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As of November 30, 2021, to  
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Home Missions: \$19,064.29  
Foreign Missions:  
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If you have designated funds  
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them as soon as possible to  
Kayla Marek, Financial Secre-  
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## Eyes on Me, NOT on the Cookie Jar!

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

“Eyes on Me,” says the Lord.

God tells me this almost nonstop. I am grateful that His patience and love are perfect. Growing up, Mom kept a bright-blue ceramic cookie jar in the kitchen that was actually in the shape of the Cookie Monster character from the Sesame Street children’s television series. He had a little sign that he held that read: “Cookies”. For a child whose mother was always baking some sort of cookies or other desert from scratch, the blue Cookie Monster jar was like a childhood friend. It didn’t take much once I walked into the kitchen to put my eyes on the Cookie Monster jar. Especially at Christmas, Mom would have a vast assortment of sugary delights: peanut butter blossom cookies, traditional chocolate chip cookies, Snickerdoodle cookies, ...the list goes on. Mom, however, was not always patient with my affinity for her baking. Regardless of the time of day, whether breakfast was served or as an evening snack, I was always ready for one of Momma’s cookies with a little glass of milk. Most days, my strategy was to sneak a cookie, and I rejoiced as my techniques went unnoticed – or so I thought. In her great love and compassion, Mom would often play along as if she knew nothing about my cookie stunts. Every now and again she’d openly “catch me” with a couple of chocolate chip cookies in my pocket and a mouthful of Snickerdoodles.

It never dawned on me until decades later that my focus as a child



was entirely upon whatever was directly in front of me.

Nowadays, although I am no longer an aficionado of cookies and have no clue whatever of what became of the Cookie Monster jar, it occurs to me that I have not changed much regarding that to which I fix my attention. We all do this as human beings, as God’s people. Our eyes are on whatever we aim to obtain at any given moment: attention from an individual, more sleep, dropping a few pounds, overcoming a health condition, buying something we’ve had our eye on for a while, or even just having some time of quiet, alone. ***God has designed us to have our eye on something – on Him! When you and I put our eyes on God, on the Lord Jesus Christ, we become instantly transformed in our perspective.*** Suddenly, instead of eyeing an array of things,



circumstances or relationships, you **FIX YOUR EYES ON CHRIST ALONE!** The result? ***Stress is subdued and “needs” are realigned to God’s paradigm rather than your own or someone else’s.*** You become a person who is not ruled by impulses of the sin nature. You become a person who steadily – not perfectly – increases in peacefulness given by God’s grace by the Holy Spirit. You become a person who chooses to seek Jesus’ presence over a cookie feast!

What do you “put your eyes on” daily?

Tasks that are piling up?

Problems you cannot solve easily?

A new drill or home renovation plan?

Anything in your kitchen with sugar in it?

A fresh batch of bacon?

Jesus is calling on you to keep your eye on Him. He will take care of everything. He will clearly direct you so that you know what to do next and how to do it. “Eyes on me,” He is saying. Can you hear Him? “Eyes on me. I will help you see that I am literally with you. I am the ‘Hope of Glory’ within you. Come. Come and keep your eyes on me.”

How do you keep your “eyes on Jesus”?

The Book of Colossians in the Holy Bible, chapter 3, explains how to come to this less stressful existence. As you read the excerpt below, keep your eyes on 3 things:

1) What does Jesus teach you about Himself?

2) What does Jesus teach you about yourself?

3) What similarities might exist between you and the Christians in Colossae that the Apostle Paul was seeking to encourage many centuries ago, as they were starting out and struggling to follow Jesus Christ?

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

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Buckholts – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday except the 5th Sunday.  
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.  
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.  
– Rev. John Kueker

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** – explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages); KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; & worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out [lifeatcbc.org](http://lifeatcbc.org) for spiritual resources, events, videos, & more! Friend us on Facebook!  
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Crosby – 9 AM: Worship  
10 AM: Faith Adventure  
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday.  
– Rhonda Johnson - Pulpit Supply

Fayetteville – Worship at 10:00 AM. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.  
– Rev. Mike Groseclose

Good Shepherd Moravian – Worship at 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.  
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Worship service Sundays, 10 AM. Bible Study Wednesdays, 5:30 PM.  
– Judy Gotcher - Pulpit Supply

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.  
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Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9 AM  
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New Beginnings (PO Box 163, Caldwell, TX 77836) – A Home Mission Project since 10/22/11 – Sunday School at 10:30 AM; Worship at 11:45 AM; Lunch after the service.  
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– Dr. Mark Labaj  
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

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– Rev. Thomas Tallas

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Sunday School follows.  
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ent. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,

hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Why keep your "eyes on Jesus" ...again?

