

Memorial Messenger

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November 2012



Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for November is hygiene products: soap, toothpaste, etc.. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.



Thank You — A big “thank you” to everyone who donated to help beat world hunger at the annual Norman CROP Walk on October 7th. Let’s hope your lettuce seeds give you salad, too! The “green stuff” that was donated reached \$145.00 — yeah! We also collected quite a few cans of tuna and peanut butter for the Cleveland County food pantry. Monetary donations went to Food and Shelter, Inc., (a.k.a. Food for Friends) and to Church World Service, which operates in eighty countries. Five children and five adults from Memorial attended the CROP Walk. Good Job! — Holly Van Auken

The Christmas Store of Cleveland County is a shopping opportunity for low-income persons who wish to create a meaningful Christmas for their families. Cleveland County families partner with community volunteers in preparing the site for shopping as a means of earning their selection of gifts and food for their Christmas. Donations of new toys, canned foods, new household items, and money will be accepted at the store site, 641 E. Robinson. Hours of operation are 9:00 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Nov. 6 - 9, 12 - 17, 26 - 29 and Dec. 1. See Charlotte Lovett for more information or if you have some time to volunteer.



Making a Joyful Noise at Cedar Creek

The Kid’s Club sang jumpy gospel songs and shook rhythm instruments up and down the halls of Cedar Creek nursing facility on October 24th. This was to honor National Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 27th. A difference was made for sure. We are invited back for Christmas caroling in December. If you are free Wednesday, December 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M., please come by the church and we'll walk over to Cedar Creek across the street if the weather is good. Singing is optional, but plenty of smiling opportunities will be available. — Holly Van Auken



Dear Friends,

What is your Presbyterian IQ? Are you dyed-in-the-wool, or a relative newcomer to our brand of Christianity?

Your officers—the elders and deacons of the congregation—are about to become even more steeped in Presbyterianism. Training for those who will be serving next year will take place on Mondays in November.

This excellent learning opportunity is **open to anyone** who wants to learn more about being a Presbyterian. You do not need to be an officer to attend.

We will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Our time will begin with a brief service of worship, followed by two 45-minute sessions of learning. We will have a short break at 8:00 for coffee and refreshments. I have asked ministers and elders from around our presbytery to teach in particular areas, and I look forward to hearing them, as well as having them get acquainted with the folks of Memorial.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Nov. 5	History of Presbyterians, Alvin Turner Presbyterian Worship, Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan
Monday, Nov. 12	The Great Ends of the Church, Rev. Sue Trei-Conrad Ordination and Installation Questions, Rev. Tracy Evans
Monday, Nov. 19	The Book of Order, Rev. Carol Waters The Book of Confessions, Rev. Tim Blodgett

One of my goals is to strengthen the session and the diaconate as the spiritual leaders of the church. These times of training will assist in that goal. As we gather, we will be reminded of our heritage, and our unique place in the world of Christianity. We have an identity and a heritage that deserve our attention.

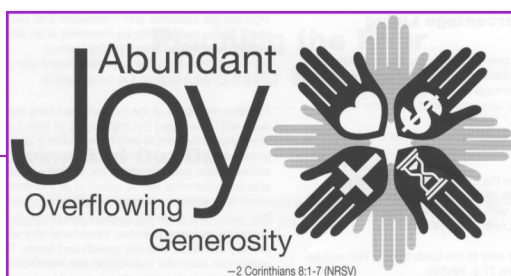
Grace and peace,

Tracy

Session Report

A regular meeting of Session was held on Tuesday, October 23. The annual stewardship drive will begin Sunday, November 4 and will conclude on Sunday, November 25. Session voted to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing elders and deacons. Session approved a request from the Worship & Music Committee to provide the congregation with an opportunity to purchase new hymnals and Bibles for the sanctuary. This opportunity will begin the first Sunday of Advent (see page 4).

Joan Cole
Clerk of Session



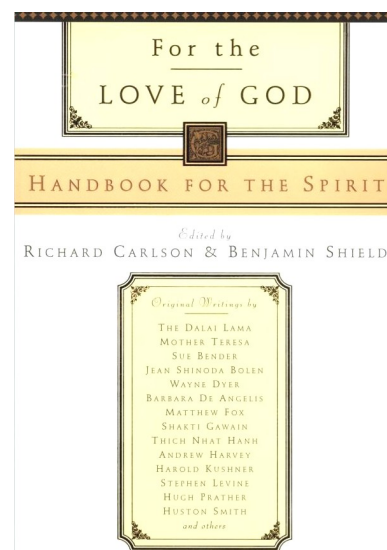
Stewardship Update:
January 1 to October 31, 2012

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2012 Budget
Pledges	\$127,009.00	\$129,166.60	\$155,000
Other Income	\$25,214.78	\$38,838.20	\$46,606
Total Income	\$152,223.78	\$168,004.80	\$201,606
Total Expenses	\$150,772.94	\$167,996.27	\$201,606

Book of the Month

The book of the month for November is *For the Love of God*, edited by B. Shield and R. Carlson.

