

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

Mission Honduras 2025



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



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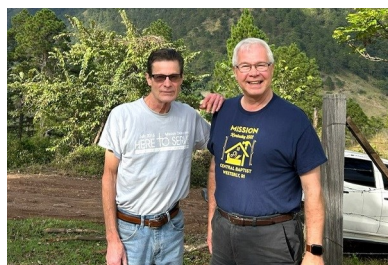
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Church Office Hours
 Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



NEWSLETTER TEAM

Deborah Gregory
 Dorothy McClure
 Suzanne Vanaman
 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:
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CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

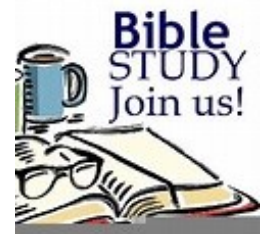
Sunday Mornings, 9:00am in the Chapel.
 Led by Rev. David Jordan

The Book of Acts

Monday mornings, 10:00am in the parlor
 Begins Feb 10th - Led by Pastor Cal Lord

Lead Like Jesus

Monday Evenings, 6:00pm - 7:30pm on the 3rd floor
 Begins February 10th - Led by Pastor Enrique Newman



CHURCH MEETINGS

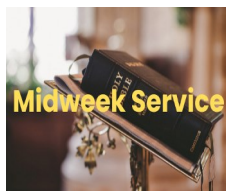
February 4
 6:30PM Mission Board

February 10
 5:30PM Christian Ed. Board

February 17
 4:30PM Trustee Board
 6:30PM Deacon Board

February 24
 6:30PM Church Council

Wednesday Night Services



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

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.



February 1 - 8:00AM
 Fellowship Hall
All men invited

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Over the last several months we have been working on a long range plan for our church congregation, its leaders and members. We've come up with a mission statement which will guide our ministry priorities for the next two years.

Our Mission: Come as you are, be transformed by the love and grace of Jesus and go out and share the love of the Lord in faith and action.

What follows are our goals and objectives for 2025—2026.

Goal #1: Provide tools, training and mentorship to assist members in their spiritual growth.

Objective #1 Establish a ministry that allows people to ask and get answers to questions about the Bible by 6/2025

Objective #2 Provide online access to CBC Bible studies by end of 2025

Objective #3 Relaunch Right Media with access for all members by 6/2025

Strategies?

Goal #2: Create opportunities for people to serve the Lord with their gifts and talents.

Objective #1 Identify roles that each member of the church can understand and play. Engage 50 members by 6/2025

Objective #2 Teach 50+ members of the church to be disciples. Prepare them to be ambassadors for Christ by 6/2025

Objective #3 Offer two sermon series yearly on being a disciple (100 attendees) by end of 2025

Goal #3: Impact the community through our love and service throughout the region.

Objective #1 Build service mentality in members to increase the number of volunteers by 20% by end 2025

Objective #2 Assess current programs and make recommendations to change or expand by 6/2025

Goal #4: Create an environment that makes everyone feel welcome to seek the Lord at CBC.

Objective #1 Expand ways of communication and engagement with everyone visiting CBC by 6/2025

Objective #2 Created an inviting first impression at main entryway for visitors by 12/2024

Goal #5: Establish CBC as a gathering place for the community.

Objective #1 Host events that attract the community throughout the year

Objective #2 Provide affordable access to fellowship hall and rooms for community clubs, etc throughout the year

Objective #3 Expand use of outdoor area for community wide events

Goal #6: Increase financial input streams by 50% by 1/2026.

Objective #1 Create team to study and identify effective funding streams for implementation by 6/2025

The planning team has outlined several strategies under the objectives that the Boards and Committees will expand and implement in the coming months. Our hope is that with God's guidance we will put ourselves in a strong position to serve the Lord and share the love of Christ with our community for the years to come.

One way that we have already been living out our second goal of engaging members to use their gifts is through our short term mission trips. I want to thank the members of our Honduras Mission Team for their willingness to serve as Ambassadors for Christ at Camp Arca and in several churches in the outskirts of the city of Danli. I am so proud of the work they did on behalf of our church family.

Finally, on January 26th, we approved the spending plan for 2025. Your financial gifts in the year ahead will give us the strong foundation for making the goals and objectives a reality. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the role you will play in creating a church family that will honor God and draw others to join us.