You "keep your eyes on Jesus" because He is the authority over your life. You are not your own as the Bible teaches us. You were bought at the price of Jesus Christ's blood.

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- 3) He is sovereign in all and perfect in His love and will never stop taking care of you.

Your greatest need is Him.

"Eyes on Me," says the Lord.

Forget the cookie jar.

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I will be the One who is Strong for you.

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I will lighten your load.  
 I will forgive you even when you  
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 Forget the bright blue Cookie  
 Monster cookie jar.  
 Forget the cookies inside.  
 I am a better chef!  
 I am baking things for you that are  
 so wonderful that you have never  
 imagined possible!  
 Come to me.

“Eyes on Me,” says the Lord.  
 Hope in Me.  
 My love for you is perfect – all the  
 way to the Cross and beyond.

Will you strive with me, my friends,  
 to keep your eyes on Jesus?  
 Let’s pray for each other to “keep  
 our eyes on Jesus,” the One who  
 Saves us. Amen.

Momma would be proud.

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## DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

### Daily Morsels for February 2022

By Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *Holy Bible Revised Standard Revision*.

#### Sundays in bold.

1. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,  
 O LORD, from my youth. Ps. 71:5
2. Then Simeon blessed them and said  
 to his mother Mary, “This child is  
 destined for the falling and the rising  
 of many in Israel, and to be a sign  
 that will be opposed.” Lk. 2:34
3. “The inner thoughts of many will be  
 revealed – and a sword will pierce  
 your own soul too.” Lk. 2:35
4. For we know only in part, and we  
 prophesy only in part; but when the  
 complete comes, the partial will come  
 to an end. 1 Cor. 13:9-10
5. For now we see in a mirror, dimly,  
 but then we will see face to face.  
 1 Cor. 13:12a
6. **Now I know only in part; then I will  
 know fully, even as I have been  
 fully known. 1 Cor. 13:12b**
7. And now faith, hope, and love abide,  
 these three; and the greatest of these  
 is love. 1 Cor. 13:13
8. In the year that King Uzziah died, I  
 saw the Lord sitting on a throne,  
 high and lofty; and the hem of His  
 robe filled the temple. Isa. 6:1
9. One seraph called to another and  
 said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of  
 hosts; the whole earth is full of His  
 glory.” Isa. 6:3
10. I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I  
 am a man of unclean lips, and I live  
 among a people of unclean lips; yet  
 my eyes have seen the King, the  
 LORD of hosts!” Isa. 6:5
11. Then I heard the voice of the Lord  
 saying, “Whom shall I send, and who  
 will go for us?” And I said, “Here am  
 I; send me!” Isa. 6:8
12. For though the LORD is high, He  
 regards the lowly. Ps. 138:6a
13. **But when Simon Peter saw it, he  
 fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,  
 “Go away from me, Lord, for I am  
 a sinful man!” Lk. 5:8**
14. Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those  
 who trust in mere mortals and make  
 mere flesh their strength, whose hearts  
 turn away from the LORD. Jer. 17:5

15. Blessed are those who trust in the  
 LORD, whose trust is the LORD. Jer. 17:7
16. The heart is devious above all else; it  
 is perverse – who can understand it?  
 Jer. 17:9
17. I the LORD test the mind and search  
 the heart, to give to all according to  
 their ways, according to the fruit of  
 their doings. Jer. 17:10
18. “Blessed are you when people hate  
 you, and when they exclude you,  
 revile you, and defame you on  
 account of the Son of Man.” Lk. 6:22
19. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,  
 for surely your reward is great in  
 heaven; for that is what their  
 ancestors did to the prophets.  
 Lk. 6:23
20. **“But I say to you that listen, Love  
 your enemies, do good to those  
 who hate you.” Lk. 6:27**
21. Bless those who curse you, pray for  
 those who abuse you. Lk. 6:28
22. Do to others as you would have  
 them do to you. Lk. 6:31
23. Be merciful, just as your Father is  
 merciful. Lk. 6:36
24. “Do not judge, and you will not be  
 judged; do not condemn, and you  
 will not be condemned. Forgive, and  
 you will be forgiven.” Lk. 6:37
25. “Give, and it will be given to you. A  
 good measure, pressed down,  
 shaken together, running over, will be  
 put into your lap; for the measure  
 you give will be the measure you get  
 back.” Lk. 6:38
26. It was not you who sent me (Joseph)  
 here, but God; He has made me a  
 father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his  
 house and ruler over all the land of  
 Egypt. Gen. 45:8
27. **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and  
 where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
 there is freedom. 2 Cor. 3:17**
28. And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
 seeing the glory of the Lord as  
 though reflected in a mirror, are being  
 transformed into the same image  
 from one degree of glory to another;  
 for this comes from the Lord, the  
 Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:18



# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for January 2022

By Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *Holy Bible Revised Standard Revision*.

### Sundays in bold.

1. And the One who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Rev. 21:5
2. **I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. Jer. 31:13b**
3. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. Jn. 1:3a
4. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people. Jn. 1:3b-4
5. Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isa. 60:1
6. They saw the child with Mary His mother, knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt. 2:11
7. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Eph. 1:3
8. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7
9. **The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased." Lk. 3:22**
10. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Isa. 43:1b
11. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. Isa. 43:2a
12. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Isa. 43:3a
13. You are precious in My sight, and honored, and I love you. Isa. 43:4a
14. Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Ps. 36:5
15. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your judgments are like the great deep. Ps. 36:6a

16. **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." Lk. 4:18**
17. Then He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Lk. 4:21
18. Jesus did this, the first of His signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. Jn. 2:11
19. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. Ps. 19:1
20. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Ps. 19:14
21. How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. Ps. 36:7
22. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. Ps. 36:9
23. **For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12**
24. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. 1 Cor. 12:13a
25. God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. 1 Cor. 12:18
26. That there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 1 Cor. 12:25
27. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 1 Cor. 12:26
28. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Cor. 12:27
29. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you." Jer. 1:5a
30. **In You, O LORD, I take refuge. Ps. 71:1a**
31. In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me and save me. Ps. 71:2

## The Arrival of Hus

- by Jim Pokorny

The village of Husinec is situated in the southern part of Bohemia near the Bavarian border. The Barons of Janowic built the Castle of Hus there in 1341. It was in this village that Jan Hus was born around the year 1372. Although from peasant stock, his parents' circumstances were favorable. Unfortunately, details of his early years have fallen through the cracks of time.

Hus studied at the University of Prague. Modeled after the university in Paris, it soon surpassed it and was considered the finest in Europe. There, Hus obtained his first degree in 1393 and obtained his Master of Arts in 1396. Hus was diligent in his studies and was granted a professorship there in 1398. Hus flourished and was elected Dean of the Philosophical Faculty in 1401 and Rector of the University in 1402.

This same period witnessed considerable confusion. A schism had torn the Latin Church in two. Two popes, one in Rome and the other in Avignon, each claimed to be the head of the church while accosting each other. The University of Paris protested and saw the need for reform. The University of Oxford also protested. Although Wycliffe had died, his writings were growing more influ-

ential. These writings made their way into Bohemia and were influencing the country. Adding to the turmoil was the death of Charles IV in 1378. His eldest son Wenzel proved to be a weak leader. Political power was exercised by those who ruled in his name.

These were the circumstances when Hus began his public career. Hus became convinced that there was dire corruption within the Church and that reforms were necessary. He searched for truth and understood that truth was to be found in the Bible. When Hus found no discrepancy between the Scriptures and Church dogma, he upheld the dogma. But when he found disagreement between the two, Hus rejected dogma and followed the Scriptures. Hus wrote: "I have made it a rule, whenever I meet a sounder opinion, to joyfully and humbly give up the one I previously entertained."

Hus now occupied a commanding position and a distinguished circle gathered around him. His most intimate friend and colleague was Jerome of Prague. Jerome was logical, an excellent speaker, and had studied at several prominent European universities. They and their other associates typically met in the home of John Protzwa of St. Michael's. These men not only shared a common philoso-



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phy, but they were also distinctly Czech and looked unfavorably upon German Czechs.

On March 4, 1402, Hus, having been ordained, was installed as the incumbent of Bethlehem Chapel at Prague. As incumbent, Hus glimpsed the desire of the human soul. The position allowed Hus to search Scripture for truth that sanctified his heart more than it increased his knowledge. It paved the way for reformation. It was said that Hus “sacrificed everything, he sacrificed himself, in order to save souls.” His favorite saying was borrowed from St. Ambrose – “Prayer and tears are the weapons of a priest.” Hus was confessor for Queen Sophia, welcomed by the nobility, and loved by the common people.

