

Jesus,
Our guiding Light

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September 2017



"Follow
The Bells"

The Church Bell

What Is Your Purpose in Life?

Part of God's purpose for us is that we take good care of ourselves and of our families. This includes caring for both physical and spiritual needs. Balance is needed in doing this, however, so that secular interests and concerns do not eclipse the more important spiritual ones. Regrettably, many people focus their life almost exclusively on the acquiring of material things. Yet, trying to satisfy all our needs solely with material things is unrealistic.

A recent survey of millionaires in Asia reveals that many of them "feel insecure and troubled, even as they enjoy the social status and the sense of accomplishment their wealth brings."

Jesus spoke of "the deceptive power of riches." How are riches deceptive? They appear to make one happy, but they do not. "The man who loves money can never have enough," noted wise King Solomon. (Ecclesiastes 5:10, The New English Bible) But is it possible to pursue materialistic goals and still serve God whole-souled? No, it is not. Jesus explained: "No one can slave for two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stick to the one and despise the other. You cannot slave for God and for Riches." Jesus urged his followers to store up, not material goods on earth, but "treasures in heaven," that is, to establish a good name with God, who "knows what things you are needing before ever you ask him."

In writing to his fellow worker Timothy, the apostle Paul gave some strong counsel in this regard. He told Timothy: "Give orders to those who are rich . . . to rest their hope, not on uncertain riches, but on God, who furnishes us all things richly for our enjoyment . . . , to be liberal, ready to share, safely treasuring up for themselves a fine foundation for the future, in order that they may get a firm hold on the real life."—1 Timothy 6:17-19.

Source: The Truth

Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Our Worship Assistants

Elders:

Sept 3 Carol Robinson and Joyce Lewis
 Sept 10 Bob Johnson and Amy Seger
 Sept 17 Curtis Bell and Amy Popichak
 Sept 24 Jeff Byler and Ron Miller



Deacons:

Virginia Carr— 330-507-3313

Chuck Chagnot, Sharon Polakoff, Katie Molnar
 Linda Rogers Carolyn Sparhawk, Patti Oriti and Tyler Oriti
 Alternate Sydney Carr

Deaconess :

Barb Bradford

Organist:

Jonathan Gallo

September

Coffee Hour
Hostesses



Printed on Aug 31

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as of Printing

Find joy
in the
ordinary
things



The Church Office

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Monday-Thursday

8:00am.-Noon

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If you have
a question or need help.*



FINANCIAL UPDATE OF CHURCH OPERATING FUNDS

Fund	August		2017	Year-to-Date		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
General	4,843	5,121	-278	60,375	64,200	-3,825
Building (Mortgage)	981	2,048	1,067	15,254	16,381	-1,127
Total>>	5,824	7,169	1,345	75,629	80,581	-4,952