For the Love of God is a diverse collection of original writings from a diverse group of thinkers who celebrate their personal experience with the divine. The writers include Wayne Dyer, Harold Kushner, the Dalai Lama, and Mother Teresa. Topics included are "The Awakening Spirit," "The God Within," "God in Everyday Life," and "Embracing God, Embracing Life." In this book you will find a wonderful collection of thought that will give spiritual nourishment.
—Harry Wright



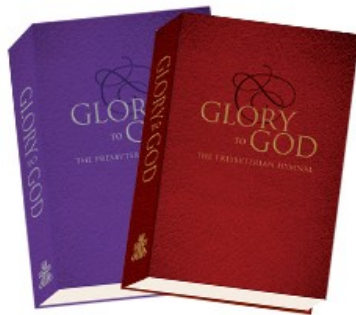
This book will be displayed in the Library throughout the month of November, and will be available to borrow.

Glory to God!

Session has given your Worship and Music committee permission to raise funds for new hymnals and pew Bibles. After discussion, study, and attending a workshop on the new PC(USA) hymnal, *Glory to God*, to be published in the fall of 2013, the committee decided to replace the twenty-year-old hymnals with one which includes contemporary, traditional, and multicultural hymns, and returns some old favorites that were left out of the blue hymnal. At the same time, we want to update the pew Bibles to a newer translation, the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). We want you, the congregation, to have the opportunity to purchase hymnals or Bibles in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Hymnals ordered before June 1, 2013 will cost \$17.50, which includes the cost of imprinting the church name on the cover. Bibles will run about \$10-12 but as of this writing we do not know the cost of imprinting. We will also be ordering some large print copies of both. Large print hymnals are \$27.50 with imprinting. Watch for more details on how to order hymnals, or Bibles ... or both!

Charlotte Lovett

GLORY TO GOD: THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL



Turning the Clock Back



Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2:00 A.M.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday.

Memorial Presbyterian Church will not be held responsible for anyone showing up an hour early!



Mission & Evangelism Report

Ted Crump's Mission

Ted Crump is the first full time missionary to work for the All4Jesus Foundation out of Atlanta, GA. The All4Jesus Foundation is a nonprofit foundation with a married couple as directors along with a board of advisers.

Ted Crump is Janice Crump's grandson. He was born and raised in Tulsa and graduated from Jenks High School where he started as an offensive guard on the football team. He went from there to the Air Force Academy where he played football for 4 years and graduated from the Academy in 2007. Since he had to serve 5 yrs. of active duty, he became an intelligence officer and was promoted to Captain the last year he served. He resigned from the Air Force the middle of July of this year because he felt strongly that God was calling him to go to Swaziland, in the region of southern Africa, to help care for the orphaned children there.

As Swaziland's life expectancy drastically decreases due to AIDS, the number of orphans is skyrocketing. All4Jesus' vision is to build a loving home under the direction of God to holistically care for orphans and raise them as their very own. Since his arrival on October 1, Ted has been living at Pasteur Valley Children's Home where he has stayed twice before. During this time, his focus will be to learn as much as he can about Swaziland, adjust to life in Africa and create a strong bond with the owners of Pasteur Valley, on whom he will be able to depend during his time there. After a month long acclimation period, he will move off of their farm



and begin paving the way for All4Jesus' permanent settlement in Swaziland. His focus, while continuing to remain on the children, will branch out to the acquisition of property for All4Jesus' mission. Once locations have been selected for the Children's Home and the Community Care Center, construction will begin on each. The Children's Home will be where the house mothers and orphans will reside and the Community Care Center will be used to provide food, clothes and education (both traditional and Biblical) for the destitute children living in the local area. It is All4Jesus' desire and God's command to empower the Swazi people by encouraging them to use their talents, gifts and resources to build up and care for their own community; ultimately moving them closer to God's design and purpose for their lives.

