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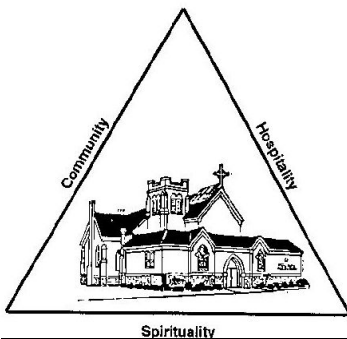
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From the Pastor

Well, it is time. Many of you have been asking about what is going on and some of you have heard the rumors about it. Now let's get down to it. Are you hot on Sunday during church and have you dreamed of a perspiration free summer Sunday service? Me, too. The hard working Trustees Committee have the numbers to put a new heating and air conditioning system in the sanctuary. Some work has been done in preparation for the installation of this heating and cooling system, the biggest being the upgrade of our electrical system to handle the new system. All the work to this point has been paid in full because you have faithfully given to the church over the years and especially during the time I have had the privilege to be your pastor. Now it is time to come to you, the church, to ask for help to finish this project in a timely fashion.

The project is going to cost the church an additional \$65,000 dollars to heat and cool the sanctuary and air condition the library. That will only leave the basement without air conditioning. Now, over the next few weeks, we will begin a campaign to raise \$45,000 to complete this project. That's right. We already have \$20,000 available to put toward this project, leaving the balance to be raised during this capital campaign.

If you are still reading at this point you have questions that I probably can't answer, but I will tell you that before you turn in a pledge card, we will be having an information meeting where people who understand the mechanics of what is going on will be available to answer your questions. This meeting will take place after church one Sunday in the next few weeks. Also, at the end of this letter, you will find some basic numbers that may answer some of your questions and lays out where the money will be going.

I am asking that you begin to think and pray about what it is you will be able to give in one of two ways. Whichever way works for your finances or possibly in both of these ways if you feel blessed by God. Option one: making a onetime gift that will boost the project and make it possible for the church to have air conditioning next summer. Or option two: pledging above and beyond what you already give to the church (because our regular bills will remain the same during this project) on a weekly or monthly basis over the next two years to raise the funds necessary to complete the project.

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I want to assure you that the money raised for this project will be used on this project and if we do not have the funding to move forward on this, I will make sure anything given to this Air Conditioning Fund will be returned to you. You have been faithful to God and the church and I want to make sure I am being faithful to you in this campaign. My goal is to be able to come back to you by the end of September and let you know if we are moving forward with this project and if we are to celebrate that accomplishment with you in a special way.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter completely and as promised, here are the simple numbers for this project.

Grothouse Heating and Cooling	34,292
Brunk Electric AC & Furnace hook up	21,680
code upgrade and basement lighting	
Barry Electronic Audio and Video reroute	1,385
Rebuild basement walls	1,200
3 Roll off dumpsters	645
Aprox. 10% overrun cost	<u>6,000</u>
Grand Total	\$65,202

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

August 6

Coins for Communion
to benefit
Meals 'till Monday



St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, August 5
in the classroom beside
the main office.

Bring your breakfast if you wish
and join the group for some
interesting conversation about

A Man Called Ove
By *Fredrik Backman*

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Newsletter	Jone Lane
Organist	Linda Holman
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian	Dave Decker

Food Pantry Sunday is
August 13

**Donations are taken to
the Church at Allentown**

Seniors Day Out
Tuesday, August 15
12:00 Noon

Visit to Buckeye Blooms
All seniors welcome!



A new school year promises new adventures, challenges and friends — as well as new classes, homework and lessons. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson:

Savior, teach me day by day
love's sweet lesson to obey,
sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving him who first loved me.



Blessing of the Back Packs

Sunday, August 20

To start off the new school year,
all students and teachers, bring
your back packs to worship
service to be blessed.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors
(Round Tip)
- Three **70 count** spiral notebooks
(Wide Ruled)
 - One ruler (12" – metric)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One large eraser (2 1/2")
- Six new #2 pencil with erasers
(unsharpened)
- One box Crayola crayons (24 ct.)
 - \$1.50 for Canvas Tote Bag
- \$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Pack kit in a **2 gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@16" x 28")
 - One washcloth
 - One wide-tooth comb
 - One metal nail file or clipper
- One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
 - One adult size toothbrush
(in original packaging)
 - Six standard size Band-aids
- \$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



Poem

A CLOTHESLINE

Author Unknown

A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbors passing by,
there were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew,
if company had stopped on by to spend a night or two.
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets" and towels upon the line;
you'd see the "company table cloths" with intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside,
as brand new infant clothes were hung, so carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could so readily be known,
by watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung;
then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too, haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now" when lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and gray,
as neighbors carefully raised their brows, and looked the other way.
But clothes lines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less.

Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess!

I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign,
when neighbors knew each other best by what hung on the line.



Community

Elida Area Community Center Board

Invites your Family
to join us at
National Night Out

August 1, 2017
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Elida Field House Parking lot
(in Field House if bad weather)

There will be a Community Glow Walk at 8:45 PM

*National Night Out is observed annually on the
1st Tuesday in August. It is a community police
Awareness-raising event throughout the United States.
National Night Out was created to increase awareness about police
programs in communities.*

**The Elida Area Community Center (EACC)
decided that our wonderful police and firefighters will be recognized
along with their programs. This is a chance for the community to
enjoy time together and find out about other programs that are
offered in the community.**

EASY

Elida After School Youth

The Elida After School program is seeking volunteers to bring the after school snack on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. This would consist of a main dish and dessert (for example: grilled cheese, tacos, chili with cookies, brownie or cupcakes). Additionally, they are looking for food donations such as peanut butter, fruit, cheese puffs etc. For more information or to participate, contact Marla Scannell at [734.660.1985](tel:734.660.1985) or pmscanclan@yahoo.com



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

July 2, 2017	83
July 9, 2017	88
July 16, 2017	74
July 23, 2017	77

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
July 2, 2017	\$8,005.00	\$3,639.47
July 9, 2017	\$2,674.00	\$272.00
July 16, 2017	\$1,466.00	\$179.00
July 23, 2017	\$2,701.00	\$763.73

Sunday School Attendance

July 2, 2017	5
July 9, 2017	6
July 16, 2017	0
July 23, 2017	6

Greeters

August 6, 2017	Ginny Doseck & Maggie McDonald
August 13, 2017	Janet Grigg & Martha Vazquez
August 20, 2017	OPEN
August 27, 2017	Marty & Kathy White

Flower Calendar



August 6, 2017	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 13, 2017	OPEN
August 20, 2017	Tony and Linda Matlock
August 27, 2017	Julie Bok & Cari Metzger

Hospitality Cart

August 6, 2017	Margie Best & Jone Lane
August 13, 2017	Sue Theodore
August 20, 2017	Ginny Doseck
August 27, 2017	Choir

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 8/1

Psalm 61, 62, 68
2 Samuel 3:6-21
Acts 16:6-15, Mark 6:30-46

Wednesday 8/2

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
2 Samuel 3:22-39
Acts 16:16-24, Mark 6:47-56

Thursday 8/3

Psalm 70, 71, 74, 2 Samuel 4:1-12
Acts 16:25-40, Mark 7:1-23

Friday 8/4

Psalm 69, 73, 2 Samuel 5:1-12
Acts 17:1-5, Mark 7:24-37

Saturday 8/5

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
2 Samuel 5:22-6:11
Acts 17:16-34, Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 8/6

Psalm 34, 93, 96
2 Samuel 6:12-23
Romans 4:7-12, John 1:43-51

Monday 8/7

Psalm 77, 79, 80, 2 Samuel 7:1-17
Acts 18:1-11, Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday 8/8

Psalm 78:1-39, 78:40-72
2 Samuel 7:18-29
Acts 18:12-28, Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday 8/9

Psalm 119:97-120
2 Samuel 9:1-13
Acts 19:1-10, Mark 8:34-9:1

Thursday 8/10

Psalm 83, 85, 86
2 Samuel 11:1-27
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 9:2-13

Friday 8/11

Psalm 88, 91, 92
2 Samuel 12:1-14
Acts 19:21-41, Mark 9:14-29

Saturday 8/12

Psalm 87, 90, 136
2 Samuel 12:15-31
Acts 20:1-16, Mark 9:30-41

Sunday 8/13

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
2 Samuel 13:1-22
Romans 15:1-13, John 3:22-36

Monday 8/14

Psalm 89, 2 Samuel 13:23-39
Acts 20:17-38, Mark 9:42-50

Tuesday 8/15

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99, 100
2 Samuel 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14, Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday 8/16

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
2 Samuel 14:21-33
Acts 21:15-26, Mark 10:17-31

