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## FORGET YOUR PAST – GOD HAS!

Has it sunk in yet? We are now living in the new year of 2017! Can you believe it? 2016 is in the past! (Thank God!) What the new year brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the new year.

All people, dead or alive, have a past. It's impossible to talk about a person's life without talking about what he or she has done in the past. St. Paul often spoke about his past. He had been an important man. He was born a Hebrew born of Hebrews. He was a Pharisee, and a very strict and well educated one at that. If anyone had a right to brag about his past, Paul did. And if anyone had a right to regret his past, he did. As he admitted, he persecuted the Church of God in Jesus Christ.

You and I have a past too. It's easy to get hung up on all our faults and failures in the past. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ tells us that our past has been forgiven! The point is clear: the past is the past. It is pointless to keep reminding ourselves of our mistakes. Neither though should we pretend that our past doesn't exist. We need to learn to accept it – not approve it, not be happy about it, not fret about it. When we accept the past, we need not pretend that it's not there.

A number of years ago, a burglar was arrested in New York City. How did they catch him? He left his fingerprints. As he began his burglary, he noticed a small figure of Jesus on the mantel. He couldn't stand that it was watching him, so he turned it around, leaving his accusing fingerprints in the process. God's eyes see our past. Let's not pretend that he doesn't see it by turning ourselves away from him.

As we think back on our sins of the past year or years, it won't do any good to wrap them up in beautiful paper or call them a different name. Jesus was born into our world to carry out the garbage of our sin. By the forgiveness that is our in the one who died in our place we don't have to pretend about our past!!! God has put it all in the past because all has been forgiven!!!

Rev. Bill Qualman, Pastor



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# STEWARDSHIP

Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in the hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Years is our own version of Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents, and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all

your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving of years past, which will help you to change what needs to be changed, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness, and feast of the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you—all of you (Matt 22:20-22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a mercy place. It inhales

the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward the neighbor. You are a member of the Church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy in showing mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the Church in and for the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev 27:1-34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.



## Calendar Notes:

January 2  
January 3 and 4  
January 16  
January 26-27

CLOSED for Christmas  
LGISD is closed but we are OPEN  
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CLOSED for Early Childhood Conference

## The Mary Martha Guild Minute

January	Tuesday, January 2nd Fellowship Time – 6:30 PM Business Meeting – 7:00 PM
Pantry Item	New, colored twin flat sheet for Happy Scrappers <u>OR</u> Hamburger Helper for AMEN
Hostesses	Sandra Horn, Gladys Teinert, Mary Walker
Mite Prayer	Sandra Horn
Projects/Activities	Memorial for deceased members Spaghetti Lunch on Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> Preparation for Zone Rally Draw names for Prayer Partner
Birthdays:	(10) Faye Winkler, (19) Karen Pietsch, (29) Marilyn Spillane
Anniversaries:	None



Mary Martha  
Guild



**Toy Collection** A BIG THANK YOU FROM CHURCH WOMEN UNITED for your generous support of our 2016 gift and toy drive. All gifts and toys were and gathered and distributed on Tuesday, December 13th for processing, wrapping and distribution. Generous **Angel Tree** gifts/toys were received for three children under the supervision of Fayette County Child Welfare Board. Additional gifts and toys received were distributed to the Deputy Santa Program, the Family Crisis Center, CASA (children's advocate) and the Rainbow Room. Again, Thank You for making this possible for the children

**THE HAPPY SCRAPPERS** will resume their quilting activities at 2 o'clock PM on Monday, January 9th. Everyone is invited to visit and become acquainted with this hands on Christian service project - no special equipment or skills are required. We have a good supply of equipment and quilting supplies on hand thanks to many generous donations. There are several interesting stages in constructing a mission quilt for Lutheran World Relief and it is always exciting to see a beautiful finished quilt that will provide warmth and shelter for our fellowman in need. Please join us in the Fellowship House at 2 PM on Mondays for creative fun and fellowship.



### NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Board met on Dec. 11, decided to order 125 copies of "Born on Christmas Eve" Arch Books for the Preschool children and for children of members and friends. The books will be given to the Preschool before their break, and to others on Christmas Eve. The Board also decided on the following disbursements for area missions: Paul Terral, preparing for the LCMS ministry (\$2000); Pastor's Compassionate Care Fund (\$1000); Mt. Calvary Preschool tuition help (\$1000); Camp Lone Star Club Connect (\$250); Refugee children (RIOMAC) at the Texas borders (\$1500); "Church Under the Bridge" in Austin (\$250); Deaf Youth Ministry - Austin (\$250); LCMS Missionary Todd Roeske (\$2000).

Note: Bob Horn will be conducting Wednesday Bible classes at 10 AM beginning on January 4th. The subject will be the parable of the talents.

## Talents and the Image of God

By Bob Horn

### Parable of the Talents

Jesus' parables are "life" lessons, as helpful for us now as they were for the people of Jesus' day. The Parable of the Talents is recorded in Matthew 25:14-30. It tells of a Nobleman who, prior to extended travel, entrusts his servants with management of his wealth, much like investments in today's financial markets. One servant receives five talents, another is given two, and the third a single talent. The first two servants work diligently and the Master's holdings increase by 100%. The third buries the Master's talent. On his return each servant gives an accounting. Two receive the Master's approval. One is condemned.

The parable is filled with spiritual meaning. It leads to a discussion of issues faced by each of us in the walk of faith. First, a personal viewpoint on the parable is presented. Next, several topics are addressed: Entrepreneurial Behavior; the Distinctive Behavior of God; the Image of God; the Human Mind (Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom); the Last Adam; and finally, Imitating the Master's Behavior. In the reality of a restored relationship with the Master, we ask the Holy Spirit for stronger faith so we may be empowered to use the talents we are given with the motive and attitude that elicit the Master's commendation, "*Well done, good and faithful servant...*"

### Viewpoint

The Master in the parable is God. The servants represent all mankind, including Jesus, the last Adam: "... *fully human in every way ...*" (*Hebrews 2:17*). The story is presented in the context of business investments and financial returns. Its meaning, however, reaches far beyond money and economics, into all aspects of earthly life.

All of God's servants receive diverse talents in differing amounts. It is part of His Image that was given when He created humans, placed them in the garden, and charged them to subdue and have dominion over it. His gifts include an abundance of material goods. Much greater, however, the Image of God entrusts each of us with a rational mind that sets us apart entirely from other living things. This Image is the source through which God created faith relationships with Adam and Eve and communicated with them. It is also the source of all creativeness, intelligence, abstract thinking, reasoning, aptitude, intuition, speech, and more. A complete inventory is not possible. This leads to a thought, unsaid in the parable, that the Master must surely have instructed and trained his servants for the specific responsibilities with which each was charged. This was a part of their "talent package."

The variety and depth of talents each of us receives may seem arbitrary. God said to Moses, "*I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy*" (*Exodus 33:13*). Yet, God does not act randomly. "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the LORD, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" (*Jeremiah 29:11*) He also tells us, "... *even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*" (*Matthew 10:30*) Equally outside our control is any "talent" to know God or establish a relationship with Him on our own. We are powerless to know God unless He reveals Himself. His ways are beyond our comprehension. We do not and cannot know why He chose to bless Abraham with faith or why God selected Him to be the founding patriarch of Israel. More astounding, we have not the slightest idea why He determined to give each of us the same blessing of faith. John the Baptist rebuked the Pharisees: "...*I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.*" (*Matthew 3:9*) His choosing is not based on merit. In Romans 12:3 each of us is cautioned to "... *not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.*" We are not the source of our talents or any increase. What we know, but only from God's revealed truth, is that both come from Him who works through us by faith.

Faith bestowed by the Creator on sinless humans in the garden graced them with talents and the capacity to produce

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# OUR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS!

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## Deputy Santa Donations



Recently Church Women United delivered a select portion of their toy collection to the Deputy Santa Program. Pictured are members of the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the Deputy Santa Program with CWU members Karen Fitch, Barbara Buscher, Charlene Evans, Kathleen Alvarez and Jeanette Huesebusch. Church Women United also supported the local community with toys and gifts for the Fayette County Child Welfare Board, CASA (Children's Advocate), Family Crisis, the Rainbow Room and Combined Community Action. Standing behind the GWU members are officers Angela Lala, Randy Nowicki, Daitwan Walker, Sheriff Keith Korenek and David Beyer.



