

# St. Paul's Epistle

"St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
glorifies God by connecting people to Jesus  
through teaching, serving, caring, & telling!"

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For a variety of reasons some people today claim that "the world would be better off without religion." Some look at tragic wars, such as the Thirty Years War that began between Roman Catholics and Protestants following the Reformation, and they conclude that religion in general, and Christianity in particular, is bad. Others look at how some religious leaders have misled, abused, and even killed their followers or their opponents. Still others hold resentment toward religion of any sort, due to negative personal experiences and/or deeply held atheistic beliefs. And while it must be readily admitted that there have indeed been tragedies and abuses in the name of religion, all of this is acknowledged by sincere Christians as what should not happen according to the Christian faith.

It would be wrong for someone to say that the world would be better off without love because some have loved things that are bad and have been motivated to evil actions due to misguided love. So also, right religion adhered to in the proper manner produces good, not evil, in people's lives and in the world, and therefore should not be dismissed. In communist nations, where religion was not allowed and atheism was the official belief, unspeakable injustices have been committed with incalculable murders and other atrocities done all because those in control of the government felt that they, and not God, determined what was right and what was wrong. Those who feel that the world would be better off without religion believe, in fact, that people created a concept of the divine. The biblical view, on the other hand, is that God created humanity and the entire universe, establishing an order to all things that includes morality.

Answers to the fundamental questions of human existence, that help make sense of the world, that have the most beneficial effect on society, and that provide true meaning for life, are found only in the religion of Christianity. Why are we conscious, and why is there right and wrong? What are we living for, and when did everything come to be? These foundational questions are answered adequately only from the Bible, not according to mere human philosophy.

Christians believe that the Bible was penned by people under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, communicating God's Word to humanity. In Psalm 14 the psalmist says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1). The Scriptures tell us that God acknowledges that there are some who deny His existence, and will therefore dismiss religion altogether, but they are called fools. While Psalm 14:1 might sound harsh, the reality is that the existence of the Creator and moral law Giver is obvious. In his letter to the early Christians in Rome, the apostle Paul, writing about God's existence, said, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).

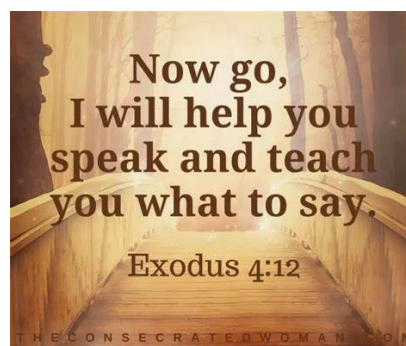
Though it is plain to people that God exists, really it is no surprise to God that many deny Him. Because humanity rebelled against God near the beginning of creation (Genesis 3), man by nature is spiritually blind, dead, and an enemy of God. People are naturally bent toward disobeying God, which can include denying Him in their thinking. Acknowledging God in one's thought life means that one should recognize that they are accountable to God for how they live morally. But denying God's existence means that one can live absolutely however one wants to, and this is the true sense in which people believe that they are better off without religion.

To willfully deny God's existence is certainly possible, and may seem liberating, but it is not easy. Martin Luther once said, "Those who do not believe that there is a god are swimming against the stream." To deny that God is real takes great effort, for a general knowledge of God is within each person.

For real life and peace, a specific and personal knowledge of the true God is what a person needs, and this is found only in God's Word to humanity, the Bible. It is in His Word that we come to know His great love for us that He demonstrated through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross for our sins. And may we Christ followers today grow in His life-giving Word and also be ready to share that Word with an unbelieving world.

In Christ the Life,

Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar



## September 2022

**8:15am** Traditional Worship  
In-Church & Facebook Live  
**9:30am** Sunday School all ages  
**10:00am** WZDK 98.5 FM Radio  
**10:45am** CrossLife in the ARC

**Holy Communion Sept 4 & 18**  
**Staffed Nursery 8am until noon**

### Bible Study

**Adult Bible Study**  
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi  
Great Women of the Bible  
Sundays 9:30am  
**Pastor's Bible Study** 9:45am

**Acts Adult Bible Study**  
Wednesdays 10:30

**Adult Bible Study,**  
**2 Samuel**  
Wednesdays 6:15pm

### Looking Ahead

**Handbells and Choir begin**  
rehearsals September 7  
6:00 and 7:00pm

**Family Fun Night**  
Thursday, September 15  
at 5:30pm

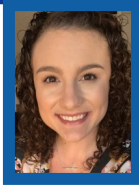
**"God Talk" sermon series**  
begins September 18

**ktoberfest in Alabama**  
September 17  
3:00 pm

**2022 Theme**  
**"Blessed in Giving!"**

**2022 Verse**  
**Acts 20:35**

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"



St. Paul's Family,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..."

