



Worship

Sundays 10:00 AM
Holy Communion

May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Act 1:6-11	
1 Peter 2:2-10	
John 14:1-14	
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:16-31	
1 Corinthians 15:1-8	
John 14:15-21	
May 17	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:12-26	
1 Corinthians 15:12-23	
John 17:1-11	
May 24	Day of Pentecost
Numbers 11:24-30	
Act 2:1-14, 37-41	
John 7:37-39	
May 31	Holy Trinity Sunday
Daniel 1:1-7	
Acts 2:14a, 22-36	
Matthew 28:16-20	

Sunday School

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9:00 AM

From Pastor Phil

Remembering Where We Came From

This month contains the celebration of Pentecost, that day which is widely regarded as the start of what we now call the Christian Church.

We remember who we are by remembering where we came from at the start. Through the witness of our risen Lord and Savior; through the new life understanding of the Kingdom of God; and through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit: the first church went from 120 followers praying together in secret to grow to over 5,000 believers gathered in public places in a few days with more coming to faith daily.

They did not have a building of their own. They did not have programs designed to attract. They did not have hymns and popular styles of music. They did not have formal structures, annual meetings, or budgets. They did not have a plan for media.

They did not have the protection of the government. They did not have celebrity faces to endorse them. They did not have a history of family belonging.

For the most part, the richest, smartest, and most powerful were not among them. Most of them were from the working class.

If we applied modern marketing and promotion to their situation, we probably predict a complete failure. But the church was an overwhelming success in spreading the faith through the whole known world and even beyond.

Too often we adopt “I think I can’t” mentality to God’s Kingdom rather than “I think God can through me” mentality. We focus on what we don’t have rather than what God can do through what we have. We forget who we serve, who saved us, who leads us because we become distracted by our doubts about ourselves and our faith. He who is in us and with us is so much greater than anything that tries to prevent us from our call and mission.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants



May 3 Jeff Shuey
 & Jim Vassar
 May 10 Jeff Shuey
 & Jim Vassar
 May 17 Jeff Shuey
 & Jim Vassar
 May 24 Jeff Shuey
 & Jim Vassar
 May 31 Jeff Shuey
 & Jim Vassar

Lectors



May 3 Jeff Shuey
 May 10 Jim Vassar
 May 17 Kathy Falter
 May 24 Cindy Bridinger
 May 31 Cindy Bridinger

Communion Bread Bakers



May 3 Lynn Miller
 May 10 Christine Chauvaux
 May 17 manna
 May 24 Robin/Dave Dickman
 May 31 Tom Nahm

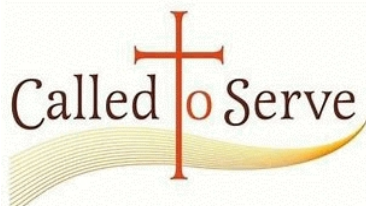
Coffee Brewers



The Java Café is open with snacks available.

Happy Birthday

May 1
 Heidi Kissell
 May 3
 Emilie Diehm
 May 6
 Mary Luce
 May 11
 Melissa Jameson
 May 14
 Kim Coppes
 May 16
 Blayne Crawford
 May 17
 Aaron Ringle
 May 18
 Phyllis Burks
 May 23
 Kathy Arnold
 May 26
 Joan Perry



This month the Call to Serve is a call to every person associated with Family of Faith to take time to pray, reflect, and seek what your role in ministry is at Family of Faith. Each of us has been equipped by the Holy Spirit to be part of the ministry. None of us can do nothing without impeding the mission and ministry of the whole.

Some are at a place in life where we are called to pray regularly and intensely for Family of Faith. Some off us are called to work with our hands, skills, and time to continue the tasks left in renovation, Others are inclined to share the good news with others, welcome the stranger, or be with the hurting. A few of us are called to leadership in order to encourage, enable, and guide the mission of Family of Faith. No spectators. All participants. What had God prepared and called you to do?

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School

- May 3 - Love One Another
- May 10 - Pharisees & Tax Man/Mother's Day
- May 17 - Treasures in Heaven
- May 24 - End of Year Review



Women of Faith will meet Thursday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo so please bring food to share.



If you need a ride to church on Sundays, can provide a ride, please let David Murray know. Also, if you can visit any of our shut-ins, please let David know.



Our May Mission Outreach Baskets

We will collect gently used or new clothes & shoes, new undergarments, hygiene and personal care items for the Pay it Forward Store. They also accept monetary donations. The Pay it Forward Store is run by students of Tiffin Columbian High School and is available for anyone living in Seneca County. If you know of anyone in need, they are located in the building behind the Tiffin Administration building on Monroe Street. They are open 10-12 on Thursdays during the school year and 1 time a month during the summer. They provide anyone in need with free items on an allowance basis.

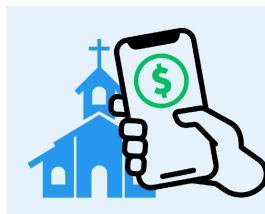


Tuesday afternoon (1:30pm) and evening (7:00pm) at our facility will start looking at the content of 2 Timothy as Paul advises his young mentee on how to lead one of the largest church fellowships in the early years. Everyone is welcome.

Above and Beyond

Those wanting to continue to pay off the debt on our current renovation and open the way to our classroom phase may do so by designating "Building Fund" whenever giving a donation. We are now paying principle and interest on the first phase and cannot move forward with the next phase until the first phase is paid off.

Just a reminder, Above and Beyond giving is in addition to your commitment to you regular support of ministry.



