

# Maple Leaves

September 2025



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## *Our Sympathy*

Sue Cripe's mother, Margaret "Margee" Juday, passed on July 30th. We would like to extend our sympathy to Ron & Sue and the family.

## *Let us pray for:*

Maple Grove Church Family  
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle  
Associate Pastor Search  
Jason Becker family (restaurant fire)  
Annette Berkey  
Jim Kirkdorffer  
Mike Overpeck  
Betty Stutsman  
Jerry Stutzman  
Julie Yoder  
Our Widow Ladies  
Our Youth & Children  
Andy Smith, Alex Becker & Gavin Erb  
(serving our country)  
Our New Sunday School Class  
Fairfield Food Pantry  
Camp Mack (Staff & Volunteers)  
Kid's Alive Ministry (Orphans)  
Missionaries:  
Erica Simone (SonSet Solutions)  
Mike & Tara Overpeck (Elkhart Co.)  
Chris & Stefanie Hohm (Tanzania)  
World Missionary Press  
Destiny Rescue

## *Thank You's*

Maple Grove Community Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Elkhart County Jail Ministry. We are grateful for your support and encouragement!

Peace, Cory

Breakfast with the Chaplain. Join us to learn about the Jail Ministry and hear from one of our friends incarcerated in the Elk. Co. Jail. No cost to attend. Not a fundraiser. Held Sep. 9th 8:30-9:30. Arrive by 8:15. Please RSVP @ 574-849-1494.

Dear Friends at Maple Grove,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you so much for the love we have felt from you by your kind words, prayers, cards, texts and flowers at my Mom's passing. It means so much to us and we love all of you very much.

Love,

Ron & Sue Cripe

"Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us." Ephesians 5:2

# Pastor Dwayne Runkle

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## **“God’s Inspired Word”**

The Apostle Paul took young Timothy under his wing as he mentored him. Giving Timothy many instructions. He told him about his (Paul’s) teachings, his purpose, his faith, his love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings. He tells Timothy, *“Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them”* (2 Timothy 11b). He told him things are going to go from bad to worse. This is where we pick up in verse 14 of 2 Timothy. Paul is personally challenging Timothy.

*14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

We talk a lot about this verse here at Maple Grove as we believe that God gave us the Holy Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and all the Books in between them. The Bible says, “All Scripture is God-breathed.” Not some or just this book or that book. All Scripture in the Bible!

I guess the question I ask you is can we believe that *“all Scripture is inspired by God?”* According to the Bible we can. I’d like to share with you Max Lucado’s view on all this. I took it from his Daily Devotional. This is what Max said.

*It is remarkable in composition.*

“Composed over sixteen centuries by forty authors. Begun by Moses in Arabia and finished by

John on Patmos. Penned by kings in palaces, shepherds in tents, and prisoners in prisons. Would it be possible for forty writers, writing in three different languages and several different countries, separated by as much as sixteen hundred years, to produce a book of singular theme unless behind them there was one mind and one designer?”

*It is remarkable in durability.*

“It is the single most published book in history. Translated into at least twelve hundred languages. Bibles have been burned by governments and banished from courtrooms, but God’s Word endures. The death ring has been sounded a hundred times, but God’s Word continues.”

*It is remarkable in prophecy.*

“More than three hundred fulfilled prophecies about the life of Christ were all written at least four hundred years before he was born. Imagine if something similar occurred today. If we found a book written in 1900 that prophesied two world wars, a depression, an atomic bomb, and the assassinations of a president and a civil rights leader, wouldn’t we trust it?” (Max Lucado)

God said it, I believe it, and that settles it for me!

Pastor Dwayne

Join us for our

Bible Memory Ministries Annual Banquet

October 4th, 5:30—7:45 pm

At Maple City Chapel

Admission: \$45 per seat

or \$300 table sponsorship (8)

Please RSVP at 574-533-5388

## *Worship Schedule*

September 7- GUEST SPEAKER- Brian Cripe

September 14- We will continue our "I AM" Series with a message on "*The True Vine*" and Madison Keck will sing "*Abide*".

