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A note from the editor...

Hello February!



Julie L. Schultz
New Philadelphia, OH
Publisher/Editor

Do you want my list of frustrations or blessings? Which list would give God glory? He already knows my frustrations and I know that in His time they will be resolved. How do I know this? Because He loves me! His love is overwhelming because He removed my sins as far as the east is from the west. *He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.* Psalms 103:12 Living Bible

Here is another reminder: *We know that in all things God works for the good of those*

who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV Scripture is filled with reminders of God's love for us. The King James version mentions God's love over 300 times and the NIV mentions it over 500 times. You don't have to read very long to learn about God's love.

God would much rather hear me thank Him for my blessings. Family and friends, a warm house, a kitchen stocked with food, bills that are paid and a full tank of gas in my car. I am loved! God is teaching me to stop worrying and I'm getting better at the 'maybe I can't but I know God can' way of thinking. Whenever I feel that God is so far away, I know that it's because I moved. To feel His love, I have to talk with Him and read His

Word.

William Ralph Inge once said: *Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due.* How accurate!

Scripture says: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

As I've written before and probably will again; It's just amazing how God loves me, a silly little girl from New Philadelphia, OH who has so many faults and flaws and failings. He loves me unconditionally. He loves YOU, too. Go spread His love to everyone.



What Would Jesus Do?



Matt Ritzert
Dover, OH

More than a few years ago, there was a slogan popular with young Christians. "What would Jesus do?" "WWJD" was imprinted

on plastic bracelets and appeared everywhere. The question sparks some thought.

What would Jesus do if He faced the dilemmas and issues we face in our lives today? What would Jesus do if He came across a man begging for cash? What would Jesus do if there was an influx of immigrants in His community? What would Jesus do if He won the lottery? What would Jesus do if He was offered a job that would bring in more cash but result in less time with the family? What would Jesus do? An interesting and thought-provoking question. But, as a friend pointed out in a recent Bible study session, the better or more pertinent question is really, "What would Jesus want me to do?" This question is not

as catchy or easily reduced to a few initials, but it's a question that strikes at the heart of what it really means to be a Christian. What would Jesus want me to do if an immigrant moved in next door?

What would Jesus want me to do if I won the lottery? What would Jesus want me to do when I see a man asking for help at the end of the interstate ramp? What would Jesus want me to do about that job offer? This question tests my willingness to do His will, to put my faith and trust in Him.

The Bible gives us a few clues about answering the question "what would Jesus want me to do?". In the gospel of John we read that Jesus told the apostles to "love one another as

I have loved you." That's a step up from the usual notion that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. To love as Jesus loves us is a high bar to meet, since His love for us is perfect. Perfection may be beyond our reach, but every day we have the opportunity in every encounter with others, to strive toward that perfect love. Whether it's a family member, co-worker, or a stranger, we are called to love as God loved us.

In 1 John 2 the apostle writes more about God's love for us and how we should return that love. *But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with Him: whoever claims to*

abide in Him ought to live just as He lived. (NABRE)

We also read in the gospels that Jesus would often go off alone to a secluded place to pray. Think about that. Even the fully divine Jesus prayed to God the Father. Jesus was a Man of prayer who sought out His Father. So, what does Jesus want me to do? I believe He wants me to pray and He desires a relationship with me just as He has a relationship with the Father. Jesus acted with love and compassion. He forgave sinners and those who persecuted Him. I believe Jesus wants me to act in the same way. To live as He lived. To follow in His footsteps. We know what Jesus did. And that is what Jesus expects from me as well. To be compassionate to the beggar. To show mercy and forgiveness to the family member or co-worker who wrongs us. To understand that there is no distinction among us based on race, nationality, gender, status, age or any other unique and God-given characteristic you and I may possess. Two questions. One answer.



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Elizabeth Morris
Age 16
Uhrichsville, OH

Dedicated To My Momma

From the beginning, my life has been marked by uncertainty, faith, and the undeniable presence of God. When my mother was pregnant with me, the doctors recommended an amniocentesis to check for genetic abnormalities. The results showed positive for trisomy 18. My mother received a phone call from the doctors with this news, and they gently told her that there was still time to end the pregnancy.

In that moment of fear and uncertainty, my mother's faith stood firm. She responded to the doctors, "If there's breath in my lungs, and I know there is a God," no way terminating the pregnancy was an option. The doctor said she was glad to hear that response. It was clear to my family that God was in

the middle, surrounding us with strength and hope even when the odds seemed insurmountable.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 NIV

Trisomy 18, also known as Edwards syndrome, is a rare genetic condition caused by the presence of an extra 18th chromosome. It often leads to severe developmental delays, heart defects, and other life-threatening medical issues. Many babies diagnosed do not survive past their first year, and the diagnosis can be devastating for families. The mere mention of it can bring fear and uncertainty, but for my family, faith became our anchor.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV

Throughout my journey, my mother has been my greatest advocate

and source of strength. She refused to give up hope, even when the future was uncertain or the nights were darkest. Her faith was her rock, and the power of prayer truly revealed itself through her persistence and love. She constantly reminded me that I was deeply loved. Her faith never wavered; she trusted God's plan regardless of the circumstances. My mom's courage and devotion not only carried our family through the hardest moments but also inspired everyone around her. Her unwavering belief in my potential and her constant encouragement have shaped who I am, reminding me every day that love and faith can overcome even the greatest challenges.

I know my life is a testimony—evidence of what God can do through prayer and belief. My story shows that when we pray without ceasing and trust in what God can do, miracles are possible. Every day I am here is proof of His grace, love, and faithfulness. There were countless moments when

the future felt uncertain and hope seemed out of reach, but through it all, persistent prayer and faith carried us forward. We witnessed God's hand at work in unexpected ways—through the kindness of others, the wisdom of doctors, and the strength that came when we needed it most. I can see how God never left us, even in the darkest nights. My journey stands as a reminder that no matter how impossible things may seem, God is always able to bring light, healing, and purpose to our lives when we lean on Him and believe in the power of prayer.

As I continue, I hold onto the truth that my story is a testimony to God's faithfulness, the power of prayer, and the strength found in unwavering love. I pray that my journey offers hope to others, reminding them that even in the darkest valleys, God is working for our good. May my life encourage you to trust, believe, and never give up, for with God, all things are possible.



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Over the past two years, Rainbow Connection has faced a rapid increase in requests for assistance. The support we've provided

throughout Tuscarawas County has more than doubled. For individuals, this support means hearing aids; accessibility devices; prescriptions; bills for surgeries, dental work, and medical treatments; prosthetics; and more. For Tuscarawas County schools and nonprofits, donations benefit the entire community through accessibility improvements and medical equipment.

