



The Scroll

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May Reflection: Faith, Growth, and Renewal

It's hard to believe we're already stepping into May—the days and months seem to be moving so quickly. As I write this, I've just finished *House of David on Prime*. I'll admit, I'm a shameless fan of this dramatization of David's origin story, and I highly recommend it.

What stayed with me most was David's unwavering faith in God's path, even when he was thrust into situations far bigger than himself. His "small but mighty" presence, his perseverance through doubters and opposition, and his steadfast belief in God's purpose are both powerful and inspiring.

As we enter May, many Christian themes center around the Holy Spirit, kindness, growth, and spiritual renewal.

The Holy Spirit reminds us that God is actively at work—guiding our steps, opening our eyes to new possibilities, and empowering us to be witnesses. It is a time to recognize and celebrate when God's breath moves in our lives.

Kindness calls us into action. God's kindness is not meant to be kept—it flows through us in service, discipleship, and community-building. We are reminded to be active participants in our faith, not just spectators, as we share God's love with others.

Growth invites us to strengthen our faith and prepare for the challenges ahead. It encourages us to reimagine community by drawing the circle wider and embracing koinonia—true fellowship rooted in connection and shared purpose.

As a church in this transitional season, these themes feel especially meaningful. We are being called to lean into the Spirit, to actively build and strengthen our community, and to reimagine what fellowship looks like for us moving forward.

Let us remain open to where God is leading, committed to one another, and grounded in faith. May we embrace this season with courage, purpose, and hope.

Have faith. Believe.



Session Notes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Pastor Martin
2. A quorum was declared present by the moderator.
3. Report of people needing prayer in the congregation.
4. Approved excused absences.
5. Approved agenda.
6. Elder Tommy Mitchell to provide a devotion and opening prayer.
7. Charlotte McConnel was recognized as the Deacon representative.
8. Read and approve Session minutes – Session minutes from March 17th, Called Session meeting minutes of March 29th,
9. For your review: Transitional Pastor draft contract, Admin minutes of April 13th, Finance minutes of April 9th, Worship minutes of April 12th, Deacon's minutes of April 14, Youth and Children minutes and Congregational Care minutes of April 7th.
10. New confirmation class faith statements

Anye Oner Ndingwan, Camryn Blair Powell, Tolby Ray Coore and Maddy Merkel were presented to the Session and provided their faith statements. Everyone did an excellent job. Motion was approved to accept Anye, Camryn, Tolby and Maddy as the newest members to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church.
11. Old Business:

March Financial report:

 - o March 2026 income **was more** than March 2026 expenses by 8,102.
 - o Year 2026 income **was less** than Year 2026 expenses by \$17,404.
 - o **NOTE:** Income includes \$17,783 in "special" income and \$22,299 in "one time".
 - o March 2026 contributions were \$3,265 **less** than March 2025 contributions.
 - o YTD 2026 contributions were \$23,501 **less** than YTD 2025 contributions.
12. New Business:

Y & C Committee

 - **Motion – Motion from committee was made and voted that the position of youth and family coordinator be moved to a priority, with or without a transitional pastor in place. It was discussed that this may mean that a new search committee for this position may need to be formed. Dave Barnaba and Kristy Maddux agreed to conduct interviews. Motion was approved to restart work on position.**

Administrative Committee

 - **MOTION – Remove Ryan and Susan Montief from the rolls based on written request. Motion was approved.**
 - **MOTION – The Admin Committee recommends to Session to sign a contract and pay \$3750 to engage Employers Advantage to review our HR program. Motion was approved.**

Transitional Pastor Committee

 - **Motion - The Transitional Pastor Search Committee, with the support of the Finance committee moves that we approve the contract as supplied to call the candidate as our Transitional Pastor with at +/- \$10,000K negotiation buffer. Motion was approved.**
13. Charlotte McConnel provided an update on Home Communion and asked for volunteers.
14. Report from Clerk
15. Report from Moderator
16. Closed in prayer by Pastor Martin

Session Notes

At the February 17, 2026, Session meeting, the following individuals were removed from the rolls of the church for inactivity. Letters had been sent by mail, and no response has been received.