September 21- The Worship Team will end our series with the song "*The Alpha and Omega*" as we conclude with "*I am the Resurrection and the Life*".

September 28- Pastor Dwayne will bring the message on.... "CHOOSING A PASTOR" from 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

## *Song of the Month*

"The Jesus Way" by Phil Wickham



[https://youtu.be/4Fhv4arL3yk?si=6SPmX85\\_I9FTeoO2](https://youtu.be/4Fhv4arL3yk?si=6SPmX85_I9FTeoO2)

## *Our Daily Bread ...*

devotionals are available on the Welcome Center. Free!

## *Outreach Opportunities*

### **Fairfield Food Pantry:**

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on September 7th. They are in need of **soup, cake mix, frosting and shampoo**. Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary.

### **Two Cents Worth Offering:**

The children will be taking up the Two Cents Worth Offering the first Sunday in September. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Mackline Mude from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh.

## *Worship Nursery Workers:*

Sep. 7 Lauren & Reagan Carrick  
Sep. 14 Brian & Linda Snider  
Sep. 21 Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe  
Sep. 28 Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

## *Preschool Children's Church:*

Sep. 7 Crystal & Michael Dunlap  
Sep. 14 Liv Cripe & Vicki Becker  
Sep. 21 Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe  
Sep. 28 Jessica & Derek Gilreath

## *Men's Bible in the Barn*

We will meet in Brad Morehouse's barn on Sep. 18th at 6:30 pm. Please bring your Bible and a lawn chair.

## *Sister's In Christ*

We will be having a cooking class on Thursday, Sep. 18th at 6:00 pm. We will be learning how to make homemade croutons and Caesar salad dressing, and then enjoying our salads together. Pam's friend, Becky Kauffman, will be our teacher. \$10 per person. Please sign up on the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

*Women in the Word* will be meeting at Phyllis Kirkdorffer's house on Sep. 22 at 6:00 pm for Bible Study. All ladies are welcome.

## *Kayaking*

We are looking for some **kayaks** and **life jackets** to borrow for the High School Youth outing on September 28th following the worship service. Please contact one of the youth leaders if you have any that we could use. Youth, mark your calendars, we always have a splashing good time!

## *Evangelism*

On October 1st Evangelism will be inviting the parents of the kids that come to Rooted to stay for a campfire, coffee and s'mores. They are planning to have a guest speaker to do a short devotional too. The Adult Bible Study group will be involved as well. Please keep this outreach in your prayers.

## Rooted T-shirts

Would you like a "Rooted" t-shirt? They have our logo on the front and the scripture that we based the name from, on the back. You may order yours from the website listed below by September 30th.



<https://tzonecustomapparel.com/shop/ols/products/maple-grove-church-rooted>

## Lost and Found

Do any of these coats/sweatshirts look familiar? They have been left at the church for quite some time now. They are in the room by the handicap door and elevator. If they are not claimed by the end of the month, they will be donated to Goodwill.



## Birthday's & Anniversary's

3	Linda Snider
4	Alex Hartsough
6	Adam & Leah Herschberger, 2020
6	Kim & Sue Wilfong, 1987
14	Tricia Stilwell
18	Andy Smith
19	Brad & Ashley Morehouse, 2015
20	Colton Stuckman
22	Mike & Regina Morehouse, 1979
23	Jessica Gilreath
25	Dave & Marla Snider, 1982
25	Tim Yoder
26	Linda Myers
28	Pam Kirkdorffer
28	Krista Runkle
28	Kelly Stuckman
30	Sydney Stuckman

## October Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by September 22nd. You may email articles to [carrick@bnin.net](mailto:carrick@bnin.net) or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!



