



## 2020 Newsletter

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34*

*Be joyful always; pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thess. 5:18*

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
Colossians 3:17*

Being thankful is not just for the Thanksgiving holiday. Scripture is clear that we are to be thankful in all circumstances even in trials and adversity. Being thankful is not always easy, especially when we fall on hard times such as these. However, when we take a step back from our circumstances, look up and remember just how amazing our God is, thanksgiving is a natural result. This is a habit which takes intentionality over a lifetime to cultivate.

We have a God who loves us (1 John 4:9-11), is with us (Joshua 1:9), and promises He will never forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). He is the God who works ALL THINGS for our good (Romans 8:28). Even though we may walk through valleys of despair and even death, remember, God is with us (Psalm 23). He is strengthening us, upholding us and giving us what we need from his endless supply of glorious riches (Philippians 4:13,19). Sometimes, intellectually knowing God's promises is not enough to impart his perfect peace. We must receive them. This involves slowing ourselves down enough to call upon our loving God and allowing him access into our heart as well as in our mind, asking his help to place our confidence in him.

As you rest in the Almighty and count your many blessings, may the Joy, Peace and Love of the Lord fill your heart and may you be overcome with thanksgiving and gratitude. Remember, the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4). He's got this. And he's got you!

Blessings, PC



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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.  
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gobble, gobble, gobble! It's turkey time already! I know Thanksgiving might look a little different this year, depending on families being able to gather as usual, but the fact that we can be thankful no matter what, is the key. The below devotion is from Billy Graham's website,  
<https://billygraham.org/devotion/thanksgiving-with-meaning/>

"The Lord is close to those whose hearts are breaking; he rescues those who are humbly sorry for their sins.

—Psalm 34:18 (TLB)"

It is the custom of many Christians to bow their heads in public places and give thanks for the food that has been placed before them. I have had scores of waiters and waitresses tell me that when we bowed our heads, it was the first time they had ever seen that happen in their restaurant.

Millions never pause to give a word of thanks to God for the food provided. Few homes have a moment of thanksgiving at the beginning of the meal or at any other time of the day. Even at Thanksgiving, only a few will pause and give thanks to God.

Thanksgiving is recognition of a debt that cannot be paid. We express thanks, whether or not we are able to reimburse the giver. When thanksgiving is filled with true meaning and is not just the formality of a polite "thank you," it is the recognition of dependence.

### Prayer for the day

Lord Jesus, I know that apart from You, I can do nothing of lasting value. Help me to come to the end of self and allow You to control the reins of my life.

For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at [fusionfbcg@gmail.com](mailto:fusionfbcg@gmail.com), or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love."

- Thomas O. Chisholm

October Sunrise - Confederate Avenue, Gettysburg NMP -Photo by Whitney Myers



**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:00 -7:15PM**

***A GREAT PLACE FOR  
YOUR CHILD TO COME AND  
LEARN ABOUT GOD.***

**MASKS REQUIRED.**

***Life Groups*** .... Join one now! (more to come)

***Van & Kristen Weber*** Home **Tuesday Nights @ 6:30pm**

*"A harmonization of the Gospels" - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John will be studied together.*

***Sean & Adrienne Fitzgerald*** Home **Friday Nights @ 5:30pm bring food**

*A book of the bible (to be named later) will be studied*

***The Gallimore*** Home **Tuesday Nights @ 6:30pm (begins Oct 13)**

*Will be watching and studying "The Chosen"*

***Jennefer Harris*** - Women's ZOOM *study of 2 Peter meets every other* **Tuesday @ 6:30pm**

***Josh and Jess Blair*** - ZOOM *book of Hebrews* **Monday Nights @ 7pm**

**Pastor Carl** - 2 ZOOM Studies *book of Isaiah* **Thursday @6:00am & Thursday @9:30am bible study**





## Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

The Shoebox Team and FBC volunteers gathered on Oct. 10, for FBC's first church-wide Shoebox Packing Party for **Operation Christmas Child**. We packed **581 shoeboxes!** That means 581 children from around the world will hear the Gospel. Praise the Lord!

