

The Grapevine

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Important Info for May:

- **Office Hours** - Wednesday 10am-12pm.
- Please leave a phone message 719-948-2984 and I will return it or send an email to vinelandchurch@gmail.com

April Missions:
Watoto \$76
Blessing Box
Ronald McDonald House
Martinez Family \$425

Happy Mother's Day

May 10

Give her the reward she has earned and let her works give her praise.
Proverbs 31:30



Greetings from the Pastor

For decades the decline in church participation is obvious in the wake of generational secularism, denominational breaks, cultural shifts, and changing lifestyles. This shift also includes unaffiliated believers holding a focus on self-preferences over church. Sadly, there will be more smaller churches facing closure within the next decade. This movement away from traditional Christianity is clear as younger church members no longer attend regularly, and getting people actively involved can be challenging.

Fortunately, there are things that can be done to bring people back to church doors. Churches can promote community involvement, expand community outreach, rethink budgets, and offer innovative programs that attract broader populations with diverse ages.

God's church is not a building; it is you, and me, and people like us who choose to follow Jesus. Yes, our little church needs us all, and we are called by the word of God to build up the body of Christ. So come to worship, bring your ideas forward, be encouraged in your faith, and share your love for Christ with the world.

We will make it another 136 years if we work together in the name of Jesus, because He alone has not changed. Read Galatians 6:7-9, and do not lose heart.

Pastor Corry

May 2026 Lectionary

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Proverbs 4:10-18
 Psalm 119:9-20
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Ezekiel 34:1-7
 Psalm 115:1-11, 18b
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 21:1-7
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

May 24, 2026

8th Sunday of Easter

Numbers 11:24-30
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Acts 2:1-21
 John 20:19-23

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

Remembering our heroes, May 25, 2026



VMC Ladies Tea and Crafts Party

*Date: May 2, 2026
Time: 1-4pm
 Fireside Room*

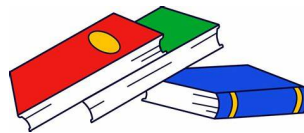


Please join the VMC ladies for a time of fellowship. Tea with sandwiches and treats will be served. Our craft of the day is to make a new selection of Chrismons for the Christmas tree. Our tree has been adorned with these beautiful decorations for many years and we need your help to make new decorations for the coming years. We look forward to a day of treats, creativity and fellowship.

Colorado State Fair Food Booth

Without doubt, our biggest project of the year lies ahead, our food concessions. Labor supply has become a big issue in the past years. Please mark your calendars for work, fun and fellowship at the food booth!

2026 Food Booth
June 20 Food Booth Cleanup
June 26 - 28 Car Show
June 29 Food Booth Cleanup
August 16 Cleanup & Worship at the Food Booth
August 21-31 Colorado State Fair
September 1 Food Booth Cleanup



Bookies

Are you looking for a really good book to read? Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is just what you are searching for. This Book Club selection is fun, wise, charming, and surprising. Pick up a copy and join us May 19, 2:00PM. at the Giadone Library for discussion and review.

**Christian Education Sunday
May 17, 2026**

We will be celebrating our Sunday School and Christian Education Program. Recognizing our amazing teachers, 4th Grade Bible Presentation and Scholarship award recipients.



Blessing Box

We are running short of food for our Blessing Box. This is such a special opportunity for our church to reach out to our neighbors and the needs of the community are growing. Prayer and look into your pantry, grocery budget and your hearts.



May Mission

A

Caring Pregnancy Center

This establishment welcomes many forms of donation; monetary, goods and volunteer efforts. This year we will be filling baby bottles with change to help fund the ACPC efforts. ACPC will host their annual fundraiser Walk For Life, June 6, 2026 at Mineral Palace Park. People can participate or sponsor another for the walk. For more details: ACPCPueblo.org/walkforlife

Vacation Bible School is around the corner: Mark your calendars for June 15th, 16th and 17th :) Time: 9 - 11am. Water Party following VBS June 17. Musical performance will follow, June 21st. Tell all your friends, family and neighbors.