God bless! Pastor Cal.

Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Board of Trustees



The board is making final adjustments to the approved preliminary Spend plan for 2025 and preparing for the final Church wide vote this month.

Representatives from Washington Trust Wealth Management attended the December meeting and discussed the performance of the Endowment and Trusts investments. The results are positive.

On the property maintenance and repair side the gutter cleaning and repairs were completed, and no leaks were found. The new Handicap Lift is installed, and should be in operation this month. Special thanks to Ray Deptulski, Randy Sargent, Jim Collins, Scott Hallamore, Quinn Burnside, and Lou Steinbrecher for all their hard work getting this done. ABCORI has been advised of the completion and the grant reimbursement should be available soon.

The trustees meet at 4:30 PM in Fellowship Hall on the third Monday of the month. If you have any ideas or concerns regarding financial or facility/property issues, please attend. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend, and we are always looking for new members.

Respectfully,
Bob Burnside

Treasurer's Report

	December 2024 Actual	December Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	\$35,765.35	\$59,412.02	\$535,753.70	\$532,946.00	\$532,946.00
Total Expenses	\$56,071.98	\$42,653.65	\$529,811.96	\$532,397.00	\$532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	(\$20,306.63)	\$16,758.37	\$5,941.74	\$549.00	\$549.00

Overall, the annual financial plan proceeded as expected. The year-to-date income finished the year essentially on target to the annual planned amount. Although the December income shows actuals lower than planned amounts this is an artifact of timing in that planned dividends typically received in December were actually received in November ahead of the planned timing.

Annual expenses for 2024 were lower than the annual planned amount by \$2,585.04, which resulted in a net income for the year of \$5,941.74.

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!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube.

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.cbCWesterlyRI.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.easytithethe.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"!



Please take a look to see how online giving can make giving easier for you!

Board of Deacons



By the time you read this a significant portion of our congregation will be on their second month of reading through the Bible in one year. They are to be commended for embarking on this challenge and I hope that they are managing to keep on track! This year we are emphasizing the importance of the Bible in our lives and the need for us to be well acquainted with its teachings. There can be a danger in this emphasis though because we can get so involved in acquiring Biblical knowledge that we omit to make the effort to apply its teachings to our daily lives. This is called legalism and is plainly demonstrated in the Bible by the Pharisees who Jesus roundly condemned for their adherence to the letter of the Law at the expense of allowing God to work out His loving care of those around them through their lives.

It's the comparison between Religion and Relationship. The same problem can be found even in the way we approach Jesus. We have to know about Him, but the Bible tells us we have to KNOW Him. The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:10 that he wants to know Christ and experience the power of God in his life. He says this after he has led a life devoted to Christ, having given up everything in this world for Him, but he still wants to know Christ more intimately!

In the same way God wants us to know His word in a living way. The Bible describes itself as a Living Word, Hebrews 4:12, one that actively works in our lives.

I like to say that our faith is basically based on three things, the person of Jesus Christ, the Bible and personal experience. Our personal experience is crucial as we have to know Jesus as our own Lord and Saviour and have a desire to grow in Him and we need to experience the Word of God working in our lives, revealing more of Jesus and our need to dwell in Him.

So, as we continue to read God's Word this year, whether as part of the one-year challenge or in our daily devotions, I pray that we will allow its message to seep deeply into our lives helping us to achieve our ultimate goal to become more and more like Jesus.

Phil Bryan

Mission Board

A logo for the Mission Board. It features the words "Mission Board" in a large, blue, serif font. The text is set against a background of a light gray and white checkerboard pattern.

America for Christ 2025 - Grace upon Grace "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Our faithful giving is a powerful expression of our commitment to share Christ's love, hope and grace with those in need throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Contributions deliver essential support to diverse American Baptists in local communities. Your contributions deliver essential support to diverse community ministries, offer resources and grants to ministry leaders in multicultural settings, and promote Christian education and continuous learning experiences for church leaders across the US and Puerto Rico.

This offering is taken annually in February. May you consider and feel blessed in your decision to continue the support that is much needed.

