

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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“Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new.”

—Unknown



“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Cor. 15:58

From the Church Office...

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

SOUP KITCHEN



Please invite anyone you know who needs a hot meal.

Tuesday, January 28th

5:00-7:00pm



Soup
Crackers
Bread and Butter
Cookies
Coffee
Water



Come and join us for a time of fellowship, encouragement, laughter, and soup!

FREE!!

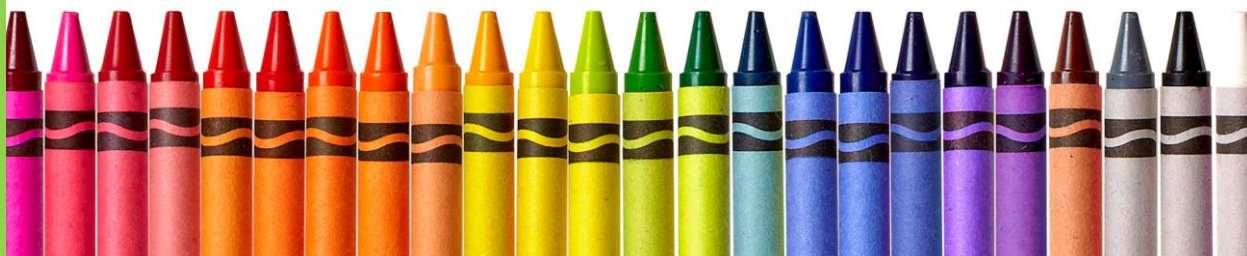
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

2020 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you Cathy Lotz for organizing the children's ministry schedule for 2020. And, a big THANK YOU to all on these two pages who volunteered to help with the children. You are greatly appreciated. The schedule will also be posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby and weekly reminder emails are sent.

Date	Nursery		Children's Church	
	Sunday School hour	Worship hour	Teacher	Helper
January				
5	Cathy Lotz	Mary Green	Cathy Lotz	Kathy Kohrt
12	Cathy Lotz	Becki Winger	Cathy Lotz	Holly Trout
19	Becki Winger	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz	Dottie Seitz
26	Kathy Kohrt	Sandy Lawrence	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
February				
2	Cathy Lotz	Georgia Cullison	Ruth Coverdill	Cathy Lotz
9	Mary Green	Becki Winger	Ruth Coverdill	Sarah Denekas
16	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt	Ruth Coverdill	Connie Curry
23	Kathy Kohrt	Dottie Seitz	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
March				
1	Mary Green	Holly Trout	Sarah Denekas	Donna Vickroy
8	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson
15	Becki Winger	Georgia Cullison	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry
22	Kathy Kohrt	Mary Green	Sarah Denekas	Ruth Coverdill
29	Kathy Kohrt	Dottie Seitz	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
April				
5	Cathy Lotz	Mary Green	Connie Curry	Kathy Kohrt
12	Becki Winger	Nancy Dufur	Connie Curry	Cathy Lotz
19	Nancy Dufur	Becki Winger	Connie Curry	Ruth Coverdill
26	Kathy Kohrt	Holly Trout	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
May				
3	Cathy Lotz	Dottie Seitz	Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas
10	Cathy Lotz	Kathy Kohrt	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson
17	Becki Winger	Georgia Cullison	Cathy Lotz	Connie Curry
24	Gail Horst	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy
31	Kathy Kohrt	Becki Winger	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
June				
7	Cathy Lotz	Gail Horst	Ruth Coverdill	Holly Trout
14	Nancy Dufur	Cathy Lotz	Ruth Coverdill	Dottie Seitz
21	Becki Winger	Sandy Lawrence	Ruth Coverdill	Gail Horst
28	Kathy Kohrt	Cathy Lotz	Family Sunday	Family Sunday



"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it..." 2 Timothy 3:14

2020 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (CONT'D)

