



Nuggets of Treasure



April 2020

Good Shepherd

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In Bible times leaders, such as kings were referred to as shepherds. David referred to the Lord God as a shepherd, and Jesus referred to Himself as the Good Shepherd. John 10:2-5 (KJV) “ But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.” Shepherd speaks to the sheep, so they know his voice. He wants them to know his voice so they will listen. The shepherd is with the sheep 24/7.

As believers, we are often referred to as sheep. A misnomer is that sheep are stupid but, sheep are intelligent with impressive memory and recognition skills. Sheep can recognize up to 50 other sheep faces and remember them for two years. Sheep can also recognize human faces. They also display and recognize emotion by facial expressions and prefer a smile to a frown. They build friendships. They form bonds with other sheep, as well as humans. Reason that some think sheep are stupid is

that they are a flock animal and follow others.

Some facts about sheep: they need safety, security, and sustenance. They are easily frightened, utterly defenseless and thoroughly vulnerable. Sheep are a species that is preyed upon. Sheep are often skittish. Sheep are very gentle animals. Sheep can experience emotions such as fear, anger, rage, despair, boredom, disgust and happiness. Sheep become stressed when isolated. When sheep are in pain, they are usually silent. Bleating is usually for contact communication or when they are distressed. The bleating of sheep is distinctive, enabling them to recognize others.

Sheep may fall victim to poisons, infectious diseases, and physical injuries. As a prey species, a sheep's system to adapted to hide the obvious signs of illness, to prevent being targeted by predators. However, some signs of ill health are obvious, eating little or being generally listless. Excess stress can compromise their immune system. Sheep are wrong 99% of the time, way off the mark. They drink bad water,

eat poisons plants, wander off away from the flock and put themselves in danger. The shepherd knows what is best for them because they do not.

As sheep have trust in their shepherd, we as believers need to have trust in the Good Shepherd. We are meant to rely on the Good Shepherd. In Him we shall have our needs met. John 10:11-18 (KJV) “11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh

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Upcoming Events 2020

April 5 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 5 Palm Sunday



April 10 Good Friday

April 12 Easter



April 12 Easter Breakfast

May 3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 10 Mother's Day



Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

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"What oxygen is to the lungs, hope is to our survival in this world. And the Bible is full of hope."—Billy Graham

"Put your expectations on God, not on people."—Joyce Meyer

"Believe the unbelievable and receive the impossible."—Jess Duplantis

"Hope is more contagious than fear."—Dave Ramsey

"We are strong when we fight from a place of peace."—Lisa Bevere

"Your life can show the world that God's word is the ANSWER!"—Jesse Duplantis

"The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials. But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift up our hearts to God."—Jim Cymbala

"Never put a time limit on trust."—Joyce Meyer

"You are what you read."—Kenneth E. Hagin

Birthday Blessings

4/1 Pastor Royce
4/2 Janae Johansen
4/20 Destiny Church



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 2020

Lunches: 266
Families: 1,184
New Families: 80
Total People: 4,489

Year to Date 2020 (as of 3/26/2020)

Lunches: 1,282
Families: 3,900
New Families: 241
Total People: 14,861

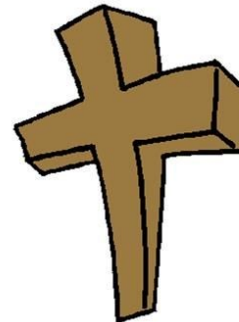
Year to Date 2018

Lunches: 5,167
Families: 16,828
New Families: 1,497
Total People: 61,637

Easter Word Search

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 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
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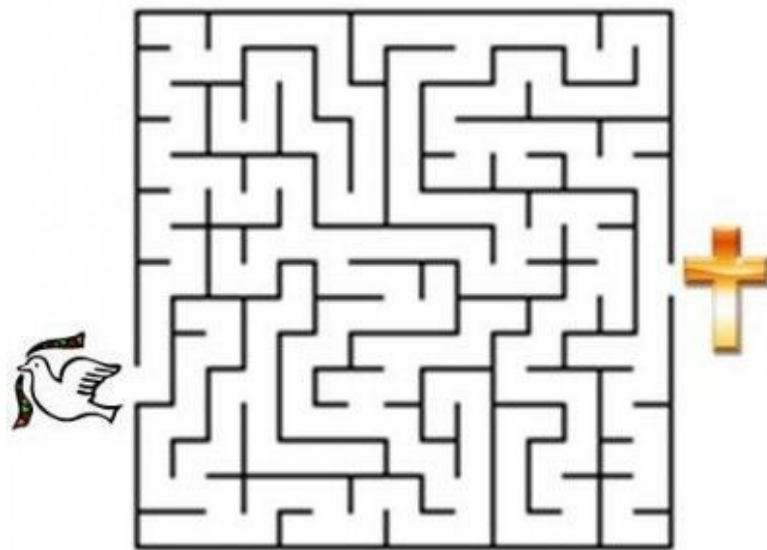


MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 THORNS



Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

Sweet Potato Asparagus Hash with Fried Eggs

Ingredients

- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh sage
- 4 to 8 large eggs
- Hot sauce, for serving



Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

Toss the sweet potatoes in a bowl with the paprika, 1 1/2 tablespoons of the oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Spread on a rimmed baking pan in a single layer and bake, stirring once or twice, until tender and golden in spots, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and 1/4 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and golden, about 15 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Increase the heat to medium high and add the asparagus. Cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in the roasted sweet potatoes and sage and season with salt and pepper. Transfer the hash to a bowl, cover and keep warm.

Add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon oil to the skillet and heat. Crack the eggs into the skillet and fry the eggs as desired. Divide the hash among plates and top with the fried eggs. Serve with hot sauce.

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it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” The Good Shepherd sacrifices for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep. The Good Shepherd is known by the sheep. The Good Shepherd protects His sheep. The Good Shepherd leads his sheep. The Good Shepherd provides security. The Good Shepherd provides for our daily needs. The Good Shepherd has intimacy and personal interest in His sheep. He is loving and trustworthy.

A pastor is an under-shepherd and a good pastor will have the same characteristics as the Good Shepherd. He will make sacrifices for the sheep. He will know his sheep and be known by them. We as believers we are compared to sheep and as we look at some of their traits, we will perhaps see ourselves thank the Lord we have a Good Shepherd to look after us as we follow His voice. The Holy Spirit is with us 24/7 to lead and guide, listen to His voice.



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During crisis, circumstances, situations and fear all around, what do we as believers see? Do we see God's hand working? Do we believe God is in control? No matter what is taking place, how bleak it may seem in the natural do we believe God can use it for good? Do you believe our life is in the hands of God? Do we truly trust Him?

When we think of Joseph one of the twelve sons of Jacob, we see a young man who went through overwhelming circumstances. He was sold into slavery, put into prison (isolation) but through it all the Lord God was at work, working on His character, preparing Him for something greater. What his brother's meant for evil the Lord God turn it into good. Genesis 50:20 (NKJV) "But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive." We need to ask ourselves what we can learn in the circumstances we find ourselves. Do we need to learn to trust the Lord more? Do need to work on controlling our thought life with the help of the Holy Spirit? The Lord is wanting us to spend more time in prayer and the Word of God. We should be learning, to be more compassionate, forgiving and kind. We need to learn to be more positive in-

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stead of negative. We need to deal with our selfishness. There could be all kinds of things that the Spirit of God is desiring us to grow in. When things seem, a mess remember we are only seeing one side of it. The Lord God is always at work in our lives. We can never leave God out of any situation. We must remember He is the Almighty, so why should we fear. He can take events, mistakes etc. and bring about what He desires. We need to remember that the Lord God is our source. Instead of our attention being on circumstances our attention needs to be on the Lord God. Even though things may seem full of gloom and doom, out of control we need to know that the Lord is with us. Here is an example of the mighty hand of God. "A sixty-seven year old British woman, was on the way to her daughter's wedding in Florida one seemingly ... ordinary Tuesday. On her flight, she was suddenly stricken with a serious heart failure. The plane could not land in time to get, the woman, to the hospital. The situation was beyond grim. She was minutes from death. Knowing the chances were slim, a cabin attendant asked anyway, "Is there a doctor on board?" Upon which fifteen

heart specialists, all on their way to a medical conference, stood up and offered their services. The woman made it to the airport and was filled with gratitude for the nameless doctors who just happened to be there at the right time." The Lord is at work in our lives.

The Lord God is sovereign. Even though we face dire circumstances He is still able to work and turn them to good. The Lord can work in all things. It is in Him we move, live and have our being. Isaiah 43:1-2 (NKJV) " But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; You *are* Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you." No matter what we are facing, going through the Lord God is with us and He turn things to good. We need to look to Him and trust Him.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	2 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	3	4
5 Celebrate Monthly Birthday & Anniver- saries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 7pm Evening Service	6	7	8 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	9 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	10	11
12 Easter 9 am Easter Break- fast 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth	13	14	15 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	16 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	17	18
19 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 7pm Evening Service	20	21	22 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	23 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	24	25
26 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 7pm Evening Service	27	28	29 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	30 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm		