

Central Baptist Church of Westerly, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

THE GOOD WORD

Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World
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**Worship With Us At
Central Baptist**



**Sunday Worship Service
10:30 AM**

Our services can be seen on
Facebook Live or on YouTube.
Access is always available
through our church website:
www.cbwesterlyri.org

**NEED A RIDE
TO CHURCH?**



Call 401-596-4929
Call the church before
noon on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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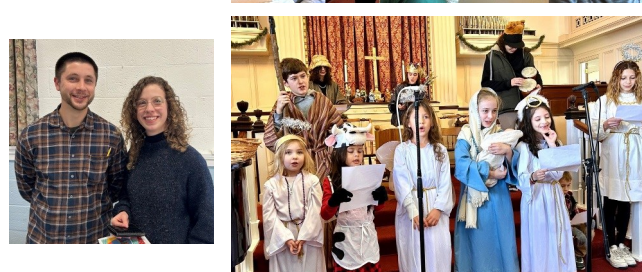
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Christmas Comes To Central



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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



NEWSLETTER TEAM

Suzanne Vanaman
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and
A host of other contributors

**Newsletter
Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*,
are due the
15th of the month.
Please submit articles
as a WORD document
if possible.

e-mail all articles to:
Suzanne Vanaman

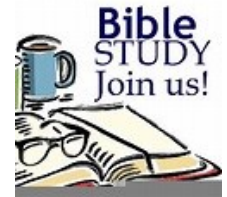
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CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

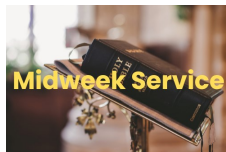
Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM in the Chapel.

Led by Rev. David Jordan



Wednesday Night Services Resume on January 8th



Join us for a short midweek worship service. It offers
a little singing, a time of prayer and a short message.
The midweek services provides a spiritual boost in the
middle of your week.



CHURCH MEETINGS

January 7
6:30 PM Mission Board

January 9
6:30 pm Church Council

January 13
5:30 Board of Christian Ed

January 20
4:30 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Board of Deacons

Casting Call at Central

Every year at Christmas and Easter we
bring the Bible to life with some short
dramatic portrayals. In the new year we
hope to add a few more. If you have ever
acted before or would like to participate,
please speak to Pastor Cal.



ORDER BRICKS FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Orders are now being accepted
for the Memorial Garden Bricks.
We will be collecting them until
end of February, with orders
going out hopefully the first
part of March. Order forms can
be found in the church office, or
contact Noreen Gerrish
(401-596-5796) or Pat
Anderson (806-599-1424) for
forms and any questions. The
price is still \$150 per brick.



January 4 - 8:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

All men invited

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Christmas is such a special season at Church. There are so many memorable events that take place. I would be remiss if I didn't give extra kudos to Lynn Johnson and the choir for the wonderful effort they put into making our services both joyful and meaningful.

It begins with preparing the special music for each of our Advent & Christmas services. At the busiest time of the year, this group gets together each week to rehearse the music. Believe it or not, the group has grown to twenty members. The dedication they have shown deserves our gratitude.

Along with our services each week, the group participated in the Winter concert with the Westminster Youth Strings at the Westerly Armory on December 1st. Then they took part in our Christmas Cantata in the two Seventh Day Baptist Churches on the Saturday and at our church on Sunday. Finally, they capped off the season by singing on Christmas Eve.

Highlights of the season included a duet by Tonya Smith and Michael Grillo on the anthem, "No Eye Has Seen" and a trio by the "Lord" girls within the "Coventry Carol."

Several members of the choir also did extra duty and went caroling to some of our shut-in members.

To thank everyone, Lynn and Paul Johnson hosted the group at their home for a choir Christmas party.

They will take a break on the first Sunday of the new year but they will be back for more.



Lynn Johnson has everyone singing God's praises each Sunday of the year at Central Baptist.



Each Sunday in Advent a different family lit the candles and led our call to worship. They included members of the Lord, Newman, Burnside and Lestinsky/ Humphrey families.



Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Board of Trustees



The replacement lift, enabling full access to Fellowship Hall, is being installed on 16 December. Special thanks to Church Family members, Lucy Davis and Scott Hallamore. Lucy provided her expertise in developing a successful grant request to ABCORI (American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island). This grant will reimburse a significant amount of the cost. Scott Hallamore, of Elevator and Lift Solutions, provided his expertise in acquiring and installing the equipment. This saved the installation costs.

The Board of Trustees will develop strategies to meet the Church goals and support the Church mission. The Trustees see our primary role as developing and maintaining safe and clean facilities and managing real property and financial resources in support of the various goals and objectives of all of the boards and missions as appropriate.

The invitation to join this Board of Trustees at a meeting to offer suggestions or ask questions is always open. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30.

Respectfully,
Bob Burnside

Treasurer's Report

	November 2024 Actual	November Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	54,007.65	43,212.18	499,988.35	473,533.98	532,946.00
Total Expenses	45,975.69	41,904.86	473,939.98	490,243.35	532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	8,031.96	1,307.33	26,048.37	(16,709.37)	549.00

Overall, the financial plan is proceeding as expected. The year-to-date income is 5% ahead of the year-to-date planned amount. A more detailed look at some of the major revenue lines shows that planned giving is 2.75% below the year-to-date expected amount and all planned transfers from the trust funds for the year have already been taken, thus creating the positive difference between the year-to-date income and the year-to-date planned amount.

When reviewing expenses the year-to-date expenses through the end of November are tracking lower (3.3% below) than the year-to-date financial plan and are also below the year-to-date income thus providing an end of November net income of \$26,048.37.

As always, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends allows the church to actively serve our community while also proactively maintaining our church properties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much!

Here are some options for online giving:

- 1) Add CBC's address (16 Elm St Westerly RI 02891) to your bank's Bill Payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church. Add a memo if your gift is for a special cause.
- 2) Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cellphone and easily send a donation.
- 3) Another option is to visit www.cbccwesterlyri.org, then click on Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithes.com/app/Giving/cbcw>.

You can give either directly from your bank account or ... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card.

The app uses the same security as bank web sites, so your personal information is secure.

Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so 'once and it's done'!



**Board of Deacons
Being Goal Oriented**



Here's something I'm sure you've heard from a parent or a teacher at some point..."you can't just float around aimlessly in life, you need to have goals!" Honestly, it's good advice! It's so easy to get lost if you don't know where you're trying to go in the first place. Recently I had the opportunity to work with Lucy Davis and the long range planning committee to define an overall vision for our work at Central Baptist. We sat together, prayed together, and came up with some high level goals for our church family to help guide us over the next few years. I think most of you saw the results of this process at the all church meeting last month. Pastor even put some pretty nice slides together to make it feel just a bit more exciting! We're going to begin the execution phase in the coming year, starting with establishing owners for each goal on the church council. An exciting time for sure!

One of the hardest things about this process was the huge number of options we needed to consider. We can do literally anything with the Lord's help, but it needs to be His mission and His timing. It's pretty daunting when you think about it! Life is like that too...there's a million ways you can go, but there's only one right way, God's way. The good news is, when you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you don't have to worry about figuring it all out yourself. We are to have one priority in life, and that is to seek the kingdom of God. Take a look at the end of Matthew 6, it's right there. Jesus tells us not to worry, because our Father in heaven knows our needs and will supply them, provided we keep our eyes on the heavenly prize. So, the next time you're feeling like you're drowning in a sea of a million decisions, remember to be goal oriented! Seek the kingdom of God with all your heart, and listen for the still, small voice of God. Jesus will never steer you wrong.