Please partner with Ted in prayer so that God's will may be done in Swaziland and His children there will be blessed. — Janice Crump

Worship & Music Committee Report

November, 2012

WORSHIP PLANNING

Did you ever wonder what goes into planning a worship service? If you are like me, it never crossed my mind until I joined the Worship and Music Committee, and even then it took a few years before I started feeling comfortable giving my “two-cents worth”.

Let me give you a look into our most recent planning session held October 15 to plan an All Saints Day service.

First, we had to decide whether to hold the service **on** All Saints Day, a Thursday, or wait until the following Sunday and combine an All Saints Day observance with the celebration of communion. We opted for Sunday, November 4.

Second, we discussed what tone we wanted to pursue and determined a tone of celebration.

We looked at the lectionary scriptures for All Saints Day. Terry agreed to arrange to have a cantor for Psalm 24. It was decided to include Hebrews 11:32 – 12:3 as it refers to a cloud of witnesses.

Sometimes we follow the regular order of worship and sometimes we make changes. This time we agreed to follow the regular order and use a Call to Worship appropriate for All Saints Day. Many committee members had researched worship services online. After sharing ideas for prayers, hymns, communion, how to provide the congregation an opportunity to honor family and friends, etc., we slowly, but surely, built the service.

Joan traditionally takes her notes and types up a rough draft of the service, using a template that she has on her computer which matches the template that Terry has at church. She then submits the draft to the committee for review. It is at this point that Vince and Terry add the music portions if they have not previously done so.

So, that is it in a nutshell. It is a very amiable committee and we mix laughter with serious work.

Any and all are welcome to join us. We'll be planning Advent on Nov. 4 at 6:30 pm.

Joy and peace, Charlotte Lovett, co-chair



World Communion Sunday, October 7

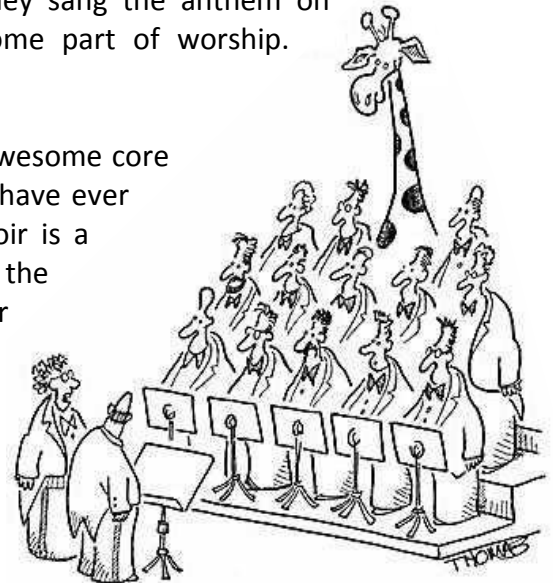
CHORISTERS' CORNER

Hello friends, and welcome to my shiny new column. I truly enjoy and treasure my position as choir director at Memorial Presbyterian, and I wanted to take a moment to write about the program. The big news is our major coup in acquiring Kirk Forthman to direct our children's choir. As a member of Memorial, and graduate of The University of Oklahoma in Music Ed., he seemed like the natural choice to take over. Kirk enthusiastically agreed, and has those kids sounding great. They sang the anthem on October 21, and will continue to be an important and welcome part of worship. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30.

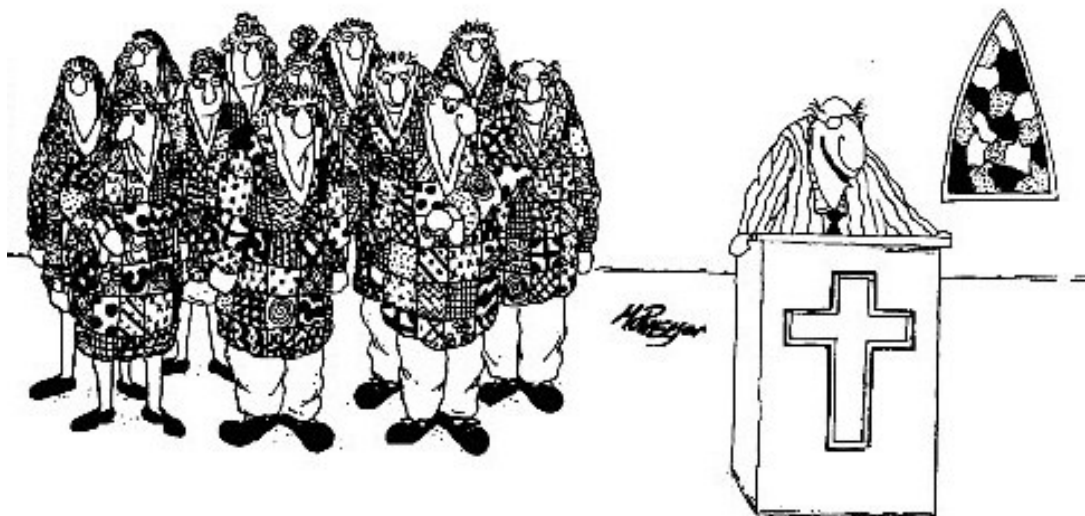
As for the adult choir, we are seeking new members to join our awesome core of singers. We rehearse every Wednesday night at 7:00. If you have ever thought you might like to take a leadership role in worship, choir is a great place to start; and with Advent rapidly approaching, now is the time to take that step. All are welcome. Even if you have never sung in a choir, you will feel right at home in our friendly, affirming, learn-as-you-go environment.

