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So many things happening around church and summer disappearing into fall. I had a hard time deciding what to talk about first this month, but picture directory is at the top of the list. Not because it is a great mission or even a good ministry opportunity. No, I want to talk to you about this because you are important to us and we want to have you in the family album. You have probably been to family events where there is one person in the family who demands that everyone get together for the family picture. Well, I want to be that person at St Paul's. I know you don't like to have your picture taken, but just a few days ago I looked at some family pictures of my great great grandmother and my grandfather that I had never met in person. It was great to look at those pictures and hear the stories about where and when the pictures were taken. 100 years from now someone is going to look at a church directory, know they are part of something bigger, and they will see the family of saints who kept the faith in Elida in 2019. I hope your picture is there for them to look at and talk about when the history of Elida St Paul's Church is told.

I want to invite you to the carry-in dinner this month as well and I hope you will share in the fellowship that can only be had while eating a meal. I always enjoy these events when we gather as a community, where ideas and stories are shared, and hope is renewed.

I want to thank you for your donations to the health and school kits; you amaze me! Also, your generosity for the Habitat House here in Elida. As I write this letter, we are nearly half way to our goal of \$2500. If you have not donated to the Habitat fund, I want to encourage you to help a family here in our local community by making a donation, no matter the size. Every penny will help. Quilts and prayer shawls continue to fly off the fingers of the crafty creatures bringing comfort to those who need support. Soon it will be time for Operation Christmas Child, which brings not only Christmas to children all over the world, but shares the gospel to those who may not have heard the story of Jesus. Finally, we have a mission in Mexico that is brand new. You can be one of the founding churches in helping a community experience Christ in a real and personal way. By the end of the year we will hear from someone who has seen first hand the work that needs to be done and how you can help.

Never would I imagine all these different areas of mission being done by one church, but you make all these things and many more happen right here at Elida St Paul's. Good job and keep up the good work!

I'll see you in the mission field,

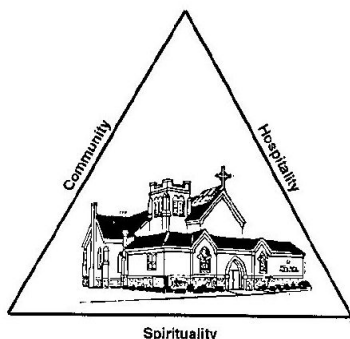
*Pastor Paul*



## Thought for the Month:

The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent.

—Sam Levenson



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**September 1**  
 Coins for Communion  
 to benefit  
 The Samaritan House

**Sunday, September 15**  
**Old Fashioned Methodist Fall Carry-In**  
 following the worship service.  
 Please bring a covered dish.  
 Meat and drinks will be provided  
 by the Nurture committee.

**Sunday, September 1**  
 Deadline for collecting School and Health Kits.  
 Kits assembly will be on Tuesday, September 3,  
 at 10:00 AM, in the classroom beside the office.

**Dish-It-Out Café**  
**September 17**  
**12:00 noon**  
**All are welcome!**

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**September 15**  
 Thank you to all who  
 have been donating.

***Upcoming Events for St. Paul's***

**September 2**  
**Labor Day**  
**Office Closed**

**Christian Symbol**



**PEARL**

The pearl is a symbol of the surpassing value of the kingdom of God, based on Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV): "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Led by Kathy Waldick.

Thursday evenings

Fellowship time: 6:00 PM.

The study: 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

In the classroom beside the office.

Not meeting 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

**Tuesday September 10**

All ladies invited to Kathy Waldick's home for a pizza party and to meet Tuesday night group.

**Thursday, September 19**

Begin the study on the Old Testament Book of Joshua.

