



June

2026

SUPER ULTRA DELIGHTFUL SENIORS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
Betty Ellis	6/03
Carol Williams	6/04
Betsy Pendergrass	6/04
Harold Ellis	6/05
Linda Rose	6/05
Carla Lacefield	6/07
Roxanne Tuck-Curriu	6/07
Trish Jones	6/09
Larry Ezzell	6/10
Larry Ervin	6/10
Al Brown	6/11
Donna Mangum	6/12
Anne Kellam	6/12
Al Marguerat	6/12
Donna Redford	6/13
Cleve Reese	6/14
Cecelia Burns	6/15
Charlene McDanal	6/15
Carol Blackwelder	6/17
Ray Allsbrook	6/17
Kent Moore	6/20
Libby Honeycutt	6/20
Liz Cheek	6/21
Linda Lehman	6/21
Dave Cowan	6/22
Tommy Hawkins	6/22
Kevin Wilson	6/23
Amanda Mack	6/23
Joyce Blackman	6/23
Mona Riggsbee	6/24
Raelene King	6/24
Carol Beck	6/25
Mike Buckner	6/26
Mike Renn	6/28
David Coulter	6/28
P.J. Rowland	6/29
Shari Latta	6/29
Tina Johnson	6/29
Sammy Lloyd	6/30
Tammy Broadwell	6/30

RANDALL'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Caleb: Still Strong in Faith by Pastor Randall

This summer, many Life Groups will be focusing on the Book of Joshua. Few Bible characters demonstrate enduring faith like Caleb. When many would have chosen comfort, Caleb chose courage. When others focused on obstacles, he focused on God's promises. Even in his senior years, Caleb remained willing to serve wholeheartedly.

In Joshua 14, Caleb reminds Joshua of the promise God gave him decades earlier after he faithfully trusted the Lord during Israel's journey through the wilderness. While ten spies spread fear and doubt, Caleb and Joshua believed God would give Israel victory in the Promised Land. Forty-five years later, Caleb stood before Joshua and declared: "I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out" (Joshua 14:11, NIV).

At 85 years old, Caleb was not asking for retirement; he was asking for a mountain. He still desired to fight for the purposes of God. Caleb understood something many of us forget: spiritual usefulness is not limited by age. God's calling does not expire because the years increase.

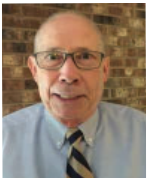
Caleb's life reminds us that faithfulness over time matters deeply to God. Scripture repeatedly says that Caleb "followed the LORD wholeheartedly" (Joshua 14:8-9). His strength was not merely physical—it was spiritual perseverance. He trusted God through seasons of wandering, waiting, and warfare.

The New Testament echoes this same spirit of steadfast service. The apostle Paul the Apostle wrote: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58. Paul also encouraged believers in Galatians 6:9: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Caleb never stopped believing that God could still use him. He refused to let age become an excuse for inactivity. Instead, he saw every remaining year as an opportunity to honor the Lord.

Today, many people quietly wonder if their best years are behind them. Caleb's story answers with a resounding no. If God has given you another day, He has given you another assignment. Your service may look different than it once did, but your purpose remains valuable. There are still prayers to pray, people to encourage, lessons to teach, ministries to support, and lives to influence. Ask God to show you where you can continue serving faithfully. Like Caleb, may we remain wholehearted in devotion and willing to say, "Lord, give me this mountain."

Forever Remembered: Kelly McBroom (Eugenia Hunt's Son)



EBOLA



Do I need to be worried about Ebola?

Ebola is a serious disease, but the most important thing to know right up front is this: your risk in the United States is currently extremely low. Understanding what Ebola is, how it spreads, and how outbreaks are controlled can help put this situation into perspective.

As with the spread of many viral diseases, this situation is rapidly changing. I want to keep you informed, so consider this information current as of Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Here 's what we know so far about the current outbreak

The current outbreak of Ebola disease likely began in March in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in an area close to the border with Uganda and South Sudan. Most of the over 700 suspected or confirmed cases so far have been in the DRC, and five have been confirmed in neighboring Uganda. Ebola disease is caused by the Ebola virus. Ebola virus is a family of viruses, like brothers and sisters, or cousins. One member of this family, Zaire ebolavirus (EBOV), has caused several significant outbreaks in Africa, and the more recent outbreak of which was controlled with the help of a large-scale vaccination program. Unfortunately, there is no specific vaccine for the version involved in the current outbreak. It is a different member of the family, called Bundibugyo virus (BDBV).

How does Ebola spread?

One piece of good news is that Ebola does not spread easily. Ebola spreads through direct contact with bodily fluids. These are things like blood, urine, feces, saliva, or vomit. And they are spread by someone who is currently sick with symptoms, from someone who died of the disease, or from touching things contaminated with body fluids such as needles or soiled bedsheets from someone with, or who died from, the disease.

This means outbreaks tend to spread in healthcare settings or among close caregivers.

