



# NEWSLETTER

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## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 3rd at 11am.  
Gift baskets will be available for  
you to bless the seniors.



BRADY CLARK  
JACOB CROSBY  
JOHN HENRY GILOW  
KADINCE GLARBORG  
NATALIE HUNTER

GABBY JONES  
RYLAN JONES  
JOSIE JORDAN  
URIEL SANTIAGO  
CATHERINE TALLEY

LUNCH FOR GRADS & FAMILY  
AFTER WORSHIP

### Cobblers & Conference

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6pm | Gym

Bring a snack and/or a cobbler  
Quarterly Church Conference

### WORSHIP ON THE LOT

MAY 24TH 10AM WORSHIP 11AM LUNCH

NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BRING A CHAIR AND A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT.

CHURCH PROVIDES CHICKEN AND TEA

### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

NOON | GYM | \$10

LED BY JERRY GASTON

SIGN UP IN OFFICE BY MAY 11TH

### OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MAY 25, 2026 FOR

MEMORIAL DAY

### Potluck & Game Day

May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Gym Noon

# Karen's Korner

Dear Friends,

One of my devotional readings this week from Charles Spurgeon talked about the importance of keeping our relationship with God fresh each and every day. He said, "Past experiences are doubtful food for Christians; only a current coming to Christ can give us joy and comfort." I love that because I need that reminder that we do have to keep coming to Christ each day for a fresh anointing. God doesn't forget us, but sometimes we forget Him.

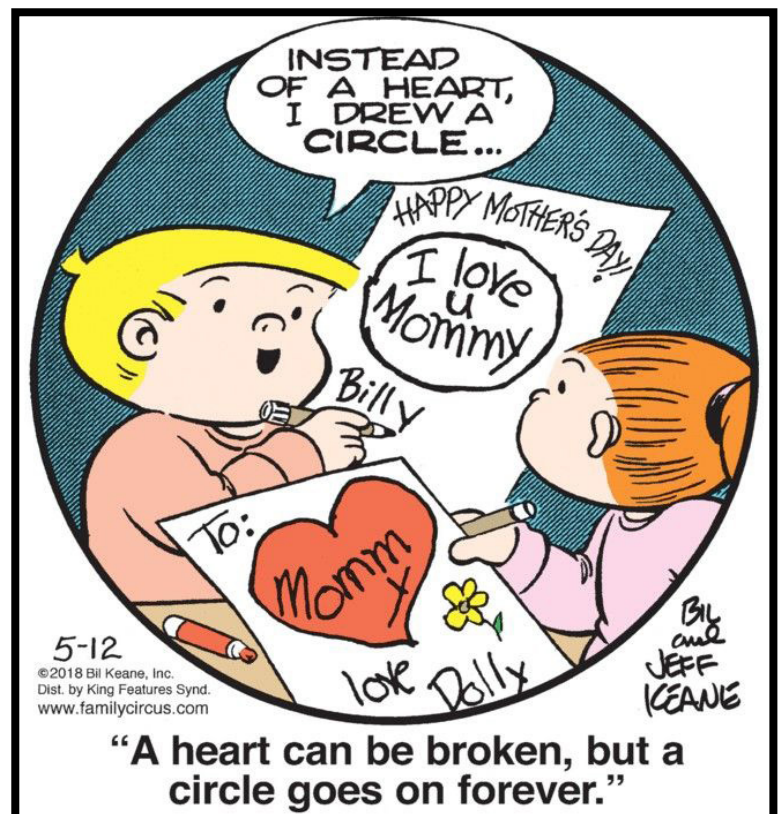
I love how faithful God is to meet us anew each day and remind us of Who He is and how much He loves us! What a blessing that His mercies are new every morning. I want to continually invest in my relationship with Christ because it is for all eternity.

In His Love,  
Karen Oakerson  
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The library has a copy of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis available in large print. This is the book Pastor Mike mentioned in a previous sermon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/3 Graduating Seniors Recognition Sunday
- 5/3 Cobblers & Conference  
6 pm Gym
- 5/5 Missions Mosaic  
10 am Parlor
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/13 Community Bible Study  
Gym Noon
- 5/14 Community Prayer  
Ad. 5 6:30 pm
- 5/19 ETBU Hilltop  
8:30 am - 5 pm
- 5/24 Worship on the Lot 10 am
- 5/25 Office Closed in recognition of Memorial Day
- 5/26 Triple L Potluck & Game Day  
Noon Gym





# Hymn Story



## I Need Thee Every Hour

The author, Annie Sherwood Hawks, wrote over 400 hymns in her lifetime. She had a love for writing poetry, and her poems were published in local newspapers while she was still in her youth. Annie was the mother of three children when the hymn for which she is best known was written. Annie later wrote, "I remember well the morning when in the midst of the daily cares of my home, I was so filled with the sense of the nearness of the Master, that wondering how one could live without him either in joy or pain, these words 'I Need Thee Every Hour' were ushered into my mind. The hymn was wafted out to the world on the wings of love and joy, rather than under the stress of great personal sorrow. It was not until long years after when the shadow of a great loss fell over my way that I understood something of the comforting in the words I have been permitted to write."

Hanson Place Baptist Church was where Dr. Robert S. Lowry and Annie Hawks came in contact, and Dr. Lowry seemed to be the perfect composer to collaborate with Hawks. He wrote 500 gospel songs himself and contributed the music and the Chorus Lyrics to "I Need Thee Every Hour."

*I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford.*

*Chorus:*

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee;  
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!  
I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh.*

*Chorus*

*I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide,  
Or life is vain.*

*Chorus*