



# Nuggets of Treasure



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## A Life of Freedom

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People are looking for freedom, but they only want what will benefit them in their everyday lives; all of the time. Many crimes are committed in the name of liberty or freedom. Today, we see people trying to pursue what they believe is “freedom,” which they perceive as doing whatever they want to do, and never denying any desire. Freedom can be related to fire. Fire depending on how it is used, can be either beneficial or destructive. When used properly, it can warm our house in a fireplace. However, fire can be used incorrectly and set a forest on fire, when someone does not use what produces fire correctly; freedom is the same.

People are looking for freedom. What exactly is freedom? Freedom has a host of meanings dependent on the persons perspective. For believers, freedom only comes from Jesus. As we surrender to the Lord, then we will realize freedom is an inward state and is not dependent on external circumstances. We once were slaves to sin; sin control our lives. Sin holds us captive. Jesus came to set us free. Isaiah 61 states Jesus came to “proclaim liberty to the captives.”

Psalm 119:45 (AMP) “And I will walk at liberty and at ease, for I have sought and inquired for [and desperately required] Your precepts.” You will know the truth and the truth will set you free. Having God’s Word within brings a life of freedom; liberty. Freedom comes through obedience and submission to God and His Word. It certainly obvious that disobedience, ignoring or rejecting God’s Word and reliance upon our own wisdom leads to bondage, not freedom.

Galatians 5:13 (AMP) “For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another. For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is complied with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. But if you bite and devour one another [in partisan strife], be careful that you [and your whole fellowship] are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then

you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).” Our life as a believer should be a life of freedom. Jesus came to set us; the captives free. How will we use our freedom? Will we use our freedom to serve God, love others?

Too often, people use the freedom Jesus has given them, by spinning it, and using it to please themselves at the expense of others. Freedom should be the Spirit-given desire and ability to do what we should do before God. When we are carnal; we expect others to conform to us, and we do not care much about others or what is best for them. But when we are led by the Holy Spirit and walk in the freedom that Jesus gave to us, we will serve one another through love. We do not see much love flowing in our world today, but we see people demanding their way, destroying one another and things through strife. We love others by seeing their value and asking ourselves how we would like to be treated. Right now, people are using “freedom” as a platform to promote selfishness. Two selfish people will eventually consume one another. They are

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### Upcoming Events 2020

July 4th Independence Day



August 2 Celebrate Monthly  
birthdays & Anniversaries

September 6 Celebrate Monthly  
birthdays & Anniversaries

September 7th Labor Day

September 22 First Day of Au-  
tumn

### Church Offices

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located at the church building.

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“Sadly, if we are not confident  
about our choices, we can easily  
let other peoples' comments  
make us feel guilty and ruin the  
joy we need to experience in life  
through doing the little things  
that mean a lot to us.” —Joyce  
Meyers

“People keep on struggling  
when it comes to prayer and  
faith because they don't actually  
believe what the Word says.”  
— Kenneth E. Hagin

“Believe the unbelievable and  
receive the impossible.”  
-- Jesse Duplantis

“Growth can be painful, change  
can be painful but nothing is as  
painful as staying stuck some-  
where you don't belong Anxiety  
does not empty tomorrow of its  
sorrow it only empties today of its  
strengths”—Charles Spurgeon

“Whenever God wakes in us,  
our thinking becomes clear -  
nothing is missing.” —Thomas  
Aquinas

“Happiness is not a feeling, it is  
a choice. To be happy, one must  
choose to be happy, not re-  
spond to a circumstance that  
now controls your happiness.”  
—Joyce Meyers