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

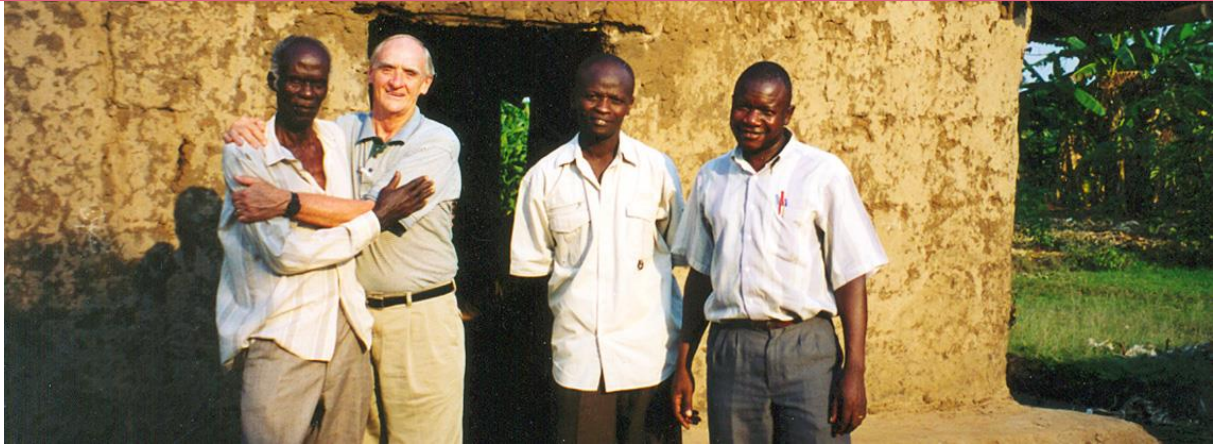
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	Sunday School hour	Worship hour	Teacher	Helper
July				
5	Cathy Lotz	Mary Green	Sarah Denekas	Kathy Kohrt
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19	Becki Winger	Dottie Seitz	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz
26	Kathy Kohrt	Holly Trout	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
August				
2	Cathy Lotz	Cathy Lotz	Connie Curry	Gail Horst
9	Cathy Lotz	Nancy Dufur	Connie Curry	Donna Vickroy
16	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt	Connie Curry	Sarah Denekas
23	Nancy Dufur	Gail Horst	Connie Curry	Ruth Coverdill
30	Kathy Kohrt	Sarah Denekas	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
September				
6	Cathy Lotz	Georgia Cullison	Cathy Lotz	Dottie Seitz
13	Gail Horst	Sandy Lawrence	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson
20	Becki Winger	Nancy Dufur	Cathy Lotz	Holly Trout
27	Kathy Kohrt	Cathy Lotz	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
October				
4	Cathy Lotz	Mary Green	Ruth Coverdill	Kathy Kohrt
11	Mary Green	Nancy Dufur	Ruth Coverdill	Cathy Lotz
18	Becki Winger	Sarah Denekas	Ruth Coverdill	Donna Vickroy
25	Kathy Kohrt	Sandy Lawrence	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
November				
1	Cathy Lotz	Holly Trout	Sarah Denekas	Dottie Seitz
8	Mary Green	Kathy Kohrt	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry
15	Becki Winger	Georgia Cullison	Sarah Denekas	Ruth Coverdill
22	Cathy Lotz	Dottie Seitz	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz
29	Kathy Kohrt	Cathy Lotz	Family Sunday	Family Sunday
December				
6	Cathy Lotz	Dottie Seitz	Connie Curry	Cheryl Gipson
13	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt	Connie Curry	Sarah Denekas
20	Mary Green	Becki Winger	Connie Curry	Holly Trout
27	Kathy Kohrt	Mary Green	Family Sunday	Family Sunday



"...and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Outreach International

Outreach International was founded in 1977. Since that time many people have been recruited for missionary and tent making ministries in several countries.



