



Nuggets of Treasure

New Year



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As we begin the new year, we often consider all the things we desire to change in our lives. We make a list of things we think we should change or areas we believe we need to patch up in our life. For instance, lose weight, exercise, eat better, wake up earlier, read our bible consistently, pray more, and the list continues. We think of a new year as a fresh start, a new beginning. We start with good intentions and are fervent. Doing well for a week or two, maybe even a month, then daily life gets in the way. If we miss one day, most of the time, we just give up and stop. It is known that 80% of resolutions that people make for the new year fail. Why? We try to remodel our life overnight. "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." Unknown

Maybe at the beginning of the New Year, we should think about all the things that have gone well in the previous year, be grateful and give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. Allow the Holy Spirit to help us

in our continual growth to become more Christ-like.

Perhaps part of the problem is that we only think of a new year as a new beginning, but we do not have to wait for a new year as the Lord gives us a new beginning every day. Growth is not just a yearly process. Every day we have the opportunity to have a fresh start. Each day is a blank page; what will we write on it? Think of every day as the best day of the year. "The God who made us also can remake us." —Woodrow Kroll

We need to fix our eyes on the Lord daily. He knows what the day holds. Decide to live for God every day. Begin each day with faith and trust in Him. Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP) "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts, and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your outcome."

In reality, change should be happening daily. Every day we can choose to be kinder, grateful, and loving. Each new day we can be positive.

Colossians 3:17 (AMP) "And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him."

As believers, we should continually be growing and changing. We must live life each day as if it were a new beginning. What you do today is essential. We need to determine what matters most to us. What are we sowing in life?

Ask yourself what area is the Holy Spirit directing me to change in. Is it to be more grateful? Is it to be positive? One thing the Holy Spirit is directing us to do is walk in love daily. Luke 10:25-28 (NKJV) "And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as

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**Upcoming Events
2023**

January 1 New Year's Day



January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 14 Valentine's Day



February 20 President's Day



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"Worry is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of fear. "—Corrie Ten Boom

"The root of the word persevere is the word severe. We must face the fact that en-route to victory our trials may get severe. Likewise, it is with severe faith—severe or extreme steadfastness—that we inherit the promises of God (see Hebrews 10:36). James tells us: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:24)"— Francis Frangipane

"Today is mine. Tomorrow is none of my business. If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly what is required of me now. "— Elisabeth Elliot

Birthday Blessings

1/10 Robin Lewis
1/27 Tim McKay



Happy Anniversary

1/25 Mark & Karen Dale

Happy Anniversary



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

December 2022

Families: 1,162
New Families: 52
Total People: 4,541

Year to Date 2022

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

Year to Date 2021

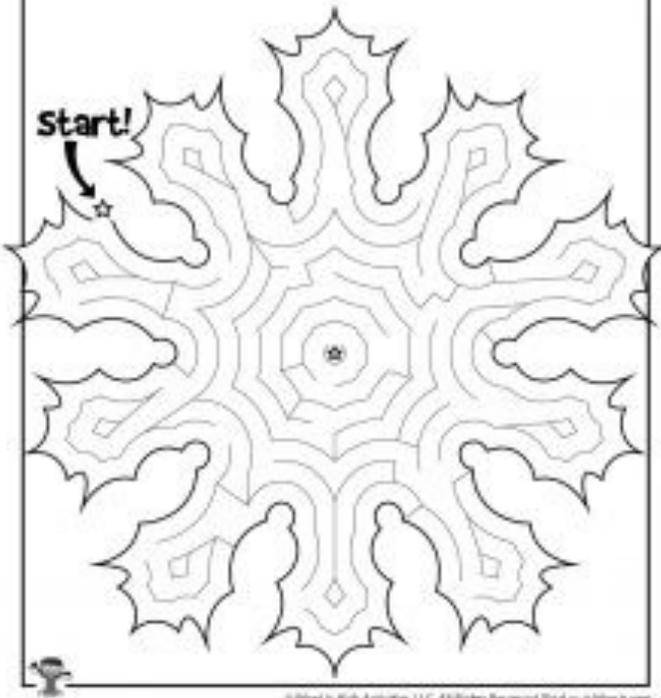
Families: 11,969
New Families: 546
Total People: 48,245

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
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Snowflake Maze!



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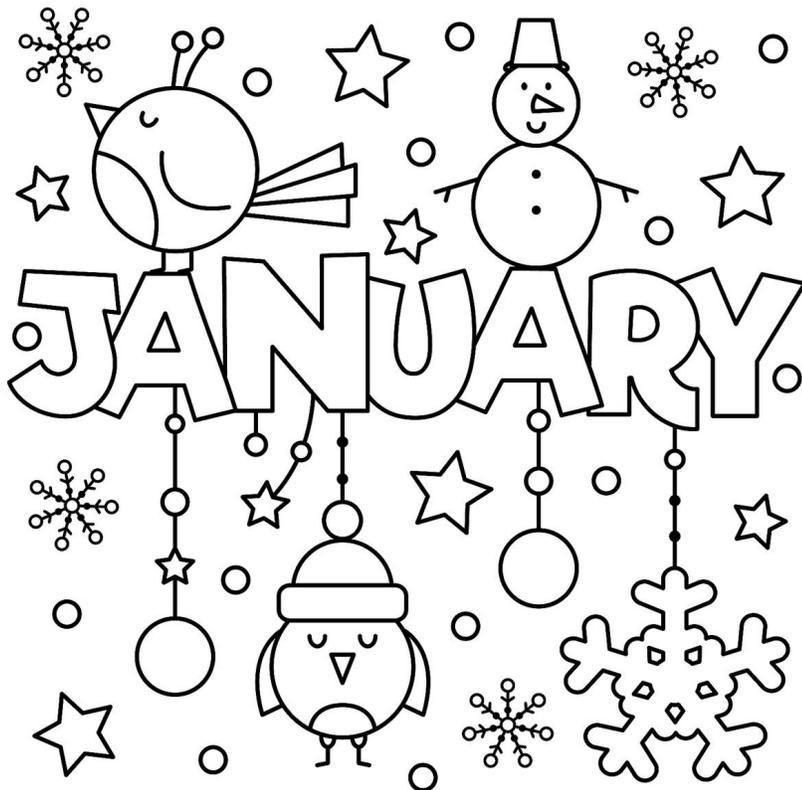