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Rainbow Connection hosts one fundraising event each year, its annual Telethon, scheduled for Sunday, March 8th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tune in to Spectrum Channel 15 or at www.tuscainbow.org, and make a pledge on-air by calling 330.343.1600. Contributions can be made year-round at 119 3rd St NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 or www.tuscainbow.org.

The organization also hosts an online auction that opens March 1 at 3 p.m. and ends during the telethon. Bid with purpose at www.tuscainbow.org.

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A colorful poster for the Tusc Rainbow Connection Telethon & Auction. The top half features a rainbow-themed illustration of two large, stylized figures holding hands, with a small bridge and figures in the background. The bottom half shows a group of diverse children waving. Text on the right side of the poster includes:

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Dr. Lyman O.
Baier, Sr
Walnut Creek, OH

Chasing back through my studies at the Christian Bible College in North Carolina, the story of precious stones fell out from within a much-worn book which contained the legend of "Fairy Stones." Gems and precious stones can be the desire of everyone from the smallest of children to the oldest adult regardless of age or occupation. Even Elon Musk is known to blink at a shiny bauble, no matter how distant the planet. So have many Native American tribes.



Chief Powhatan, whose "space" stretched out from the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, north to the far-famed Virginia, once held undisputed possession of the single quarry of Fairy or Precious stones. Also known as staurolites which are "twinned," simulating Roman, Maltese and Saint Andrew's crosses. These little curiosities range in size from 1/4 of an inch to two inches. They are in the unique form of a cross outlined by God's own hand.

Of course, there are many tales and legends attached to these unusual stones. The most prominent legend in this remote mountain area is tied to an actual world-changing event. Here is that legend.

Hundreds of years before Chief Powhatan's dynasty came into power, long before the woods breathed the gentle spirit of the lovely Pocahontas,

Precious Stones

the spirits were dancing around a spring of limpid water, playing with the naiads and wood nymphs. An elfin messenger arrived from a city far, far away in the land of the dawn. He told the sad tidings of the death of the Christ and when they heard

this terrible story of the crucifixion, they wept and as their tears fell upon the earth, they crystalized into little pebbles, each forming a little cross. When the Fairies disappeared, the valley was strewn with little mementos of this melancholy event.

Sometime in the 1950's, while traveling west with my family, we made it to the Blue Ridge Mountains. We searched for these special crosses with our little buckets and shovels to no avail. We ended up buying six at the local grocery store.



These stones actually exist and yes, this is only a legend. But, it's a legend that portrays an event that changed the world.... the crucifixion of Jesus. These stones still exist today and demonstrate Jesus' unchanging gift of salvation through His death and resurrection.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have ever lasting life."

(John 3:16)

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A CHRISTIAN BOOK REVIEW

FAMISHED

by Anna Rollins



Emily Price
Bolivar, OH

Famished by Anna Rollins was very recently published in December of 2025. I added it to my list of books and from my first experiences reading this memoir, it held me until the very end. I spent only a few days reading Rollin's story of faith, mental health, and body image, locked into her journey.

When you read Rollins' story, you won't find another how-to or easy answers to difficult questions, but you will find a transparency with challenges that many may feel compelled to hide away from. It certainly lit up some of the darker challenges of my faith, unfortunately becoming a key theme in my mental health struggles.

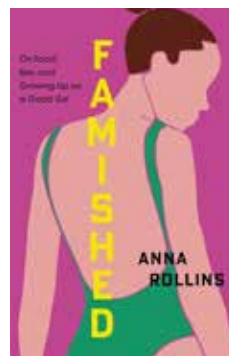
It reminded me of how many times I felt a stranger to the joy spoken of in church or

felt lost in my battle with guilt. Rollins considers this deeply and reexamines the roots of messages she heard growing up about her body and how it impacted her.

Holding onto God's grace and stepping away from perfectionism is one of the vital themes of Rollins' story, and it is ongoing.

I would recommend this memoir to people who have struggled like me in wondering if they are the only ones who have experienced challenges in their walk with God and perfectionism.

It was powerful to hear a story like my own and someone brave enough to share it with others.



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Who is the Man in the Mirror? (What Do You See?)



**Pastor Nathan
J. Elliott**
Sun City, AZ

We have arrived; we have made it to 2026! There are things that each of us desire for ourselves, but tell me, when you look in the mirror each day, what do you

see? Of course, we see ourselves, but the question is, is there more? What does God see in you? God sees something greater, more than just your figure. He desires to see an imprint of His Son within you, in your born-again, recreated spirit, not just you. Our world in this 21st century is growing darker and darker, and the evil within it seems to be getting ever stronger, but tell me, Who is the Man in the Mirror?

The time has come for us, the recreated ones, those who have been spiritually reborn to arise, to stand in the image that dwells within our spirit, that Christlikeness and represent Him for all the world to see. Yes, let your light shine! Jesus Christ is our life according to Col. 3:4 KJV, so live it for the glory of the kingdom. In this new year, there will be hills and valleys, but isn't our God greater than the circumstances of life? Greater than the negative effects of Satan's curse?

Let us focus, in Jesus Name! God's Word tells us in Num. 23:19 AMPC, that it's impossible for God to lie, do we not hear this? God can't lie, so we can trust His Word without fail, even as our world grows crazier by the minute. This is more than enough reason for us, the born-again ones to let our light shine all the brighter, according to Matt. 5:13-16 KJV.

It's 2026 and we must understand and know that Satan is doing his job. It's evident, so now is the time that we, the recreated ones, those who have been changed spiritually to take our stand. We're children of the most-high God! God's Word decrees unto us the believer according to Eph. 6:10-17 KJV, that we are to be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might", this is for us, and it's not in our own strength or our abilities, because it's all on Him! So, it's time for us to put our armor on and leave it on, do not take it off. We must stand!

**You are the
light of the
world. A city
set on a hill
cannot be
hidden.**

Matthew 5:14

We're told to stand against the strategies of the devil. To stand, not run, but stand! So, tell me, "Who is the Man in the Mirror"? Each of us who has been born from above, should see, Christ within us, and not ourselves.

What we must understand is that through this "newness of life" that's in our Spirit, it's no longer us who lives, but it's only Jesus Christ! Who is the Man in the Mirror? We're told in 1Cor. 6:19,20 KJV that our bodies have become the temple of the Holy Spirit, and it says that "you are not your own," do we not get this, is God's Word not true? "Who is the Man in the Mirror?

We're in a spiritual war and we've been bought with a price, and that price is the very blood of Christ! With Christ living within us we have the ability to make the change, not through us, but through Christ in us. Let us focus this year and know that God and His Word are greater than Satan's curse. We're told in Rom. 8:31 AMPC, "if God is for us, who can be against us?"

God Bless.

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Your love for me dries my tears,
It turns my blues into happy cheers!

Your love for me went to a Cross,
It held in place my debt and loss.
Your love gave life abundantly,
It removed my sin and made me free.