*Galatians 5:22-23*

We had an amazing Rally Day on Sunday, August 14th, kicking off Fall Sunday School! It was a joy to see so many faces and have the kids participate in our backpack blessing!

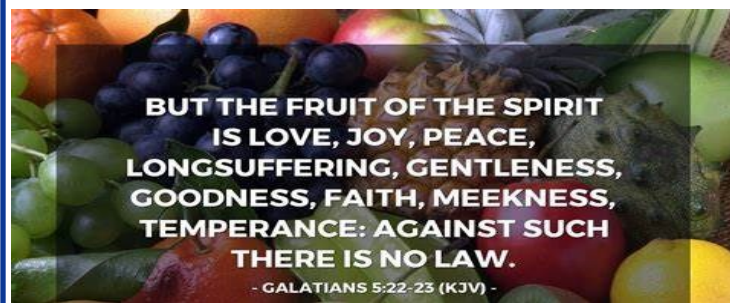
This year for Sunday School Offering, we will be collecting money towards *Because International's* Shoe That Grows! These shoes are really special in the fact that they grow five sizes and are made from a very durable material that won't wear out! These shoes cost \$20 and our goal is raise enough money to get 100 pairs of shoes by next year! So far with VBS, we have raised enough money for 24 pairs of shoes and our Preschool is also raising money alongside of us to reach our goal! Don't forget to bring your offering Sunday mornings to Opening at 9:30am in the ARC!

With kicking off Sunday School for the Fall we are excited for everything starting up again like FaithLinks on Wednesday Nights! Every Wednesday there will be a meal at 5:30pm and starting at 6:15pm there will be activities for all ages! Children in Kindergarten to 6th grade are welcome to join me in the ARC for a time of devotion and games, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to join our confirmation class led by Pastor Kretzschmar held in the YAC, High School Youth can head to the High School Youth Room for a lesson and games led by our amazing Adult Leaders (Heather and Raymond), and we have an Adult Bible Study held in Room 317! We hope you and your family can join us on Wednesdays for FaithLinks! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the church office or find me on Sunday!

All year long we have been challenging ourselves to be in God's word daily! For the month of September our Bible Readings will be focused on the Fruits of the Spirit! Don't forget that it's never too late to join the challenge; every month there is a new theme and we're only asking for you to commit to reading 1-3 verses a day! To join us this month in our Bible Reading Challenge, you can grab a monthly bookmark either in from your church mailbox, the Narthex, the Lobby, or by my office. You can also receive daily reminders from our church Facebook Page or receive a daily text message with the readings by texting "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010.

God's Blessings,

*Skylar Smith, DCE*



## Enduring Faith Sunday School Curriculum

September Sunday School Lessons!

September 4th – All Together

September 11th – A Shepherd Loves: The Good Shepherd

September 18th – A Tree View: Zacchaeus

September 25th – A Revealing Truth: The Emmaus Road

## Children's

**Sunday**

**School**

**Offering**

**Mission**



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JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY:

DINNER - 5:30PM - FELLOWSHIP ROOM

CONFIRMATION CLASS - 6:15PM - YAC

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - 6:15PM - ARC/GYM

YOUTH GROUP - 6:15PM - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ROOM

NURSERY - 6:15PM - RM 101

BIBLE STUDY - 6PM - RM 317

## Bible Reading Challenge

## Sept—Fruit of the Spirit

These daily readings look at verses that focus on our theme of "The Blessing of Community" These verses may only take a few seconds to read, but we encourage you to read them multiple times throughout the day and spend time in prayer with God over the verses. We also encourage you, if you have the time, to READ MORE! These verses are a starting point!

Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17

Day 3: John 3:16-17

Day 4: John 15:9-10

Day 5: John 15:12-13

Day 6: Habukkuk 3:17-18

Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9

Day 8: Luke 15:7

Day 9: Psalm 30:5

Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11

Day 11: James 3:18

Day 12: Psalm 29:11

Day 13: Romans 12:18

Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7

Day 15: James 1:2-4

Day 16: Romans 5:1-2

Day 17: Romans 5:3-4

Day 18: Proverbs 31:20

Day 19: Colossians 3:12

Day 20: Titus 3:1-2

Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2

Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6

Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8

Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2

Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 26: Romans 14:19

Day 27: Proverbs 25:28

Day 28: Proverbs 16:32

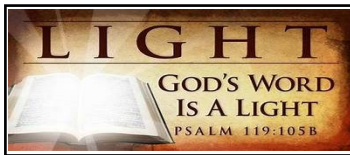
Day 29: Titus 2:11-14

Day 30: Philippians 4:8

You can pick up a monthly bookmark at church, Like our Facebook page to get the daily reading (and be sure to Like and Share the reading for the day so that your friends can see them too!), or text "@stpaulsbrc" to 81010 to get text message reminders.

Talk to Skylar if you have any questions!



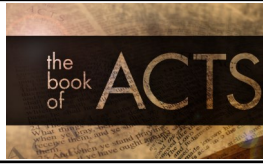


Here are several studies along with our 2022 Bible Reading Challenge on page 2 to help us be in His Word and in His light!

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:30-11:30 am in Room 316

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Skylar!



### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday nights beginning at 6:15 pm in Room 317. Please join us!

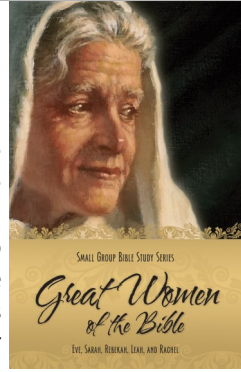


### Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am Room 317

#### Great Women of the Bible

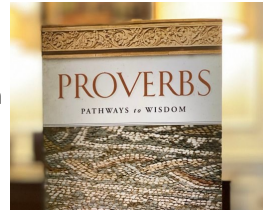
Join us as June Asher will lead a new Bible Study that will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.



### Sunday Morning Pastor's Study

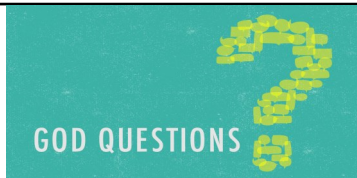
9:45 am in the Fellowship Room

Please join us for an engaging study on Sunday mornings!



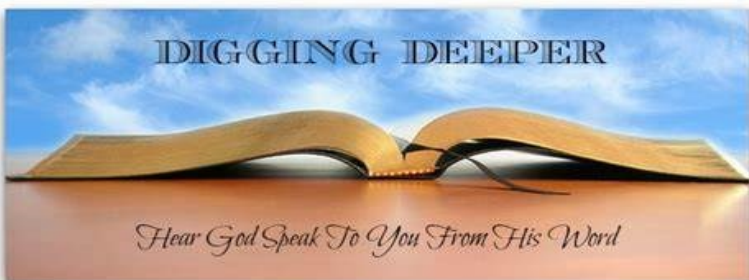
#### Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom

Join us for a video-enhanced Bible study that explores the context, language, and interpretation of the Book of Proverbs. Each lesson will cover well-known verses and examine major themes throughout the book.



### Sunday Morning Sermon Series Coming Soon

- September 18 – *Is God real?*
- September 25 – *Is the Bible true?*
- October 2 – *Do all roads lead to heaven?*
- October 9 – *How can a good God allow suffering?*
- October 16 – *Which is right: Evolution or Creation?*
- October 23 – *What will heaven be like?*



**Family Fun night is Thursday, September 15,** from 5:30-7:30 pm. We are planning hot dogs and chips; games like, corn hole. Bring a football to toss or soccer ball to kick around. If weather permits we will have a fire pit and roast marshmallows (maybe have fixin's for S'mores!) so bring your lawn chairs. Open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. We hope you join us for some **Good Old Fashioned Fun and Fellowship!** \*To be held rain or shine-outside if weather permits / inside if it rains.



