



Nuggets of Treasure

A.C.T.S.



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Enoch walked with God and was no more. “Walk” is the biblical expression for intimacy and obedience. Enoch had an ongoing intimate close relationship with the Lord. It is also said that He pleased God. Today, we all need to spend intimate daily time with the Lord. Although we may desire an intimate time with the Lord, we may not be unsure how to attain an intimate relationship with Him. One example we can look to is Jesus. In Mark 1:35 we read, “In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.” This portion of scripture is somewhat short, yet it informs us about the priority Jesus set on spending time alone with the Father God. Even though Jesus was busy with His public ministry, doing the will of the Father, He arose early while it was still dark to spend time with the Father God. What can we learn from this? Jesus took initiative, it was a priority, and it was a sacrifice of time. Looking back several verses, we will see that Jesus was up late the night before ministering to the people, yet He val-

ued His time with the Father and arose early to be with Him.

Sometimes we think our lives are too busy to spend time with the Lord but we must take the initiative and make Him a priority in our lives, we must set aside time to fellowship with the Lord. The time or hour of day does not matter, it is just that we spend time with Him. The busier our lives, the more time we need with the Lord God to keep things in proper perspective. We need to set our minds on the things of God and not on the things of the world.

We need to spend time in prayer and the Word of God. As we pray consider this acronym ACTS. It has been around for a long time, but we need to consider what it stands for.

“A” stands for adoration. Praise God for who He is, think about His attributes. Express His worthiness to us.

“C” stands for confession. Invite the Lord to bring to mind anything that needs to be dealt with. Ask Him to

search our hearts and minds. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s convicting.

“T” stands for thanksgiving. We need to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. If we cannot think of anything we need to ask the Lord to help us remember. We can thank the Lord for the many benefits of our walk with Him.

“S” stands for supplication. Bring any request or needs to Him. Pray for others. There are so many things to pray for, a better walk with Him, to know Him better, to desire to pray and read the Word of God more.

Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:17-19 (AMP) “[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), And [so

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Upcoming Events 2025

February 14 Valentine's Day



February 17 President's Day

March 17 Saint Patrick's Day



April 13 Palm Sunday



April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter

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The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

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"Without Christ, not one step; with him, anywhere!"—David Livingstone

"God deserves far more praise than any of us could ever give Him. And God receives little thanks, even for his greatest gifts."—Unknown

"Human beings judge one another by their external actions. God judges them by their moral choices."—C. S. Lewis

"God specializes in giving people a fresh start."—Rick Warren

"It's not what you did, but what you could have done if you allowed the Lord to work His will in your life."—A. W. Tozer

"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."—Oswald Chambers

"Let's respond with grace even when others don't."—Toby Mac

Birthday Blessings

2/14 Ariyanna Nimmo

2/27 Octavia McDonald



Happy Anniversary

2/22 Pastors Royce & Carol Wright



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

January 2025 (as of 1/29/25)

Families: 1,178

New Families: 82

Total People: 4,689

Year to Date 2025 (as of 1/29/25)

Families: 1,178

New Families: 82

Total People: 4,689

Year to Date 2024

Families: 15,594

New Families: 921

Total People: 60,871



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

**Sunday Morning
10:30 am**





RECIPE CORNER

Cookie Dough Truffles

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup semisweet mini chocolate morsels
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 pounds chocolate bark candy coating, melted



Directions

In a large bowl cream butter and brown sugar with an electric mixer at medium speed until creamy. Add vanilla. Gradually beat in flour and add milk. Add chocolate morsels and pecans, mixing well. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place on waxed paper; chill 2 hours.

Melt chocolate bark candy coating in a double boiler. Using 2 forks, dip cookie balls into candy coating to cover. Place on waxed paper and chill to set. Store in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour.

Cook's Note

Since the dough is sticky, roll your fingers into flour. This will make it easier to roll.

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that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength," Our life as a believer should be centered around the purpose to know God as revealed by His Word. It is great to be enthusiastic as a believer, but we also need to be grounded in the truth, to have an intimate personal relationship. We can ask the Lord to show us where and what to read in the Word of God. Ask Him to reveal to us what He wants us to comprehend. As we spend time with the Lord, our thoughts, words, deeds, and attitudes will come in accord with His will. We will receive the Lord's wisdom. We will receive peace and be refreshed. We will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. We will have a greater desire to spend time with Him. Let's walk with the Lord.



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How does God's love (real love) differ from the world's view of love? The world's love is selfish. The world loves as long as the other person can do something for them or perform to their expectation or satisfaction. Worldly love does not care about the other's individual needs or desires. The world's love uses people for its benefit. The world's love easily throws away individuals. The world's love only wants to take care of themselves or the people they know. They love people that love them.

God's love (real love) sees people as valuable and precious. God's love makes time for people. Jesus walked in the love of God and He had a concern for people and their situations in life. He was full of compassion. He willingly laid down His for us. Jesus loves us unconditionally.

As Christians, we should be channels of God's love by loving all individuals. First, we should love the Lord and understand His love for us. Next, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us see people as the Lord sees them. Finally, we ask Him to help us love others as the Lord loves them. When we love people unconditionally the actions we display show that we are indeed God's children.

When we love others with God's love, we consider what we can do for them. God's love does not stop because someone does not perform the way we want, has faults, or has differing opinions.

Everyday Godly Living

God's love does not stop because someone makes a mistake. We demonstrate God's love first by being kind and patient. Walking in love will bring peace, pleasure, and joy.

1 John 3:16–19 (ESV) states, "16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him." God's love involves self-sacrifice. We love by being concerned about the needs of others, not only believers but nonbelievers also. We give unselfishly of ourselves with time, treasure, and talent. We should live a life of giving on behalf of others every day. So we live by deeds of love not just words of love. Ephesians 5:2 says, "And Walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance." If we think about Jesus, the supreme example of love, the Good Shepherd, he laid down His for us of His own accord. In the nineteenth century, Frances R. Havergal put this

question in the form of a hymn: I gave My life for thee:

"My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee.
What hast thou given for Me?"

The outcome of Jesus laying down His life for us is that we will lay down our lives for others. He tells us in scripture to "love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends...." We lay our life down by helping those in need. If we will not help those in need, then the Bible asks, "How can the love of God be in us." We should not close our hearts to others in need. There are opportunities daily to help people in need. We should never harden our hearts to those in need. We should be filled with concern and compassion. As we give to others we are giving to Jesus.

So let each of us desire to show God's love by willingly giving to others in need with our kindness, concern, and time. Let's take advantage of each oppor-





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	3	4	5 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	6 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	7	8
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