

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

10:45 am

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Please give any prayer requests to an usher or the pastor before the service.*

Prelude	Praise Team
Welcome	Praise Team

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

Hymn	Gratitude	Praise Team
Invocation		Pastor Russ
Praise Song	You Say	Praise Team
Scripture Reading		Donna Stevens
	2 Peter 1:19-21	

## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements	Pastor Russ
Offering Our Gifts	Pastor Russ

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer	Pastor Russ
Special Music	Praise Team
Message	Pastor Russ

“Why Believe The Bible As God's Word?”

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn	“Wonderful Words of Life”	#128
Recessional		Praise Team



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## GETTING TO KNOW US

Rev. Russell Stammer	<b>Pastor</b>
Christine Lovette	<b>Minister of Music</b>
JJ Belle	<b>Praise Band</b>
Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald	
Laura Belle	<b>Praise Team</b>
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe	<b>Ushers</b>
Katie Stammer & Rich Rosenboom	<b>Technology</b>
All Members of This Faith Community	<b>Ministers</b>

## THIS WEEK

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:40 am	Prayer for service
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Church Council Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/21/24	Noon	Special Church Council Meeting
4/28/24	Noon	Lunch Bunch – Location Flaming Grill Chinese Buffet Rt 23 N Riverdale
5/4/24	4 PM	Chris & Shanice Wedding Livestream
5/5/24	Noon	Coffee Hour

## BIRTHDAYS

Shanice Cruz-Flemming	4/23
Laura Belle	4/28
Chris Venza	4/28

## ANNIVERSARY

Ted & Shirley Odenwald	4/17
Bob & Ruth Barton	4/19

## ONLINE GIVING



## GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

### 2024 BIBLE READINGS

This year’s program is based on the Year Long Bible Reading following the Jewish Torah Reading Program. This program will run from Saturday to Saturday following the Jewish Sabbath tradition. The only difference is that you will also have a New Testament (New Covenant) reading. You can read them all at once or divide it up over the week.

**Torah (Instruction) - Leviticus 12:1–13:59**  
**Nevi'im (Prophets) - 2 Kings 4:42–5:19**  
**B'rit Hadasha (New Covenant) - Luke 7:18–35**

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week’s passage is **Philippians 4:8**  
*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Today’s question is:** How old was David when he died?

**Last week’s question and answer:** How long was Noah’s ark? **300 cubits / 450 feet (Gen 6:15)**

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

“When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.” — **James Hudson Taylor**

## YOUR INVITED!



Chris & Shanice would like to invite you to join them on Facebook Live, Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 4:00 pm as they are united in marriage. Pastor Russ will be officiating, and Katie will be doing the live stream on the church Facebook Page.

**MISSIONS (PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION)**

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024**

**GRACE upon GRACE**

The 2024 AFC theme is based on Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of God's great love, we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." God's love for us, even in times of despair, never wavers. The American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the 2024 America for Christ Offering and seeks to raise \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministries through our churches and community partners across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Each year American Baptist Home Mission Societies awards grants from the donations that they receive. Here are some of the areas that are funded by AFC:

- Grants to fund ministry initiatives such as camps, daycare, youth and young adult initiatives.
- Grants to American Baptist seminaries and college
- Grants to American Baptist Partners training opportunities, funding of learning opportunities that involve travel and housing, repairs, and upgrade to preserve our critical American Baptist spaces.
- AFC dollars also fund scholarships for which our own members may apply. One hundred percent of AFC dollars support vital ministries.

Please give generously to this year's AFC offering as we partner with ABHMS to provide support and share the Good News!



**PRAYER**

**HEALTH ISSUES**

- Sandy Christopher – in Hospice care
- Tricia Fellner – (JJ's Sister) has bradycardia (Low pulse rate)
- Justin – Grandson of (Donna Stevens' sister) born w/only 2 heart valves
- Ted MacVicar – in hospital needs aortic valve replaced.
- Ruth Barton – Recovering from a fall and wrist surgery.
- Zeke Stevenson – (Ted & Shirley's great grandson) Blood issues
- Eleanor Stammer – Regaining some hearing.
- Mert Ozer - the Lord would restore his sight.
- Kim McGuire – (Niece of the Odenwald's) had a serious fall.

**ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES**

- Kay MacVicar, Lois Griffith, Nancy Monell (Ted O. sister), Jordan Lovette, Christine Lovette

**HEALTH ISSUES (CANCER)**

- Joe Alfano –Lung Cancer
- Robert Mariano – (JJ's Uncle) prostate cancer
- Joan MacMillan – Pancreatic Cancer monitoring situation
- Kevin Parmeland – Monitoring situation
- George Giordanetti – Riverdale firefighter w/stage 4 cancer.
- Don Parmeland – (Barb's Ex-husband) Colon Cancer
- Nancy Arndt – (Friend of Lois Stammer) Cancer is back.

**OTHER CONCERNS**

- Good Shepherd Mission
- Unspoken Requests –People requested prayer for an unspoken request.
- Those dealing with depression, addiction & mental health issues.

**NURSING FACILITIES**

- Ginny Palmer

**OUR TEACHERS**

- Shanice Cruz-Flemming – Montville
- Katie Stammer – HCA

**OUR STUDENTS**

- TJ Bednarz – Eastern Christian
- Jordan Lovette – Indian Hills
- Kayla Lovette – Ramapo College
- Kiki Belle – Acellus Academy

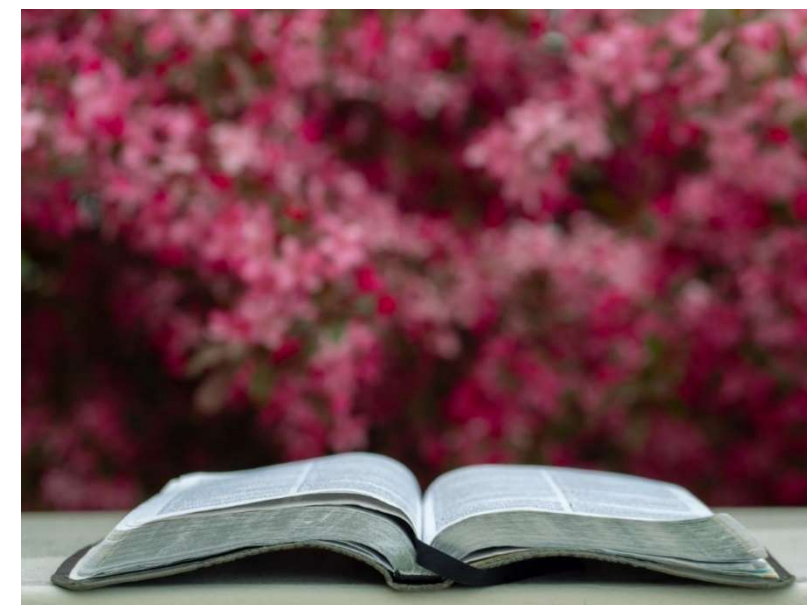
**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

- Major David Hutsebaut – Army, Sgt. Eduardo Velasquez - Marines
- Petty Officer Second Class Faustina Owusu Bekoe - US Navy

**Our Church** – We need to pray for our church as we need work to bring the Gospel to our communities.



"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17



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