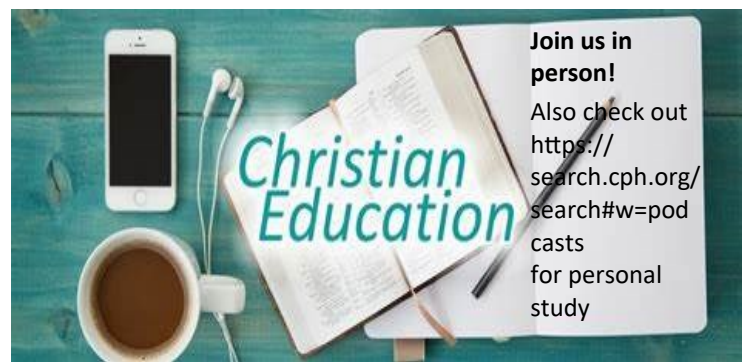
St. Paul's is hosting a Chili Cookoff! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 7 during FaithLinks dinner! Get out your favorite Chili Recipes and start perfecting it! Watch for more details in upcoming publications!



### OKTOBERFEST IN ALABAMA - AT THE DANIEL RESIDENCE

We are having an Oktoberfest Party on September 17, 2022 3:00 pm until???. There will be Bratwurst, German Music, and Fun!! Please bring a dish to share, and your favorite beverage. R.S.V.P. 233-1266. Call and let us know what dish you intend to bring.

Directions to the Daniel residence are - from Decatur take 565 East. Take the Mooresville Road exit (Exit 2), and turn left (North). It's about seven miles from the exit to Southern Heritage Estates. Take a left on Southern Heritage Lane (first street past the four way). Our house (24840 Southern Heritage Lane) is on the left. Or take I-65 North to Tanner/Huntsville-Brown's Ferry Exit. Make right turn onto HSV/Brown's F. Rd at Mooresville Rd (first 4 Way Stop) Turn left and go to Southern Heritage Lane (first street on the left). Our house is the 7<sup>th</sup> house on the left. Hope to see you there!



#### Join us in person!

Also check out <https://search.cph.org/search#w=podcasts> for personal study

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
28 8:15am Traditional Worship & Facebook Live† 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Radio 98.5FM Worship 10:45am CrossLife Worship	29 7:00am PS Ext Care (M-F) 8:45am Preschool (M-Th) 2:30pm KTT Afterschool (M-F)	30 8:30am 9:30 & 11 Exercise Class	31 10:00am Quilting 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm KTT Chapel 5:30pm FaithLinks Dinner 6:00pm Adult Bible study 6:15pm Confirmation	1 8:30am 9:30 & 11 Exercise Class 10:00am PS Chapel 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 Church Office closed KTT Closed	3
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- Sept 3 Beth Hellebrand
- Sept 3 Joan Pitts
- Sept 4 David Burrell
- Sept 4 Emma Nave
- Sept 6 Jodi Hays
- Sept 6 Luna Herrarte
- Sept 7 Faith Kretzschar
- Sept 9 Darryl Mitchell
- Sept 13 Ashley Lawrence
- Sept 14 Jane Burrell
- Sept 14 Melinda Carlson
- Sept 14 Andrew Keaty
- Sept 14 Laura Frasher Tuttle
- Sept 14 Jennifer Kimmett
- Sept 14 Mike Redwanz
- Sept 15 Lamar Burch
- Sept 15 Mike Love
- Sept 18 Oliver Nave
- Sept 19 Jerry Alldredge

- Sept 19 Val Blaske
  - Sept 19 Mitzi Reed
  - Sept 20 Dakota Bauer
  - Sept 21 David Graham
  - Sept 22 Nancy Neuendorf
  - Sept 22 Don Riley
  - Sept 24 Bill Darwin
  - Sept 24 Deb Smitherman
  - Sept 25 Gail Pisani
  - Sept 25 Joel Stephens
  - Sept 26 Tonya Herda
  - Sept 29 Jen Ciesielski
- God's Blessings on your Special Day!**



- Sept 4 Dean & Vanessa Byer
- Sept 4 Bruce & Pam Newton
- Sept 4 Carl & Heather Reardon
- Sept 5 Mike & Linda Holcomb
- Sept 7 Mike & Rebecca Widmar
- Sept 14 Rick & Helga Daniel
- Sept 19 Pedro & Emily Santaliz
- Sept 21 Jim & Marsha Disher
- Sept 23 Steve & Katrina Smith
- Sept 24 Roy & Joyce Weiland
- Sept 27 Craig & Melinda Baker



Come join the Handbell Choir  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm  
**September 7 and 21**  
October 5 and 19  
November 2 and 16



Come join the choir Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the choir loft.  
New members welcome!