Central Nursery School News

After nearly eighteen years as a teacher, and director of Central Nursery School, Lauren Sposato is stepping down. She leaves behind a legacy of faithfulness and service to our children, families and church. Lauren has led with a deep desire to see each child grow as an individual as they prepare to enter their school age years. She came in every morning with a smile and set the stage for a wonderful day for our kids. Lauren will truly be missed for she made a mark on all of our hearts. Her last day will be Friday, February 14th. Come join us at 9:00 am as we say good-bye and wish her well.



A search committee made up of members of the Central Nursery School Board and the Board of Christian Education is actively seeking a qualified individual to fulfill the role of Director/Lead Teacher through the end of the year.

As we look ahead, the Central Nursery School Board is looking to expand our hours and become an extended day program which seems to be an attractive option for more and more of our parents. We may be looking for a long term director and additional staff as we head toward the fall and the 2025 - 2026 school year.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

Attention all brothers in Christ: Sign up to attend the 2025 Men's Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. The cost is \$59 per person and features several inspirational speakers and workshop leaders. We will leave church at 7:00am and travel together in the church bus. Please let Pastor Cal know if you want to go. Scholarship help is available if the price is too much for your budget.



Board of
Christian
Education

Christian Education Board

This February, as hearts and cherubs dance into view, let's turn our thoughts to love! And what better way to immerse ourselves in love than to dive into the greatest love story ever written? Any guesses?

The Bible stands as the ultimate love story—a tale of the Lord's boundless, everlasting love for us and the love we share with one another. It's a treasure trove where everyone can find something to cherish. **Challenge yourself** to uncover as many love verses as you can! As you navigate these verses, let them kindle the spirit of love within you - not just on Valentine's Day, but every single day. Share these verses with others and hold their messages close to your heart.

Embrace the challenge along with our 2025 mission initiatives and goals. In John 13:34-35, Jesus said that people will know us by our love for one another. And in 1 John 3:18, Jesus commands us: *"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

This February, share the love. Let us, at Central Baptist Church, be known by our love for each other. Reflect on your unique gifts and talents, and join us in supporting each other and our community.



Jonnycake Center

Food Pantry needs for this month
~ Canned Soups, Coffee and Tea ~

Thank you for your support.



Library Corner & Library Room

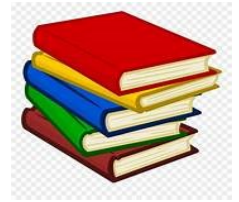
The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall.
New additions and suggested readings are available.

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

The First Love - by Beverly Lewis

This book is enjoyable and engaging. It is a faith-filled story of prayer. This book will speak to you especially if you have severe pain daily. Maggie is in need of some hope. She wishes she could live a normal, healthy life like other Amish girls. A romance begins for Maggie that is beautiful and heartwarming. This book has a Gospel message and is a joy to read.

Family Life

Long-Distance Grandma - by Janet Colsher Teitsort

Once upon a time, Grandma's house was just over the river and through the woods. But in today's mobile society, there may be several rivers to cross and many woods to go through before arriving at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Sometimes grandparents may need to fly the friendly skies to visit their grandchildren. The author takes a positive approach to grandparenting across the miles. She offers many ideas on how you can reach out to your special little ones in many creative ways. Distance doesn't have to keep you from feeling close to the children in your life.

Christan Living

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World - by Joanna Weaver

The life of a woman today is not all that different from the life of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet but the daily demand of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. The author shows how we can draw closer to our Lord and find greater joy with less stress in your daily life.

Mission North Carolina

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm for those interested in learning more about our mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina next fall. We hope to decide on the dates for the trip, the travel plans and pricing options.



Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Our Annual Mission Trip Fundraiser "Soup Sale" will be held on February 9th, Super Bowl Sunday.

If you would like to contribute your favorite homemade soup, please do so. Soups should be made and dropped off to the church on Saturday, February 8th from 11:00am - 1:00pm. You are also invited to come and help package the various soups.



If you are thinking about joining the next mission trip to North Carolina we would love to have you join us. Please speak to Noreen Gerrish or Janet Gerbutavich. Soups will then be sold after worship on Sunday the 9th. Thank you for always supporting the Mission Team.



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 introduced a new ministry at Central which is 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.

