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TO BE WHAT WE WERE

This October 27th we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation! More important by far than the American bicentennial or the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering the new world. The Lutheran Reformation is the most significant anniversary of the last one thousand years!

What are we to make of it all today? In Jude 3 we read:

“Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.”

The same truths the Reformation taught are true today. Pure doctrine never changes; it's once and forever. Just as the Reformation once declared, so today we're still not saved by anything we do. We are saved solely by what Christ has done for us. We are justified, we are forgiven of our sins, today the same as ever – because Christ died for them.

Every doctrine grows from this one simple truth. It's really all one doctrine. And every doctrine is just as true today as it ever was. If today we are still to be what we were, then it is essential that we have the same doctrine as we had 500 years ago.

The One who knows the struggles and pressures of this age and time, who understands the courage it takes and understands why we have so little, who did what it took to make us what we are, children of God – by dying on a cross. That same God is with us. The God of grace who forgives our faithlessness.

Now we will see what *He* will do – through us, we pray, and most certainly through the sons and daughters of the Reformation!

May God continue to bless us all to be a blessing to others!

Rev. Bill Qualman, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6-7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the

Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): "Do you not know that those

who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (LW 27:125-126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.



Bible Quiz

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

A. 7
B. 70
C. 77
D. 70 x 7
E. C or D, depending on the translation

forgive

Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22.)

The Mary Martha Guild Minute



OCTOBER	Monday, Oct. 2 nd - Multipurpose Room Fellowship at 6:30 PM Devotion & Business Meeting at 7:00 PM
Pantry Item	18-26 oz. canned soup
Hostesses	Margie Buscha, Marilyn Spillane, Janice Teinert
Mite Prayer	Margie Buscha
Projects/Activities	Election of Officers-President (1yr.term) VP for Organizational Resources, VP of Christian Life & Treasurer Senior Citizens Lunch – Oct. 10 th
Birthdays:	(6) Janice Teinert, (12) Margie Buscha, (13) Brenda Fischer, Susie Polasek, (22) Sandy Polasek
Anniversaries:	(9) Elva Bohot, (11) Ruth Williams, (12) Jeanette Huelsebusch, Gladys Teinert, (29) Genelda Pavlik, (31) Beverly Newell

Everyone is invited to attend Guild Meetings in the Multipurpose Room on the first Monday of each month (except July, September & December). All volunteers and support of our projects are greatly appreciated. Contact our Member Development Committee - Karen Fitch or any Guild member or feel free to call the Church Office at 968-3938 for more information.

President Willie Ahlschlager called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Pastor Qualman gave an opening prayer. 17 members were in attendance. The treasurer's report was presented. It showed a Lutheran Hour Fund balance of \$125.29, a General Fund balance of \$8,071.58 and an ending bank balance of \$8,196.07. A motion was made by Donald Roensch and seconded by Joe Johnson to accept the treasurers report. Motion passed.

We received a thank you note from Camp Lone Star for the donation on the cedar rocker for their annual BBQ and auction. Also, received a thank you for the \$500.00 donation to the camp from the profits from the BBQ Chicken & Sausage Dinner. A larger water heater was purchased for the BBQ pit kitchen and installed by Luis Sanchez. Thrivent Action Team requests were submitted by August Pietsch and Daniel Fischer. Pastor Qualman will be submitting a request also. The \$250.00 cards will be used to purchases supplies for the chicken BBQ and sausage dinner.

Billy Koepke will be making the cole slaw for the meal. Need to start at 1:00 pm Saturday at the preschool kitchen. Any and all volunteers are welcome. Men will start seasoning the chicken Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm. We will start the fire Sunday morning at 4:00 am and put the chickens on the pit by 6:30 am. We will soak the beans and make the BBQ sauce Saturday afternoon.

Gary Johnson and Willie Ahlschlager will fill the propane bottles. The large bottle will not need to be filled since we do not use for this meal. Since Colorado Landing is closed due to the floods, they will try to fill the bottles at another propane retailer or may have to exchange the bottles. Robert Pavlik will be handling traffic control.

The treasurer left checks to pay for the supplies needed for the meal. Check # 1809 was given to August Pietsch for payment to Brenham Wholesale. Checks 1810 & 1811 was given to Willie Ahlschlager for Eckermann's Meat Market and M-G. The HEB Courtesy Card will be used for supplies purchased from HEB. Team 4 will be preparing hamburgers for the volunteers Saturday evening. They need to prepare 50 burgers.