The future is bright at Memorial, and a vibrant, enthusiastic music program is an important part of our church's growth. I hope that you will prayerfully consider giving it a shot. Additionally, I am always open to requests and suggestions, so feel free to stop me in the hall and ask me about how to get involved in our choirs.

In His service and in yours,
Vince Leseney



"He's here to hit the high notes."



"Many thanks to the Ladies' Quilting Club
for the new choir robes."

Memorial on the Web

Have you seen our new website? If not, go to memorialpres.org to check it out. I can wait . . .

Why make a new website? The most important function of a church website is to give first-time visitors a good impression of the church, as well as lots of information about it. Visitors want to know many things about a church, such as:

- Service times
- Style of worship (i.e., traditional or contemporary; liturgical or non-liturgical; casual or formal)
- Nursery care availability and security policies
- Location and driving directions, as well as contact info
- A brief statement of what we believe (without too many details)
- What ministries are offered, especially those for youth and children
- How the church engages in mission and outreach
- How the church helps members connect with each other, and grow in their faith



Besides giving out important information, a church website should be attractively designed and easy to use. Beautiful design is not the *purpose* of a church website, but first impressions do matter: if visitors find the site ugly or amateurish, or if the design of the site is more of a hindrance than a help, they won't stay long and may never come back.

A good website can also serve our members in various ways. For example, ours now has an interactive web calendar that offers an attractive design, as well as more functionality than the old calendar. For one thing, by clicking the down arrow in the top right corner, you can select which categories of events you see. You can also get more information about many events by clicking on the event title. Would you like to request that an event be added? Fill out a simple form to notify the church office of your request.

A website can also be a useful tool for getting the word out, and we are now posting announcements, news items, and such, as they arise. If you would like, you may choose to be notified when new posts are put up, or get a daily or weekly email digest of news posts: simply enter a comment on any page, and follow the instructions. If you have news to share, don't be shy — send it in and we will let the world (wide web) know about it!

A website by its nature is always a work in progress. We need—and we welcome—your constructive criticism: please take a few minutes this month to review our site and find at least one thing you like or dislike, at least one thing you would add or remove, and let us know. We do not promise to implement all the ideas we receive, but we do promise to listen and carefully consider them.

It is our hope to develop a team approach to maintaining our new website. Each member has something to contribute: are you good with graphic design? We could use your help. Are you a good photographer or good with video (shooting and/or editing)? Good quality photos and videos can make a website more attractive and more useful. Don't have any relevant skills? No problem — you can help, by way of example, by sending us a news item to publish or by pointing out areas needing improvement. With your help, and your active participation, our website can become a means of outreach and community-building.

Terry Cast
Administrative Assistant



Fall Series: Voices of Family Recovery

All meetings 7-9 PM at
Norman Regional Hospital, Education Center
901 North Porter
For additional information call 278-1221

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7 PM: **Addiction Recovery: Finding Serenity**

Our guest speaker Bill Hanks is in recovery and has written a book entitled, *Serenity: It's a God Deal*. You will leave the meeting with a much better knowledge of why addicts do the things they do. Bill takes you through the evolution of addiction—from recreational use, to abuse, then to a mental and physical dependence, which, in the end, spirals into full-blown addiction—all the while using his own life story as an example. This will be an ideal talk for parents and grandparents who are dealing with addiction issues.