**All ladies welcome, and bring a friend!**



Newsletter  
deadline:  
the **16th**  
of each  
month

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*

### CAMPERSHIP

#### See God in new ways and places with funds from the Campership Account

As a child I was able to attend church camp where I played in the woods, sang silly songs, and worship God in His Creation! Later, I had the privilege of being part of the youth ministry at St. Paul's UMC under the direction of Brad Joseph and Todd Hanes. While working with the energy and faith of the youth, I found my own faith being rejuvenated and challenged. As the years went by and my life experiences continued to change, as they do for everyone, I found my faith walk changing as well. I looked for times and places within our congregation and the broader faith community to reach out and reach within. That search has been aided by the members of St. Paul's personally and through funds for retreats by adults, given by John Fleming and supported by our church. These funds, available to children or adults, allowed me to attend a retreat last October with the Order of St. Luke in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

I encourage our members of any age to take advantage of the many opportunities to learn and grow in knowledge and faith throughout our conference. Check into camperships and scholarships to help with the cost of experiencing God in other ways and other places.

Enrich your life, your faith and your church!

Corinne Piper

# EACC

## Elida Area Community Center National Night Out

National Night Out is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August each year around the country. National Night Out was created to increase awareness about First Responders programs in communities and to support our First Responders.

National Night Out went well. The community churches were well represented as were the schools and village. We bought 750 bags of chips. There were 25 bags left so there must have been around 650-700 people attend. A community meeting is being planned in early September to try to interest more community involvement.

If you did not have a chance to join us this year, put the first Tuesday in August on your calendar for next year. We will be there!



## Thank You

Thank you to all who participated and helped make this year's National Night Out a success.



## Poem

### Harvest Moon

*By Dillon Staas*

*My harvest moon is rising.  
It's that time of the year.  
I've sown my seed and watched it grow;  
Now harvest time is near.*

*The fruit of all my labors  
Stand ripe and strong, full grown,  
Waiting for the chance to sow  
A season of its own.*

*The everlasting cycle  
Of life will never cease  
As long as we keep harvesting  
The seeds of love and peace.*

*So mind what you have planted,  
Remembering as you go,  
When harvest moon is setting,  
You reap just what you sow.*

### Look Beyond the Sunset

*By Dillon Staas*

*Just Look beyond the sunset for what still lies in store.  
The secrets of the universe—indeed, and so much more,  
The pain of this existence may yet be not in vain,  
Remembering His promise that He'll return again.  
And as the darkness follows and sunlight glows no more,  
Embarking on that voyage to that still unchartered shore,  
With trembling consternation we move into the night,  
Hoping, ever hoping, to see His holy light.  
Now leave your cares and sorrows—leave your pain and woe.  
Face your fate with confidence for in your heart you know...  
And look beyond the sunset for there you'll find the way.  
Just follow in His footsteps, and come to Him today.*

# Faith In Action

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
August 4, 2019	78
August 11, 2019	79
August 18, 2019	93
August 25, 2019	89

**Financial Giving**  
 Weekly Need for  
 Unified Ministry Budget  
 \$3,466.00

	<b>Unified Ministry Giving:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
August 4, 2019	\$3,528.36	\$544.06
August 11, 2019	\$4,033.00	\$1,841.60
August 18, 2019	\$2,668.00	\$864.15
August 25, 2019	\$2,013.00	\$763.00

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
August 4, 2019	4
August 11, 2019	7
August 18, 2019	8
August 25, 2019	7

<b>Greeters</b>	
September 1, 2019	Marty & Kathy White
September 8, 2019	Slone Whetstone
September 15, 2019	Denny & Janna Thompson
September 22, 2019	Lois Rabley
September 29, 2019	Brent & Vicki McAdams

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
September 1, 2019	Myrna Metzger
September 8, 2019	Greg & Barb Schade
September 15, 2019	Lynda Evans
September 22, 2019	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
September 29, 2019	OPEN

<b>Hospitality Cart</b>	
September 1, 2019	Book Club/
September 8, 2019	OPEN
September 15, 2019	Marty & Kathy White
September 22, 2019	Choir/
September 29, 2019	Corinne Piper

# Daily Bible Readings

## Sunday 9/1

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

## Monday 9/2

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

## Tuesday 9/3

Psalm 78, 2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Acts 18:12-28, Mark 8:22-23

## Wednesday 9/4

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120  
2 Samuel 9:1-13  
Acts 19:1-10, Mark 8:34-9:1