1. Chris and Kim Alessi & Family
2. Allison Arellano
3. Jeff and Wendy Brown
4. Julia Brown
5. Jamie Clay
6. Carlotta Doran
7. Craig & Katie Estes
8. Carter Estes
9. McKenna Estes
10. Clay Grubb
11. Lewis and Ricky Grubb
12. Max and Josie Gupton & Family
13. Chip and Emily Holt
14. Ian Holt
15. Caitlyn Holt
16. Timothy and Rhonda Johnston
17. Crystal Johnston
18. Steven Johnston
19. Shannon and Ruth Jordan
20. Kevin and Brittany Kirk
21. Michelle Lemon & Family
22. Hugh and Leigh Allison Love
23. Hayden Love
24. Marshall Love
25. Roger and Jeanene Lyell
26. Shirley McKay
27. Thomas Moss
28. Candace Moss Greenly
29. Emmanuel and Amanda Ndingwan & Family
30. Todd and Amy Oehler & Family
31. Casey Oehler
32. Ryan and Whitney Oehler & Family
33. A.J. Patafio
34. Beth Patafio
35. Mark Patafio
36. Brandon and Taylor Putnam & Family
37. Ciara Sheehan
38. Chesnee Sheehan
39. Kristina Sheppard
40. Ashley Smith
41. Jeb White
42. Jake White
43. Daniel Whitmire
44. Henry Young

April Financial Report

April 15, 2026

Financial Position

Year To Date Income

SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$598.00
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$71,992.02
ONLINE GIVING	\$36,430.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$10,282.59
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$22,298.92
TOTAL	<u>\$141,601.53</u>

YTD INCOME	\$141,601.53
YTD EXPENSES	\$183,767.94
Reserves Spent	<u>(\$42,166.41)</u>

Contributions

January	\$24,905.00
February	\$27,119.02
March	\$61,216.92
April (1/2 a month)	\$18,078.00
Total Contributions	<u>\$131,318.94</u>



Last month was a whirlwind with Pre-K field trips to Discovery Place Kids in Huntersville, Easter Egg Hunts, Easter Celebrations, Parent Appreciation, a visit from the Easter Bunny, Spring Break, Spring and Pre-K Graduation pictures, Spring Fling, and Animal Safaris for the students in the amphitheater. It was a BUSY month!

A big **THANK YOU** to Harvey Alexander for bringing the Easter Bunny to our preschool, driving our Pre-K students on their field trips this year, and everything else that he does for us throughout the school year!

We are winding down the school year so May is a very busy month for us with: Teacher Appreciation Week, curriculum review in each classroom, Pre-K Lemonade Stand, 2's and 3's water fun days, Pre-K students singing at Lunch Bunch, Pre-K carnival, outdoor picnics, nature walks, butterfly releases, outdoor fun, End-of-Year Celebrations, Pre-K Graduation Ceremony and much more. Then, on May 21st, the teachers will say their final "good-byes" to their students with hugs and a lot of tears, as they send them off for the summer and on to their new teachers next year.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the ladies that served ice cream for us at our Spring Fling event! **THANK YOU**, Margaret Hatton, Patty Hawks, Susan Mach, Dawn Medlin, Faye Stanley, and Polly Walker! We couldn't have done it without you! **THANK YOU** to Linda Wallace for organizing the volunteers for us, too! We really appreciate you!

The children will learn about Water Fun, Thanking God for Water, Discovering Summer, Their World Has Many Colors and Shapes, and Shapes, Signs, and Symbols.

Our nursery rhyme for May is "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider."

The Bible Stories that the children will learn about this month in Children's Church are Jonah and the Whale and Samson is Strong.

PRE-K LEMONADE STAND

Our Pre-K students will be selling lemonade at their Lemonade Stand on Thursday, May 7th. Each cup of lemonade will cost fifty cents. All proceeds will go to the Colin Courageous Foundation in honor of Colin Cashell who attended MCPCP years ago and was diagnosed with NF1 at age 6. His family started The Colin Courageous Foundation to raise money for the Children's Tumor Foundation and research for NF1. NF (neurofibromatosis) is a rare and debilitating genetic disorder which can cause tumors to grow at an uncontrollable rate throughout the nervous system, resulting in blindness, deafness, learning disabilities, and severe chronic pain.

