



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of April 20, 2025

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street  
Caledonia, MI 49316  
(616) 891-8028  
office@leightonchurch.org  
www.leightonchurch.org  
Office Hours: 9a-3p  
Tues/Wed/Thurs

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30a

Nursery provided for infants-age 3

**Sunday School:** 11:00a

Classes for children, youth & adults

#### Board of Elders:

Scott Pollmann (Chairman),  
Todd Galloway, Wayne  
Ingersoll, Jerry Slagh, Doug  
Thaler, Pastor Dennis Weeks

***Hearing assist system  
available from the sound booth  
at the back of the Sanctuary.***



@LeightonChurchMI

Worship Services on YouTube  
@leightonchurch7311

Sunday, April 20

*Easter Sunday*

Sunrise Service 7a

Breakfast 8a

Easter Worship 9:30a

No Youth Group

Monday, April 21

Men's Basketball 7p

Circle of Joy Women's  
Fellowship at 7p

Tuesday, April 22

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Wednesday, April 23

Wednesday Night Kids Practice  
5:30-6p

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team 6:30p (NOTE NEW  
TIME)

Friday, April 25

Gym in Use 7a-7p

Saturday, April 26

Church In Use

Sunday, April 27

Youth Group 4:45-7:15p



Would you like prayer for healing? Prayer for struggles in your life? Prayer for wisdom and discernment?

The Board of Elders are available for prayer at the end of the worship service each Sunday. Just come forward to the altar or to the front pew.



## Hey kids....3rd-8th Grade...

Here's a fun way to tune in to what is being taught during the worship service, get into the music, and learn about Jesus and God's Word.

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Rebecca Shanahan or Valerie Lepeak after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon, words you didn't understand, what verses were read from the Bible, and the name of a song that was sung during the service.

After awhile, you'll discover how much you've learned about God and how the Bible is important in developing a relationship with Him.

Immediately following the children's message, kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade are dismissed to go to Children's Church, which meets in Room 4.

In Children's Church, kids have their own time of worship, Bible lesson, craft and more!

**PARENTS....**after the worship service, please proceed to Room 3 to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



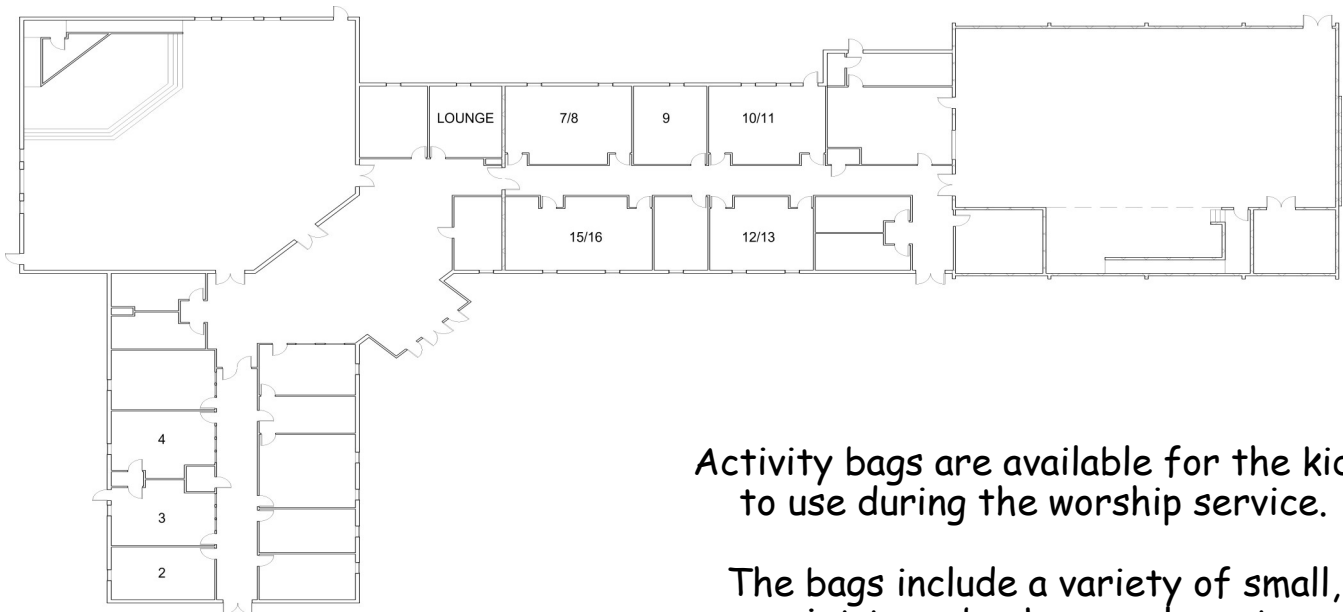


## Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)  
 Young 5's-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)  
 3rd-5th Grade: Nancy Slagh (Room 2)  
 6th-8th Grade: Cindy Herring (Room 9)  
 9th-12th Grade: Butch Klooster (Youth Room—Rooms 10/11)