How can it be a love so tender..
Yet, it covers as my defender.
Your love is wrapped in scarlet thread,
It took from me the place of dread.

Your love, your love oh how it won,
A victory only from the Son!
To climb each glorious, heavenly stair,
It moves my feet from here to there!

Your love made a way where there was none,
With a crimson path that did more than stun!
A love that gave forgiveness as a plan,
To seal my redemption by God's Holy Hand.

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God, Can You Please Love Me?



Diane Kalajainen
New Castle, PA

Much of the time we don't hear much about international news. However, lately we have seen Iranians protesting in their streets. They desire democracy—freedom from an authoritarian government. Many

Iranians are very well educated, and they are tired of being suppressed under authoritative Islamic law. Many have become believers and attend secret home churches. Hungry for truth, they have the fastest growing house churches.

I want to share Hannah's story. She grew up in a home with a violent father and very dark spiritual practices. Eventually her parents divorced and her mother, sister and herself were left penniless. Because of the dark, oppressive curses which invaded her home, Hannah became temporarily paralyzed for a time. She walked again but never had peace. Life was very hard for women alone in Iran. Desperate, one night she cried out "God, can you please love me?"

One night she was flipping channels on her satellite TV. She heard these words, "Do you know what God says to you today? 'I love you so much that I gave My Son for you.'" Then the man read John 3:16. Instantly, Hannah felt God speaking to her, and she surrendered her heart to Jesus.

She continues to tell us about her joy. "The darkness that once consumed our home lifted. For the first time, I felt peace, joy and freedom. Today Jesus is my life, my strength, and my reason to breathe. But my story is not unique—there are millions of young people across Iran just like me. They are hungry for truth, desperate for love, and ready for hope."

Pastor Hormoz Shariat, founder of the ministry, Iran Alive, states, "Hannah's story is the story of a generation. Across Iran, millions of young people are quietly praying Hannah's prayer. 'God, can you please love Me?'"

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Many Iranian believers have been arrested for sharing the Gospel. Their prisons are horrific. Some have been executed. May we pray for these precious souls.

Resource: Iran Alive November Newsletter

LESSONS FROM CHURCH HISTORY Origen, A Mixed Legacy

PART 1, THE GOOD



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Origen was born around 185 in Alexandria, Egypt. Alexandria was one of the most prominent cities in the Roman Empire and also a leading city in the Christian Church. Origen's father was a respected teacher in Alexandria. During one of the persecutions of the church (202AD), his father was arrested. Origen, who by this time was a teenager, intended to go to his father and be martyred with him. Legend has it that his mother hid all his clothes so he would be embarrassed to go out of the house naked. His father indeed was martyred for his faith. Origen was a brilliant student and became a teacher at the same Christian school where his father taught in Alexandria.

Origen was serious about his faith. He lived as an ascetic, fasting, and owning little. He spent his time studying, teaching, and writing. Reportedly he took the passage in Matthew 12:10-12 literally, "...and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it." Origen either castrated himself or arranged to have it done. Some modern scholars doubt that Origen did this. However, his contemporaries treated this as common knowledge. If he truly castrated himself, he would have done this to lessen the temptation of lust and free him to focus on God and his studies.

Origen became legendary for his intellect, scholarship, and writings. He was sponsored first by a wealthy widow. Later he was influential in converting a wealthy man named Ambrose of Alexandria

from Gnosticism to Orthodox Christianity. Ambrose became his benefactor and provided him with a house, scribes, and writing materials. Ambrose encouraged Origen to write and publish. Origen wrote as many as 6000 works!

Origen became an expert in Greek philosophy and highly respected in theology. He had committed many scriptures to memory, and became the church's primary expert in the Hebrew language. He was not content to read the Old Testament in the Septuagint, which was the Greek translation of the Jewish Scriptures, even though that translation was commonly used by the Apostles and the early church. He developed the *Hexapla*, which was a book with six columns of different Hebrew texts of the Old Testament side by side for comparison.

Origen's intellect was superior to anyone in his region and time, and he was called upon regularly to resolve theological issues. He was invited by the Bishop of Caesarea to preach and he ordained Origen as a priest in that church. Origen's bishop at home in Alexandria protested this act, perhaps out of jealousy or perhaps for other reasons, so Origen moved to Caesarea. In his later years he travelled to Rome and other prominent cities to interact with scholars there. He was even invited to teach



the emperor's mother who had questions about Christianity.

Eventually in 250, Emperor Decius issued a decree for Christians to be persecuted. The governor of Caesarea gave very specific orders that Origen was not to be killed until he had publicly renounced his faith in Christ. Origen endured two years of imprisonment and torture, but refused to renounce his faith. Eventually Origen was released from prison but he died less than a year later due to his torture.

No one can doubt Origen's serious commitment to the Christian faith. He remained faithful through persecution. His example should inspire us to remain faithful. *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.* Hebrews 12:1.

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Time to Move



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A short story

Sitting hunched at a table in the back of the diner during the breakfast rush, Ben eyed the door, wanting to escape.

"Well, this is dumb."

Ava shrugged. "What can we do? We promised Mom. One hour a month."

Ben raked his fingers through his hair. "Yeah. I know. I was there. Look, I may be your kid brother, but I'm not an idiot."

"Fine. So, let's talk. What's new?"

He planted his elbows on the table. "As you know, I'm still working in construction. Fifty-plus hours a week. My back hurts. Diana left and took the dog. Now you go."

"I'm sorry, I—"

He gripped the steaming cup of coffee and glared.

"O-kay. Well, let's see." Ava exhaled. "I keep having the same dream. It's weird."

"Let me guess. Someone is chasing you through the woods, and you fall down."

Ava picked at the straw wrapper while her soda fizzed. "No. I'm trapped in a hallway with one door I'm terrified to open. The walls start to close in, and I just stand there."

"Well, I'm no expert, but I'd say you're afraid of what's behind that door. Like maybe you're afraid to get a real job, but you should, since your drawings aren't selling."

"Paintings, and thanks a lot." Ava sat back and crossed her arms.

Ben shrugged. "What? Do you want a sticker, or do you need me to buy one of your paintings to hang on

my fridge?"

"I want you to be supportive. On my side." Her lips thinned. "Whether we like it or not, we're all the family we've got now."

"That's depressing. A starving artist for a sister. Maybe that's why Mom wanted us to keep in touch. She knew I'd have the funds to bail you out. To pay your rent or car insurance."

"Or maybe she knew I could bail you out, remind you of where you came from, and that money isn't everything, to pray for you and—"

His chair scraped the floor as he pushed back. "Here we go," he said, eyeing his watch. "That took about five minutes before you threw religion in my face. And yes, I know, it's not about religion, it's about a relationship. I remember that too."

Ava reached for her jacket that hung on the back of the chair. "This is a mistake. I can't take this after losing Mom and—" As she stood to leave, her purse slipped from her hands, and loose change spilled out and scattered across the crumbs on the diner floor.

