



## *From the Pastor's Desk*


### ***"Space for Grace"***

Last week Sadie and I went to Chick-fil-A as a special treat on the way to TNT (our high school youth group). Given the time, I knew that the line would undoubtedly be long, and indeed it was! There was a sea of traffic congestion in the parking lot of Chick-fil-A and also spilling out into the adjoining parking lot of Trader Joe's and even backing up in the entrance from Highway 19. As three lines of traffic merged, a small space was momentarily open immediately in front of us. But, only for a moment, before two vehicles, a truck and a SUV lunged forward to seize the space and fight for a place in line. I quickly backed off as the two nearly hit each other, then rolled down their windows and yelled insults at each other as they continued to try to force each other out of line as they menacingly drove about the restaurant next to each other with only inches to spare. This violent display of anger and aggression was for a chicken sandwich! The Chick-fil-A employees had to separate the vehicles and attempt to pacify the explosive drivers with free food.

Just the day before this experience, a "Get & Go" abruptly closed in Robinson Township as the last remaining employee simply could no longer take the abuse from customers. The individual put a sign on the door stating "Closed due to customer abuse," locked the door and left.

Last week, one of the Pittsburgh school districts called a special meeting in an attempt to determine how to deal with the unprecedented rise in violent behavior among the students. A few days ago, NPR reported that during the month of November, 858 school districts affecting 8,692 individual schools around the nation closed for extra days and in some cases, even full weeks because the teachers, custodians, and bus drivers simply needed a break from all the extra stress of increased duties, fewer staff, and growing demands from parents.

We see on the news daily occurrences of rage and incivility. Our society seems to have lost its ability to even have civil conversations together while traveling on the road of life. Increasingly, we see that there is no "space for grace" as people are stretched to the breaking point and often melt down or explode violently.



*Closed due to  
customer abuse!*



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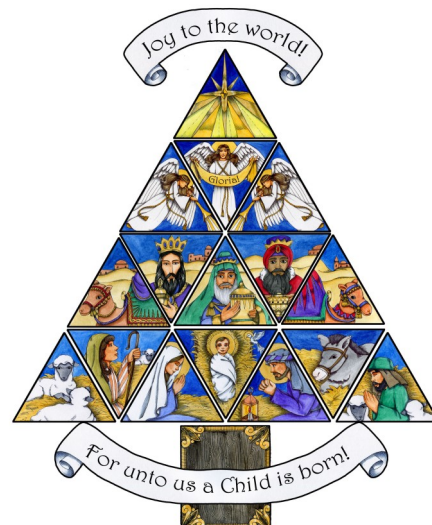
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Much of this is due to the ongoing stress from dealing with Covid for almost two full years. The economic challenges and uncertainties of the future bring anxiety. The increasing polarization of our society in the political arena has also heightened the incivility. People shut each other out without even listening to what the other might have to share. There is no “space for grace” in conversations or in the assumptions about others.

In the midst of our cultural chaos and social unrest, we enter the Advent Season and prepare for Christmas! It is so hypocritical that as we approach Christmas we are surrounded by such un-Christ-like behaviors!

But, thankfully, Christ came for us and “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) Humanity was living in the squalor and ugliness of sin, and God sent our Savior to us to create a “space for grace” and a Christmas Season of Salvation! Rather than demanding His rights, or the respect due His name, Jesus, even though He was God, “emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:7-8)

On Christmas Eve, our world did not even give Him a decent space in which to be born, but He came anyway and created a “space for grace” in which He offers salvation to all who believe and give Him space in their heart. May this Christmas Season truly become a “Space for Grace” in your heart and in each day of your life!



***Merry Christmas!!!***

***Pastor Carlson***

***Dear Ruthfred Congregation Family,***

*As we have just celebrated Thanksgiving and have now entered the Advent Season in preparation for celebrating Christmas, we want to express our thanks for each of you and joy in being your pastor (and pastor's family)! It is a privilege to pastor a congregation that desires to hear the preaching of the Word of God, to spend time studying Scripture together, and also commits to live out our faith in Christian fellowship with one another.*

