



# Nuggets of Treasure

## Rely on the Holy Spirit Daily



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When we face situations and circumstances, we have concerns about how things will turn out. We are relying on our insight, understanding, and knowledge or no doubt what the world tells us to do. We have excluded the God factor. We should never underestimate the power of God and how He can work on our behalf by the Holy Spirit. Are we undervaluing the power of prayer? The question is have we taken the situation and circumstances we are facing to the Lord God in prayer? Have we listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit? Are we trusting Him to help us in the situation? Do we believe He has the answers and resources we need?

Isaiah 49:28-31 (AMP) "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint and weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound]. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall fee-

bly stumble and fall exhausted; But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired." The Lord God can make a difference in our everyday life. We need to trust Him and go to Him in prayer. We can easily say we believe in the power of the Lord God but then we do feel that He will take care of our circumstances or needs. Not only is He the God of power but He gives us power and strength.

How are we to receive this strength from the Lord? The verse in Isaiah states as we wait on the Lord. Wait here means we seek Him and rely on Him, instead of our insight, understanding, knowledge, and strength. Our strength is renewed as we seek Him, it is revived or restored.

Isaiah states we shall mount up with wings like eagles.

The strength the Lord provides will cause us to rise above everything else. We shall run and not be weary. People become weary and exhausted because of the difficulties of life and we all have things that are difficult in life. We shall walk and not faint. The strength we receive from the Lord will be the source that helps us move forward and helps us keep on progressing.

The Lord always provides sufficient resources for us. We need to remember that the Lord God is faithful. We need to seek Him in prayer, know that He loves us, and trust Him to assist us in whatever we face in life big or small. Sometimes we forget what the Lord God has done for us in the past and how the Holy Spirit has enabled us. Take a moment and think about all that He has done, and it will inspire us. We just need to continually depend upon the Lord and His Spirit. The Lord God has no limit on what He can do or supply. Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) "So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'

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### Upcoming Events 2023

April 1 April Fools Day



May 5 Cinco De Mayo



May 12 Mother's Day



May 27 Memorial Day



### Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

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"He ascended not into heaven to leave us here beneath to rot in our furrows, but to open us the gate, and by taking possession in our name, to gather us to Him."—John Calvin

"The first century money changers were in the temple, but they didn't have the spirit of the temple... They were out of sync with the whole purpose of the Lord's house. "The atmosphere of my Father's house," Jesus seemed to say, "is to be prayer. The aroma around my Father must be that of people opening their hearts in worship and supplication. This is not a place to make a buck. This is a house for calling on the Lord."—Jim Cymbala

"Consider how careful you would be if your thoughts were written on your forehead."—Richard Baxter

"This world is our passage not our portion."—Matthew Henry

"If we rely on the Holy Spirit, we shall find that our prayers become more and more inarticulate; and when they are inarticulate, reverence grows deeper and deeper."—Oswald Chambers

### Birthday Blessings

4/1 Pastor Royce  
4/13 Joe Adams



### Happy Anniversary

No Anniversaries this month

### 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

#### March 2024

Families: 1,406  
New Families: 100  
Total People: 5,435

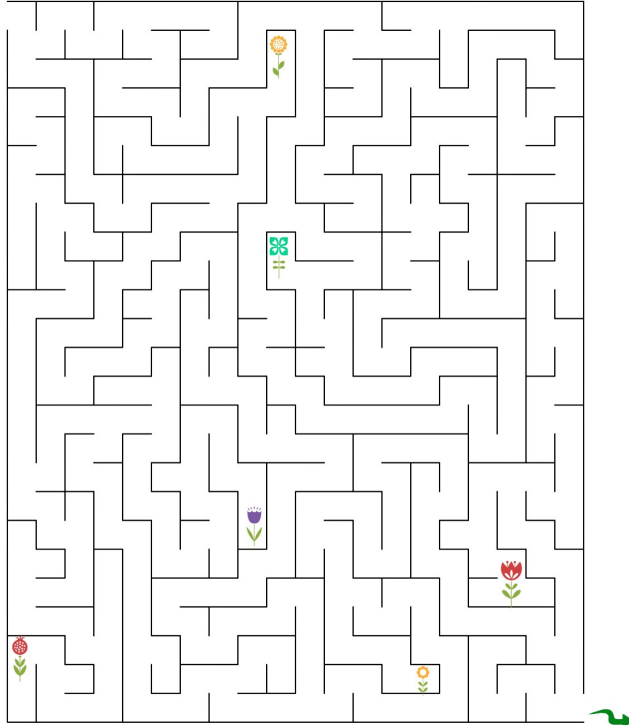
#### Year to Date 2024 (as of 3/28/24)

Families: 4,419  
New Families: 295  
Total People: 17,372

#### Year to Date 2023

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

Help Buzzy Reach His Friends!