### Birthday Blessings

7/6 Liz Rutkes  
7/11 Allison McKay  
7/30 Carole Schlegel

HaPpY  
BiRtHdAY

### Happy Anniversary

7/7 Joe & Megan McHenry  
7/25 John & Anna Westing



### 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

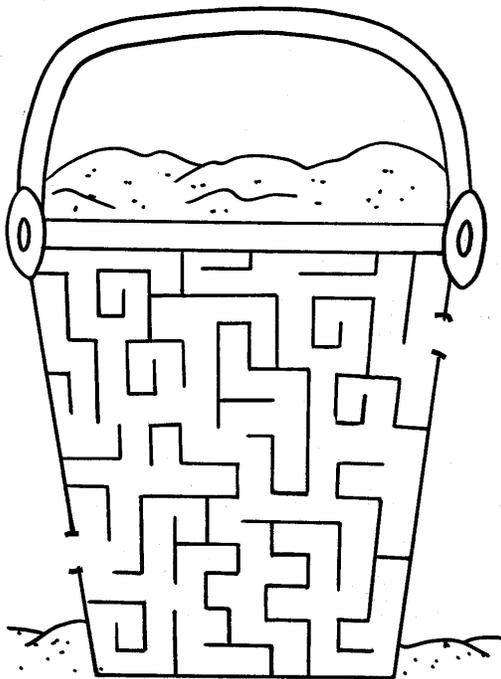
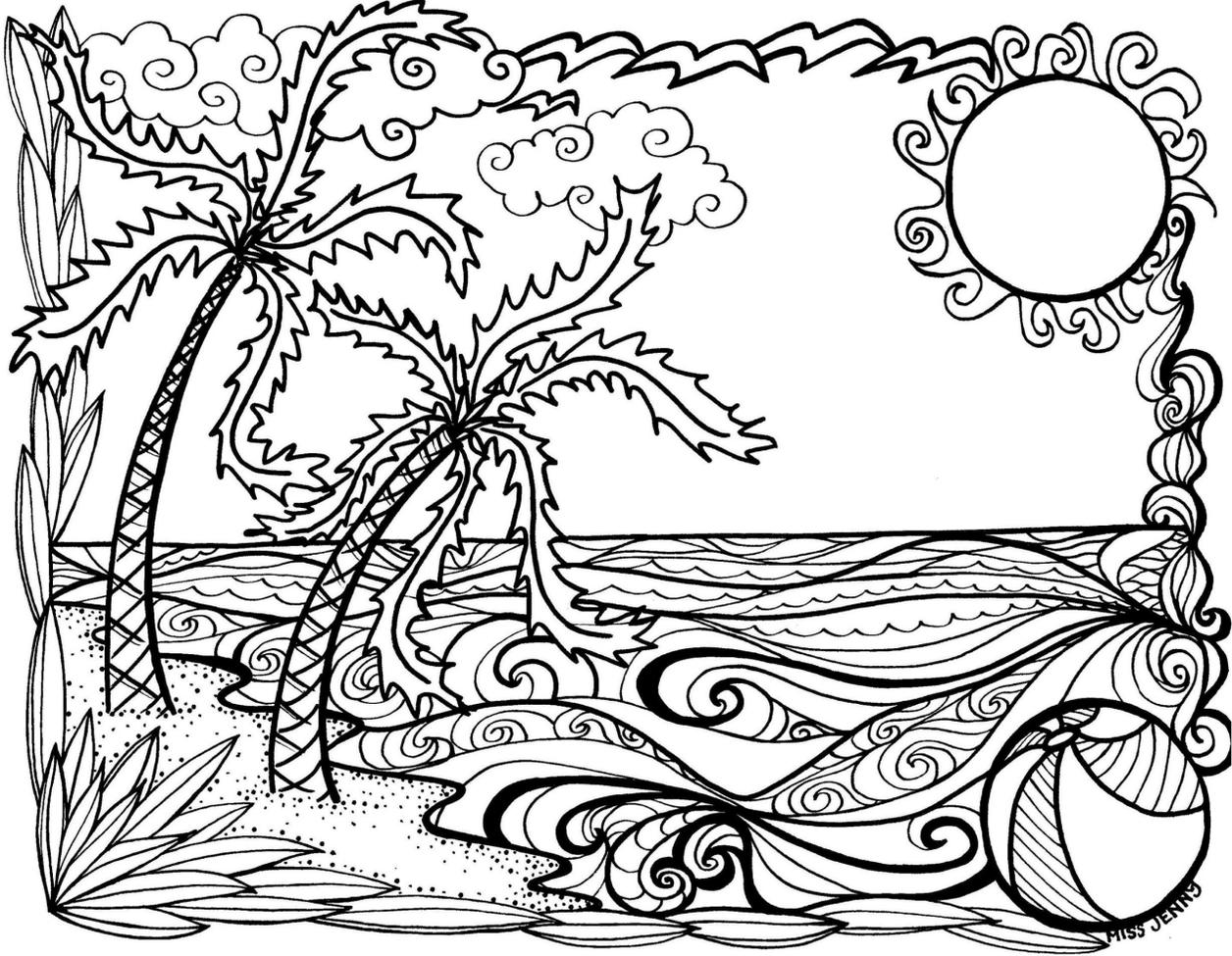


### Oasis Food Center Update

**June 2020** (as of 6/24/2020)  
Families: 1,139  
New Families: 74  
Total People: 4,365

**Year to Date 2020** (as of 6/24/2020)  
Lunches: 1,282  
Families: 7,420  
New Families: 541  
Total People: 28,224

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



Bring Your Friends and Join  
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning  
10:30 am





## RECIPE CORNER

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only concerned for themselves no matter what the cost to other people.

