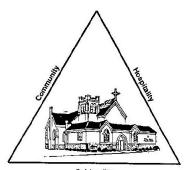
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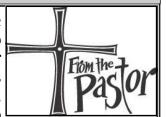
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Spirituality

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Summer officially begins this month; the grass needs to be cut again, someone has to weed the garden, open the windows and air out the house, set up the sprinkler for the kids to play in and all the other chores of summer. Our Spiritual lives are the same; we need to



fellowship with others, read scripture, refresh our prayer life, listen for the voice of God in all we do. But remember in the midst of work God has called us to rest and recharge as well. Don't feel guilty when you head to the lake, go camping, enjoy family reunions, or just take a nap out in the hammock. Everybody needs a break every once in a while. I hope you will let me know where you went and how much fun you had when you return. Maybe while you are gone you will visit another church. If you do, please bring back a bulletin and let me know if there was something you liked about church.

Work will continue around church and not just yard work. Kids will be headed to church camp, an ice cream social is in the works, some small groups will continue to meet and Linda Craft, Linda Holman and I will be headed to Lakeside to attend Annual Conference (business meetings of our West Ohio Conference). There will be many lively discussions and election of delegates to General Conference next year. Like many of the things we do around the house, Annual Conference isn't always exciting but it is important and maintains our connection to the bigger United Methodist Church.

Beginning the first Sunday in June we will spend six weeks talking about Joy in the Bible. Joy is not just something that is mentioned in passing, but is a continual theme throughout the Bible which is an important part of the plan God has for your life. So this summer enJOY your summer without guilt and join us when you are in town to experience the Joy of the Lord through God's word. Like the GEICO commercial says you'll be happier than a camel on Hump Day.

Whoo Whooott!

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND



7th Annual Golf Outing

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, July 12, 2014 Tee Time: 9:00 AM Hot Dogs at the turn Games/Contests all day

Golf Fees:

Registration \$45.00 /Golfer

Registration Deadline July 3rd.

Event Location:

Colonial Golfers Club 10985 Harding Hwy Harrod, OH 45850 419-649-3350

Activity Highlights:

Award Luncheon & Ceremony **Team Prizes** 18 Holes of Golf with Cart Shot Gun Start Four Person Scramble



For more information contact Tim Piper or Church office for registration forms

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June 29, 2014

United Methodist Children's Home \$5 on the 5th.



West Ohio Annual Conference Lakeside, Ohio **June 8-12**

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Food Pantry Sunday June 15, 2014

Donations are taken to the Church at Allentown

Thank you to all who have been donating

> Newsletter deadline: the 16th of each month

KOINONIA CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

The St. Paul UMC Annual Chicken BBQ was held on Saturday, April 26th and once again it was a huge success! Thank you all for your donations of items to make the potato salad and all of the wonderful desserts. We couldn't have done it without you. We had about 25+ members of the Koinonia Group come on Friday night to make the ever famous St. Paul UMC Potato Salad and enjoy fellowship and pizza after the work was done. Then the big day arrived and the hustle and bustle began as the desserts were cut, boxed, and labeled, the chickens were delivered, and the guests arrived. We had a wonderful turnout of guests and everyone seemed to have a good time. We made a profit of \$1,256.43!!!!! This is only down \$20.59 from last year, but we also had an increase in the cost of the chickens as well as an increase in paper products to purchase. I am VERY pleased with the way everything turned out and it wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you who participated either by donating, working, or buying the tickets to eat. I thank you all for selling all of the tickets. We even had to order extra chickens this year which was awesome!!! Our 2014 Annual Chicken BBO is now in the books but this is a tradition that the Community of Elida has come to know and love. Thanks for a job well done! Ruth 1:8 says "... May the Lord reward you for your kindness."

Deb Hurd, Koinonia Class President

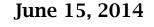
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



JUNE 1

Coins for Communion to benefit U.M.C.O.R

Half designated for U.S. Disaster Relief, and half to Philippines, Asia and Pacific Typhoon Relief







June 8, 2014 Wear Red

Seniors Day Out

June 17, 2014 12:00 noon

Celebrate Weddings
(bring a memory from your
wedding to share)



Missions

St. Paul's Summer Missions "Ramp-Up"

As warm, summer weather sets in our summer mission work at St. Paul's "ramps up," (pun intended). At Camp Wesley, a small group of missioners have completed the first weekend (as of this writing) of our summer mission project to remove the old boat ramp in anticipation of replacing it with a new, larger ramp. Cody Scannell was probably our hardest worker that weekend. The old ramp has been removed and the new ramp is beginning to take shape and may very well be completed by the time this appears in the newsletter. The ramp is used by campers to launch canoes and for other water sports for campers. Thanks to all who are helping with the work and to our parishioners who have generously donated funds to make this ramp project possible. A special thanks to Jamie Wyant for heading up a team, which also includes people from Lima Trinity UMC, and Elida Immanuel UMC. Our Coins-for—Communion collection for May is also being donated to the West Ohio Conference UM Church Camps fund.