Scott Gail

Our Ministry To Members

We have been working on putting together a long range plan for our church and ministry. Pastor Cal shared the committee's work so far at the Quarterly Meeting in October. Although the full plan is being worked on, we have begun fleshing it out and making it real. For example, our Board of Trustees is installing a new lift to provide handicap access to Fellowship Hall. They hope to have it completed by the end of the year. Special thanks to Scott Hallamore for being the conduit in getting the new lift. He had the connections. Bob Burnside, Jim Collins, Randy Sargent and Ray Deptulski are doing the heavy lifting to get it installed. Lucy Davis was responsible for putting together the grant application which will bring 75% of the cost of the money back to the church from the Baptist Home Board of Rhode Island Baptists.



On Saturday, December 14th the Friendship Circle and Board of Deacons provided the assistance needed to get Kay Perone home for a few hours. Kay is at the Royal Health in Westerly. Her home is being sold. This special visit was arranged by Meredith Eckel and a host of others. Special thanks to all the guys who provided assistance getting her in and out of the house. This is what church is all about. We are the family of God.

On Wednesday, December 18 as group of seventeen cheerful folks went out on the town in the wind and rain to see some of our elders. We went caroling and visited six of our friends. We had a blast as we brought the church to them.



You will also read of our new initiative to our Seniors called SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly.) This ministry will be especially for those members and their friends who are 55 years and older.

Persecuted Church



The Democratic Republic of Congo - DRC - is the second largest country in Africa and with a population of around 109 million, the DR Congo is the most populous French speaking country in the world. Originally colonized by King Leopold II of Belgium in 1885 it was given independence in 1960. Through 2003 it experienced a series of civil wars killing in excess of 5 million people. It is now a stable democracy.

The Congo was a destination for missionaries starting in 1881 with George Grenfell, who was a Baptist missionary explorer in the mould of David Livingstone. He established a series of outposts mostly along the Congo river. Others of note are CT Studd, a great missionary pioneer who went to DRC in 1913 and established Heart of Africa Missions (now WEC International) and WTF Burton who arrived in 1915 and established Congo Evangelistic Mission. These ministries started literally thousands of churches throughout the country, which along with the significant work done by Roman Catholic missions under the sponsorship of the Belgian government has resulted in 95% of the population identifying as Christian.

These facts would lead us to believe that persecution is not experienced in the DRC but the following story shows the current reality. Tchabi is a town in northwest Congo, built on a hill with a hospital, school, church and runway built in the 70's by missionaries. This area was the part of the country where CT Studd established his mission posts in the 19th century. Unfortunately the northwest has become a center of rebel activity fueled by unrest in Rwanda and Uganda and Islamic influence from Sudan. In 2019 militants from the ADF, a violent Islamic group attacked the town, abducting 40 residents including hospital staff. Most were subsequently released but some are permanently missing. Later that year they returned and tried to burn down the town, damaging or destroying much of it including the church. The militants told one surviving Doctor " we want you gone because Christians are our enemies". After this many fled but in 2021 a final attack forced even those remaining to flee. Altogether 182 were killed in the attacks and a number of people abducted, not to be seen again.

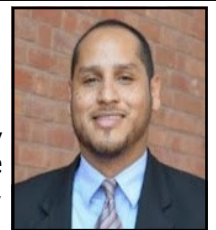
Finally in 2023 the Congolese government and UN deployed soldiers to the area and some survivors have now returned to their town. Voice of Martyrs ministry has been providing spiritual support including trauma counseling to those who have returned. One resident said that the teaching on forgiveness had greatly helped his spiritual healing. The attacks had killed his wife and six grandchildren.

In this part of DRC dozens of armed groups aligned with ISIS and other extremist Islamic groups target Christians as they seek to establish Islamic law there. The church there needs to be actively supported and strengthened as they endure this intense persecution. We can do our part through prayer, keeping ourselves informed about the plight of our Christian family and helping the ministries that work in this area.

MINISTRIES TO BE STRENGTHENED IN 2025

I'm excited to share about two ministries that will be strengthened this year.

First, the men's ministry, Brothers in Christ, will begin a new discipleship series titled "Becoming a Godly Man." It starts on Monday, January 6, at 6:30 PM on the third floor. This study is designed to help the men of our church grow in spiritual maturity and develop their roles within society. I will lead the study, and we are excited to see many men join and actively participate this year.