Winter Fun



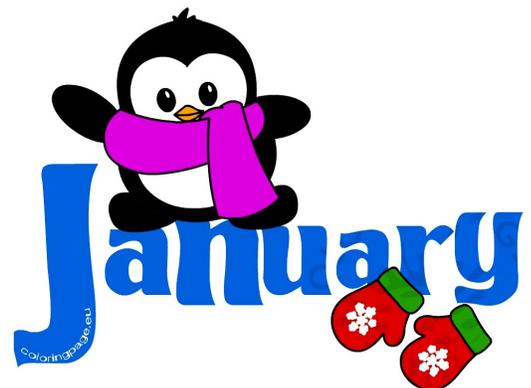
Find these words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

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|---------|--------|
| BOOTS | PLOW |
| COLD | SCARF |
| FLAKE | SHOVEL |
| FREEZE | SKATE |
| HAT | SKI |
| ICE | SLED |
| MITTENS | SNOW |



Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

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yourself.' " 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this, and you will live." Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in loving your family, friends, co-workers, and all those who come across your path. In the same way, we are concerned about our own interests and desire to be treated and taken care of, and we should do the same for others.

Each day is a day to follow the Lord more closely and be a doer of His Word. May God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you every day. May you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and follow as He leads you.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

Ingredients

12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 extra-large eggs at room temperature
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups sour cream
2 1/2 cups cake flour (not self-rising)
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
For the streusel:
1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
3/4 cup chopped walnuts, optional
For the glaze:
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons real maple syrup



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan.
Cream the butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment for 4 to 5 minutes, until light. Add the eggs 1 at a time, then add the vanilla and sour cream. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. With the mixer on low, add the flour mixture to the batter until just combined. Finish stirring with a spatula to be sure the batter is completely mixed.
For the streusel, place the brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, salt, and butter in a bowl and pinch together with your fingers until it forms a crumble. Mix in the walnuts, if desired.
Spoon half the batter into the pan and spread it out with a knife. Sprinkle with 3/4 cup streusel. Spoon the rest of the batter in the pan, spread it out, and scatter the remaining streusel on top. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, until a cake tester comes out clean.
Let cool on a wire rack for at least 30 minutes. Carefully transfer the cake, streusel side up, onto a serving plate. Whisk the confectioners' sugar and maple syrup together, adding a few drops of water if necessary, to make the glaze runny. Drizzle as much as you like over the cake with a fork or spoon.



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As individuals, we become anxious for many reasons. We might be fearful of the unknown; we might not know what will happen or have never done it before. Most people do not like change. When I was learning to snow ski, I was terrified the first time I rode the ski lift. At least there was a bar that came down to keep you on, but I was unsure how to get off the lift, concerned I would stay on the chair instead of getting off or exactly how much room there was before the edge of the hill. I prayed going up, and finally, there was no anxiety. When I first started in the audit department as an auditor, I never wanted to overstep my authority; I was anxious to do the right thing; I asked my boss for parameters, but instead, he made me step out into the unknown. The Lord helped me in every aspect as I prayed through stepping out. Then my boss left, and we were given a new boss, and again the anxiety came because we did not know his expectations but again, I prayed, and the Lord enabled me. We might be anxious about our family traveling, having a meeting with our supervisor, making a mistake not wanting to admit to our error, and needing to see a doctor for something. The list can be endless.

The Lord does not want us to fret. When we worry, we say we do not trust the Lord to han-

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dle our situation or provide. Anxiety attempts to attach itself to us for many reasons, but the Lord gives us the answer to overcome it. Philippians 4:6-7 (AMP) "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

First, we go to the Lord in prayer. We ask Him for answers to a specific need, supplication, or petition. I had a situation as a supervisor with an employee at the bank where I was unsure how to handle it, but as I went to the Lord in prayer and asked Him to take care of the specific problem the next day, it was resolved. Similarly, we had a situation with someone, and no matter what we did, it would be incorrect; we took the specific situation to the Lord in prayer and left it in His hands; the next day, the person came and stated they were wrong, and it was resolved. We could have stayed up all night being anxious and

worried, but instead, we prayed, and God's peace came.

We pray to the Lord and offer our supplications with the right attitude of heart, which is thanksgiving. We are thankful He has the answer and knows the beginning from the end. As we go in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we let our request be known to the Lord God; it is as simple as that. Then the peace of God will flood our souls. It is an inner peace not related to what things are occurring in the circumstances. This peace guards our emotions and thoughts. We have peace because we realize the Lord God is in control.

The Lord does not desire us to be anxious about the things going on in the world, our government, or the economy; instead, He desires us to have a meeting with Him in prayer, share our concerns, ask for what we need, be thankful that He has all the answers, and leave with peace of mind that He has it in control.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>10:30am MW/ Children/Youth</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>10:30am MW/ Children/Youth</p> <p>6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>10:30am MW/ Children/Youth</p> <p>6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>10:30am MW/ Children/Youth</p> <p>6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>10:30am MW/ Children/Youth</p> <p>6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service</p>	30	31				