Bill Hanks is a recently retired 25-year veteran of Wall Street, having spent the last 11 years as co-founder/co-manager of an investment advisory firm in Tulsa. In 1996, Bill recognized his problem with drugs and alcohol, and checked himself into a treatment center. It was a decision that led him to teaching, in a volunteer capacity, weekly classes on recovery at the rehab center that helped him to help himself 16 years ago. Today, he has personally provided Twelve-Step based support and teachings to more than 11,000 patients and individuals in recovery. He also brings his “awareness programs” to churches and schools to help educate our susceptible youth and young adults as to the dangers of drug and alcohol use. His motto: “I would rather deploy ‘prevention factors’ now versus ‘damage control’ later.”

Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7 PM: **The Family Component of Recovery**

Rob’s Ranch Program Director Brent Katigan will be our guest speaker. His inpatient facility for men located in Purcell recognizes that addiction is very much a family disease that affects the alcoholic/drug addict’s loved ones. Rob’s Ranch emphasizes family recovery where all who are impacted are encouraged to work together to reconcile and heal. Our meeting’s discussion will center on the critical role family dynamics plays in recovery as well as prevention. Stemming from his own personal experience as well as a professional background that spans nearly three decades, Mr. Katigan will share strategies for identifying and treating unhealthy family systems in support of a loved one’s recovery.

Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: ParentsHelpingParents.info

MPC member Joan Cole is an active member of Parents Helping Parents.

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Jim Eckel has cancer and emphysema.

Peggy Strunk is recovering from colon cancer.

Rhonda Beard (Trudy & Mike's daughter-in-law)

Kenny and Danielle Comer (Mike Girdner's niece and her husband): Kenny is battling cancer for the fourth time, and requires chemotherapy.

Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee) is recovering from injuries sustained in the line of duty in Afghanistan.

Kate Yost (Dave & Tamara Iske's niece).

Margaret Forthman (Carl & Julie Forthman's sister-in-law) is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Scherrie Martin (friend of Doris Hinson) has cancer of the liver.

George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)

Those who grieve

Family of Sandra Burtis (Charlotte Lovett's aunt)

Family of James Martin (former father-in-law of Jayelle Martin)

Family of Winnie McEndree (Molly Rambur's grandmother)

Family of Ron Tewksbury (friend of Mike & Joan Cole)

Prayers Answered

Doug Forsyth is free of cancer and regaining his strength after surgery and a difficult stay in the hospital.

Vince Leseney looks forward to beginning treatment in December, in a clinical trial of new vaccines for melanoma.

David Drennan (friend of Charlotte Lovett) is feeling much better.

November Birthdays

- Nov. 4 Justus Rambur
- Nov. 5 Patsy Jones (Jayelle Martin's grand-daughter)
- Nov. 7 Vince Leseney
Jerel Williams
- Nov. 9 Abigail Jangha
- Nov. 10 Jennifer Eckel
- Nov. 13 Lorraine Annoh
- Nov. 15 David Wilson
- Nov. 16 Sandy Clarke
- Nov. 17 Gladys Jangha
- Nov. 18 Lola Carroll
Jan Cunningham Garlett
Leann Williams
- Nov. 23 Alice Lanning
Ben Jangha

November Wedding Anniversaries

- Nov. 3 Tim & Georjana Mauldin
- Nov. 27 Jim & Linda Rodriguez

To receive prayer requests by email, please contact
Janice Crump at: janicec11@cox.net

Grateful People

Can you think of grateful people from the Bible? This alphabet puzzle will help you.

Directions: Using the ABC code, name these Bible people with attitudes of gratitude towards God!



