



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

### Today in Worship

**Sermon:** "Because He Lives"  
**Scripture:** Romans 6: 5-11

**Music and Worship:** CJ & Ensemble

#### \*\*\*First Time Guests\*\*\*

We would like to get to know you. There are communication sheets in the pews, please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.



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Sermon Videos available:  
[www.mapleave.org](http://www.mapleave.org)

### Serving This Week

**Liturgist:** Keith **Projection:** Audio: Oscar  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Gordon & Celeste  
**Opener:** Beauford **Usher/Greeter:** Avila's  
**Coffee:** Jayne **Nursery:** Brice & Dozeman Families  
**Children's Church:** Amanda B **No Elem Today**

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** PJ **Projection:** Owen **Audio:** Jarvis  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Celeste  
**Opener:** Laura **Usher/Greeter:** Annette & Rossing  
**Coffee:** Elisa **Nursery:** Hagemeyer & Chris Bohle  
**Children's Church:** John J **Elem:** Sara K

### Connecting

#### Elders

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### Giving - Month of April 2019

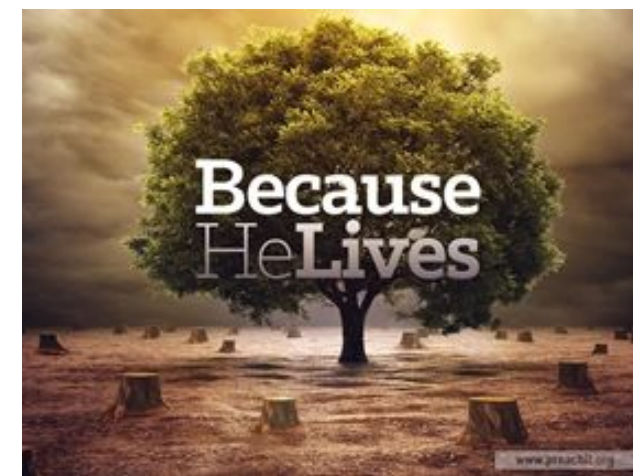
<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$133,587.97
<b>April Goal:</b>	\$14,848.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$1,923.20
<b>April Total:</b>	\$9,553.90
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-\$5,294.10



April 28, 2019

**"Because He Lives"**

**Romans 6: 5-11**



**Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom Grier**

Celebrating over 105 years of service to the Core City. Union Church of The Reformed Church in America and The Christian Reformed Church in America.

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Song:** "Jesus Paid It All"

**Mutual Greeting**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Songs of Praise & Worship:** "Jesus Is Alive",

"He Lives", "Because He Lives", "The Blood

Will Never Lose Its Power"

**Children's Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** "He Got Up" Anthem

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Romans 6: 5-11

**Message:** "Because He Lives"

**Benediction**

## Pray For

Ron Hollis recovering from surgery.

The Bohle's & Dr. Parker in their life transitions.

College students completing finals

The Elder/Deacon & budget process for our 2019/20 season

## Announcements

**Youth Group:** TODAY @ 10:45 am during service. All Middle /High School students welcome.

*Wednesday Wendy's word* (meets at Wendy's on South Washington) on May 8th from 7 - 9pm  
*Sunday* May 26 @ 10:45 (during Service)

**It's Graduation Time!** Please inform us of your graduate, so we can celebrate with you!

**MAMILY MOVES!**

**Chris, Amanda, August & Harrison Bohle** to U of Mich as Chris becomes the Assoc Dir. of Retention & Curriculum in the undergrad research opportunity program..

**Dr. Kendra Parker** Tenure Track Position in the Department of Literature at the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University.

**We will miss you!**

**Baptism Class** - Sunday May 5th @ 9am for anyone interested in baptism for themselves or their children. Please call or email the office if you are interested,

**Women's Lenten Bible Study** this is the last week May 1st @ 6:00.

**THURSDAY'S AT MAM**, come join us for dinner @ 6:00, Feel free to break off to one of these sessions at 6:30

\*Time of Fellowship

\*Unmarried Bible Study

**South Africa Update:** The Department of Social Development in SA has submitted a Children's Bill to prevent Non-Government Organizations (like Setshabelo Family & Child Services) from doing in-country adoptions. We believe God loves orphans and will provide as we remain prayerful.

**Honorable Mention:** Dany Suhy is the artist for the tree. Crystal Van Hekken is the artist for the bulletin cover. Thank God for good gifts!

**Director of Ministries...** coming soon

## Fellowship Throughout the Week

**Monday:** Tabernacle Choir rehearsal 7-9pm

**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday:** 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** 6:00 MAMily Meal

6:30 pm - Unmarried Bible Study @ MAM

**Sundays:** 9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room

9:00 Bible Study in the blue room

9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 - Service

**Children's Church** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month

4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only

**1st Sunday** Communion & MAMily meal after the service

## April Birthday Blessings

Dennis Taylor (4/29), Elisa Wroten (5/1) & Zariah House (5/3)

**\*\*Please check your mailbox!\*\***

*If we omitted your birthday, email or call the office and we will add you to our list*

## Mission Statement

**... Centered in Christ:**

"He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church..."

[Colossians 1:17,18]

**... Called to the Core City:**

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon [us], because the Lord has anointed [us]; he has sent [us] to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted.. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations." [Isaiah 61:1,4]

**... Committed to becoming a multicultural community, reconciled to one another through Christ:**

"For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us... and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it." [Ephesians 2:13-16]