## Thursday 9/5

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

## Friday 9/6

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

## Saturday 9/7

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

## Sunday 9/8

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

## Monday 9/9

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

## Tuesday 9/10

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

## Wednesday 9/11

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

## Thursday 9/12

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

## Friday 9/13

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

## Saturday 9/14

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

## Sunday 9/15

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

## Monday 9/16

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

## Tuesday 9/17

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125,  
126, 2 Samuel 18:9-18  
Acts 23:12-24  
Mark 11:27-12:12

## Wednesday 9/18

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

## Thursday 9/19

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

## Friday 9/20

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

## Saturday 9/21

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

## Sunday 9/22

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

## Monday 9/23

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

## Tuesday 9/24

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

## Wednesday 9/25

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

## Thursday 9/26

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

## Friday 9/27

Psalm 16, 17, 22, 1 Kings 5:1-6:17  
Acts 28:1-16, Mark 14:27-42

## Saturday 9/28

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117  
1 Kings 7:51-8:21  
Acts 28:17-31, Mark 14:43-52

## Sunday 9/29

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
1 Kings 8:22-40  
1 Timothy 4:7b-16, John 8:47-59

## Monday 9/30

Psalm 9, 15, 25  
2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7  
James 2:1-13, Mark 14:53-65



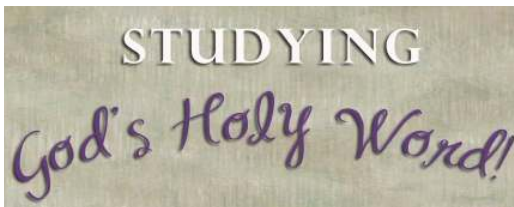
# Remember When...



September, 1997  
St. Paul's Youth playing  
"Twister"



September, 2001  
Koinonia Sunday School Class



September, 2016  
Preparing School & Health Kits





## Church History

Seniors Day Out took place on April 15, 2014. Twenty-three guests were present to hear Linda Craft speak about her trip to the Holy Land. A very delicious strawberry dessert was served after the meal.

Easter Sunrise service was on April 20, followed by a delicious breakfast served in the fellowship hall by the Nurture Committee. During the regular Easter service, a group of 12 children played the bells, directed by Judy Chaffins. The Chancel Choir also sang during the morning worship. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies.

On the evening of April 25, the Koinonia Class members met in the church basement to prepare for the chicken barbeque for the next day: potato salad was made, applesauce was put in individual containers, tables were set up and the dessert-cutting area prepared. It takes lots of hands to get everything prepared. Pizza and pop was served to everyone after the work was done. The chicken barbeque the following day was a big success.

A breakfast was prepared and served by Sue Theodore on May 15 for our Elida High School graduate, Torie McAdams, daughter of Brent and Vicki. Torie was recognized during the service and given a gift from the church by Lois Cook, Higher Education Chair. Seven preschool children, Anika Bok, Adriana and Sherilyn Ellinger, Tara Gaghen, Caroline and Cora Stengel, and Lena Whetstone sang during the worship service. It was the Chancel Choir's last Sunday to sing before the summer.

A group from the church went on another mission trip to Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on May 20. They built a dock and boat ramp and did some clean-up. Oliver Fessler repaired the broken glass in one of the basement windows of the church on the parking lot side.



On Easter Sunday, 12 children, directed by Judy Chaffins, played the bells during the worship service.



Elida High School graduate, Torie McAdams, was recognized during the worship service.

# Music



Thank you to Judy Chaffins and Brooks May for providing the Special Music for Sunday, August 11. They beautifully sang "The King is Coming" by W. Gaither.



Sunday, August 25, Nancy Gesler provided the Special Music by playing "He Leadeth Me" by S. Walters on the French Horn.

Children's Church class sang a Melody of Children's Songs on Sunday, August 18. Thank you to Shirley Moser and Slone Whetstone for teaching this class.