Mortgage Balance

\$98,597.05

Happy Birthday To You

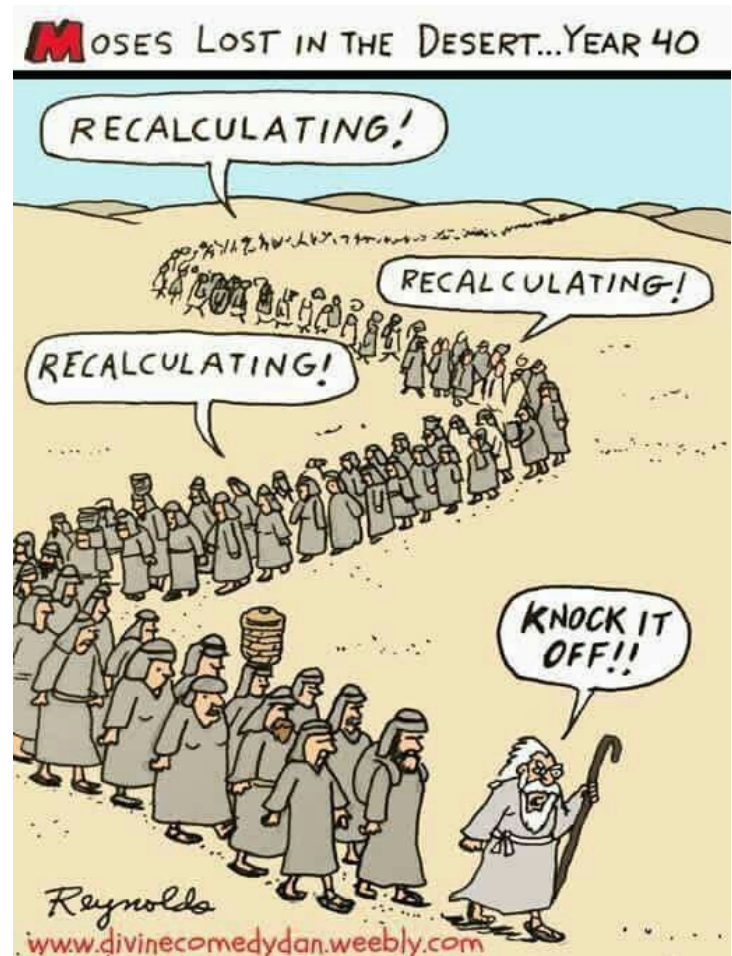


Sept 4
Sept 9
Sept 14
Sept 15
Sept 18
Sept 20
Sept 28
Sept 29

Greg Ainsley
Jack Hanna
Kathy Dix
Karen Miller
Rachael Miller
Edwin Niemi
Terry Swauger
Katie Molnar

If your birthday or anniversary does not show
up here, or is wrong, please call the office

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Sept.
7 Nick and Rachel Miller
Sept. 29 Katie and John Molnar

One of our Own Members has gone to be with our Lord and Savior

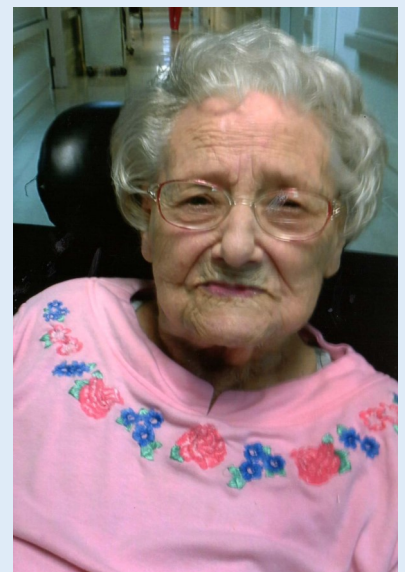
Vivian A. Jensen, 101 years old, of Fowler, and formerly of Courtland, Kan., died Tuesday evening, July 25, 2017, at Concord Care of Hartford in Fowler. She was the mother of Virginia Carr grandmother of Denise Rising, great-grandmother of Sydney Carr, members of our church.

She was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Scandia, Kan., the daughter of the late Gust and Etta Louise Hall Nystrom. She had been a lifetime resident of Kansas before moving to Fowler to live with her daughter in 2000.

Vivian was a member of the Scandia Methodist Church, and was currently a member of Cortland Christian Church since moving to Ohio.

She is survived by one son, Richard A. (Janice) Jensen of Hutchinson, Kan.; one daughter, Virginia J. Carr, with whom she had made her home in Fowler; four grandchildren, Denise (Keith) Rising, Tracie (Jack) Plummer, Staci (Jon) Strnad and Sean (Melissa) Jensen; and seven great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Melissa, Morgan, Grant, James, Sydney and Kelsey.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at Lane Family Funeral Homes, Shafer-Winans Chapel in Cortland, Pastor Donald Barnes officiated. Burial will be at a later date at Lutheran Church Cemetery in Scandia, Kan.





**2017 Memorial Garden
Before**

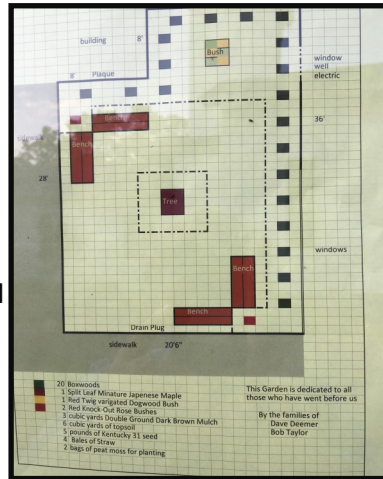


**Memorial Garden
After**



**The plan
is laid
out for
the
Memorial
Garden .**

**We
are
Ready!**



This all took many hours of planning , gathering materials, organizing and of course preparing ground, and then laying it out.

Thanks to Chuck Chagnot and all his time and energy the garden is here, not finished yet, there is more to come. We just need to be patient.

Landscaping plan all laid out for our workers.

