



Jennings Road Church of Christ  
1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH  
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Pastor David Ray, Jr.  
\* Worship Service – 11:00 AM  
on YouTube Live \*

**May, 2020**

**Jesus Is NOT My Co-pilot  
May 2020 Sermon Series**

***We believe...***

*...that Jesus Christ is the one and only  
Son of God, who died for our sins  
and rose from the dead.*

***1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16***

*...that the Bible is the inspired Word  
of God – a lamp unto our feet and  
light unto our path.*

***2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105***

*...that every person has worth in God's  
eyes, and that all have sinned and  
fallen short of the glory of God.*

***Romans 3:23***

*...that forgiveness of sins and the  
promise of eternal life are available  
to those who trust in Jesus Christ  
as Savior and Lord.*

***John 3:16***

*...that those accepting Christ should  
repent of sin, confess their faith, and  
be baptized by immersion into Him.*

***Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38***

*...that the church is the body of Christ  
on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to bring the lost to Christ and the  
saved into a nurturing relationship  
with Jesus.*

***Ephesians 4:1-16***

***The Jennings Road Church of  
Christ exists to glorify God by  
turning unchurched people into  
fully devoted followers of Christ.***

Ever see the bumper sticker, "Jesus Is My Co-pilot"? As someone once said, if you believe that, it's time to switch seats. Jesus tells the people of Israel it is time to switch not just seats, but the way they think, behave and believe in order to be his followers. Thank goodness we don't, right???

**May 3**

**Teachable**

**Matt 5:1-2**

Jesus is about to do something amazing, and it has nothing to do with a miracle. Kinda. He's going to take the entire Old Testament and make it...new! Easy to understand. Easy to follow. And, as thousands of years have shown, easy to ignore. What does it take to truly be a follower of Christ? Being teachable.

**May 10**

**10 Commandments 2.0**

**Matt 5:3-11**

Ever see a yard sign shaped like two stone tablets with the 10 Commandments on it? What if I told you Jesus might look at it and go, "No, not anymore." If you get confused by churchy rules for living and lost in the "thou shalt not's", Jesus has good news for you. Literally.

**May 17**

**Beautifully Beaten**

**Matt 5:11-12**

What one thing is guaranteed to happen to you if you follow Jesus? Blessings? Riches? Happiness? Maybe. Jesus says the one way to truly be happy is to get beat up for your faith. Wait, what???

**May 24**

**Spicy and Shiny**

**Matt 5:13-15**

What two things do you think God wants us to act like to really make an impact on the world around us? What two things should churches do to actually accomplish what God wants them to? One has to do with tasty yumminess, and the other is really, really shiny.

**May 31**

**5th Sunday celebration!**

**OUTSIDE**

No Children's Church or Sunday School, but meet out at the pavilion for a special outdoor service! **Please note the late start time of 11 AM!!!** Bring something to share for lunch, a chair or blanket to sit on, and any games you want to bring along.

## Youth News

In light of all that is happening within our church and our community, Youth Group meetings will be temporarily suspended. Please remember that even if we are not able to meet in person, we can reach out through social media, and encourage each other until we can meet again!

So many amazing things have been happening with our Youth Ministry, and I want to take a moment to thank all those who help. Your involvement and prayers make an impact on our youth far beyond what you will ever see.

Jr. / Sr. High Sunday School have been discussing how they relate to the scriptures of the Bible and why they trust in its teachings. Kids face many challenges these days and none are harder than justifying their love and faith in God to their peers, especially in the midst of difficult circumstances.



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page [jrccyouthgroup](#) or email [JrccYouthGroup@outlook.co](mailto:JrccYouthGroup@outlook.co)

Prayer Requests & Praises

- Pastor Dave – health*
- Rosie Miracle – health*
- Jerry Miracle – health*
- Kenisha Seibert – health*
- Modesta Taran - health*
- Donna Klinger - Lupus*
- Carol Thomas – Parkinson’s disease*
- Julie Kuhlhorst – physical & emotional pain*
- Wilma Peterson – Parkinson’s disease*
- Marie Ray – health*
- Jennie Glaze – health*
- Joseph Benavidez – health*

