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# THE HOME VISITOR

## “Taken By Surprise” by Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

“While strolling through the park one day in the merry month of May, I was taken by surprise....” These words from the tune, “While Strolling Through the Park One Day” (aka, “The Fountain in the Park”) by Ed Haley, often enter our collective memories during this month. Yes, we’re reminded that May is widely recognized as a peak spring month, symbolizing renewal and growth, (understood to be named after the Roman goddess of growth, Maia); And, if anyone needs to be reminded, the arrival of warmer weather. The month brings with it, among other things, days on which we honor our mothers and those who stepped up to nurture and guide us (Mother’s Day), and we honor those who gave their lives for our freedoms (Memorial Day). May is also dedicated to Mental Health Awareness so a reminder that we partner with the PCC (Presbyterian Counseling Center).

And this May, as it often does, Pentecost is observed as it falls on Sunday, May 24th, 2026. On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church’s proclamation of Christ’s rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. According to Joel 2:28-29.

The Ruach is to open everybody to God’s future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to lose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation. Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 117-119).

As a congregation Growing to Know God – Living to Show God, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, or simply OBPC, means many things to many people as we seek to be a people at every age making disciples of every age. Like a mighty rush of wind and flame, as a beachside neighborhood Church, using our gifts we’re invited and invited to invite others into this season of renewal and growth, as we recognize and invite others to recognize what God has done, what God is doing and what God will do beginning this day in the Merry Month of May!



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### SPECIAL NOTES

Confirmation Sunday 5/3  
 June Home Visitor Cut off 5/15

## We continue to lift in prayer OBPC Members.

Barbara Bowden  
Bruce Burge  
Ella Mae  
Chadbourne  
Aleta Dick  
Bruce Geelhood

Phyllis Heller  
Carol Helmendach  
Sherri Jarvis  
Bruce Miller  
Sue Mitchell  
Alma More

Jill Moscoso  
Susan Parisi  
Cynthia Pfleiderer  
Ray Piller  
John Smarkusky  
Marilyn Smarkusky

Elizabeth Strong  
Cindy Watkins  
Gwen & Earl  
Williams



## We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

Kimberly Pyne-Daughter and George Keefer-Friend by Sharon Carter  
Laura Bassett, Mel Smith, Audrey Pentz, John Harkrader-Friends by Kirsten and  
Curtis Finley

Steve Struble-Friend by Bill and Bonnie Thompson

Hiro Hirumi-Father by 2c and Karen Hirumi

Betty Colburn-Mother by Sandy Johnson

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim

Jerry Bracken, Vince O'Conner, and Darlene Rathmell-Cousins by Mike Troutman

Jim Thiede-Nephew by Rosie & David Perry

Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza

Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland

Matthew Eaton-Son, Bonnie Warder-Mother, Lynn Baker-Sister, and Ali Owens and Carson-Friends by Heather Eaton

Lisa Pierson-Daughter, Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Sharon Kitts-Friend by Arlene Clark

Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-by the Canard Family

Brady Barry-Son, Trevin Barry, Henry Threatt-Grandsons by Susan Barry

Carolyn Kuehn and Alva Debiak by Candy Christman



## Prayers for Our Community and World

We pray that nations change war into.

## We have a Church Prayer Chain

Please call or text Candy Christman (386-956-5924) if you have a prayer request  
to lift up by our Prayer Chain.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**On Saturday, April 4, the OBPC Family Easter Egg Hunt was egg-cellent!** It is wonderful to be able to enjoy a fun tradition together. We shared a delicious breakfast, made some fun Easter crafts, and of course hunted eggs. Our older youth hid the eggs for our littles and then helped them find the eggs. Then our teens had their turn hunting for eggs. We love having all generations together.



**On Easter, April 5,** what a wonderful time of fellowship. We gathered in the Haddad Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10:00am to share breakfast of pancakes, sausage, breakfast casserole, coffee cakes, donuts, fruit, and other delicious treats. Coffee and juice!!



# EASTER WORSHIP APRIL 5, 2026



## OUTREACH

**A huge THANK YOU**  
to everyone who donated  
Easter desserts  
to **Pace Center for Girls** to  
help them celebrate Easter!