**September 7 and 21**  
October 5 and 19  
November 2 and 16  
For more info contact Mary Morgan



# Serving the Lord in Worship this Month at St. Paul's

		September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Elders	8:15am	Sullivant	Mann	Pittman	Nave
Ushers	8:15am	Rick Daniel Jack Blaske Tim Nave Oliver Nave	Ron Neuendorf Joseph Woodbury Mike Ater Bob Seibert	Graham Peebles James Thrasher Michael Kimmett Mathew Kimmett	Jim Disher Ken Hamilton Mickey Whiteside Mike Widmar
Acolytes	8:15am	Katelyn	Emma	Owen	Katelyn
AV Techs	8:15am	Rich Maschke	Bob Sullivant	Bob Sullivant	Bob Sullivant
Readers	8:15am	Open	Rhonda Reece	Open	Nancy Neuendorf
Sanctuary Flowers		Open	Open	Open	Craig and Melinda Baker
<b>Altar Guild for September</b>		<b>Val Blaske, Jennifer Kimmitt</b>		<b>Counters for September Rusty Nicholson and Rhonda Reece</b>	
Elders	10:45am	Burrell	Fritze	Herfurth	Widmar
Host families	10:45am	Herfurth family	Gilchrist family	Morgan family	Atkins family
AV Techs	10:45am	Morgan	Gilchrist	Herfurth	Ringers

## ATTENDANCE

2022 Year-to-Date Average Attendance  
 In-church attendees 113  
 Facebook sign-ins 24

We have seen a 20% increase in in-church attendance in the first and second Quarter of 2022 over last year at that time - it is great to see our people coming back in church again, especially after summer vacations! Please join us in Worship and the Bible Study opportunities available - it is good to meet together!

## FINANCES

Current Loan  
 Balance: **\$245,330**

### Financial Plan Activity thru July 31, 2022

YTD FirstFruits Giving: \$ 257,825 **Goal YTD: \$289,625**  
 YTD Total Expenses: - \$ 283,104  
 - \$ 25,278  
 PPP funds applied + \$ 1,434  
 Plan Activity thru June - \$ 23,844 **Giving is behind YTD, but the gap is narrowing!**

Thanks to all for faithful giving in-person, by mail, and online.  
**Online Giving is greatly encouraged!**  
 Currently, 35% of our Givers give safely online; to join them, go to the [website](#), download the app, or contact the Church Office.



Secure Giving [on the website](#)  
[www.StPaulsDec.com](http://www.StPaulsDec.com)



## Church Photo Directory

The 2022 St. Paul's Photo Directory has been printed and placed in each of the church mailboxes. We hope you enjoy all the family photos and updated contact information - thanks to everyone who submitted their pictures! Please call or email any changes to the Church Office immediately so that we can keep our database up-to-date!



St Paul's Quilters meet in Room 317 every Wednesday at 10am - Join us!  
 For more information contact Helga Daniel



Meet us in the Parlor every Thursday at 11am.  
 Bring a friend!

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## Outreach Project

Thank you to everyone who contributes and prays for the visitors to our Blessing Box!

Please help to keep the Blessing Box stocked by placing non-perishable items in the Blessing Box or in the collection box under the Portico at the Sanctuary entrance.

We are blessing our neighbors - one can at a time!





# Afterschool Care

Special thanks to St. Paul's for allowing us to use their vehicles this summer.



# SUMMER SNAPS



Cajon Players perform at KTT'S closing program.



Parachute fun.

Joshua Boyer won the KTT king and queen contest by raising \$532.00.



KTT would like to extend an extra special thank you to Paul Broome and Don Olson for always being available to lend a helping hand. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.



We finished strong with 55 children our last day of summer camp. We all dressed in our favorite team's shirt and had a pizza party.



Charlotte Bradley,  
Director, KTT Inc  
(256) 666-8601

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/KidzTweenzTeenzInc/>



# St Paul's Preschool

*Director's Message*

**Preschool is open and ready to go!**

We currently have 68 children enrolled from 15 months – PreK 4. We have 7 classroom teachers, 3 classroom aides, and 2 “floaters” for our students in the 3 and PreK 4 classes. We also have an afternoon office worker and 6 Extended Care staff members, plus the director!

If you have a heart for the Preschool Ministry at St. Paul's please take a moment to read over our volunteer opportunities on the next page. We have missed so many special moments during the pandemic and are ready to move forward! We love having congregation members visit us and join us for special events. Please give prayerful consideration to the opportunities listed.



Enjoy some pictures of our new school year!



*Nancy Neuendorf,  
Director  
(256) 353-1353*

For more info and pictures of activities, please visit [www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsDec.Preschool)





# St. Paul's Preschool needs your help!!

We love volunteers at our school!



If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form below and return to the Preschool or Church Office or Call 256-353-1353.

*Even if you are unable to help at the Preschool, we ask that you keep our children and staff in daily prayer.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with (please check all that apply)

**Special Events such as:**

**Parent Appreciation "to go"** 7:00-9:00 the first Monday of each month.

Greet parents as they come in and share breakfast "to go" and receive parenting tips from Miss Skyler.

**Grandparent's Day on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** For Grandparents or special family friends.

Enjoy coffee and breakfast goodies as you visit with grandparents and spend time with children who don't have grandparents/special friends. 7:00-9:30. Come when you can! Grandparents may choose to attend Chapel at 9:30.

**Thanksgiving Program and Feast on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Program at 11:00 followed by feast. Food is brought in by parents and families.

We need help organizing food and interacting with parents.

**Christmas program on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Program starts at 12:00 with cookie reception following program. Need help organizing cookies & punch and serving.

**Donuts and Dads on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** Enjoy coffee and donuts as you visit with families and interact with our children.

**Easter Egg Hunt on April 6<sup>th</sup>** Help with eggs and little ones

**Muffins and Moms on May 4<sup>th</sup>** Enjoy coffee and muffins as you visit with moms and family members.

**Graduation on May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 Help set up and serve

**Fun Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>** Help set up and run games, "extra hands w/kids"

**Photographer for any events!**

**On-going opportunities:**

Help with maintenance and upkeep of facility including painting front door, shelves, working on playground,

