

# Nuggets of Treasure

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## September 2024 Walking in Love

As believers are we allowing love to govern our actions? Walking in love is not always easy. When people are unkind or rude our natural response is to retaliate. When we feel others have taken advantage of or used us, we find it hard to walk in love. If people have talked evil about us or accused us of things that are not true it is difficult to forgive and walk in love. Are we loving those who are presently doing us harm?

God's love should always govern our lives. I Corinthians 13:4-8 (NKJV) "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." The first two words Paul writes about are action words patient and kind. They are not love in feelings but love in action. So, love is demonstrated in our actions. Are we shorttempered? Are we irritable? Do we lose our temper? If God's love is in us, we will

show longsuffering (patience) to those who annoy and hurt us. When we are wronged, we have the ability or power to retaliate or avenge ourselves, do we avenge ourselves as soon as we have the opportunity? So, patience is the ability to be wronged and not retaliate. What does love to look like lived out in our lives? Is it slow to anger? Is it quick to forgive? Do we put up with annoyances or inconveniences without complaining? We often think having patience or being long-suffering is waiting on a red light but being longsuffering is having patience with people who aggravate you. Long-suffering does not have to do with circumstances, but instead having patience with people.

Ephesians 4:32: (NLT) "Be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven." Kindness takes the initiative. So how does kindness look in our lives? Are we considerate and helpful to others? Do we show compassion? Do we help those in need? Does

kindness govern our actions daily? Are we mindful of others?

Long-suffering (patience) and kindness should go hand in hand like peanut butter and jelly, salt and pepper. Are we kind to people who irritate us? Doing good to those who irritate is being kind. Perhaps we should take John Wesley's rule for his life and make it ours too. "John Wesley had this for his rule of life: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, as long as ever you can." This is kindness in action.

We should never be like a person who professed Christianity but who kept a notebook of listed wrongs he believed others had committed against him. Some might not have an actual notebook they write in, but instead have a mental notebook of wrongs that they replay. When we walk in love we forgive and always wipe the record clean off our mental whiteboard and do not hold things against others.

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### Upcoming Events 2023

September 2 Labor Day



September 22 First Day of Autumn



October 14 Columbus Day



"Happiness is not a feeling, it is a choice. To be happy, one must choose to be happy, not respond to a circumstance that now controls your happiness."—Joyce Meyer

"God is not in a hurry. You are. It is why you are tired and anxious, stressed and disappointed. Surrender your timeline in favor of His peace."—-Toby Mac

"Whether life grinds a man down or polishes him depends on what he's made of."—-Kathryn Kuhlman

"Humility is the only response we should have towards a God who has given everything for our sake."

—-John Calvin

"No matter how far you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around."—Toby Mac

#### **Birthday Blessings**

9/2 Paula Adams



#### 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**

August 2024 (as of 8/28/24)

Families: 1,257 New Families: 68 Total People: 4,954

**Year to Date 2024 (**as of 8/28/24)

Families: 10,928 New Families: 682 Total People: 42,774

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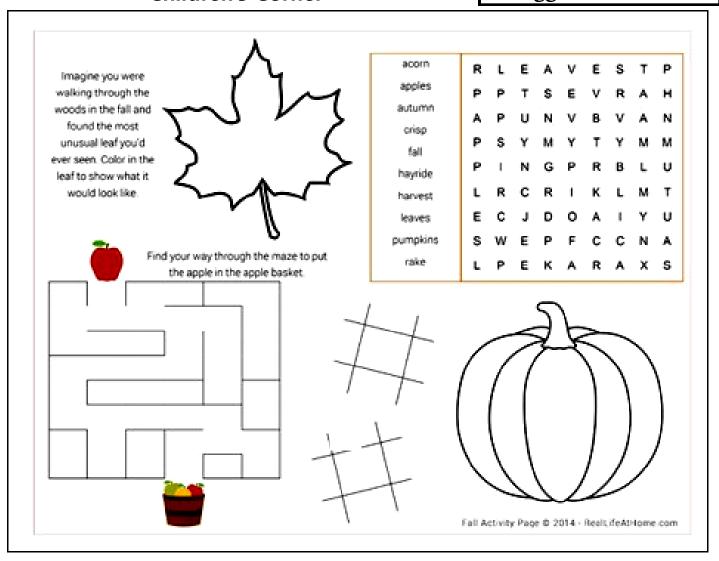
Families: 15,676 New Families: 855 Total People: 60,772