Friday, May 30th, is our next opportunity to volunteer our services at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen to serve meals to individuals in our community who are in need of help. 'Thank you' to all who volunteer their time to be part of this 'Fifth Friday' mission work.

June 29th is **\$5-on-the-Fifth** offering to support the UMCH Family Services, which provides help to families in need, whether it's putting families together through Adoption and Treatment Foster Care Services or keeping families together through Family Mental Health and Post Adoption Services. Prayerfully consider supporting UMCH Family Services.

Every month we are truly blessed by our parishioners who faithfully fill our **Five Loaves Food Pantry** bins with food. Food collections continue to be strong and the number of needy families, who are blessed by receiving the food at **The Church at Allentown**, continues to grow. The next **Food Pantry Sunday is June 15**th.

Saturday, July 12th is the date of the 7th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf outing to raise funds for medical mission trips. We are asking for at least four volunteers to help with the outing and at least one foursome of golfers to play golf in the outing. Sign-up sheets for golf foursomes may be found on the Mission bulletin board. St. Paul UMC will again be a \$100 Hole Sponsor for the event. On Sunday, June 1st, John Fleming (Brad's uncle) will join us in our service to tell us about the mission work being funded by the Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund. Also, our July Coins-for-Communion collection will go to the Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund.

'Thank-You' for being part of St. Paul UMC's missions work. More mission news in the July newsletter....



Taking old ramp apart to prepare to rebuild new ramp.

From left to right.

Dennis Bowsher, Dan Bucher and Jeff Gast.

The Business of Church

During Stewardship season in November, 2013, a new building fund initiative was presented to the congregation. Recall in July, 2013, we retired our loan which provided for fellowship hall refurbishment, elevette installation, and east wall chimney repairs related to the 'Standing on the Promises, Building on the Premises' campaign and subsequent building fund of 2006.

The 2014 building fund initiative is focused on short-term, highly-visible building and grounds improvements which cannot be easily funded through our general operating budget. Presently, our annual operating budget stipulates only \$6,000 for capital improvements, \$4,000 for general maintenance and repair, and \$2,000 for parsonage repairs or improvements. The congregation's response to Administrative Council's request for a new building fund November, 2013, was overwhelming as \$23,220 was pledged in support of this initiative for 2014.

Recently, the Board of Trustees recommended to the Finance Committee and Administrative Council a 60%/40% allocation of this new building fund: 60% of the fund will be solely at the discretion of the Trustees; 40% of the fund will be accumulated as a balance sheet line item as seed or emergency funds. The Administrative Council approved and adopted the Trustees' recommendation during its May 12, 2014, meeting.

The 40% portion of the building fund will accumulate for the next three years inaccessible to any person or group except in the event of an emergency such as, among others, boiler, plumbing, building or parsonage failures or collapse. During 2017, the Trustees and Administrative Council will re-examine the needs of our church in light of remarkable capital improvements such as heating/air conditioning, boiler replacement or repair, tuck pointing, parking lot replacement, windows, and other items which may require a bank loan/mortgage. Again, the intent with this allocation process is to minimize interest expense in the event of loan acquisition during next big building project (seed money) while maintaining a cash reserve for emergency repairs to our aging building infrastructure (emergency money).

In the meantime, 60% of the 2014 building fund will be utilized by the Trustees for general improvements to the buildings and grounds of St. Paul's. *Most recently*, \$5,771 was spent on new carpeting for the main sanctuary as the Trustees' first application of 2014 building funds. The balance of the total \$8,271 carpet expense or \$2,500 was taken from the Memorial Fund. It is estimated that the previous carpeting was the original carpet from the time of new sanctuary construction in the 1980s.



