



Jennings Road Church of Christ  
1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH

[www.jenningsroad.org](http://www.jenningsroad.org)

Pastor David Ray, Jr.

\* *Worship Service – 10:00 AM*

*Also on YouTube & Facebook Live \**

**May, 2021**

***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.***

**May, 2021 Sermon Series**

**Individually Together**

JRCC starts a new journey looking at the letter Paul wrote to the Philippian church. One of the key themes through the book is unity, which is nice and all...but how does a church pull that off when it's full of individual people with different opinions and ideas?

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**Follow the Leader**

**Phil 1:1-2**

Paul begins his letter by mentioning someone specifically three times in just two verses! That person? Jesus. Why would Paul want the church at Philippi to hear that name several times just as his letter begins?

Same reason our church needs to hear it, over and over again.

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**Human Resources**

**Phil 1:3-6**

Paul wants the believers to know that he reports them to his Boss every day. Actually, more than every day, every minute at times! What reason does Paul give to lift the church in prayer? And what benefit is there for us as a church when its leaders pray?

**16**

**Feel the Love**

**Phil 1:7-8**

Paul not only prays for the church but admits to how much he loves the people. How can someone express their love for someone (without being creepy)? The key isn't their own feeling, but how God feels about us.

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**Intercessory Prayer**

**Phil 1:9-11**

What in the world is intercessory prayer? (It's simple: you are praying for someone other than yourself.) So, how do we pray for others?

If you could only pray one thing for someone, what would you choose?

Paul helps us by telling us what exactly he prays for others, giving us a great guide starting out.

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**5th Sunday Celebration!**

**Phil 12-14**

For the first time in a long time: we return to the great outdoors! Paul wants us to know that there is a purpose for any bad stuff we go through...and he would know! He's writing from prison, bound by chains!

## Youth News

Youth Group meetings are temporarily suspended.  
Remember to support each other by prayer and encouraging words!  
Stay positive! We WILL get through this together!



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page [jrccyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/jrccyouthgroup) or email [JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com](mailto:JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com)



**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*

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



**Pray for our Military & families**

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



**Happy Birthday**

- 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*
- 5/31 Oliver Powers*

**National Day of Prayer ~ May 6**



**Mother’s Day ~ Sunday, May 9**

## May Serving Schedule

Greeters

Prayer Room

Cleaning



Servers :

Communion Prep:

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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





This is one of the most beautiful stories about mothers' love. It was written for Good Housekeeping Magazine in 1933 by Temple Bailey. This is a story we should all read once in a while so we remember to respect our mothers for their love and guidance.

"Is this the long way?" asked the young mother as she set her foot on the path of life. And the Guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

The young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike, and reminded them to feed the dog and do their homework and brush their teeth. The sun shone on them and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the nights came, and the storms, and the path was sometimes dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms. The children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there."

So the children climbed and as they climbed they learned to weather the storms. And with this, she gave them strength to face the world. Year after year she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all unconditional love. And when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we could not have done it without you."

The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years. The mother grew old and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children."

And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her strength, just as she had given them hers. One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And Mother said,

"I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still." A mother is more than a memory. She is a living presence. Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winters day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is your birthday morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop.

A mother shows through in every emotion - happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow - and all the while hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space - not even death!

## Jennings Road 2021 Senior Spotlights



Madison Nicole Langdon will be graduating from Lincolnview High School with honors as Class Salutatorian. She plans to attend Purdue University-Ft. Wayne where she will major in Interior Design and Architectural Engineering. She will also run cross-country and track for the Mastodons. Madison is the daughter of Matt & Trina Langdon.

Ian Matthew Bailey will be graduating from Crestview High School. Ian was actively involved in football and baseball, and will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall, studying Sports Management. Ian is the son of Marie Ray.





Justin (JT) Mills will be graduating from Crestview High School. JT attended Troy City Schools through 10th grade, Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua his Junior year, and completed his Senior year at Crestview. JT likes to be goofy and enjoys making people laugh! He also enjoys working on cars and building & repairing things. He is an active cyclist, completing multiple long bike rides of 64 and 100 miles, even during thunderstorms. He also enjoys football, basketball, fishing and shooting. JT is the son of Matt Mills & Janeane Foehl and Amy Chaney.

Clayton James (CJ) Carr is graduating from Mt. Vernon High School and Knox County Career Center. Clayton has been involved in the Landscape Design & Management program for two years, and is currently working at Lowes. Clayton is the son of Jennifer Howard & Fred Jude, and the late James Carr, and grandson of Anita Searl.