***May God richly bless you this Christmas Season with the good gifts of His grace!***

***Merry Christmas!***

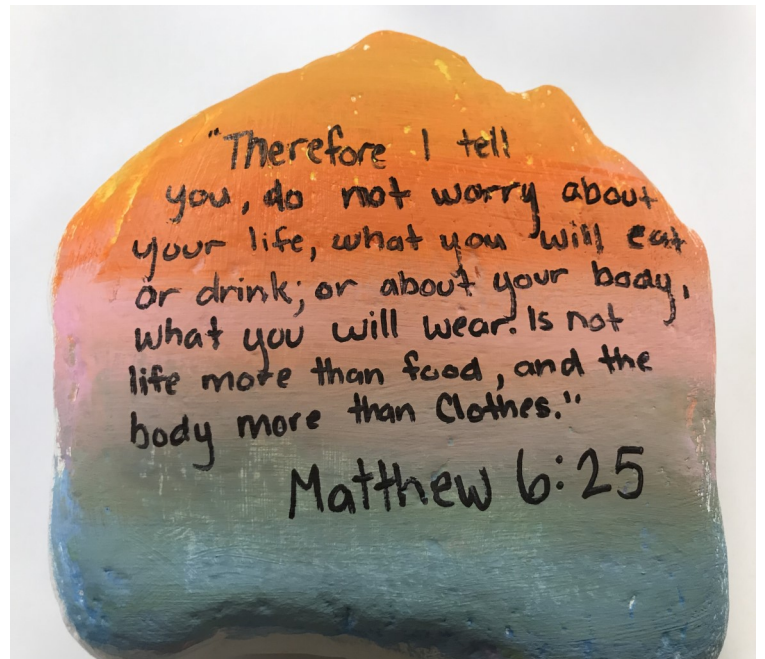
***Pastor & Jen, Ben, Sadie & Sam Carlson***



# ADVENT 2021



Advent had an early start on Sunday Nov. 21st as we had a special event for our young families during the Sunday School hour. There was a brunch along with the crafting of Advent Wreaths. The older students painted rocks with Bible verses and reminders of God's truths. A special thank you goes to all who helped make this such a wonderful time!







## Advent Scripture Readings :

### First Candle: Prophecy & Hope

What is Hope? Why do we have Hope? How do we help others in our community and around the world know that Jesus is the HOPE of the world?

Nov 28 - Ephesians 1 :12-13

Nov 29 - Jeremiah 33 : 14-16

Nov 30 - Isaiah 9:2-7

Dec 1 – Romans 15:12-13

Dec 2 – Isaiah 11:1-10

Dec 3 – Luke 1:5-25

Dec 4 – Luke 1:26-38

The first candle is purple and is lit every day of the first week of Advent. Purple symbolizes the royalty of the coming King. It also has a subdued reminder of repentance as we are turned from sin and our hearts are prepared for Christ.

### Second Candle: Bethlehem & Peace

What is Peace? Why do we have lasting peace? Who in our world needs God's Peace this year? How can we share God's Peace with them?

Dec 5 – Isaiah 9: 6-7, Isaiah 40:3-5

Dec 6 - Matthew 1:18-21

Dec 7 – Matthew 1:22-26

Dec 8 – Luke 1: 39-45

Dec 9: Luke 1: 46-56

Dec 10 – Luke 2: 1-5

Dec 11: Luke 2:6-7

The second candle is also purple. During the second week of Advent the first and second candles will be lit each day. Micah foretold that Christ would be born in Bethlehem and that "He would be our peace." Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be the "Prince of Peace."

### Third Candle: Shepherds & Joy

What is Joy? Where does your joy come from? Read Luke 2: 7-15 and imagine you were a shepherd in the field. What do you think it felt like when the angels appeared?

Dec 12- Isaiah 9:3-4, Psalm 16:11

Dec 13 – Luke 2:8-12

Dec 14- 1 Peter 1:8-9

Dec 15 – Luke 2:13-14

Dec 16 – Luke 2: 15-18

Dec 17- Luke 2:19-20

Dec 18 – Matthew 2:1-12

The third candle is pink. The shepherds received the news that filled them with "great joy."

### Fourth Candle: Angels & Love

What is Love? How did God show His incredible love? How do we help others know God's love?

Dec 19- John 3:16-17

Dec 20- 1 Corinthians 4:6

Dec 21- Ephesians 2:1-9

Dec 22- 1 John 4:9-12

Dec 23- Luke 2:1-40

Dec 24- John 3:16

Dec 25: John 1:1-14, Psalm 96, 2 Corinthians 9:15

The fourth candle is another purple one. The angels sang in the heavens and gave the message to the shepherds of God's gift of love for all the world.

