

 <b>Women's Fellowship</b> <small>©Monica - www.ClipartOf.com/1091866</small>	Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class 10:00 -11:30 am September thru June	<b>Ladies Hand &amp; Foot Card Fellowship:</b> 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite snack and join us for the fun
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**OutReach**

<i><b>Christ's Closet</b></i> Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon  <i><b>Peru Ministry</b></i> Support Oscar & Anna Maria as they preach the word in Peru.	<i><b>Food Pantry</b></i> The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.
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**Meeting times:**  
Sunday: Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday: Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders meet each Sunday at 5:00 pm



**Think on these things**

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to “approve the things that are excellent” (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they “approved” in the metal that which was genuine. It is used in this passage of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that “for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials” but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that “your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed” (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word “proved” here is the same as in Col. 1:10).

Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they’ve strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

“Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you” (Prov. 4:25). “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

Attendance 5/1 A.M. worship: 88	Contribution 5/1:
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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13



In our  
Thoughts  
And  
Prayers

Linda Lafferty – In Kadlec room 4451 awaiting bypass surgery  
Mary Lewis' son - Daniel Flores in critical condition at this time from health related issues  
Marilyn Davis – Prayers are working, she is doing well.  
Marilyn Farris – Friend of Bob and Gayle Caldwell, Cancer surgery recovery  
Gloria Ford – Clarence Bott's sister, cancer treatments  
Norm Goldsmith – Health issues  
Marsha – Barbara Oldham's daughter, recovering following surgery for breast cancer

Karen McBurney – as she recovers from a fall; For her nephew in Texas as he and his congregation in Texas deal with the flooding; For her friend to come to church and be taught the gospel.

Doris Pennington – pray that the doctors can find the source of her pancreatic pain.

Abigail Jones – as she struggles with health issues and prepares to return to Montana

Loretta Siettene – thanks that her health is improving

Patricia Smith – Keith Toombs sister, her scans came back, no more chemo

Dustin Stecker – Son of Connie Stecker, liver failure

Betty VanVoorst – Sciatica and shoulder pain

Canaco & Eli – our new brethren from Peru, as Eli deals with cancer treatments

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The Toombs as they prepare to move to Tennessee

Levi as he prepares to enter the military

Our church body and leadership

Avonlea Merrick in the AIM program in Colorado

Oscar & Ana Maria Castro in Peru

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Our homebound:

Laveda Brumfield, Marie Frolin, Don Jesperson, Lucy Larsen, Gloria Moore, Bruce Pennington.



Saturday May 14, 8:30 am

Come join us for a great  
time of fellowship and  
devotional

### **Birthdays This Week**

Bill Lafferty 5/8



### **Daily Devotions**

On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as “Devil’s Den” It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge “in the cleft of the rock.” What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped.

We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God’s protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: *“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies”* (Ps. 18:1-3).

God’s glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee”. I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that *“There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock”* (Ex. 23:21-23).

There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It’s life was saved. How like the little bird are we!

Keep in mind that *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Ps. 9:1). “He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark” (Ps. 91:1).

The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a “Devil’s Den.” When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat!

-Mike King, Lakeside Church of Christ