



# Nuggets of Treasure



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## Forgiveness

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We all have been treated incorrectly at one time or another. We all have been hurt by someone during our lifetime. How we handle those situations is up to each of us as individuals. If we pick up the rock of offense or take hold of the hurt, we put ourselves in bondage. We remain in bondage if we keep the offense and do not lay aside the hurt. We are trapped or bound by our own choices of not forgiving the other person who has treated us improperly or hurt us tremendously. Unforgiveness binds us up spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We are consumed with what has happened and we replay it over and over in our mind, our thoughts run wild, our attitude becomes rancid, our behavior is off kilter and we reiterate the happenings to anyone who will listen. Our thoughts, attitudes, behavior and speech are not lining up to the Word of God or reflecting a Christ-like attitude.

If we understand that often, when others are rude, inconsiderate they most likely have something going on in their life. They are attempting to deal with some issue, hurt, heartache etc. by lashing out at someone else.

Often, we assume that if we forgive them we are declaring that it is all right how they have treated us, or the situation was our fault. We believe if we do not forgive them that we are punishing them but, we are only harming our-

selves. Our old nature desires revenge. We want to get even. We think not forgiving them that we are inflicting pain, so that they hurt like we are hurting. This is the world's way not the Lord God's way. If we hold on to the offense and hurt, we can become embittered and it will color how we see everything in life. Resentment towards others will suffocate us. It will hold us back in our relationship with the Lord and others. Unforgiveness distorts our thinking and we develop a bitter attitude. Forgiveness is about letting go of the hurt, offense and making a decision to not let the other person's behavior and speech imprison us.

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it can change the present (the now) and our future. Forgiveness is changing our thoughts and attitudes regarding an offense or hurt. We change our thinking to align with the Word of God, then our attitudes, behavior and speech will be right also. It does not matter how justified it might seem. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude."

The Holy Spirit is with us to give us grace, and enablement to forgive. When we do not forgive, we become embittered, resentful, revengeful and often angry; we grieve the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows what mis-

ery those things bring to our lives. He grieves because our fellowship or communion suffers or is lost. Ephesians 4:30-32 (AMP) "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin). Let all bitterness and indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind). And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you." Think of the amazing way the Lord God has forgiven and continues to forgive us; we should do the same for others. C.S. Lewis states, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

We often want the other person to admit they wronged us, before we forgive them, but the Lord just wants us to walk in forgiveness. People sometimes do not even recognize they have offended or hurt you. Some individuals will never ask forgiveness. Corrie

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### **Upcoming Events 2019**

February 3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 14 Valentine's Day



February 16 Valentine's Party

March 3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 10 Daylight Savings Begins

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 First Day of Spring

#### **Help, Help**

We have remodeling, maintenance and cleaning at the church and food center on a regular basis. If you like to serve God in this way, please contact Pastor Royce.

### **Church Offices**

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:  
13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID  
Phone 208-459-6000  
FAX 208-459-6600



Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence. —Augustine

If you feel stuck, bring your whole self to Christ, not just the problem, but you. Ask God to change your heart. Commit yourself to pray to that end. It's God's heart to give good gifts to His children. —Sheila Walsh

He who loveth God with all his heart feareth not death, nor punishment, nor judgment, nor hell, because perfect love giveth sure access to God. But he who still delighteth in sin, no marvel if he is afraid of death and judgment. —Thomas a Kempis

The goodness of God is infinitely more wonderful than we will ever be able to comprehend. —A W Tozer

True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. —  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

### **Birthday Blessings**

2/3 Matt Dibben  
2/12 Jacob McHenry  
2/19 Tara Sepulveda  
2/21 Sereena Pintado  
2/23 Megan McHenry



