



# Blessed Mother Catholic Church

601 East 23rd Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

## Our Mission Statement

Blessed Mother catholic church is a faith-filled community inspired by the Holy Spirit. Our parish family worships and grows together to accomplish the same God-given mission as Jesus through evangelization and active concern for all.

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Meredith, Pastor, phone ext. 22  
Russ Hayden, Administrator, phone ext. 21  
Brett Ballard, Music/Liturgy Director, phone ext. 27  
Roman Osowicz, Maintenance Mechanic, phone ext. 20  
Darlene Quinn, Office Assistant, phone ext. 25  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education ext. 26  
Christina Best, Youth Director, phone ext. 28

**OFFICE PHONE:** 683-8444

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** 601 East 23rd Street

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at Noon

## **PRAYER LINE NUMBERS:**

E-mail Line: Barbara Cecil - bwcecil@tds.net  
or phone 929-3690

**BAPTISM:** Parents must be registered in the parish and attend the Baptism Class. Call Nicholas Hardesty, the Director of Religious Education to set up an appointment for the Baptism Class. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made at that time.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance of the ceremony with Fr. John.

**ADULT CATECHUMENATE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:** A program for returning Catholics  
Contact Josie Hagan, 926-1483

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 A.M.,  
5:30 P.M.

**WEEKDAYS:** 6:30 A.M. Monday  
6:00 P.M. Tuesday  
6:30 A.M. Wednesday  
Noon Thursday and Friday

**HOLY DAYS:** 6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass  
9:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

**ALL FRIDAYS:** Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
Any time by appointment.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or a nursing facility. Our priest visits the hospital on a weekly basis. Arrangements may be made for Communion calls to the homes of our homebound parishioners on First Friday by the priest and/or weekly Communion calls made by lay ministers to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

During the school year for grades Kn-8th

## **BEREAVEMENT DINNERS**

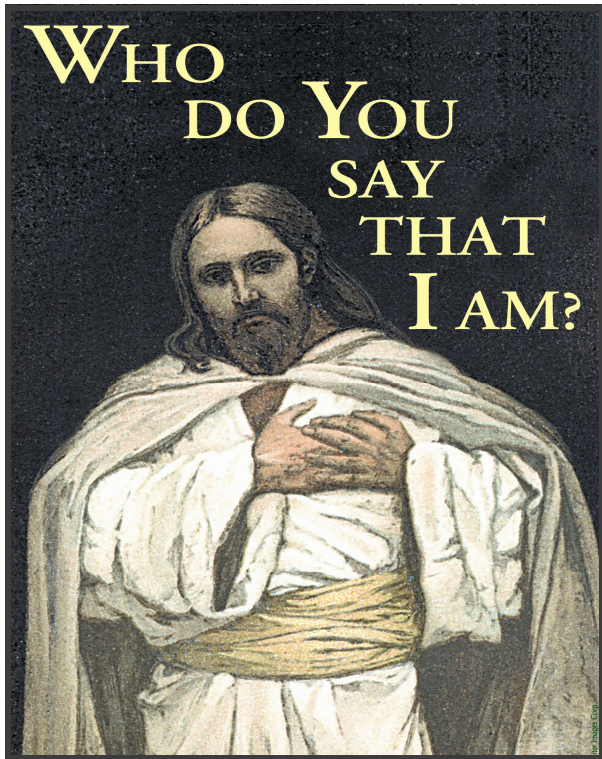
Dinners for family and friends after the Funeral.  
Contact the Parish Office.

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### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Blessed Mother welcomes all newcomers to our Parish Family. We would be honored to have you as a member. Please fill out this section, cut out, and turn it in or mail it to the Parish Office. We will send you papers for membership and we will also have a member of our Welcoming Committee call you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**Intention for the Week**

- Monday, August 22nd**  
6:30 AM Jerry Blandford Jr (dec, b-day)
- Tuesday, August 23rd**  
6:00 PM Elena Maria Finley
- Wednesday, August 24th**  
6:30 AM Megan Graham (b-day)
- Thursday, August 25th**  
9:00 AM School Mass  
Noon Audrey Meister (dec)
- Friday, August 26th**  
Noon Helen Payne (dec)
- Saturday, August 27th**  
4:00 PM Janet Haynes (dec)
- Sunday, August 28th**  
7:00 AM Joey Aull (dec)  
10:00 AM Anna Marie Davis (dec, annv)  
5:30 PM Blessed Mother Parish

