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### FIRST FRUITS MINISTRY

Friends, please pray for the ongoing support of our ministry. We started off 2024 well; however, financial support has missed our approved budget in March and April. With so many positive things happening, we are praying that we will continue to support all budgeted items as approved by the congregation. Thank you for your support, your Stewardship Team and Church Ministry Board. **There is a special receptacle slot at the end of the Welcome Desk for your tithes, gifts and offerings.**

### STAY CONNECTED

Please fill out an information card with your prayer requests or to update your contact info and drop it in the receptacle slot.

### MRFC'S THEME FOR 2023-24: CONNECT - GOD, FAMILY, COMMUNITY

We all need connections in our lives. God created us to be connected with Him. He also called us to be connected with others. Just to make His point about being connected, He created the institution of Family. Then He called us all to be a part of another family, His Family, by calling us all to be part of local church. At church we learn to support, encourage, and build each other up so we can connect with our communities and friends.

### MIDWEEK



**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**  
**Currently Studying the Holy Spirit**  
**6:30pm, Potluck Supper**  
**7:00 pm Connect**  
**7:00 pm, Kids Connect**

### ANOTHER COMPONENT OF CONNECTION: RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation has to do with the relationships between God and man. God reconciles the world to himself as it takes place through the death of Christ on the cross. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:18 says that "God reconciled us to himself through Christ."



*Exalting Jesus Christ by being fruitful disciple makers.  
Expressing God's love by serving all people.*



**May 12, 2024**

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## MIDDLE RIVER FRIENDS

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**10:00 am – May 12, 2024**

**9:00 am – Sunday School**

**10:00 am – Worship / Celebration**

*In person in Sanctuary and on Face Book Live*

Welcome

Song: Near to the Heart of God

Song: Nearer, My God, to Thee

Open worship: Praises and Prayer Concerns

Children's Chat

Announcements:

Upcoming Events in the Life of the Church

Song: Draw Close to You

Message

Closing Song: Trust and Obey

**“IT’S ALL HIS ANYWAY”**

**JAMES 4**

## MRFC MINISTRIES CALENDAR

Welcome to Middle River Friends Church! We are glad you have joined us for our worship celebration today whether with us in-person or live on Face Book.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### TODAY

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY !**

Youth Group – 6:00 pm, Youth Group, La Puerta / The Door

MONDAY: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY: MIDWEEK CONNECT

6:00 pm, Gather together

6:30 pm, Potluck meal – Bring a Latin/Mexican dish to share.

7:00 pm, Christianity 101

7:00 pm, Midweek Connect Kids with Beth Smith

THURSDAY: 6:30 am, Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study.

### UPCOMING

FRIDAY/SATURDAY: May 31-June 1, 8am-4pm each day.

Bazaar & Rummage Sale for donations and/or vendors. CE Fundraiser.

See Beth Smith for more information.

SATURDAY: June 1, 8-9:30 am – COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY: June 2 – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MRF FAMILY FUN DAY!