Second, I'm excited to announce that last summer, I applied for a new ministry initiative grant offered by The Baptist Fund to enhance our children's ministries at Central Baptist. I shared my vision for a sports camp with Pastor Cal, which was approved. At the beginning of November, we received the great news that we had been awarded the \$2,500 grant. This sports ministry will offer a yearly, one-week soccer camp focusing on physical skills, attitude, and spiritual growth.

As we start the new year, please keep all our Christian education and discipleship ministries in your prayers. A healthy church is one that makes disciples. The Bible says, "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me" (Colossians 1:28-29, ESV).

Pastor Enrique Newman

Library Corner & Library Room

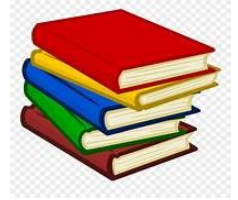
The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall.
New additions and suggested readings are available.

Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School
Hallway near Fellowship Hall.

There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest.

A sign-out sheet is available at both locations.

Don't miss the following books
authored by members of our CBC Congregation.



Fiction

Out of the Wilderness - by Anita K. Greene

Former Navy Seal Grayson Kerr has a new mission to qualify for a job with the SeaMount Agency. During a wilderness survival trial, he discovers a woman, Sophie Moore, and her children lost in the forest. He abandons his own mission in order to help them. From the wilderness of Maine to the coast of Rhode Island, Gray helps to expose the criminal plot behind Sophie's custody battle. He jeopardizes getting the job he wants for having the love of woman he needs. His faith in God leads him to restore his integrity.

Fiction

Keeper of Her Heart - by Anita Greene

Fannie Lapp is thrilled when her aunts hire a handyman, Gideon Zook, to help with the family's home and the Alpine goat herd. Fannie just wishes they would have told her that the new worker was the man she admired from afar before he left the Amish community. Will Fannie ever gain trust in Gideon again? Gideon hopes to do whatever it takes to set things right and have the life he left behind and the woman he has come to love.

Religion

Made For Glory: In the Image and Likeness of God - by Joshua A. McClure

Three Rhode Island ministers write praises for this book on the first page and back cover. These ministers include our own Rev. Dr. Clayton (Cal) Lord, Jr. This book is a powerful biblical study opening the way for deep reflection on past assumptions and misinformation about the purposes of God for his created beings. A must-read for anyone pursuing the truth of who you are and what it means to be made in God's glorious image.

Inspirational

Who Do You Say I Am? - by Joshua A. McClure

How do we answer the question Jesus posed to his disciples "Who do you say I am?" Joshua McClure shows us we can attain real knowledge and understanding to the God to whom we have pledged our lives. The reader is challenged to experience God in all of our daily walk of life. This book is a passionate call for us to commit more deeply to Jesus.

We Need Your Photos for the 2025 Church Pictorial Directory

We want your photograph included in our new 2025 church pictorial directory. Please submit them to Dorothy McClure in the church office at centralbaptistchurch16@gmail.com. If you have corrections to make concerning your home address, email or phone number, please send them along too.



If you would prefer to have us take it for you, Pastor Cal will be taking photos in Fellowship Hall On Sunday, December 29 and Sunday, January 5th. Our goal is to have the church directories printed and available on the second Sunday of January.

Special thanks to Jackie Turner and Karen Stellmaker from Hinckley Hill Photography for taking the bulk of the photos that have been submitted.

Central Baptist Church of Westerly



One of the most important ministries that our church can offer is one that provides our children with a foundation of faith. **They are the future of the church.** Here at Central, we have always offered a "Sunday School" program of one sort or another. This past Fall we launched "Kids Church." Even though we have a small number of children, it has been a very good experience.