## April Word Search

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E	M	A	X	E	P	E	I	S	Q	O	I
O	G	Z	L	A	W	R	M	A	U	E	N
E	R	G	S	R	G	C	L	Q	F	P	B
S	A	R	S	T	O	H	J	B	B	U	O
P	B	A	D	H	S	I	M	R	E	D	W
R	U	S	I	D	W	C	L	O	U	D	S
I	E	S	R	A	E	K	A	P	I	L	Z
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| RAINBOWS | EGGS   | RABBIT      | EARTH DAY |
| CLOUDS   | CHICKS | APRIL FOOLS | GRASS     |
| SPRING   | TULIPS | JACKET      | PUDDLES   |



Bring Your Friends and Join  
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning  
10:30 am





## RECIPE CORNER

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Says the Lord of hosts.” Instead of saying this is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel say this is the word of the Lord to me, put in your name. Make it personal. It is not in our strength or power but in the power that He supplies with the Holy Spirit. So, it is not our intelligence or abilities. When we trust in our abilities and resources, we limit how much the Holy Spirit can do for us. We do not have the benefit of the full supply of His resources. We need to continually rely on the Holy Spirit. He is always there for us.

Jeremiah 32:17 (AMP) “Alas, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! There is nothing too hard or too wonderful for You—” No matter what situations or circumstances we are facing there is nothing too hard for the Lord. The Lord can do anything. He is omnipotent. With God all things are possible. Have faith in His promises and Word. Rely on the Holy Spirit daily.

### Instant Pot Carnitas

#### Ingredients

- 3 pounds boneless pork shoulder (Boston butt), cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 pound pork belly, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup lager, homemade chicken stock or low-sodium chicken broth
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- Serving suggestions: Warm corn tortillas, pico de gallo, lime wedges, guacamole, chopped onion, chopped cilantro and shredded cabbage



#### Directions

Put the pork shoulder, pork belly, lager, chili powder, cumin, coriander, 1 heaping tablespoon salt and 1 teaspoon black pepper in a 6-quart Instant Pot® and follow the manufacturer's guide for locking the lid and preparing to cook. Set to pressure cook on high for 60 minutes (see Cook's Note). After the pressure cook cycle is complete, follow the manufacturer's guide for quick release and wait until the quick release cycle is complete. Be careful of any remaining steam and unlock and remove the lid. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the meat to a small bowl, cover and set aside. Set the pot to sauté on high and reduce the liquid until almost completely evaporated, 10 to 15 minutes. Set the pot to off and transfer the reduced sauce to the meat, then toss to coat and serve.

For crispy carnitas (optional): Transfer the reduced sauce and cooked carnitas to a large nonstick skillet over high heat and cook, undisturbed, for 5 minutes. Toss and continue to cook for about 5 minutes more to crisp other side. Transfer to a paper towel lined platter, making sure to scrape up any browned bits from the skillet, and serve.

Serve the carnitas with the tortillas, pico de gallo, lime wedges, guacamole, onion, cilantro and cabbage.



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We often like to think of ourselves as self-reliant and independent. We do not discern that it could mean we are stubborn. Everyone seems to have some stubbornness in them intermittently, even believers if they are not continually yielded to the Holy Spirit. Stubbornness seems to come naturally.

Exactly what is stubbornness? Being stubborn means we have a fixed or set opinion or are unreasonably obstinate. We want to do what we want and will not listen even to wise reasoning. A stubborn individual desires control and wants to be in charge. A stubborn person could also be afraid of change. When envisioning something stubborn I think of a donkey sitting on his haunches refusing to move concrete that is set and hard.

Being stubborn can also indicate that we are stiff-necked, hard-hearted, unyielding, narrow-minded, uncompromising, arrogant, and contrary. Of course, opinionated and obstinate. None of us like to believe we have those characteristics, attitudes, or behaviors at any time. We usually do not recognize these characteristics or behaviors in ourselves. If we do not obey the voice of the Holy Spirit, we could say we are stubborn because we are unyielding. A lot of time stubbornness and rebelliousness go hand-in-hand, along with pride.

We all have these behaviors if we do not humble ourselves, and yield to the Lord God and His Spirit. All of the above behaviors create conflict in our

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lives and even frustration. Throughout the Bible, people were called stubborn and hard-hearted as Stephen did in Acts Chapter 7 indicating to them they were resisting the Holy Spirit. God called His people stubborn and rebellious throughout their history. Their stubborn and rebellious behavior cost them many blessings. Pharaoh was also stubborn and would not let the people of Israel go. Usually, when we are stubborn our hearts are not right with the Lord God, and truly not faithful to God. We want to do things our way. Psalm 81:12-13 (NKJV) "So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels. "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!" The Holy Spirit will try and get our attention about our attitudes and behavior.

How do we change these characteristics? As believers submitting to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We can also ask ourselves who we are willing to listen to and take advice from. When are we willing to listen? When is our stubbornness worse? Is it when your spouse gives advice? Is it when someone younger than us attempts to tell us something? Our stubbornness can even damage and impair our lives. Our stubborn attitude and behavior often have a cost. When we are stubborn, we are not walking in love. We are not loving God or our neighbor.

If we want to live in God's grace, we must lay aside all these things including pride because God opposes the proud. We need to put away our agenda. God gives grace to the humble, those who are yielded. Philippians 2:3-5 (AMP) "Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]. Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others. Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]" This verse does not mention stubbornness per se but does indicate what kind of behavior we should have and indicating we should be Christ-like. Stubbornness is not Christ-like. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us our stubborn attitudes and continually yield to Him so we can live in God's grace. We need to rely on grace to meet God's standards for attitudes, behavior, and loving others.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	4  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	5	6
7 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	8	9	10  Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	11  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	12	13
14 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	15	16	17 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	18  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	19	20
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28 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	29	30				