

# Greetings from Godfrey Congregational Church

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## Bible Verse of the Month



42 Jesus said ..., "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." - **John 8:42-47**

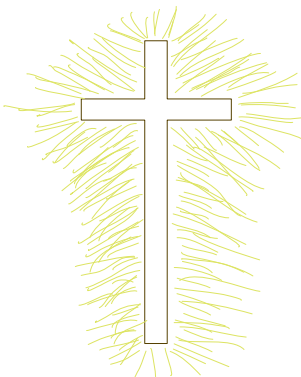
1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. - **James 4:1-10**

## Message from the Moderator



Who is the enemy? One who ruffles your feathers, stands in the shadows, and has a menacing laugh. One who hides behind deceitful words with many lies to spread everywhere. All who listen will perish forever in hell. Know the truth now! No lies are welcome here. Jesus set all believers free. Satan, the enemy, has lost the war.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16. Jesus was born with a virgin birth, crucified, and alive on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. This was all done to set the captives free from sin and death. The Heavenly Father gives a free gift, salvation, to all who believe in Jesus as their Savior. What do you believe?

- Robert Ridenour

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**Pastor:** Supply Pastors/Speakers  
**Call:** Robert Ridenour (618-377-9096) or  
Rose Mary Oglesby (618-216-2151)

## **Pastoral Needs**

**Call:** Rose Mary Oglesby (618-216-2151) or  
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## **To Add People to the Prayer List**

**Email:** [godfreyucc@gmail.com](mailto:godfreyucc@gmail.com)  
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## **MINISTRIES**

### **CRISIS FOOD CENTER**

Monetary donations to Crisis Food Center may be made on any Sunday by placing money in the offering plate or by making a notation to *Crisis Food Center* in the memo on your check.

### **SHAWL MINISTRY**

The shawl ministry provides a warm blanket to those who are experiencing a time of distress in their life. This could be due to a health concern, a loss, or a crisis.

The blankets are blessed during a service at the church where all in the congregation are asked to touch the blanket to add their prayers for comfort and healing. If you know of anyone who should have a blanket, please contact Emma Brandt at 618 372-3730.

### **HANDS OF HOPE**

Hands of Hope continues to help those in our community with food and clothing. Your donations are greatly appreciated!  
Contact Susan Wright for more information.

*Free to Believe That All  
May Be One*

## ***Upcoming Special Events***

**Fri, May 17 @ 4:30 PM**

Council Meeting (Council Members Only)

**Sun, May 26 @ 4:30 PM**

Memorial Day music during service.

## **Calendar Corner (All Welcome)**

### **Every Sunday (In Person)**

10:30 AM Worship Service - led by supply pastors and lay speakers

After Children's Message in Worship Service - Children's Church and Nursery provided by Susan Wright

11:30 AM All invited to refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

### **Every Sunday (FaceBook live)**

10:30 AM Worship Service - led by lay speakers and supply pastors.

### **Every Wednesday**

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Quilter's Group Fellowship over quilting. All welcome from beginners to advanced.

### **Labyrinth Open Outside 24/7**

All are welcome to enjoy the labyrinth for their own spiritual journey with God.

### **Articles for Contact Newsletter**

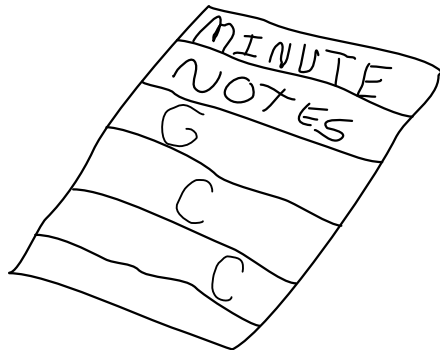
Submissions must be **received by the 18<sup>th</sup>** through email to [godfreyucc@gmail.com](mailto:godfreyucc@gmail.com) (preferred method), put in the secretary's door office mailbox, or placed on the secretary's desk to guarantee to be in the upcoming "Contact" Newsletter. Thanks.

### **Secretary Hours**

Every Monday and Thursday (12:30-3:00 PM) unless ill, back trouble, inclement weather, or a holiday.

GODFREY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, March 15, 2024



**Members in Attendance:** Bob Ridenour, Ferne Ridenour, Rose Mary Oglesby, Susan Wright, Sue Orban & Jamie Orban

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Susan Wright. Scripture was read by Bob Ridenour: Psalm 146:1-2. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. Minutes of the Sunday, March 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed by the council. A motion to accept the minutes as

written was made by Rose Mary Oglesby, seconded by Susan Wright. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** Chair Ferne Ridenour reported the following amounts as of March 2024:

**Reuter Trust:** \$263,327.18 (up \$3,208.01) as of 4/3/24. We received \$2,498.65 income from the trust on April 1, 2024. [The principal of the Reuter Trust Fund cannot be used until November 14, 2038.]

**Line of Credit:** \$4,500.00 (as of March, 2024)

**Building Repair Fund:** \$105.00 [This fund can only be spent on large building, grounds, and/or equipment repair or replacement costs, as approved by the Church Council.]

Total expenses for the month of March were \$2,818.06 and our total income was \$3,430.00. Income exceeded expenses by a total of \$611.94.

**FACILITIES & SUPPLIES:** Rose Mary Oglesby would like to extend a big thank you to Bruce Orban for bringing his tractor and wagon to church on March 16, 2024. Sue Orban and Rose Mary helped Bruce pick up the limbs and sticks from the church yard. Bruce trimmed the low hanging branches on the trees and all was taken back to the brush pile.

