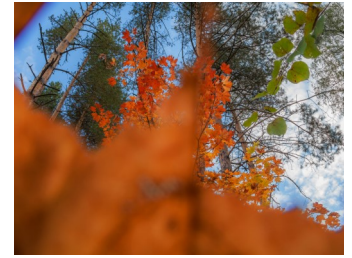




Nuggets of Treasure **Give Love**

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Everyone will have adversaries or enemies. We all will encounter individuals who do evil or who are evil to us. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21) Do not let evil get the upper hand. What is evil? Behavior or conduct that causes harm or that is bad. Something that brings sorrow, calamity, or distress. Evil is darkness. Darkness cannot drive out darkness only light can drive out darkness. When people are evil, we should do good. We should walk in love. Walking in love brings light.

We have been given free will to choose between good and evil. We need to walk in love toward our enemies and trust God to take care of our enemies. As we love our enemies perhaps, they will become our friends. I Peter 3:9-10 (AMP) "Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection]. For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips

from guile (treachery, deceit)." Do not retaliate but instead pray for them.

Matthew 5:38-43 (AMP) "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, Do not resist the evil man [who injures you]; but if anyone strikes you on the right jaw or cheek, turn to him the other one too. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your undershirt (tunic), let him have your coat also. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles]. Give to him who keeps on begging from you, and do not turn away from him who would borrow [at interest] from you. You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; "Slapping a person here is not physical but slapping on the cheek meant an insult. The old way was to insist on your rights, and just love your neighbor but hate your enemy. The new way Jesus was teaching was to suffer the wrong and love everyone.

Jesus states that love in response to love is natural. The greatest challenge to walking in love with others comes when we are wronged or believe we have been wronged. At those times we are called to not return evil for evil, but to love, and give a

blessing instead. We say this is too hard but when we depend on the Holy Spirit and allow Him to help us and guide us, we will be able to love. The Lord God would never ask us to do something that we could not do or that He would not give us the ability, the grace to do it. No dispute, argument, conflict, etc. should we allow to linger. The natural response to any wrong or hostility is retaliation. We see this happening all over the world. One group wrongs another and then they dedicate the rest of their existence to repaying those wrongs. How is the cycle broken? Only by God's love.

Matthew 5:44 (NKJV) "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," Jesus is saying there is a different way to live. Our carnal nature is contrary to this way of living, it desires retaliation. As a believer, we must go beyond non-retaliation to one of love. We should love, bless, do good, and pray. Jesus is giving us a new way for relationships based on kingdom principles. The love Jesus is talking about knows no class or ethnic boundary, but actively seeks endless well-being of others, regardless of the evil, harm they seek to inflict upon you. Jesus is instructing us to

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Upcoming Events 2024

October 14 Columbus Day

November 1 All Saints' Day

November 3 Daylight Saving
Time Ends

November 5 Election Day

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 28 Thanksgiving Day

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas

December 31 New Year's Eve



"The world does need changing, society needs changing, the nation needs changing, but we never will change it until we ourselves are changed. And we never will change until we look into the mirror of our own soul and face with candor what we are inside"—Billy Graham

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."—Daniel Webster

"A life totally consecrated to God sees all of its tasks as God-appointed."—Unknown

"Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity; but, for that reason, it should be most our care to learn it."—William Penn

"Words are free. It is how you use them. That may cost you."—Toby Mac

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The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:
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Phone 208-459-6000
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Birthday Blessings

10/14 Elijah Weber



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

September 2024

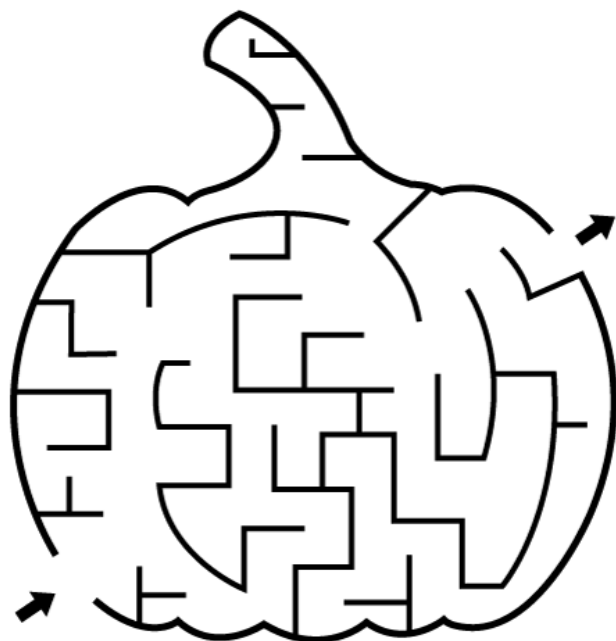
Families: 1,256
New Families: 58
Total People: 4,920

