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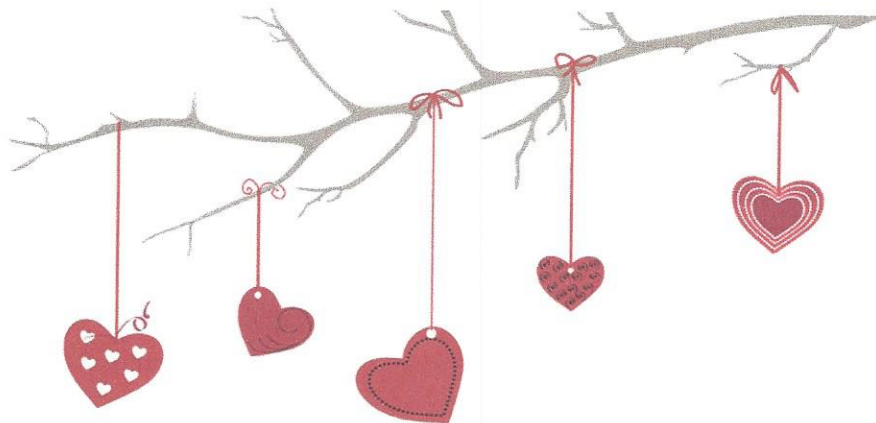
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When a child has stolen a cookie from the cookie jar and gets caught, most of the time that child is fearful of the consequences and discipline that he or she might receive. As we grow older the fear of consequences and discipline doesn't change. When you see the red and blue lights in the rearview mirror, your heart sinks. While living in Maryland I was involved in a car accident and received a ticket. I went to court to try and reduce the fine and consequences. Standing before the judge over a simple traffic ticket was extremely stressful and scary for me. I can't imagine what it would be like to commit a worse crime and have to stand trial! My point is that no matter our age, no one likes to stand before their accuser, or in front of a judge, or even an angry parent or spouse.

As I was reading through Hebrews for a devotion I was struck by the relationship of Jesus Christ as fully God, yet also as fully man. Jesus also fulfilled a unique office of being our High Priest. One of the High Priest's main jobs was to intercede to God for the people's sins. Hebrews 4 verses 14 and following explains that Jesus was not just our High Priest, but the Great High Priest. One of the reasons why Jesus is aptly called the Great High Priest and not just a High Priest is that Jesus offered one sacrifice one time, and that sacrifice covered the entire world's sins. This is magnificent accomplishment alone is amazing.

One of the amazing things about Jesus as our Great High Priest is that He walked in our shoes so to speak. He was fully human. He was tempted in all ways, yet never sinned. Jesus struggled, was attacked by feelings of fear and loss, and even endured horrible pain. Hebrews 4:15 clearly explains this to us, "*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*" (ESV) We serve a God who got down in the trenches with us, got dirty, experienced what we experienced and lived life.

The result of this truth is profound on many levels. But one of the truths that results from Jesus doing what He did is found in the next verse, "*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" (Heb 4:16, ESV) We come to God's throne room as dirty children who have sinned and fallen so far short. We have every right to be fearful of the judgement of God. However, because of the mercy of God shown to us by our Great High Priest Jesus, we are welcomed into the throne room of God. As we look down at ourselves expecting to see filthy rags resulting from our sins, we see new clothes that are pure white, and radiant. For the Great High Priest has made full satisfaction for our sins.

Instead of being fearful expecting punishment, we are able to walk right in to God with confidence the Bible says. Through faith in Jesus we are forgiven sinners. Now God sees us as adopted children, who are perfect, holy, and pure. This is not a result of our feeling of sorrow over sin, nor our works to try and make amends. We are forgiven only because God has fully poured out His wrath resulting from our sins on to the sacrifice the Great High Priest has brought forward for us, Himself. God's demands of justice have been met. Now we are imputed or bestowed the full grace, mercy, and forgiveness for all our sins. We in essence have clothed ourselves in the righteousness of Jesus. So next time you are tempted. Next time you fall into temptation and sin. Don't fear God, run to Him. Approach the throne room knowing that Jesus the Great High Priest has taken care of everything!

