



April 2023

Nuggets of Treasure

Abide



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John 15:4-12 (NKJV) “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

In John, we are told to abide in Jesus but also to abide in His love. Exactly what does abide mean? There are many differ-

ent meanings to abide: wait, remain, remain stable or fixed, conform to something, continue in a place, do what you are asked to do or ordered to do, stay consistent, or endure without yielding. These meanings give a whole new perspective on abiding.

Abiding in Jesus is to stay constant in our relationship with Him. So, we must ask ourselves is my relationship with Jesus consistent or is it on again or off again? Is your relationship constant despite your circumstances? Abiding is more than a superficial acquaintance. It means we have an intimate connection.

When we are abiding in Jesus, we will do what we ask us to do. We conform and Him and His Word. It also means we will endure no matter what the circumstances, obstacles, or situations. We will endure without yielding.

When we abide, we will not necessarily have a certain feeling that we are abiding but there will be evidence of us abiding. What is evidence, as we abide, we will bear fruit. We have the fruit of the

Spirit evident in our lives and that in turn will cause us to bear converts. If we are not bearing fruit, we have wasted our life. Some churches are only looking for certain results. Machinery produces results or a robot but it takes something living to produce fruit. It also takes time and the cultivation of fruit does not happen overnight. When we plant a seed in the ground, it takes to water and time, and it takes sunshine. We produce fruit to serve others.

There are promises to our abiding in Jesus. Jesus tells us that if we abide in Him and His words abide in us, we will ask what we desire and it shall be done for us. When we are abiding our desires will be His desires because our hearts are with Him and that is why it shall be done for us.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we will abide in Christ, have His nature, have the fruit of the Spirit, and have others come to Jesus. If we cease to abide, we will not produce fruit of any kind. Jesus tells us in John that without Him we can do nothing.

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Upcoming Events 2023

April 1 April Fool's Day

April 2 Palm Sunday



April 7 Good Friday



April 9 Easter



April 9 Easter Breakfast

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 14 Mother's Day

May 29 Memorial Day

June 18 Father's Day

Church Offices

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"Someday you will see that it wasn't falling apart, it was actually falling into place."—Toby Mac

"Don't let your words become bright clouds, thinly lined with guilt or condemnation."—Jesse Duplantis

"You have a great victory waiting for you, and each step you take in the right direction brings you a little close to it. Open every room of your heart to God and trust that He will fill it with light, love and joy."—Joyce Meyer

"If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire: if you want to be wet you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them."—C.S. Lewis

"Are you reflecting culture or are you reflecting Christ?"—Sadie Rob Huff

"Are you being led by your spirit or by your wounds?"—Toby Mac

Birthday Blessings

4/1 Pastor Royce

4/13 Joe 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

March 2023

Families: 1,501
New Families: 71
Total People: 5,870

Year to Date 2023 (as of 3/30/23)

Families: 3,828
New Families: 216
Total People: 15,171

Year to Date 2022

Families: 15,288
New Families: 766
Total People: 60,604



Easter Word Search



Angel

Holy

Messiah

Savior

Cross

Hope

Resurrection

Third Day

Crown of Thorns

Jesus

Risen

Easter

King

Sacrifice

Empty Tomb

Love

Salvation

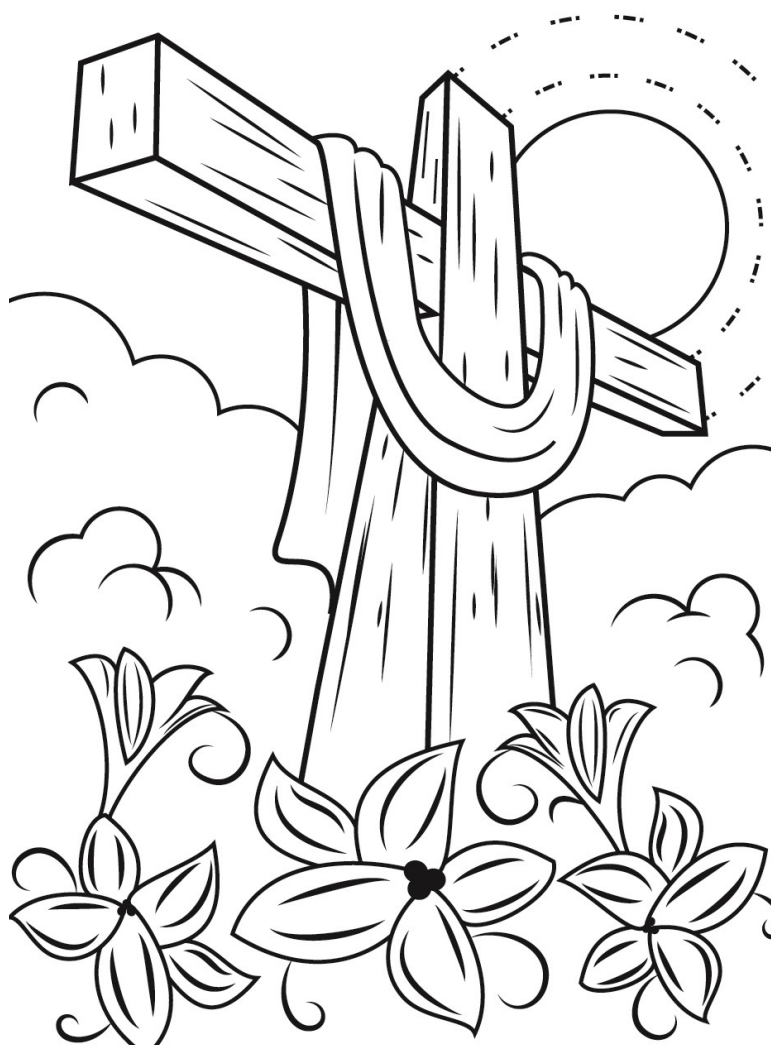
Good Friday

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Sunday



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Bring Your Friends and Join
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Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