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Why is that part special to you? Take some time today to praise God for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Light of the World. Because of Jesus we have hope, peace, joy and love. He is our greatest gift!

The fifth candle is white and occupies the center of the wreath. It is the Christ Candle. Christ is the pure and holy LIGHT of the world!



*Come, Join us this Holy Season as we Celebrate:*

## *Come Home for Christmas!*

### **Ruthfred Lutheran Church**

**Sunday Advent Season & Christmas Messages:**

**Service Times: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (also 6:00 p.m. on December 5th)**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**"He Comes Teaching! Do You Care?" (Psalm 25:1-10)**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**"The Invitation of God: 'Return to Me'" (Malachi 3:1-7)**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**"He Comes Saving! Will You Gather?" (Zephaniah 3:14-20)**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**"The Promise of God: The Shepherd of Peace & The Bread of Life Is Coming" (Micah 5:2-5a; 7:14-20)**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: "The Presence of Immanuel: Christ Has Come Home to Us" (Isaiah 7:10-14; Matthew 1:18-25)**

**Service Times: 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Service: "He Came to Live with You" (John 1:14)**

**Service Time: 10:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)**



### ***Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life***



*"In carols of Christmas, you'll sometimes hear more than gladness that the Child is born on Christmas. You'll hear of deliverance: 'Born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth ...' There is much to ponder before, during, and after Christmas. Let the meaning of Christmas fill our hearts with anticipation, wonder, and thanksgiving for many days! For death's days are numbered because of a birth — the birth of the Key of David."*

James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life  
[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



**Member Profile:****by Mettelise Ziegler**

## Kate & Shane Cox

### Maddie & Isaac

We have quite a few active church members named Cox at Ruthfred. Many of you have had the delightful experience of visiting with them at Cox Farm for the fall festival in October, or at Cox Market in Monongahela. Today, we are focusing upon Shane & Kate, (son and daughter-in-law of Peggy and Steve) with their children Maddie and Isaac.

Kate and Shane met at Ringgold High School, but they didn't date until years after graduation. Next May, they will celebrate seventeen years of marriage. A Penn State graduate in Biology, Kate is currently the office manager for her mother's veterinary clinic where her sister, also a veterinarian, and brother work. Shane studied Criminal Justice at California University of Pennsylvania, intending to become a state police officer, but now enjoys a career as a farrier.

Shane's farrier business takes him to horses throughout Fayette and Washington counties as well as to South Park and areas in the vicinity. Daughter, Maddie, is particularly fond of riding. At thirteen years of age, she is involved with the family's three horses at her grandparents' farm. Maddie also participates in track and field events at school. Isaac is helpful around the farm. The family raises Corriente cattle which are used in rodeo. They currently have sixteen head. At fifteen, he is busy with friends and school, and plays deck hockey.



One of the major reasons Kate and Shane decided to come to Ruthfred about eight years ago was the church's strong commitment to children and youth. Both Maddie and Isaac are involved, having made strong friendships with like-minded students. Kate and Shane would like nothing more than to see their children make good choices with confidence and strength, as taught in the Bible.

Shane is currently the Sunday School Superintendent. He and Kate attend the adult Sunday class in the Upper Room. They have helped with the church picnic, harvest festival, and in many other ways. As Kate noted, the family has found that members of the congregation seem to live their faith well beyond Sunday morning. It's a good place for all four members of this particular Cox Family.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Once again, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for their continued generosity. Last month I dropped off 111 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the South Hills Bible Chapel, which means that 111 children from around the world will have a gift to open at Christmas! Last year's total was 87, so this was a significant increase. Thank you so very much! Carol Ward



### Ponderable Quote:

**Kind words are jewels that live in the heart and soul and remain as blessed memories years after they have been spoken.**

**Marvea Johnson**



## Song of the Month

By Tom Glasser



I don't believe I would be too far out on a limb if I claimed that no other event in the history of the world – no other "holy day" – has inspired more joyful sacred music (not to mention joyful secular music) as Christmas. Even non-Christians, atheists, and secularists of all stripes seem unable to avoid being moved by the infectious spirit of its songs, hymns, and carols. With these thoughts in mind, I set out to select another Advent or Christmas song to feature for the December Herald. It was then that the idea came to me how fun it might be to survey our members, asking them to vote for their favorite Advent / Christmas hymn or song.