## Amsden Academy presents

### Basic Strength Training

with coach and personal trainer, *Katrina Boyson*

**When:** Saturday, May 23, 2026 @ 10:30am-Noon

**Where:** OBPC Fellowship Hall, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach, FL

**Cost:** FREE      **RSVP:** Church office 386-441-0300 or obpccomm@gmail.com

- Have you wondered what strength training was or how to begin?
- Have you wanted to try strength training but didn't know how to modify the exercises for your personal needs?
- Have you ever wanted to ask a personal trainer about how to do exercises from your own home without gym equipment?

Join us for this amazing opportunity to learn how strength training can help your daily life. You will have a chance to ask questions, see a demonstration, and even try the exercises! This is a free event open to the community. Space is limited so please RSVP to obpccomm@gmail.com or the church office 386-441-0300.



**Please join us for our wonderful, joyful, Women's Gathering on Saturday, May 2. 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Room 12.** We will be celebrating the theme of SPRING! New Life, New Growth, New Beginnings. Enjoy a delicious hot brunch, word searches, raffle prizes, inspiring videos from Women of Faith, and the blessing of a morning in precious fellowship. Bring a friend or relative. All women are welcome.

**The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** are enjoying *Jennifer Rothschild's* newest 7-week study on **Heaven**. Learning about it from a Biblical perspective and separating what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. Learning to live with confidence today as we look forward to the glorious unending that awaits.

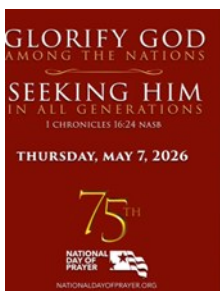
## PROPERTY



OBPC has a commercial dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, which has been out of use for several years and is now available.

**If you wish to learn how to operate the dishwasher, training sessions will be held on Wed. May 13 at 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Please register in the Narthex.**

## WORSHIP



**The National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, and to intercede for America.

Join us in the OBPC Courtyard at 7:00 am on May 7 for Coffee, Doughnuts and Fellowship



◆ CLASS OF 2026 ◆

OBPC wishes Brooke Johnson congratulations as she graduates from high school. May God bless and keep you, as you begin the next chapter in your life!



### *Hurricane Readiness - as the Season Begins*

You'll likely hear names such as Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, and Dolly soon, as these are the first hurricane names for the Atlantic hurricane season which begins May 15.

If you live in a hurricane prone area, there's no time like the present to begin preparing your home and stocking up on non-perishable food and water. You should create an evacuation plan in case local officials issue an evacuation order and share this plan with family and neighbors. Familiarize yourself with emergency shelters, including those that are equipped to handle special needs or pets and those with local transportation.

Local counties, Volusia and Flagler, provide up-to-date storm information so keep their telephone numbers handy.

Volusia County Emergency Management can be reached at (386) 258-4088 or [www.volusia.org/emergency](http://www.volusia.org/emergency). Votran, Volusia County's Public Transit System, provides transportation to emergency shelters and continues its normal bus stops during emergencies. Flagler County can be reached at (386) 313-4200 or [www.flaglercounty.gov/emergency](http://www.flaglercounty.gov/emergency). Flagler County Public Transportation is available by advance reservation.

Remember to keep your Hurricane/Emergency Readiness form up to date. To make changes or to complete a new form, contact any Deacon or call the church office (386) 441-0300.

# Music Notes—May 2026



## Youth Choir Mini-Concert

Thanks to all who supported our Youth Choir in any way this year! Our singers come every Sunday morning at 9:00 for a half-hour rehearsal to learn the songs of the church. They are dedicated and committed to learning and sharing the music. The concert ends their season and gives them another chance to shine!



## Choral Scholars

Thank you also for your continued support of our Choral Scholars. Please use this QR code to give directly to the Choral Scholars Fund!



## Tuned for Praise

Just a reminder that gifts are always welcome for the OBPC Concert Fund using this convenient QR code.