Calvin Kuehn (seated in front) also worked for Koenig & Strickland part-time for 18 years. A staunch supporter of both the VFW and Legion, he always attends the funeral home's annual Memorial Day tribute honoring those who have served our country. Photo by Elaine Thomas

## Winner of Yeti Cooler



Hill & Company had their Christmas open house last Wednesday, Dec. 14 where they held a drawing giveaway for a Yeti Cooler. Nick Hensley's name was drawn as the winner. Nick is shown above, right, by his cooler, next to Dustin Hill of Hill & Company.



THE LORD IS THE  
**STRONGHOLD**  
OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 27:1

## Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?



- A. A farmer sowing seed
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- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

## LHS Class of 1971 Holds 45th Reunion



The LHS Class of 1971 recently held their 45th reunion at the Holman Hall with 43 classmates attending. Much visiting and reminiscing was enjoyed by all. Those attending were, front row: Leona Urban, Nancy Zigel, Clemmer, Betty (Simmons) Dever, Stanley Koopmann, Maxine (Cordes) Brugger, Estelia (Jackson) Johnson, Susan (Brandt) Madison, Betty Ann (Decka) Michalsky, Gloria (Kimble) Sandling; second row: LaFayette Eason, Carol (Von Minden) Lenz, Paulett (Tielsch) Renfro, Bonnie (Koether) Sladek, Bill Dehnert, Betty (Barnes) Urban, Becky Munsch, Barbara (Belota) Zbrank, Kathy (Stahmer) Hensek; third row: Ray Pietsch, Clinton Lueders Jr, Joe Hrnrcir, Ron Bruening, James Lehmann, Eugene Kovar, Eugene Svoboda, Jan (Scharnberg) Koopmann, Mark Ulrich, Ronnie Poncik, Russell Hensek; fourth row: Mark Quinn, Roy Mueller, Richard Grabe, Ron Kubesch, David Elmore, Bobby Martin, Mike Petras, Stephen "Chip" Citzler, Douglas Lehmann, Robert Frerichs, Larry Faldyn, Larry Harbers, August Pietsch. Not pictured is Glenda (Maelenberndt) Kasper.

# For Your Information

## Mt. Calvary Preschool Donates to Animal Shelter



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool donated items to the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter for Christmas. Pictured are Saydee Hart, Bryna Pittman, Ellic Maxwell, Abigail Taylor, Summer Dooley, Will Janda, Lori Hollek (Mt. Calvary Director of Preschool), Jeremy Janda (GJAS Board of Director), Niki Powell (GJAS Director).

### Three Chests



Sometimes called “three arks,” this image represents the gifts the Magi brought to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Because Scripture lists three gifts, the legend arose that there were three wise men. But the biblical account doesn’t say how many travelers visited the Holy Family.

### AMEN FOOD PANTRY 2017 WORK SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendars! Mt. Calvary will be responsible for staffing the AMEN Food Pantry five weeks in 2017. Those dates are:

- February 6 and 9
- April 10 and 13
- June 19 and 22
- August 21 and 24
- October 16 and 19

The Monday hours of operation are 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.; on Thursdays the hours are 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. It is suggested that volunteers arrive 10-15 minutes early to prepare for clients and, if necessary, stay after to restock shelves.

THANK YOU for the food and monetary donations given at Thanksgiving, as well as throughout the year. Your donations are vital to AMEN’s mission of feeding the hungry in our community. If you have questions or would like more information how you can become involved, please contact Stell Midgett, 247-4703 or 966-2319.



### Undaunted

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, “We’ve already tried prayer. It didn’t work!”

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren’t always what they seem. We can’t see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won’t undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can’t “solve” sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, “Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.” In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren’t always what they seem.

returns that pleased the Master. Yet, they shattered that relationship when, rather than obey the Master, they acted on the serpent's temptation to be "like God." That fateful choice remains the "ultimate either/or" for all servants. By this rebellion, we made ourselves the enemies of God, relegated to living by the wisdom of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To repair the utter devastation required what only Jesus, the last Adam, could do. He "emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). A servant like us in every way, Christ fulfilled the Master's expectation and with His death paid the ransom for sin. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 17-21)

God's expectation regarding our conduct, as well as that of all His servants, is no different than it was in the beginning. He did not change His plan for us to be His children. "I the LORD do not change..." (Malachi 3:6) God's intent is for the behavior of every servant to mirror His own. He wants us to carry out His directive with the same inventiveness and determination revealed in His own nature, grounded in motive and attitude, driven by purpose and action. It is only by faith in Him and received from Him that we are empowered to do this.

