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**Welcome Fall!**

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## THE KEY TO SERVANTHOOD

*John 13:3-16*

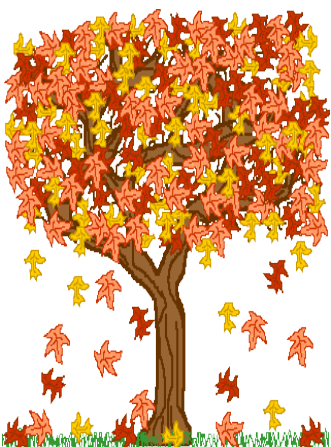
Many Christians are discontented and unsettled because they fail to understand that true servanthood is more than simply coming to church on Sunday; it involves pouring one's life into somebody else's. Jesus demonstrated this when He washed the disciples' feet in the upper room during the Last Supper.

The Lord's example shows us that the key is humility. Unless we are willing to stoop low and get dirty in ministering to others, we have missed the point. In addition, a true servant . . .

- Does not wait to be asked. Nobody requested that Jesus go and wash the disciples' feet. Just as He saw and did what was necessary, a true servant is alert to identify the need and then volunteers to meet it. He will quietly go about his service without looking for recognition or reward. He is satisfied and with the overwhelming joy that comes by simply giving.
- Must learn to receive as well as to give. That is often quite difficult for servants. Jesus told His disciples that unless they allowed Him to wash their feet, they'd have no part with Him. Peter balked because he was too proud to receive such care (v. 8). We must not be so tied to convention or pride that we say no to somebody who lovingly desires to "wash our feet." If God Himself could take "the very nature of a servant" (Phil. 2:6-7 NIV) and perform a menial task for His disciples, what excuse could we possibly have for not serving others?

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Charles Stanley





# When You're Tempted to Give Up

Suffering is one of the deepest mysteries and yet the most common threat to a Christian's stability. As I had been ready through the book of Job, I have been reminded that most of the time, we have no idea why a particular thing is happening, or the way a particular thing is happening. No way, until I come to the words of God toward the end of the book. God does what He does — allows what He allows — for His own reasons and sovereign reasons. I have been led to share with you some thoughts to help us in the midst of pain & suffering, when we are tempted to give up.

God's word declares that it's possible to face the agonizing realities of life with joy because the testing of our faith produces steadfastness ([James 1:2–3](#)), and suffering gives rise to endurance ([Romans 5:3](#)). But suffering doesn't *automatically* produce pleasant things. In fact, trials commonly make people increasingly bitter, despondent, impatient, envious, or angry. If we respond in unbelief, suffering produces bitter fruit. But if we do not give up, suffering can produce a harvest of righteousness ([Galatians 6:9](#); [James 3:18](#)).

So what practical steps can we take in the midst of suffering in order to persevere in faith?

## 1. Please don't stop gathering with your church.

I'm talking about the times when there was something in our hearts that didn't *want* to be around God's people. *That* is the kind of unbelieving attitude we need to guard against. The excuses always *feel* legitimate. *It's too exhausting to be around people. I don't want to answer the same questions over and over. I can't take the well-meaning-but-unhelpful comments.* But feelings are unreliable guides. Lack of desire to participate in the body of Christ is never a reason *not* to. In fact, it's a clear and alarming reminder that we desperately *need* to. If we are going to persevere, it's going to be with the help of gospel community. [Hebrews 10:23–25](#) says, *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.*

Belonging to the body of Christ means belonging to a community of believers who are called to intentionally think of ways to help us not give up. Corporate worship is where we stand shoulder to shoulder with the saints, raise our voices together in worship, publicly professing that we are still clinging to Jesus.

## 2. Don't stop consuming God's word.

Suffering provides all kinds of excuses to neglect God's word. Perhaps my schedule is so dramatically disoriented that I can't find the time. Or the word suddenly tastes stale and falls with a hollow thud on my pallid soul. When the comfort and hope we once knew is nowhere to be found, the temptation is to quit opening the Bible.

But we have a body and a soul. That's why we don't live by bread alone ([Matthew 4:4](#)). It's not a question of *whether* our souls will consume spiritual calories; it's a matter of *where* we will find them. Instead of looking to cheap diversions that numb our souls without satisfying them, we must continue to consume the word any way we can. Read it. Listen to it. Memorize it.

### 3. Don't stop asking for help.

Anxiety, depression, marriage conflict, grief — we've experienced it all. While pride would keep us from admitting we need help, God's grace humbles us by reminding us that our temptations aren't unique to us and that God promises to enable endurance and provide ways of escape ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#)). Knowing that everyone needs help encourages us to ask for it.

God has also supplied all the resources needed to instruct, correct, and encourage us in his word ([2 Timothy 3:16–17](#)), but we often need the help of wise believers who can bring the truths of the gospel to bear upon our souls from outside of our suffering. Thankfully, God has also equipped the church with people who are gifted to instruct, admonish, and counsel others.