United Way of Trumbull County and partner agencies gathered volunteers throughout the county for United Way at Work on August 25, 2017. Cortland Bank had twelve volunteers on-site to aid in transforming the green space into a Memorial Garden. The team of bankers work in a variety of departments such as: credit, marketing, business banking, risk management and retail banking. Cortland Bank takes pride in giving back to the community and appreciates the opportunity to work with organizations like CCC.



Pictured from left to right: Jay Lowry, Dylan Anders, Melissa Maki, Julianna Begalla, Sherri Hull, Chuck Chagnot, Karen Bosley, Lori Harris, Jen Kennedy, Kristin Woods and Nicki Whitsel (not pictured Karen Miller and Michelene Maruca)

With the Help of United Way and Cortland Banks this project came to life. About 12 –14 Bank workers volunteered their time and talents. And it all came together.

Thanks to all who helped on this wonderful project.

Thank you Chuck for making this happen.



Cortland Bank Volunteers

United Way of Warren



GODS ACCURACY

When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.

When GOD doesn't solve our problems, HE has faith in our abilities.

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs. . . .

those of the canary in 14 days;

those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;

eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;

those of the mallard in 35 days;

the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.



(NOTICE, THEY ARE ALL DIVISIBLE BY SEVEN, THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN A WEEK!)

See God's wisdom in the making of an ELEPHANT. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction.

No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body - too large to live on two legs.

For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The HORSE rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A COW rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

HOW WISE THE LORD IS IN ALL HIS WORKS OF CREATION!

Each Watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each Orange has an even number of segments

Each Ear Of Corn has an even number of rows. Each Stalk Of Wheat has an even number of grains.

Every Bunch Of Bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

AMAZING! THERE'S MORE...

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day.

Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If we try to regulate our own lives, we will have only mess and failure.

Only God, who made our brains and hearts, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS LIKE AN UNSHARPENED PENCIL – IT HAS NO POINT.

I pray God bless you in ways you never even dreamed.



A Miracle Brings Much-Needed Comfort

by Sue Monk Kidd - Posted on Aug 23, 2017

Best-loved author, Sue Monk Kidd shares an amazing experience in this classic Daily Guideposts excerpt.

This is a peculiar little story I'm about to tell you. Yet, it is true.

My father-in-law died on September 10, a sudden death at the age of 60. He was a devout Christian and a church deacon. But something about the untimeliness of his death left my mother-in-law without much comfort.

She bravely carried her grief through winter's bleakness, through all those barren, dead weeks. Even as spring came and waked the world, her burden seemed locked within her. The jonquils pushed up like tiny breaths of life from beneath the earth. And the lone dogwood tree in Mom's front yard burst into new life. It opened its delicate pink buds, crowning the yard like an Easter bonnet. Mom watched the little tree from the window; it had always been a favorite of hers, as well as my father-in-law's.

Summer withered away, children walked back to school and a leaf or two drifted off the trees in the yard. Still, Mom's grief lingered. On September 10 it became quietly intense. But something almost magical was about to happen.

As she wandered to the mailbox that day, her eyes lighted on the dogwood tree in a moment of wonder. For there in the center of the browning yard, under a golden, almost autumn sun, the little tree had burst into bloom. It shimmered in new pink blossoms. *Spring* blossoms right there on the doorstep of autumn. And for Mom there was no doubt. The reality of resurrection was written in the petals that had come back to life on that day, of all days.

Later that day as I stared in bewilderment at the flowering tree, I felt drawn into the tiny miracle, too. For through a dogwood, God had sent a message of comfort in His own special handwriting: "Let not your heart be troubled, for he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Thank You for the promise of resurrection Lord, that keeps popping up everywhere around me, like the bulbs of springtime.

by Sue Monk Kidd - Posted on Aug 23, 2017



Pastor Curtis Miller has been with us for a month now and he has worked his way into the hearts of all who meet him..

If you have not been here to meet Pastor and his wife Carol, take a Sunday and come out to greet them

He will be glad to meet you all. His messages are straight to your heart and he has a great sense of humor.

Carol is warm and friendly and willing to be of help when she can.

Together they make you feel very welcome.

Please give CCC and Pastor Curt a Sunday.

They would love to meet you.

My brother Kevin thinks God lives under the bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped outside his closed door to listen. "Are you there, God?" he said.



God Lives Under the Bed

"Where are you God? Oh, I see. Under the bed."

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in.

He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under the bed and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them. I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different.

Kevin's Life with God

Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our Cocker Spaniel Harriet, return to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed.