Although the return God seeks is related to the talents each of us has received, His judgment is not based on numeric or other quantitative measures. Nor does it center on returns, for "...only God...makes things grow" (1 Corinthians 3:7). Our talents as well as the returns come from the Creator alone. We are merely vessels. This is a divine mystery that speaks to the interpersonal relationship God seeks with each of us. It is crucial for us to understand that this bond is strictly between God and each person. It is what the Creator has sought with the crown of His creation from the beginning. Faith is a one-to-one relationship, strictly between the individual and God. The grace of God, wrought by the perfect Son-ship and death of Jesus, our substitute, is credited to us and erases our debt to the Master. This is the miracle of salvation.

Individuals with whom God has restored His relationship can use knowledge from the parable to understand Jesus' meaning and apply its wisdom in life's journey. In this setting, our partnership with God is inspiring and exciting, just as was for Adam and Eve. There is no option, however, to use our talents for other purposes, especially not for self-centered ends. They are not to be put on a shelf and ignored. The servant with one talent wasn't condemned because he didn't measure up to the others. He received the Master's judgment because he concerned himself with his own needs and desires rather than the Master's. This same self-centeredness is further clarified by the parable about a rich fool who, although he was blessed with a windfall of crops, was condemned for his greed and self-centered behavior. The point of the parable is not that we should compete with or try to outdo each other, but to use what has been given to us with the same purpose and drive as our Creator. This is the fundamental reason for which mankind was created and given the Image of God. The severe consequence directed toward the unproductive servant cautions us to not waste our lives by focusing on ourselves. God's plan for us is that we invest our lives in service to Him and to our fellow-humans.

Don't be fooled. Behavior has consequences, as one servant learned. Yet, the Master doesn't measure talents or results like an accountant. Judgment is not based on Law, for that only reveals sin and condemns us to eternal separation, where reality is "...weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 25:30) Instead, the Gospel of Jesus' obedience in our stead restores the interpersonal bond between Master and servant. Faith is recreated and we are restored as the Creator's children and eternal heirs, motivated and enabled to serve God and each other. "...Well done, good and faithful servant(s)..." (Matthew 25:23).

# Philippians

## Crossword Puzzle Answers



## CALL ON HIS NAME



**MovieTime** Youth Game Night is Saturday, January 14th, at the Claude home (628 N. Monroe) from 6:30–9:45 PM with dinner. Bring a friend for Apples to Apples and lots more. All confirmation age and above are invited. Burgers and fixings and Dr Pepper will be provided.

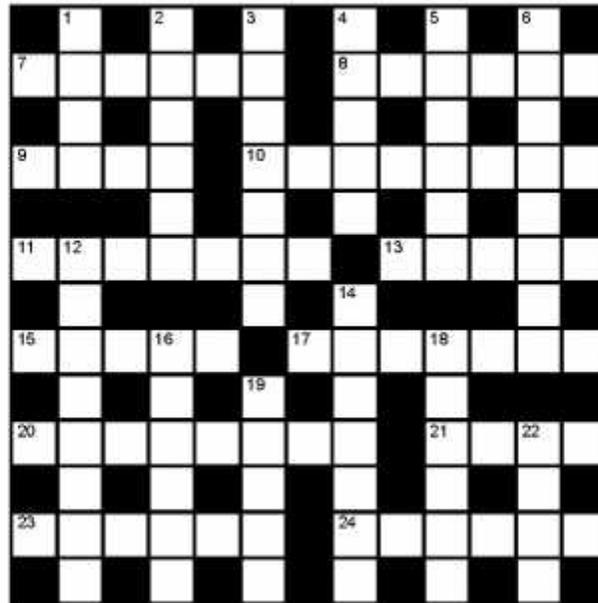
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In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
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- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)