***Please let Anita Searl know of any changes needed to the prayer request list.***



- Kirsten Roberts – Marines*
- Jayden Dickson – Air Force*
- Josh Leiter – Marines*
- Lee Clay – Marine*
- Jeffrey Kinner – Navy*
- Josh Ray – Marines*
- Nolan Washington - Navy*
- Michael Kapangama – Air Force National Guard*

*Happy Mother's Day*



*Sunday, May 10th!*



- 5/1 Silas Hitchcock*
- 5/8 Johnna Roberts*
- 5/8 Debbie Jessee*
- 5/9 Chad Kraner*
- 5/11 Carl Bledsoe*
- 5/12 Belinda Springer*
- 5/17 Kierstin Pollock*
- 5/20 Greg Roberts*
- 5/22 Trina Langdon*
- 5/22 Breese Bollenbacher*
- 5/25 David M. Ray*
- 5/25 Jade Mills*

Anxiety is a meteor shower of what-ifs. The sky is falling, and it's falling disproportionately on you.

*Anxiety ain't fun!*

One would think Christians would be exempt from anxiety, but we are not. It's enough to make us wonder if the apostle Paul was out of touch with reality when he wrote in Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing."

Is that what he meant? Not exactly. He wrote the phrase in the present active tense— implying an ongoing state...as if to say

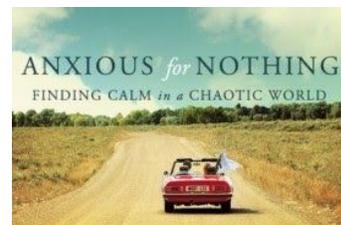
*Don't let anything in life leave you perpetually breathless and in angst.*

The presence of anxiety is unavoidable, but the prison of anxiety is optional.

Could you use some calm? Of course you could. We all could! We all could use a word of comfort.

And God is ready to give it.

from *Anxious for Nothing*, by Max Lucado



## May Serving Schedule

### Greeters

5/3 Ramon  
5/10 Lisa & Rick  
5/17 Lorraine & Brenda  
5/24 Johnna  
5/31 Josh & Sara

### Prayer Room

5/3 Celia  
5/10 Earl  
5/17 Marie  
5/24 Drake  
5/31 5th Sunday

### Cleaning

5/3 Ralph & Debbie  
5/10 Ralph & Debbie  
5/17 Alan B.  
5/24 Bernie  
5/31 Bernie

### Servers :

Greg  
Ian  
Candy  
Derrin

### Communion Prep:

Celia & Drake

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## Jennings Road Church of Christ Leadership

**Pastor:** David Ray, Jr.

**Elders:** Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

### Ministry Leaders:

**Music/Worship:** Matt Langdon

**Administrative:** Anita Searl

**Maintenance/Servers:** Greg Roberts

**Financials:** Johnna Roberts

**Hospitality:** Jamie Ramos  
Deb Bledsoe

## Jennings Road 2020 Graduates



Hannah Springer is a Van Wert High 2020 graduate. She attended Vantage Career Center where she received her Medical certifications. She will be attending Wright State to receive her Nursing Degree and plans to specialize in Cardiology. During high school she was involved in Volleyball, Tennis, Choir and Softball. Unfortunately she was unable to play softball her Senior year but did earn her letter in her Junior year.

Hannah is the daughter of Mike & Belinda Springer, and Cheryl & Dave Graham.



Fantasia Carr is a Mt. Vernon High School 2020 graduate. She attended the Knox County Career Center where she majored in Digital Media, and was a member of the Competition Team. She was also actively involved with FCCLA. Tasia enjoys sketching, photography, and working with young children.

Fantasia is the daughter of Jenny Howard & the late James Carr, and granddaughter of Anita Searl.



Celia Hitchcock is graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Her next steps will be to obtain her licensure as a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) and take a position in our community.



Danielle Ray will be graduating from Bluffton University with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Intervention. She is planning on moving back to the Van Wert area and obtaining a teaching position either as an Intervention Specialist or as a classroom teacher.

*Congratulations to all our Jennings Road Church of Christ Graduates! May God Bless!*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." {Jeremiah 29:11}*