#### **Church Offices**

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only: 13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID Phone 208-459-6000 FAX 208-459-6600

#### Children's Corner





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

Sunday Morning 10:30 am





## RECIPE CORNER Slow Cooker Beef Brisket

#### Ingredients

- One 4-pound first cut brisket, excess fat trimmed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- One 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3 red onions, quartered
- 3 carrots, peeled and cut into thirds
- 6 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 bay leaves

#### **Directions**

Sprinkle the brisket on both sides with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the brisket (slice it in half lengthwise if too large for the skillet) and cook until browned on both sides, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and set aside.

Stir the tomato paste into the pan and cook until heated through, about 2 minutes. Add the mustard and 1 cup of the vegetable broth; scrape the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon to remove any browned bits. Carefully transfer the liquid to a slow cooker, along with the onions, carrots and garlic. Then add the brisket, vinegar, Worcestershire, bay leaves, and the remaining 1 cup broth. Cook on low until the brisket is very tender, about 8 hours.

Remove the brisket to a platter and let rest for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, strain the cooking liquid, season it with salt and pepper, and keep warm.

Slice the brisket against the grain and serve it with the sauce.

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We can walk in love by the power of the Holy Spirit. Love expresses Jesus to others. Not only does walking in love bless people's lives but our lives too. Patience and kindness should regulate our conduct as believers. Matthew 5:46 (NKJV) "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" We have the Holy Spirit so our lives should be different than those who do not have the Holy Spirit. To unbelievers the idea of having patience and kindness, loving our enemies is absurd. As believers, we are commanded to love without limits. We are to love regardless of what people say or do to us. If we practiced patience and kindness all the time think how it could change our entire lives and world. It is time we became doers of the Word and not hearers only by loving God and loving others.



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What is your commitment to your family, friends, or church family? Too many people are indifferent or believe they are too busy to help. Family and friends can be near or far. We can live in the same house or not live with them.

We say vows when we get married but what kind of promises do we hold regarding the rest of our family, friends, or church family? Do we promise to help others with sickness, health, and any hardship life might bring? Are we there to support and encourage them? Life can bring trials that can prove too much without help. Are we willing to help even when it is an inconvenience to us? Do we take the time to spend time with them? Do we listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance in helping and supporting others?

Do we take an interest in each other's lives? Do we actively listen? Do we focus on what the other person is saying, or do we have our heads stuck in a device? Do we interrupt when they are speaking? Do we judge them? If we converse with family, friends, or church family regarding circumstances and situations do we blame them for what is occurring?

We should realize feelings are neither right nor wrong. Someone's feelings are okay but not necessarily someone's behavior including ours, but it does not mean we write others

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off or never speak to them again. Relationships with family, friends, and church family are important as life is short. They could be here today and gone tomorrow. How would we feel if we were at odds or did not take the time to spend time with them and then they are no longer in our lives? Too often people have regrets when others pass away.

Do we always forgive others? Jesus tells us in the Word of God we need to forgive seven times seventy a day. What does that indicate to us? We should always forgive. There is no limit to forgiveness.

We should always pray for our family, friends, and church family. Do we want the best in others' lives? We should always let love regulate our actions. What does this mean? We should be patient and kind. Do we give others the benefit of the doubt? Treat others how we would like to be treated. Treating others how we would like to be treated includes everyone we meet. One of the most important things you can do for others is pray for them daily.

Romans 12:9-10 (NKJV) "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;" This verse in Romans is a com-

mand, not an option or something we decide to choose. We love others by the power of the Holy Spirit. Love involves time and involvement. Often people choose their welfare or what satisfies them and disregard the welfare of others.

The late Will Rogers had these lines engraved on a huge watch which he presented to David Rubinoff, the consummate violinist: "The Clock of Life is wound but once, and no man has the power To tell just when the hands will stop, At late or early hour. Now is the only time we own; Love, life, toil with a will; Do not wait until tomorrow, For the Clock may then be still." Are we making the most of the time we live?

We cannot change the past but what do today will affect our future. Choose to let love regulates your actions. Love is an action word.





## SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	2	3	Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	6	7
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