**PERSONNEL & NOMINATING:** No report at this time.

**CHURCH GROWTH & NURTURE:** Susan Wright reported the following: We mailed out ten cards to our church family and friends: four birthday, four Easter cards, one for an anniversary, and one get well card. The board had a survey meeting with all the members in March to approve purchasing Easter lilies and palms. The Growth and Nurture board will continue to prepare communion for any Sunday required.

**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT:** Susan Wright reported that the average adult Christian Education attendance was 0 and the average attendance for our children's classes was 1. Sunday School Bible Study was not held and will not be held unless someone shows an interest in attending. Jolene and Susan discussed the Easter Story of Jesus from Easter books and a cartoon DVD we watched about His last week of life, an resurrection. Jolene finished decorating the shamrocks and a cross for Jesus to put in the fellowship hall for decoration.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** No report at this time.

**DEACONESS:** No report at this time.

**ACA REPORT:** Susan Wright reported that the American Christian Academy is doing well. They are working on designing their sign and figuring out how to do it.

The ACA reported the following accomplishments: We had a wonderful Easter party on April 8 when we returned to school. We played a Bible game and watched a Jesus movie about His life with lots of candy, snacks, and a special buffet for lunch; In the last 90 days, ACA had reached 327 reaches on Facebook, 103 followers, 166 engaged, and 67 published content; and our field trip has been planned for May 20 to the St. Louis Zoo.

The ACA reported the following goals: File for a 501(C)3 with the IRS; design the sign and purchase posts; and have more students.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Building and Trust Fund Update:

Rose Mary Oglesby reported that she heard from Joann Barton and she said that the Attorney General office contacted her for more information, but she had the answers from the papers that were given to her. She sent the papers to the Attorney General, but has not heard anything else from them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rose Mary Oglesby inquired as to whether we would like to get the spring bug spraying scheduled. The council agreed that it was best to go ahead and schedule the spraying, which Rose Mary will set up.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rose Mary Oglesby, seconded by Susan Wright. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. followed by a closing prayer by Susan Wright.

Respectfully Submitted, Jamie Orban



**Prayers**



- Valerie Bates. Cancer returned. Wife of Derrick Bates, daughter-in-law to Jerry & Joyce Bates.
- Don & Emma Brandt. Don has ongoing health issues. Cards are welcome.
- Irene Gulovsen. Had knee surgery.
- Jared Brooks. Had surgery. Son of Debbie Kelly, a guest pastor.
- Shirley Beyers. Has cancer. Relative of Kathy Schilling.
- Abby. Has ongoing health problems. Connie Fair's daughter.
- Ann Tolle. Having health issues. Would love cards and calls.
- Bob Gulovsen. Having heart problems. Irene's Gulovsen husband.
- Cheyene. Having heart problems. Granddaughter of Cathy Schilling.
- John Pawloski. Having heart problems.
- Henrietta Kamp. Pray for continued healing and fast recovery time.
- Kay Robison. She is in Barnes Hospital in serious condition. Valerie Bates' mother. Valerie Bates is Jerry & Joyce Bates' daughter-in-law.

Please submit prayer requests via email to [godfreyucc@gmail.com](mailto:godfreyucc@gmail.com) or call/text 314-944-5336.

**Secretary News**

On May 20, secretary might be out of the office due to jury duty.



**Birthday Blessings**

- 5/4 Dee Copley
- 5/6 Martha Raby
- 5/10 Alan Crockett
- 5/19 Sue Orban
- 5/29 Dean Brown
- 5/30 Kadi Joyce



**Anniversaries**  
5/20/1978 Sue and Bruce Orban

Amount Attended	FB Views
Mar 24 12	31
Mar 31 22	6
Apr 07 17	24
Apr 14 18	10

**Music Schedule**

Thanks to Rayford and Martha Raby and Rebecca Tushalski for playing their music. Rayford and Martha playing 5. Rebecca playing 12. Martha playing 19. Rayford playing 26.

**Upcoming Guests**

- May 5 Rev. Susan Wright
- May 12 Rev. Susan Wright
- May 19 Rev. Randy Cheatham
- May 26 \*^Rev. Gary Kniepkamp
- \*Communion Service
- ^Memorial Day Music

# Godfrey Congregational Church

## May 2024 Calendar

<https://www.godfreycongregational.org/calendar-2>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9A-11:30A Quilters Group	2	3	4
5 10:30A-11:30A Music by Martha and Rayford Raby 10:30A-11:30A Worship, Rev. Susan Wright	6	7	8 9A-11:30A Quilters Group	9 Ascension Day	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10:30A-11:30A Music by Rebecca Tuchalski 10:30A-11:30A Worship, Rev. Susan Wright	13	14	15 9A-11:30A Quilters Group	16	17 4:30P-5:30P Council Meeting (council members only)	18 Contact Newsletter Articles Due
19 Pentecost 10:30A-11:30A Music by Martha Raby 10:30A-11:30A Worship, Chaplain Randy Cheatham	20 Whit Monday	21	22 9A-11:30A Quilters Group	23	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday 10:30A-11:30A Communion 10:30A-11:30A Memorial Day Music during Service 10:30A-11:30A Music by Rayford Raby 10:30A-11:30A Worship, Rev. Gary Kniepkamp	27 Memorial Day	28	29 9A-11:30A Quilters Group	30 Corpus Christi	31	