- 5/2 Grace Eastman
- 5/5 Josh McFarlin
- 5/5 Debbie Walters
- 5/7 Leta Evans
- 5/12 Jack Chick
- 5/16 Dan Johnson

- 5/17 Nancy Higbee
- 5/20 Darlene Norton
- 5/21 Chrystiana Martinez
- 5/30 Kaila McFarlin



- 5/24 Devin & Karen Cossel

**Nurture & Outreach/Administrative Board
Minutes
April 15, 2026**

Prayer

Administrative Board

Finance Report

Balances remain strong

Discussion of stewardship drive

A motion was made by Cathie Stueve to accept the Finance Report and Mike Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustees Report

Mike Cooper reported that the work done on the parsonage is basically complete.

A new storm door will be hung and carpet squares laid in the family room in the basement in the near future.

The home was rented as a two-bedroom home because there is no egress in the basement. The contract specifies that it is a two-bedroom rental.

Kellie Jackson has rented the home at \$1,200 per month.

Christian Education Report

No Report

SPR

No Report

State Fair Committee

Various people were able to purchase approximately 80 tickets on a flash sale.

They will be used to give to volunteers working at the booth.

The state fair will provide green metal tables with attached seating for the booth. It hasn't been verified whether or not the new tables will be in place for the car show. Availability of volunteers from the church is a concern.

Old Business

Calendar

Things should be scheduled two months out to avoid conflicts on the calendar

May Mission – A Caring Pregnancy Center

A Caring Pregnancy Center

Diane picked up plastic baby bottles from the center for members of the church to put cash donations in.

A \$500 donation will be made from Missions.

Grapevine Article – Diana-Garcia Rincon

June Mission- Heifer Project

Heifer International

Donations will be accepted from the congregation.

After the donation window closes, the committee will determine the amount of the donation from Missions.

The funds will be held until Heifer International makes a favorable matching notification.

In 2027, Heifer International will be the January Mission of the Month.

Donations will be collected and held until a favorable matching offer is available.

July Mission of the Month

Operation School Bell

Caroline Parsley

New Business:

Scholarship Recipients - \$1,000 each

Evy Albo

Haylee Clark

Logan Cossel

Lane Leach

A motion was made by Caroline Parsley and seconded by Carol Lombard to approve the scholarship recipients. Motion carried.

Prayer Blanket Date ~ Angel Tree and VMC

June 7, 2026

Pastor Corry will be gone June 7, 2026

Upcoming Dates:

May 2, 2026

Chrismon-Making Activity

May 10, 2026

Wyberg Baptism

May 17, 2026

Bible Sunday - Teacher Appreciation Sunday - Scholarship Sunday



May 23, 2026

Graduation Rental
May 31, 2026
5 th Sunday Potluck - Children's SS
June 6, 2026
Private Rental
June 7, 2026
Prayer Blanket Session
June 15, 16, and 17, 2026
VBS
June 20, 2026
Car Show Cleanup
June 26, 27, and 28, 2026
Car Show
June 29, 2026
Car Show Cleanup

Next Meeting: May 20, 2026

Members in Attendance: Denise Cooper, Jackie Dorenkamp, Diana Garcia-Rincon, Corry Higbee, Wadene Hopper, Carol Lombard, Margaret Newby, Caroline Parsley, and Cathie Stueve



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Ladies Tea & Crafts 1-4pm Fireside Room
3 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's IN worship	4	5 Lion's Club 6pm	6 Prayer Meeting 10am	7	8	9
10 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS 10:30 Baptism	11	12	13 Prayer Meeting 10am	14	15	16
 Happy Mothers Day						
17 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS 10:30 Sunday School recognition, Bible Sunday & Scholarship presentation	18	19 Bookies @ 2pm Giadone Lib.	20 Prayer Meeting 10am N/O Mtg 6:00pm Fireside Room	21	22	23
24 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS 10:30	25  Memorial Day	26	27 Prayer Meeting 10am	28	29	30
31 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Children's SS 10:30 5th Sunday Potluck following						

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Please join us for worship

Every Sunday at 10:30

Children's Sunday School during worship

Adult Sunday School at 9:30



Vineland Methodist Church

Christ Centered

Bible Based

Mission Minded