### **Happy Anniversary**

2/22 Pastors Royce & Carol



### **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, driving etc.

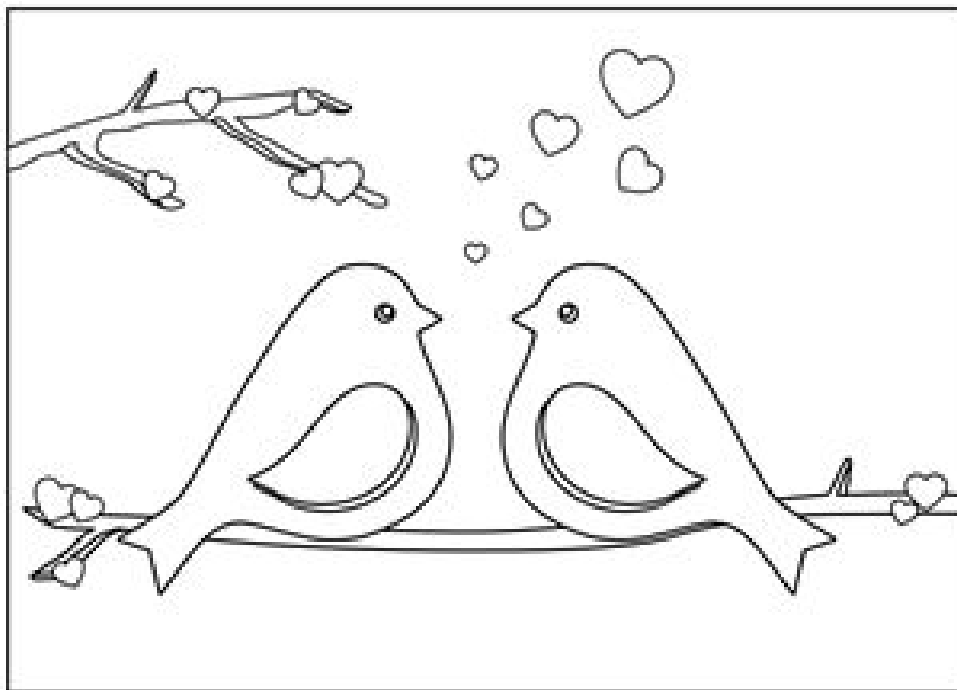


### **Oasis Food Center Update**

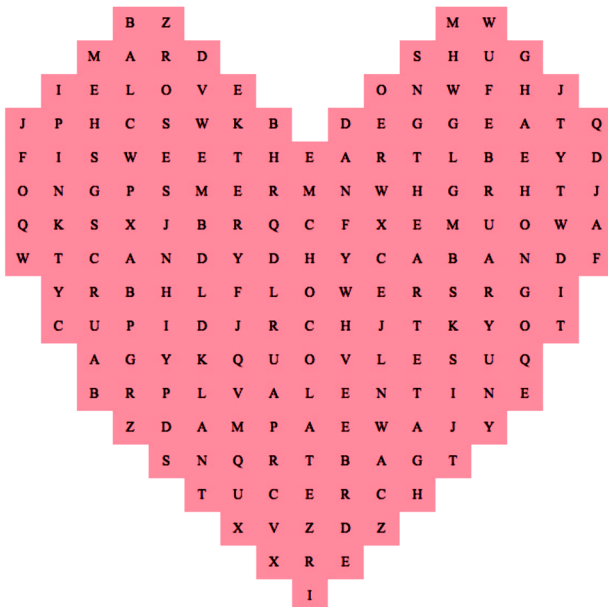
**January 2019** (as of 1/30/19)  
Lunches: 530  
Families: 1,373  
New Families: 116  
Total People: 4,981

**Year to Date 2019** (as of 1/30/19)  
Lunches: 530  
Families: 1,373  
New Families: 116  
Total People: 4,981

**Year to Date 2018**  
Lunches: 5,167  
Families: 16,828  
New Families: 1,497  
Total People: 61,637



### Valentine's Day Word Search



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PINK  
VALENTINE  
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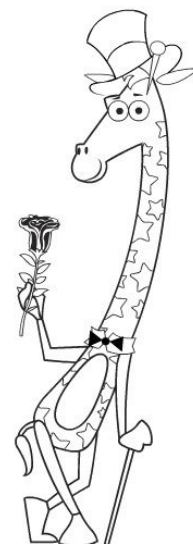
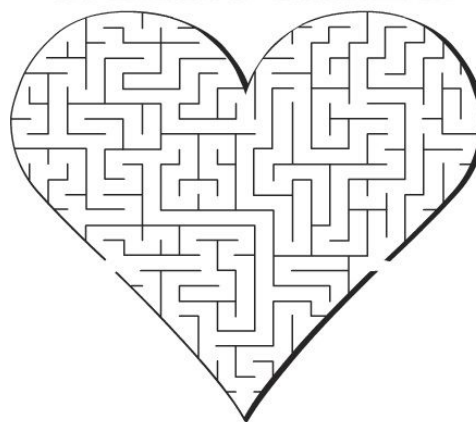
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HUG  
FLOWERS

CANDY  
HEART  
SWEETHEART  
CARD  
SWEET

Bring Your Friends and Join  
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning  
10:30 am