If you would like to help, feel free to stop by and purchase lemonade and/or donate to the Colin Courageous Foundation. **More information can be found at www.colincourageous.com/colin-courageous and www.ctf.org/understanding-nf/nf1.**

WE NEED YOU...

Our Pre-K Carnival is on Thursday, May 14th, from 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. and we need VOLUNTEERS to help with the games and activities so that the teachers can concentrate on their students and join in the fun. If you can help us out, please email paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org or kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org or call our office at 704-549-9741.

2026 MCPCP SUMMER CAMPS

It is not too late to register for our 2026 Summer Camps! Your child or grandchild must be 2 1/2 years old by August 31, 2026, up to a rising second grade student to participate. Summer Camps will run Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the dates and themes for each week are as follows:

o **Week 1: June 1-4 “Splish, Splash, Explore, and Discover”**

o **Week 2: June 8-11 “The Adventure Trail”**

o **Week 3: June 15-18 “STEM-tastic Adventures”**

(*The cost of each week is \$175 and is due at time of registration. The cost for all 3 weeks is \$450, if paid all at once.)

All openings are on a first come first served basis so do not delay, call 704-549-9741 or email paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org for more information or to register or scan the QR code.



The Bible Verse for May is:

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.” Genesis 28:15



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women: Inviting Participation in the Year Ahead

The Presbyterian Women at Mallard Creek Church have a long history of service, caring for church members, and mission activities. Over the years, it has evolved from a much larger organization (there were 8 Circles in the 1970's!!) to the small but mighty organization it is today. Circles meet monthly from September to May for bible study, fellowship, and mission projects. PW Council meets monthly to plan larger church-wide projects and activities, such as the Kickoff Meeting in August and the Birthday Meeting in May.

It was time to revisit the leadership positions to ensure that they are in line with who we are as an organization in 2026. Discussion at several monthly Council meetings and sharing the results with both Circles to get additional feedback has resulted in the following leadership structure for the upcoming year (Sept 1, 2026, to Aug 31, 2027).

Moderator: PW leader who manages the organization through monthly Council meetings. Coordinates the selection of bible studies, Honorary Life Membership award, and planning of PW group events.

Treasurer: Responsible for monthly financial reporting, annual budget, bank deposits, and check writing, and annual audit by the Finance committee.

Secretary/Historian: Records monthly minutes, maintains a notebook of the activities of the Presbyterian Women, and assists with group meetings.

Mission Coordinator: Ensures all service and mission projects are publicized by working with church staff and website manager (email, social media, Sunday bulletins, monthly Scroll, website). Assist project leaders as needed.

Circle Leaders: Plan monthly meetings, prepare agenda and minutes, coordinate circle mission activities, engage lesson teachers, and handle all communications.

In addition to these leadership roles, there are other ways to be involved in leading our activities. For example, Baptism Gifts, Blanket Sunday, or Trunk or Treat are one-time-a-year events or have limited time commitments. This would be an easy way to dip your toes in and contribute in a meaningful way.

For the upcoming year, the main leadership roles that are open and need to be filled are the **Moderator**, the **Mission Coordinator**, and the **Circle Leaders**. These positions must be filled by June so planning for the upcoming year can commence, and transitions can be implemented. Please reach out to **Keri Wass** or **Kim Tucker** for more information.

Regardless of your future involvement, we hope every lady in the church plans on attending the Annual Birthday Meeting luncheon on May 17th at 11:30am!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is Gearing Up!

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of looking for members who would like to serve the Church as an Elder or Deacon in the Class of 2029.

If you know someone that you think would be a good Elder or Deacon, please let one of the Nominating Committee members know or put their name in the Nominating Box in the Gathering space.