Pastor Leo



THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is an ocean,
and no line can sound its depths.
It is a sky of unknown dimensions,
and no flying machine
can reach its heights.
It is a continent of unexplored
distance, and no tape can
measure its length.
It is a width of unsurpassed
country, and no survey can
find its boundary.
It is a mine of wealth, and no
delving of man can estimate or
exhaust its riches.
It is a pole of attraction, which
no explorer can discover, and
the love of God is a forest of
beauty, and no botanist can find
and describe its variety and glory.
~ Reflections

Love

Love is an attitude, love is a prayer,
For a soul in sorrow. A heart in despair.
Love is good wishes for the gain of another,
Love suffers long with the fault of a brother.
Love giveth water to a cup that's run dry.
Love reaches as low, as it can reach high.
Seeks not her own at the expense of another.
Love reaches God when it reaches our brother.



LIVING VALENTINE

To see a couple hand-in-hand,
Considerate and sweet,
Lost in a glow that's all their own,
Makes hearts pick up a beat.
What matters if the wind may blow
And bring the winter's chill?
Or if snow drifts the country lanes,
Ice sparkles on the sills?
No frozen earth or icy stream
Can be too deep and wide,
Or bring a gloom into a room
If hearts are warm inside.

Sixteen Quotes by Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12, 1809–April 15, 1865)

1. "Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."
2. "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."
3. "When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. And that's my religion."
4. "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."
5. "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt."
6. "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves."
7. "The ballot is stronger than the bullet."
8. "Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."
9. "I have been driven to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day."
10. "I dream of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of the earth."
11. "The best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend."
12. "I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day."
13. "My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure."
14. "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in."
15. "All I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother."
16. "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Down thru endless ages,
Came a soul from others apart—
Encased in a body of awkward appearance;
But in a true heavenly-made heart.
He was born in a hewed log cabin,
Grew up simple and plain;
This life on earth a sacrifice,
To remove from liberty a stain.

No pen can give him due credit—
No words the good of his mind;
But his love is forever burning,
In the hearts of all human kind.
The world now bows to his honor,
And hails this emancipator's name;
Columbia is proud of his memory,
He lives in everlasting fame.

His life of bitter sorrow,
Hard work and saddened tears,
Has made happy millions of humans,
And will for the future years.
O, Father, hear us in Heaven!
May his reward increase ten-fold!
To repay for the great good he did us,
While his day on earth lies cold.

His life is a lesson for the living,
Shows democracy is strength and sand,
That a good mind no matter how humble,
Can spread peace and love o'er the land.
"In God we trust" — our nation all—
Our reward was grand and kind,
For we'll always live and never fall!
By following this wonderful mind.



MARRIAGE

The marriage tie should not be a slip-knot.
Love is the flower, marriage is the fruit.
Marriage is like a new house; it takes time and some cracks
before it settles down on its firm foundation.
A happy marriage is where both mates think
they got better than they deserved.
A good marriage requires determination to be married for good.
A happy wife sometimes has the best husband,
but more often makes the best of the husband she has.
Marriage teaches you loyalty, tolerance, understanding,
patience and many other things you don't learn being single.
A true marriage is a source of many blessings
And happiness to each other.

WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND PRAYER

General George Washington at Valley Forge praying on the perimeter of his bivouaced continental troops; men discouraged, sick, wounded, hungry and cold, facing unsurmountable odds, was more contemporary than General Howe without prayer though his troops were well-housed, well-fed and well-equipped. For in prayer, Washington was touching the ultimate strategist – God, who held the future of the infant nation, America, in His divine purpose.

President Abraham Lincoln in prayer at Washington, D.C., while his nation was involved in a bloody civil war, provoked (in part) by the issue of slavery, was the most contemporary man of his day as he talked with God; because God all-sufficient, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign was, and is, more concerned about slavery and the welfare of this nation than political and military strategists of either the North or the South ever could be.

When men pray unselfishly, God can work His will. Where God's will is being done is the most contemporary place on earth.

Famous Quotes by George Washington

(Feb. 22, 1732 – Dec. 14, 1799)

"It's impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

"Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble."

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one."

"Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light."

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace."



"Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse."

"The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government."

"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."

"The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon."

IN GOD WE TRUST

The path we travel is narrow and long, beset with many dangers. Each day we must ask that Almighty God will set and keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of a free people, secure in their God-given rights and in full control of a government dedicated to the preservation of those rights. Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life...thus the Founding Fathers saw it; and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be.

~ Author Unknown



WINTER SUNSET

Amid the bleak and dreary scene
That Winter brings to my backyard.
I still find rosy, warming hope
As Winter's sunset I regard.

The vivid pink and scarlet cape
Flung wide across the western sky,

Restores in me the confidence
That even Winter passes by.