78 members graciously responded. Many echoed what I had acknowledged in my question -- how difficult it is to pick just one hymn or song. In the spirit of the survey, however, they made their selections. Many included brief explanations for their choices, stating why this or that song held special meaning for them. I truly enjoyed reading them all and tabulating the votes.

22 different songs are represented among the 78 votes cast, affirming how great a selection there is from which to choose. At first, the votes were pretty evenly distributed, but soon one hymn began to rise above the rest, followed pretty closely by a second. After those two there was a fairly large drop off.



Thanks to everyone who participated in this survey. No matter where your personal favorite appears in the results (or not at all), may you have many opportunities to enjoy hearing, singing, or playing it this Christmas season!

So, with no further ado, turn the page to view the results of the survey:

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## Hymn or Song

## Votes

O Holy Night	14
Silent Night	11
O Come O Come Emmanuel	6
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing	5
Joy to the World	5
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	5
Angels We Have Heard on High	4
Mary, Did You Know?	4
O Come All Ye Faithful	4
What Child Is This?	4
Away in a Manger	2
In Heaven It Must Be Christmas Time	2
In the Bleak Midwinter	2
Hallelujah Chorus	2
Coventry Carol (Lully Lullay)	1
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come	1
Go, Tell It On the Mountain	1
I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve	1
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	1
Little Drummer Boy	1
O Little Town of Bethlehem	1
Sleepers Awake	1



Hats off to the artists whom God used to give us the carol we know as "O Holy Night".

To Placide Cappeau who wrote the original French-language poem;

To Adophe Adam who composed the hauntingly beautiful melody;

To John Sullivan Dwight who provided us with the English version we know and love.

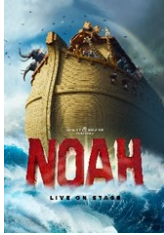
*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appears and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*



**Start date: Wednesday, September 15th**

**Time: 6:45pm – 8:00pm**

**2021/2022 Evening JTTW Schedule:**

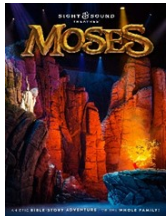


September 15th: Noah Week 1 (Genesis 6:1-11)

September 22nd: Noah Week 2 (Genesis 6:12-22)

September 29th: Noah Week 3 (Genesis 7)

October 6th: Noah Week 4 (Genesis 8:1-9:19)



October 13th: Moses Week 1 (Exodus 1:7 - 2:10)

October 20th: Moses Week 2 (Exodus 2:11-15)

October 27th: Moses Week 3 (Exodus 2:16-21; 3:2-10; 4:1-8)

November 3rd: Moses Week 4 (Exodus 4:31-5:2; 7:4-6; 11:9)



November 10th: Jonah Week 1 (Jonah 1:1-3)

November 17th: Jonah Week 2 (Jonah 1:4-17)

November 24th: Thanksgiving Break

December 1st: Jonah Week 3 (Jonah 2:1 - 3:9)

December 8th: Jonah Week 4 (Jonah 3:10 - 4:11)

December 15th, 22nd, & 29th -- Christmas Break



January 5th: Ruth Week 1

January 12th: Ruth Week 2

January 19th: Ruth Week 3

January 26th: Ruth Week 4



February 2nd: The Pilgrim's Progress Week 1

February 9th: The Pilgrim's Progress Week 2

February 16th: The Pilgrim's Progress Week 3

February 23rd: The Pilgrim's Progress Week 4



## NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The Benevolence committee's special needs request for donations to three Alaska missionaries (Crowells, Lees and Swansons) and to the Orality Institute for Malawi Project was granted.

Giving envelopes are to be distributed soon, and there was discussion on if we may want to consider discontinuing the envelopes for those who prefer to give offerings in order to save money for the church..

Trustees' Report: Hank Duran finished some electrical work at the church. The youth room carpet has been cleaned and two new couches were moved in. Shane Cox made repairs to some of the existing couches.

Treasurer's Report: Bill requested a modification to the Record Retention Policy. Currently the policy requires a copy of the check stubs as evidence of payment of invoices be retained permanently. Electronic copies are also retained, therefore Bill recommended that the policy be amended to retain check stubs for three years. A motion passed to change the policy.

Old Business: Kurt Ziegler reported on his research on updates to the fellowship hall.