We need help as we enter the new year! We have operated with a skeleton crew of teachers and helpers (5). It has meant that our volunteer staff has had to give up their worship time almost every week. We are worried about burnout. Therefore, we are looking for people who could volunteer to either teach or help at least one time a month. This would be a great help and insure that this ministry could continue.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please pick a week or more over the next five months that you could assist in providing this wonderful gift to our parents and families. Training is available. You provide the love and we will show you how to apply it. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Enrique.

Introducing SALT, a New Ministry at Central

"You are the salt of the earth." Matthew 5:13



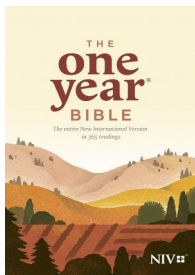
At the end of January we are introducing a new ministry at Central which will be known as **SALT**. This acronym stands for *Senior Adults Living Triumphantly*. *We will be meeting once a month for either a luncheon speaker or a short trip to a nearby site. This ministry is especially suited for those individuals and their spouses or guests who are 55 years and older.*

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 29 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. It will offer lunch, a short devotion on "salty living," and a featured speaker sharing items of interest with the group.

Our guest speaker in January will be Robert Elmer, the historian for the Ocean House in Watch Hill. Bob will be sharing the history of this iconic building and what it has meant to our town.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall so we can get a count for lunch. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the expenses off the luncheon.

Our 2025 Church Emphasis: "The Year of the Bible"



We are offering a new opportunity for our members and friends beginning in January 2025. We are laying the groundwork for everyone to be able to read through the whole Bible in a Year. We have some specially designed Bibles that breakout the daily readings so that you can read a little Old Testament, a little New Testament and a Psalm or Proverb each day. We also have the readings listed separately if you'd like to use your own Bible.

On the last Sunday of the month, we will have a time for those who's like to gather to talk about and ask questions about what they are reading. We will focus on five questions:

- 1) Were there selections that you truly enjoyed?
- 2) Did you learn anything that you didn't know before?
- 3) What surprised you about what you read?
- 4) Do you have questions about something you read?
- 5) Is there something you would like to study further, maybe in a small group setting?

You can pick up your One Year Bible or reading list for January this week at church.



The One Year Bible



- January 1** ~ Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-2:12, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-6
- January 2** ~ Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:13-3:6, Psalm 2:1-12, Proverbs 1:7-9
- January 3** ~ Genesis 5:1-7:24, Matthew 3:7-4:11, Psalm 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-19
- January 4** ~ Genesis 8:1-10:32, Matthew 4:12-25, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-19
- January 5** ~ Genesis 11:13:4, Matthew 5:1-26, Psalm 5:1-12, Proverbs 1:24-27
- January 6** ~ Genesis 13:5-15:21, Matthew 5:27-48, Psalm 6:1-10, Proverbs 1:28-33
- January 7** ~ Genesis 16:1-18:15, Matthew 6:1-24, Psalm 7:1-17, Proverbs 2:1-5
- January 8** ~ Genesis 18:16-19:38, Matthew 6:25-7:14, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:6-15
- January 9** ~ Genesis 20:1-22:24, Matthew 7:15-29, Psalm 9:1-12, Proverbs 2:16-22
- January 10** ~ Genesis 23:1-24:51, Matthew 8:1-17, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 3:1-6
- January 11** ~ Genesis 24:52-26:16, Matthew 8:18-34, Psalm 10:1-15, Proverbs 3:7-8
- January 12** ~ Genesis 26:17-27:46, Matthew 9:1-17, Psalm 10:16-18, Proverbs 3:9-10
- January 13** ~ Genesis 28:1-29:35, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 11:1-7, Proverbs 3:11-12
- January 14** ~ Genesis 30:1-31:16, Matthew 10:1-23, Psalm 12:1-8, Proverbs 3:13-15
- January 15** ~ Genesis 31:17-32:12, Matthew 10:24-11:6, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:16-18
- January 16** ~ Genesis 32:13-34:31, Matthew 11:7-30, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:19-20
- January 17** ~ Genesis 35:1-36:43, Matthew 12:1-21, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-26
- January 18** ~ Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 12:22-45, Psalm 16:1-11, Proverbs 3:27-32
- January 19** ~ Genesis 39:1-41:16, Matthew 12:46-13:23, Psalm 17:1-15, Proverbs 3:33-35
- January 20** ~ Genesis 41:17-42:17, Matthew 13:24-46, Psalm 18:1-15, Proverbs 4:1-6
- January 21** ~ Genesis 42:18-43:34, Matthew 13:47-14:12, Psalm 18:16-36, Proverbs 4:7-10
- January 22** ~ Genesis 44:1-45:28, Matthew 14:13-36, Psalm 18:37-50, Proverbs 4:11-13
- January 23** ~ Genesis 46:1-47:31, Matthew 15:1-28, Psalm 19:1-14, Proverbs 4:14-19
- January 24** ~ Genesis 48:1-49:33, Matthew 15:29-16:12, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:20-27
- January 25** ~ Genesis 50:1-Exodus 2:10, Matthew 16:13-17:9, Psalm 21:1-13, Proverbs 5:1-6
- January 26** ~ Exodus 2:11-3:22, Matthew 17:10-27, Psalm 22:1-18, Proverbs 5:7-14
- January 27** ~ Exodus 4:1-5:21, Matthew 18:1-20, Psalm 22:19-31, Proverbs 5:15-21
- January 28** ~ Exodus 5:22-7:24, Matthew 18:21-19:12, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:22-23
- January 29** ~ Exodus 7:25-9:35, Matthew 19:13-30, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-5
- January 30** ~ Exodus 10:1-12:13, Matthew 20:1-28, Psalm 25:1-15, Proverbs 6:6-11
- January 31** ~ Exodus 12:14-13:16, Matthew 20:29-21:22, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:12-15