The only variation in the entire scheme are laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child. He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

God Lives Under the Bed

And Saturdays-oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.



And so goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be. His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is pure.

Kevin's Trust in God

He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God.

Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to religion, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God - to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an "educated" person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion. In my moments of doubt and frustrations, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap - I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances- they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lives under the bed. **Kevin won't be surprised at all !**

Author Unknown —A Time to Laugh .org today.



September 2017

¹ To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up [that which is] planted;

³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;






⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. 	2. Aerobics
3. Sunday Service 10:00 am P	4. 	Finance 6:15pm Board Meeting	6.  Joyful Noise	7. L.O.A.F 10am Prince of Peace	8.	9.  Aerobics
10. Sunday Service 10:00 am	11. Aerobics	12. Brownies	13. Joyful Noise	14. Aerobics	15. 	16. Aerobics
17.. Sunday Service 10:00 am	18. 	19.	20. S/S prep day Joyful Noise	21. Soup & Sandwich	22.	23. Aerobics WOW Luncheon
24. Sunday Service 10:00 am	25. Aerobics	2  Brownies	27.. Joyful Noise	28. Aerobics	29. 	30. Aerobics

Pray for our "Shut-Ins"

Drop them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.



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Thursday,
October 26,
6:30-8pm



*We need new ideas to
make this fun for the kids
and to introduce
our church to those who are unchurched.*

Plan to share a decorated table, hand out candy and
dress up, (even a mask or crazy hat, whiskers on your
face, etc.) Anything fun for kids.

Let Us make this memorable

Call the office for more info. 330-637-4611

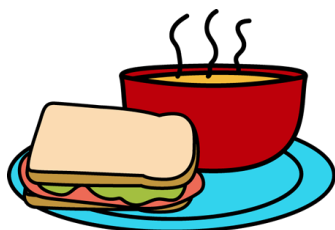
holiday Craft Fair

Saturday,
November 25, 2017

We have a tables for any crafters, vendors etc. If
you know of anyone who would be interested in hav-
ing a table , let Amy Popichak know 330-718-4645
or call the office 330-637-4611

This craft show will be the same day as the
"Gingerbread Walk" in Cortland. This Walk consists
of many area businesses.
It will be an exciting time in Cortland .

GET READY FOR THE SEASON



SOUP AND SANDWICH

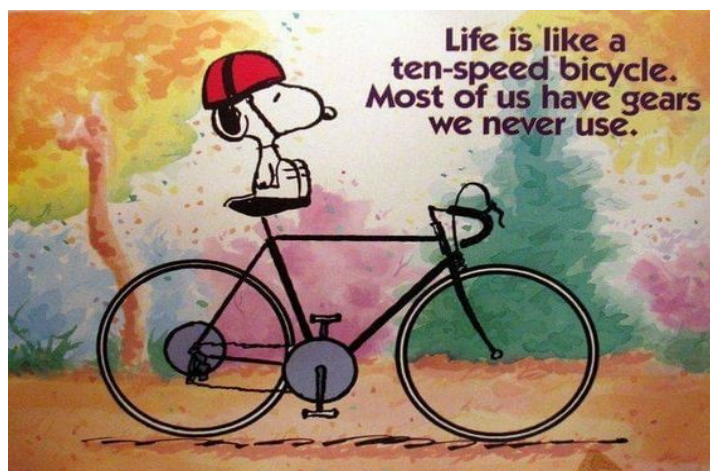
Thursday, September 21

Wed. Sept 20 we will need people to prep the
veggies and meat for sandwiches and soups.

Thursday, Sept 21 we need helpers in the
kitchen and dining room

Join in and have some fun.

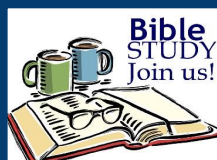
The profits go to the mortgage fund.



Women's Bible Study

"Women who Say Yes to God"

By Lisa Terkhurst



Amy Popichak will be leading
this study.

If you are interested let her know, as she needs to order
your book. There will be a slight charge for the books. This
study will start the end of September. We will let you know
the date later.

Open to church and community!

Pray Them Home

I once was that prodigal child—lost, angry, and struggling to find my identity. Hardened on the outside, but deeply hurting within. The pain of my choices was not only destroying me, but creating heart-ache within our family and severing my relationships with the people who loved me most.

By God's grace, my parents did not give up on me—despite how tempting it must have been at times. Instead, they entrusted my life to God, prayed for my brokenness, and fought for me in prayers that God eventually answered.

