



WCC UPDATE

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PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

Have you ever felt uncertain about how to share your faith in today's world? Maybe you've wondered how to talk about Jesus with someone who seems indifferent, skeptical, or even hostile to Christianity. Or maybe you know someone who is spiritually curious, but you're not sure how to tell them about the gospel in a way that feels honest and respectful.

Starting this Sunday, we're launching a four-week sermon series called "To the Ends of the Earth," based on Jesus' words in Acts 1:6-7:

"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"

This series is all about how we can be faithful witnesses for Jesus in the 21st century. We'll explore what it means to share the gospel in a world that's rapidly changing and often skeptical of the church, but still deeply hungry for truth and meaning.

Each week, we'll dig into Scripture and wrestle with questions like:

- How do I talk about Jesus without coming off as pushy or preachy?
- What does it look like to be "salt and light" in my workplace or neighborhood?
- How can I live a life that draws people to Christ—even before I say a word?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping me share my faith?

Join us this Sunday as we begin with a message titled "Empowered to Witness," based on Acts 1:1–11.

In Christ,

Matt Stiveson



I wish to thank everyone who prayed and sent cards and visited me while I was recovering. It meant a lot to me and I believe that's why I am healing.

—Linda Stocker

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Hi Church Family!

We had such a beautiful Easter service, and I was so pleased with the cantata! The choir worked extra hard on this one, so I think they all need a break. We will be resuming choir rehearsals in August.

If anyone would like to sing a solo or participate in a small ensemble during the summer, please let me know. I am always happy to help put together something special for the church!

Thank you for being such a special church family to me. You are all an extremely generous group of people who truly embody the spirit of Christ.

God bless you!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

We often use the word helper to describe someone who is well-meaning but not that powerful, like the sidekick to a superhero. But when Jesus told His disciples in John 16:7 that He was sending a helper, He was promising someone so much more than a sidekick! The Holy Spirit is the very fullness of God—fully powerful, fully wise, fully loving. The Holy Spirit is God, and just as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit is with us! In our next Sunday School series, "Holy Spirit Our Helper," we'll see the Holy Spirit work through Paul, move in prison-breaking power, help us pray, and unite the church. The Holy Spirit isn't merely a sidekick; He is God, our helper!

IT'S MISSIONS MONTH!

Throughout May, we'll be celebrating Missions Month. We'll be reflecting on how God is working through our church to share His love and hope both locally and globally. Each Sunday during worship, we'll highlight one of the missionaries or ministry partners we support. These moments will give us a chance to hear stories of impact, pray intentionally, and consider how we can take part in God's mission. Here's our Missions Month Spotlight Schedule:



May 4 – Compassion International: Learn how child sponsorship is transforming lives and communities around the world.

May 11 – Adams County Aging Network: Discover how we're helping meet the needs of seniors right here in our own community.

May 18 – The Gideons International: Hear how the Word of God is being shared across the globe in powerful ways.

May 25 – The Food Pantry & Westminster Adopt-a-Street: Celebrate how we're meeting practical needs and serving our city through hands-on ministry.

LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD

The Women's Group just completed a workshop on Living Life as an Emotionally-Healthy Christian. Because of requests from Women's Group participants and people outside of the Women's Group, Missy Luzzi and Wolf Thompson have offered to lead more studies and discussion on the practical application of the scriptures for living our lives today.

This new book study and discussion group will kick-off on Saturday, May 10 from 10 am - 12 pm. The group will be reviewing **Book 1 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis**. Then they will be working through Books II-IV. Please fill out the form in the bulletin if you are interested in participating.



MOTHER'S DAY

Join us on Sunday, May 11 as we take time during worship to honor and celebrate the incredible moms, grandmothers, and mother figures in our lives! We'll give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood and recognize the love, strength, and faithfulness that so many women bring to their families and communities.

As part of the celebration, we'll be holding a special Mother's Day raffle with gift cards as prizes, along with other goodies and surprises to show our appreciation. Whether you're a mom, have a mom, or simply want to celebrate the women who've shaped your life, we hope that you'll join us for worship on this joyful morning.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ACAN SPRING SENIOR RESOURCES FAIR!

The Adams County Aging Network will be hosting a resource fair on Monday, **May 12 from 9 am - 12 pm**. You will be able to meet with various exhibitors sharing local Senior Services and Information on Aging Well in Adams County. Come learn about new programs and products to help you and your loved ones age with health and safety in our community!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptism is a powerful and joyful moment in the life of a believer—an outward sign of an inward commitment to follow Jesus. And on **Sunday, May 18, we'll have the opportunity to witness as several people in our church family are baptized**. We invite you to come and celebrate with us, support those taking this important step, and reflect on the beauty of God's grace and the gift of salvation.

If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized, then please contact the church office as soon as possible.

Let's rejoice together in the work God is doing among us!

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Also on the 18th, we'll be taking time during our worship service to celebrate and honor all those in our church family who are graduating—whether from preschool, high school, college, trade school, or any other milestone!

This is a special opportunity to recognize the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of our graduates, and to pray over them as they step into their next chapter. We'll share a time of blessing and encouragement, and celebrate all that God is doing in and through their lives. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please fill out the form in the bulletin so we can be sure to include them in the celebration.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 25, we will take time during our worship service to remember and honor those in our community who have passed away over the past year. If you would like to have someone's name remembered during this service, please fill out the sign-up form in the bulletin by May 21.



Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study and Youth Group
Thursday afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday, May 4	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	Worship // Missions Spotlight: Compassion International
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	Elders' Meeting
Saturday, May 10	10:00 am	Book study and discussion group kick-off: Book 1 of <i>Mere Christianity</i> by C.S. Lewis.
Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day	9:30 am	Worship // Missions Spotlight: Adams County Aging Network
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, May 17	12:00 pm	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, May 18 Graduation Sunday Baptisms	9:30 am	Worship // Missions Spotlight: Gideons International
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Sunday, May 25 Memorial Sunday	9:30 am	Worship // The Food Pantry and Westminster Adopt-A-Street
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, May 26	9:30 am	Church Women United —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.