**Liturgical Ministers for August 27th & 28th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**SATURDAY 4PM** Janet Ruth, Liz Francis, Ethel Watrous, Fran Watrous, Edith Johnson, Rose Clark, Joyce Pearl, Marian Bennett, Marjorie Early

**SUNDAY 7 AM** Joy Bach, Charlene Baumgarten, Brenda Hagan, Sr. Mary Timothy, Dennis Sandefur, Don Cecil

**SUNDAY 10 AM** Mary Howard, Eric Vaughn, Darlene Church, Tony Powers, Elaine Williams, Jim Hagan, Darryl Murphy, Carol Murphy, Sr. Marie Joseph

**SUNDAY 5:30 PM** Christina Best, Sandra Thomas, Dan Thomas, Janice Bumm, Phyllis Bastin, Jessica Carmon

**Readers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Norm Hayden
- Sun 7:00 AM Bill Bach
- Sun 10:00 AM Molly Thompson
- Sun 5:30 PM Rennee Howard

**Servers**

- Sat 4:00 PM Nicholas Jackson, Gabe Fillman
- Sun 7:00 AM Kendra Hagan, Kaytlin Hagan
- Sun 10:00 AM Olivia Cason, Elizabeth Cason
- Sun 5:30 PM Caleb Buckman, Logan Buckman

**Families to Take Up Gifts**

- Sat 4:00 PM Darrell Payne
- Sun 7:00 AM Mike Williams
- Sun 10:00 AM Paul Trogden
- Sun 5:30 PM Tim West

**Children's Liturgy**

- Preschool Pauline Wigginton, Alex Lynn (Asst)
- K-3rd Grade Stephanie Frey, Lauren Zambrano (Asst)

**Vocation Cross Family**

Michael Payne, Shelia Payne, Steve Payne

**Hillcrest:** Judy Coomes, Karen Thompson

**Ministers of Hospitality for August**

- 4:00 PM Will Wathen, Thomas Wedding  
Thomas Hobbs, Tyler Wells
- 7:00 AM Mary Fenwick, Jeff Fenwick  
Steve Orth, Paul Edge
- 10:00 AM Kevin Carrico, Collin Carrico  
Pat Hardesty, Perry Hardesty
- 5:30 PM Lee Miller, Eli Miller  
Bryan Nunley, Stacy Nunley

## Catholic Q&A

**Why do we call priests “father” when Jesus said, “Call no man your father on earth” (Mt 23:9) ?**

First, we should read the passage in context:

“Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.’” (Mt 23:1-13)

What this reveals is that Jesus is not railing against fatherhood *per se*. Instead, He is speaking out against those who seek the position of father for the honor that it brings and who, once having the position, don’t live it humbly and authentically.

The entire chapter is a rebuke of the pride and hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus repeats the phrase, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” *six times* in this chapter. It is within this larger rebuke that we find Jesus’ words about calling no man rabbi, father, or master. He is using hyperbole, a type of extreme and exaggerated language, in order to emphasize the Fatherhood of God above the fatherhood of any man and to highlight the unworthiness of the scribes and Pharisees to receive the titles their position affords them.

If one takes this passage too literally in order to condemn Catholicism, he finds himself in the awkward position of having to condemn Paul too. After all, Paul addressed his accusers by saying, “Brethren and **fathers**, hear me” (Acts 22:1). He even went a step further and called *himself* a father to the churches he formed and guided through his letters (cf. 1 Cor 4:15; Phil 2:22; 1 Thes 2:11). They were his “children” (cf. 2 Cor 12:14; 1 Thes 2:11). Timothy was Paul’s “beloved son” and “true child in the faith” (1 Cor 4:17; Phil 2:22; 1 Tim 1:2,18; 2 Tim 1:2), as were Titus and Onesimus (cf. Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:10).

Now, considering all this, is Paul forsaking the command of the Lord here, or is he witnessing to a true spiritual fatherhood on earth, the same one that exists between a priest and the faithful? I think the answer is clear.