1. She led everyone in a song of praise to God for rescuing them. (Exodus 15:1)

13 9 18 9 1 13

2. She thanked God for giving her a son. (1 Samuel 2:1)

8 1 14 14 1 8

3. Shepherd, writer, king who loved God. (Psalm 16:2)

4 1 22 9 4

4. God's own son, he thanked God for providing food. (Matthew 14:19)

10 5 19 21 19

5. She was chosen to be the mother of the Savior so she thanked God. (Luke 1:46)

13 1 18 25

6. He was filled with the Holy Spirit so he praised God. (Luke 1:68)

26 5 3 8 1 18 9 1 8

7. Before he died, he saw Jesus standing by God. (Acts 7:56)

19 20 5 16 8 5 14

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

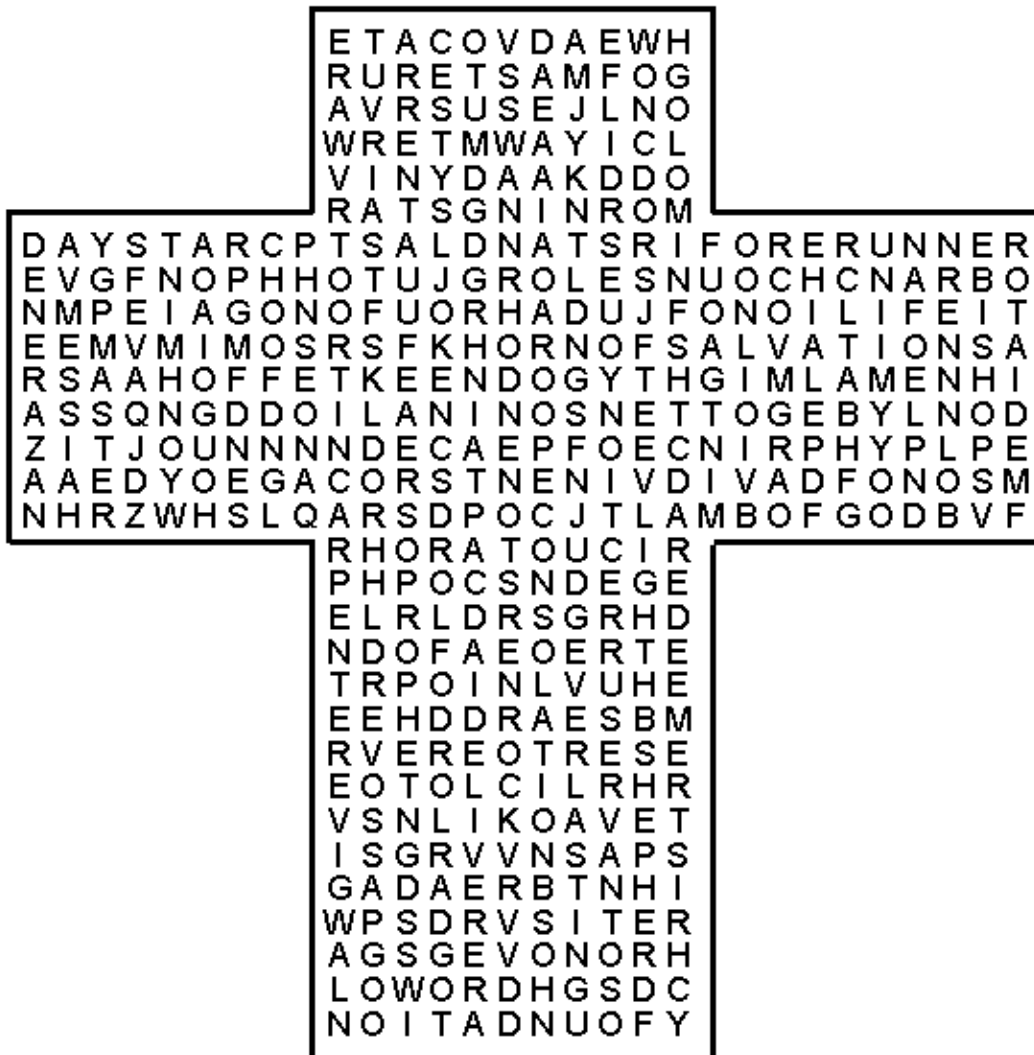
1. MIRIAM
2. HANNAH
3. DAVID
4. JESUS
5. MARY
6. ZECHARIAH
7. STEPHEN

ANSWERS:

God has many names.

Find the names of God listed below and circle them in the Cross.

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Serve at Food and Shelter 10 A.M. C. E. meeting 7:00 P.M.	2	3 Daylight Savings Time Ends: Set your clocks back one hour tonight
4 All Saints' Day Service & the Lord's Supper 10:55 A.M. Worship & Music meeting 6:30 P.M.	5 Boy Scouts 7 P.M.	6	7	8 Building & Grounds 7:00 P.M.	9	10
11 Veterans' Day Worship & Music meeting, if needed, time TBD	12 Boy Scouts 7 P.M.	13 Mission & Evangelism 6:00 P.M.	14	15	16	17
18 Deacons 12 P.M. Stewardship 5:30 P.M.	19 Boy Scouts 7 P.M.	20 Session 7 P.M.	21 No Wednesday Night Activities	22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25 Christ the King Sunday	26 DECEMBER MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE Boy Scouts 7 P.M.	27	28	29	30	

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids' Club 3:30-6:00 P.M.
Hand-Chime Choir 5:00 P.M.
Children's Choir 5:30 P.M.
Chancel Ringers 6:00 P.M. (as needed)
Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.