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*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship passionately, Love extravagantly,
and Witness boldly"*

The Bible: IS The Word Of God – Jesus: IS The Only Way To Salvation
Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission

May 2026

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2026: Thursday May 7th is National Day Of Prayer. Today more perhaps than at any other time before us we should be in prayer with the world and at home situations. Two opportunities are given to us to remember this special day.

At 12 noon in the area behind the Shermans Dale Diner the community gathers with several area persons sharing. Bev Zeigler has agreed to represent Snyder's Church and will lead in one of the Prayer Moment.

At 7 pm the Community gathers in the court house at New Bloomfield for this annual event with several churches/pastors and political leaders sharing.

You can and should plan to attend at least one of these two events.

MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday May 10th and the men of our church will serve as the "choir" of the day sharing a special anthem for the ladies present. We are honored once again to have Marsha Snyder from the Dellville Church to share the message as our special speaker. Plan to be with us and let us honor all of the mothers on this special day.

SHOPPING SUPPORTS OUR YOUTH – If you shop at Karn's you can buy gift cards and 5% of the sales then stays with our church to support the youth. See Sherry Duncan if you would like to purchase cards such as \$25/50/100 and they are delivered here at the church the first Sunday of each month.

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CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS AND MEETING: All Church Council reports are due to Lisa on Sunday May 3rd to be included in the packet of reports. The Church Council will meet at 8 AM on Sunday May 10th in the large adult classroom.

WEST SHORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will be presenting "Continental Folk" at Trinity High School in Camp Hill on Sunday May 3rd at 3:00 pm with pre-concert lectures at 2:15 pm. www.WestShoreSymphony.org is the website

SPRING CHURCH PICNIC is Sunday May 17th right after Worship in the Pavilion. This is a covered dish pot luck meal and drinks and place settings are provided. See Diana if you can help with games. Invite someone to church and stay for the fellowship and meal after. There is no Sunday School this day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Emerald Crossing at Snyder's Church June 8 – 12 from 8:45 to 11:30 and noon on Friday. 3 year old thru completion of grade 9 classes. Registration is available. The theme is based on Psalm 23 this year. Snyder's – Dellville – and Roseglen Churches co-operate each year in this special outreach ministry for children and youth.

GOLDEN AGES LUNCHEON served by the Ladies Aide will be May 14th at noon. We need donationsss of desserts. See Bev if you can help with this special luncheon.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – in each newsletter we enclose a tithe/offering envelope and return envelope to be used by those unable to be with us on Sunday morning. We count on the faithful and cheerful giving of our entire church family to help us with our obligations.

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Week 1

Foundations

Focus Scripture: Acts 2:22–36

Verse for Today:

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11

From Pastor Steve

Recently, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. The empty tomb. The victory over sin and death. The reality that Jesus is alive. But resurrection was never meant to be the end of the story. It was the beginning of the Church. In the days and weeks after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples began doing exactly what He told them to do: “Go...make disciples...teach...baptize...”

And the Church began to take shape.

So now the question becomes: *What is God’s vision for His Church - and for ours?*

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul reminds us of something foundational: *“No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”*

Every church, every ministry, every life is being built on something. The question is:

What is your foundation?

There’s a story I once heard about three stonemasons. One said, “I’m cutting stone.” Another said, “I’m earning a living.” The third said, “I’m building a cathedral.”

Same work. Different vision. And that’s the difference a foundation makes. The early Church understood this clearly. As Peter stood before the people in Acts 2, he proclaimed three defining truths about Jesus:

Jesus is Savior. Peter pointed back to the prophecies and declared that Jesus is the Messiah—the One sent by God to save the world. And that matters more than we often admit. Because we are constantly tempted to act like we are the savior. We try to fix everything. Rescue everyone. Carry what we were never meant to carry. But the foundation of the Church is not what we do for God. It is what Jesus has already done for us.

Jesus is Alive. Peter declares that Jesus did not remain in the grave. He is risen and reigning, and His Spirit is now at work in His people. This is not just a theological statement. It is a present reality. If Jesus is alive, then He is active. If He is active, then He is leading. If He is leading, then we are not building alone. The Church is not sustained by programs or plans. It is sustained by the living presence of Christ.

Jesus is Lord. And this is where it gets personal. If Jesus is Savior, and if Jesus is alive...then Jesus is also Lord. And Lord means authority. Lord means obedience. Lord means we don't just admire Jesus...we follow Him. That's where many foundations begin to crack. Because we are often more comfortable with Jesus as Savior than Jesus as Lord. We like grace. We resist obedience. But a Church built on Jesus must be built on all of who He is, not just the parts we prefer.

The foundation of *Vision Church* is simple: **Love Jesus.** Not casually. Not occasionally. But completely. Because when a group of people truly loves Jesus as Savior...as Alive...as Lord...everything else begins to take shape.

We begin to invite others. We begin to grow together. We begin to pray in unity. We begin to serve with purpose. Not because we are trying to build something impressive, but because we are part of something eternal.

We are not just cutting stones. We are building a cathedral of lives transformed by Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions

1. What is the true foundation of your life right now?
2. Which is hardest for you to live out: Jesus as Savior, Jesus as Alive, or Jesus as Lord?
3. What would it look like this week to love Jesus more fully in your daily life?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the foundation of everything we are building. Forgive me for the times I try to take Your place - to control, to fix, to lead without You. Help me to know You as Savior, to trust You as Alive, and to follow You as Lord. Build my life on You. Build Your Church through us. Amen.

Final Thought

If the foundation is right, everything else can be built. If the foundation is wrong, nothing else will last. Love Jesus and build from there.

Blessings,
Steve



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