Ben knelt to pick up the coins, his sister biting her bottom lip as the tears came quickly.

"Ava, come on." He spoke softly, handing her a quarter.

She stared at the coin, finally smiling. "Remember how you used to share your quarters with me at the arcade at the old mall?"

"Yeah."

She wiped her cheeks. "How did we get here?"

"Well, I drove my pickup, and I'm pretty sure you drove that old van that needs a new muffler."

~ **MOVE**, continued on page 12

Be Careful Little Heart



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In today's world, so often I will hear the words, "Well, what is your heart telling you to do? Follow your heart..."

We live in a very "me-centric" society - if it makes you feel good, our culture tells us to "Do it. It's ok."

Interestingly, a song written for and sung by little children, tears this logic apart and nails a fundamental, Biblical truth:

*O be careful little heart whom you trust
O be careful little heart whom you trust
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little heart whom you trust*

Why do I say this song nails it? Because of what we read in Jeremiah:

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?
"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve."
Jeremiah 17:9-10 NIV*

The heart is deceitful.

Just because your heart wants something desperately, don't believe it. Don't let your heart convince you of anything - if it goes against God's word.

Instead of going around living in our emotions - we should be going around living out His instruction, which is there to protect those who value the wisdom and love that is spoken in its pages.

Don't trust your heart to lead you correctly - trust Jesus.

Don't trust your emotions to steer you clearly - trust the Holy Spirit.

Don't trust that what the world accepts, is ok with God - trust His Word.

*I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11*

We need to get back to the basics of knowing the Word, which keeps us from sin. We need to hide His Word in our hearts so that we can introduce truth, over feelings and deceit, which will lead us astray. May our prayer be that of David:

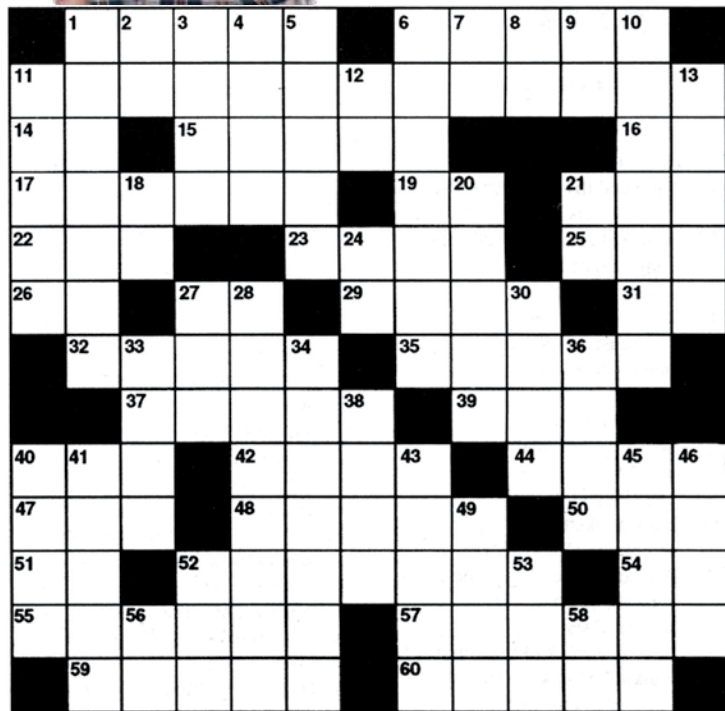
*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24 NIV*

Be careful little heart whom you trust...including yourself.



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ACROSS CLUES

1. Like a flying _____. (Rev. 4:7)
6. Boards of fir trees of _____. (Ezek. 27:5)
11. Treatise have I made, _____, _____ all that Jesus began. (Acts 1:1; 3 words)
14. Ye shall be witnesses unto _____. (Acts 1:8)
15. Descended to the stone of _____. (Josh. 18:17)
16. Peter and John about to _____ into the temple. (Acts 3:3)
17. Took a wife _____ whose _____ was Tamar. (Gen. 38:6; 2 words)
19. California (abbr.).
21. I will punish _____ in Babylon. (Jer. 51:44)
22. Animal that sounds like *new*.
23. Earth shall _____ to an fro. (Isa. 24:20)
25. Close relative to reindeer.
26. Alcoholics Anonymous (abbr.).
27. Why look ye _____ earnestly on us? (Acts 3:12)
29. To _____ away disciples. (Acts 20:30)
31. It _____ not for you to know. (Acts 1:7)
32. The son of Jair slew _____. (1 Chron. 20:5)
35. _____, Judah's firstborn...and the Lord slew _____. (Gen. 38:7; 2 words)
37. Shilshah, and Ithran, and _____. (1 Chron. 7:37)
39. Ye _____ of Galilee. (Acts 1:11)
40. Adam was first formed, then _____. (1 Tim. 2:13)
42. _____ it, rase it. (Ps. 137:7)
44. The troops of _____ looked. (Job 6:19)
47. _____ boweth down, Nebo stoopeth. (Isa. 46:1)
48. An odour of a sweet _____. (Phil. 4:18)
50. And in the _____ sea. (Acts 7:36)
51. Until _____ offering should be offered. (Acts 21:26)
52. _____, the son of Azariah. (Ezra 7:3)
54. North American (abbr.).
55. The _____ said unto me...I have given _____ unto the children of Lot. (Deut. 2:9; 2 words)
57. _____, and Ramah, and Hazor. (Josh. 19:36)
59. Could ye not watch with _____ hour? (Matt. 26:40; 2 words)
60. People of an ancient Asian country.

DOWN CLUES

1. As many as were ordained to _____ life believed. (Acts 13:48)
2. Saying, _____ thou that destroyest the temple. (Mark 15:29)
3. From _____ to Rimmon. (Zech. 14:10)
4. Machine for weaving.
5. The sons of Midian; Ephah, and _____. (Gen. 25:4)
6. Desire the _____ milk of the word. (1 Pet. 2:2)
7. Erected an altar, and called it _____-elohe-Israel. (Gen. 33:20)
8. Name unknown (abbr.).
9. This _____ that which was spoken. (Acts 2:16)
10. Barzillai the Gileadite of _____. (2 Sam. 17:27)
11. I am Alpha and _____. (Rev. 1:8)
12. _____, ha. (Job 39:25)
13. Bringing sick _____. (Acts 5:16)
18. Name unknown (abbr.).
20. Sound an _____. (Joel 2:1)
21. Why should it _____ thought a thing incredible? (Acts 26:8)
24. Called the altar _____. (Josh. 22:34)
27. And _____ opened her eyes. (Acts 9:40)
28. Two _____ for one _____. (Ex. 16:22; 2 words.)
30. I _____ my glittering sword. (Deut. 32:41)
33. _____ offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice. (Heb. 11:4)
34. Duke _____. These _____ the dukes of Edom. (1 Chron. 1:54; 2 words)
36. Went _____ unto her...called his name _____. (Gen. 38:2,3; 2 words)
38. Of the tribe of _____. (Rev. 7:6)
40. An altar...in mount _____. (Josh. 8:30)
41. The cruel _____ of asps. (Deut. 32:33)
43. Bath-sheba, the daughter of _____. (2 Sam. 11:3)
45. Parted them to all _____, _____ every man had need. (Acts 2:45; 2 words)
46. _____ bare to Esau Eliphaz. (Gen. 36:4)
49. Ye _____ men with burdens. (Luke 11:46)
52. Why make ye this _____? (Mark 5:39)
53. When the angels _____ left them ... (Luke 2:15 NIV)
56. Do _____ Me
58. Take it from _____.

