



Nuggets of Treasure



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Channel of Love

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Do we have broken relationships with family or other people who have been in our lives and now are not? Have we built defenses? Broken, shattered, damaged relationships with others affect our relationship with the Lord. When we have unforgiveness and offense, then we are inoperative. Do we want to live a life of turmoil? Even if someone has offended us, we should seek reconciliation. If we know we have offended someone else, we should desire for that relationship to be healed. We should be willing to say, "I am sorry and please forgive me."

We see daily in our lives conflict in the world, division, arguing, and hatred. All around us are damaged lives. These kinds of things should not be so for believers. We should be a solution, not adding more to the division. Today, the Holy Spirit is calling us to mend and restore broken relationships. Are we willing to yield to the Holy Spirit and forgive? Having a wholesome relationship with others should be the norm for believers.

The Good Word Translation in II Corinthians 5:18-19 states, "[God] has restored our relationship with him through

Christ and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships. In other words, God was using Christ to restore his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others." Not only should we help restore people to God, but have restored relationships with others.

We can be at peace, even though, we do not agree one hundred percent of the time. My husband and I do not see eye to eye on everything, but we encourage, help, and back one another. Is what we are at odds about worth ending our relationship over? We need to get back to focusing on people and that they are valuable. If we are out of sorts with a loved one, the relationship is broken at the moment, how would we feel if they were to die and our relationship is at odds.

Someone wrote, "One of the greatest tests of the degree of a person's transformation into the likeness of Christ is his reaction to the one who does evil to him." Matthew 5:27-36 (NKJV) "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do

good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. 29 To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. 31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. 32 "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those, who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful." When relationships are broken, we often think of those people as our enemies. The world tells not waste our time

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Upcoming Events 2020

December 6 Celebrate Monthly
birthdays & Anniversaries

December 21 First Day of Winter



The First Day of Winter

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas



December 31 New Year's Eve

January 1, 2021 New Year's Day



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"I think that is a better thing than thanksgiving: thanks-living. How is this to be done? By a general cheerfulness of manner, by an obedience to the command of Him by whose mercy we live, by a perpetual, constant delighting of ourselves in the Lord, and by a submission of our desires to His will."

— C. H. Spurgeon

"You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."—Toby Mac

"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered His authority."—A.W. Tozer

"God is unchanging in His love. He loves you. He has a plan for your life. Don't let the newspaper headlines frighten you. God is still sovereign. He's still on the throne."—Billy Graham

"Train your mind to hear what God whispers and not what the enemy may be shouting."—Toby Mac

"Jesus Christ never died for our good works. They were not worth dying for. But he gave himself for our sins, according to the Scriptures."— Martin Luther

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day."—John Bunyan

"Many a professing Christian is a stumbling-block because his worship is divided. On Sunday he worships God; on weekdays God has little or no place in his thoughts."—D. L. Moody

Birthday Blessings

12/8 Matthew Adams
12/12 John Westing
12/24 Joe McHenry



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

November 2020

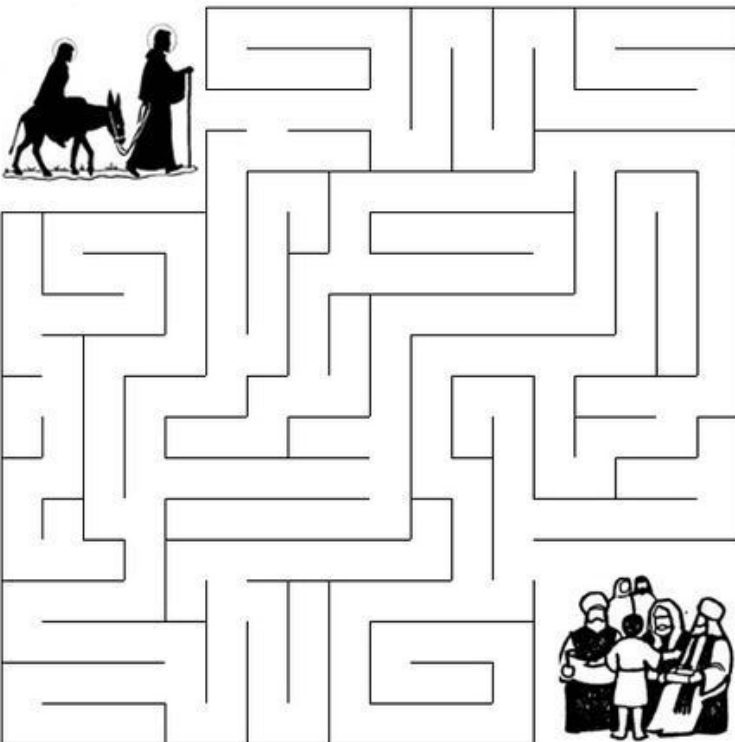
Families: 1,189
New Families: 56
Total People: 4,898