Peace of Christ to you,  
Nicholas Hardesty, Director of Religious Education  
nicholashardesty@gmail.com

## Young Disciples (Grades 7-12)

**Coming Soon...**

**August 21: NO YOUTH GROUP!!!!**  
**Christina and several teens re-**  
**turning from World Youth Day**  
**Celebration Sunday night!**  
**August 28: “Dust and Changes”**

**Questions, concerns, comments:** come by, call, or e-mail me @: Christina Best: [bmcyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcyouth@bellsouth.net) or 683-8444 Ext. 28

**PLEASE NOTE: To sign up for the 2011 -2012 Cooking Teams call Christina. Please consider ministering to our youth in this way. Usually only comes to 2 or 3 hours 3-4 times a year. But the service speaks volumes to the youth!**

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS ED**

**Registration:** Aug. 14 and 21 after the 10 AM Mass in the foyer of the Family Life Center, or come by the office during office hours.

**Parent Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 7 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. You will receive the Rel. Ed. Handbook, and other important information. Please don't miss it!

**First day of class:** Sunday, Sept. 11 after 10 AM Mass

### **I NEED YOUR HELP WITH RCIA!!**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is starting soon. In my column last week I gave you the wrong date. The first session is actually **Thurs., Sept. 1, at 7 PM in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center.** Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family member who has a lot of questions about Catholicism or who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Please have them give me a call! With your help, we can introduce more people to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith!

## Laugh for the Week

### “The Lamp”

A six year old boy called his mother from his friend Charlie’s house and confessed he had broken a lamp when he threw a football in their living room.

“But, Mom,” he said brightening, “ you don’t have to worry about buying another one, Charlie’s mom is upset but she said it was irreplaceable!!”

### Roman Catholic Missal

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshipping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (the first document issued by the 2nd Vatican Council) tells us that “the Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious and active participation” in the celebration of the Eucharist and that this “is the aim to be considered before all else.” "Active" participation is not the opposite of "contemplative." Some of our activity at liturgy is contemplation. Part of the genius of the Roman rite is that it presumes a beauty on which our spirits can feast. If we have too often seen "active" as "busy," consider the liturgy and see the wealth of silence, as well as the powerful reading of Scripture, and preaching and singing of psalms to engage our contemplation. "Active" participation also calls us to attend to others, to a kind of presence. This is crucial to what Catholic liturgy is all about. We are here not to make our own prayer while each other person in the church at the same time makes his or her own prayer. We are baptized people standing with other baptized people. Additionally, "active" participation means the awareness that at liturgy we never close out the larger world. The liturgy shows us gospel living and how to be in the world. Catholic morality, how we deal in justice and charity day by day with great and small matters, is to be encountered and uncovered from our active participation in the liturgy.

## Forming Good Stewards Sunday Collections

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“But who do you say that I am?” Matthew  
13:16-20

It is Peter who responds to Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” We tend to take Peter’s response for granted. Surely, after all he had heard and seen it was obvious that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. Before we get to much exercise jumping to conclusions, let us examine the implications of Peter’s response. Peter was not just a fisherman. He was in the fishing business with his brother Andrew and Zebedee, father of James and John. Fishing was a relatively lucrative trade. Peter was a substantial member of his community. When Jesus ask “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” other disciples waltz around the question. But when Jesus ask, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answers with a statement of faith that many, particularly the Jewish leaders, considered to be heresy and could put at risk Peter’s financial security, his family and his life. Such faith is a gift from God. He wants all of us to have it. But, like Peter, we must choose to accept, proclaim and live our faith.

### August 7th, 2011

Actual	Budget	MTD	YTD
\$23,590	\$23,558	\$23,590	\$22,382

### SAINT RAPHAEL FARM LEASE

**The Saint Raphael Farm Lease expires September 30, 2011. This lease is for a three year period. If you are interested in submitting a bid for leasing the 138 tillable acres of this farm, you may pick up a bid form from the Catholic Pastoral Center, at 600 Locust Street between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM M-F. If you would like the form sent to you please call (270-683-1545 ext 360 and leave your mailing or e-mail address. All bids must be sealed and are due at the Catholic Pastoral Center by noon on Monday, 10/3/11.**

### 2011 Barbecue Schedule

Aug 27th	St., Columbia (Lewisport)
Sept 11th	Mount Saint Joseph
Sept 17th	Immaculate Conception (Hawesville)
Sept 17th	St. Stephen Cathedral
Sept 18th	St. Lawrence / St. Williams
Sept 24th	Immaculate
Oct 1st	St. Mary of the Woods