~ MOVE, continued from page 11

She chuckled, and Ben grinned as they both sat.

"I mean, how did life turn out this way?" she asked. "Didn't we both pray? Didn't we both have plans for more? You and Diana were going to have a house full of kids, adopt if you couldn't have your own. 'Take up an entire pew,' you used to say."

"And weren't you going to run off to the big city and make movies that made people cry? 'Help them to see God in all the chaos,' or something like that."

They sat quietly as Ava wiped

the mascara from under her eyes.

Finally, Ben leaned forward. "I think I figured out your dream. You need to do what God wants you to do, Ava. What He *created* you to do. You've played it safe in the hallway for far too long. It's time to move, to start doing the hard stuff."

"That's funny."

"What?"

"I just remembered. You were in the hallway with me."

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:6 NLT.)

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Love—the Greatest of All

1 Corinthians 13 (NLV)

¹ I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I do not have love, it will sound like noisy brass. ² If I have the gift of speaking God's Word and if I understand all secrets, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I know all things and if I have the gift of faith so I can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give everything I have to feed poor people and if I give my body to be burned, but do not have love, it will not help me.

⁴ Love does not give up. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love does not put itself up as being important. Love has no pride. ⁵ Love does not do the wrong thing. Love never thinks of itself. Love does not get angry. Love does not remember the suffering that comes from being hurt by someone. ⁶ Love is not happy with sin. Love is happy with the truth. ⁷ Love takes everything that comes without giving up. Love

believes all things. Love hopes for all things. Love keeps on in all things.

⁸ Love never comes to an end. The gift of speaking God's Word will come to an end. The gift of speaking in special sounds will be stopped. The gift of understanding will come to an end. ⁹ For we only know a part now, and we speak only a part. ¹⁰ When everything is perfect, then we will not need these gifts that are not perfect.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child. I thought like a child. I understood like a child. Now I am a man. I do not act like a child anymore. ¹² Now that which we see is as if we were looking in a broken mirror. But then we will see everything. Now I know only a part. But then I will know everything in a perfect way. That is how God knows me right now. ¹³ And now we have these three: faith and hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

And now abide
faith, hope, love,

these three; but

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love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Visions and Revelations



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If you have been reading your Bible for any length of time, you know that God reveals Himself to people in unconventional ways. The story of

Joseph and his brothers come to mind (God meant it for good). Moses met Him at the burning bush. Many people experienced visitations, dreams, visions, miracles, and healings in the scriptures. In the accounts of the birth of Christ, countless people were impressed with the presence of God or His heavenly representatives. The followers of Jesus had many supernatural experiences when they were with Him, and beyond. Paul, the late arriving apostle of Jesus who met Him on the road to Damascus, experienced and performed many miracles as he walked with the Lord and went where the Holy Spirit instructed him to go. He had a living relationship with the Father which was exceedingly rewarding, and costly.

Paul recites in various places (1 Cor. and 2 Cor. in particular) the suffering that attended his ministry of sharing the Gospel of Christ. In 2 Cor. 11 and 12, Paul lists many of them. He said he was caught up into Paradise and heard *inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for man to utter*. Do you wish you could hear what he heard?

I have thought about these words and this vision many times. I have wished and prayed that I could have a similar experience with the Lord. I am not saying that God will not give that to me at some point, but I am coming to realize that He doesn't give revelation simply for our enjoyment or so that we can indulge in the supernatural realm. It is given so that we can know Him, and promote Him and His kingdom. This is consistent throughout the Bible.

God is not interested in entertaining us. He expects us to use what He reveals to help others, and to mature personally. He does not cast His pearls before swine.

With the revelations given to Paul, he was strengthened to continue his missionary journeys, not knowing what he would be facing. God gave him more revelation than He gives most people, but Paul yielded more of his being, time and possessions to God than most of us do.

Along with *the abundance of revelations*, Paul said he was given a *thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure*. Wow! As if he hadn't been abused enough in his service to God. Lord always knows and does what is best for us and for His kingdom. A servant of God must walk in humility to please God and to be effective in ministry.

Paul was a great achiever as a representative of God, and I am sure that he has been greatly rewarded. Yet, even he needed to be reminded to walk humbly with his God. (Mic. 6.8) Most of us, having experienced the revelation that Paul had, would be tempted to think of ourselves as special and exaggerating our own importance. In all of Paul's writings, he mentioned being *caught up into Paradise* only once.

As a response to this buffeting, Paul begged the Lord three times to take away this *thorn in the flesh*. God said to him, *My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness*. Paul added that he would only boast in his infirmities, or weaknesses, *that the power of Christ may rest upon me*. The greatest revelation comes to those who are the most yielding to God, and the most in need. His grace is sufficient for the humble. The proud and independent, He resists.

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Winter Blues; Winter Waiting



Al Beatty
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The first full day of winter brought me through northwestern Ohio.

As I traversed U.S. 20 and OH State Route 107, I crossed the St. Joseph River. The confluence of the river is in southwestern Michigan where it travels through northwestern Ohio and joins the St. Mary's river forming the headwaters of the Maumee River in Ft. Wayne.

I was captivated by the beauty of the river even in its semi-frozen state bordered by barren trees and lifeless brown leaves scattered on the floor of the earth. On my fourth and last crossing on State Route 107 I was moved to pull off at a cemetery located by the river and walk along the riverbank and take several photos.

Thoughts raced through my mind with God's beauty on and around the river. My attention was pulled to the other side of the bank as two squirrels chased each other up and around the trunk of a walnut tree. The partially frozen river glistened with silver ice and powdery snow blanketing surfaces of some warmer sections of the river the water flowed beneath the ice and emptying into the waterway on its path west.

I generally dread winter. I dread the long nights and overcast days. The craggy exposed trees and bushes I despise. However, I recall Psalm 62:5-8 *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.* ESV

As I took in the scenery, I realized how this wintery scene was part of our waiting. It is part of "rest time." The thought went through my mind how appropriate this pull off, this experience, was at a cemetery. That waiting place for the resurrection.