Year to Date 2020 (as of 11/25/20)

Lunches: 1,282
Families: 13,702
New Families: 924
Total People: 53,230

Year to Date 2019

Lunches: 5,979
Families: 16,079
New Families: 1,136
Total People: 57,465



Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

Cranberry-Carrot Muffins

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 cup pureed cooked carrots
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1/2 cup leftover cranberry relish
- 2 tablespoons Demererra or granulated sugar, for sprinkling
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Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a 12-portion 1/2-cup muffin tin with paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, sift the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger together.
3. In a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or with a hand-held electric mixer in a large bowl, cream the butter on medium speed until lightened. With the speed on low, slowly add the sugar. Increase speed to medium high and beat until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating between each addition and scraping down the bowl as necessary with a rubber spatula. Add the carrot puree and orange zest and beat until well combined. With the mixer set on low, slowly add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined; do not overbeat. Remove the bowl from the mixer and with a rubber spatula, gently fold the cranberry relish into the batter until evenly distributed.
4. Evenly divide the batter among the lined muffin cups and sprinkle a little sugar over the top of each. Bake in the center of the oven until light golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes.
5. Cool in the pan on a rack for 10 minutes. Remove muffins from the pan and transfer to a rack to cool completely. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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on others who do not treat us right or hurt us, but the Lord says mend broken relationships. Bring reconciliation and restoration.

Charles Spurgeon stated, "Our love ought to follow the love of God in one point, namely, in always seeking to produce reconciliation. It was to this end that God sent his Son. Has anybody offended you? Seek reconciliation. "Oh, but I am the offended party." So was God, and he went straight away and sought reconciliation. Brother, do the same. "Oh, but I have been insulted." Just so: so was God: all the wrong was towards him, yet he sent. "Oh, but the party is so unworthy." So are you; but "God loved you and sent his Son." Do not hold people's faults against them as we all have shortcomings. "

What one person can you think of that your relationship needs to be reconciled with? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. The Holy Spirit is calling us today, now to mend and restore broken relationships. It is imperative in our walk with the Lord. We need to be a channel of love, not division.



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We are living in a world where every day we should be influenced by the Holy Spirit? What kind of impact is the Holy Spirit having in your life? Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our lives? Are we being changed by the Holy Spirit? Does He have authority in your life? We are born of the Spirit, and our life in Christ must continue in the Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit's influence, we will go in the wrong direction and make incorrect choices and decisions. The Holy Spirit is here to help us with our thoughts, attitudes, behavior, speech, and every aspect of our life.

The Holy Spirit has come to shape our lives. He has come to mold and form us into the image of God. II Corinthians 3:18 (AMP) "And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever-increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit." The Holy Spirit shapes us into the character and nature of God, into His image so that we can reflect the Lord. We are to be a representation of the Lord on the earth. We are to be an illustration of the Lord. When thinking of being an illustration, I think of a book with pictures. The picture is clear and precise

Everyday Godly Living

and does not leave us guessing.

Christ-likeness is the goal of our Christian walk. How is Christ-likeness accomplished? God's abiding presence accomplishes it through the Holy Spirit. Moses' face caught a reflection of God's glory from being in His presence. We from abiding in the Holy Spirit's presence should be a reflection of God's glory. We should not rest contented be ever being changed. We need the transforming power, by the operation of the Spirit, to bring us into conformity to the character and nature of Jesus Christ.

The light of God in us, by the Holy Spirit's transforming work, should shine to all men. The light in us should be radiant and direct others to the path of the Lord. We should be influencing our world around us, not the world influencing us. We should be open to the Holy Spirit's transformation in us so that we can be the light that God has called us to be to the world around us and bring glory to God. It is time to let the Holy Spirit influence us. It is time to let Him be the authority in our life. It is time to let the Holy Spirit shape us. It is time to let the Holy Spirit change us. We need to be continually changing from glory to glory. We cannot ever remain the same. So many

people have become stagnant in God. They are content to be born again. They are not interested in changing or being a light. They are happy just saying that they know God but do not want Him to mess with their life. We cannot live like that any longer. We can no longer play church.





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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study | 3 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service | 7 | 8 | 9 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study | 10 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm | 11 | 12 |
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