**Remember in prayer those  
sick in our community:**

Frances Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Eva Birkhead, Joe Bowlds, Megan Briggan, Liz, Logan Brown, Tony Brown, Kellie Burch, Frances Carrico, Maria Castlen, Joe Cecil, Melody Cecil, Vincent Cecil, Joyce Paul, Paul Jr., Christian, Dennis Clark, George Clark, James Clark, Alice Cole, Jake Conder, Jeff Connor, Don Cooper, Amy Cox, Hettie Crask, Ben Crump, Mickie Crump, Leoma Daly, Philip Demarest, Evelyn Denton, Sheila Duncan, Emma Dunbar, John Duncan, Kinsey Dunn, Angela Farmer, Elena Maria Finley, Damon Gillim, Brenda Goodman, Luke Gray, Josh Griffith, Janice Goins, Sheila Gunterman, Joe Hagan, Donna Hamilton, Wilhemenia Newton Hamilton, Martha Faye Hayden, Madalyn Marie Hayden, Phil Hayden, Hayden Head, Mike Head, Jim Henry, Beverly Heppler, Mary Elizabeth Hill, Janice Hobbs, Mildred Howard, Paul Hodskins, Margaret Isbell, Joseph Jarboe, Betty Jo Johnson, Jo Ann Kauffeld, Joann Knott, Debbie Koenig, Connie Krusick, Bob Lawrence, Kathlene Leming, Sam Lindsey, Travis Martin, Helen Matheny, Dale Mattingly, Margaret Mattingly, Mildred McCarthy, Margie Meredith, Mary L. Millay, Virginia Millay, Mary Miller, Conner Mills, Dena Montgomery, Roger Morgan, Jayne Morgan, Mary Morton, Alma Mullican, Carter Wayne Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Cindi Neuner, Lee Newton, Ruth Nunez, Shirley Olliver, Katherine Osowicz, Ethan Payne, Helen Payne, Jerry Payne, Lura Payne, Mary Payne, Judy Peak, Carolyn Pierce, Brenda Pitt, Paul Raley, Geraldine Ralph, Joyce Rangel, Pauline Reeder, Otto Reisz, Vincent Reynolds, Paul Robertson, Beck Roby, Larry Roby, Lucille Russell, Dorothy Schell, Juanita Sessman, Jessica Seymour, Mary Simmons, Marge Slack, Becky Smith, Elizabeth Sosh, Rose Stepp, Susan Stersman, Onora Stone, Melissa Sullivan, Jill Tanner, Teresa Taucher, Larry Taylor, Mary Hilary Taylor, Billy Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Leo Thompson, Betty Thompson, Martha Towery, Anita Travis, Tammy Tucker, Lucille Vowels, Glynda Turner, David Vasterling, Dianne Walsh, Kenny Ward, Scott Ward, Teresa Ward, Denny Wheatley, Kamren White, Katherine Whittinghill, Joe Wink, Bill, Flora Yancy, Randy Zaremba

**Please Pray for Our Troops Serving in War.  
Keep them safe, O Lord, and bring them home soon.**

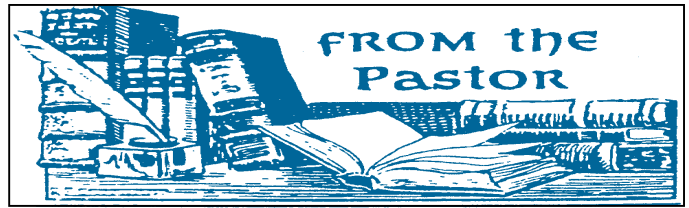
**Iraq:** SGT Jeremi Bosley, National Guards  
Brandon Mattingly, US Army, Baghdad  
Spec. Daniel Nugent, Iraq  
Sgt. David Farley, US Army  
SGT Jerrod Moore, Army, (grandson of  
Russell & Virginia Corley)

**Afghanistan**

Jeremy Ballard (grandson of Frances Ballard)  
US Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael T. Clark  
PVT Benjamin Sexton (grandson Margie Ashworth)  
CPL Whitney Corley (Marines) (granddaughter  
Russell & Virginia Corley)  
Nicholas Sandefur (Army) (grandson, Dessie Clark)  
PFC-NG-NGB Justin McDuffie (grandson  
Clarence & Carmen Elder)

**Other**

AIC Austin Eckstein, USAF, grandson Henrietta May  
SN Jason Bishop, US Navy, son of Linda & Dan  
Pearl



I hope you had a good week. Today is the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today we hear of the authority given to Peter – the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. We pray for Pope Benedict his successor and thank God for the gift of authority that He has given to His Church.