A question was asked if anyone of our congregation had any losses in the flood. Charles Hebert was the only one that we knew of.

It is customary for the Men's Club to make a donation to the Lutheran Hour in the name of a club member which has passed away. A \$50.00 donation will be made in the name of Calvin Lange.

In the previous meeting, it was decided to give \$500.00 of the profits from the dinner to Crime Stoppers however due to the flooding from Tropical Storm Harvey it was decide not to give this donation. A motion was made by James Lehmann and second by Donald Roensch to donate 75% of the profits to "Good Shepherd Disaster Relief Fund for Fayette County". We will also be asking for any free will donations for the flood victims during the drive through. A motion was made by Joe Johnson and seconded by Mike Johnson to give 100% of the free will donations to "Good Shepherd Disaster Relief Fund for Fayette County".

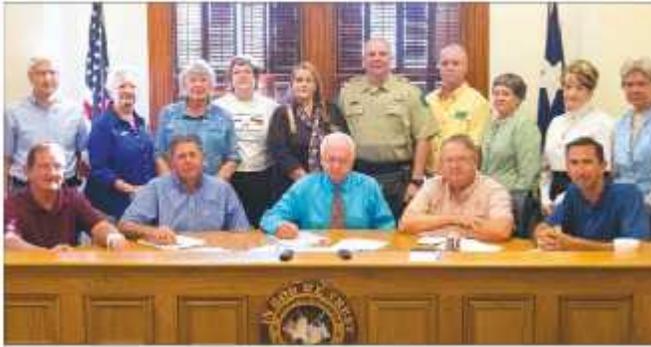
The Mission Board will be hosting National Night Out, October 3rd. We will need volunteers to help setup and prepare meal. Plans are to use leftover sausage from BBQ. With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Pavlik and seconded by Mike Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm. Pastor Qualman gave a prayer before the meal.

By Justin Hollek, Secretary



OUR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS!

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Fayette County Commissioners signed a proclamation on Monday, Sept. 11, designating Saturday, Sept. 16, as Texas Heroes Day in Fayette County. Representatives from a number of local historic groups: (back, from left) Cherlie Murray, Texas Heroes Museum; Carolyn Thomas, Faison Preservation Society; Jeannette Huelsbusch, Faison Preservation Society; Katy Beauford, Friends of Monument Hill; Loretta Hajovsky, Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Dennis Smith, park superintendent at Monument Hill State Park; Greg Beauford, Friends of Monument Hill; Marie Webb Fran Malson and Joy Bly of the Faison Preservation Society; (front, from left) Pct. 4 Commissioner Tom Munsie, Pct. 3 Commissioner Harvey Berchenhoff, County Judge Ed Janicka, Pct. 2 Commissioner Gary Weishuhn and Pct. 1 Commissioner Jason McBroom.

Photo by Andy Bebler

Mt. Calvary First Day of School



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool started school on Wednesday, Aug. 23 with the three-year-old classes were getting ready for their morning snack.



Calvary – Best of Department winners went from left) child division Elena Supak, teen Cella Doyle, adult Tiffany Nigh and golden age Jeannette Huelsbusch.



The four year old classes meet together for story time on the first day of school.

Mt. Calvary Mary Martha Guild Donates



Beverly Albers presented a check to Cassie Girard, President of AMEN Food Pantry, for their building fund on behalf of the Mt. Calvary Mary Martha Guild. Also pictured are Mt. Calvary volunteers Yarnell Seibert, Judy Zahn, Nancy Vesut, Stoll Midgott and Genaida Payik.



La Grange Mayor Janet Moore signed a proclamation on Wednesday, Sept. 6, calling on citizens to observe Patriot Day on Sept. 11. On hand for the proclamation signing were members of La Grange VFW and Auxiliary: (back, from left) VFW vice-commander Andy Kruppa, post quartermaster Joseph Kruppa, past post commander Dixie Frenzel, auxiliary president Beverly Gray, auxiliary member Jenn Frenzel, past post commander Victor Uchot, auxiliary Americanism chair Elva Boher, (front) Mayor Moore and auxiliary junior vice president Barbara Brunner.