### Adults:

"Calling, Character, Conviction: Lessons on Leadership in the Historical Books"  
 Doug Thaler—Lounge  
 "The Spirit of the Law: Life Lessons from Desert Wandering" John VanderMeer—  
 Rooms 15/16  
 The Book of Galatians Pastor Dennis—Rooms 7/8  
 All Belong Special Needs Adults: Connie Blain (Rooms 12/13)



Activity bags are available for the kids to use during the worship service.

The bags include a variety of small, quiet toys, books, puzzles, etc.

The bags are on a rack near the main entry to the Sanctuary. There are blue bags for boys and pink bags for girls.



Please place the bags in the white return basket after the worship service. Return all contents with the bags.



*The Easter lilies and spring flowers placed around the Sanctuary have been given by the following people with many giving flowers in memory and/or in honor of the names listed.*

*Please take your flowers home after today's service. The name of the recipient is on the back of the pot.*

*Art & Connie Hooker- in memory of their parents*

*Jeremy & Barb Martin- in memory of Mary Reed & Theresa Noffke and in honor of Bob & Connie Blain*

*Joan Tabor- in honor of Anona Steeby*

*Luann Snyder- in memory of her parents,*

*Betty & Foster Lewis*

*Jerry & Nancy Slagh- in memory of Clara Vanderlaan and Sharon Westra*

*John & Joyce Gackler- In memory of Roy & Dorothy Gackler and Robert & Esther Randolph*

*Marcia Schondelmayer-in honor of her family*

*Jan Geukes- in honor of her family*

*Jean McCaul & Family- in memory of Gary McCaul*

*Don & Jean Bender- in memory of their parents*

*Frank Brown-in memory of Alice Brown*

*Lori Haselden*





**Praise Team Practice**  
**Moving to 6:30 p.m. on**  
**April 23rd**



6:30 p.m. in Rooms 15/16  
 For men of all ages and phases of life.  
 The group is studying the book of  
 Philemon.  
 Led by C.J. Yarrington  
 616-366-3387

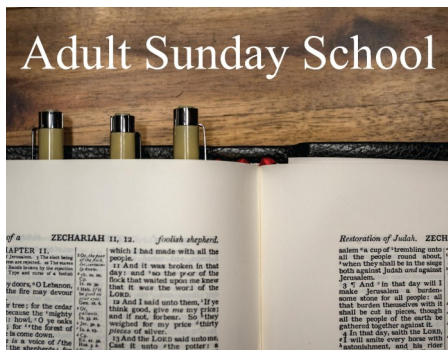


All are welcome to come to pray over the needs in the church,  
 community and around the world.

6:15-7:00 p.m.

In the Prayer Room

Led by Pastor Dennis & Kelli Weeks



**New Sunday School Topic**

**The Spirit of the Law:**

**Life Lessons from Desert Wandering**

Starting TODAY, the adult class led by John VanderMeer will begin a new topic about Guidance. We all have a free will and like to exercise that freedom—it's how God created us. This study of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy represents a portrait of how God guides people. Learn how we should be guided personally by Him, and according to His will. If you aren't part of a class already, you're welcome to join this class in Rooms 15/16 at 11am.

Questions? Contact John VanderMeer 616-292-2683 or malibuskipro@gmail.com





# Jr & Sr High Youth Group Sunday Nights 4:45-7:15p

Games...Snacks...Relevant Bible Teaching

No Youth Group on April 20th.  
Youth Group Resumes April 27th  
Year End Party is May 4th  
Invite your friends to come along!

Kids can access the lesson for the week of April 20th  
by using the  
**GROW CODE V63J**

Questions? Contact Brian Smith  
(616) 881-1488 or Youth@leightonchurch.org

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## Youth Group Year End



# PARTY!!



## THE LOST CITY

Sunday, May 4th 4-8 p.m.