The next step is shipping the shoeboxes. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship. This \$9.00 also provides in-country transportation, teacher training, and materials needed for the give-away.

Around \$4,000.00 is still needed by the end of November to send these "Little Missionaries" on their way. Please ask God how He would have you help. Place your donation in the offering clearly marked "Shoeboxes." Thank you for your generosity now and throughout the year.

For those of you who were not able to help with the Packing Party, but would like to send a box there is still time. Shoeboxes will be available at the church during the first few weeks of November. All boxes need to be returned by Nov. 22.

Thank you,  
The Shoebox team

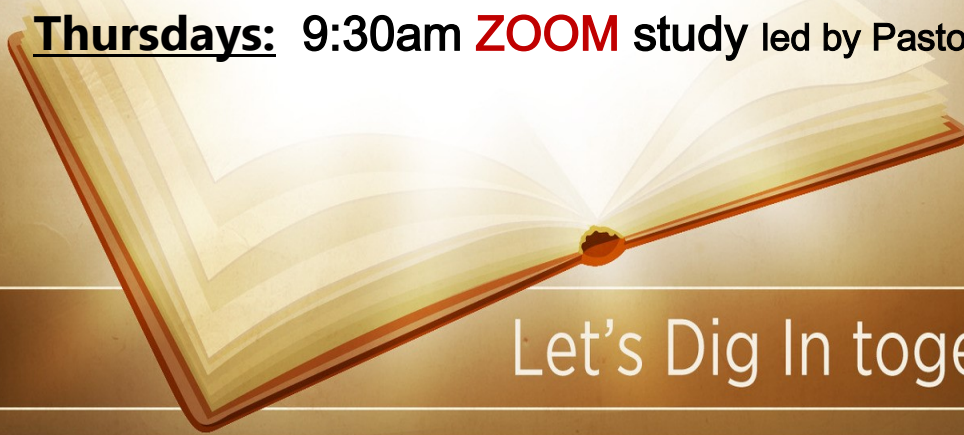




# BIBLE STUDY



- Thursdays: 9:30am **ZOOM** study led by Pastor Carl



Let's Dig In together



The  
CHOSEN

VIDANGEL  ORIGINAL

THINK YOU KNOW HIM? LOOK AGAIN...

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT SERIES ON VIDANGEL OR YOU CAN  
WATCH SEASON ONE ON YOUTUBE

## THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

Only be strong and very courageous that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:7-8 – NKJV)

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. (Mark Twain)

Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. (J.C. Watts, college quarterback for Oklahoma Sooners and also served in the U.S. House of Representatives for Oklahoma)

Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. (C.S. Lewis)

It is never wrong to do the right thing. (Mark Twain)

Sometimes it is better to lose and do the right thing than to win and do the wrong thing. (Author unknown)

In 1955 before he was elected to office, President John F. Kennedy wrote a little book called *PROFILES IN COURAGE*. In it he tells the stories of Americans from our past who took difficult stands or made tough decisions when it was not the popular thing to do.

With the approaching presidential election coming up I would like to illustrate the importance of each of our votes and why it can make a difference and possibly change the direction of our nation.

I will take two from President Kennedy's book and one from the Scriptures.

The first illustration tells the story of Edmund G. Ross and how his one vote prevented the impeachment of president Andrew Johnson in 1868.

Andrew Johnson was from the state of Tennessee and was the only Southern Member of Congress to refuse to secede with his state. According to Kennedy, Johnson was committed to the policies of President Abraham Lincoln whose approach to reconciliation with the South was in a constitutional and charitable way. President Lincoln's approach was to permit the South to resume its place in the Union with as little delay and controversy as possible.

President Johnson had to deal with a group of radical republicans who wanted harsh treatment for the Southern States and to prolong military rule. He vetoed many bills because he felt they were unconstitutional and did not show kindness and mercy to our fellow Americans. Of course this caused him to butt heads with some of those in congress who felt the best solution was to impeach the president and put someone in office more sympathetic to their way of thinking.