- \* Two estimates are attached for carpeting the entire fellowship hall. Stain resistant carpet is \$6,000 more. Samples were passed around. Brian clarified with the vendor that a spill on Saturday could be cleaned Monday. This is the best estimate we have gotten. A motion was made by Eric Wente and seconded by Mark Arelt to approve the installation of the stain resistant carpet (color to be chosen later). Kurt and the Trustees will follow through on this.
- \* Hollowood estimated a cost of \$20,000 to sound deaden the hall. He said that the carpet and blinds would make a significant difference.

New Business:

- \* The council unanimously approved offering the Financial Manager position to Bruce Hays. Bruce is from Finleyville and has 37 years of experience. He worked at two local Catholic churches for 5-6 years. He has a business management background and clearances. He will start the 15<sup>th</sup> of November working 25 hours a week.
- \* A nominating committee for open church council positions was approved and will include Mark Arelt, Connie Munn, Steve Cox, Barb Harrold, Paula Mikulan and Caleb Cox.
- \* A motion passed to donate the Thanksgiving day offering to the City Mission and Voice of the Martyrs.
- \* Joe reviewed the Constitution and By-Laws to make sure that virtual meetings are valid. He found that it says a majority of members is a quorum at meetings and does not specify that it must be in person. Council agreed that there is no need to amend the Constitution or By-laws to allow for Zoom meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kris Wente





## 90+ Birthday Club

Joyce Alderson	December 9th	96
Garnett Wasson	December 10th	91
Lorraine Christman	December 21st	90
Cornell Ghise	December 31st	91



## Official Acts -- November 2021

### Weddings:

- \* Brianna Desiree Riley and William Alling Cole -- 11/13/21

\* indicates member

*I am  
the Way,  
the Truth  
and the  
Life*  
John 14:6





# December, 2021



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> JTTW 9:15 Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 JTTW 6:45	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m.(Fireside Lounge)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Holy Communion 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 6:00	<b>6</b> JTTW Leaders 9:30 Craft & Sew 9:30	<b>7</b> Worship Team 7:00	<b>8</b> JTTW 9:15 Esther Noon Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 JTTW 6:45 Confirmation 6:45	<b>9</b> Knit Wits 10:00 Happy 96th Birthday Joyce Alderson 	<b>10</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m.(Fireside Lounge) Happy 91st Birthday Garnett Wasson 	<b>11</b> Mary Bible Study 9:30 (Fireside Lounge) Decorate for Women's Ministry Luncheon
<b>12</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 Women's Ministry Christ	<b>13</b> Craft & Sew 9:30 Elders' Meeting & Prayer Time 6:30 Council Meeting 7:30	<b>14</b> Gideons Christmas Party 6:00-8:30 Worship Team 7:00	<b>15</b> Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 JTTW 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 Kids' Time 6:45	<b>16</b> Preschool (3 YO) Program ca. 11:00 Ruth 2:00	<b>17</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m.(Fireside Lounge) Preschool (4 YO) Program ca. 11:00	<b>18</b> Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service 5:00
<b>19</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 Herald Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Worship Team 7:00 Happy 90th Birthday Lorraine Christma 	<b>22</b> Children's Choir 5:45 NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES Senior Choir 7:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE Service 5:00 Service 7:00 Service 9:00	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion 10:00 
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# December 2021

## Youth Ministry Calendar

		<b>30</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Sunday School 9:45	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  TNT Christmas Party @ Church 6:00-10:00	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Sunday School 9:45  SWAP Christmas	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Sunday School 9:45  NO SWAP	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  NO TNT	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  	<b>25</b>  
<b>26</b>  Sunday School 9:45  NO SWAP	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  	
						