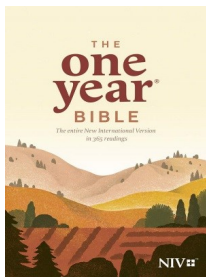
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **February 26 at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We offer lunch, a short devotion on "salty living," and a featured speaker sharing items of interest with the group.

Last months guest speaker was Robert Elmer, the historian for the Ocean House in Watch Hill. Bob shared the history of this iconic building and what it means to our town.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for our next meeting and luncheon.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover the expenses off the luncheon.

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



We offered a new opportunity for our members and friends, it began 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'd like to gather to talk 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 February in the church narthex.



Black History Month

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the achievements and history of African Americans as part of Black History Month.

In 1915, in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second

week of February as “Negro History Week” to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Few people studied Black history and it wasn't included in textbooks prior to the creation of Negro History Week.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist (someone who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people), and former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the enslavement of Black people in the country. Many schools and leaders began recognizing the week after its creation.

The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States every February since.

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.



Come Join Us!

Mission Honduras Benefit Concert

Friday, March 7th,

7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy an evening of Worship, Great Music and support for our church's mission in Honduras.

~ Freewill Offering ~

But The Truth Is....

There is much to learn from those who have gone before us. As February is Black History Month and we celebrate the great accomplishments of Black Americans, we need to take the time to reflect on what we have learned and what we have been taught to distinguish the truth.

We were taught that Christopher Columbus discovered America. Many celebrate him because he founded a country and gave it a name so we gave him a holiday. The TRUTH is that the Native Americans were already living and thriving in this country. The TRUTH is that diseases and death were introduced to the Indians which changed the outcome of their lives.

We were taught that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr was a great man who challenged our consciousness and fought for civil rights and instilled in us that all men are created equal. We love him because he made us examine ourselves, used nonviolent resistance and challenged our thinking to achieve equal rights for Black Americans. This was also the reason that he was given his own holiday. The TRUTH is that there were people who hated him when he was alive because he wanted both white and Black Americans to respect one another, work together and live together for racial equality. Dr. King said that “we need leaders not in love with money, but in love with Justice. Not in love with publicity, but in love with humanity.”

We are taught that Christians are followers of Jesus Christ who trust Him to guide our decisions, actions and attitudes. We belong to Christ and we commit ourselves to Him and become increasingly like Him. The TRUTH is that in this day and time, more and more people who claimed to be Christians are not letting their thoughts, actions and behaviors reflect the name of God. Only Christ is the anointed one, the true Messiah and the Savior of

the World. The TRUTH is that if you follow a person or group here on earth who is in direct contrast to the definition of Christian, then you should examine yourself as to who you are making a true commitment to in your life.

So, let's not just reflect on Black History month, but every moment, hour and day of our lives to discover the TRUTH. Remember that God is the one Source of TRUTH and Jesus is called the TRUTH.

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Submitted by Leslie McClure-A'Vant



