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From the Pastor...

Are we there yet? I'm sure you've heard that from your kids on a long trip. You probably have said it yourself sometime. "Are we there yet" actually means, "I'm tired and ready arrive."

We've been on a visioning journey for a long time. Our first visioning session was September 14, 2025, but we had been celebrating our 150th Anniversary for a year before. In other words, we've been looking at our church's past and future for two years!

While our sesquicentennial celebration and visioning process have been encouraging, they have also taken a lot of energy. We are tired and ready to "be there". The good news is we are almost there!

On Sunday, May 31, 2026, our Visioning Team will bring a report back to the congregation during the morning worship service. It will be both a recap of our process and a report of our next steps.

When I was a kid and asked, "are we there yet," it didn't just mean I was tired. It also meant I was anticipating being at the destination. Trips to see grandparents also meant opportunities to play with cousins. Trips to the beach meant swimming in the ocean.

I know many of you are tired, but I hope you are also excited. Finishing our planning phase is not the end of our journey. We have arrived at a plan, and now the plan requires action. Like playing with cousins or swimming in the ocean, these actions bring joy.

I'll not ask you to stay for another lunch meeting, but I do hope you will join us for our **Visioning Process Report during worship, Sunday, May 31, 2026**. We're almost there. Really, we are!

Schedule

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

Monday, May 4

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, May 6

88:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:00 p.m. Wond. Wed. After School Program
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions & Youth on Mission
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 7

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, May 8

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Sunday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:15 a.m. After Worship Sunday School

Monday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, May 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
2:00 p.m. Wond. Wed. After School Program
5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions & Youth on Mission
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 14

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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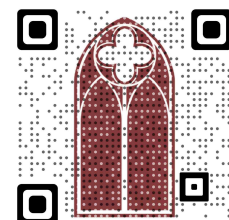
Spiritual Statistics

	4/19	4/26
In-Person	186	161
Online	22	7
Sunday School	75	88

Financial Statistics

	April	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	72,895.00	638,349.00
Budget Receipts	64,648.00	568,349.00
Goals Not Met	(8,247.00)	(69,670.00)
Alms	1,429.00	15,806.00
Designated	14,583.00	107,967.00

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Announcements

Missions Yard Sale

Friday, May 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Colorado Missions Team will host a yard sale to raise funds for their trip this summer. There will be two opportunities to shop - Friday, May 1, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00

Graduation Sunday

May 17, 2026

We will recognize our four high school graduates on Graduation Sunday. Laundry baskets will be on the first pew for the congregation to fill with the items that will be helpful to the graduates on their next adventures.

These items include: gift cards, command strips or hooks, surge protectors, journals, index cards, scissors, tape, pens, markers, highlighters, small first aid kit, batteries, flashlight, duct tape, lint roller, chapstick, tide pens or shout wipes, can opener, snacks, candy/gum/mints, plastic utensils, paper plates, and chip clips.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, May 21, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

The Gospel Voices with Clay Lunsford will entertain. The menu includes chicken pie, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Cost is \$6. Please make your reservation by Monday, May 18 at noon.



Welcome to Our Church Family!

Bob and Betsy Hodges joined our congregation on Sunday, April 26. Welcome to our church family!

Thank You Note from the Colorado Mission Team

Thank you for your support for the Spaghetti Fundraiser! We raised over \$1,400 for our Colorado Mission Trip. We are looking forward to our Yard Sale. Thank you for your support.

Books Written by Church Members

Books written by current and former church members are on display in the breezeway. If you know of any church member that has published a book, please contact the church office so we can add it to our collection.

Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet in need to children's sized clothes hangers. Please bring your donations to the church office Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or Sunday mornings.

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026