The radical republicans needed of the 42 in the Senate, 36 members to vote for impeachment. Thus they could only lose 6 members who would vote not guilty. In a preliminary poll they knew that 6 republicans would vote not guilty, but Edmund Ross would not commit either way.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1868 the Senate held the impeachment vote. It came down to Edmund Ross from the anti-Johnson state of Kansas. He had replaced Senator Jim Lane who was a conservative Republican that supported Johnson's efforts to carry out Lincoln's reconstruction policies. But because of sharp condemnation for supporting Johnson along with failing health and other issues he took his life on July 1, 1866.

Ross who replaced Lane had played a major role in his condemnation for supporting Johnson.

Yet he along with 6 other Republicans thought of our nation and the damage it could do to our nation should it succeed. Even though Ross was no fan of President Johnson he would not tolerate the false charges brought against the president and his not guilty vote historians feel helped to save our nation.

“Neither Ross nor any other Republican who had voted for the acquittal of Johnson was ever re-elected to the Senate, not a one of them retaining the support of their party’s organization. When he returned to Kansas in 1871, he and his family suffered social ostracism, physical attack, and near poverty.”

None of the other six Senators liked President Johnson but voted their conscience and “did the right thing.”

Who were these men? (1) William Fessenden of Maine, he felt the whole thing was mere madness, (2) John B. Henderson of Missouri, he introduced the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment abolishing slavery, (3) Peter Van Winkle of West Virginia, (4) Lyman Trumbull of Illinois. He had defeated Abe Lincoln for the Senate and drafted most of the reconstruction legislation which Johnson had vetoed. (5) Joseph Fowler of Tennessee – was horrified by the mad passion of the House in rushing through the impeachment resolution that was based on falsehood. (6) James Grimes of Iowa who had a stroke 2 days before the vote because of the abuse and threats heaped on him during the trial. Just before the balloting began, four men brought him in and placed him in his seat. With their help he stood up and said “not guilty.”

The next person is Lucius Lamar from the state of Mississippi. He cast the deciding vote in the electoral college in the presidential race in 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden. This made the electoral votes 185 for Hayes and 184 for Tilden. Lamar, a man of law and honor agreed with the findings of the electoral commission of election fraud in three states and voted for Hayes even though the people in Mississippi wanted him to vote for Tilden.

Lamar in 1861 helped to draft the Mississippi Ordinance of Secession. He was the only high ranking confederate officer in the Senate. Yet he voted for what he felt was the right thing and is credited with helping the reconciliation of the North and the South.

Now let’s look in the Scriptures. Moses was told by God to select one man from each tribe to go and spy out the promised land (Joshua 13:1-16). When they returned after 40 days, only Joshua from the tribe of Ephraim and Caleb from the tribe of Judah reported truthfully. The other ten men said that Israel couldn’t take the land. There were too many giants. God asked Moses and Aaron how long should He bear with this evil congregation? (Joshua 14:26-27). Even though Joshua and Caleb had faith and told the truth, the people believed the lies of the other ten men and wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb (Joshua 14:10) until God intervened.

Because the people did not believe the truth, they were not permitted to enter the promised land, but to wander around in the dessert for 40 years.

There are no perfect people this side of heaven. We are all sinners. Some saved by grace and some still needing to be saved by grace. So how do we know how to vote?

The best we can do is vote for the candidate whose platform most closely lines up with Scripture and ask the Lord to reveal His will to us.

Ask the Lord to help us do the right thing even though it may not be popular and exercise our right to vote!!!

Keep Looking Up!!!

Mark Punchard Sr.



**IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL OR PHYSICAL HEALING?  
COME AND HAVE OUR ELDERS PRAY FOR YOU.**

# **HEALING SERVICE**

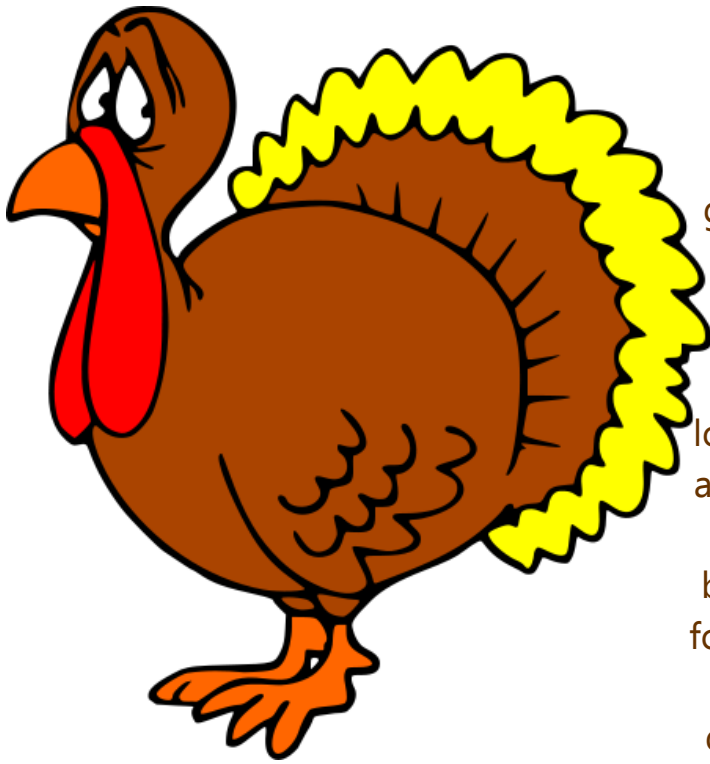
**FOLLOWING THE SECOND SERVICE ON  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**



**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.**

**Psalms 136:1**





Unfortunately, after much deliberation, the decision was made to cancel our annual Thanksgiving Banquet. All the local schools and restaurants in the Gettysburg and surrounding areas are not allowing large groups to meet in their facilities, and we also feel that it would not be wise for us all to gather in a large group at this time.

It's sad to not be having an event that has long been a time of great food and fellowship and always so well attended. We look forward to next year and hope that with the Lord's blessing we will be able to once again gather for our Banquet. In it's place, we will be having a healing service in the sanctuary for those desiring to be prayed over by our Elders. We pray for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

## W2 Group

This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month after 2nd service to support and love each other. All are welcome!

## *Can You Guess The Hymn?*

**I believe that this life  
with its great mysteries  
Surely someday  
will come to an end;  
But faith will conquer  
the darkness  
and death  
and will lead me  
at last  
to my friend.**



**"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

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Submitted by Whitney Myers



**"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."**

**Psalms 32:1**

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Three Patriarchs, Zion National Park, Utah, USA Submitted by Whitney Myers



