



# *Nuggets of Treasure*



*June 2023*

## **Run the Race**

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One of my favorite times of year is spring and summer. I love warm weather; it invigorates me to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, smell cut grass, bike rides, walks, watching things blossom and grow, etc. When I think of warmer weather, I think of picnics, swimming, camping, hiking, and yes, even jogging, not that I jog anymore.

When we think of jogging (running), we also need to think of the Word of God because it speaks of our Christian walk as if running a race. We all realize that following the Lord's ways, methods, standards, and principles is more than a leisurely jog in the park. It is not a matter of whether we will run in the race. When we follow Jesus, we are put in the race. So, it is not a question of whether we will run but how well we will run. So, are we running the racing, or just slowly walking, or have we given up and just stood still? Are we running without direction and purpose?

I Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one

gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. "How do we run? Do you run to win? If one day we decided to run and put on some running shoes and go out to run, it would not be easy because we are not in shape. Running requires discipline. We must be disciplined to run daily. As runners in God's race, we must also be disciplined. We need to read the Word of God and pray daily. As we read the Word of God daily and pray, we will be motivated and have the strength to run the race the Lord has set before us and win. Are we competing to win the prize?"

When runners run a race, they must follow the rules. They cannot elbow someone to move them out of the way. They cannot trip others to get ahead. I Corinthians 9:27 "No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" We must live according to God's Word and His principles. We must become more Christ-like. So, we gladly give to God's Word and His ways.

We run by His rules. We follow His guidelines.

In a race, we do not want to be distracted by things. Runners must keep their minds on the race. In our race for the Lord, we cannot let things distract us. We cannot allow sin to slow us down. Hebrews tells us, "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." We also must be willing to persevere. We are not just jogging around the block; our race is like a marathon. A marathon takes endurance; it takes breaking through the wall that all runners seem to hit in its long-distance race. In our daily life, circumstances try to hinder us from finishing. It might seem like we are always fighting against a headwind. Marathon runners cannot give up just because it is challenging, and they push through the pain. So we must never give up! We can say with Paul in II Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there

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### Upcoming Events 2023

June 18 Father's Day



July 4 Independence Day



### Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:  
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“If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look little or big.”— Elisabeth Elliot

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.”—C.S. Lewis

“I've often thought, I'm nobody. Why would God answer my prayer? But God's not impressed by eloquence; he's impressed by our longing for Him.”—Stormie Omartian

“In order to realize the worth of an anchor, we need to feel the stress of the storm.”—Corrie Ten Boom

“Cold words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. Kind words also produce their image on men's souls; and a beautiful image it is. They smooth, and quiet, and comfort the hearer. “—Blaise Pascal

### Happy Birthday

6/5 Kalyn McKay  
6/21 Diana Scholl



### Happy Anniversary

6/24 Tim & Mandalyn McKay



### 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

#### May 2023

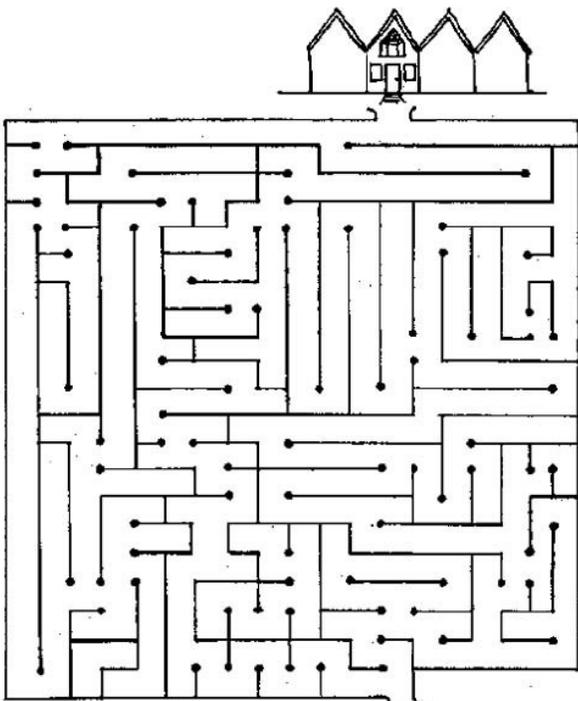
Families: 1,245  
New Families: 71  
Total People: 4,824