RSVP by May 1st to  
Brian Smith 616-881-1488



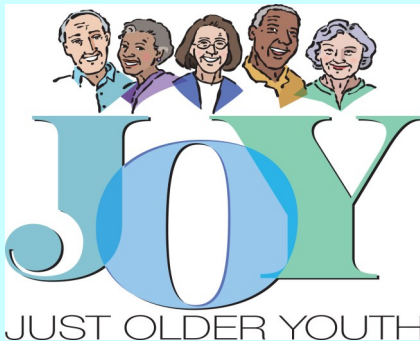


**Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!**

Sunday morning worship services are recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel on Mondays.

Subscribe to the church's YouTube channel and get notifications when the sermons are uploaded OR visit the church website to be directed to YouTube to watch services.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh  
[worship@leightonchurch.org](mailto:worship@leightonchurch.org)



## **JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)**

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month  
Everyone age 50 on up is welcome!  
Invite a friend or two.  
Next Luncheons: May 1st and May 15th  
at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone  
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland  
Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348

Would you like to get more acquainted with Pastor Dennis? Perhaps you have a theological question or would like to talk more about his sermon from the previous Sunday or you'd just like to sit and talk.

You can do just that on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pastor Dennis' office is open to anyone who would like to come in and talk. No appointment needed!

Tuesday afternoon doesn't work for you? Contact Pastor Dennis to set up a time in the evening to meet with him.



Office: (616) 891-8028 ext. 2001  
Cell: (517) 242-5581  
[pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)

# Next Steps & Membership Classes



Perhaps you've been attending Leighton Church for a few weeks, a few months, or a few years and you'd like to learn more about the church; how it's organized, the bylaws, and how to connect. The **NEXT STEPS CLASS** is for YOU!

The Next Steps Class is held in two sessions during which the church bylaws and organizational structure will be reviewed, and more. You'll also have the opportunity to take a Spiritual Gifts evaluation to help you get connected within the church in alignment with the gifts God has given you.

For those age 18 on up who have been regularly attending Leighton Church and would like to learn more about church membership, what it is and what it is not, plan to attend an upcoming **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS**. The class is held on a Saturday morning for 90 minutes. Refreshments provided!



See the table below for the class schedules for 2025 and attend the classes on the dates that work best for you.

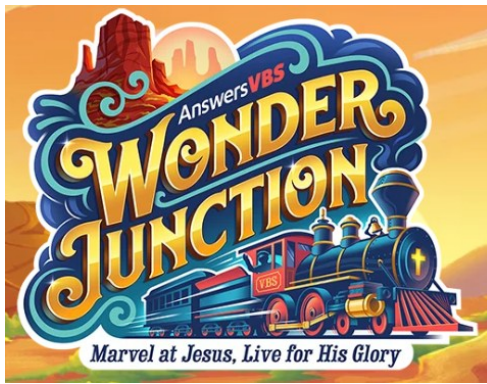
You may sign up in the Lobby for the upcoming April 27/May 4th Next Steps Class and/or the May 3rd church membership class or sign up online at [www.leightonchurch.org/get-connected](http://www.leightonchurch.org/get-connected)

Questions can be directed to Pastor Dennis

(616) 891-8028 ext 2001 or (517) 242-5581 or [pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)

| Next Steps Class (2-week course)                             | Membership Class (1 session)             |
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| Room: 7/8  | Room:7/8                                 |
| Dates: April 27 & May 4<br>August 17 & 24<br>December 7 & 14 | Dates: May 3,<br>August 2,<br>December 6 |
| Time: 11am-12pm(ish)   | Time: 10am-11:30am                       |





# **WANTED: Men, Women, & Teens to Volunteer and Help with Vacation Bible School!**

**Sign up today to help with Vacation Bible School!**

**Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26**

**6:30-8:30 p.m. for Preschool-6th Grade**

**There are still open positions that need to be filled.**

**See the list below and the sign up in the Lobby TODAY at the VBS display!**

**Questions? Contact Cindy Herring (616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com**

**Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant (1)**

**Toddler 4Y-Young 5's  
Assistant (1)**

**K-1 gr Group Guide (1)**

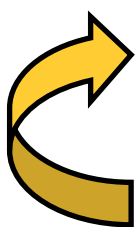
**Group Floater (2)**

**Water Helper**

**Substitute (3)**

**Drama (3) 1 Adult 2 Teens or  
College Age**

**A couple to be the Sheriff &  
Deputy for kids to recite  
Memory Verses to.**



**vbs all volunteer meeting  
tuesday, may 20th**



**ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS.....put Tuesday, May 20th on your calendar to attend a meeting to prepare for Vacation Bible School. You'll learn about the theme for the week, the nightly schedule, and have an opportunity to connect with the rest of your team for the week and answer any questions.**