Chicken Parmigiana

Ingredients

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded thin
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, seasoned with salt and pepper
- 4 large eggs, beaten with 2 tablespoons water and seasoned with salt and pepper
- 2 cups panko bread crumbs
- 1 cup vegetable oil or pure olive oil
- Tomato Sauce, recipe follows
- 1 pound fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- Fresh basil or parsley leaves, for garnish



Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Season chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Dredge each breast in the flour and tap off excess, then dip in the egg and let excess drip off, then dredge on both sides in the bread crumbs.

Divide the oil between 2 large saute pans and heat over high heat until almost smoking. Add 2 chicken breasts to each pan and cook until golden brown on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a baking sheet and top each breast with some Tomato Sauce, a few slices of the mozzarella, salt and pepper, and a tablespoon of Parmesan. Bake in the oven until the chicken is cooked through and the cheese is melted, about 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from the oven and garnish with basil or parsley leaves.

Tomato Sauce:

Heat olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add onions and garlic and cook until soft. Add pureed tomatoes with their juices, crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, 1 cup water, bay leaf, parsley, Cubano pepper, and bring to a boil. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Reduce heat and cook until slightly thickened, about 30 minutes.

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How do we abide in the love, by keeping His commandments; by being doers of the Word of God? 1 John 2:6 (NKJV) "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." We are to live as Jesus lives.

The fruit in our lives should glorify God and make Christ real to others. Fruit if the Spirit is the character we should be displaying. Galatians 5:22 (AMP) "But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things, there is no law [that can bring a charge]." Abide in Him so we can produce fruit by the Holy Spirit.



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We generally do not understand why individuals respond or behave in specific ways or why they have become who and what they are. We do not know what traumatic events have molded their lives. We might know someone bitter or distrustful, but do we ever determine why. We might know someone who is inward or shut off. They might have even expressed that they are not as good as everyone else. Why are they this way? We might know people who are acting out in rebellion. Why do they act out in rebellion? Have they been deeply disappointed? The list of individual responses and behavior can be endless, but we must ask ourselves, "Why are they responding this way?" What happened to them; have they been verbally or physically abused? Have they been neglected, have they been ill-treated, or deeply hurt? Do they feel unwanted or unloved, or have they been treated harshly? Has their spirit been crushed? What kind of home life have they had? Did they live in a house of alcohol or drug abuse? Did they grow up in a home of lack; lacked love, nurturing, food, etc.? Has anyone ever truly cared about them? Has anyone ever shown an interest in them?

We should never presume things about others. Too often, we categorize people by what we perceive. Too often, people who are different from us make choices we determine to be detrimental we view as useless or inadequate. We make determinations about others before we

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know them. Many years ago, there was a lady that attended our church that's physical appearance was not attractive; she also had some physical challenges, she was inward, and so people avoided her. The lady needed someone to reach out to her, which I did; she was the most charming person and a truly devoted friend. She was very loving and selfless. We must go beyond what we perceive.

Instead of rejecting, avoiding, or ignoring them, we must love people with God's love. We need to see them as valuable. All individuals have potential in God. We can all be changed by God's love. We need to be more compassionate, understanding, and tolerant. None of us are perfect. John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Jesus was an example of love for us; His love was sacrificial. Jesus had a love that was committed. God's love is love like that of a family, seeing the other as valuable and precious, an unconditional love, loving no matter what.

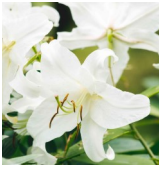
As babies, we are born innocent with nothing written on our lives, but as we are growing up, people begin to write on our lives parents, relatives, school personnel, neighbors, other children, etc. All the words were spoken to or about us, whether good or bad and all the actions, kind or unkind,

affect who we become and how we respond in life.

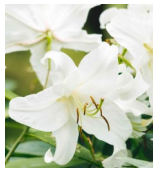
How we treat others in words and actions is important. All of our words and actions have an effect. We should ask ourselves if we are a blessing or cursing. Are we giving life and love or robbing others of their self-esteem? Do we put others down, or do we lift them? Romans 12:10 "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;" Do we treat people as valuable?

Let's determine to be a blessing to those we come in contact with, our family, friends, others, etc. Let's be kind and thoughtful. Let's be caring people, not self-centered or self-consumed. Sow a new seed (love) to those who have been hurt. Write something good in people's lives. Let's give people a lift up, not put them down. Be the one who restores, not destroys. Decide always to want the best in someone's life. Always have their best interest at heart. We need to look out for one another. We need to reach out to others in love. We need to have selfless love, a love inspired by Jesus, self-sacrificial love, and self-giving love. Jesus' love should be our standard. Let's extend ourselves in love to others. Let's make a difference; so many people all around need someone to reach out and love them.





APRIL 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools Day
2 Palm Sunday 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
9 Easter 9 am Breakfast 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth	10	11	12 Feed the Needy 12 pm– 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	13 Feed the Needy 4 pm– 6 pm	14	15
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