“The operating philosophy of Outreach International since its beginning in 1977, is based on the fact that all mankind deserves the chance to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and that it is each Christian’s responsibility to do all we can to reach the world with the Good News of Salvation found in Jesus Christ’. Therefore Outreach International has acted as ‘starters’ for those new to worldwide missions and has helped start, by the grace of God, several new missions across the world.” (Brochure of Sept. ’10).

“In 1998 there were approximately 18 workers, in 9 projects and 9 countries. Currently there are 60 workers, in 37 projects in 18 countries (3 projects added just this year, 2019). By God’s grace, OI has helped workers start and establish their own ministries as well as recruited workers to serve with other mission ministries. You have been a part of this effort and we thank you for serving alongside us and the OI missionaries around the world.

We are anxious to share with you some exciting news. We are moving our office to a different house in Shelbyville, MO. The current building was donated by Lucille Bower in 1997 and has served well for over 20 year, but has no running water or bathroom facilities and is small having been built in the mid 1800s. The new facility is under renovations which is near completion

and we are looking forward to moving in early 2020. We are very excited about how God can use the gift of this office space to help us in the ministry of OI be more efficient as we serve those missionaries and projects with the growing opportunities. Thank you Rick and Sandy for this gift and helping OI to grow.

We send out very few letters seeing financial support for Outreach International General Fund because we trust God working through His people to support this, His ministry. We strive to be good stewards of what the Lord entrusts this ministry to use and stretch the funds.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. May God bless you as you remember what He has done for you and as you invest in His work during this blessed Christmas season and throughout the coming year.” (OI newsletter Dec. 2019)



One of the missions under the umbrella of OI is Me and My House in Manzanillo Mexico. Countryside Christian Church also financially supports that work as well as funding OI.

“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

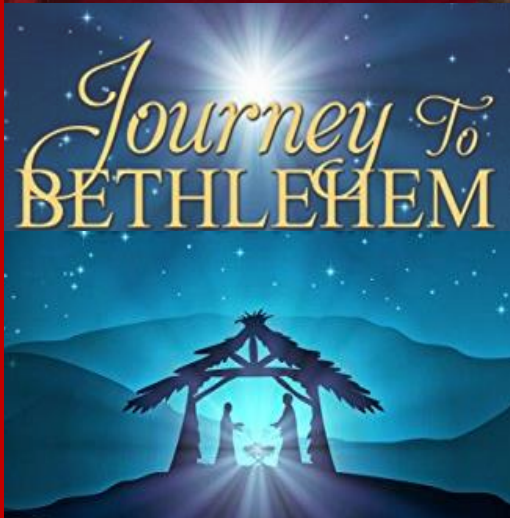


On Sunday, December 15th, the children presented the Christmas program: **“A Journey to Bethlehem”**

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to all of the children who did a great job learning their lines and presenting the Christmas program.

Also, thank you to the parents and grandparents who brought them to practice and helped with costumes. I could not have done it without you!

Laura Schmidt



CAST: Narrator 1: Nathan Johnson, Narrator 2: Jacob Johnson, Mary: Ellie Johnson, Joseph: Alonzo Ramos, Angel: Seth Johnson, Elizabeth: Erin Trout, Zechariah: Kellan Schmidt, Townspeople, Angels, Shepherds: Noah Green, Wyatt Green, Caroline Green, Joey Green, Jeri Chasek, Natalia Ramos, King Herod: Ryan Schmidt

Sanctity of human life



On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating **January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.** (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.)

Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, oh hold them back! If you say, “See, we did not know this,” does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work? Proverbs 24:10-12

YOU ARE A BLESSING

Merry Christmas...