## Summer Choir 2026 Make a joyful noise!

All are welcome (Grade 4 and up!) to be in the Summer Choir. Come to the choir room at 10:00 on Sunday to learn the anthem for the day. You can come one Sunday or some Sundays or all Sundays – your choice! We do not wear robes but remember we are live-streamed Sundays in May – August

## PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER



The Pregnancy Crisis Center has been helping mothers and babies since 1989. Their mission is simple. They help pregnant women choose life for their babies. With a "Love First" approach, they strive to show mothers their own intrinsic worth and value, so they can see the worth and value in the life they are carrying. Mothers are encouraged to finish their education and acquire job skills so they will ultimately achieve self-sufficiency.

All their services are provided at no cost. They are not supported by any local, state, or federal funding and are 100% funded by individuals, churches, organizations and businesses.

**The Women's Bible Study group will be collecting donations from Sunday, April 26 until Mother's Day, May 10. Donations may be left in the Narthex.**

The center will accept gently used baby supplies: cribs, crib bedding, car seats (less than 5 years old), strollers, high chairs, pack-n-play, clothing, blankets, bottles, maternity clothing, etc. Additionally, they are always in need of diapers, wipes, diaper cream, tear-free baby shampoo, baby lotion, formula, waterproof bibs, burp cloths, onesies, pacifiers, and baby wash cloths.

On Sunday, April 12 we held our **Confirmation Kickoff Dinner!**  
We are so excited for our 9 students who will be Confirmed on Sunday, May 3, as they begin their journey in faith.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Be sure to save this date Sunday, May 3 at 10:30AM as our 9 students are confirmed during worship service.

## APRIL Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations



Following worship service on **Sunday, May 3**, please join us in the Haddad Fellowship Center to recognize all who celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of May. Desserts will be served.

## MAY Birthdays

10 Barbara McCurdy  
17 Judy Larrabee  
22 Cindy Watkins

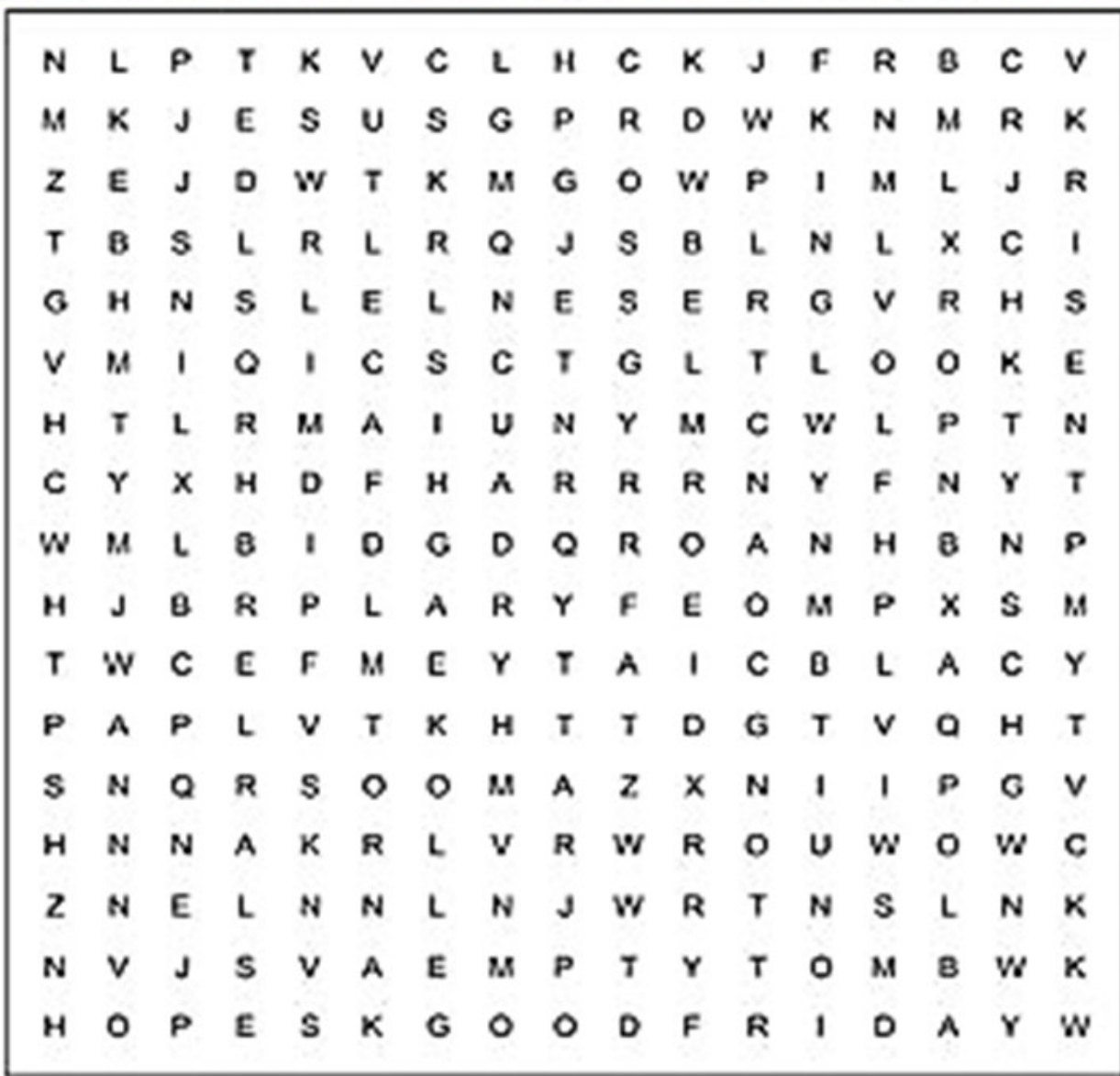
15 Barbara Bowden  
18 Kim Watson  
24 Izzy Schoffler