**The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the Sanctuary. Your attendance is VERY IMPORTANT for Vacation Bible School to run smoothly.**

**If you cannot attend, please notify Cindy Herring, VBS Coordinator  
(616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com**



The Circle Of Joy Women's Fellowship is meeting on  
**Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the church Lounge.

Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact Jean Bender  
(269) 795-3458 or [mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com)

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# Items Needed to Fill Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Thank you all so much for all the t-shirts! Over a thousand or better have been donated. Several ladies and I are busy cutting the shirts and braiding them into jump ropes. If you would like to help with braiding, please contact me.

For the next several weeks, small items such as card games, small stuffed animals, Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars, dominoes and such are being collected to put into the shoeboxes. Dollar Tree has many of these items that are of good quality for the price. See the picture for examples of items that have been purchased from Dollar Tree.

I am looking for volunteers to help cut plastic canvas that will be used to make tic tac toe games. Contact me if you'd like to help and I'd get the supplies to you.

Thank you for your donations and your support of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child; sending gifts and the Gospel to children around the world.

[www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-Christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-Christmas-child)

Patty Hoekstra, Operation Christmas Child shoebox coordinator  
(269) 804-7887 or [pcookies68@gmail.com](mailto:pcookies68@gmail.com)



# Gospel Music Concert

## Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.



Blended Heart has been a gospel music duo since 2012. The name “Blended Heart” was inspired by the fact the God brought Kent and Jackie Hamilton together from two towns that are 1,200 miles apart. Kent is from Nashville, Michigan and Jackie is from Tampa, Florida.

Kent and Jackie have a genuine love for the Lord and for singing gospel music.

Join us at Leighton Church on Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great gospel music featuring a variety of instruments. There is no admission fee. An offering will be collected to support the ministry of Blended Heart Ministries.

**Invite your friends and family!**

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*You are invited to celebrate*

## National Day of Prayer

Join us as we come together for a National Day of Prayer Gathering. Churches, schools and members of our community will experience a powerful time of worship and unite to cover the Mission in prayer.

Thursday, May 1 at 10 AM  
225 Commerce Ave. SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**National Day of Prayer Event**  
**Thursday, May 1st**  
**10:00 a.m. at**  
**Mel Trotter Ministries**





# Dwayne & Brenda Johnson

## The Trucking Collective

Dwayne and Brenda Johnson are the founders of The Trucking Collective (TTC). The Trucking Collective serves employees of the trucking industry, with their primary interest in meeting the spiritual and relationship needs of truck drivers and their families. They develop relationships with trucking companies and local churches, and build bridges to connect them to a sustained relationship with Christian faith communities. The Trucking Collective invests a considerable amount of time in trucking companies to get to know how to best meet the needs of their employees. Their desire is to help people in the trucking industry begin a journey of radical transformation as they develop a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dwayne dedicates his time to leading Bible studies, offering biblical counsel, and providing resources for trucking employees and their families. He has over 35 years experience in the trucking industry. His passion is to help people in the industry find real purpose in Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Brenda handles any details on the back end of ministry, in the areas of finance and administration. She handles the communication and business aspects of TTC.

Looking back at 2024 the Johnson's are thankful for the generous support and faithful prayers. This partnership has allowed them to reach, encourage, and minister to countless individuals across the trucking community. The Trucking Collective is currently in 43 companies across West Michigan and 5 different locations in Indiana, resulting in hundreds of drivers and trucking employees being encouraged, discipled, and prayed over every month. Last year, they also brought on two more volunteers, Dave and Randy to help Dwayne cover much of his territory and reach more people.

Dwayne and Brenda feel The Trucking Collective has been blessed over and over again. They ended last year with the best giving they ever had. As they step into 2025, they continue to seek God's will for open doors and new opportunities. Through time and perseverance, they are thrilled to say that they are making headway with relationships in Indiana-both with churches and trucking employees. God is creative with how he orchestrates connections for them, they marvel at his timing and his leading.