In 1403 Zybnek Zajic von Hasenburg was elevated to the see. He appointed Hus synodical preacher and charged him to report any abuses. On May 28, 1403, Walter Harasser (Hus’s successor as rector) called an academical meeting and presented 45 articles extracted from Wycliffe’s writings. The articles were condemned, and the University was forbidden to teach them. This act, combined with

Hus’s new commission could be considered the start of the Bohemian Reformation. The first development was the correction of an abuse involving Communion. A report, spread by priests, claimed that their observance cured all manner of diseases. Pilgrims from surrounding nations poured in. Hus insisted that a commission be formed to investigate. The claims proved to be fraudulent and further pilgrimages were forbidden.

Hus next sought to purify both the life and doctrine of the Church. In the University, Hus brought forth an unprecedented love for Scripture. In Bethlehem Chapel, he discussed the essentials of Christianity. Hus carefully distinguished between the biblical and the dogmatic. In the synod, Hus exposed the vices of the clergy and gave every sin its proper name. Anti-scriptural practices, although time-honored, were finally being disclosed. Innovative ideas emerged. Man’s responsibility to God began to outweigh his obligation to Church Hierarchy. Hearts within Prague, indeed all of Bohemia, were moved. Through Hus, the gears of Reformation were beginning to turn.

## 2022 Summer Camp Dates

### ENCOUNTER

Ages 7-9 years old

Camp Cost: TBA

Camp Date: **June 21-23**

### PIONEER

Ages 12-13 years old

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Camp Date: **July 17-22**

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Ages 16-19 years old

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Camp Date: **July 10-15**

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Ages 10-11 years old

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Camp Date: **June 26-30**

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Camp Date: **June 12-17**

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**For more information about the Hus School Encampment go to:**  
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## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

**February 26, 2022 – State Children’s Rally for 5th grade and below.** This event is for children ages 3-5th grade. It’s full day of fun and participants will enjoy games, music, crafts, Bible stories, lunch, and snacks. T-shirt is included with registrations **MADE BY THE DEADLINE!** Registrations are due February 1 and must include \$20 fee for participants and \$10 for volunteers. Forms are available at <https://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org/children>. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Chervenka at [jennchervenka@gmail.com](mailto:jennchervenka@gmail.com).

**March 19, 2022 – Spring Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment** – 9 a.m.; refreshments served at 8 a.m. with a light lunch served at noon. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Larry Koslovsky, 713-594-4518.

### Save the Dates . . .

**July 9-10, 2022 – BYF Retreat and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.** Be looking for more information coming in Spring 2022.

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## Granger Brethren Church Thanksgiving Community Service

One of the highlights this year at Granger Brethren Church was the Thanksgiving Community Service. The community gathered Sunday, November 21, 2021, for an evening service led by Pastors Cody Norman of Judea Baptist, Philip Hamline of First Baptist, Father Hilario of St. Cyril Methodius, Ron Moore of St. Loveall, and Judy Gotcher of Granger Brethren. Taylor organist, Ellen Hodon, accompanied singing with the organ.

Pastor Cody’s message, based on

Psalm 23:5 (*You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies*), emphasized God’s love and assurance in these troubled times.

The donations made that evening were shared between two of God’s Community Missions, feeding children on weekends, and helping families with financial payments. It was an evening of community connecting, worshipping, and feeling thankful and blessed.

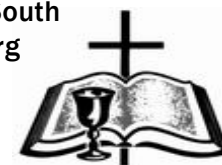


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## The Seaton Christian Sisters Supports the Bell County Rainbow Room

The Seaton Christian Sisters are very involved with supporting the Bell County Rainbow Room. This is where the Child Protective Service caseworkers get supplies for the children who come through the CPS offices.

Some children may come with nothing when they are picked up. The Sisters try to supply what the Rainbow Room requests on a Quarterly basis. New clothes from sizes 0-3 months to sizes large 10-12 for boys and girls have been donated (29 sets of clothing in May 2019) along with 2 Pack & Plays. In November 2021, 38 sets of clothing in different sizes as previously mentioned were donated along with 5 plush fleece throws and 10 fleece throws that the Seaton Christian Sisters made with love.