Committee Chairs	2014
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Worship	Pastor Paul
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

April 27, 2014	108
May 4, 2014	99
May 11, 2014	126
May 18, 2014	121
May 25, 2014	83

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for Unified Ministry Budget \$3,466.00



Unified Minis	Other:	
April 27, 2014	\$2,362.00	\$619.88
May 4, 2014	\$5,199.00	\$690.49
May 11, 2014	\$2,185.00	\$714.06
May 18, 2104	\$2,746.00	\$383.54
May 25, 2014	\$1,693.22	\$409.00

Sunday School Attendance		
April 27, 2014	24	
May 4, 2014	23	
May 11, 2014	22	
May 18, 2014	21	

Greeters			
June 1, 2014	Marla & Cody Scannell		
June 8, 2014	Lynda Evans & Ruth Hardy		
June 15, 2014	Norm & Mary Grigsby		
June 22, 2014	OPEN		
June 29, 2014	Dillon & Helen Staas		

Flower Calendar			
June 1, 2014	Marty & Kathy White		
June 8, 2014	Barb & Greg Schade		
June 15, 2014	Ruth Hardy		
June 22, 2014	Ruth Burgoon		
June 29, 2014	Travis & Julie Bok		

Communion Servers JUNE 1		
Station #1	Maedene Holmes & Lynda Evans	
Station #2	Marty & Kathy White	
Station #3	Norm & Mary Grigsby	

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 6/1

Psalm 63, 98, 103 Deuteronomy11:1-12 Revelation 10:1-11 Matthew 13:44-58

Monday 6/2

Psalm 41, 44, 52 Deuteronomy 11:13-19 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 Luke 17:1-10

Tuesday 6/3

Psalm 45, 47, 48 Deuteronomy 12:1-12 2 Corinthians 6:3-13(14-7:1) Luke 17:11-19

Wednesday 6/4

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72 Deuteronomy 13:1-11 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Luke 17:20-37

Thursday 6/5

Psalm 8, 84 Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 17:14-20 2 Corinthians 8:1-16, Luke 18:1-8

Friday 6/6

Psalm 40, 54, 51 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 Luke 18:9-14

Saturday 6/7

Psalm 55, 138, 139 Deuteronomy 29:2-15 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Luke 18:15-30

Sunday 6/8

Psalm 24, 29 Deuteronomy 29:16-29 Revelation 12:1-12 Matthew 15:29-39

Monday 6/9

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65 Deuteronomy 30:1-10 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday 6/10

Psalm 61, 62, 68 Deuteronomy 30:11-20 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 6/11

Psalm 72, 119:73-96 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33 Luke 19:11-27

Thursday 6/12

Psalm 70, 71, 74 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Luke 19:28-40

Friday 6/13

Psalm 69, 73 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Luke 19:41-48

Saturday 6/14

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76 2 Corinthians 13:1-14, Luke 20:1-8

Sunday 6/15

Psalm 34, 93, 96 Revelation 15:1-8 Matthew 18:1-14

Monday 6/16

Psalm 77, 79, 1 Samuel 1:1-20 Acts 1:1-14, Luke 20:9-19

Tuesday 6/17

Psalm 78, 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11 Acts 1:15-26, Luke 20:19-26

Wednesday 6/18

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120 1 Samuel 2:12-26 Acts 2:1-21, Luke 20:27-40

Thursday 6/19

Psalm 83, 85, 86 1 Samuel 2:27-36 Acts 2:22-36, Luke 20:41-21:4

Friday 6/20

Psalm 88, 91, 92, 1 Samuel 3:1-21 Acts 2:37-47, Luke 21:5-19

Saturday 6/21

Psalm 87, 90, 136 1 Samuel 4:1b-11 Acts 4:32-5:11, Luke 21:20-28

Sunday 6/22

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67 1 Samuel 4:12-22 James 1:1-18, Matthew 19:23-30

Monday 6/23

Psalm 89, 1 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 5:12-26, Luke 21:29-36

Tuesday 6/24

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99 1 Samuel 6:1-16 Acts 5:27-42, Luke 21:37-22:13

Wednesday 6/25

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144 1 Samuel 7:2-17 Acts 6:1-15, Luke 22:14-23

Thursday 6/26

Psalm 105, 1 Samuel 8:1-22 Acts 6:15-7:16, Luke 22:24-30

Friday 6/27

Psalm 102, 107:1-32 1 Samuel 9:1-14 Acts 7:17-29, Luke 22:31-38

Saturday 6/28

Psalm 107:33-43, 108 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1 Acts 7:30-43, Luke 22:39-51

Sunday 6/29

Psalm 118, 145 1 Samuel 10:1-16 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 21:23-32

Monday 6/30

Psalm 106, 1 Samuel 10:17-27 Acts 7:44-8:1a, Luke 22:52-62



Caring for All Living Things



the great flood we are told that the earth. The rainbow in the

sky is a reminder to us of this special covenant. During the weeks of June, let us remember this promise, too.