The Johnson's praise God for the financial blessings on their ministry as well as open doors to churches in Indiana. Please pray for their upcoming Celebration Gala-the preparations, speakers, and for a full house. Also, please pray for their family to heal from illness and for their daughter who is having her second child on April 29th.

*Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Dwayne and Brenda Johnson. You can find more information at their website [TheTruckingCollective.org](http://TheTruckingCollective.org). Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.*





## Can He? Could He? Would He?

Written By: Mary Hanna

Have you even heard or sung this song?

Is it true Jesus loves us and has loved us all along?

Can Jesus, Could Jesus, Would Jesus, answer many a prayer?

Can He, Could He, Would He? Make people well, clothe us better than a field of lilies, or feed us better than the birds of the air?

Can He? Could He? Would He? Answer his accusers about healing or working on the Sabbath?

One time when He was with His disciples in a grain field on a Sabbath:

They asked, "Was it considered work to pluck grain and use a hand to remove the chaff?"

Can He heal us physically, mentally, and spiritually?

Can He heal a leper, a paralytic, and a man with a withered hand successfully?

Can He preach using parables that teach His disciples the secrets of the Kingdom of God?

But for others these parables are so "seeing" they may not "see" and "hearing" they may not "understand" as along life's road they wearily trod.

Can He preach and teach more parables, raise others from the dead, or heal a boy with an unclean spirit? When He approached Jericho did He heal a blind beggar by the roadside, where the man was able to sit?

As He passed through Jericho He told Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and a very rich man, that He must stay at his house today. Zacchaeus came down from the sycamore tree, and received Jesus joyfully.

Zacchaeus told Jesus, "Half my goods I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything I restore it fourfold." (Jesus liked the way Zacchaeus figured out that things and cheating were part of the reason we owed Jesus so much!) For us to get to heaven He paid the whole cost! Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come into this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Jesus did many more healings and parables before He gave His life for us on the cross and has risen from the grave. These are just a few! May we all have an Easter full of love peace!

CAN HE? HEAL US IN EVERY WAY?  
COULD HE? TEACH US?  
WOULD HE? GIVE HIS LIFE FOR US?  
DID HE? YES HE DID! YES HE DID! YES HE DID!

The song Can He, Could He, Would He, was written  
by:  
Dwight Lyles and John Chrisum

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

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| <b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b><br>April 20 Sunrise Service: Larry & Diane Porter<br>April 20 Worship Service: The Syswerda Family<br>April 27: Clay & Luann Snyder        | <b>Get involved:</b><br>Diane Porter, Coordinator<br>(616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com   |
| <b>Intercessory Prayer:</b><br>April 20: Drew & Jackie Corwin<br>April 27: Mike & Christine Syswerda<br>May 4: Judi Galloway  | <b>Get involved:</b><br>Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061,<br>truax616@gmail.com<br>Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.                         |
| <b>Nursery:</b><br>April 20: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner<br>April 27: Justin & Amanda Brandt<br>May 4: Mike & Christine Syswerda                                  | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070,<br>rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com<br>Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. |
| <b>Coffee Bar:</b><br>April 20: Bill Aman & Natalie Zimmer<br>April 27: Debi Warren & John VanderMeer<br>May 4: Servers Needed                                      | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar   |
| <b>Treats for Coffee Fellowship:</b><br>April 20: Noreen Ingersoll & Robbin Hilton<br>April 27: Katie Kuklewski & Carol Hammond<br>May 4: Connie Blain & Joy Rogers | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387   |
| <b>Acolytes:</b><br>April 20: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor<br>April 27: Abbi Pollmann & Bella Brandt<br>May 4: To Be Determined                                  | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Luann Snyder<br>(616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com  |
| <b>Children's Church:</b><br>April 20: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak<br>April 27: Christine & Ava Syswerda<br>May 4: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan                            | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070,<br>rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com<br>Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. |
| <b>Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams</b><br>April 20: Jack & Ava Syswerda<br>April 27: Devin, Gwen & Xander Triick<br>May 4: Ian & Rylee Norris                           | <b>Get Involved:</b><br>Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org                   |
| <b>Mowing Teams:</b><br>April 24-26: Church Yard—Don Hilton, Jr<br>Ball Field—Paul Edwards<br>May 1-3: Church Yard—Clay Snyder<br>Ball Field—John R Smith           |   |