# Mission Board Update

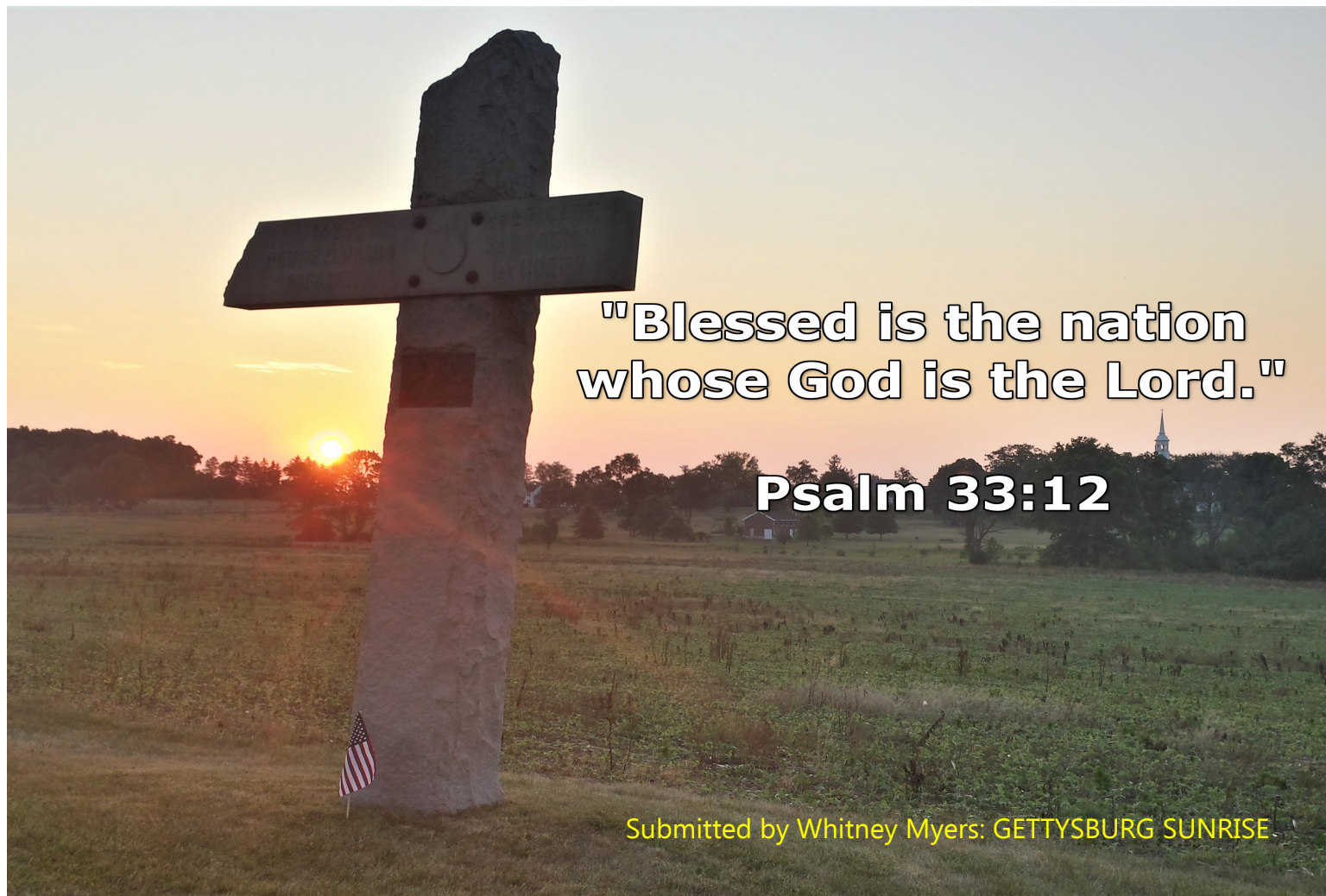
## *and* **Sat7** News

The mission board remains active during this uninvited “downtime” with limited church activity. Our meetings have continued with zoom and two in person with social distancing in place. Our August meeting was via zoom and our special guest was Dennis Weins from Kansas City. He is the USA Church Relations Director for SAT 7. He spoke to us concerning the unprecedented challenges SAT 7 is facing in the 25 + years of television Christian Ministry to the Mid East and North Africa. Listed below are the numerous methods they have implemented and some of the responses to presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, along with promoting peace, comfort and education, to a fearful world looking for hope.

- Via internet, SAT 7 is able to bypass boundaries and borders to reach the earbuds of 30 million homes.
- Documented research reveals 2 million homes in Saudi are watching SAT 7 kids
- Digital broadcasting to church meetings in Iran
- Increased viewing in Turkey by 60%
- Using different interactive media, there has been a 719% engagement increase on Saudi YouTube.
- Started having global devotions for SAT 7's 200 employees
- Closure of the Egyptian studio due to a positive Covid 19 case gave incentive for others to take equipment to their homes and continued to produce programs.
- Continued with “My School” productions in Syrian refugee camps.
- Women in camps in Egypt and Lebanon, who had never received an education are now learning to read and write in their homes.
- Arab people in the USA are connecting with SAT 7 because of fear from Covid 19 and are looking for hope.
- Churches and/or groups can sponsor a day's programming for \$640.
- Although SAT 7 teams do not publish newsletters for security reasons, there is a lot of information on SAT 7 USA website, SAT 7 Facebook page, and SAT 7 YouTube channel.
- Lebanon is one of the most open countries to freedom of religion. Their currency is deflated 7,000 to 1 US dollar.