Ancient people believed that the universe was made up of four elements: earth, wind, fire, and water. Even though today we know that there are many more elements than that, this can be a fun and intriguing way to focus on the wonderful world that God has made.

Sacred space

Set a cloth on a table or other flat surface that you can use for a worship space during the month. Each week you will add a different element to the table.

June 1: Earth

Place a bowl of dirt on the table. Plant a seed in it and be sure to water it on a regular basis.

The planet earth is our home. God made it and filled it with good things. Over time, we have not always cared for the Earth. We have sometimes acted as if there are endless resources. How can you help heal the earth? Some ways are:

- plant a garden, and grow some of your own food
- clean up a park or street
- recycle

Thank you, Creator God, for this wonderful Earth. You made it, and said that it was good. Help us to remember that it is good, and that it is a gift from you. Help us to take care of it. Amen.

June 8: Fire

Place a candle on the table and light it (or purchase a small battery-operated candle).

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples saw what looked like tongues of fire dancing on each other's heads, and they knew that God's Spirit was with them. Just as fire provides heat and makes light, so the Spirit helps us do God's work in the world. We can do this by:

- donating food to or working at a food pantry
- using low-energy light bulbs
- helping a neighbor do yard work or housework

At the end of the story of Powerful God, give us the energy to change the world, one small task at a time. Remind us that we can do the God promised never again to work of Jesus because you are with us, every day. destroy all the living things on Amen. (Blow out the candle – relight it and take turns if you like.)

June 15: Wind

Place a pinwheel or hand-held fan on the table.

In John 3:8, Jesus compared God's Spirit to the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can see what it does. So it is with the Spirit of God. Give everyone a chance to blow the pinwheel or to fan themselves for a brief moment. We can help to keep the air clean when we:

- drive less, ride a bike, walk, or take public transit
- plant a tree (trees help clean and recycle the air)

Spirit of God, blow through us like the wind. Refresh and renew us. Bring us new life. Help us to love you and serve you each day. Amen. (Blow the pinwheel or wave the fan.)

June 22: Water

Place on the table a bowl of water or a small fountain. Our bodies contain more water than anything else. Most of the earth's surface is covered with water. Jesus spoke of himself as "living water." Many people in the world do not have access to clean water. You could:

- reduce your use of water
- support clean water projects in other countries
- drink less bottled water and encourage local governments to provide safe drinking water

Great God, water of life, flow through us. Refresh us. Wash over us and make us new. Help us to make sure that the water around us flows free and clear for all to enjoy. Amen. (Run your fingers through the water.)

June 29: Rainbow

Place a rainbow on the table or hang a sun-catcher nearby.

God hung a rainbow in the sky as a reminder that never again would God destroy the earth and the things that lived upon it. Celebrate God's family by:

- getting to know your neighbors
- cooking food from another culture

God of all people, you love every one of us. Help us to remember that each person is a brother or sister. Amen. (Invite each person to say a word in another language.)

Our High School Graduate





On Sunday, May 18, St. Paul's recognized our high school graduate, Torie McAdams. A delicious breakfast was prepared by Sue Theodore for Torie and her family, Lois Cook, Higher Education Chair, and Pastor Paul. During the worship service Torie was presented the book, <u>Graduate to Greatness</u> by Andrew James and told of her plans to attend the University of Toledo in the fall.







Remember When...

June 7, 1987 Last Sunday to Worship in the Old Sanctuary















June, 14, 1987 Worship Services held in Fellowship Hall during renovation

Connecting With ...



Look Beyond The Sunset

Just look beyond the sunset for what still lies in store.

The secrets of the universe-indeed, and so much more,
The pain of this existence may yet be not in vain,
Remembering His promise that He'll return again.
And as the darkness follows and sunlight glows no more,
Embarking on that voyage to that still uncharted shore,
With trembling consternation we move into the night,
Hoping, ever hoping, to see His holy light.
Now leave your cares and sorrows-leave your pain and woe.
Face your fate with confidence for in your heart you know...
And look beyond the sunset for there you'll find the way.
Just follow in His footsteps, and come to Him today.