Help a teacher in her class

Read to a class

Provide special snacks for a class

Help with special art activities

**When are you available?** (Please circle)

M T W T F Morning Afternoon

**Monetary Donations for projects and/or special items for classrooms**

**Designated Funding** for special projects/activities needed for continued accreditation:

Upgrading playground

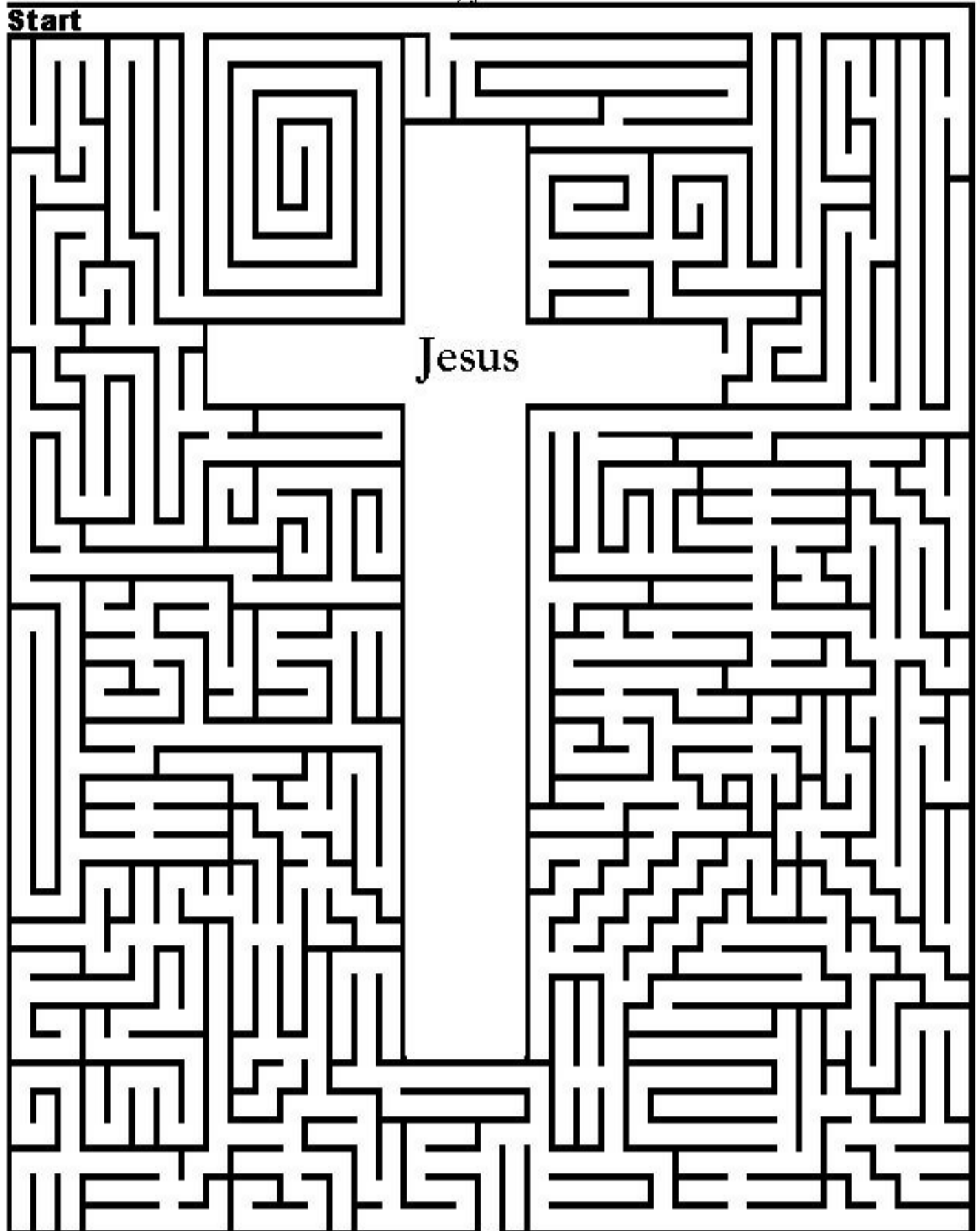
Painting

Carpet replacement



In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.

**Start**



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**St. Paul's 2022 THEME VERSE - Acts 20:35**

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**2022 Theme - "Blessed in Giving!"**



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what's going on!**

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**Disciples - Middle School Youth**

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**Prophets - High School Youth**

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You can also find out by...

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**Weekly Email Update**

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# The Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

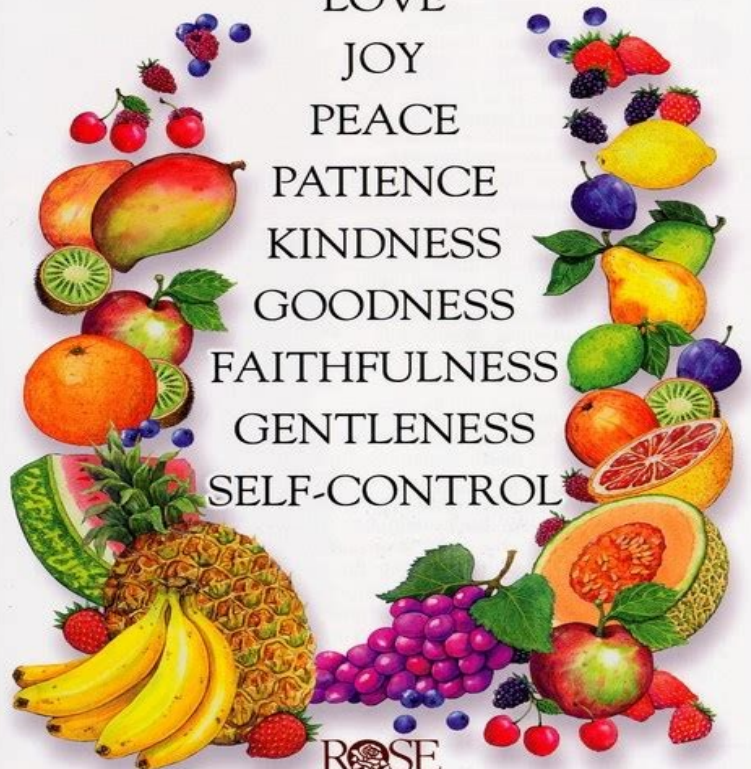
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GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL



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