As believers, we need to walk (live) in the Spirit. This means we are open and sensitive to the leading and influence of the Holy Spirit. We will listen to what the Holy Spirit say as He guides us. He will guide us according to the Word, and in the path, character and nature of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will not guide us to gratify our fallen desires and passions. Hatred, pride, destruction and murder have infected our country, people living like this are not being led by the Holy Spirit, but the lust of their flesh and the devil. The only way to change this is by us as spirit-filled believers doing our part and being led by the Spirit and serving one another in love. Treating others how we would like to be treated.

### Sunny's 5-Star Glazed Chicken

#### Ingredients:

- Marinade/Glaze:
- 1/3 cup creamed honey
- 1/4 cup red miso paste
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- Red chili flakes
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Chicken:
- 1 skin-on whole chicken, cut up, breasts split



#### Directions:

For the marinade/glaze: In a small pot on medium heat, whisk together the honey, miso, orange juice, a shake or two of chili flakes and plenty of coarse ground pepper. Cook, whisking, until everything is combined and the liquid reduces and thickens a bit to a glaze consistency, 6 to 8 minutes. Let cool to room temperature.

For the chicken: Pour half of the marinade into a resealable plastic bag; reserve the other half for glazing. Add the chicken parts to the bag with the marinade and seal. Rest the chicken at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours.

When ready to grill, preheat a grill pan or half of a grill to medium heat.

Remove the chicken from the bag and pat dry with paper towels. Place on the indirect heat of the grill, skin-side down, and cook, covered, until the chicken easily releases from the grill, about 15 minutes. Then flip and grill on the other side until cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes more. In the last minute of grilling, brush each piece of chicken with a bit of the reserved glaze.



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Many people today are distressed, disturbed and concerned by the occurrences happening in our nation and even the world. There is differing opinions, division on many issues and events. There is no concern about the welfare of others, selfishness prevails. We desire things to be different, but change will only happen if hearts are changed. A change of heart is a reversal in position or attitude. Heart change only happens with Jesus. RW Emerson states, "No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character." Character can only change with Jesus.

When Jesus came to the world, He came to change the world; the way people think, their attitudes, actions and the way they lived. When we think of Jesus; we need to realize His chief concern was that men would be changed, not the government under which they lived. Attitudes needed transformation rather than circumstances changing. He was concerned with people's heart and the same is true today. It starts with us; we must be willing to continually change to be more like Christ-like.

Are we willing to change? As believers, are we allowing our lives to be continually shaped and defined by the Word and the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit wants to be involved in every part of our

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lives all the time. Do we have areas of our lives that do not line up with the Word or the character of Christ? Are we acting upon the Word? Do we ask the Holy Spirit to help us in our daily life? Are we being Christ-like in our relationship with others? How can we love more? How can we show more love to people; each and every day? We all need to look inside by the help of the Holy Spirit to see what needs to change in us. We need to pray Lord when we are wrong, in error, to help us to be willing to change and to be in line with the Word.

We cannot ignore the power given to us by the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants to change us and our world through us. Do we say, change me Lord so I can help make a difference? People need to turn to the Lord; have a change of heart. Joel 2:12-13 (NKJV) "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So, rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm."

An English soldier was converted in the trenches during the first World War and wrote home

to his mother, "This war had to occur that I might be saved." The mother showed the letter to her minister, remarking that her boy was unduly magnifying the importance of his salvation. The minister agreed with the boy. "Madam," he said, "not only this war, but Calvary, had to occur to save your boy." God used the wrath which raged both at Calvary and through that awful war experience to bring the lad to his Saviour. Perhaps what is occurring today is so salvation may come to many. Unless hearts are changed the events of the day will not change. Are we praying for people to be saved or praying for circumstances to change? Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to change us in the midst of these circumstances? Are we giving hope to others?





# JULY 2020



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 Independence Day
5 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 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  7pm Evening Service	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	31	