Parents, if you are raising a seemingly hard-hearted, rebellious son or daughter (whether outwardly or inwardly), I challenge you to take up your arms, fight the spiritual battle that rages over them with all of your God-given strength, and refuse to give up on their life.

I encourage you to pray these three prayers over lost children.

1. Pray for a heart of brokenness, no matter the earthly cost.

It's incredibly hard to pray for anything but a comfortable, successful, and pain-free life for our children. But as Christian parents, the greatest eternal good that we can pray for them is their salvation over their earthly happiness or comfort. We have to fight for them in this world filled with temporary pleasures, self-gratification, and blurry lines—entrusting their lives to our Lord—even if the path of salvation comes through pain.

I am eternally grateful that my parents loved me enough to pray for my brokenness, a brokenness that would lead to healing. And my path of brokenness nearly killed me.

After a devastating loss of my identity as an athlete and hidden abuse from peers, my life spiraled out of control. I searched for identity and purpose in anything but Jesus. As self-destructive patterns drove me deeper into despair, I longed for an escape from this world, ultimately landing me in the protection of a hospital.

In that stark white hospital room, the choice before me was clear: Be crushed by the weight of my sin or lay the broken pieces of my life at Jesus' feet. By His grace, He led me to my knees and has been redeeming those broken pieces ever since.

We will only be bold enough to pray a prayer of brokenness over our children when we ourselves have been broken before God and trust His love for our children and us. It's only when we have completely surrendered our children to Him that we can pray, "Father, use what You must to save my child from an eternity apart from You, no matter the cost."

2. Pray against the enemy's desire to have them.

A battle is being waged over our children's lives. We have to fight for them, especially when blindness keeps them from fighting the battle themselves.

I remember my mom telling me the story of a time when I was standing in the kitchen with her, angry at the world, and taking it out on her. She looked at me and said boldly, "I am fighting for you, and I won't let Satan have victory over your life!" After she spoke those words, I fell into a heap on the floor and burst into tears.



Although we don't have a guarantee of our children's salvation or the outcome we may desire, we can be confident that God is faithful to His promises and hears our prayers. One of the great weapons God has given parents to fight against the world's pull and the enemy's schemes over their children is to pray the way Christ did for Peter: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:31–32).

Although Peter was a believer and the children we are praying for may not be, we can still pray to God that He would rescue our children from the power of Satan, give them faith in Christ, and use their lives to advance the gospel and strengthen other believers

3. Pray specific Scripture over their life.

Even if your child wants nothing to do with the truth and hates to hear the Word of God, they can do nothing to stop you from praying Scripture for them. This is another mighty weapon God has given to parents.

My parents prayed Psalm 18:16–19 over my life and prayed it often:

He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

It truly amazes me to look back and see how faithful God was to answer this prayer. I was drowning in self-destruction, abuse from others, rebelliousness, and sorrows too deep to understand at the time. God, in His mercy, drew me out of many deep waters and rescued me from my own flesh and Satan's desire for me.

As I sat in a hospital room, no longer wanting to live, God rescued me, brought me out into a broad place, and showed me that He delighted in me (despite my unworthiness). He has continued to be faithful to this prayer, upholding me through many deep waters and carrying me through many dark days.

Parents, no matter how far your child seems to be from Jesus or what path they are on, you can fight for their life with the powerful weapon of God's Word.

The Power of a Praying Parent

The truth is while we must teach and train our children and put boundaries in place, we have no control over their hearts. Ultimately, God alone can fill their hearts with a love for Christ and open their eyes to see the beauty and glory of who He is.

We learn on a new level and from a different perspective when we face struggles with our own children that often tempt us to despair. But we are not helpless, and we are never hopeless. Whether our children are young or old, have soft hearts or hearts of stone, we have the power of prayer, God's living Word, and a sovereign God we can trust.

Our Father in heaven loves to take seemingly hopeless lives and show Himself merciful and mighty. Give your child the gift of prayer and trust that God will use his or her life for His good purposes—growing and transforming your own life in the process.

A version of this post originally appeared at DesiringGod.org.

LABOR DAY



Labor Day has its origins in Canada. Stemming from 1870's labor disputes in Toronto, in 1872 a parade was held in support of a strike against the (ready for this?) 58 hour workweek

First Labor Day festivities included "speeches, a picnic, an abundance of cigars and, Lager beer kegs... mounted in every conceivable place."