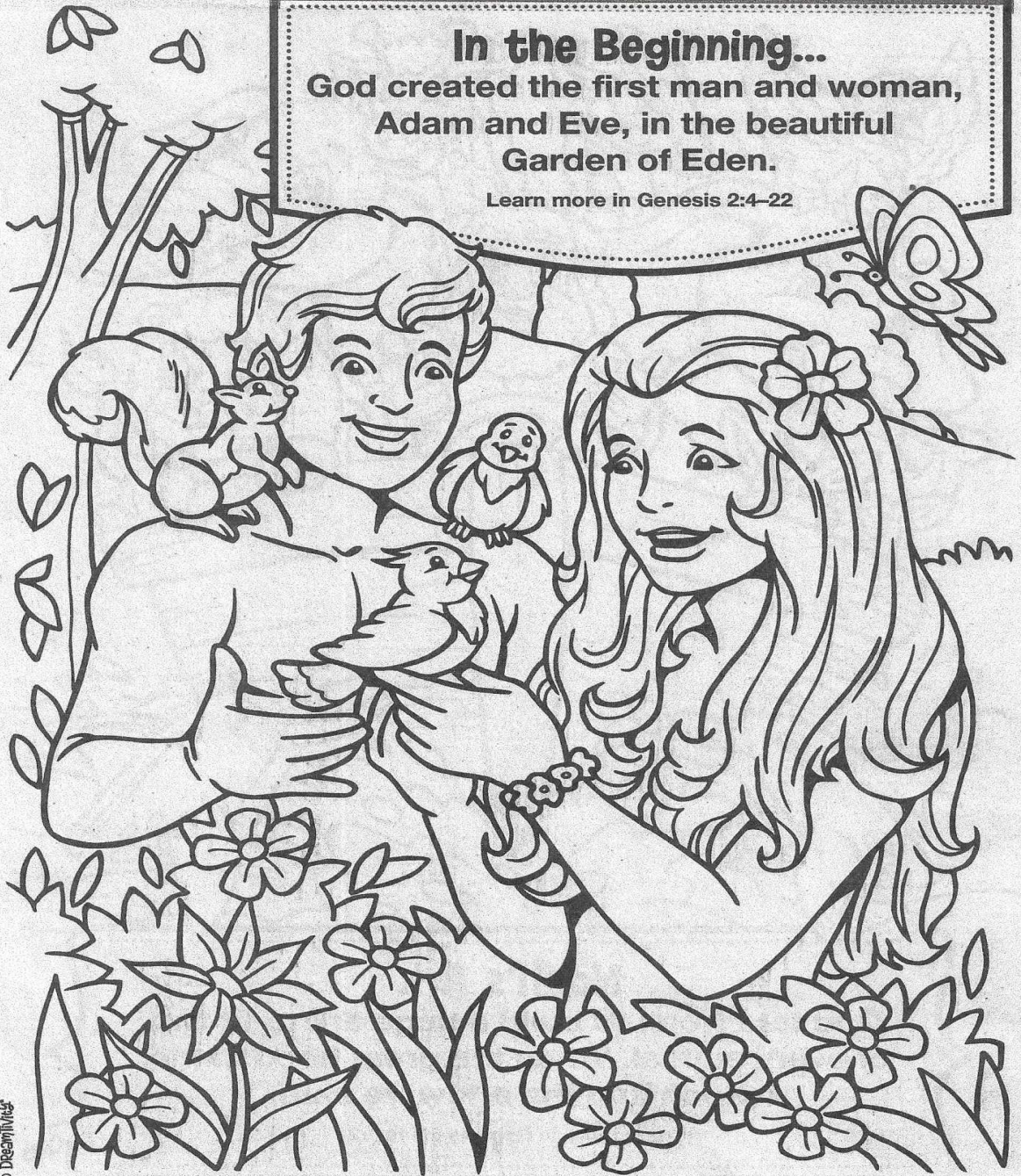
Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