So, what happens after someone is exposed? Symptoms typically appear between 2 and 21 days. That can be a long time and coupled with the fact that early symptoms can look like common viral infections, it makes identifying cases tricky. The early symptoms include fever, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, and sore throat. However, patients rapidly get very sick and have vomiting, diarrhea, and sometimes experience internal and external bleeding. Ebola disease belongs to a group of illnesses called viral hemorrhagic fevers because of the bleeding.

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ROBERT'S "TIDBITS OF LIFE ENCOUNTERS"

For those who haven't experienced a bus trip that Randall puts together—you are missing out on some top-tier fellowship...with a light side of danger. Randall handles all the logistics, I try to keep things funny, and Jan makes sure the rest of us don't accidentally ruin everything. It's a well-balanced system.

I don't usually write about our trips, but this one? This one deserves to be documented for future generations...or at least for legal purposes. Our trip actually started going sideways before the bus even left the parking lot. Karen Lewellyn was following me to grab a rain jacket she'd left behind. She had her arms full of stuff but decided, "Yes, now is the perfect time to add one more thing." With key in hand, we headed down the back stairs. I'm walking, talking, doing my thing...when suddenly she stops responding. I turn around and—nothing. Then I look down and there she is...fully sprawled out on the concrete like she just lost a wrestling match with gravity. I asked what happened. She said she missed the last step because she couldn't see it under the pile of stuff she was carrying—which, to be fair, was about enough to start a small yard sale. She twisted her ankle, and later I saw the picture. Let me just say—I've gone to the ER for things that looked like a mild inconvenience compared to that ankle. But Karen? Absolute champion. She powered through the entire trip without complaining. I would've been on crutches with a bell asking for snacks.

Then came mishap number two. Our very own medical professional, Kevin Wilson yes, that Kevin Wilson—ended up taking a ride in an ambulance to the ER. The man whose job is to fix people became the patient. That's like a fire extinguisher catching on fire. He slipped in his room, hit his head, hurt his arm, and as a precaution got checked out. Thankfully, he was fine and came back to finish the trip...probably with a slightly reduced level of confidence in gravity.

And then...there was the main event. Unlike Karen and Kevin, who only had one witness each, my incident was a full-bus production. Front row to back row. No tickets required.

I'm standing in the aisle like I've done a hundred times before, going over the Summerganza itinerary. One hand on the mic, one hand holding the paper, and half my derriere strategically braced against a seat like a seasoned professional. Now, occasionally the driver would tap the brakes and I'd wobble a bit—but I always recovered. I had a system. A method. A false sense of security. This time, the brakes hit...and my "half-derriere stabilization system" completely failed. What happened next can only be described as a live-action reenactment of that scene from Jaws.

Then here comes Kevin Wilson—fresh off his own ER visit—charging down the aisle like, “I JUST LEFT THE HOSPITAL. WHY AM I BACK ON DUTY?!” The only thing I can compare it to was when I got paddled in eighth grade by the most feared teacher alive. I had layered up—three pairs of underwear, swim trunks, shorts, jeans—basically wearing a mattress. He saw right through it and said, “Oh yeah...I need more speed.” Same feeling. Same audience. Same regret.

Praying for Grey Stone Mission Efforts:
May 27-30: Mission London, UK
May 30-June 6 Colmar, France
June 20-28 Mission Panama (College)
July 7-13 Mission Colorado A (HS Students)
July 27-31 Mission NC Charity Mission (MS Students)
Sept. 24-27 Mission Colorado B (Young Adults)

 a memory—and I was launched backward down the aisle like a **2 MOVIE: BREADWINNER (Comedy)**



Scan me!

it became a free agent. I started grabbing anything I could—seat

9 PICNIC AT GOLD'S PARK



16 PUZZLE BLAST & LUNCH!



23 FARMER'S MARKET



30 LOCAL HISTORIC TOUR



PRAYER BREAKFAST - JULY

NEW DAY AND LOCATION



Every Tuesday starting July 7, the church will be hosting a prayer breakfast from 7:30 - 8:30 AM in the cafe. Cost: \$5.00. Sign up online.

Heavenly Father, We thank You for calling and equipping these mission teams to serve. We are grateful for those who donated to these projects. As they go forth, may Your Holy Spirit guide their every step. Grant them courage in the face of challenges, compassion for every person they meet, and unity in heart and purpose. Protect them in their travels, strengthen their bodies, and refresh their spirits daily. May their words and actions reflect Your love, bringing hope, and light wherever they go. In Jesus name, Amen

continued from Kevin's Corner

Hemorrhage is heavy or uncontrolled bleeding that happens when blood escapes damaged blood vessels. Although Ebola disease is sometimes called hemorrhagic disease, severe bleeding is not as common as the other symptoms.

Controlling an Ebola outbreak depends on early testing and isolating infected people. Infections are confirmed by blood tests for the virus's genetic material, or blueprints, but results can take several days or more depending on how close a diagnostic lab is to where the samples are collected. Because those early symptoms are non-specific, testing and tracing exposed contacts are important to stop outbreaks.

Unfortunately, there is no specific prevention, treatment, or cure for this virus infection. Promising research studies

Three "Little" Letter Words "Easy Peasy"

"Easy Peasy"

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BOB	CAN	EON	GOT	JET	MOW	RAW	SOT	THE	TOW	WAX	WRY
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