- poem by Dillon Staas, Jr.



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Ed Laman

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement

Joanna Hurd Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

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Eddie Mault Jason Stanley





Congratulations to Janna Thompson on Her Retirement.

I will be retiring as of June 1, 2014, after teaching for 35 years. I spent the first six years of my career teaching at McComb and Mendon Union. The last 29 years I have been teaching at Elida Middle School. I am thankful for the many years of working with so many excellent educators and the opportunity to serve the young people of our district.

The first thing in my retirement plans is to spend MUCH more time with our grandson, Thad. It is perfect timing that Tara and AJ are moving to Wooster, Ohio, where Tara will be serving as a visiting history professor for the next year. The short two hour drive will be easy compared with the eleven hours we have been traveling to South Carolina. I also hope to see Aaron more frequently, since I will have some freedom to travel to St. Louis. Of course, Aric will get his share of visits when I make some trips to Columbus! I will be getting involved in some volunteer work and helping care for my mom. One other goal is to TRY to learn the game of golf. We will see if Denny can use his golf coach skills with an "old" student!

The People of St. Paul's

Thank you for the cards and flowers on the passing of our brother-in law, Rick Milky. Thank you for the continued support as we walk through the illness with my mother, Virginia Latham. Thanks to Pastor Paul for all his care and support.

Greg and Barb Schade



I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers, and calls to check up on me after my surgery. It is very nice to know that my church family is concerned about me.

Thank you, **Shirley Moser**



Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for your recent donation to our Shelter. Your kindness is truly appreciated

> Sincerely, Samaritan House



May 18, 2014 Shirley Moser's Class singing "The Caterpillar Song"

L-R: Tara Gaghen, Lena Whetstone, Cora Stengel, Anika Bok, Sherilyn Ellinger, Adrianna Ellinger, Caroline Stengel





Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

June 2014

PPR...7:00 PM

June 3, 2014 Trustees...7:00 PM

June 4, 2014 Worship...6:00 PM

June 9, 2014 **Finance... 7:00 PM**

No Ad Council Mtg.

June 17, 2014 Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays Prayer...9:30 AM Fellowship...9:30 AM Worship...10:00 AM Sun Tue Wed Thu Mon Fri Sat

14

Rick Evans

Evan Motzer

21

Steve Moser

Josh Motzer

28

Linda

Matlock

Anniversaries

Dominic & Kelly DeRose June 1

June 2; 35 yrs. Bill & Esther McKinney

Marty & Kathy White

June 5; 49 yrs. Brad & Slone Whetstone

June13

Art & Linda Holman June 17; 47 yrs.

Kim Metzger

Emma

Motzer

Caleb & Krista Slemmons June 21

Don & Judy Chaffins June 29; 40 yrs.

Tom A. Denise Thomas June 29

John & Jone Lane June 30; 52 yrs.

Zac & Jenni Jankovsky June 30

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8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	10 Don Chaffins Susan Nartker	11	12	13
15 Jim Hines Mallory Rentz	16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller	18	19	20 Mindy Kimmet Greg Schade
22	23	24	25	26	27



Art Holman

Vicki

McAdams

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Chocolate Sundae Crunch By Sue Theodore **Ingredients** Instructions Crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 1 cup Flour Mix, flour, brown sugar, and margarine together until crumbly. 1/4 cup Packed brown sugar Mix in pecans. Spread into square ungreased 9x9 pan. Don't pat down. Bake until golden brown, about 25 to 30 minutes. 1/2 cup Margarine or butter Cool. Crumble crust in your hands until fine. Reserve 1/2 cup crust 3/4 cup Chopped pecans crumbs. Pat down remaining crumbs to make the crust. Filling: Filling: Beat pudding and milk for 2 minutes on low speed. 1 (3 3/4 oz.) Instant French vanilla or vanilla Add ice cream (soften a little before you add it). pudding pkg. Beat on low speed just until smooth and creamy. Pour over crust. Milk 1 cup 6 T. Evaporated milk French vanilla or vanilla 2 cup ice cream 1 cup Chocolate chips 10 lrg. Marshmallows

Ice Crean	m Delight	
		By Jone Lane
Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	Oreo Cookies (crushed in blender)	Mix cookie crumbs and butter. Press into 9x13 dish. Place in freezer for 5 minutes.
4 T.	Melted butter	Tonnings
		Topping: Layer on top of cookie crust:
Topping Layer:		Ice cream, fudge sauce and cool whip.
1/2 gal.	Ice cream (slightly softened)	Keep frozen.
1 jar	Fudge sauce	
1 large	Cool Whip	

KIDZ KORNER

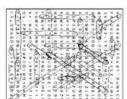


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## Books, Books, Books!