Thursday 8/17

Psalm 105, 2 Samuel 15:1-18
Acts 21:27-36, Mark 10:32-45

Friday 8/18

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Samuel 15:19-37
Acts 21:37-22:16, Mark 10:46-52

Saturday 8/19

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
2 Samuel 16:1-23
Acts 22:17-29, Mark 11:1-11

Sunday 8/20

Psalm 118, 145, 2 Samuel 17:1-23
Galatians 3:6-14, John 5:30-47

Monday 8/21

Psalm 106, 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Acts 22:30-23:11, Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday 8/22

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 127
2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday 8/23

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Samuel 18:19-23
Acts 23:23-35, Mark 12:13-27

Thursday 8/24

Psalm 131, 132, 133
2 Samuel 19:1-23
Acts 24:1-23, Mark 12:28-34

Friday 8/25

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
2 Samuel 19:24-43
Acts 24:24-25:12, Mark 12:35-44

Saturday 8/26

Psalm 104, 137, 144
2 Samuel 23:1-17, 13-17
Acts 25:13-27, Mark 13:1-13

Sunday 8/27

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25
Galatians 3:23-4:7
John 8:12-20

Monday 8/28

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 1 Kings 1:5-31
Acts 26:1-23, Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday 8/29

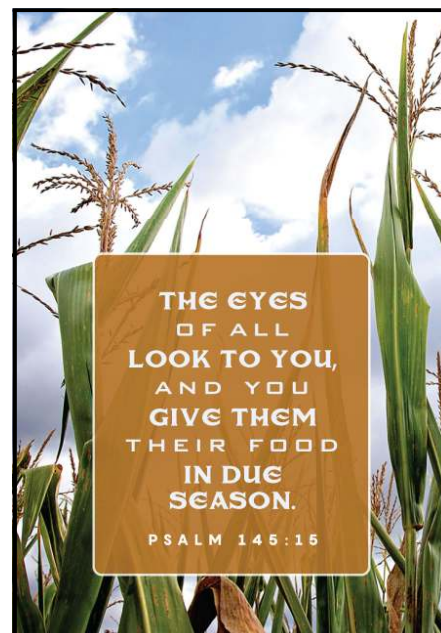
Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
1 Kings 1:38-2:4
Acts 26:24-27:8, Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday 8/30

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
1 Kings 3:1-15
Acts 27:9-26, Mark 14:1-11

Thursday 8/31

Psalm 18, 1 Kings 3:16-28
Acts 27:27-44, Mark 14:12-26



Brad Joseph Golf Outing

Thanks to St. Paul's volunteers, Norm Grigsby, Sue Theodore, and Corinne & Tim Piper, for working at the 10th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Outing on July 8th at Colonial Golfers Club. Thanks also to the people of St. Paul UMC who donated a total of \$311.42 through personal donations, Coins-For-Communion collection and from the Mission Fund! Thanks to golfers, Larry Moser, Tim Theodore, Denny Thompson and Shirley Moser for representing St. Paul UMC by golfing at the 10th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Outing. Tim Theodore had the men's longest put (35+ feet); Denny Thompson had the men-over-50 longest drive and Shirley Moser had the women's longest drive! Our St. Paul's team finished tied for third out of 13 teams! Congrats to all of our golfers for participating in this outing to help raise money for the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund!

Brad Joseph was a member of Elida St. Paul's United Methodist Church serving as our youth director, computer technician, a member of the choir, and a participant for many years at the Nuevo Progreso Mexico Medical Mission as a Pharmacist. The **Bradley Joseph Memorial Fund** was established in 2007 shortly after his death in a tragic accident. The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to provide scholarships to students from Northwest Ohio and southern Michigan to go on medical mission trips.

We honor Brad by participating as a church in this worthwhile mission to help send people around the world on medical missions. The previous nine Brad Joseph Golf Outings have raised over \$35,000 and the value of the Bradley Joseph Memorial Fund has now reached the \$45,000 mark. The Memorial Fund is now large enough to fund four \$500 scholarships each year. The Memorial Fund has provided \$500 scholarships to nineteen medical students who have traveled around the World to provide medical, spiritual and educational assistance to thousands of needy people in Mexico, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Uganda, Haiti, Republic of Niger, Pakistan and Honduras. This year's winners were Leighton, Kayla and Amber, who are Ohio Northern University students and all went on mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

St. Paul Volunteers—Thank you!



St. Paul's Golf Team



Church History

In February, 1997, the former choir room in the education wing was renovated and became Rev. McGlade's office. The choir room was moved to the north end of the hallway at the top of the stairs in the education wing.