Finance Team Survey

The Finance team is currently exploring options for various new ways for individuals to give electronically (Debit/Credit card, ACH, on-line, etc.). If you have any special needs or requests, ideas or opinions, now is the time to let us know as we hope to start incorporating new options before the end of summer.

Please see me, Shirley Smith, Mike Cholodewitsch, or Tim Bridinger to pass along your ideas. You are welcome and encouraged to continue giving in whatever manner makes the most sense to you. We are not replacing options but expanding them to meet the times.

Sincerely, Dan Miller



Sunday, May 10, 2026

Some of Our First Visitors



Please be aware that we are now in the middle of empty lots in our neighborhood and have received some unwanted visitors. If you bring any kind of food for an event in the church, please keep it sealed in a plastic container. Also, please be conscious of using the proper waste containers to dispose of uneaten food or crumbs. We love our neighbors (but not all of them).



Saturday, May 16, 2026



Thank You's

I would like to thank everyone who sent text messages, sent cards, phone calls, and most importantly for all the prayers.

Surgery is behind me, now onto radiation treatments etc. Either way I will be ok.

God's on my shoulders,
Maryanne Stover

Dear Family of Faith,

On behalf of everyone at The Liberty Center, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous monetary donation and your paper products. Your support plays a vital role in our ongoing mission to provide shelter, hope, and a new beginning to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

Thanks to your kindness, we are able to offer not only a safe and warm place to stay but also essential services such as nutritious meals, case management, life skills training and in some instances domestic violence crisis intervention to homeless individuals and families.

Thank you so much for supporting the Liberty Center.

Sincerely, Mary Beaver,
Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Renovation Update

We have moved into the facility at 170 West Davis based on our occupancy permit, but we are still working with the contractor and architect to finish up all final details. Once these are completed, we will make the last payments on the renovation project.

Volunteers have been organizing the kitchen and other areas. Landscaping and other work on the exterior of the building will continue through the summer using our own labor and materials. Everything from the mall has been moved to our current location.

Many thanks to those who have given time and effort to these efforts.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Our community
ONE HOUR
of
Prayer

Coming together to seek God, lift up our community, and believe for His peace, hope, and direction.

ONE HOUR
Set aside time to pray together.

OUR COMMUNITY
United in faith. Stronger together.

POWERFUL IMPACT
Prayer changes hearts and lives.

DATE: May 7th 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH of TIFFIN
161 N ST RTE 101
Tiffin Ohio

All are welcome. | LET'S PRAY TOGETHER.

Family of Faith has been invited to join other area churches for an hour of cooperative praying. Grace Baptist Church is located on the east edge of town on Route 101.



Monday
May 25, 2026
Office Closed

Vision Team Highlights

●Pastor's Report - Pastor Phil: Health and Work Update: he has been working at home in the mornings and coming to the office in the afternoons. He has been having some testing.

Pastor's Relations Team Reconvened: he has met with the Relations Team and will meet again with them this week.

● **Finance - Dan Miller:** Dan reported on the building fund and the general fund. There are two other funds: loan reserve account and a stock investment account. He reported on the total of the four accounts.

As of the first quarter, we are in the red. There were some one-time expenses: sewer line repair, cleaning the chairs, replaced seal on the back door, and paying for the temporary heaters. That added to this deficit.

Income is up 9.57%.

We still owe the contractor \$35,000.

Dan has three action items:

1) **Trash hauling:** we have decided to use residential totes. We will no longer have a dumpster.

2) Dan had two meetings regarding electronic giving. He met with PNC and their plan is called Clover. There is a set-up fee and a cost per month plus a processing fee. It was suggested that an article be placed in our newsletter asking for input. Pastor Phil suggests doing more exploring.

3) **Insurance:** it is time to renew on the building and on the property insurance. Dan suggests raising the property insurance because of the new kitchen, etc. The cost of the increase will be \$30 a year.

● **Facilities - Jeff Shuey:** Inside Cleaning: Jeff said the inside cleaning is being taken care of.

Landscaping Plans and Exterior Improvements: landscaping will start in June. There is a lot of rock along the back of the building. He will need to bring in some top soil. Julie said that he can get all the top soil he needs from her property. There will be an enclosure built around the HVAC outdoor unit along the west side of the building.

● **Worship - Kathy Falter:** Pastor Phil spoke with Alsbrooks. He is having some sight issues, but hopes to return. Katie Cholodewitsch and Karen Kline have worked out a schedule in Alsbrooks absents. Jim asked if we could have recorded music if neither were unavailable? Jim also asked if there was any feedback from the Easter service? Some people complained it was too chilly.

● **Spiritual Development - vacant:** Pastor Phil started Tuesday Bible study sessions again.

Women of Faith are still meeting.

● **Congregational Care - Dave Murray:** Dave reported that the shut-ins who attended the Easter Sunday service enjoyed it very much.

Dave said that he enjoys taking communion to some of our shut-ins.

● **Outreach - Julie Engle:** Upcoming Mission Baskets: Julie reported that she will be meeting with Nikki at the United Way soon to find out what organizations in Seneca

County/Tiffin needs help.

This month we are collecting money for the Liberty Center.

Jim said that it was good to see the kids at the front door being greeters and handing out bulletins.

● **Volunteer Coordination/President's Report - Jim Vassar:** Jim said that we need a building use policy.

We need to figure out the rental amounts, also.

● **Other Business: 170 West Davis Update:**

Transition: Pastor Phil said that we need to clean Phase 2 and 3 before we move anything else into those spaces.

Connection Team: this committee will reconvene in May.



Deadlines: Bulletins - Thursday each week.
Newsletter - the 25th of each month.

Please be mindful of the deadlines, so that the production of these important materials can be done in a timely fashion.

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