

# PRAYER & PRAISE

*Night*

TONIGHT @ 5:00pm  
in the FLC

Childcare available



*Voice of Hope*  
Pregnancy & Family Center

thank you!

1. Pick up a baby bottle in the Atrium
2. Fill the bottle with coins, cash, or check
3. Return the bottle by **SUNDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Donations can also be given online at:  
supporters.voiceofhopepc.org or by scanning the QR code



# PARTY AT THE PARK

## July 19th

@ Harrison Smith Park

Picnic from 5:00 - 6:30 pm (rain or shine)  
Swimming from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

RSVP

Fill out the back of the bulletin  
OR



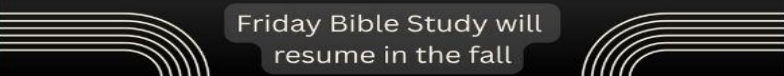

*Thursday Morning*

# Bible Study

Continues @ 10:00

Facilitated by: Dennis Livingston

Friday Bible Study will resume in the fall



Open to students entering K-6th grade in the fall!

**UPWARD SPORTS**

## Registration for Flag Football + Cheerleading OPEN NOW!



<https://registration.upward.org/UPW90556>



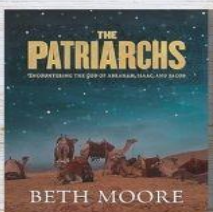
**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Congregational Survey. The survey results are now available on our website under the About Us tab. Printed copies are also available at the Featured Ministries Table.**

# BIBLE Study

TUESDAY @ 9:00 A.M.  
JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - AUG 25<sup>TH</sup>  
ROOM 11

LEADER: LYNDA CAPELLE

Sign up @ Featured Ministries Table



# Bible Study

WED @ 6:30 P.M.  
JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>-AUG 19<sup>TH</sup>  
ROOM 111

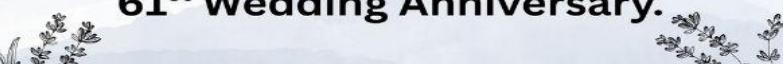
Facilitated by: Lynda Capelle

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# ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given today by Paul and Lynn Burks in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



## Treasurer's Report

Through June 7, 2026

Main Budget for 2026	\$1,271,695.34
Year To Date Need	\$ 562,480.63
Year To Date Offerings	\$ 649,578.28*

\*115% of YTD budget need

<b>June 7 attendance:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>11:15</b>
In person	149	409	134
Peak Live Views	28	29	-
Total Online Views	202	201	-

*Trinity Evangelical Staff*

Rev. Jim Stauffer, Sr. Pastor - ext. 114	Ben Cunningham, Worship Director	Pastor Clarence Hogan, Dir. Youth Ministries
Jen Homburg, Children's Ministry Dir.	Pamela Johnson, Special Needs Director	Jessica Payne, Asst. Dir. of Youth Ministries
Jenny Eyer-Kerr, Asst. Children's Dir.	Rachelle DeLong, Steps Director	
Tad Day, Director of Technical Arts	Stacy Mullins, Church Administrator/ Hospitality	

Phone: 419-294-1535

## **The Flag and the Cross**

**June 14, 2026**

A Flag Day Message: Exodus 20:3-5; Psalm 33:12; Matthew 22:21

*Opening Question: When did you say the Pledge of Allegiance?*

On Flag Day, many Americans pause to honor the flag and what it represents. For generations, we have stood, placed our hands over our hearts, and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States.

In many churches across America, the flag stands in the sanctuary. The question is: How do we honor our nation without allowing patriotism to replace worship?

The Bible calls us to a balance that is both challenging and beautiful. We can be grateful citizens while remaining devoted disciples. We can love our country while worshiping God alone.

*In small groups pray together:* Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the freedoms and blessings we enjoy in this nation. We thank You for those who have sacrificed to preserve those freedoms and for the opportunities we have to worship You openly.

Forgive us when we trust political power more than Your power, or when we place our hope in earthly kingdoms rather than Your eternal Kingdom.

May the cross always stand above every flag in our hearts. May our lives reflect the truth that Jesus is Lord, and may our nation be blessed as we seek You.

In the name of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ, Amen.

### **The Flag Represents Blessings Worth Appreciating**

Psalm 33:12: *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."*

Flags are symbols. They remind us of a shared story. Millions have served, suffered, and died under that flag. The Bible repeatedly calls God's people to remember blessings and give thanks.

### **The Phrase "One Nation Under God" Reminds Us That God Is Above Every Nation**

The words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, but the idea stretches much further back.

Those words acknowledge an important truth: America is not God. America is not God's Kingdom. America exists under God's authority. In church sanctuaries, the flag stands to one side while the cross remains central.

### **Christians Give Respect to Their Nation but Worship to God Alone**

Exodus 20:3 *"You shall have no other gods before me."*

Matthew 22:21 *"Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."*

Jesus taught a distinction that Christians have wrestled with for two thousand years. Honor your leaders, but worship belongs to God alone.

Let us never forget that above every flag flies the banner of the risen Christ, and before Him every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.