Photo by Andy Bebler

For Your Information



MATTHEW 22 21, NRSV



Calling all youth grades 7-12. You are invited to movie night on October 14th from 5:30-9:45. Sloppy joes at the Claude home 628 N. Monroe (corner of N. Monroe and Pearl across from LG ISD Admin bldg.)



Sunday School Corner

What's Happening?

Family Fun Night will be held on Sunday, October 15, 3-5 pm. The activity will be announced in the church bulletin soon.

Children's Church every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Regular SS from 10:15-11:00 on alternate Sundays

October Birthdays :

- Cameron Kruse-2nd
- Gavin Cook-10th
- Kaleb Hensley-11th
- Cody Kruse-12th
- Grant Hollek-27th



The two-year-old classes at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Grange combined to start their first day of school with a healthy snack.



THE HAPPY SCRAPPERS are off to a great start with their Lutheran World Relief quilting projects thanks to the generous donations of supplies. Everyone is welcome to participate or just stop by for a visit. No skills are necessary, just a willingness to serve. For more information feel free to contact any one of our current quilters, namely Donna Kappler, Gladys Teinert, Beverly Newell, B. J. Ullrich, Elsie Michalk, Joyce Newman, Karen Fitch, Artie Schultz, Faye Winkler or Jeanette Huelsebusch or contact the church office at 968-3938.



Camp Lone Star/Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas would like to thank the members of Mt. Calvary for all of the support you've shown to outdoors ministry in this place and especially as we welcome our new CEO Aaron . From cooking noodles and cutting meat to donations and prayers on behalf of our campers and staff, we realize how blessed we are through you. Several Mt. Calvary members are also part of our Development Council, a group of supporters committed to donating at least \$1,000 per year and lifting up LOMT/Camp Lone Star in prayer. If you would like to join our development council, contact Keith or Jill. We thank God for the many ways you bless Camp Lone Star.

Fair Grand & Reserve Champions

4-H Creative Arts

Junior
 Grand Champion: Madyson Holult
 Reserve Champion: Harper Mau
Intermediate
 Grand Champion: Katelyn Bernsen
 Reserve Champion: Jenna Matura
Senior
 Grand Champion: Haley Bertsch
 Reserve Champion: Haley Bertsch

Culinary

Cake
Children
 Grand Champion: Eana Supak
 Reserve Champion: Jacob Nigh
Amateur
 Grand Champion: Tiffany Nigh
 Reserve Champion: Margaret Roscher

Pie

Children
 Grand Champion: Tori Newton

Amateur

Grand Champion: Jenifer Boening
Golden Age
 Grand Champion: Jeanette Huelsebusch
 Reserve Champion: William Koehl

Cookie

Children
 Grand Champion: Emma Laffey
 Reserve Champion: Tori Newton
Amateur
 Grand Champion: Cathy Gau
 Reserve Champion: Elaine Thomas
Golden Age
 Grand Champion: Marge Resenberg
 Reserve Champion: William Koehl

Candy

Teen
 Grand Champion: Callie Doyle
Amateur
 Grand Champion: Melissa Laffey
 Reserve Champion: Denise Bell



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, Oct. 3**, for National Night Out, which will be held 5:30 – 7:00 PM (come and go), at the Mt. Calvary BBQ Pavilion. Yes, it will be OUTSIDE! Come meet with Mt. Calvary's neighbors and members; also, the Mayor of La Grange, the EMT, police, and the firemen of the city! *Bring a lawn chair*, and be ready for fellowship, friendship, food, chips, cookies, and iced tea.



Everything you wanted to know about mites, but didn't know what to ask!

"What, exactly, are 'mites', and what is done with them after they are collected?" On October 1, our Mary Martha Guild will celebrate LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday; a large mite box will be in the narthex for contributions, from everyone who wants to participate. Mites are: for mission projects (75% sent to international mission projects, 25% used for Texas District mission projects). Mites are: loose change left on a dresser, found in the washing machine, at the bottom of a purse; the pennies that always seem to accumulate; quarters saved for newspapers; nickels and dimes saved for whatever. Forget to have change with you that day? \$1 bills gratefully accepted. Whatever you contribute will be greatly appreciated, and thank you!