We wait. We have sunny and warm days. We have rejuvenation in the spring. Prosperity in the summer and colorful changes in the fall. Winter is our time to recuperate. Then we flow again. Flow like the river. The river follows the elevations and gravity of the landscape. As Christians we follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

I was blessed to have this experience for a brief break in my travels; I found it appropriate the name of the river after a saint. As the day starts getting a little longer may the spirit of patience flow through your day daily.

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A work of fiction

The whine of the neighbor's snow blower penetrated through the walls as I fidgeted with the buttons on my sweater. I watched from my chair as my daughter, Becky, pulled the last box from the top shelf of my closet. After a final swipe with her dust rag, she stepped off the stool and reached to pat my hand.

"I'm sorry you're feeling sad, Mama. We all agreed to this, remember? You know this house has been too much for you to cope with. It was your idea to move into an assisted living apartment."

I managed a shaky smile. "I'm sorry too, Becky. I haven't changed my mind. I know it's the best plan, and I'm not blaming you. It's just that the finality of the move is hitting me, and the fact that I'm not even able to help you has been a hard blow."

Where had the years gone? It seemed like yesterday when, like Becky, I was a wife and a mother to

young children, tackling challenges with energy and enthusiasm.

But life is a series of journeys with the destinations constantly changing. I'd moved through childhood, youth, and middle age. I'd navigated through a career, parenting, and widowhood with one constant: Through good times and the greatest of challenges, my Lord was always at my side. Somehow, in the hustle and bustle of sorting through a lifetime's worth of possessions, I forgot that most important fact. I was moving to a new destination, but my faithful Friend was going with me.

I leafed through the Bible that I had been neglecting lately. Of the dozens of highlighted verses, one caught my attention: "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" Jer. 29:11 NIV Did I still believe this? If so, I needed an attitude adjustment.

Within a few weeks, I relinquished my house keys to the new owners, breathing a prayer that the nice couple and their two

I Know Who's With Me



young children would find as much happiness there as my husband and I had enjoyed.

Once I settled into my new apartment, I surveyed my trimmed-down life with an odd combination of nostalgia and relief. I noted with amusement that my new place was roughly twice the size of the tiny walk-up that I had rented decades ago, when I was straight out of college and starting a career as a journalist. At that time, I was eager to apply my talent and writing skills. As long as I had a roof over my head, being short on frills hadn't mattered one bit. In that season of my life, I had relished being unencumbered.

That long-ago period of my life was still on my mind when I used my walker to venture out of my apartment the next morning. The first person I encountered in the hallway was a frail woman with a short bob of snow-white hair. Her

pale blue eyes perked with interest at my friendly greeting. It was time to make some new friends.

~ Six months later. ~

I give the file on my laptop one last edit before pressing "print." I'm eager to see the smile on Geraldine's face when she first reads her life story. It's been that way with everyone I've interviewed so far. Armed with my notebook and recorder, I simply listen to my dear neighbors. My mission has been to remind them that God loves them and that the lives they've lived matter. People love sharing their stories, and I love helping them.

I've found contentment here in my new home, thanks to the plans God made for me. If the time comes that I must make another change, I admit, I'll probably fuss. But I won't be afraid, because wherever I am, I know my Savior will be there with me.

REVELATION 1:8, 22:13
CHRONICLES 29:10-20
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What if you made today's devotional an all-day affair? Here's an example from a daily devotion of about 450 words with several Scripture references called "Empty Talkers." Here's part of it:

"It's about many who are empty talkers and deceivers - Titus 1:10-11 They talk about nothing, but they make it sound as if it's the most important thing that you've ever heard in your life."

So, read it several times and grasp the message. Then, instead of trying to remember all the words, just write in your own words what it means to you and give it a title, like Empty Talkers.

Then put that title and Scripture on a small card and carry it with you all day long. Every time you have a break, pull out that card and say, "Empty Talkers". Remember the devotion's message as you wrote it in your own words and, if you need to, go back to the full devotion.

You can also send yourself an email with the title/Scripture in the subject line to see it every time you check your incoming messages.

Just make it an All-Day Devotion and something you can remember and share with others.

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February is the month of "love". After Christmas the bright red hearts that come out to decorate our homes and tables are a bright spot in a usually white and cold winter. I remember coming home after school to windows decorated with hearts and valentines; it was always so fun to see the change of holidays. There is a great beauty to this month of love and valentines.

We just finished celebrating in December Christ's birth... the greatest gift God can bestow upon us, the birth of His son. We walked into January with its fresh starts and new goals. Then we land in February, to celebrate love in many ways. Some feel loved with gifts or spoken words that encouraged/uplift us. My love language for others is food. I enjoy cooking/baking for others, and making them feel special

Food From the Heart Love from the Kitchen



with their favorite foods. We are told in Psalm 34:8 *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!* Holy Bible ESV. I have shared before about our tables in our homes, and how God is preparing a special place at the table with Him. Just as we prepare a special setting for those we love at our tables, and make good things to serve in our kitchens.

In Ephesians 3:19 *and to know*

the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Holy Bible ESV. We are encouraged to be filled with Christ, to not rely on this world and its knowledge to fill us. While the ways we love others is wonderful and good, God's love trumps it all. It is the only love that can truly satisfy us. And just as we smell the sweet aroma of good food in the kitchen, we are reminded in Ephesians 5:2 *And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* Holy Bible ESV. In loving others, we need to bring glory to God in all that we do. The most wonderful fragrance is not fresh bread, but a heart submitted to Christ.

In honor of Valentine's Day, I am sharing recipes that I fixed for my husband on our first Valentine's Day as a married couple. One of my husband's favorites is meatloaf. I serve this with scalloped potatoes and baked corn or green beans.

Mari's Meatloaf

Mix 1½ lbs hamburger, ¾ cup oatmeal, salt & pepper, most of one can of evaporated milk, 1 cup chopped onions. Form this into two loaves and put into baking dish or on a sheet pan. Bake this at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Then mix 1 cup ketchup, 2 Tbsp vinegar, ½ cup water, 2 Tbsp each sugar and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over both meatloaves and bake 1 hour more.

Six Egg Pound Cake

Mix 3 cups flour, 3 tsp baking powder & ½ tsp salt in bowl and set aside. Then cream 1½ cups butter, 2½ cups sugar until light and fluffy. Add 6 eggs (one at a time, mixing well after each addition). Add 1½ tsp vanilla, then add flour mixture alternately with ¾ cup milk. Mix well until smooth. Pour into a greased tube or bundt pan. Place pan in cold oven, set temperature to 350 degrees and bake 60-90 minutes. Cool in pan for 10-20 minutes and turn onto plate to cool fully. Serve with fresh fruit and whipped cream, or pour powdered sugar glaze over.