# *From Children's Ministry*

## **2025-2026 Sunday Volunteers**

### **Sunday School:**

**Nursery:** Kathy Dallas

Janelle Hershberger

Karen Runkle

**Preschool:** Krista Runkle/Jim Kirkdorffer

Regina Morehouse/Julie Nankervis

Leah Herschberger/Kyle Carrick

Andrea Keck/Lauren Carrick

Helper Sub: Karen Dickison/John Kirkdorffer

**Kdgn – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Linda Snider

Phyllis Kirkdorffer

Tonda Carrick

Kristen Morehouse

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Brad Baker

Ashley Morehouse

Erin Berkeypile

Jeanie Stuckman

**Junior High:** Quin & Tricia Stilwell

Bryan & Megan Hunter

Ashley & Brad Morehouse

**High School:** Jeremy & Andrea Byler

Jason & Vicki Becker

Michael Dunlap

**SS Attendance:** Sue Cripe

Krista Runkle

### **Worship Nursery:**

Lauren & Reagann Carrick

Linda & Brian Snider/Andrea & Libby B.winter

Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe

Marla Snider & Jeanie Stuckman

### **Children's Church:**

**PreK:** Crystal & Michael Dunlap

Liv Cripe & Vicki Becker

Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe

Derek & Jessica Gilreath

Jessie Kreider and Tonda Carrick

**Kdgn – 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Tricia Stilwell

Sub: Jessica Gilreath

## **2025-2026 'Rooted' Volunteers**

**Nursery:** Karen Runkle

Regina Morehouse

**Preschool:** Karmen Rensberger

Andrea Byler

Leah Herschberger

**Kdgn & 1st:** Kyle Carrick

Sue Wilfong

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Julie Nankervis

Brad Baker

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:** Adam Herschberger/Megan Stanger

Jeremy Byler

**Bible Story:** Brent Berkeypile

**Crafts:** Tonda Carrick

Mia Baker

**Games:** Jessie Kreider

**Music:** Pam Kirkdorffer

Chris Keck

**Snacks:** Lauren Carrick

Erin Berkeypile

**Jr. High:** Bryan & Megan Hunter

Quin & Tricia Stilwell

Brad & Ashley Morehouse

**High School:** Michael Dunlap

Krista & Tyler Runkle

**Subs:** Crystal Dunlap

John Kirkdorffer

Kristen Morehouse

**Youth Advisors:** Brent & Erin Berkeypile

John & Pam Kirkdorffer



# September 2025

**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Worship Greeters: Ron & Sue Cripe	<b>1</b> Labor Day (Office closed) Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>2</b> Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>3</b> 7-8 pm Rooted Kick-Off Night Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>4</b> Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>5</b> Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>6</b> Pastor Dwayne on vacation
<b>7</b> Food Pantry Collection Two Cents Worth Offering Guest Speaker: Brian Cripe Pastor Dwayne on vacation	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM JTMA Mtg. 6:30—7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30— 8 pm Rooted 8 pm Ministerial Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Feed the Fairfield Football Team	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Deacon's meet after worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30— 8 pm Rooted	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Sister's In Christ 6:30 pm Bible in the Barn	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6: pm Women in the Word Newsletter Articles Due	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30— 8 pm Rooted	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> HS Youth kayaking trip after worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Order your "Rooted" t-shirt today	<b>Oct. 1</b> Evangelism's Outreach to the Rooted parents			



Kick-off Night is Wednesday, Sept. 3rd  
from 7-8 pm at Maple Grove.

We will have several games set up for the kids to enjoy and when they've got that done they can enjoy a Kona Ice drink for free! Parents, please accompany your children for this event.

The children's theme this fall is "At the Fair" where we will follow the life of Joseph's wild ups and downs. The kids will learn that when we put our trust in God, He will help us through whatever we might face in life.

Sep. 10 "Hall of Mirrors", Joseph's Dreams

Sep. 17 "Bumper Cars", Joseph Sold in Slavery

Sep. 24 "Ferris Wheel", Joseph in Potiphar's House

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey Him. Then He will make your paths smooth and straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our vision at the Maple Grove Community Church is to train and equip believers to reach the unsaved by sharing the Gospel with children, youth and young adults in our church, community and the world; to mentor and train them by using multiple generations; to make disciples and enable them to disciple others; and to baptize them and teach them to obey the commands of Christ in their daily lives.

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The Mission of Maple Grove Church:  
"To nurture the spiritual growth of our congregation,  
empowering us to share with others the hope of Jesus Christ."