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b> <i>Dan Bowman</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Prayer 9:15</b> <b>Small Group 6</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b> <i>Marylou Clute</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b> <i>Darcie Jenkins</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Kara Kauffman</i>
<b>7</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>S.L.A.M.</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Pat Bonar</i> <i>LuCinda</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b> <b>Trustees 7 pm</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Small Group 6</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b> <b>Trustees 6</b> <b>Ad Council 7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Mary Jane Pope</i> <i>Sam Knight</i>
	<i>← Annual Conference →</i>					
<b>14</b> <b>Logan Acres 2:30</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Clint Armbruster</i>	<b>15</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Prayer 9:15</b> <b>Small Group 6</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Shirley Burke</i>
<b>21</b> <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Small Group 6</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b> <i>Gary Weeks</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Praise Team 6</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Sr. Lunch 11:30</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Emilee Smith</i>
<b>28</b> <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Fitness 8 am</b> <b>Small Group 6</b> <b>Exercise! 7 pm</b>				

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