### Geoffrey's Valentine's Day Heart Maze





## Recipe Corner

### Winter Minestrone

#### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 onion, chopped  
 2 carrots, peeled and chopped  
 2 celery stalks, chopped  
 3 ounces thinly sliced pancetta, coarsely chopped  
 2 cloves garlic, crushed  
 1 pound Swiss chard, stems trimmed, leaves coarsely chopped  
 1 russet potato, peeled and cubed  
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes in juice  
 2 fresh rosemary sprigs  
 1 (15-ounce) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed, divided  
 2 (14-ounce) cans low-sodium beef broth, divided  
 1 (1-ounce) Parmesan rind  
 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley



#### Directions

In a large, heavy stockpot or Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery, pancetta, and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the Swiss chard and potato. Season with salt and pepper and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes and rosemary sprigs. Bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the chard is wilted and the tomatoes are very soft, about 10 minutes.

In a food processor or blender, combine 3/4 of the beans with 1/2 cup of broth. Blend until almost smooth. Add the pureed bean mixture, remaining broth, and Parmesan rind to the vegetable mixture. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the potato pieces are tender, about 15 minutes. Stir in the remaining beans and the parsley. Simmer until the beans are heated through and the soup is thick, about 2 minutes. Discard the rosemary stems (the leaves will have fallen off) and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Ladle the soup into bowls and serve.

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Ten Boom explains, "Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart." Colossians 3:13 (AMP) "Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive]."

Matthew 18:21-22 (AMP) "Then Peter came up to Him and said, Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him and let it go? [As many as] up to seven times? Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to seven times, but seventy times seven!" Forgiveness should be unlimited. There should be no limit on our willingness to forgive others. We should always be willing to forgive because we have already been forgiven far beyond our comprehension. We should never say I have forgiven enough; now I will hold a grudge. Now I will be bitter. Now is the time to have resentment. No matter how significant they things that have happened to us grudges, bitterness, resentment will only impair and damage us. It is time to let go. Let the Holy Spirit bring healing as you make the first step in say, "I forgive them."





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As believers, we recognize that children are a gift from the Lord. When they are born, we say the child is a blessing from the Lord. Psalm 127:3 (NLT) "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." As parents, we should thank the Lord for the children that He has blessed us with and enjoy them.

Just as children are a gift from the Lord; parents are the Lord's gift to the child. Our parents are placed above us by the Lord. The parents are the stand-ins of the Lord. Parents are here to care for us, nurture us, teach us and discipline us. One of the most important things they teach us is obedience. Ephesians 6:1-2 (NKJV) "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." This is God's revealed will for us.

Children here refers to relationship. When children are under their parents care, they are to obey their parents. We believe this applies to our children, but we are all children of the Lord. Do we obey Him? Do we honor Him? Even as adults, we are children of our earthly parents that we should honor. We honor our parents for life, whether we are a young child or an adult child.

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When we honor them, we are indicating their God given authority.

What does honor mean? Honor shows respect, kindness, being polite and love, it goes beyond obedience. Honor has to do with attitude. What is our attitude towards our Father God in heaven? What is our attitude towards our earthly parents? When we honor parents, we hold them in high regard.

Children (all of ages) might not always agree with their parents but they can always treat them with respect. One way of honoring our parents is thanking the Lord for them. How often do we thank the Lord for the gift of our parents? Another way of honoring our parents is to pray for them. We honor our parents by caring for them and taking time for them.

Too often as adult children, we see our parents' imperfections; their flaws and believe they are not worthy of our honor or love. If that is our belief, we are incorrect. The Word does not say honor your parents if you agree with them. It does not say honor your parents if they are perfect. Our heavenly Father loves us and gave Jesus to forgive us of our sins, shortcomings, and flaws. Just as we are forgiven, we need to forgive others. We need to forgive our

parents of their imperfections and love them. Our parents are valuable to the Lord and they are His gift to us.

The family unit is the basis of all society. There needs to be a right relationship between husband and wife, the founders of the family. Then we need a right relationship between children and parents. If any of the above is out of alignment there will be issues. We can see all around us today the disastrous effects of relationships out of alignment. The ramifications are endless and there are many tragedies involved with the dissolving families. Sometimes as adults that have not had a father figure speaking into their lives, they need to be reparented and often that is their Pastor or spiritual parent; which need to be honored.

We can extend this command to include all person who in principle assume any part of the parental relation to a child, all the different kinds of parents (overseers), such as teachers, pastors, etc.





# FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniver- saries 6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	4  Love & Logic Class 6:30 pm-8:30 PM	5	6  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	7  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	8	9
10 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	11	12	13  Feed the Needy 11:00- 3:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	15	16  Valentine's Party 6pm
17 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	18	19	20  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	21  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	22	23
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