God's flawless cycles of the year
Will waken Springtime, come next May;
While roses, sweet, unfold their bloom
My Winter-thoughts get stored away.

~ Devin R. Jones

QUIT SUPPOSIN'

Don't start your day by supposin'
That trouble is just ahead.
It's better to stop supposin'
And start with a prayer instead.
And make it a prayer of Thanksgiving
For the wonderful things God has wrought,
Like the beautiful sunrise and sunset,
God's gifts that are free and not bought.
For what is the use of supposin'
The dire things that could happen to you
And worry about some misfortune
That seldom if ever comes true?

But instead of just idle supposin'
Step forward to meet each new day
Secure in the knowledge God's near you
To lead you each step of the way.
For supposin' the worst things will happen
Only helps to make them come true.
And you darken the bright happy moments
That the dear Lord has given you.
So if you desire to be happy
And get rid of the misery of dread
Just give up supposin' the worst things
And look for the best things instead.

~ Author Unknown



GOD'S WORD ABOUT THE HEART

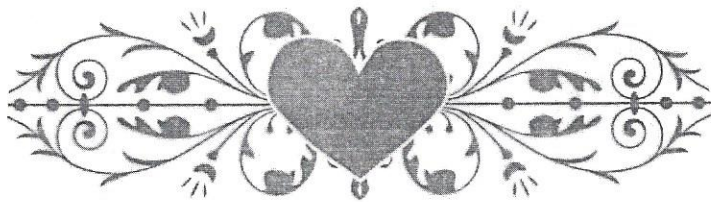
I have hidden your word in my heart that
I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11
*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See is there is any offensive way in me, and
lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24*
Above all else, guard your heart, for it
is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23
*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
will see God. Matthew 5:8*

For where your treasure is, there your
heart will be also. Luke 12:34
*Jesus said: "For out of the heart come
evil thoughts, murder, adultery,
sexual immorality, theft, false testimony
and slander. These are what make a man
unclean." Matthew 15:19-20*

If you confess with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord," and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:10

February

February is the month when hearts go on display:
 in every card shop window there's a fanciful array.
 Painted hearts and lacy hearts, some with darts & cupid bows,
 and on each card endearing words that say, "I love you so."
 I'd like to fill the mailman's pack up to the very brim
 With Valentines to bless each home and all who dwell within.
 I'd like to make a mother smile and brighten Grandma's eyes,
 And give a dad who feels left out a shiny bright surprise.
 I'd like to give to every child a valentine to treasure;
 One that says "Without a doubt you're love beyond all measure!"
 For all the lonely hearts I'd add a special line or two,
 Letting them know that they are loved each day the whole year through!
 A super giant valentine to the world I'd send;
 I'd ask all nations to join hearts and truly be good friends.
 I'd fill each mailman's pack sky-high with loving hearts entwined,
 Until the whole wide world became a great big valentine!
 ~ Kay Hoffman



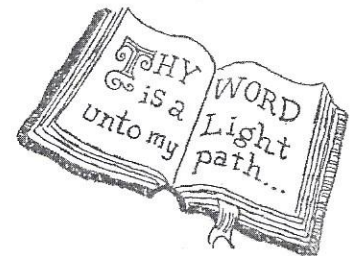
Valentine's Day Word Search



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| love | candy | caring | hugs |
| cupid | cards | February | pink |
| valentine | flowers | red | gifts |
| heart | kindness | kiss | roses |

Love One Another

when it hurts
 when nothing is given in return
Love one another
 when you're victimized
 when all is dark and gloomy
Love one another
 when you want to run and hide
 when you're numb and beaten
Love one another
 when you figure it won't even matter
 when the battle seems lost and over
Love one another
 when your first instinct is to lash out
 when you feel justified to stop trying
Love one another
 when your desire is to just pretend
 things are okay
 when you feel that all are at fault
 but yourself...
Love one another
 ...because Christ forgave you, and
 continues
 to do so despite the pain and hurt that
 we
 cause Him. Love is the answer. Not
 hatred.
 Not bitterness. Not avoidance.
 Love is the extension of God's grace
 And mercy to us.
 And we must extend that to each other.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
 ~ Trevor Gi



I AM MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE





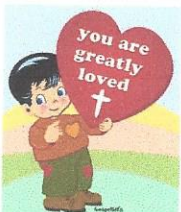





I am my neighbor's Bible
 He reads me when we meet;
 Today he reads me in my home.
 Tomorrow in the street.
 He may be relative or friend,
 Or slight acquaintance be;
 He may not even know my name.
 Yet - he is reading me.