## Reading Through the Bible 2021

### Schedule for December

1st	2 Corinthians 11	2 Corinthians 12	2 Corinthians 13	Acts 20:7-12	
2nd	Acts 20:13-38	Acts 21:1-36			
3rd	Acts 21:37-40	Acts 22	Acts 23		
4th	Acts 24	Acts 25	Acts 26		
5th	Acts 27				
6th	Acts 28	Ephesians 1	Ephesians 2		
7th	Ephesians 3	Ephesians 4	Ephesians 5:1-14		
8th	Ephesians 5:15-33	Ephesians 6	Colossians 1:1-23		
9th	Colossians 1:24-29	Colossians 2	Colossians 3	Colossians 4	
10th	Philemon 1	Philippians 1	Philippians 2:1-11		
11th	Philippians 2:12-30	Philippians 3	Philippians 4		
12th	James 1	James 2	James 3		
13th	James 4	James 5	1 Timothy 1	1 Timothy 2	
14th	1 Timothy 3	1 Timothy 4	1 Timothy 5	1 Timothy 6:1-10	
15th	1 Timothy 6:11-21	Titus 1	Titus 2	Titus 3	2 Timothy 1
16th	2 Timothy 2	2 Timothy 3	2 Timothy 4:1-18		
17th	2 Timothy 4:19-22	Hebrews 1	Hebrews 2	Hebrews 3	Hebrews 4:1-13
18th	Hebrews 4:14-16	Hebrews 5	Hebrews 6	Hebrews 7	
19th	Hebrews 8	Hebrews 9	Hebrews 10		
20th	Hebrews 11	Hebrews 12			
21st	Hebrews 13	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 2:1-3		
22nd	1 Peter 2:4-25	1 Peter 3	1 Peter 4	1 Peter 5:1-11	
23rd	1 Peter 5:12-14	2 Peter 1	2 Peter 2	2 Peter 3	
24th	1 John 1	1 John 2	1 John 3	1 John 4:1-6	
25th	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5	2 John 1	3 John 1	
26th	Jude 1	Revelation 1	Revelation 2		
27th	Revelation 3	Revelation 4	Revelation 5	Revelation 6	
28th	Revelation 7	Revelation 8	Revelation 9	Revelation 10	
29th	Revelation 11	Revelation 12	Revelation 13	Revelation 14	
30th	Revelation 15	Revelation 16	Revelation 17	Revelation 18	
31st	Revelation 19	Revelation 20	Revelation 21		



You made it !!



**A joyful heart is good medicine.**

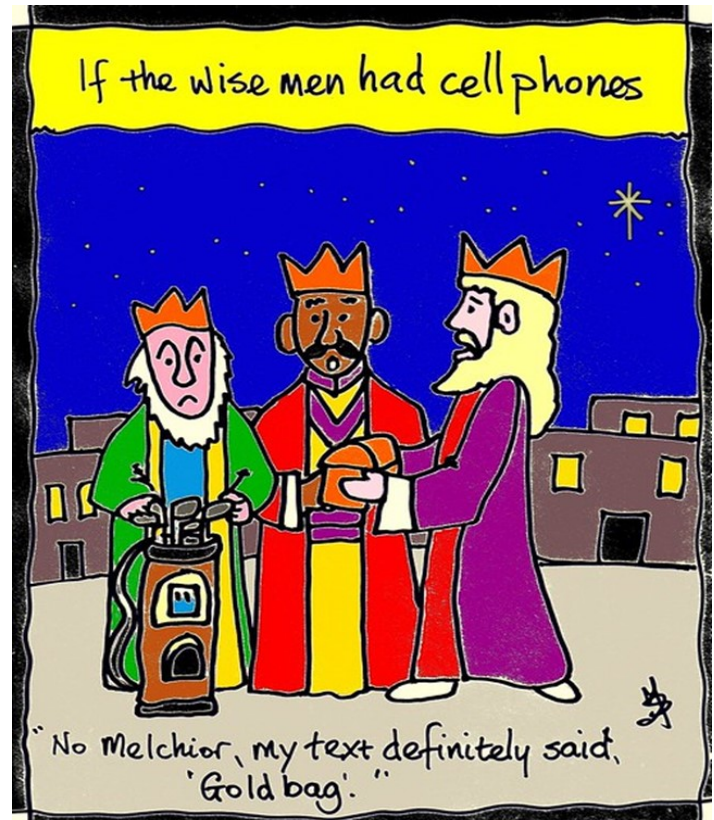
**Proverbs 17:22a**

In the schoolyard one day four boys were bragging about their fathers. Johnny started it when he said that his dad was an airline pilot. "He gets to fly these cool airplanes all around the country, and for that he makes \$90,000 a year."

Not to be outdone, Billy piped up: "My dad is a lawyer. He gets to sit in a nice office and just talk on the phone all day. And for that he makes \$110,000 a year."

Tommy upped the ante even more. "My dad's a doctor. He just wears a white coat, listens to people's problems all day, and writes prescriptions. And for that he makes \$175,000 a year!"

Ted felt the challenge to not be left out of this bragging contest. "That's nothing. My dad is a pastor. He gets up in church once a week and talks for a half hour, and it takes four men to carry all the money he makes!"



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