Brief description of the responsibilities of an Elder:

A desire to serve God as an officer of the church for 3 years

Be on duty on assigned Sundays; prepare and serve Communion

Monthly Session meetings (3rd Tuesday); periodic Committee Meetings

Serve on one of the Session Committees:

Worship

Education and Spiritual Nurture

Youth and Children

Property

Finance

Brief description of the responsibilities of a Deacon:

A desire to serve God as an officer of the church for 3 years

Be on duty on assigned Sundays; greeting, taking up the offering, and lockup

Monthly Diaconate Meetings (2nd Tuesday); periodic Committee Meetings

Serve on one of the Diaconate Committees

Congregational Care

Fellowship

Connections

Mission

The Nominating Committee:

Michel Lapalombella, Kim Tucker, Mary Baker, Joe Crapster, Kristi Maddox

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee is highlighting MCPC's nearly 30-year legacy of mission trips. Stop by the display case in the Gathering Space to explore photos and artifacts that may bring back *cherished* memories.

Here's a photo from a 1999 mission trip. Can you name all eight of these Mallard Creek men? One participant recalled that this trip took place late in 1999, following Hurricane Floyd. The team traveled to Chinquapin, where they helped repair a local church.



Curious who's who? The complete list of names on the last page!



HOMECOMING 2026



RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

IT'S VBS! COME JOIN US!

Ages 4 - rising 6th grade
Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

Dates: June 21-25
Time: 5:30-8:00 pm

Register at
MallardCreekChurch.org



Interested in volunteering? Scan here!



Child and Volunteer Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/theFiMLueMxTCYrQ9>

Volunteer Only (no child): <https://forms.gle/KDQFqJrEgYBT23Uw8>



*Celebrating Our
Confirmands*



Our Confirmands



Maddy Merkel

Parents:
Jerry & Hope Merkel



Tolby Coore

Parents:
Andrew & Allison Coore



Camryn Powell

Parents:
Scott & Cary Powell



Anye Ndingwan

Parents:
Danny & Lorraine Ndingwan

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2026

SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

The Congregational Care Committee needs your help. We want to continue our Care Talks, and we need some suggestions for future topics. If you would like to share a suggestion, please email Charlotte McConnell at camcconnell74@icloud.com

Throughout April, we are Collecting Household Items

for
CVAN & Gracious Hands
in the Gathering Space



Call Maria Menconi or Robin Fuller with questions

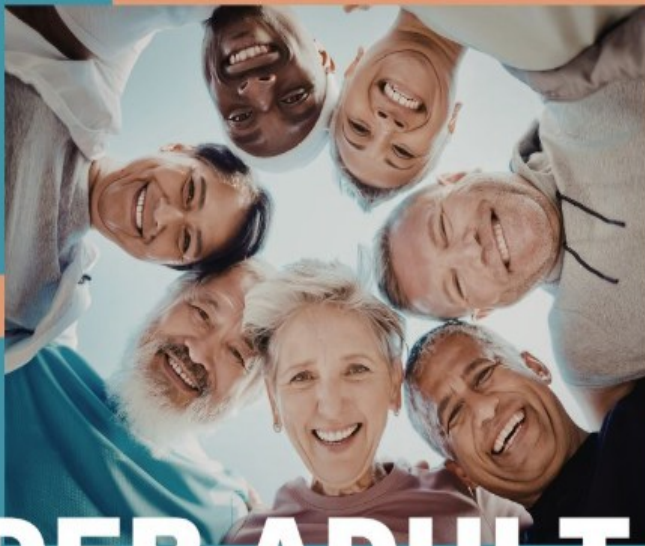
May Officers

Elders

Becky Wood, Terri Garrison, Alan Garrison

Deacons

Julie Mingus, Susan Mach, Debbie Dowling, Felix Tangyie



OLDER ADULT WEEK

A very special THANK YOU to the Older Adults who so enthusiastically participated in Sunday's Service:

*Margaret Hatton
Jane Isenhower
Sharon Kinman
Jim Koerth
Warner Marshall
Jack Miles
Lois Spradley
Sandra Tracy
Polly Walker*

The OAM is off to Bonclarken this week for a time of fun, fellowship and spirituality—please keep them all in your prayers!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
Annual
Birthday
Meeting & Luncheon

Sunday, May 17

11:30 in the Dining Hall

Menu

Sandwiches, Fruit, Salad, Chips

Sweet Tea & Lemonade

For dessert, we will have cake!

We will be recognizing the Honorary Life Membership award winner, taking up the Birthday Offering, honoring the women of the church who have passed on in the last 12 months, and celebrating the accomplishment of the past year.