The One Year Bible
February



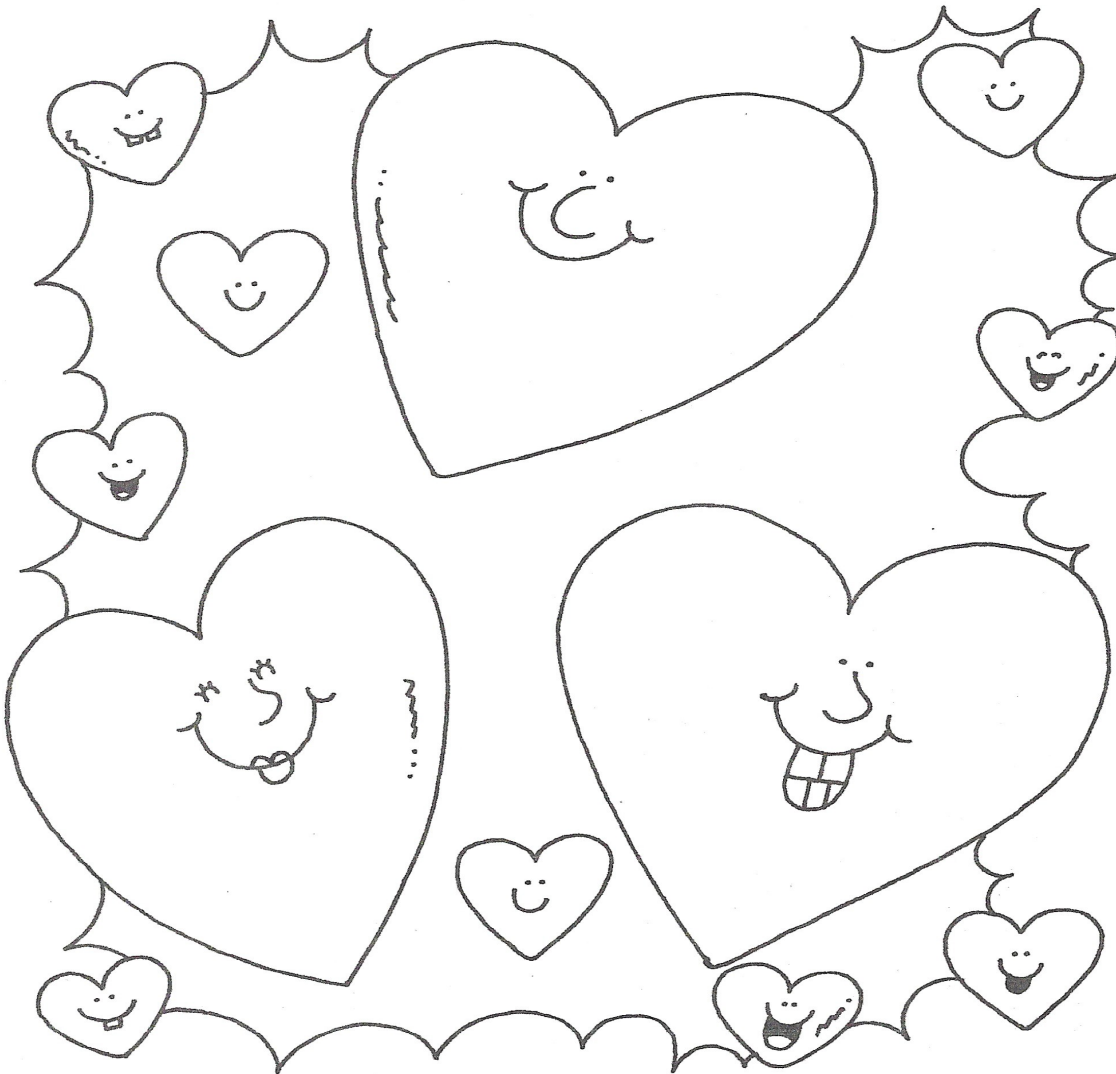
- February 1** ~ Exodus 13:17-15:18, Matthew 21:23-46, Psalm 26:1-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
- February 2** ~ Exodus 15:19-17:7, Matthew 22:1-33, Psalm 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-26
- February 3** ~ Exodus 17:8-19:15, Matthew 22:34-23:12, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:27-35
- February 4** ~ Exodus 19:16-21:21, Matthew 23:13-39, Psalm 28:1-9, Proverbs 7:1-5
- February 5** ~ Exodus 21:22-23:13, Matthew 24:1-28, Psalm 29:1-11, Proverbs 7:6-23
- February 6** ~ Exodus 23:14-25:40, Matthew 24:29-51, Psalm 30:1-12, Proverbs 7:24-27
- February 7** ~ Exodus 26:1-27:21, Matthew 25:1-30, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 8:1-11
- February 8** ~ Exodus 28:1-43, Matthew 25:31-26:13, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 8:12-13
- February 9** ~ Exodus 29:1-30:10, Matthew 26:14-46, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 8:14-26
- February 10** ~ Exodus 30:11-31:18, Matthew 26:47-68, Psalm 32:1-11, Proverbs 8:27-32
- February 11** ~ Exodus 32:1-33:23, Matthew 26:69-27:14, Psalm 33:1-11, Proverbs 8:33-36
- February 12** ~ Exodus 34:1-35:9, Matthew 27:15-31, Psalm 33:12-22, Proverbs 9:1-6
- February 13** ~ Exodus 35:10-36:38, Matthew 27:32-66, Psalm 34:1-10, Proverbs 9:7-8
- February 14** ~ Exodus 37:1-38:31, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 34:11-22, Proverbs 9:9-10
- February 15** ~ Exodus 39:1-40:38, Mark 1:1-28, Psalm 35:1-16, Proverbs 9:11-12
- February 16** ~ Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:29-2:128, Psalm 35:17-28, Proverbs 9:13-18
- February 17** ~ Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 2:13-3:6, Psalm 36:1-12, Proverbs 10:1-2
- February 18** ~ Leviticus 6:1-7:27, Mark 3:7-30, Psalm 37:1-11, Proverbs 10:3-4
- February 19** ~ Leviticus 7:28-9:6, Mark 3:31-4:25, Psalm 37:12-29, Proverbs 10:5
- February 20** ~ Leviticus 9:7-10:20, Mark 4:26-5:20, Psalm 37:30-40, Proverbs 10:6-7
- February 21** ~ Leviticus 11:1-12:8, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 38:1-22, Proverbs 10:8-9
- February 22** ~ Leviticus 13:1-59, Mark 6:1-29, Psalm 39:1-13, Proverbs 10:10
- February 23** ~ Leviticus 14:1-57, Mark 6:30-56, Psalm 40:1-10, Proverbs 10:11-12
- February 24** ~ Leviticus 15:1-16:28, Mark 7:1-23, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:13-14
- February 25** ~ Leviticus 16:29-18:30, Mark 7:24-8:10, Psalm 41:1-13, Proverbs 10:15-16
- February 26** ~ Leviticus 19:1-20:21, Mark 8:11-38, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:17
- February 27** ~ Leviticus 20:22-22:16, Mark 9:1-29, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10:18
- February 28** ~ Leviticus 22:17-23:44, Mark 9:30-10:12, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 10:19

Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



Paul told the people of Corinth
about the importance of being a loving person.
When you are patient and kind you are showing love.
Try to show love to God and others every day!
Color all the big hearts red. Color all the small hearts orange.
Add some of your own hearts if you'd like.



SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

HOMES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Once a reporter stood in front of a fire as it consumed a house and then he turned to see the homeowners and their little son watching it burn. The reporter, fishing for a human interest angle, said to the boy, "Son, it looks as if you don't have a home anymore." The little boy promptly answered, "Oh, yes, we have a home. We just don't have a house to put it in."

Barbara Johnson

I Count My Blessings

I count my blessings one by one
Though great or small they be.
And know without the help of God
Not one would ever be.

I thank Him for these blessings
Each morning of each day,
And then again at close of night
Before sleep comes my way.

He grants me all these blessings
Though sinner that I be,
And with the many faults of mine
I know that He loves me.

Harold F. Mohn



"I think we've got this 'breaking bread together' thing down pretty good!"

**It's not fortune or fame or worldwide acclaim
That makes for true greatness, you'll find—
It's the wonderful art of teaching the heart to always be thoughtful and kind.**

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

- Act instead of argue.
- Build instead of brag.
- Climb instead of criticize.
- Dig instead of depreciate.
- Encourage instead of envy.
- Fight instead of faint.
- Give instead of grumble.
- Help instead of harm.
- Invite instead of ignore.
- Join instead of jeer.
- Kneel instead of kick.
- Love instead of lampoon.
- Move instead of mold.
- Nurture instead of neglect.
- ObeY instead of object.
- Pray instead of pout.
- Qualify instead of quit.
- Rescue instead of ridicule.
- Shout instead of shrink.
- Try instead of tremble.
- Undergird instead of undermin
- Vindicate instead of vilify.
- Witness instead of wilt.
- Xterminate instead of excuse.
- Yield instead of yell.
- Zip instead of zigzag.

PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 3 Went to Heaven in chariots of fire
- 5 Abraham's wife
- 6 Jesus' closest friends: Peter, James, and _____
- 7 Was blinded by a light for three days
- 9 Tricked his father with goat hair
- 10 The promised son of Abraham
- 11 Killed a giant with a stone

Down

- 1 Walked on water with Jesus
- 2 Married Boaz
- 4 His brothers put him in a well
- 6 King Saul's son
- 8 Third person in the Trinity