Year to Date 2024 (as of 10/2/24)

Families: 12,486
New Families: 755
Total People: 48,893

Year to Date 2023

Families: 15,676
New Families: 855
Total People: 60,772



Fall Word Find

Name: _____



pumpkin	tree	spider	jacket
leaf	hay	squirrel	gourd
fire	chilly	apple	crow

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**Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!**

**Sunday Morning
10:30 am**



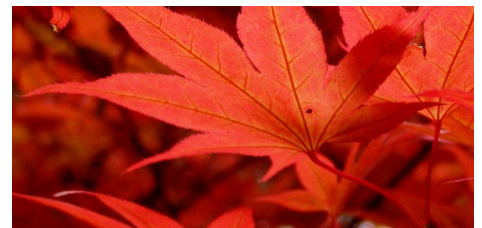


RECIPE CORNER

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love that goes beyond worldly or traditional standards or expectations.

A story is told of Peter Miller, a plain Baptist preacher living in Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the days of the Revolutionary War. Near his church lived a man who maligned the pastor to the last degree. The man became involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to be hanged. The preacher started on foot and walked all seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for the man's life. Washington heard his plea, but he said, "No, your plea for your friend cannot be granted." "My friend!" said the preacher. "He is the worst enemy I have." "What!" said Washington, "you have walked nearly seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon." How do we handle our enemies? Let us give everyone love.



Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients

- 1 2 1/2-pound butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes (about 4 cups)
- 1 large apple, peeled, cored and cut into sixths
- 1 medium yellow onion, cut into sixths
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 clove garlic
- 4 sprigs thyme
- 1 bay leaf



Directions

Preheat the oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Place the squash, apple and onion on the baking sheet. Drizzle with the olive oil, season with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and toss to combine. Roast until fork-tender, 40 to 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, make a sachet with the garlic, thyme and bay leaf (tie in a bundle using cheesecloth and twine). Bring the chicken broth and sachet to a low boil in a stockpot over high heat. Add the roasted apple, onion and squash (set aside a few cubes of the roasted squash for topping). Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the vegetables are soft, about 20 minutes. Remove from the heat and remove the sachet. Use an immersion blender, or transfer to a blender in small batches, and blend until smooth and creamy. Season the soup with additional salt and pepper to taste. Ladle i.

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Our life as believers should involve continuous spiritual development and growth. How do we grow? We grow by the Word of God. The Word of God is our spiritual food. In the natural to grow we must have daily nourishment, not just from time to time. To be healthy we cannot just eat junk food; we need balanced nutrition. If we do not have the right nutrients we can become sickly. If we only ate once a week we would wither away and probably eventually die. If we only fed an infant once in a while the baby would not thrive. To grow spiritually and flourish we need to have nourishment every day.

I Peter (AMP) 2:1-3 **"SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander and evil speaking of every kind. Like newborn babies, you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto [completed] salvation,** Since, you have [already] tasted the goodness and kindness of the Lord." Peter is encouraging believers to be eager for the Word's nourishment. Do we partake daily in the Word, so we can grow and develop? What is spiritual milk? Figuratively, the sincere and sweet word by which believers grow in grace and are nourished. The Word gives us instructions on how to live.

Everyday Godly Living

We must lay aside old attitudes and characteristics that hinder growth and instead feast on the Word of God. We never grow spiritually apart from the Word of God. It is by the Word of God that we come to maturity.

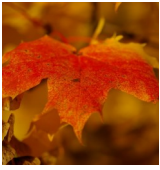
As parents, we are thrilled when our child is born, smiles for the first time, rolls over, sits up, crawls, and takes their first step. When they take that first step they are just getting started to learn to walk. The Lord God desires that you do more than take the first step, being born-again. He desires that we continue to grow, that is an ongoing process. He desires for us to walk with Him, to become Christ-like.

When a baby is born that is only the beginning there are years of development and growth before they reach maturity. How are we growing in our walk with the Lord? Have we changed since we first accepted Christ as our savior and Lord?

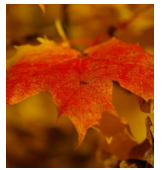
Do we earnestly desire the Word of God? Maybe we do not have a desire or appetite for the Word of God, His truth because we have filled ourselves with other things, like social media, TV, or other books. Perhaps we have filled ourselves with hobbies, and recreational activities. They fill us for a time, but they do not have the nourishment to cause us to grow in our walk with the Lord. If we do not

continually partake, we lose our thirst or hunger. Are we craving the Word of God? We must seek what is conducive to our growth. Babies thrive on milk. We can thrive on the Word of God. We should read the Word, meditate upon the Word, and delight in the Word. We should embrace and conform to the Word of God.





OCTOBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Feed the Needy 12 pm– 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	3 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	4	5
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