## CHANCEL CHOIR:

**Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 PM  
Welcome Back Pie and Ice Cream Social  
Choir practice will begin at 7:00 PM**

For potential new members, we meet every Wednesday in the choir room from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to practice. We sing 3 out of 4 Sundays each month. We end in May. And we **NEED** you...your voice, your heart, your service. We also just **WANT** you. The more the merrier and we **DO** have fun at *most* practices. It is a wonderful small group ministry within itself and a great way to stay connected to others within the church beyond Sunday worship hour. Plus we sing joyful noises...or at least that's what we call it. But singing about God is a great way of holding those words and thoughts in your heart. The Choir's First Sunday to sing will be September 8.

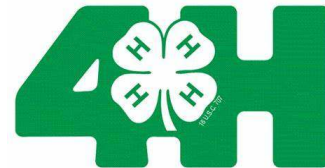
It is a wonderful blessing!

**All voices are needed and welcome!**

# Connecting With ...



Congratulations to Ron and Mary Steiner for being recognized at the Allen County Fair for their many years of dedication and hard work to the 4-H Rabbit's. They were presented with a bench in their honor.



Blessing of the backpacks  
 Sunday, August 25  
 Rylan McAdams sitting beside Marty White who brought his briefcase to be blessed. Several other children brought their backpacks as well.

August, Dish-It-Out Café tables were decorated with the summer vegetable harvest. They were asked to wear a t-shirt with a message or from a place they had visited.



# The People of St. Paul's

## Thank You

Dear St. Paul's United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Children who receive weekend food through Meals Till Monday, thank you for your recent donation of \$200.00. Because you give, over 400 local elementary students are having their hunger need addressed. The partnerships of community members are critical in this program continuing. Your gift and the love you show these kids is of great value to us. It is this kind of giving that has allowed Meals Till Monday to expand with confidence whenever the opportunity has presented itself.

Sincerely,  
The Meals 'Till Monday Board of Directors



## Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital  
Janet Grigg  
Jim Hines  
Anne Laman

Homebound Members  
Hazel Dunn  
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement  
Ray & Phyllis Trigg

In the Military  
Oliver Fessler  
Nathan Stewart

## Labors of Love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



**Meetings**

**No PPR**  
 September 3, 2019  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**  
 September 4, 2019  
**Worship Mtg.10:00 AM**  
 September 9, 2019  
**Finance...7:00 PM**  
**No Ad Council**  
**Missions.. TBA**  
**Sundays**  
**Prayer Group.9:30 AM**  
**Fellowship...9:30 AM**  
**Worship...10:00 AM**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Chancel Choir...7:00 PM**

# September 2019

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

*Anniversaries*

- Chris & Kate Stengel  
September 6*
- Josh & Lori Motzer  
September 7*
- Greg & Barb Schade  
September 7; 40 yrs.*
- Tim & Katie White  
September 8*
- Nick & Kim White  
September 10*
- Rick & Kara Woeller  
September 17*
- Chris & Molly Przekora  
September 19*
- John & Chelsey Cook  
September 20*
- Norm & Mary Grigsby  
September 20; 61 yrs.*
- Don & Mary Irvin  
September 22; 557rs.*
- Mike & Becky Ellinger  
September 25*

<b>1</b> Avery Chambers	<b>2</b> Kathy White	<b>3</b> Reggie McAdams	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Gene Craft Lindsey Rutter	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Logan Smith
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Janet Grigg	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> John Kuenzli	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Ashley Edwards	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bruce Segovia	<b>19</b> Evan Bowsher Jackson Bowsher Jordan Wyant	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Nathan Stewart
<b>22</b> Oliver Fessler	<b>23</b> Amy Wyant	<b>24</b> Tyler Smith	<b>25</b> Valerie Kuenzli Helen Staas	<b>26</b> Carl rabley	<b>27</b> Alex McAdams Ann Stewart Juergen waldick	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Rob Craft Bruce Kizer	<b>30</b>					

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Pineapple Picnic Cake


By Ginny Doseck  
Served at Dish-It-Out Café

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Yellow cake mix	Bake cake as directed on box in a 9x13 pan. Cool.  Blend cream cheese and milk until smooth. Add the pudding and blend well.  Spread on top of cooled cake.  Sprinkle well drained pineapple on top of pudding mixture. Spread cool whip. Refrigerate.  Optional, top with chopped walnuts
8 oz.	Cream cheese	
1/2 cup	Milk	
1 sm. pkg	Instant pudding mix, vanilla or pineapple	
8 oz.	Cool whip	
1/2 cup	Walnuts, chopped	
13 oz.	Crushed pineapple	