# Philippians



## Across

- 7 Synonym for greet. Phil 4:21 (6)
- 8 "If by any means I might \_\_\_\_\_ unto the resurrection of the dead." Phil 3:11 (6)
- 9 Paul asked that the Philippians be of one \_\_\_\_\_. Phil 2:2 (4)
- 10 Paul lists out his qualifications and describes himself as a member of this Jewish group. Phil 3:5 (8)
- 11 "... But now much more in my \_\_\_\_\_, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Phil 2:12 (7)
- 13 Paul wrote Philippians. This is another New Testament writer. (5)
- 15 "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your \_\_\_\_\_." Phil 2:20 (5)
- 17 The word that Paul uses to describe his expectation and hope. Phil 1:20 (7)

- 20 "So that my bonds in Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ in all the palace." Phil 1:13 (8)
- 21 "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark \_\_\_\_\_ which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." Phil 3:17 (4)
- 23 The baby Jesus was laid in this. (6)
- 24 The Hebrew name for God. (6)

## Down

- 1 Who was the son of Shamer in 1 Chron 6:46? (4)
- 2 Jesus is able to "\_\_\_\_\_ all things unto himself." Phil 3:21 (6)
- 3 "Not that I speak in \_\_\_\_\_ of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil 4:11 (7)
- 4 "And \_\_\_\_\_ stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel." 1 Chron 21:1 (5)

- 5 "Let nothing be done through \_\_\_\_\_ or vainglory." Phil 2:3 (6)
- 6 Christ was made "in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men." Phil 2:7 (8)
- 12 Judas' act of \_\_\_\_\_ led to the capturing of Christ. (8)
- 14 One of the gospel writers. (7)
- 16 "Do all \_\_\_\_\_ without murmurings and disputings." Phil 2:14 (6)
- 18 Paul instructed on being blameless "in the midst of a crooked and perverse \_\_\_\_\_." Phil 2:15 (6)
- 19 Paul asks the Philippians to imitate what they have "learned, and received, and \_\_\_\_\_, and seen" in him. Phil 4:9 (5)
- 22 Beware of this. Phil 3:2 (4)

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# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Emma Herbrich Neal Lochte Ethlyn Michalk Rodney Stokes	4	5	6 Leroy Wittmann	7 Jonathan Cook A. J. Lehmann
8	9 Matt Qualman	10 Faye Winkler	11	12 David Boening Lee Teinert	13	14 Laura Gillette
15 Joyce Boening	16 Harvey Bohot	17 Luke Huelsebusch	18 Heath Hunger Albert Seifert, Jr.	19 Doug Ahlschlager Karen Fitch Charlene Stelzib	20	21 Edna Ebner Jennifer Tarnowski
22 Jackie Claude Josh Zuhn	23	24 Angela Dalton <i>E.C. &amp; Fritzie Zuhn (63 yrs)</i>	25 Elvas Roensch	26 Glenn Schneider	27	28 Joslyn Hensley
29 Kathy Pietsch Marilyn Spillane	30 Trey Dalton	31 Rogers Findeisen Steven Smith				

## CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES



For the family and friends of Weldon Charles Smith, Sr. (Doris Pietsch's brother), who passed away on November 26<sup>th</sup>; for the family and friends of Helen Whitley, who passed away on November 27<sup>th</sup>; and for the family and friends of Michael Sean Parrish, who passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to Charles Hebert on being pronounced cancer free!

# Just For Kids

## MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



# PUZZLE

## Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?  
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.  
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

**KEY:** **A** **E** **I** **O**

“ \_ \_ M TH \_ L \_ GHT \_ F

TH \_ W \_ RLD. WH \_ \_ V \_ R

F \_ LL \_ WS M \_ W \_ LL N \_ V \_ R

W \_ LK \_ N D \_ RKN \_ SS.”

J \_ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

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# Puzzle!

Write a word that fits each definition. Then place the letters in the numbered boxes to read a Beatitude, one of the special statements Jesus shares in Matthew 5.

**The color of coal**      1 2 8 17 21

**Flower with thorns**      9 4 3

**Woman's Sunday garment**      7 23 6 5 24

**Vegetable in a pod**      14 10 16

**A light for my \_\_\_\_\_**      20 11 12

**Electric fish**      13 15

**Dark green gem**      18 19 22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		

Answers: black, rose, dress, pea, path, eel, emerald; Blessed are the peacemakers