

# Nuggets of Treasure

Love

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Have we become numb to the message of love and loving one another? The believer's life should continually exhibit love in their lives. Do we truly comprehend what love is? Do we ever evaluate how we are displaying our love for others? I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know and understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him]." John informs us that manifesting the love of God is a measurement of our genuine knowledge of the Lord God. Love comes from a transformed life filled with God's Spirit.

Love is a word that is flippantly and carelessly used today. We say we love all kinds of things. We state that we love ice cream, chocolate, football, and so on. Individuals profess "love" one day for someone, change their mind the next, and "fall" out of love. But God's Love (agape), real love is from and of God is demonstrated and verified.

The source of love is God. and the example of love is Jesus Christ, Love comes from our relationship with Christ and by allowing the Holy Spirit to control us. Everything we do is to be an expression of God's love. Love is the heart of our walk with the Lord. Love is the fruit that comes from the Spirit at work in us. Does the lack of love in our life call into question the presence of the Spirit in our life and our relationship with the Lord? The key to walking in love is being filled with the Spirit of God. So, how do we love others? It is the enabling ability of the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5, "Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us."

Paul expresses that love is a joyful response to the grace of God, motivated by our relationship with the Savior. Love is more than imitating Jesus' earthly life; it expresses gratitude for what the Lord has done for us, giving up His life for us dying on the cross. So, we could say loving others is

a way of saying "thank you" for His divine Love.

The nature of love is seen in I Corinthians 13:4-8a Love endures long and is patient and kind; Love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's Love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not selfseeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]." We see that love is patient and kind and is not jealous. Love is not prideful, arrogant, rude, or

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### Upcoming Events 2023

September 4 Labor Day

September 23 First Day of Autumn



November 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 7 Election Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 23 Thanksgiving

#### **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



"We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer."—-Corrie Ten Boom

"We may spend our whole life climbing the ladder of success, only to find when we get to the top that our ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. "—-Thomas Merton

"Just because you know something, doesn't mean you have experienced it."—-A.W. Tozer

"In truth he is always with us; for the feast is His, and the hall is His, and every guest is brought in by His grace, and every dish on the table is placed there by His love."—-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Satan will stop your destiny if you accept the power of disappointment into your life. Disappointment cuts us off from our vision, and without a vision people perish. Therefore, let me ask you: Are you carrying disappointment in your heart? Renounce it. Forgive those who have let you down. Have you personally or morally failed? Repent deeply and return to your Redeemer."—-Francis Frangipane

#### Happy Birthday 9/2 Paula Adams



#### 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**

#### August 2023

Families: 1,496 New Families: 89 Total People: 5,795

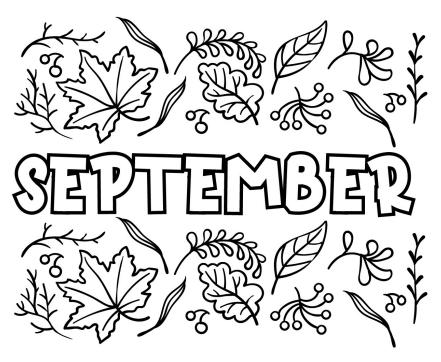
**Year to Date 2023** (as of 8/31/23)

Families: 10,298 New Families: 580 Total People: 40,334

#### Year to Date 2022

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

#### Children's Corner





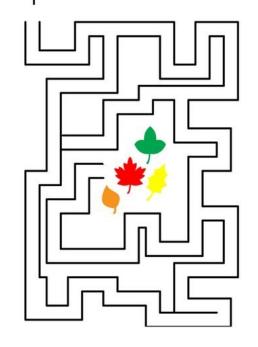
#### September Word Search

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September Leaves
Labor Day Harvest
Fall Acorns
Autumn Apples

### September Maze



Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning 10:30 am





#### RECIPE CORNER

#### The Best Grilled Chicken Breasts

#### Ingredients

- Four 6-ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup plain, full-fat yogurt
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 4 scallions, whites coarsely chopped and greens reserved for serving
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



#### **Directions**

Working with one chicken breast at a time, place the chicken between 2 pieces of plastic wrap or parchment paper. Gently pound with a meat mallet to 1/2 inch thick then transfer to a large bowl.