Also in February, an All Church Birthday Party was held in the fellowship hall. Each month had a table decorated appropriately for that month. All attendees were required to sit at their "birthday month" table. A meal was served with birthday cake for dessert. A good time was had by everyone!

That April another Koinonia Chicken Barbeque was held. Once again it was a great success due to the hard work of the Koinonia class members and with the grateful help and hard work of the people of St. Paul's. In May, 1997, a Mother/Daughter Program was held. Ruth Shaw dressed as "The Garden Lady" and presented a delightful program.

On June 2, 1997, Elida St. Paul United Methodist Church was presented a Certificate of Honor for Excellence in 1996 Church Growth through Professions of Faith. It was presented by The Lima District United Methodist Church and signed by the District Superintendent, Laura Cean Wilson, and the Chairperson of Evangelism, Larry D. Hopkins

Also in June, 1997, Rev. Eric McGlade was assigned to a new church by the West Ohio Conference. Rev. Terry R. Heck became our new minister. A welcoming reception was held for Rev. Heck on her first Sunday at St. Paul's in the fellowship hall.

In July, numerous people of the congregation worked many hours to clean and renovate the church parsonage. Paint was stripped from the woodwork and the original stain was restored. Walls were painted, new carpet laid, and new window treatments were installed. Rev. Terry Heck stayed with Ron and Mary Steiner while this work was being done. In the end, the parsonage was indeed a beautiful home.

That summer eight youth and four leaders attended camp at Lakeside. Lori Chaffins, Sara Matlock, Erin Peters, Mike Matlock, Mike Myers, Josh Peters, Aaron Piper and Justin Wyant were the youth who participated that week. Brad Joseph, youth group leader at St. Paul's, accompanied the youth along with Linda Craft, Todd Hanes and Karen Myers.

That August, a large group of volunteers worked to set up the chairs for the grandstand concert at the Allen County Fair. The Koinonia Class heads this fundraiser for the church. It requires many people to set up the chairs on Saturday morning for the grandstand concert that evening and just as many to take the chairs down after the concert that evening. All help is much appreciated and it is a big money maker for the church.

St. Paul's Youth Group flourished under the leadership of Brad Joseph. Many activities, games and trips were planned for the youth. They were a very active group.



June, 1997
Rev. Heck's First Sunday



Summer, 1997
Youth at Lakeside

Remember When...



August, 1985

Adults and youth at airport,
leaving for Colorado Hiking Trip



August, 1985

Colorado hikers heading
out for the day



August, 1994

Weldon LaRue was a story teller for
Vacation Bible School



Connecting With ...



Thank you to the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Volunteers for helping to serve the noon meal on June 30. Jean Thomas, Deb Hurd, Margie Best, Bill and Bev Nesbitt, Dillon and Helen Staas, Martha Vazquez and Tim Piper (not in Photo).

Thank You

Thank you to those who helped with Building a ramp at David Wyant's. Gary Hurd, Greg Schade, Pastor Paul and Cody Scannell, Larry Moser, and foreman Jamie Wyant.



Thank you to Rob Richardson who spoke about baseball for the July 18, Seniors Day Out. Thank you to volunteers, Bev Nesbitt, Corinne Piper, Ginny Doseck, and Margie Best.



The People of St. Paul's



*Thank you for the flowers and
prayers while I was in the
hospital in late June.*

*God Bless You,
Cynthia Guess*

Return To Him

By Dillon Staas

*Through the burning sands of life
His footsteps lead the way.
Whatever stone impede my path
His hand shall move away.*

*His arm can smite the mountains
That loom upon this land,
And like the roar of thunder,
He turns them into sand.*

*His gentle hand upon my head
At once, allays my fears.
His message, spoken soft and low
Will dry up all my tears.*

*For He has promised victory
When this brief time has passed,
Beyond this world of sorrow, we
Return to Him at last.*



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Lois Rabley

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jan Soddors

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

Christian Symbol

Scales



In biblical context, scales symbolize judgment, particularly divine judgment. In Daniel 5:27, the king is told he has been “weighed on the scales [by God] and found wanting.” Job also uses scales as a metaphor for judgment: “Let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless” (Job 31:6, NIV). Finally, scales may represent the archangel Michael, who is sometimes considered responsible for “weighing” the souls of the dead.