15 Paige Sidwell  
19 Kathleen Davis-Carlton  
29 Kassie Manza



05/04	David & Pamela Morgan	14 years
05/07	Jack & Karen Spottiswood	32 years
05/31	Bruce & Marcia Geelhood	57 years

# Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior




Third Day





# Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church 2026

**Every Sunday** 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Library; 9:00 Adult Bible Study, room 12; 9:30 Youth Sunday School, rooms 8,14; **5/3 starts 10:00 SUMMER CHOIR**; 10:30 WORSHIP 1st Sunday with Communion; 11:30 PB & J Sandwich Making, HFC; 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Time, HFC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	2 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  10AM WOMENS GATHERING, 12
3 10:00 SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS 10:30 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 11:30 MAY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIV. CELEBRATIONS, HFC 3:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT WITH RECEPTION	4 9AM P.COUNSELING,7	5 9AM P. COUNSELING,7  6:30PM DB CHORAL SOCIETY	6 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12  12:30 OUTREACH MEETING, LIB	7 7:00 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER,COURT YARD  9AM P. COUNSELING,7  10:30AM TAI CHI, 9  6:00 GLORY BELLS	8 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	9 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7    5PM TEEN NIGHT, HFC
10 	11 9AM COUNSELING CTR,7  9AM FINANCE, LIB  6PM C.E. MEETING, LIB	12 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  10AM PROP.MTG-LIB  11:00 FAITH & FELLOWSHIP, LIB  6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY	13 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 12:30 OUTREACH, LIB 1:00 DISHWASHER TRAINING, HFC-Kitchen 6:00 DISHWASHER TRAINING, HFC-Kitchen	14 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  9:30AM PLANNING & STAFF, 12  10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	15 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  <b>HOME VISITOR CUT OFF</b>	16 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7
17	18 8:30 HUM VOLUNTEERS  9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  <b>6:00 SESSION MEETING, 12</b>	19 9:00 P.C COUNSELING,7  6:30 WORSHIP MEETING, LIB  6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY	20 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB  9AM P.C COUNSELING,7  10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12  6:30 CLC MEETING, HFC	21 9AM P.C COUNSELING,7  9AM DEACONS, MAKE & TAKE, HFC  10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	22 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	23 9:00 P.C COUNSELING,7  <b>10:30 AMSDEN ACADEMY -BASIC STRENGTH TRAINING PRESENTATION, HFC</b>
24   31	25 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7    OFFICE CLOSED	26 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  6:30PM DB CHORAL SOCIETY	27 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12	28 9AM P.C COUNSELING,7  10:30AM TAI CHI, 9	29 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	30 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7

**Please note:** Since printing of this calendar changes may have been made. We would like you to visit OBPC web site at [ormondbeachpc.org](http://ormondbeachpc.org) for the most current calendar and for other current announcements.