Address Changes

Olga Buchhorn
Colonial Care Center
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Schulenburg, TX 78956-1438

Cristina Sanchez
Concordia University
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Seward, NB 68434-1500

Joyce Newman—new email
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Welcome

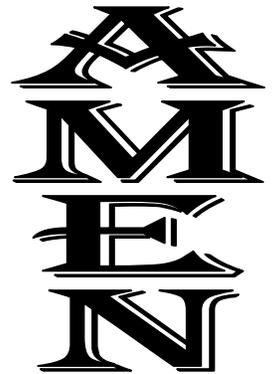
New Member

Wayne Koopmann
7148 Mayer Rd.
La Grange, TX 78945-5680

Thank You, AMEN Volunteers! Following the devastation in La Grange from Hurricane Harvey flooding, the AMEN Food Pantry began operating in disaster relief mode. For the month of September, the Pantry was open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily, Monday through Friday, with participating churches rotating to provide volunteers. Mt. Calvary was assigned to staff the Pantry Sept 4-8, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The AMEN Board expresses sincere thanks to Mt. Calvary volunteers for their willingness to serve those in need.

Thank You, Donors! We are humbled and grateful for the generous donations of food and drinking water, as well as gift cards and checks (which allowed us to purchase some specific items as needed) from the community, as well as from across the State and the Nation.

Mt. Calvary is next scheduled to provide volunteers to staff the Food Pantry on Monday morning, October 16, and Thursday afternoon, October 19. At the time of writing this article, the situation in La Grange and needs of our fellow displaced residents remain a bit "fluid." Therefore, if the Food Pantry continues to operate extended hours into October and our schedule changes, announcements will be placed into the Sunday bulletins and AMEN volunteers will be contacted. Feel free to call Stell Midgett (979-966-2319), or Beverly Albers (979-250-1718), if you have questions.



A group from Mt. Calvary once again attended the

Women of Joy conference in San Antonio. The theme for this year's tour was "Immeasurably More" and encouraged women to stop living defeated and find that there is more to their life than they ever imagined.



The LYF will hold their ANNUAL TURKEY AND DRESSING DRIVE-THRU MEAL on SUNDAY, November 12, 2017. Drive-thru only between 11:00 am -12:30 p.m. We are looking for people who are interested in baking a turkey, and/or cornbread for the dinner. We also need volunteers to help with preparing, serving, directing traffic and selling tickets. If you can help, please fill out the form below and leave it in the church office, my church mailbox and or email: LYF@mtcalvary-lcms.org. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for youth gatherings, servant events, scholarships, and other events.

If you would like to provide your valuable assistance this year, please check all that apply below, and return the form to the church office (Youth mailbox), Jennifer Huelsebusch's mailbox, or email lyf@mtcalvary-lcms.org as soon as possible. Please note that most people who volunteer to bake turkeys bake 2 turkeys and 2 pans of cornbread. However, if you wish to bake more or less, please indicate so in the special instructions. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Even if you do not wish to bake turkeys, other assistance is appreciated.

Baked turkey, cornbread, and roasters will need to be dropped off at the Education Building on Saturday, November 11th between 10:00 and noon.

God's Blessings,
Mt. Calvary LYF

Please check all that apply.

___ I volunteer to bake 2 turkeys. Pick up your turkeys at the Men's Club BBO pits tentatively November 3rd, between 4 to 6 p.m. If you volunteer to bake turkeys, you will receive additional information. Please provide special instructions (more or less than 2 turkeys). here: _____

___ I volunteer to bake 2 pans of cornbread. (recipe will be provided to you)
Special Instructions. _____

___ I volunteer to provide 1 roaster the day of the dinner for keeping food items warm. (please mark all pieces of the roaster—nail polish works well.)

___ I volunteer to assist in preparation of dressing, noodles, turkey, etc. the day of the dinner.

___ I volunteer to work the serving line or direct traffic the afternoon of the dinner.

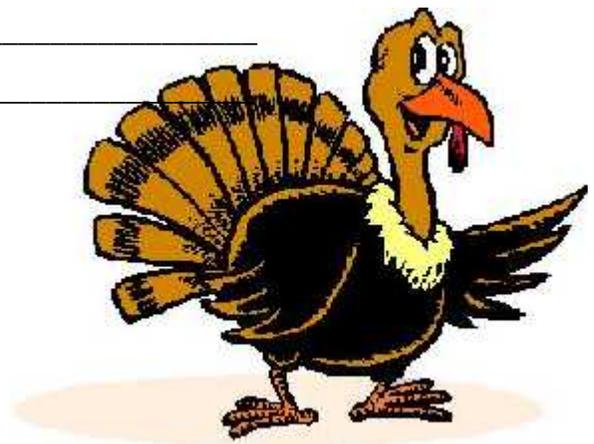
___ I volunteer to wash dishes.