The PW Council will be providing all of the food and drinks,
so we just need YOU to join us!!

All Women of the Church are Invited!

On May 20th, 2 of our MCPC SCOUT TROOPS will place flags on the graves of our deceased veterans. This tradition was established by our first scout leader, Alex Garrison. On Memorial Day Sunday, the Flag will be lowered to half-staff in memory of all veterans.

VETERANS INTERRED AT MALLARD CREEK CEMETERIES



Adams, Ronald Hope Sr
 Adams, John Hope
 Albee, Cliff WW I
 Alexander, George M. WW I
 Alexander, John H.
 Alexander, Phillip Herman
 Alexander, Radford B.
 Alexander, Robert Flow
 Alexander, Roy Franklin
 Alexander, William T.III
 Almond, George
 Austin Lawrence Merwin
 Becker, Erwin B.
 Benton, Justus (J.L.)
 Berry, Kenneth
 Bingham, Walter Brice WW I
 Black, Ray
 Blackman, Robert
 Boahn, Walter
 Bost, Bobby
 Brown, Sam J.
 Carter, Thomas M.
 Cartner, John Frank
 Christenbury, Paul
 Clark, Jack
 Cochran, Lawrence
 Cochran, Ollie Brice
 Cochran, Walter B.
 Covington, Norman
 Crenshaw, Alice
 Daffin, Charles
 DeArmon, Hal
 Deaton, Crawford
 Deaton, Harry Edward
 Deaton, Thomas L. (Tommy)
 Downing, Stanley
 Fesperman, Charles
 Foster, John M.
 Foster, William K.
 Galloway, Victor Query
 Garrison, Tommy
 Garrison, Alex

Garrison, James Waits
 Garrison, William H.
 Grubb, Jake
 Haas, Donald
 Hawkins, O.O. WW I
 Henderson, J.L. WW I
 Helms, Kenneth
 Holland, Hoyle
 Hunter, Batte
 Hunter, Billy Frank
 Johnston, Alfred WW I
 Johnston, Harvey
 Johnston, Oscar
 Johnston, Raeford
 Jolly, Russell
 Jones, Fred C.
 Jones, Wilson
 Jordan, Jerry Neal
 Keller, Roy
 Killian, John W.
 Kirk, James W. (Bill)
 Kirk, John E. (Gene)
 Kirk, James F.
 Kirk, Robert N.
 Larrabee, James Carlton
 Linker, Howard
 Martin, Ted Douglas
 McGee, Wilton L. (Louie)

McLaughlin, Eugene
 McLaughlin, Ralph
 McLaughlin, S.E. (Gene)
 McLaughlin, Thomas Dale
 Morris, Claudia Nelson
 Morrow, Calvin
 Mullis, Henry C.
 Mullis, W.A.
 Munn, Joe
 Neal, Woodrow
 Nelson, Audrey Bailes
 Nivens, Jerry Wayne
 Oehler, J.W. (June)
 Oehler, Jimmy
 Oehler, Martin (Buster)
 Oehler, Martin Jr.
 Oehler, Charles Henry
 Oehler, Robert M.
 Oehler, William K.
 Penninger, Charles
 Penninger, Charles, Jr.
 Poplin, Dempsey
 Poplin, Robert B.
 Ranson, William Thom WW I
 Ranson, William (Bill)
 Robinson, Lewis
 Sheehan, Charles Russell
 Sloop, James Francis WWI
 Spradley, Sr., Carl
 Thomas, Reese Earl
 Thomas, Craven
 Thompson, Don
 Thompson, Orville
 Untz, Merle
 Untz, Reese Earl
 Untz, William M.
 Walker, James A.
 Wallace, Young A.
 Wilson, Howard
 Wilson, Joe M.
 Young, Jack E.