Thank you, thank you to everyone who generously sponsored an "angel" on the Angel Tree in the church foyer. Because of your kindness, we were able to sponsor **41 people** who otherwise would not have had a very nice Christmas. We appreciate so much everyone who gave from their hearts to each one!



and a Happy New Year

Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

—A.W. Tozer



"This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We're on. Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet." —Beth Moore

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

The believers in Jerusalem were suffering because of a severe famine (see Acts 11:28–29), and the Macedonians—though needy themselves—responded with generous financial aid (2 Cor. 8:1–5). The Corinthians had enthusiastically offered help, but they were slack in carrying it out (8:10–11; 9:1–3). Paul reminded them that God had blessed them abundantly so that they could be generous and share that abundance (8:14–15; 9:8–11). He challenged them to honor their promise completely (8:6–12; 9:5) and quotes Psalm 112:9 to encourage their generous giving (2 Cor. 9:9).



YTD Offering Income

Budget: \$32,500

Actual: \$23,118

YTD Faith Promises

\$15,643

MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that “As God Gives, So Shall We Give.” By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ _____ Annual Total

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

Cheryl was in for a surprise as she pulled up to deliver her next pizza.



Expecting to arrive at a home, she instead found herself outside a church.

Cheryl confusedly carried the pepperoni pizza inside, where she was met by the pastor.

“Is it fair to say life hasn’t been easy for you?” the pastor asked her. Cheryl agreed it hadn’t. With that, he brought out two offering plates that church members had filled with money. The pastor then poured over \$750 into Cheryl’s delivery bag as a tip! Unbeknownst to Cheryl, the pastor had

asked the pizza shop to send their most financially strapped driver over. Cheryl was stunned. She could now pay some bills. When the first Christians in Jerusalem faced poverty, it was a church that rushed to their aid. Though in need themselves, the Macedonian Christians gave sacrificially, considering it a privilege to do so (2 Cor. 8:1–4). Paul cited their generosity as an example for the Corinthians, and us, to follow. When we use our plenty to supply another’s need, we reflect Jesus, who gave away His riches to meet our own spiritual poverty (v. 9).

Cheryl told all her customers about the church’s kindness that day, and, following its example, donated the rest of the day’s tips to others in need. An act of generosity multiplied. And Christ was glorified.

By: Sheridan Voysey

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Upcoming Events

1/4

Annual Blood Drive
7:30am-11:30am



1/6

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENT
MEETINGS**
Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)
All Departments (7pm)



1/9

Elders' Meeting
6:30pm



1/19

ELDER/DEACON BIBLE STUDY
Monthly Bible Study at the church at 8am



1/26

**FAMILY SUNDAY/POTLUCK
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**
Immediately following the Worship Service



JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 – Caroline Joann Green
- 3 – Chris Gillman
- 4 – Seth Johnson
- 8 – Ethel Knight
- 9 – Noah Christensen
- 11 – Deron Boyer
- 13 – Alissa Heydeman
- 17 – Logan Heydeman
- 14 – Josh Larimer
- 16 – Ellie Johnson
- 16 – Garrett Chance
- 23 – Lisa Hoffman
- 24 – Joshua Wheeler
- 28 – Mike Winger

JANUARY Anniversaries

- 4 – Donna & Don Vickroy
- 21 – Kathy & Harry Kohrt

We are all making New Year's resolutions for the coming year and we want to challenge you to read the Bible in its entirety!

To help you achieve that goal, a bookmark will be included in each newsletter. Our prayer is that it will simplify your life by having the bookmark tucked into your Bible to tell you what to read next and for you to check off daily!

January

- 1. Genesis 1-2
- 2. Genesis 3-5
- 3. Genesis 6-9
- 4. Genesis 10-11
- 5. Genesis 12-15
- 6. Genesis 16-19
- 7. Genesis 20-22
- 8. Genesis 23-26
- 9. Genesis 27-29
- 10. Genesis 30-32
- 11. Genesis 33-36
- 12. Genesis 37-39
- 13. Genesis 40-42
- 14. Genesis 43-46
- 15. Genesis 47-50
- 16. Exodus 1-4
- 17. Exodus 5-7
- 18. Exodus 8-10
- 19. Exodus 11-13
- 20. Exodus 14-17
- 21. Exodus 18-20
- 22. Exodus 21-24
- 23. Exodus 25-27
- 24. Exodus 28-31
- 25. Exodus 32-24
- 25. Exodus 35-37
- 27. Exodus 38-40
- 28. Leviticus 1-4
- 29. Leviticus 5-7
- 30. Leviticus 8-10
- 31. Leviticus 11-13