We thank God for a successful picnic. I want to thank everyone else too for all the hard work leading up to the picnic and the day of the picnic. Special thanks to Jan Storm and Ben Miller for chairing the event again this year.

Today we celebrate our feast day as a parish. Our patronal feast is one of Mary's days – the feast of the Assumption which was this past Monday. Come join us for some ice cream after the 10am Mass today.

I have a new emergency number at the rectory. 663-1398. I was using the Gideon Productions number but that was confusing to people so now I have a separate line.

This month we will pick new parish council members. We have seven people who have considered putting their name in the hat. Scott Hargitt, Carol Murphy, Angela Bell, Cathy Graham, Richard Hayden, Cliff Russell and Keith Osborne. Thank you for being willing to serve. I will draw three out of the hat and they will serve a three-year term.

**Children's Choir  
Starts this Monday!**

**Grades 3-6 4:30PM**

**Grades K-2 5:15PM**

**See Brett for Details**

### Calendar for the Week

**Rosary is prayed Mon.—Thurs, 4 PM**

**Mon. Mass 6:30 AM  
Bunko, 1 PM**

**Tues. Mass 6:00 PM**

**Wed. Mass 6:30 AM  
Parish Council Meeting 6:30**

**Thurs. 9:00 AM School Mass  
Mass 12:00 Noon**

**Fri. Eucharistic Adoration  
Mass 12 Noon**

**Sat. Confessions, 12:30 –2:00 PM  
Mass 4:00 PM**

**Sun. Mass at 7, 10 AM, 5:30 PM  
NO Religious Ed after 10:00 AM Mass  
NO BMC Youth Group 6:30 PM  
AA Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

**Daily Bible Reading 683-8524**

**Visit our website!**

<http://www.blessedmotherchurch.com>

### Safe Environment

Copies of the Diocese of Owensboro's policy dealing with sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable person is available in the Parish Office and on the Diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.org)) The Bishop and Diocesan Review Board want to help anyone who has been abused in the past or is currently suffering from abuse. You may phone the Pastoral Center, 683-1545, to report an allegation of abuse. **If you want to volunteer with minors you must complete the Safe Environment Training, and have a current Background Check. If you have any questions, contact Russ at the Parish Office.**

### TV Mass

Mass will now air on Channel 72 at 10:30 am. If you have Time Warner's digital cable the Mass can also be seen at **7 am on Channel 311**. It also broadcasts from News 25 (cable channel 11) at 6am. All those with satellite can get the Mass on local Channel 25 at 6am.

**Donations may be made to Gideon Productions.,  
515 East 22nd St. Owensboro, Ky. 42303**

### OCS Registration

**The Owensboro Catholic Schools Registration:  
Space still available for the 2011-2012 school year.  
For more information about OCS or to inquire about  
tuition assistance, contact Karen Gross at 686-8896  
or log on to the website at:  
[www.owensborocatholic.org](http://www.owensborocatholic.org)**

### Football T-Shirt Spirit Night Bleeding Green and White!

OCHS Football Spirit Night will be celebrated at the OCHS vs Butler County football game on Friday, September 23. Purchase an 'OCHS Football Spirit' t-shirt and wear it to the game! Orders are due by September 2. Show your spirit and order one!  
[http://owensborocatholic.org/documents/fb\\_tshirt\\_night.pdf](http://owensborocatholic.org/documents/fb_tshirt_night.pdf)

### Acette Dance Camp

**Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 3:30—4:30 Preschool,  
Kindergarten, 1st Grade  
Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 4:00—5:00 Grades 6,7,8  
Mon 9/5 thru Wed 9/7 5:00 — 6:00 Grades 2,3,4,5  
Thurs 9/8 5:00 — 6:00 ALL AGE GROUPS  
Performance will be Sept 9 at Halftime OCHS Game  
Cost is \$30. Registration deadline is August 28th.  
All registration forms can be turned into OCHS Athletic office or your school office.**

### Parish Council Members

Camillia Baker	729-9094
Nancy Byrum	729-4362
Charlie Castlen	683-3426
Charlotte Cecil	683-0499
Liz Francis	926-3148
Tim Goetz	684-8275
David Graham	683-4665
David Higdon (Chair)	852-5321
Rick Moman	683-6555
Darryl Murphy	683-8437
Tony Powers	926-1803
Dan Thomas	684-2120