Labor Day -- celebrated in some countries as May Day or International Workers Day (May 1) -- started in Chicago as a protest campaign in support of the eight-hour workday.

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and

labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families

There is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold

The first Labor Day celebration in the United States can be traced to New York City's Union Square on Sept. 5, 1882. It was designed as a way to appease city workers after numerous strikes and in some cases even violence.

Oregon was the first, then Colorado, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey followed as the first states to declare Labor Day a state holiday.

Labor Day has been celebrated on the first Monday of September every year since President Grover Cleveland declared that day Labor Day in 1894. The extended weekend helps Americans who choose to travel.

"Instead, other historians speculate, the origin of the no-white-after-Labor Day rule may be symbolic. In the early 20th century, white was the uniform of choice for Americans well-to-do enough to decamp from their city digs to warmer climes for months at a time: light summer clothing provided a pleasing contrast to drabber urban life. "If you look at any photograph of any city in America in the 1930s, you'll see people in dark clothes," says Scheips, many scurrying to their jobs. By contrast, he adds, the white linen suits and Panama hats at snooty resorts were "a look of leisure."

Who was celebrating: It's changed over the years, but according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2009), here's a breakdown of some of the professions we're celebrating Monday: Firefighters: 258,000 Hairdressers, hairstylists and cosmetologists: 718,000 Chefs and head cooks: 281,000 Musicians, singers and related workers 179,000 Bakers 183,000 Taxi drivers and chauffeurs 286,000 Service station attendants 96,000 Farmers and ranchers 825,000 Pharmacists 232,000 Teachers 6.5 million.

Originating as a celebration for the working class, Labor Day has also evolved into the unofficial end of the summer season and for many school districts the beginning of the academic year again.

So have a safe and fun holiday.

Our ancestors earned it for us. Let's "honor" the day.



It doesn't really matter if you are black, white, yellow, Jewish, Christian... you are aware that blood always flows red, everybody feels pain equally and each set of eyes cries the same, colorless, tears.



Even animals learned to set aside differences and live in harmony...

Why Can't We as Humans

get along



How to Lead Someone to Christ

➤ Read Romans 10:9-10 to them (show them the verse either in a bible, on a smartphone, etc.).

➤ Let them know that they must believe in their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sins in our place and that God raised him from the dead.

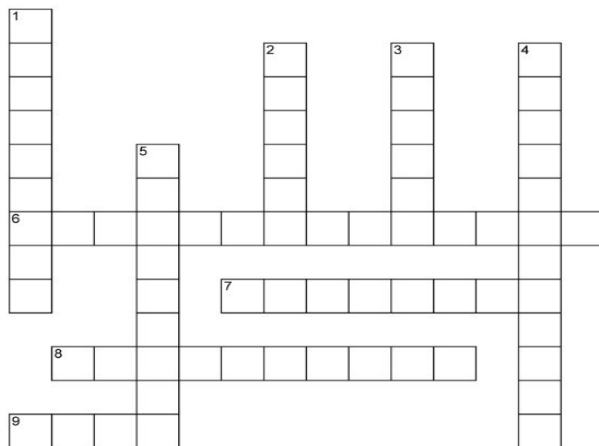
➤ Let them know that they must confess, or say out loud, that "Jesus is my Lord".

➤ Pray with them.

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner, and I admit it. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus is Your Son and that He died on the cross for my sins. Jesus, please forgive me for my sins and come into my heart and life and become my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for hearing my prayer and for saving me. I am saved!

Christian Church Calendar

Liturgical Year



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ACROSS

- 6 Thursday before Easter; remembers the Last Supper
- 7 Celebrates the magi's visit to see the newborn Christ
- 8 Remembers the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus
- 9 Forty day period of fasting and prayer before Easter

DOWN

- 1 Celebrates the birth of Jesus
- 2 Four weeks before Christmas; time of preparing for the birth of Christ
- 3 Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
- 4 The time between holidays
- 5 Remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit; Fifty days after Easter

Admit you are a sinner

"There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:10, 23 (See Romans 5:8; 6:23)

Ask God's forgiveness and repent of your sins. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 (See Acts 3:19)

Believe in Jesus

Put your trust in Him as your only hope of salvation. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whomever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (See John 14:6)

Become a child of God by receiving Christ. "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20)

Confess Jesus is your Lord

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10



L.O.A.F

**Lakeview Outreach
and Fellowship**

Will gather for their organizational meeting and installation of officers. The date is September 7 at 10:00am and it is being held at Prince of Peace Church. Pastor Denise Gunderson will be conducting this meeting. Our representatives are asked to be there as they are introducing the Interim Ministers from Bazetta Christian and Cortland Christian Churches.