Meetings

Trustees... To Be Announced

August, 2, 2017

Worship...6:00 PM

August 7, 2017

PPR...7:00 PM

August 10, 2017

Missions..7:00 PM

August, 14, 2017

Finance ...7:00 PM**No Ad Council****Sundays****Prayer..9:30AM****Fellowship...9:30 AM****Worship...10:00 AM**

August 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Mary Grigsby Tim White	2	3	4 Joy Fletcher Cody Scannell	5
6 Anne Laman	7	8 Myrna Metzger	9 Sara Crawford Ruth Hardy	10	11 Michele Luhn Emma Scannell	12
13	14	15 Ginny Doseck	16 Bev Nesbitt	17	18 Tracy Sdao	19 Jacquie Bice
20 Austin Lewis Dennis Metzger	21	22	23 Aric Thompson	24 Gail Fessler	25 Ira Slemmons	26
27	28 Julia White	29 Justin Wyant	30 Cole Lewis Esther McKinney	31		
						

Anniversaries

Scott & Beth Warris
August 1

AJ & Tara Strauch
August 2

Ron & Mary Steiner
August 3; 48 yrs.

Jim & Christie Lewis
August 3

Brandon & Jaime
Chambers
August 4

Brady & Tiffany
Emmons
August 4

Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 4

Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 6; 40 yrs.

Scott & Michelle
Grapner
August 11

David & Susan Nartker
August 16; 42 yrs.

Tony & Linda Matlock
August 18; 44 yrs.

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Peach Trifle

By Mary Steiner

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (12 oz)	Entenmans golden loaf cake	<p>Slice cake horizontally into 3 layers. Sprinkle cake layers evenly with juice. Cut into 1 inch cubes.</p> <p>Pour milk into medium bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 30 seconds. Let stand 2 minutes or until thickened. Gently stir in 2 cups of Cool Whip until smooth.</p> <p>Layer 1/2 of the cake cubes, peaches, and pudding mixture in 2 1/2 quart serving bowl. Repeat layers once. Garnish with remaining Cool Whip.</p> <p>Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Store leftover dessert in refrigerator.</p>
1/4 cup	Orange juice	
2 cups	Milk, cold	
1 (4oz.)	Vanilla instant pudding mix	
3 1/4 cups	Cool Whip	
6	Peaches, peeled & sliced	



No Bake Cookies

By Judy Chaffins

Ingredients		Instructions
1 stick	Butter or margarine	<p>Mix butter, milk, sugar, salt and cocoa in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Stirring constantly for 1 minute.</p> <p>Add remaining ingredients, mixing thoroughly.</p> <p>Drop by teaspoonful on wax paper. Let cool.</p>
1/2 cup	Milk	
2 cups	Sugar	
dash	Salt	
4 Tbl.	Creamy peanut butter	
3 cups	Quick oats	
2 Tbl.	Cocoa	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	



KIDZ KORNER



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

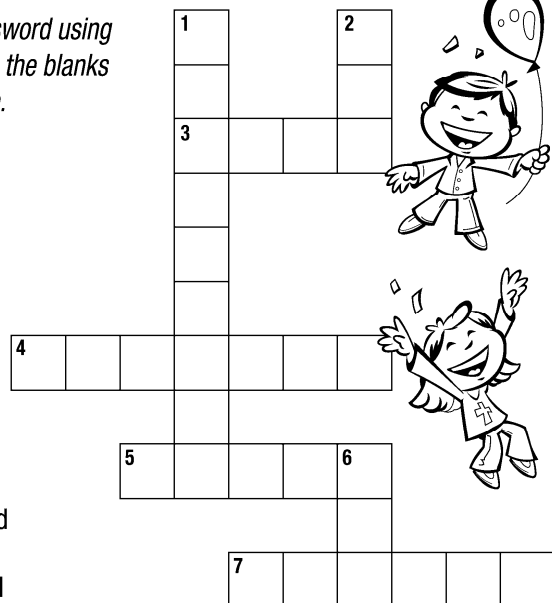
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

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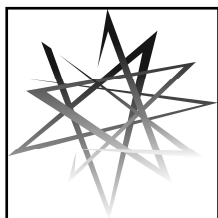
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Living Our Faith

God of Tomorrows



This is the blessed life — not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

—F.B. Meyer

The Log In Your Eye



This humorous illustration of how not to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. "It's awful!" he exclaimed. "The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day."

"How do you stand it?" his mother asked in amazement. "Oh, I ignore them," her son replied. "I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."