In May of 2021 the Rainbow Room requested diapers, baby wipes, laundry detergent, fruit snacks, granola bars, Pop Tarts, Goldfish, cheese crack-

ers, microwave spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, lasagna, pasta shells & cheese sauce so they could separate these items and give to the foster families that take these children to their homes for shelter.



## God's Love is Math

**Scripture:** Romans 5:8, JEremiah 32:3, Romans 8:38-39

What is 100%? What does it mean to give more than 100%? Here's some fun math. Think about each letter of the alphabet having a value, with A=1 to Z=26. Using this

HARDWORK = 98 (8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11)

KNOWLEDGE = 96

ATTITUDE = 100

BUT the **LOVE OF GOD = 101**

**Hard work and knowledge will get you close, attitude will get you there, but the Love of God will put you over the top!**

### Love to Pieces

**Materials:** Paper, scissors

Write **God's Love** on the paper. Discuss how God's love is something we can all have, and we can also give it away. Show that the paper (God's Love) has 4 corners. If I give you one of my corners of God's Love, how many do I have left? Children will most likely say 3. Take the scissors and cut off a corner and give it to someone. Now count the corners. Say: I gave one away and not I've got FIVE! Continue cutting the initial 4 corners. Explain that you end up with MORE corners, not less, every time you give one away. The more of God's love you give away the bigger it gets!



## The Science of Love

**Scripture:** John 3:16, I John 4:19, Romans 5:8, John 14:23, John 7:38, Matthew 22:37-39

**Materials:** Paper towel, red marker, ball point pen, water

Draw a heart on a paper towel using a ball point pen (not a marker) near the bottom of the paper towel.

Talk about how the heart looks empty and this is our heart before we accept God's love for us. Read John 3:16. Talk about what it means to demonstrate or show love. Read Romans 5:8. God's love doesn't depend on something we do first. God loves us so much. He doesn't want us to be without him.

**Say:** When we believe and trust in God's love, he fills our heart. Read John 14:23. Fill in the heart with the red marker. But we can't stop there. Draw a few more hearts above the first heart with the pen. Say, there are lots of empty hearts of people all around us. God wants us to share his love. Place the paper towel edge in the water. Read John 7:38. Talk about how God's love spreads to others through us as the red marker seeps to the empty hearts.

*(Science facts: Absorption is seen in diffusion and osmosis as substances are transferred through cell membranes. In Biology, the absorption of nutrients into the blood is an example. In Physics, it is the light that is absorbed by an object and changed to heat.)*



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## Seaton Brethren Church Bake Sale Success!

The Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters have been busy with their annual Bake Sale Fundraiser which was held on November 6, 2021. The bake sale included baked goods such as kolaches, cream cheese braids, cakes, pies, cookies, canned pickles, beets, okra, and other vegetables. A lunch of homemade soup and sandwich was available for purchase, chicken dressing was made, and pre-

orders were taken as well as sold at the sale. Tamales were available for sale. A raffle for a hand-quilted quilt, 11 gift cards, and a throw were given away. A re-sale shop with gently used items brought in a lot of shoppers. There were also a few quilts on display. The fundraiser was very successful. The Sisters use the proceeds to help with projects of the church and community.



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## Sunday School Helper



Let all that you do  
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I Corinthians 16:14



The Science of Love. This month there are tons of science experiments and object lessons to help children understand the love of God. The Bible is full of verses about love. The most well known is probably John 3:16. However, evidence of God's love is spread all through the Bible, because God IS love.

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## West Brethren Church Covered Entrance Dedication

A covered drive-up entrance has been added to West Brethren Church to make the building more accessible for all to worship, study, and serve. This new entrance was dedicated on November 7, 2021, directly after the morning Worship Service. Rev. Gerald Davis led the Dedication Service. Ron Borrenpohl, Project Leader, gave an overview of the project and recognized the others on the committee: David Winget, Reid Gentry, & Tyler Goode. Mr. Borrenpohl also recognized and thanked each of the contractors involved in the project, many of whom were present.

In October 2020, Phase I of the project began inside the building. An existing stage in the Fellowship Hall

was removed and the power system expanded and upgraded. Two new rooms were added on each side of the entrance, and new flooring was installed in the Fellowship Hall and the adjoining hallways.

In January 2021, Phase II of the project began outside the building. Construction of the 30' x 30' covered drive-through entrance, a new concrete driveway, and preliminary landscaping was all completed by June 2021.

West Brethren Church is thankful for the generous donations that made this building project possible.

The Dedication Service was followed by the annual Harvest Dinner.



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