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## **Times We Meet:**

### **Sunday:**

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

### **Thursday:**

**Ladies' Class:** 10:00 a.m.

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*Welcome*  
to Our Church



## ***Embracing The Shadow***

Have you ever embraced a shadow? As a kid, did you ever chase your shadow? Did you catch it? I had much rather shake hands with a real person than to try to embrace a shadow. Still, there are many religious people attempting to embrace the shadow.

You may be familiar with the Old Testament religious calendar. When God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave Israel more than the Ten Commandments, He also gave them a religious calendar. Every year, at a set time, they were to observe Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, fifty days later the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and other feasts at their set times (Exodus 34:1-28). This religious calendar was not given to any other nation; but it had a special meaning to the Jewish nation (Psalm 147:19, 20; Deuteronomy 5:1-3).

This religious calendar given by God to Moses for the children of Israel was just a shadow. The apostle Paul wrote: "So then, let no one judge you in food or drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon, or sabbaths, which are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance is of Christ" (Colossians 2:16, 17). Jesus is the real thing and Old Testament festivals are the shadow. The shadow has been overtaken by the man Jesus. For example, Passover remembered deliverance from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 12); but Jesus is our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7). The Jews sacrificed a lamb which could never take away sins; but Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin (Hebrews 10:11, 12). And in taking the Lord's Supper, Christians remember their deliverance from sin by the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28).

Paul was concerned because some were "observing days and months and seasons and years" (Galatians 4:10, 11) and following the Jewish calendar would cause them to fall from grace (Galatians 5:4). Embracing the shadow misses the person.

Embrace Jesus, not the shadow.

—Alton Norman



## ***Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral***

Sometimes at the beginning of the classic guessing game Twenty Questions is the query “Animal, vegetable, or mineral?”. After receiving the answer, the 20 “yes” or “no” questions would then be asked. Well, if I were to choose Jesus as the answer for you to guess, I would have to answer “yes” to the question: “Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral?” (Note: “vegetable includes all plants”). Of course, Jesus is these in the figurative sense. Let me explain what I mean.

From an animal kingdom standpoint, Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29) and the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). He is our perfect sacrifice and our courageous leader.

Looking at the vegetable world, Jesus is referred to as a garden (Ezek. 34:29), the Root (Revelation 22:16), the vine (John 15:1), Branch of righteousness (Jeremiah 33:15), and the first-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:20). He is the source of spiritual nutrients, holiness, and productivity.

From minerals, Jesus is the Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4), and the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20). He is the solid foundation of truth and faith.

And, we could even add a new category – celestial. In the celestial realm, Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16), Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2), and light of the world (John 8:12). Jesus brings life and beauty to all of us.

In fact, Jesus is these and much, much more. For example He is the fountain (Zechariah 13:1), door (John 10:9), pathway (John 14:6), bread (John 6:35), bridegroom/husband (2 Corinthians 11:2), shepherd (John 10:11), prince (Isaiah 9:6), and king (Isaiah 6:5) – among many other metaphors.

The bottom line is that Jesus is our all in all – the Alpha and Omega – the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8). No matter where we look in or above the world, no matter what we look at, we should be reminded of Jesus and all that He is and does! We shouldn’t need to ask 20 questions – we should only ask only one: “Do I belong to Him?”

—Edd Sterchi



## ***The Just Shall Live By Faith***

Remembering how God blessed you through former trials and troubles helps motivate you to remain faithful. Christians may have to suffer all kinds of afflictions, but heaven is worth it (Hebrews 10:32-34)! The Christian must never be like the cowardly soldiers, who, in the heat of the battle, throw down their shields and armor, then run away. The Christian is a spiritual soldier. He must never turn back, but he must die as a conqueror rather than be taken prisoner by Satan.