This should be a good meeting, hearing about what is happening and what will happen in future months. Here are a few of their projects, Rise Against Hunger, the Community Christmas Concert. And more. Be watching your bulletins.

The Story behind the Hymn “Amazing Grace” —

Please read this, take it home and read it again.

John Newton (1725– 1807) crammed a lot of living into his 82 years. His mother died when he was six years old, and he joined his father at sea when he was eleven. Eventually, He served his apprenticeship as a sailor in the British Navy. Soon he was impressed into service on a man-of-war, the H.M.S. Harwich. Finding conditions on board intolerable, he deserted but was soon recaptured and publicly flogged and demoted from midshipman to common seaman. He was exchanged into service on a slave ship, which took him to the coast of Sierra Leone. He then became the servant of a slave trader and was brutally abused. He was eventually rescued by a sea captain, a friend of John’s father. Knowing the ways of the sea, he became the captain of a slave ship. He abandoned the religious training that he had experienced as a child, and reveled in the dissolute life of a slave trader. He was noted for his profanity and his cruelty.

At the age of 22, on a homeward voyage from Brazil, while he was attempting to steer the ship through a violent storm, he experienced what he was to refer to later as his **“great deliverance.”** He recorded in his journal that when all seemed lost and the ship would surely sink, he exclaimed, “Lord, have mercy upon us.” Later when the storm subsided, while in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had begun to work for him.

It might have been his religious training at his mother’s knee surfacing after all those years—or it might have been his love for Mary Catlett, a Christian woman whom he later married—or it might have been his reading of the book, “*Imitation of Christ*”, by William Law—or it might have been all three. In any event, Newton had a real conversion experience.

For awhile, Newton continued on his slave ship, but he began to treat both the slaves and his crew with a good deal more compassion. **He continued in the slave trade for a time after his conversion; however, he saw to it that the slaves under his care were treated humanely.** Finally, convinced that the slave trade was wrong, he left his ship and took a job onshore.

He then felt a call to the ministry, and was ordained at age forty and assigned to a church at Olney, England. He continued in ministry through the rest of his long life, even after failing eyesight made it impossible for him to read.

For the rest of his life he observed the anniversary of May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion, a day of humiliation in which he subjected his will to a higher power. “Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; ’tis grace has bro’t me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.”

Newton was not only a prolific hymn writer but also kept extensive journals and wrote many letters. Historians accredit his journals and letters for much of what is known today about the eighteenth century slave trade. In *Cardiphonia*, or the Utterance of the Heart, a series of devotional letters, he aligned himself with the Evangelical revival, reflecting the sentiments of his friend John Wesley and Methodism. From 1755 to 1760 Newton was surveyor of tides at Liverpool, where he came to know George Whitefield, deacon in the Church of England, evangelistic preacher, and leader of the Calvinistic Methodist Church. Newton became Whitefield’s enthusiastic disciple. Newton’s self-education continued, and he learned Greek and Hebrew. He decided to become a minister and applied to the Archbishop of York for ordination. The Archbishop refused his request, but Newton persisted in his goal, and he was subsequently ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln and accepted the curacy of Olney, Buckinghamshire.

Amazing Grace was written in 1799, originally titled “Faiths Review and Expectation”. It was set to the to many different tunes in different areas of the world. But the melody we know is the one now known around the world.

In 1780, Newton left Olney to become rector of St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Mary Woolchurch, in London. There he drew large congregations and influenced many, among them William Wilberforce, who would one day become a leader in the campaign for **the abolition of slavery**. Newton continued to preach until the last year of life, although he was blind by that time. He died in London December 21, 1807. John Newton helped bring about one of the biggest social justice movements in the history of Western Civilization.

The musical melody we use today was composed by Edwin Excell in 1912. Some say the melody sounds much like an African sorrow chant heard in the fields in the South.

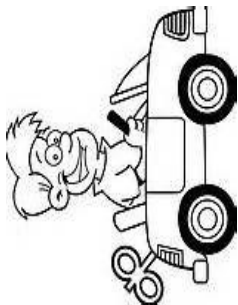
This hymn, *Amazing Grace*, (in early times was also titled “New Britain”) is in a sense Newton’s own story. It was amazing grace that saved him, and it was amazing grace that was the focus of his preaching. But *Amazing Grace* is the story of every Christian. It is amazing grace that saves us—nothing else—no works of our hands or gifts of our wealth. It was amazing that God would love and save John Newton, but it is amazing that God would love and save any of us. It is indeed as sweet sound to hear about it, but it is so amazing that it is hard to believe. Believe it, because it is true.