Dennis thanked FBC for being a longtime and faithful supporter of the work and ministry of SAT 7. FBC began supporting SAT 7 in 2006.





**"Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the Lord."**

**Psalm 33:12**

Submitted by Whitney Myers: GETTYSBURG SUNRISE



**"Now the Lord appeared to him by the  
oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at  
the tent door in the heat of the day."**

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**Genesis 18:1**

The Lord Appeared to Abraham





**"I can do all  
things through  
Christ who  
strengthens me."**

**Philippians 4:13**



**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting."**

**Psalms 136:1**





# 15 Questions



## *All About Names*

1. What did God change Jacob's name to?
2. Who was told by God to name his son Maher-shalhash-baz??
3. Who told Joseph what Jesus' name would be?
4. What prophet was told by God to name his son Lo-ammi?
5. Who told Hagar to name her son Ishmael?
6. What did God change Abram's name to?
7. Who was told by an angel that his son was to be named John?
8. What prophet told the priest Pashur that his new name was to be Magor-missabib?
9. What did God call his human creation?
10. What new name did Jesus give to Simon?
11. What was Hosea told to name his daughter?
12. What was Sarai's name changed to?
13. Who was told to name his son Solomon?
14. Who was to name his firstborn son Jezreel?
15. Who told Mary that her son was to be named Jesus?



**Fran Rohrer - 5**

**Rebekah Hirneisen - 7**

**Mike Scyphers - 9**

**Kim Gipe - 10**

**Louise Lustig - 12**

**Eli Shay - 13**

**Emily Holtzople - 16**

**Greg Hurda - 17**

**Laura Meals - 17**

**Kim Wagner - 18**

**Roberta Cooke - 23**

**Alanna Beckman Baker - 24**

**Rhonda Blyler - 25**

**Rose Hoepfl - 25**

## **HAPPY** November **ANNIVERSARY**



**Paul and Nancy Jay - 2**

**Pat and Cathy Double - 12**

**Tom and Melisa Mohler - 20**

**Sherry and Roger Hess - 24**

**Barry and Peggy Ruhlman - 24**

**Frank and Judy Giorno - 28**

**Ron and Wanda (Werner) Miller - 28**

**Kate and Jay Shay - 29**

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ANSWER TO HYMN: I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary pg270

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

## OCTOBER

### Answers to 20 Questions

1. How many Apostles did Jesus Have? 12
2. Which book tells about the visit of the Wise men to baby Jesus? MATTHEW
3. Who wrote the book of Acts? LUKE?
4. How many gospel books are there? FOUR
5. Who wrote the book of Revelation? JOHN
6. Who said "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? JOHN THE BAPTIST
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? 3
8. Who was shipwrecked in the New Testament? PAUL
9. Which New Testament book tells of Paul's conversion? ACTS
10. Where did Jesus grow up? NAZARETH
11. Where was Paul when he went blind? ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS
12. How many wise and foolish girls were in Jesus' story? FIVE OF EACH OR TEN ALTOGETHER
13. Who wrote the most book in the New Testament? PAUL
14. Name one book that tells of Jesus' birth? MATTHEW OR LUKE
15. Who was the governor that tried Jesus? PILATE
16. How many loaves of bread did Jesus use to feed the five thousand? FIVE
17. Who said "Peace, Be Still"? JESUS
18. Who said "He is not here. He is risen."? AN ANGEL
19. Who betrayed Jesus? JUDAS
20. Which apostle was a tax collector? MATTHEW