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Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

Mark 1:35 NIV

First Things First



Johnny had been hiking in the mountains of Kentucky when the snowstorm hit. It was a whiteout and he could barely see a foot in front of him. He got separated from the other hikers and it was getting dark. He was scared that he might die in the storm so he prayed, "Dear God, if you are listening, will you help me? Amen."

It wasn't long before he stumbled upon a cabin and knocked on the door. "I am sorry to impose," he said, "I am lost and cold. May I come in?"

The woman welcomed him. "Would you like some soup and coffee?" she said.

"Yes, please," he replied, as he shivered, "Thank you for your kindness."

She dipped her ladle into the pot of soup on the cookstove and poured them a cup of coffee. She placed them on the table and prayed, "Thank you, Father, for the food that you have provided, and thank you for saving this young man from the storm, amen."

"Thank you, ma-am, for your hospitality," he said. "My name is Johnny. I was hiking with some friends, but we became separated in the storm. I am grateful that I stumbled upon your cabin."

The woman smiled and said,

"My name is Grace. I am glad you found my cabin. The storm is no place for a wandering hiker."

She placed a few logs on the fire and then sat at the table, savoring her coffee. She waited until Johnny had finished his meal, and then she said, "You must be tired from all the walking, I have a bed in the next room. It's nothing fancy, but it is warm."

Johnny didn't want to be an inconvenience, but she insisted that he have her small bed instead of the tiny cot that sat across from the table. Once under the covers, it wasn't long before he fell asleep.

It had only been a few hours before Grace peeled away the heavy quilts from where she had been lying, on the cot, and grabbed her cane. It was still dark and her cabin was cold. The fire was nearly out so she stoked it. She scooted her wooden rocker close to the fireplace and reached for

the book on the mantle.

She sat quietly, reading, as she turned the stained pages, until she heard a voice.

"Miss Grace, are you up? It is still dark and only three o'clock. Are you alright?"

"Yes, Johnny. All is fine. Take your rest and I will see you in a few hours."

There was no door to the bedroom, so Johnny could see Grace reading. He could see she was weeping and he was concerned. He wondered if he had upset her by showing up at her cabin.

He knew he had lost his way in more ways than one. He knew that he was allowing other things to come between him and God, and he knew that God had rescued him from the storm.

When Johnny rose, he sat at the table with Grace. She poured them coffee and he asked her, "Grace, did

I upset you by showing up at your home? Why were you up so early?"

"Johnny," she said with a big smile, "I put first things first."

"What do you mean?" he said, with a puzzled look. "I saw you reading a book and I thought you were crying, and I am worried that it was my fault."

Grace reached over and touched Johnny's hand. "You haven't upset me. The book was my mother's Bible. When I was a little girl, I gave my life to Jesus. He is the most important person in my life, so I get up early, before I do anything else, to spend time with Him."

Johnny hung his head, ashamed. "I know the Savior," he said, "but, I have allowed other things to come before my time with him. I know he has sent me here to remind me to put Him first."

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Prophet Rebecca Pe-
drosa was born and
raised in Texas and has
lived in Florida for 18
years. A wife, mother of
three, and grandmother
of four, her life reflects a

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3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW
 stpetersoldtownvalley@gmail.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Branch Church

140 West High Ave 330-401-6643
 Campus Pastor: Josh Nims
 www.thebranchchurchohio.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

The Restored Church of Jesus Christ, Dover Restoration Branch

1440 5th St NW
 330-440-7066
 Pastor: Tim Levengood
 • Sunday Worship 11 am

The Salvation Army

809 Emmet Ave. NW | 330-364-3811
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 Officers/Pastors
 • Sunday Worship 11 am

Trinity Episcopal Church

122 3rd St. NW | 330-339-6439
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

NEWCOMERSTOWN

Calvary United Methodist

149 W State St. | 740-498-8534
 www.newcomerstowncalvaryum-charge.org
 • Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Christ Methodist Church

648 Oak St. | 740-498-8134
 www.christmct.org
 Sr. Pastor: Bracken Foster
 • Sunday Worship 9 and 1030am

Church of the Nazarene

363 Neighbor St. | 740-498-7588
 Pastor John Kohr
 nazarene.nct@sbcglobal.net
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Churches of Christ in Christian Union (CCCU)

560 W. State St. | 330-827-5587
 Pastor Sonny Easterday
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

First Baptist

135 S River St | 740-498-6589
 Pastor Wayne Baker
 office@firstbaptistnct.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Hartwood Community Church

14206 Hartwood Rd | 330-933-9744
 Dr. Dorsey Davisson, Pastor
 igoforhim@gmail.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Kings United Methodist

5651 Kings Ridge Rd | 740-498-8534
<http://web.tusco.net/kingsumc>
 • Sunday Worship 11:15 am

New Beginnings Church of God

309 W. Church St. | 740-492-1211
 Pastor Queen E. Williams
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

St. Paul Lutheran Church

121 South College St., 740-498-6682
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Victory Assembly of God

311 South College St. | 740-498-6547
www.victorynct.org
 Pastor Jimmy Lewis
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wesley Community Chapel (WCC)

17333 Chapel Rd | 740-610-4986
 Pastor Rocky Tidd
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

PORT WASHINGTON

Countryside Baptist

4283 Shoemaker Rd SW
 740-498-5500
 Pastor Paul Harvey
www.countrysidebc.com
 • Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

114 North High St | 740-492-4158
 Pastor Jim Shamel
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

West Union Church

13679 Gilmore Rd
 Pastor Garry Marlatt
 • Sunday Worship 10:30

SANDYVILLE

Church of the Open Door

10984 Sandyville Rd NE
 330-866-4523 | Pastor: Lisa L. Elliott
 e-mail: elliott.ray@sbcglobal.net
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sandy Valley Church of God

11281 SR 800 NE | 330-866-9014
 Pastor Joel Donahue
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

STONE CREEK

Grace Community Church

229 W. Jefferson St | 330-339-5007
 Pastor Bill Mallernee
www.GraceChurchStoneCreek.org
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

Salem Evans Creek Lutheran Church

9030 Deibel Rd. SW
 Pastor Jean Coleman
 • Sunday Worship 9 am

Zion Lutheran Church

204 W Jefferson St 330-339-5423
 Pastor Jean Coleman
 • Sunday Worship 10:30am

STRASBURG

Community Bible Church

201 2nd Street NW (Cross Café)
 330-634-6187 | Aaron Minard-Pastor

First Lutheran Church

211 8th St. SW | Ph: 330-878-5581
www.firstlutheranstrasburg.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John United Church of Christ

516 N Wooster Ave | 330-878-5113
 Pastor Jason Rissler
stjohnuccstrasburg@gmail.com
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

United Methodist

206 2nd St NW | 330-878-5179
strasburgumcoho.org
 Pastor Matthew Wald
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

