

The Spire Lite

May 2023



“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.”

John 12: 26

Last Call for Shirts!



Upland Baptist Church shirts are available for purchase until **Sunday, May 7th**.

To purchase, go to the church website and click on the Star School Uniform link at the bottom of the page. Choose between t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, or hoodies.



Thank You, Marge

Believe it or not, Marge Waltman has been our piano substitute now for a year! We are so grateful to have had Marge play for us, and we appreciate the beauty her music adds to our church services.



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. We will lay wreaths in the Upland Baptist Cemetery at 8:45 AM, and the parade will kick-off at 9:00 AM from the church parking lot.

The ceremony at the War Memorial will start at approximately 10:00 AM.

The Community Picnic will begin at about 11:00 AM. The picnic is co-sponsored by Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church.

Please consider donating a dessert for the picnic—homemade or store-bought is OK!



A Frank & Brian Appreciation Post

We'd like to offer a big shoutout to Frank Kulp for all the work and hours he's put in this winter keeping our boilers running smoothly. This was no easy feat, but he was always there when we needed him!

Additionally, we extend our deepest appreciation to Brian Fisher, owner of GeoTech Services, LLC, who Frank consulted for more difficult problems. Please consider approaching Brian for your HVAC needs.



Memorial Sunday

On Sunday, May 28, 2023, we will be honoring all those who had memorial gifts given in their name in the past twelve months. We will be planting flowers on the church grounds in their honor.

Food Bank

The item of the month for May is
Spaghetti Sauce
Please donate anytime during the month.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for May and June

May Birthdays

1 Matthew Shaw
4 Noah Geveke
5 David Geveke
 Darlene Pysher
15 Akky Geveke
17 Dawn Buckworth
 Thomas Geveke
22 Sandy Kushner
26 Jackie Wright
27 Hans Geveke
28 Stephen Kalichak, Jr.

May Anniversaries

4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
10 Joan and Dennis Decker
16 Barbara and John Phillips



June Birthdays

6 Colleen Walker
7 Adam Robert Moore
8 Henry Strunk
18 Lynda Miller
23 Madison Hahn
28 Lori Furniss

June Anniversaries

11 John and Rev. Brenda Shaw
15 Doug and Marsha Scott
22 Darlene and David Pysher
30 Frank & Sue Kulp

Advice from Mom

“Treat others as you want them to treat you.” ~Kim Buffington

“When I did not want to go to Sunday School, Mom said you don't have to go but no going out to play. I soon learned to go.” ~Delores Hanley

“When I had a house to clean, my mother told me to pick one room and make sure that one room got cleaned every week no matter what.” ~Dawn Rafalski

“Never argue about religion. We are all going the same place but taking different paths. (We were the only Protestants in a Catholic neighborhood.)” ~Iris Messick

“My Mom would tell me: ‘One thing people can never take away from you is your education, so learn all you can.’” ~Sue Kulp

“A little bit can't hurt you.” ~John Kofroth from Helen Kofroth

“Every thought that passes through your brain does not have to come out your mouth.” ~Jane Kofroth from Ruth Ballentine

“‘If I say the moon is made of green cheese, it's made of green cheese.’ Translation: Listen to your mother and don't argue.” ~Priscilla Mills

“Finish what you start. Watch your tone when you speak.” ~Linda Cook

“My mother and grandmother were good gardeners—both flowers and vegetables. I worked alongside them growing up and their “green thumbs” were passed along to me. Today, I enjoy gardening with passion. Mother used to say, ‘I feel closer to God in my garden than anywhere else on earth.’” ~Marge Walton



Fellowship Dinner – June 11th

We're excited to offer a fellowship dinner next month!

Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM, and we'll provide pulled chicken for the main course. We invite you to bring sides and/or desserts. Please sign-up in the back of the church with what you'd like to bring.

At 6:00 PM, Dawn, Priscilla, Frank, Sue, Dave, and Kathy will share about their trip to Israel.

Devotional Thought...

“Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the
desires of your heart.”

~Psalm 37:4

There are times when we get caught up in our sins, and our mistakes weigh heavy on our hearts. We may feel far away from God. But here's the thing...God sees all of that. He sees our guilt and brokenness. And He loves us anyway.

Good news...there is nowhere we can go to hide from His love. There is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from Him.

So, no matter how far you have gone from His grace, he hasn't left your side. All you need to do is ask for forgiveness to clean your heart and trust Him to lead you out of temptation and back into healing and His light.

Frank Kulp



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