In the Beginning...
God created the first man and woman,
Adam and Eve, in the beautiful
Garden of Eden.

Learn more in Genesis 2:4-22



SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

Word Search

L B L M C U D C O U R A G E G R A C E R
 H E A L I N G V K F W T P E A C E I C B
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Word list:

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| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |

The Lord is my Shepherd --- RELATIONSHIP!
 I shall not want ~ SUPPLY!
 He makes me to lie down in green pastures ~ REST!
 He leads me beside still waters ~ REFRESHMENT!
 He restores my soul ~ HEALING!
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness ~ GUIDANCE!
 For His name sake ~ PURPOSE!
 Yes, though I walk through the valley
 of the shadow of death ~ TESTING!
 I will fear no evil ~ PROTECTION!
 For You are with me ~ FAITHFULNESS!
 Your rod and Your staff they comfort me ~ DISCIPLINE!
 You prepare a table before me ~ PROVISION!
 In the presence of mine enemies ~ HOPE!
 You anoint my head with oil ~ CONSECRATION!
 My cup runs over ~ ABUNDANCE!
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life ~ BLESSING!
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ~ SECURITY!
 Forever ~ ETERNITY!

Unknown author



Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

There are two kinds of GRACE:

Saving Grace and Disgrace.

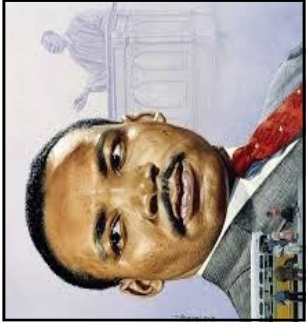


"That's a nice thought, Sister Ida, but I'm not sure it's biblical to put a 'Coupon Good For \$5.00 Off Your Next Tithe' in our newsletter."

God Divine

The more I look, the more I find
 The wondrous works of God divine.
 The twinkling starts to show the way
 Until the breaking of each day.
 The sun that shines warm and bright
 Purple hues of a pale moonlight.
 Streams ring forth their cheerful sounds
 Beside them daffodils abound.
 To count these gifts from God's great court
 Ten times ten million would still be short!