***“The Just Shall Live By Faith” Continues on Page3...***



## Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:51-56

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. The veil of the temple was torn in \_\_\_\_\_ from top to bottom.
2. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ and the rocks were split.
3. **True or False:** The centurion declared, "Truly this was the Son of God."
4. Many women followed Jesus from \_\_\_\_\_, ministering to Him.
5. Among the women were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of \_\_\_\_\_ sons.

**"The Just Shall Live By Faith" Continued from Page 2...** After we have done the will of God in becoming a Christian, we have the need for patience to enable us to wait for the receiving of the promise of God. Christ will come to call His faithful home and thus end all suffering. The just person lives by his faith. Those who lack faith "Draw back" and cause God to have no pleasure in them (Hebrews 10:38-39). A Christian must live His or her life guided by the faith once for all revealed to the saints. The influence of faith on our lives is the saving of our soul through Jesus. Are you in Christ and walking faithfully in His service (Galatians 3:26-27)? As a Christian' you will have the help of Christ as you live by faith. But, remember, "The just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul" (Hebrews 10:38-39)? I love you. Let's go to heaven together.

—Charles Box

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Teach the Children (Deut. 6:4-9)

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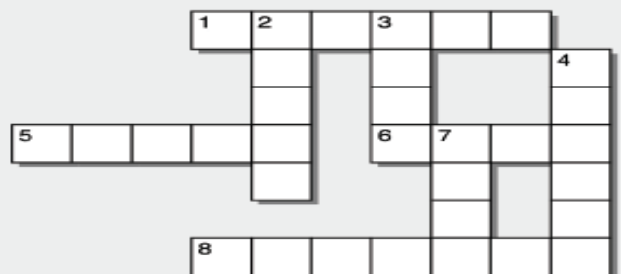
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## ⚔️ CrossWORD



## "God's Command"

Genesis 2

### Across

- 1) God planted a \_\_\_\_ in Eden.
- 5) What Adam called his wife.
- 6) God commanded the man not to eat of the \_\_\_\_ of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 8) God blessed the \_\_\_\_ day.

### Down

- 2) It is not good that than should be \_\_\_\_.
- 3) What man is made of.
- 4) God breathed into man the \_\_\_\_ of life.
- 7) It had yet to do this upon the earth.

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**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Debbie Brooks.** Health concerns.

**Sibbie Byrd.** Nursing home. Health concerns.

**Lisha Cassell.** In need of kidney transplant.

**Dixie Clifton.** Health concerns.

**Drew Clifton.** Need of prayer.

**Greg Clifton.** Dixie's son. Health concerns.

**Tony Cockram.** Upcoming GI surgery on Oct. 28.

**Kaitlyn Donovan.** Recovering from a car accident.

**Axel Keller.** Health Concerns.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**Karen Lovell.** Upcoming surgeries on Oct. 19th & 21st.

**Paul Mays.** Health concerns.

**Ruby Mason.** Health concerns.

**Carol Pace.** Recovering at home.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

**Diana Smith.** Alzheimer's Disease.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Nursing home. Dementia.

**Thomas Turner.** Young child. Cancer.

**Caregivers.**

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### **Sept. Birthday!**

27TH RITA LAWLESS



### **Potluck Lunch**

Pot Luck Luncheon today following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



### **Oct. Birthday!**

28TH KEVIN WYATT



### **Oct. Anniversaries**

5TH BRAD & JORDYN NEWTON

14TH JONATHAN & BRANDI BEAVERS



### **Breakfast!**

Congregational breakfast on Sat., Oct. 3rd at 9am in the fellowship hall. Breakfast is provided. Questions see Donn Shumate.



### **Game Night!**

Game Night on Saturday, Oct 3rd. Join us in the fellowship hall at 5:00pm for an evening of finger food & games!



### **Chili Cookoff!**

Fall Dinner – Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone please bring your favorite chili, sides & desserts to share and come for a good time of fellowship and food.



### **Upcoming Ladies' Day**

Westside CoC in Salem on October 17, 2026!



### **Men's Breakfast!**

October 24! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



### **Solution**

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### **BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution**

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