MCPC VETERANS INTERRED ELSEWHERE

Abernathy, Kenneth	Hill, C.W.	Smith, Reese
Albright, Spurgeon Larry	Hill, Ira	Snodgrass, Alvin
Alexander, Clyde (killed in Europe)	William "Ernie" Jones	Snow Sr, Chet
Alexander, Fred Turner WWI	Joseph, Bill	St. Clair, Thurston
Brown, Kenneth	Kirk, Calvin	Stone, Gene
Crenshaw, Cal	Lyerly, Myron B.	Treadway, Fredrick
Davis, Edward	McLaughlin, Jay	Tulbert, Billy J.
Faulkenberry, Charles	McLaughlin, Kirk	Untz, Layton
Garrison, Mal	Morgan, Tom	Williams, Ronnie
Garrison, Robert H.	Owens, William H.	Wilson, Summers
Hartwell, June Elizabeth	Smith, Pete	

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Alexander, Livingston	Kirk, James C.
Benfield, Daniel	Kirk, John
Christenbury, Reuben F.	Newell, A. H.
Dixon, Hugh	Newell, J. H.
Garrison, A.A.	Newell, W.W.
Garrison David B.	Query, Newton
Garrison, Robert W.	Query, William W.
Hunter, M.B.	Stinson, W. M.
Hutchison, James R.	Wallace, W.A.W.
Hutchison, Robert A.	

We are proud to announce that MCPC gained **ANOTHER Eagle Scout!**

Congratulations to George 'Geo' Hamilton, who earned his badge on April 18!

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of Scouting America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.





Thank You

FROM LYNN DAVIDSON

To my Mallard Creek friends and family:

I cannot thank you all enough for the prayers, cards, and calls during my recent surgery. It is such a blessing to be a part of this wonderful church family! And a special thank you to Bob Oehler for the fantastic blackberry cobbler! It was so good with some vanilla ice cream!

Blessings to you all,
Lynn Davidson



FROM ALEXANDER YOUTH NETWORK

We are so appreciative of your gift of \$750.00 to Alexander Youth Network. Your generosity is changing the lives of children and youth who are struggling with mental and behavioral health challenges.

Thank you for walking alongside us to make sure all children have what they need to grow and flourish. Your shared passion for our mission is what creates lasting hope for the children and families receiving our services.

With gratitude,
Brooks Shelley



Special Prayers

May 2026

Kira Arellano
Alice Arnette
 Bobby Brown
Donny Brown
Christian Busch
Alex Busch
Jenny Cochran
Lynn Davidson
Sheila DeArmon
Dawn Drye
Guy Eberhart
Dale Fike
Rima Frika
Robin Fuller

Eliza Furr
 Jean Helms
Barry Hinson
Blanche Hodges
Susie Householder
Daisy Huber
 Janet Hunter
 Shirley Hunter
 Phyllis Jones
 Betsy Killian
Sheila Letica
Katharine Lockhart
 Elaine Lord
Bebe McGee

Bobbie Misenheimer
 Donnie Oehler
Lisa and Larry Oehler
Ronnie Oehler
 Tommy Oehler
Vance Reid
Donna & Laney Seaford
Logan Sigmon
Leslie Taylor
Pete Taylor
 Earl Thomas
 Lois Treadway
Debbie Whitmire
The family of Doug Winstead

Answers to the 1999 Mission Trip

Who's who?

Back Row (L to R): Hoyle Holland, Larry Oehler, Reese Untz, Donnie Oehler

Front Row (L to R) James Killian, Sr., Steve Justus, Bobby Brown, Bill Dowling

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Laney Wasko 1	McCaig Mitchell 2	Frances Perkins Marjo Wilson 3	Lindsay Maddux Maddy Merkel 4	5	Sydney Busch 6
7	Karen Kosmoski 8	Greg Armistead 9	10	Wayne Wilson 11	Gavin Guiney Connie Wallace 12	Janie Dowling Emily Johnson 13
Steve Lisi Chris Mingus Ginger Penninger 14	Michael Maddux Katie Weinbach 15	16	Jenny Cochran 17	18	19	Shelley Wasko Mack Downing 20
Nancy Busch Linda Killian 21	Andrew Stiffel 22	DeeDee Larkin Jaylen Oehler Donna Sheppard Julie Thomps 23	24	Jason Oehler 25	26	Jackie Brand Scott Powell 27
Robby Benton 28	Rob Moore Wesson Oehler 29	Travis Gullede Meredith Spittle Nicole Stillman 30				

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