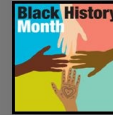
Prayer List

- Robert Cook
- Sally Cuda
- Joan Cushman
- Diane
- Mary Evans
- Mark Faiola
- Katie Feinstein
- Fred
- Arline Fitzhugh
- Judy Grady
- Winnie Hamilton
- Richard Lambert
- Dan & Valerie LaPointe
- Ann Mason
- Rich Mayo
- Barbara McAvoy
- Rev. Joshua McClure
- John Millett
- Kay Perrone
- Bobby Schilke
- Nancy Schilke
- Jean Smith
- Conor Spencer
- Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
- Francine Sullivan
- Sean Tetlow
- Walter Thorpe
- Bruce Titterington
- Elizabeth Webster
- Geanette Wright
- California Wildfire Victims
- Hurricane Victims
- * World Peace *

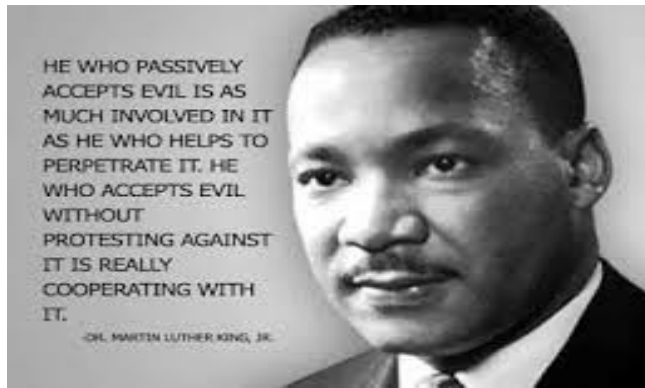
Nobody can stop what God is about to do in your life.



Let us finish with a prayer to celebrate Black History Month



"Thank you Lord for those who have brought light to world with their kindness and courage. Help us never to forget the past and those who have worked to make the lives of others better. Give us the strength that many black people had as they strived to make a difference in the world. Help us to keep their memory alive and to use the stories from the past to help us make good choices in the present. Amen."



FEBRUARY
birthdays

- 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
- 17 Karen Stellmaker
- 19 Michelle Hallamore
- 22 John Millett
- 25 Emma Waters
- 26 Noreen Gerrish
- 28 Don West Sr.

March Birthdays

- 2 Donna Antonino
- 3 Jennifer Bryan
- 3 Kay Perrone
- 4 Kurahn Payne
- 7 Linda Hume
- 11 Linda Bruno
- 11 Marcia Erskine
- 14 Steve Fish

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady & Rev. Joshua McClure

Royal Nursing Home

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



Those in the Military:

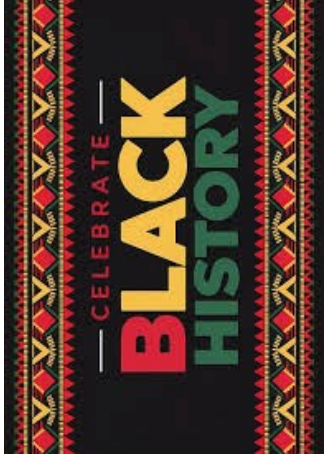
- Sargent Jordan Payne, Camp Lejeune, NC
- Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
- Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
- Lance Corporal Christian Smith
- Sargent David Aiello, US Marines



All of those who serve in our armed forces.


Sick & Shut-in





FEBRUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	3 6:30PM ManUp 7:00PM Friendship Circle	4 6:30PM Mission Board	5 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	6 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	7 7:30 Intro to Worship Band w/Scott Gail	8 8:00AM Meri's Breakfast
9 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship Soup-er Bowl after worship	10 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 10:00AM Book of Acts 6:00PM Lead Like Jesus	11 7:00PM Sisters in Christ	12 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	13 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	14 	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	17 4:30PM Trustee Board 6:30PM Deacon Board PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	20 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	21 7:30 Intro to Worship Band w/Scott Gail	22
23 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	24 5:30PM Church Council 10:00AM Book of Acts 6:00PM Lead Like Jesus	25	26 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	27 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	28	

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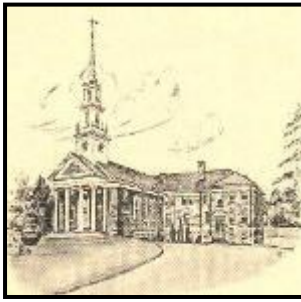
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