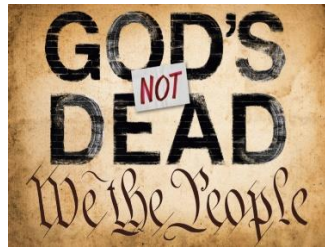


## Our May Missions Project: Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread Ministries is a Christian organization founded by Dr. Martin De Haan in 1938. It is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with over 600 employees. It produces several devotional publications, including Our Daily Bread, which we distribute here at FCCM.

They also provide a daily devotional reading online at: <https://inspiration.org/daily-devotional/your-daily-bread/>



Movie Night, May 29,  
6:00 P.M.!

Free Popcorn! Free Movie: "God's Not Dead: We the People". Freedom of choice & Christian liberties are at stake when Rev. Dave stands with homeschooling families in opposition to local government. Is your town next?



## Community Outreach

Volunteers are needed to help plan and prepare one or more summer community outreach events, such as Church in the Park or a tent revival. Please see Pastor Ross or one of the elders if you can help.



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Pastor Ross, far right, welcomes four new members on Palm Sunday. From left they are: Bert Steffenhagen, Shawn & Rachel Snyder, and Jane Smith.

### April 24<sup>th</sup> Church Election Results:

**Elders:** Ross Thompson, Pete Andrews (emeritus), Bob Breton, John Hubbard (on sabbatical), Mack Bixby, Josiah Andres (In-Training). **Deacons:** Roy Caplinger, Shawn Snyder, Joe Termer.

**Trustees:** Bob Breton, Rafael Tudela, Gwen Bixby.



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

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### Encouragement from Pastor Ross

May is the month that gardeners and farmers prepare the soil for planting. Gardeners decide which vegetables they will grow this year. Seeds & plants are purchased. Our family goes to an Amish family near Little Valley to buy their hanging baskets of flowers. By Memorial Day we like to hang them on our porch in hopes that the nights of frost are over for the summer. It is fun and beautiful to do. It

all reminds me of the most important seeds we can plant in our minds every month...the Words of God. Jesus told a story about planting seed: Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God."

Jesus then talks about 4 types of soil for the Bible to be planted into: 1. *WAYSIDE* soil = people who are on the fringe of Jesus, meaning not real serious about God. Satan takes the Words of God out of their minds because they don't believe it is God's Word.

2. *ROCKY* soil = people who have no roots in Jesus so they fall away from the Words of God when temptations come to them.

3. *THORNY* soil = people who think about the cares of this life and the riches, pleasures they want so the Words of God get choked out and never come to maturity.

4. *GOOD* soil = people who have treasured the Words of God and with noble and good heart desire to obey what Jesus says. They use the Word of God to produce a crop of the Fruit of the Spirit, even if it takes a while. They are patient and walk in the Spirit.

Say a prayer something like this: "Dear Lord, as I plant my flowers & garden this month of May, help me to have special plantings of Your Words in my mind so that I produce in abundance the fruit of the Holy Spirit in my life. Amen"

Have a prayer concern? Send Pastor Ross a text or email.



Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
National Day of Prayer  
Service in the sanctuary.

### Meet Pastor Mack Bixby, by Pete Andrews, Sr.

If you stop by FCCM and meet a polite and kindly man with white hair, a gentlemanly demeanor, and a positive, upbeat attitude, you probably have met our Pastor Mack Bixby. Mack is not our lead pastor, but since retiring from full time pastoral ministry, he finds fulfillment at FCCM as an active Elder who also teaches very informative Sunday school classes and preaches a powerful message.



Out of respect we refer to him as Pastor Mack. He spent some of his growing up years on Stinson Road in rural East Arcade. He graduated from Pioneer Central School, where he met his future wife, Gwen.

Pastor Mack, like many of us, did not come to salvation in Jesus as a child, but later in life. He and Gwen were experiencing marital struggles. She came to know Jesus and her life changed. Mack saw the difference in her life and he soon followed her making Jesus Lord of his life also.

Mack had graduated from Cobleskill Ag and Tech, having majored in Agronomy, plant sciences. He had also graduated from SUNY College of Forestry having majored in Environmental Science and Landscape Architecture. Then Mack met Jesus and like many of us his roadmap into the future changed and he graduated from New Orleans Baptist Seminary and entered the pastoral ministry, serving three churches.

Mack and Gwen now favor FCCM with their membership and ministry. As always, to God be the glory.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** on "Epistle of James" at 9:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

**Worship Service** every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

**Children's Church & Nursery** available during worship.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years old - 6th grade, who are dismissed after the singing time to learn about Jesus through appropriate age-level activities. Our nursery is adjacent to the sanctuary. It is available during the Sunday service for ages 0-3; it is staffed by at least 1 adult and 1 helper.

**Free Food Give-Away every Sunday, 12-1:30 pm**

*No financial qualification needed*

May Dates: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29.

**Prayer Gatherings:** I Thes. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." Please join us for Prayer Sundays - 8:00 A.M.; Tuesdays - 3:00 P.M. Thursdays - 6:30 P.M.

**National Day of Prayer Service, May 5, 6:30 P.M.**

**Midweek Bible Study** - Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

**Youth Group** - Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

**Women's Bible Study** - Wed, May 11, 1:00 P.M.

**Fellowship Sunday, Coffee & Donuts!**

May 29, 9:15 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

**Free Community Dinner:** Sun, May 29 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Food provided.

**Movie Night:** Sun, May 29, 6:00 pm, presenting "God's Not Dead-We the People"; Free popcorn!