MAY 2019

	12	19	26
Call to Worship	Dan Garrick	Boggess	LaPlante
Songs	Hopper	Godano	Anderson
Lead Lord's Table	Walker	Don Garrick	R. Lewis
Assist	Bourne	R. Lewis	Hopper
Assist	Brezofski	Pickering	B. Watson
Assist	C. Garrick	Hodge	Brezofski
Sermon	Smith	Smith	Smith
Closing	Pickering	C. Garrick	Traisci

Closing

Elders

Danny Anderson
Jim Hopper

Minister

Adam Smith

Deacons

Dan Garrick
Youth

Don Garrick
Fellowship

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Tues, Thurs—1:00 pm—3:00 pm

The Burden of Homesickness

It shouldn't be too difficult for us all to remember feelings of homesickness when we were kids. I remember one time when I was about five and one of my brothers was six, we had to drive about 2.5 hours to meet my grandmother again after meeting her earlier in the day, because my brother got homesick the moment he stepped into our grandmother's house.

I imagine many of you have felt homesick on a long trip overseas or to another part of the US. Some of you may be wondering why and how homesickness could be a burden. Isn't it good to long for home? Why is it bad to want the comforts of our own bed, the hugs from our family, etc.? I would say that it's not bad, but there is a downside and a burdensome quality to homesickness.

The burden of homesickness can be a problem in two ways that I can think of: (1) feeling homesick can essentially paralyze you from wanting to do anything. When I was a camp counselor in college, I remember having kids on my hall who felt so homesick that they didn't want to leave their room, they didn't want to eat, they didn't want to talk to anyone, or do anything else with the camp. It truly made for a terrible camp experience for that individual kid. It also made for a difficult week for me and the other kids who were trying to be friendly and get him involved. (2) Feeling homesick can have you so focused on the future that you forget to live in the present. So, you ignore what's happening around you because you're so focused on how you feel.

This happens to Christians a lot when they think about the future, specifically the future in heaven. Obviously thinking about heaven isn't a bad thing. Even wanting and hoping for the life to come isn't a bad thing. But allowing those thoughts to so dominate your mind that you don't pay attention to the world around you, or that you even begin to not care about the world around you and what happens to it. We must, as Christians, remember that God has not and will not give up on creation. Creation is waiting to be redeemed ***(Romans 8).*** We can hope for heaven and even be excited about it, but let's not our homesickness for it become a burden to us.

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Adam Smith

Prayer Request

- Mary Mulvey has health issues
- Elsa Forrest's co-worker Cherry Lee had eye surgery
- Barbershop member Walt Barlow's wife Cathleen health prognosis is dire. Pray for Walt and the Barlow family
- Barbershop member Art Roberts wife Sue will be going to Harrison Sloan Kettering for to get radiation. Need lots of prayers for ease of treatments plus Pray for safe travels for the members of our congregation
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, elders, teachers, leaders, and each other.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Danny and Linda Anderson's brother-in-law Bill Ponds had a CT scan awaiting results to see if they can go ahead with the surgery to remove the tumor
- Nick Godano's brother-in-law Constantino (Custy) is at home recovering
- Nick Godano's daughter Jamie and her family had a positive outcome from the damages after the storm

Services & Meetings:
Week of May 12, 2019

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday Bible Classes 11:00 am
Wednesday Meal/Bible Study 6:00 pm/7:00pm

Event Calendar

May 12th	**Happy Mother's Day**	
May 18th	**Bowling for Fun**	**6:00 pm**
	Brookfield Lanes - 840 Federal Rd	
	Contact: Larry	
May 19th	**Potluck Brunch**	**12:00 pm**
	DCOC Bldg.	
	Contact: Don & Doris	
May 27th	**Happy Memorial Day**	

Bible Classes
11:00 am —Sunday
Classes for ALL AGES

Adult downstairs class
The Deity of the Holy Spirit
Adult upstairs class
The Return of the Prodigal Son

7:00 pm—Wednesday Evening—Bible Study
"The Screwtape Letters - C.S. Lewis"

Small Group Meeting
2nd and 4th Sunday
6:00 pm - meal; 7:00 pm class
Call for details 203-743-4400

Ongoing Meetings (church building)

⇒	**La Leche League**	**Last Tues**	**10:15 am**
⇒	**Mad Hatters Barber Shop rehearsals**	**Tues**	**7:00 pm**
⇒	**Home Schooling**	**Wed**	**9:00 am**
⇒	**Overeaters Anonymous**	**Wed**	**7:00 pm**
⇒	**Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S)**	**Thurs**	**6:00 pm**
⇒	**Al-Anon (Open to All)**	**Thurs**	**7:00 pm**

Events

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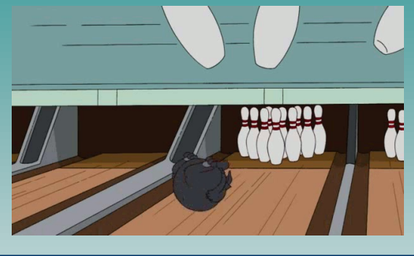
Sunday, May 12th



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Wednesday Bible Study

Lets Go Deeper.

Feast Celebration

Wednesday Eve Meal and Bible Study
6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm study
fellowship, devotional and bible study

Join us!

Weekly Fellowships

Thursday—Bowling Fellowship
12:15 pm
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield
NO, Bowling Fellowship scheduled
Brookfield Laneson the Third Thursday of the month

Friday - lunch Fellowship
12:00 pm
Stony Hill Diner (formerly New Colony Diner)
14 Stony Hill Rd., Bethel
Just after Target's