#### Year to Date 2023 (as of 6/1/23)

Families: 6,461  
New Families: 361  
Total People: 25,331

#### Year to Date 2022

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

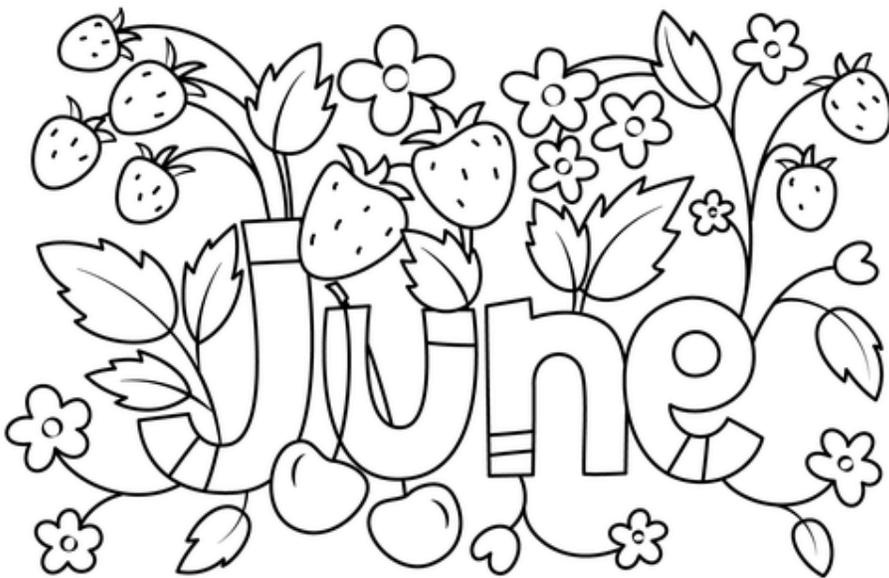
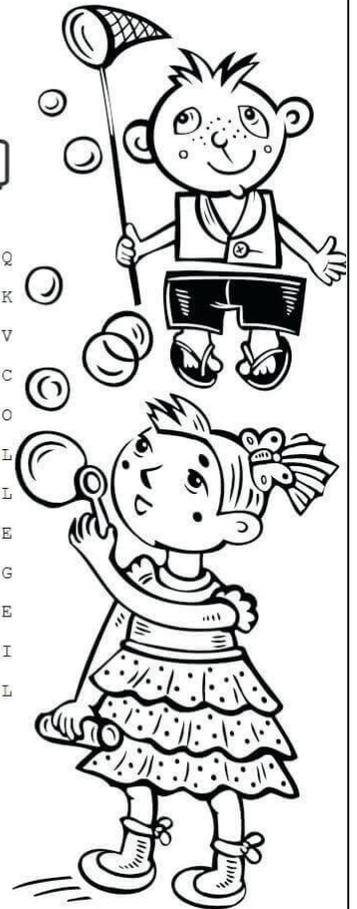


There are two ways from the park to home.  
Can you find both?

# JUNE WORD SEARCH

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| Beach      | June     |
| Camping    | School   |
| Canoeing   | Summer   |
| College    | Trip     |
| Graduation | Vacation |



Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning  
10:30 am





## RECIPE CORNER

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is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing." Let's be determined to run the race, persevere, finish, and always follow the Lord's ways, giving your all-in-all focus on the finish line.

### Grilled Bacon, Egg and Cheese Zucchini Boats

#### Ingredients

- 2 medium zucchinis (about 1 pound 9 ounces total and/or each about 9 inches long)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup extra-sharp shredded Cheddar (about 1 ounce)
- 1/4 cup grated Havarti cheese (about 1 ounce)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh chives
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 4 large eggs
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 4 strips bacon



#### Directions

Prepare a grill for medium-high indirect heat: For gas grills (with 3 or more burners), turn all the burners to medium-high heat; after about 15 minutes turn off the middle burner for 3-burner grills or the 2 middle burners for grills with 4 or more burners and keep the other 2 burners at medium high. Set up a drip pan on the other side to avoid flare-ups. (The grill should be around 400 degrees F. Be sure to consult the grill manufacturer's guide for the best results.)

Slice the zucchinis down the middle, lengthwise like a hotdog, so that you have 4 long, equal pieces of zucchini. Use a teaspoon to remove the flesh of the zucchini, being sure to leave a 1/4-inch border and to not pierce the bottom of the zucchini. Finely chop 1/2 cup of the zucchini flesh and discard or save the remainder for another use. Place the chopped zucchini flesh into a clean kitchen towel and wring out as much liquid as possible. Place the zucchini flesh into a medium liquid measuring cup or bowl.

Flip the zucchini boats over so that the peel side is facing up and brush all four pieces with olive oil. Season the peel side with 1/4 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper, then flip over and season the flesh side with another 1/4 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper.

Add the Cheddar, Havarti, chives, cream, eggs, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper to the liquid measuring cup or bowl with the zucchini flesh. Whisk until well combined. Pour the mixture into the cavity of each zucchini boat.

Using both hands to lift the zucchini carefully, place the filled boat in the middle of the grill over indirect heat (where the burner is turned off), cover, and cook until the eggs have puffed up slightly and are just set, 25 to 30 minutes. Use grilling tongs to remove the zucchini to a cutting board. Carefully wrap each zucchini boat in 1 of the bacon strips. Return to the grill over indirect heat and continue grilling, covered, until the eggs are completely set and the bacon is warmed and just crispy, 18 to 20 minutes.

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Luke 10:25-37 “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance, a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think,

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proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

To truly understand the impact of this story, we must realize that Samaritans and Jews were enemies. So, the people in the story that we expect to help the injured man walked on by, but the person who was supposed to be the enemy helped and went the extra mile. Are we liking the lawyer in the story asking, “Who is our neighbor?” Our neighbor is anyone we can help.

Jesus tells us that if we love God with all our hearts and love our neighbor as ourselves, we will help others in need. We will have compassion. Are we a person who helps those in need even if it costs us something, inconvenience, time, or money? Are we a neighbor to anyone in need, even those who are unlike us?

An outgrowth of our love for God will cause us to respond to fellow humans. We are to love and be neighbors to those who are part of our lives, those we meet. Kindness or being a neighbor is not found in a racial bond, nationality, color, gender, proximity, or by living in a specific neighborhood. We become neighbors by responding sensitively to the needs of others. Such was the example of the Samaritan, who not only comforted

the beaten man’s wounds but also took him to a place of shelter, cared for him, and made sure his needs were met. The Samaritan cared for a person he had never seen before. Without asking questions, he was merciful and kind to a person half-dead. By reviving life, he shows life. If we look to limit those we serve, we need to take notice of the lesson Jesus taught the lawyer. The question is not who we may or may not serve but serving where a need exists. We are not to look to regulate who our neighbors might be. Instead, we are to be neighbors to those whose needs we can meet. The key in life, as a believer, is to love God and love others.





# JUNE 2023



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