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



NURSERY

Sunday School Hour:

- Jan 5th – Cathy Lotz
- Jan 12th – Cathy Lotz
- Jan 19th – Becki Winger
- Jan 26th – Kathy Kohrt

Worship Hour:

- Jan 5th – Mary Green
- Jan 12th – Becki Winger
- Jan 19th – Sarah Denekas
- Jan 26th – Sandy Lawrence

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Jan 5th – Cathy Lotz & Kathy Kohrt
- Jan 12th – Cathy Lotz & Holly Trout
- Jan 19th – Cathy Lotz & Dottie Seitz
- Jan 26th – FAMILY SUNDAY



January 5th

- Wayne Lotz (Meditation)
- Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
- Don Vickroy (Offering Prayer)

January 12th

- Don Vickroy (Meditation)
- Ryan Schmidt (Communion Prayer)
- Teresa Garcia (Offering Prayer)

January 19th

- Roger Curry (Meditation)
- Teresa Garcia (Communion Prayer)
- Wayne Lotz (Offering Prayer)

January 26th

- Wayne Lotz (Meditation)
- Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
- Ryan Schmidt (Offering Prayer)

Building Cleaners

Volunteers needed for 2020. Please see Roger Curry. The church is divided into three sections and three different families are responsible for cleaning just their area for that month. A detailed list is provided to make it easy!



“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God’s many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God’s continued goodness.

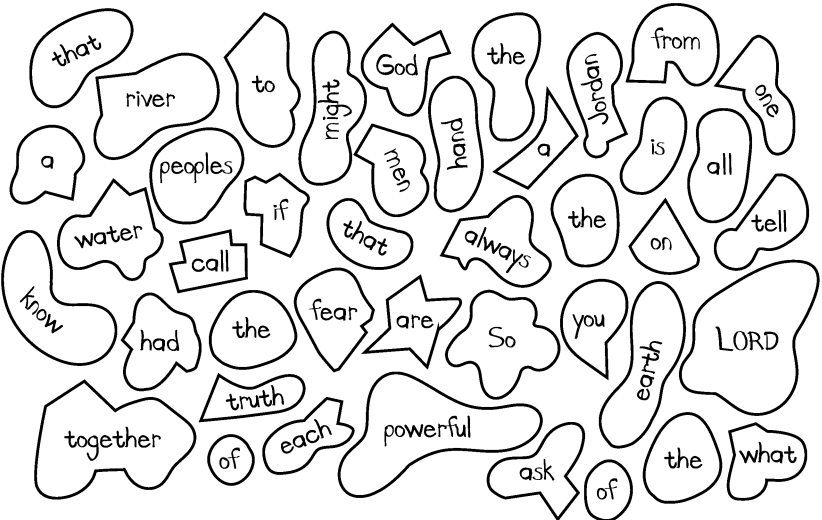


PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren’t completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
 _____ the _____
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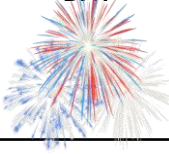


JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

2020

January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	02 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	03	04  Annual Blood Drive 7:30-11:30am
05 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	06 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	07 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	08 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	09 Elder Mtg 6pm Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	13 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	14 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	15 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	16 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	17	18
19 Elder/Deacon Study 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	20 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm  Honoring MLK	21 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	22 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	23 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Family Sunday Potluck Lunch Food Pantry Collection	27 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	28 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm Soup Kitchen 5-7pm	29 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	30 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	31	