___ I volunteer to sell tickets. Please provide me _____ tickets.

Please provide your name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email (optional): _____



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Wes Diller	2 Cameron Kruse	3	4 Lynsey Bamsch Dawn Sedler	5 Gavin Cook Dennis Winkler	6 Janice Teinert <i>Leroy & Laverne Wittmann (66 yrs)</i>	7 Joe McCoy Robert Pavlik <i>Paul & Geraldine Teinert (50 yrs)</i>
8 Tammi Cook	9 Victor Bohot Madelyn Terral <i>Victor & Elva Bohot (67 yrs)</i> <i>Carrie & Jonathan Harbers (7 yrs)</i> <i>Lee & Pegi Knippel (29 yrs)</i>	10 Calvin Bohot Bard Harbers Pegi Knippel	11 Kaleb Hensley Blake & Candace Koether (9 yrs) <i>August & Martha Pietsch (37 yrs)</i>	12 Margie Buscha Cody Kruse	13 Brenda Fischer Theresia Karstedt Joe Stephens <i>Susie & Dave Polasek (33 yrs)</i>	14 Deb Conway <i>Jeremy & Jessica Pietsch (11 yrs)</i>
15 Harvey Dippel Kim Filla	16 Jennifer Huelsebusch	17 Lisa Caridi	18 Jacob Jackson Donald Roensch	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Grant Hollek Jeannette Sullivan Robert Vanek <i>Tim & Jennifer Tarnowski (16 yrs)</i>	28 Dennis Schnell
29 Charles Koepke Don C. Pietsch <i>Robert & Genelda Pavlik (51 yrs)</i>	30 Jeremy Pietsch	31				


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Prayer of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of of Gloria Fordyce (Linda Streicher's mother), who passed away on September 12th.

Congratulations to all of our communicant members who were recognized at our September 24th service: Brodie Filla; Gus Herbrich; Gary & Diane Johnson; Joseph Johnson and children Leslie and Valerie; Michael Johnson; Wayne Koopmann; Kermit & Josie Muske; Travis & Joyce Schiwart; and Travis Stokes. Also entered our **baptized** membership: Ian Behler; Breck Washington Mullins; Sophie Lynn Schnell; Ragan Renee Smith and Triniti Dawn Wilson.

Just For Kids

Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.



What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ”

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

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“Committed to Reaching Out With The Love Of Jesus”

Puzzle!

Find these words — all from the book of Acts — forward, backward or diagonally in either direction.

H	N	A	I	P	O	I	H	T	E	E	Q	S	D	L
O	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	A	Z	A	G	N
L	P	G	I	Z	T	A	G	E	J	S	M	C	B	E
Y	R	E	C	R	O	S	I	P	Y	A	Q	R	S	H
S	A	N	H	E	D	R	I	N	S	B	V	O	A	P
P	Y	T	H	G	I	L	A	C	A	A	V	D	Z	E
I	E	I	C	T	I	G	U	S	E	N	O	T	S	T
R	R	L	J	H	O	S	K	A	I	R	A	M	A	S
I	W	E	P	G	A	E	P	L	Y	A	O	H	U	C
T	E	S	U	I	T	R	R	X	A	B	P	S	L	R
B	N	E	B	A	P	T	I	Z	E	K	E	P	O	S
C	C	H	U	R	C	H	S	O	K	J	T	A	O	H
K	E	T	M	T	T	G	O	R	T	H	E	U	I	J
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| Ananias | light |
| baptize | Paul |
| Barnabas | Peter |
| basket | Philip |
| chariot | prayer |
| church | prison |
| Damascus | Samaria |
| Dorcas | Sanhedrin |
| Ethiopian | Saul |
| Gaza | Simon |
| Gentiles | sorcery |
| Holy Spirit | Stephen |
| Jerusalem | stones |
| Jesus | Straight |
| Joppa | synagogue |