With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, “Amazing Grace” is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. It has been estimated that “Amazing Grace” is performed ten million times a year.

While **Amazing Grace** has a reference to 1Chronicles 17:16-17 in the Olney hymnal it is more likely to be based on Ephesians 2:4-9, Paul’s great treatise on Grace, which says:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

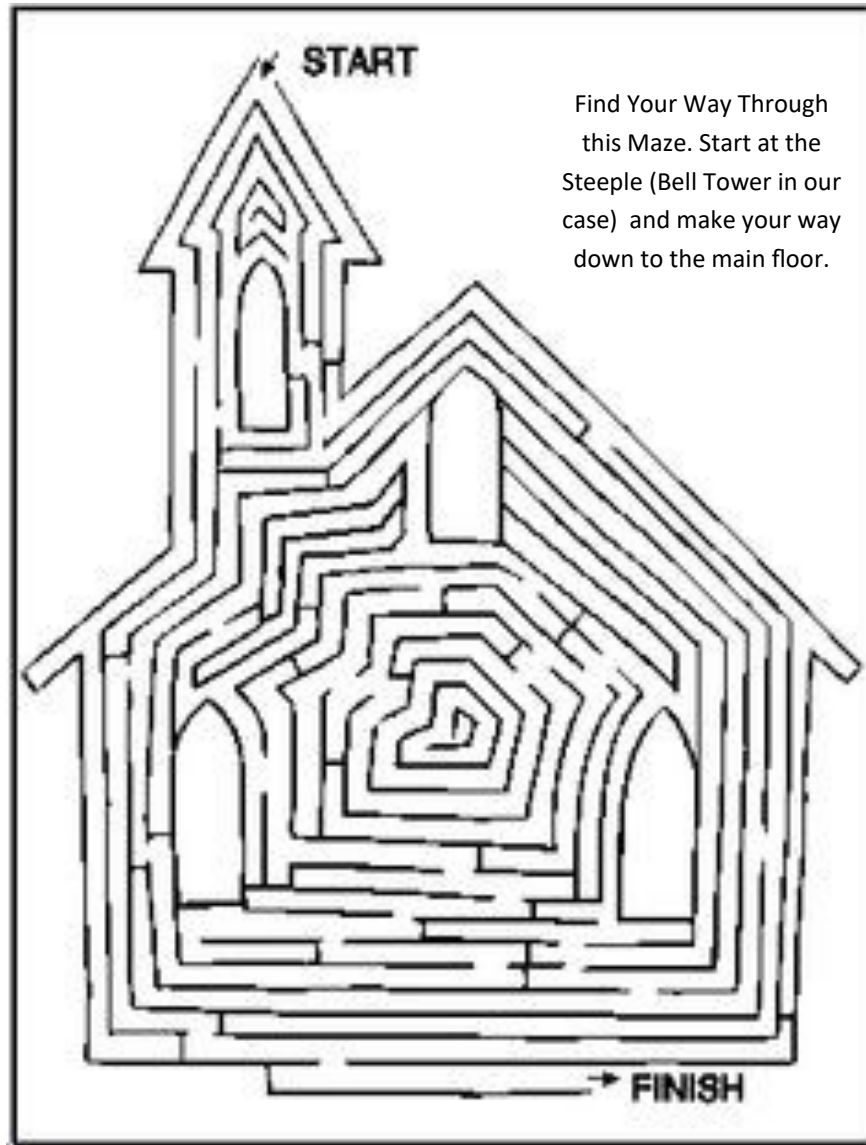
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Find Your Way Through this Maze. Start at the Steeple (Bell Tower in our case) and make your way down to the main floor.

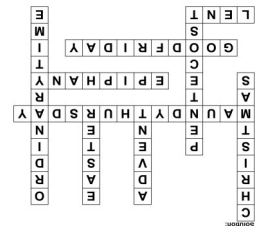
Sudoku Puzzle

The object of this puzzle is to put the numbers 1-9 in every row, column and 3 square box . No duplicates. "Good Luck"

This is the easiest level of these puzzles.

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Answer to Christian Church Calendar Puzzle



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