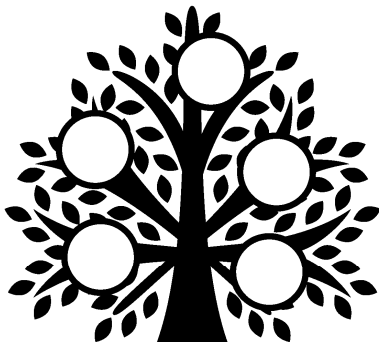
## Chicken Salad

By Sue Theodore

Ingredients		Instructions
1 can	Brinkman's Chicken, drained	Mix all ingredients together.  Chill to blend flavors.
1 1/2 cups	Miracle Whip	
1 cup	Apples, chopped	
1 cup	Walnuts or pecans, chopped	
1 cup	Grapes, halved	



# KIDZ KORNER



## GROWING generations

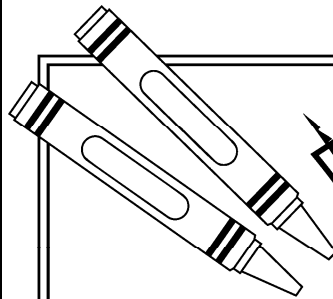
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

**What you need:**

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

**What you do:**

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

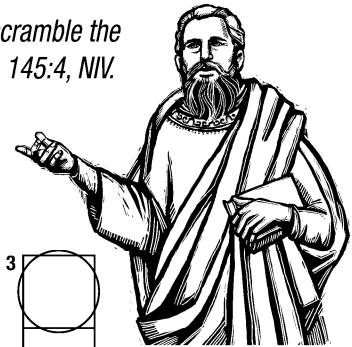
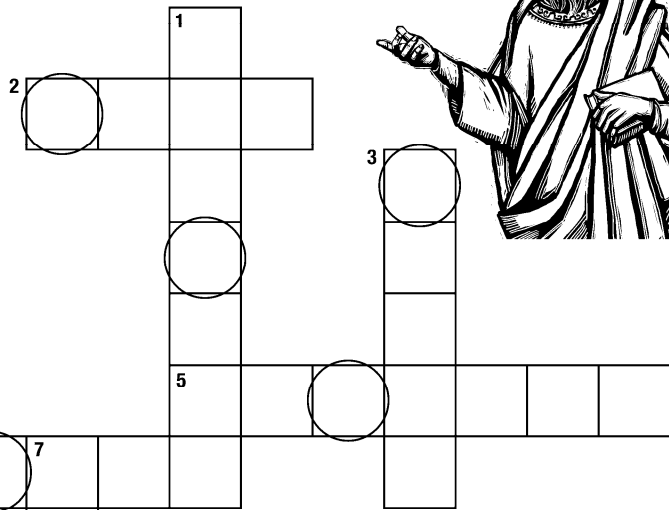
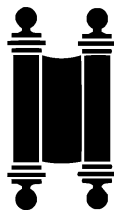


# PUZZLE

## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

*Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.*



**ACROSS**

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

**DOWN**

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

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## Living Our Faith

### Just do it!

A young man told a pastor he wanted to be a Christian, so the pastor instructed him to prepare by reading the book of Acts. After many weeks went by, the pastor wondered if the man had changed his mind about this important decision.

Almost a year later, he finally reappeared. "Where have you been?" asked the bewildered pastor.

The man replied, "Every time I started to read, I felt prompted to do something like the apostles did: help the poor, tell someone about Jesus. So I stopped reading and started doing. I've just been too busy to return."

—Adapted from a story by Hal Brady

### Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...  
 ... an ice cream man? Sundae school  
 ... a giant? High school  
 ... a surfer? Boarding school  
 ... King Arthur? Knight school

*Teacher:* What's the chemical formula for water?

*Student:* H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

*Teacher:* What are you talking about?

*Student:* Yesterday you said it was H to O.

*Math teacher:* A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

*Student:* In jail!