Albert N. Theel



JANUARY 2025

Let's Welcome Together
New Year
With a New Hope,
and a Blank Canvas to Be
Painted by Us.
Happy New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025	2	3 7:30 Intro to Worship with Band Scott Gail	4 8:00AM Men's Breakfast
5 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	6 6:30 PM Man Up Men's Ministry	7 6:30PM Mission Board	8 6:00 PM Central Nursery School Board 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	9 6:00PM Church Council	10	11
12 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	13 5:30PM Christian Ed Board	14 7:00PM Sisters in Christ	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship 7:00 PM Anchored Youth Weight Watchers	16 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal Honduras Mission Team leaving	17 7:30 Intro to Worship with Band Scott Gail	18
19 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	20 4:30PM Trustee Board 7:00PM Deacon Board CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY		22 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	23 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	27	28 y	29 Noon—SALT Luncheon 7 Program 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	30 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	31	MR

Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Prayer List

Sally Cuda
 Joan Cushman
 Georgette DeBernardo
 Mary Evans
 Mark Faiola
 Katie Feinstein
 Fred
 Arline Fitzhugh
 Judy Grady
 Rev. David Jordan
 Richard Lambert
 Dan & Valerie LaPointe
 Tim Lynn
 John Macomber
 Barbara McAvoy
 Rev. Joshua McClure
 John Millett
 Kay Perrone
 Bobby Schilke
 Nancy Schilke
 Jean Smith
 Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
 Francine Sullivan
 Sean Tetlow
 Walter Thorpe
 Bruce Titterington
 Elizabeth Webster
 Peace in the Middle East
 Peace in the Ukraine
 Peace in Sudan
 Victims of Hurricane Helene
 Victims of Hurricane Milton
 * World Peace *

Nobody
 can stop
 what God is
 about to do
 in your life.



ANNIVERSARIES

Alan & Kathy Caval - 20th

Faith sees the invisible,
 believes the unbelievable,
 and receives the impossible.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



- 1 Eva Payne
- 3 David Whipple
- 4 Kelsi Crockford
- 5 Jodi Savage
- 5 Christine West
- 7 Georgette DeBernardo
- 7 Issac Payne
- 8 Quinn Burnside
- 8 Kent Greene
- 8 Lisa West
- 9 Jean Smith
- 14 Lynn Johnson
- 16 Arnold Hall
- 16 Ed Lowe
- 18 MaryAnne Jordan
- 19 John Riley
- 22 David Blanton
- 22 Mark Faiola
- 22 Lynn Gebler
- 25 Scott Gail
- 28 Adrienne Hall-Thomsen
- 30 Marissa Bertsch



- 1 Sharon Mitchell
- 4 Joan Cushman
- 4 Bruce Titterington
- 10 Karen Cioffi
- 10 Suzanne Vanaman
- 11 Caylan Konturas
- 12 Marie Bertsch
- 14 Julian Payne
- 15 Arthur Burton

Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady & Rev. Joshua McClure

Royal Nursing Home

John Macomber & Kay Perrone
 79 Beach St, Westerly 02891



The Elms

Joan Cushman
 22 Elm Street, L09
 Westerly, RI 02891

Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

Winnie Hamilton, 157 South Street - Apt 218,
 Plymouth, MA 02360

Pendleton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Elizabeth Webster, 44 Maritime Drive
 Mystic, CT 06355

**"RETURNING HATE FOR HATE
 MULTIPLIES HATE, ADDING
 DEEPER DARKNESS TO A
 NIGHT ALREADY DEVOID OF
 STARS. DARKNESS CANNOT
 DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
 ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
 THAT. HATE CANNOT
 DRIVE OUT HATE,
 ONLY LOVE CAN
 DO THAT."**

MLK



Happy Birthday!

May God bless you on your
 birthday, and always.

Those in the Military:

Sargent Jordan Payne , Camp legume, NC
 Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
 Lance Corporal Christian Smith
 Sargent David Aiello, US Marines



All of those who serve in our armed forces.

*Prayers
 should
 be the key
 in the
 morning
 and the
 lock at night*

Sick & Shut-in

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Christ-like maturity, and share
Christ's ministry within our
family, community and world.*

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