SUGARCREEK

Alpine Bible Church

719 Dutch Valley Rd. NE | 330-852-3300
 Pastor Byron Stewart
office@alpinebible.org
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Barrs Mill Church of God

4677 St. Rt. 93 NW | 330-852-2508
 Pastor Josh Wilson
www.barrsmillchurch.org
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Church of the Brethren

144 Yoder Ave | 614-507-4435
 Pastor Nelson Brown
nelson.brown87@icloud.com
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

First Mennonite

113 Main St. | 330-852-2822
 Pastor Michael Gehman
firstmenno@tusco.net
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Grace Church

1019 West Main Street 330-893-3110
 Campus Pastor Chad Stutzman
allaboutgrace.org
 • Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

Ragersville Zion Church

8831 Crooked Run Rd SW | 330-897-3151
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Shanesville Lutheran Church

SR 39 & 93 intersection | 330-852-2820
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sugarcreek United Methodist Church

212 North Broadway | 330-852-2885
 Rev Randy Lewis
 • Sunday Worship 9 am

Union Hill of Sugarcreek

7877 Union Hill Rd NW | 330-852-4449
 Pastor: Jeff Calkins | unionhillumc.com
 email: uhcofsugarcreek@gmail.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

TUSCARAWAS

Emmaus Chapel, IPCC

221 S. Main Street | 740-922-9269
www.emmausipcc.org
 Pastor: Sam Brown
 • Sunday Worship 11 am

Sharon Moravian Church

4776 Moravian Church Rd SE
 740-922-5507
www.sharonmoravian.org
 Pastor Lloyd Gooden
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

215 Church St. | 740-922-2356
 Pastor Wally Anderson

UHRICHVILLE

11th Street Church Of God

1033-1/2 N. Water St. Rear
 234-801-4087 | Pastor Dan Millard
 • Sunday School 9:30am
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 • Sun Jr Church (12 & under) 10:30am
 • Sunday evening 6:30pm
 • Wed Prayer and Bible Study 6:30pm

Bethel Worship Center

634 N. Main St. | 740- 922-9848
 Pastor John Stevenson
bwcuhrichsville.org
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

Cathedral of Praise

480 Morris Street | 330-987-6121
 • Sunday Worship 11 am

Christian Temple

4249 Belden Dr | 740-922-2628
 Pastors Larry & Janie Hostetler
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

Church of the Nazarene

116 N. Dawson St. | 740-922-0456
 • Sunday Worship 10:30

First Moravian Church

315 N Water | 740-922-0886
office@sharedmoravianministryohio.org
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

First Presbyterian

633 Main St Box 50 | 740-922-3692
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Baptist Church

308 East 1st St. | 740-922-6520
 Pastor Steve DeLong
sd4gbc@aol.com
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Grace Methodist

524 W 3rd St. | 740-922-4981
 Pastor Larry Malterer
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Mount Bethel Community Chapel

88605 Bethel Rd
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

Newport Methodist Church

8022 Newport Rd. SE
 740-922-5564 | Pastor Kory Rowland
 • Sunday Worship 8:45 am

Organic Church

1943 N Water St Ext | 740-922-1564
www.ucfoursquarechurch.org
 Pastor Michael Brindley
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

Pleasant Grove Church

8560 Edie Hill Rd
 Jon Kinsey, minister
 • Sunday Worship 9am

Rush Community Church of the Nazarene

4941 Rush Church Rd SE | 740-254-9234
 Pastor Brett Warkentine
www.rushnaz.org
 • Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:45 am & 6 pm

South Side Gospel Chapel

7091 Deersville Ave Ext SE
 740-922-6971 | Pastor John Cadwell
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

St. John Worship & Praise Community Church

1030 Cook Street | 740-922-6026
 Pastor Henry L. McNeil
www.sjwpcc.info
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Uhrichville Christian Fellowship

132 Kutcham Dr | 740-229-7017
 Pastor Jimmy Stull, Sr Pastor
www.ucfclm.com
 • Sunday Worship 10 am

Uhrichville First Methodist

225 N Dawson St.
 740-922-3881 | Pastor Kory Rowland
methodists@att.net
 • Sunday Worship 11 am

ZOAR

Church of the Holy Trinity

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd NE | 330-874-4716
 Father Jimmy Hatfield
 • Masses: Wed 6:30, Sat 4:30 pm & Sun 10 am

Zoar United Church of Christ

142 E. 5th St | 330-874-4641
 Pastor Rev Dr Dan Grimminger
 • Sunday Worship 9:30 am

ZOARVILLE

Christian Chapel

7439 Main St | 330-859-2891
 • Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6 pm

Good Hope Lutheran Church

3359 New Zoarville Rd | 330-859-2480
 Pastor Brian Rossow
 • Sunday Worship 9 am

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108 N. 2nd Street, 740-922-3600
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301 N. Wooster Ave, Dover
Minimal and Need Based Priced Clothing
and Household Goods Tues-Sat 11-4
email: threads301@gmail.com

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1st & 3rd Sat 11a-1p • Donations welcome
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Hospice Browse and Buy

Minimal Pricing
Heritage Square Plaza | 515 Union Ave
330-365-2026 | Mon-Sat 9-5

Reformed Fellowship Church

454 E. Front St. | 330-447-5167 | 9am-11am
Food Pantry 1st & 3rd Sat. of each month

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Gnadenhutten United Methodist
220 N. Walnut St. | 740-254-4815
Non-perishable groceries (no charge)
Thurs 10-2pm - Rear entrance-ramp door

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Church of Christ

749 Commercial Ave SW | 330-339-1252
Tues 9am-11:15am | No charge for items

First United Methodist Church

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Tues 5:30-6:30 pm
201 W. High Ave. New Philadelphia

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228 W. High Ave. - Free Clothing
Wed and Sat 9:30-11:30am, Tue 4-5:30pm

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211 East High Ave. | 330-602-6100
No Clothing-Household Items Only
Call Maria Rila at 330.602.6100 and let
her know which date(s) your church or
organization can provide a warm supper meal!

HARCATUS Tri-County Family Support Center & Community Nest

330-343-8770 - 875 Blake Ave SW-lower level
(various non-perishable, taxable items)
Income eligibility required | Call for hours

New Hope

Christian Community Center
223 Front Ave. SW (rear entrance)
New Phila 330-339-8879 • 2nd/4th Sat

Salvation Army

809 Emmet Ave. New Philadelphia
Tues 9:30 - noon | Charge per item is 25¢

Trinity Episcopal Church Jesus Mission Meals

122 3rd St NW | Mon, Thurs and Fri 5-7pm
Dinner 530-630 - In the basement, use the
red door in the front. Follow signs.

SANDYVILLE

Church of the Open Door

10984 Sandyville Rd NE - 3rd Wed 6-730pm
Free Community Dinner games/crafts for
kids, food pantry open at that time.

STRASBURG

First Lutheran Church

211 8th St SW -Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed
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