



MAY - 2021

**WELCOME MAY**

They say April showers bring May flowers, but I've seen more flowers blooming through April this year than I have in a long time. I'd like to say it's God's way of saying the worst is over and it's time to start blooming, sprouting, growing, adventuring, as we move into the future. With that in mind, please be assured that one thing the pandemic has done is make us more aware of needs to be sanitary and keep our facilities safe and clean. So, as we move forward and see more people back in worship, we will continue to strive to keep the church clean and sanitary.

On that note of worship . . . it is great to have the doors open and give everyone the opportunity to be at worship in person, or to worship at home or school or wherever. I am so thankful we have a dedicated group of volunteers who keep the worship moving forward, people who work on sound and video and the presentations for Sunday morning. They are all behind the scenes, actually, upstairs in the balcony, but a hearty thanks to them for what they do to help us further worship the Lord!

Pastor Michael

## DIRECTORIES

The new church directories are here!! If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, there is a directory with your name on it. You can pick it up in the church office. The good news is that everyone will be able to have a church directory on their phones as well. By the end of May, we will have a church app from the Directory company and that will have a number of features, including online giving, church directory, the Bible app, the church website and more. We will talk more about that when it is ready!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021

LORD POUR OUT YOUR  
LOVE, LIFE, AND  
*Liberty*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

70  
Years of Prayer  
for America  
1952-2021

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

The poster features a group of diverse people in prayer, a white dove, and an American flag. The text is centered and includes the year, the prayer theme, the Bible verse, and the 70th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer.

**The National Day of Prayer celebrates 70 years of prayer for America THIS YEAR!**

How wonderful it is to live in a nation where, by law every year on the first Thursday of May, the President proclaims a day of prayer for our nation.

Join with us and millions of believers across the nation on Thursday, May 6th, as we pray this year's theme "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty." From 2 Corinthians 3:17

Visit our website at [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org) and join us at 8 pm ET for our National Broadcast! Let's PRAY FOR AMERICA - TOGETHER!



Mother's Day is May 9! Take time to show them how much they mean to you!



May 3-7  
Teachers Appreciation Week



May 6-12  
Nurses Appreciation Week



May 31  
Memorial Day

## HELP WANTED!

### **THE NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL ARE OPEN!**

*Please sign up to help take care of our little ones on Sunday mornings!*



If you would like to help in the nursery or pre-school rooms on Sunday mornings please let Krystal Hill or Pastor Michael know. We greatly appreciate your help.  
Thank you!!

### **USHERS MEETING**

If you are interested in being an usher at the church or are already an usher, there will be a short Ushers meeting, led by Tommy Thomas, immediately after worship this Sunday, May 2 in the Branch classroom.

# SOUP KITCHEN

Alexandria now has a soup kitchen to provide meals for those in need on Tuesdays at Church Street Commons. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Debbie Deutsch.

## OPPORTUNITIES

If you are wanting to serve in the church, now is a great time to say a hearty "YES" to the call of Jesus. Maybe it's learning and helping with the audio-visual / technology aspects of worship, maybe it's serving in the nursery or pre-school room, or helping Jill in Children's Church, maybe it's being an usher and helping people feel welcomed as they come into the church and helping in other ways. There are opportunities available beyond these as well. But you need to ask. We don't know what your skills, gifts and passions are, so please see Pastor Michael and we will help find a way to get you connected.



### Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

12:00pm: Impact (Grades 7-12)

### Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study  
with Debbie Deutsch

### Wednesday

6:30pm - 7:30pm:

High Point (Grades K-3)

Crew 456 (Grades 4-6)

Impact (Grades 7-12)

## IMPACT - SENIOR PROFILE

Name: Nick Brown

High School: Graduated from Alexandria  
Monroe in December of 2020

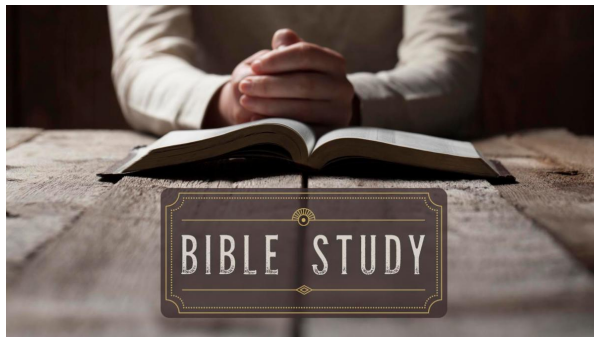
Post-graduation plans: Employed Full-Time  
at Red Gold

Who has been a spiritual influence on me:  
My family and church have had a huge  
impact on my spiritual life. I was born 12  
weeks premature in 2003. It is only by the  
grace of God and through the power of

prayer I survived, and I am eternally grateful. I appreciate all who continue to stand by me and encourage me as I continue on life's journey.



## RESOURCES



Click [HERE](#) to access the 2021 Bible reading plan!

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We are always looking for ways to serve you as you live out your faith. You are invited to have a **FREE** account to rightnow media, an online Christian video library. You will have instant unlimited access to thousands of great videos for kids, students, young adults, parents, married couples, singles, teenagers, and more. Just click [HERE](#) to get started!



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