Find the books of the New Testament in this word find puzzle. (For books with more than one part, such as 1 and 2 Timothy, you will find Timothy listed only once.)

| Matthew         | 1 Timothy  |
|-----------------|------------|
| Mark            | 2 Timothy  |
| Luke            | Titus      |
| John            | Philemon   |
| Acts            | Hebrews    |
| Romans          | James      |
| 1 Corinthians   | 1 Peter    |
| 2 Corinthians   | 2 Peter    |
| Galatians       | 1 John     |
| Ephesians       | 2 John     |
| Philippians     | 3 John     |
| Colossians      | Jude       |
| 1 Thessalonians | Revelation |
| 2 Thessalonians |            |



Answers

A M T R A B U X C S T C V B Y T D U W V C E FXADUGWNHOJYHEVXIZYWJF XKGTAZLYZHRBTIMOTHYSMC NDPETERIOZSIEJPRAKNNQF GERLYHTOMITSNHEMTABAIU V P J N W C E A K U C X O T Y E I L Z I P M AHHEBREWSBANEQHSKCDNOR DEPSEGQBNECPTRSIRUFOSG USHTDAVIAUENHOJWAVLLJX KIWYFLZXMLJFLIYAMNGAZM HANBGAIBOCAOAHLDJOSSBP SNAIHTNIROCEHCDICEISDF ESQJKIERFGDSKNGLPTHELU VGMHJAWHIUNOMELIHPZHIJ KYIMJNHOJZLNJANMKBITJC DNLEPSOKFOMPGOLMQHNARI THESSALONIANSEMAJPNKNT LRUQMNSOSNOITALEVERNVS

## Books of the Bible Cards

Look inside your Bible for a list of the books in the Bible. Use note cards to make a total of 66 cards. Write the name of one book of the Bible on each card. Then mix them up and use them to play games.

- Draw a card and put it in a New Testament or an Old Testament pile.
   Check the table of contents in a Bible to see how many you have right. (If you are playing with more than one person, take turns drawing a card from the center and have each player make a pile of Old and New Testament cards.)
   Put any wrong guesses back in the pile in the center and keep playing until all the cards have been used.
- Draw five cards and put them in order from Old Testament books to New. Draw five more and keep filling in the spaces until you have drawn all the cards and put them all in order.
- Separate the cards into Old and New Testaments piles. Then see if you can put the books in order.
- · Use your imagination and make up other games on your own!

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## **June 2014**

## **Living Our Faith**

#### **BEATING THE SYSTEM**

When I was a teenager just starting to drive, my dad let me use the family car. There was only one catch. I had to record my mileage and pay him 5 cents for every mile I drove. He wanted to teach me about what it really cost to drive a car - not just gas and oil but tires, insurance, and depreciation. In 1969 a nickel a mile would about cover it.

I used to cheat on my mileage log so I wouldn't have to pay so much at the end of each month. Sometimes I'd use the car and not fill it in at all. Dad never questioned me

The day I bought my own car Dad came out to admire it with me. He brought a big jar full of coins and bills with him. "Here," he said, "This is all the money you gave me for driving the car. There's \$276 in here. I figure if you had paid me for all the miles you actually drove, I would be giving you something over a \$1,000 today - enough to have paid for that car you just bought." I learned my lesson. I would have been happier had I learned it a couple of years sooner.

We have a lesson to learn about biblical stewardship. It's not hard or complicated. Yet it seems to me that our

human condition makes it one of the most difficult lessons we ever struggle with.

God is the giver of all. It's all God's. Period. We are blessed to be the receivers of God's generosity.

We are created in God's image. Therefore, we too are created to be joyful, generous givers - just like God.

When we give we are engaged in the process of living and creating a new world. When we don't, we are trapped in the process of dying spiritually, emotionally, even physically.

The more we hang to, the less in control we will feel. The more we can give with a joyful heart, the less we will feel the need to be in control because we come to realize we never were - God is.

The call to biblical stewardship is not a system you want to try and beat - to do so will mean losing more than you gain. Biblical stewardship is a lifestyle to embrace. There is life there. And your jar will always be full.

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