Combine the yogurt, lemon zest, lemon juice, scallion whites, garlic, olive oil, 2 teaspoons salt and a few grinds of black pepper to a food processor and process until smooth. Pour the marinade over the chicken. Turn the chicken a few times to coat then submerge in the marinade. Cover the bowl with a clean dish towel and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes but no more than 3 hours. Meanwhile, heat a grill to medium.

Remove the chicken from the marinade to a large platter, letting any excess marinade drip back into the bowl. Season the chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper. Grill, covered, flipping once halfway through, until a digital thermometer registers 165 degrees F, 4 to 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

Thinly slice the scallion greens on a bias and sprinkle over the chicken. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

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irritable. Love does not hold resentment or desire to get even. Love is not self-centered but is willing to sacrifice its own needs for the good of others. Love is not easy. It is thinking about what is for the good of others. We see from the nature of love that we are not to live for ourselves. Love is not just doing good; love springs from a sense of genuine concern and compassion for others.

We see love displayed weekly in the Food Center, where numerous individuals from the church and the community come and volunteer their time to assist those less fortunate. They have a concern and compassion for those who come for help. They cheerfully assist them in giving of their time and willingly sacrifice a part of their life and own needs for the good of others. Their love is touching the lives of people. God's love extends to everyone, and so should ours.



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Philippians 4:6-8 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will quard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." It is easy to say do not be anxious and pray, but it is not always easy. Being anxious pulls us in different directions. When we are anxious or worried, we can have physical consequences, like headaches, ulcers, etc. Worry also affects our thinking. As believers, we can say worry is wrong when thinking about circumstances, people, and things. Worry steals our joy. It is not enough to tell ourselves to "quit worrying." So, how do we get the victory over worry or being anxious? The antidote to worry is a stable mind. Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We need to pray and think right.

Prayer is making a request known to the Lord. Whenever we worry. our first action ought to be to get alone with God and worship Him. We must see the greatness and majesty of our Lord God. We should know that He is big enough to solve our problems. We cannot just rush into His presence and tell Him our needs; we need first to worship Him. Then, we can earnestly share our needs and problems in supplication. After we share, our needs come, giving thanks to the Lord. As parents and grandparents like to hear "thank you," so does the Lord. Remember the ten lepers; only one returned to

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give. Are we in the ten percent like the lepers? Too many people are eager to ask but slow to appreciate. Are we one of them?

We are to take everything to God in prayer. We are not to worry about anything but pray about everything. Too often, we only pray about "big things"; we do not want to bother the Lord with the so-called "little things." Guess what? Those "little things" can become big things. We should go to the Lord God about everything that concerns us: that is the first step toward victory over worry. Victory over worry and having peace does not mean the absence of trials, but it means we have confidence within, regardless of circumstances, people, or things. Daniel gives us an instance of peace through prayer. Daniel still prayed to the Lord when the king announced that none of his subjects were to pray to anyone except the king. Daniel 6:10, "When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously." Daniel prayed, gave thanksgiving, and, as a result, had peace amid difficulty. Daniel could spend the night in the lion's den in perfect peace. The first condition for a mind to stay on Him, and victory over worry and anxiousness is praying, coming into His presence.

Peace involves the heart and the mind. Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." We must bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Paul tells us in detail what we ought to think

about as believers. First, whatever is true. What is true? The Word of God is true. Dr. Walter Cavert reported a survey on worry that indicated that only 8 percent of people worried about legitimate matters of concern! The other 92 percent were imaginary, never happened, or involved issues the people had no control over. We can control our minds through the Holy Spirit and the truth. We are to think about honest and just things, which means "worthy of respect and right." We focus our attention on the Word of God and let the Word of God control our thoughts. Think about the Lord; He is honest and just. We are to think about the things that are pure, lovely, and of a good report. Don't focus on the wrong things corrupt, but think on the things of God. The Word is pure, lovely, and of a good report.

We are to think about the things of virtue and praise. If something is worthy of praise, we should tell others. Psalms 19:7-9 "The law (Word) of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony (Word) of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts (Word) of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment (Word) of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the rules (Word) of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether." Psalms 119:165, "Great peace have they which love The Law (Word)." Right thinking is the result of daily meditation on the Word of God.





## SEPTEMBER 2023



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