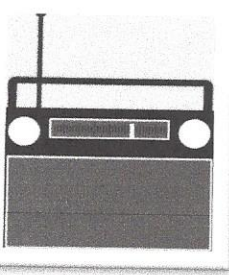


Dear Christian friends and brothers,
 If we could only know
 How faithfully the world records
 Just what we say and do.
 Oh, we would make our records plain
 And labor hard to see
 Our worldly neighbors won to Christ,
 While reading you and me.
 ~ Author Unknown

February

ZION FEBRUARY 2019 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16</i></p>					1	<p>2 Ground Hog Day</p> 
<p>3 Mission Sunday 9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service Noon – New Members Class 5:30 pm Super Bowl Party ~Come and bring a snack to share~</p> 	<p>4 1 pm Quilters</p> 	5	<p>6 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Christian Ed Mtg. 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>7</p> 	8	9
<p>10 *TEEN CHALLENGE OFFERING SUNDAY*</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 7 pm The Truth Project</p> <p><i>*We will have a basket at the back of the church for ND Teen Challenge this Sunday. If you would like to donate directly to them, the address is: North Dakota Teen Challenge P.O. Box 1143 Mandan, ND 58554</i></p>	<p>11 1 pm Quilters</p>	<p>12 7 pm Deacon/Deaconess Mtg. 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting 8 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> Valentine's Banquet 6 p.m. Appetizers 6:30 p.m. (free-will offering for Youth Group)</p> 	<p>14</p>  <p>Zion WMF Circles Meet: Circle 1 – 9:30 am Circle 2 – 2 pm Ladies, please bring 2 of your favorite recipes for a casserole dish and either a dessert or salad for our "Cook-Booklet" Thank you!</p>	15	<p>16</p> 
<p>17 Building Project Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service Noon – New Members Class 7 pm The Truth Project</p>	<p>18 1 pm Quilters</p> 	19	<p>20 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>21 Circle 3 Bible Study – 7 pm</p>	22	
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RADIO MINISTRY

Anyone who would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday. Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at noon on AM Radio Station KTG0 1090.



~LOOKING AHEAD~

A "New Members" class will start Sunday, February 3rd after the service. If you would like to join our church or just want to know more information about the AFLC, we invite you to attend!



Valentine's Banquet, Wednesday, February 13th
6 p.m. Appetizers, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
(Free-will offering for Youth FLY Convention this summer.)

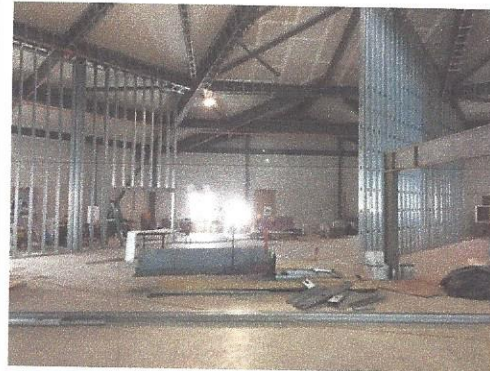


Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Join us for an evening of fellowship, singing and blessing as we begin Lent.
5:30 p.m. Meal, 7 p.m. Lent Singpiration Service.



~New Building Update~

During these cold winter days, we are thankful to be working inside the new church building, and excited to be putting up the metal stud walls! There will be a work day planned soon for volunteers to help with the sheet rock for the inside walls. We sincerely appreciate and say thank you to all those who volunteer their time, talents, prayer support, and financial gifts to this project.



Our church service is on the local NCC TV Station channel 17 on Thursdays, at noon and 8 p.m.

USHERS THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY HEAD USHER: Mark Schmidt

Randy Pederson

Jim Smithberg

~Special Offering Baskets~

FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Mission Sunday.
THIRD SUNDAY of each month is New Building Project. We will have a basket in the back of the church on these two Sundays for special offering.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office

~CLOTHES CLOSET~

OUR CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN! HOURS TO SHOP ARE:
MONDAY 4-7 P.M. & SATURDAY 9-12 P.M.
IF YOU HAVE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE (PREFERABLY THAT GO WITH THE SEASON WE ARE IN) PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU!
VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



Youth News

Youth FLY Convention - July 1 - 6, 2019
YMCA Camp, Estes Park, CO
Theme: "I AM"



2019 AFLC Annual Conference - June 11-14
Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA
Theme: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."
More info on website: aflc.org