May Birthdays

May 1: Michelle Million	May 11: Chloe Gottwald	May 25: Emma Million
May 4: Mary Mosley	May 11: Collin Gottwald	May 25: Kendrick Million
May 5: Katie Dobbins	May 14: Lainey Camp	May 26: Sammy Johnson
May 5: Sharron Jones	May 19: Reed Eaves	May 29: Jim Crawford
May 9: Brynleigh Sullivan	May 20: Scott King	May 29: Mark Miller
May 9: Kate Million	May 21: Madelynn King	May 31: Axle Edwards

Children's Ministry

May's child of the month is Kera Shackelford. Kera is the 10-year-old daughter of James and Cecelia Shackelford. She is in the 4th grade at Vernon Intermediate where her favorite subject is math. Kera's favorite food is spaghetti, and her favorite restaurant is UMI. Yum Yum! Her favorite color is blue, and her ideal vacation would be a trip to the Bahamas. Kera's favorite hobby is playing basketball, and this may not be a hobby, but she has some serious dance moves! I promise, you REALLY need to see these moves! An interesting fact Kera would like for people to know about her is that she LOVES cats! Kera the cat lady! Kera is fun, energetic and she is a joy to be around. She is also a great leader among the kids at church, eager to learn and always making sure the younger kids are included and helping them learn along with her. Kera is very vocal about her relationship with Christ, sharing about it with others and reminding people that building our relationship with Christ is the reason we gather together. I am excited to watch Kera as she continues to build her relationship with Christ and know she will be influential in leading others to Christ as well.

In Christian Love,

Mrs. Rhonda



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MAY – School Supplies such as (Pencils, Erasers, Sharpeners, Scissors, Notebooks, Crayons, Coloring Books).



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May Events

- > 4th: Men's Prayer Gathering @ 8pm
- > 8th: Wee Wisdom Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- > 9th: 50's + at Mama's Kitchen in Vernon @ 6pm
- > 19th: New Member's Class @ 9:30 am
- > 27th: Office Closed for Memorial Day



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SUNDAYS:

- Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- Worship @ 10:30 am

Children's Church after Praise & Worship

WEDNESDAYS:

- > Children 6:30 pm
- > Youth 6:30 pm
- Adult Groups 6:30 pm

BUS SCHEDULE:

Call the office for a ride.

May Servants

Security Team

5th: Richard Dobbins

12th: David Rhudy

19th: William Simpson

26th: Scott King

Children's Church

5^{th:} Rhonda Eaves

12th: Rhonda Eaves

19th: Marcia Bozeman/Jean

26^{th:} Davy Eaves

Toddler Children's Church

5^{th:} Rhonda Eaves

12th: Rhonda Eaves

19th: Kelli Jo Prescott

26^{th:} Teresa Sullivan

Counting Team

Katrina Rhudy & Sharon Brown

Mid-Week Kids Helpers

1st: Carson Chiquito

8^{th:} David Sullivan

15^{th:} Craig Million

22^{nd:} Scott King

29th: Steven Sloan

Mid-Week Nursery

1st: Michelle Hattaway

8th: Marsha Graham

15^{th:} Sharon Brown

22^{nd:} Emily Hattaway

29^{th:} Michelle Million

From the Pastor's Study Be Content

"I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself" (Philippians 4:11).

We inherently struggle to be satisfied with who we are, where we are, and what we have. The Apostle Paul knew this struggle well as he faced various highs and lows. He encountered abundance and scarcity, peace and conflict, support and neglect, freedom and imprisonment, health, and sickness. In each of these situations, Paul learned that contentment is not natural but learned.

Contentment Must Be Learned

As humans, we are not hardwired to be content. It is not natural to be happy in painful circumstances or to rejoice when things do not go our way. Since the believers at Philippi were struggling, Paul wanted them to know that contentment is a choice we must learn to make, even when unsatisfied, because our contentment is based on the work of Christ (*Philippians 4:13,19*).

Contentment Depends on Christ

Like Paul, we will have good and bad days. Contentment does not mean we ignore our situation. There is nothing wrong with celebrating events or grieving difficulties. The key is to recognize the reality of our circumstances but depend on Christ. In every circumstance, the Apostle Paul found strength and nourishment in Christ (*Philippians 4:11-19*). While imprisoned in Philippi, after being ridiculed and beaten all day, he was heard praying and praising at midnight (Acts 16:25).

Contentment Makes Us Generous

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians because He longed for them to experience the same satisfaction. He wanted them to find power in Christ's strength, encouragement in His provisions, and freedom in His goodness. Paul desired that others experience the same joy that erupted from his heart like a volcano.

Are You Content?

May we learn to be satisfied in Christ regardless of our circumstances. May we learn to depend on Christ, not our circumstances, for strength. May we learn to share the joy of Christ's goodness with others. Consider how we can learn to be content this month.

In Christ, Bro. Brandon