### 4. Don't stop clinging to God's promises.

When we look at the future through the lens of past and present pain, the only thing we feel is despair because the only thing we see is more of the same. But through faith we obtain a glorious vista that looks *back* on our suffering in light of eternal glory.

From that perspective, we see that our suffering will maximize our eternal joy in the glory of God. And when we see that our present suffering is producing an eternal weight of glory that eclipses our momentary afflictions ([2 Corinthians 4:17–18](#)), we can affirm now what we will declare then: “We would have it no other way.”

### 5. Don't stop serving others.

Suffering certainly changes our capacity to serve. It upends routines, saps strength, and crowds out emotional margin. But it doesn't change that word that says, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” ([Philippians 2:4](#)). Serving others is a vital part of not giving up because it guards us against toxic self-pity and gives us the opportunity to prioritize the needs of others.

Serving others also positions us to receive divine strength. “Whoever serves, [let him do so] as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ” ([1 Peter 4:11](#)). Suffering may limit the ways we are able to serve, but it can't nullify God's provision of strength.

### 6. Keep Looking to Jesus

These are effective ways to persevere in faith because they are all ways of fixing our eyes on Jesus, who is the only source of endurance for the fainthearted ([Hebrews 12:1–3](#)).

Corporate worship is where we are built up as members of the body of Christ ([Ephesians 4:11–16](#)) and where our souls are nourished with the body and blood of Jesus ([1 Corinthians 11:23–26](#)). We read the Bible because it points us to Jesus ([John 5:39](#)). We seek wise counsel rooted in God's word because Jesus himself is our wisdom and our sanctification ([1 Corinthians 1:30](#)). We cling to every promise spoken by God because they are all yes for us in Jesus ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#)). And we serve others because that mind-set is ours in Christ Jesus ([Philippians 2:5](#)).

Whatever else comes our way, let us never stop looking to Jesus.



## Pastor Appreciation Month

# October 2018



### Sundays

Worship  
Services  
10:00 a.m.  
Sunday school  
9:00 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.

### Mondays

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00 a.m.  
Ladies Aid  
Bible study

### Mondays

6:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible  
study

### Tuesdays

7:00 a.m.  
Men's Bible  
study

### Tuesdays

5:30 p.m.  
Supper  
6:00 p.m.  
AWANA

### Wednesday

Night Service  
7 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Greeters for October: Gordon &amp; Marian Witte</b>	1 <i>Ladies Aid</i>	2 Men's Bible study  AWANA	3 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	4  Praise Team practice	5	6  Elders Prayer Time
7 Sunday school <b>Worship Service</b>  Sunday school	8  Men's Bible study	9  Men's Bible study  AWANA	10 Christian Women's Club  <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	11  Praise Team practice	12	13  Elders Prayer Time
14 <i>Shoebox begins</i> Sunday school <b>Worship Service</b>  Meeting	15 <i>Ladies Aid</i>  Men's Bible study	16  Men's Bible study  AWANA	17 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	18 Senior Fall Dinner at Cran Hill  Praise Team practice	19  <b>Board Meeting</b>	20  Elders Prayer Time
21 Sunday school <b>Worship Service</b>  Sunday school	22  Men's Bible study	23  Men's Bible study  AWANA	24 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	25  Praise Team practice	26	27  Elders Prayer Time
28 Sunday school <b>Worship Service</b>  Congregational Meeting	29  Men's Bible study	30  Men's Bible study  AWANA	31 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>			

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

### October Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Bell  
6<sup>th</sup> Brad Kellogg  
7<sup>th</sup> Ethan Cook  
7<sup>th</sup> Bob Cook  
9<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Edwards  
13<sup>th</sup> Jayden Frens  
16<sup>th</sup> Roger Franklin  
17<sup>th</sup> Nina Bell  
23<sup>rd</sup> Pauline Brinks  
23<sup>rd</sup> Teri Hook  
27<sup>th</sup> Jason Garrod  
29<sup>th</sup> Jeff Ouderkirk  
29<sup>th</sup> Stan Bushre

### October Anniversaries

10<sup>th</sup> Dave & Nancy Rottier  
21<sup>st</sup> Roger & Sue Frens




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# November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays</b> Worship Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday school 9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.				1 Women's Bible study  Praise Team practice	2 Women's Bible study	3 Elders Prayer Time
4 <b>Daylight Saving Ends</b> Sunday school <b>Worship service</b> Sunday school <b>Sunday Evening Gathering</b>	5 <i>Ladies Aid</i>  Men's Bible study	6 Men's Bible study  AWANA	7 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	8 Women's Bible study  Praise Team practice	9 Women's Bible study	10 Elders Prayer Time
11 Sunday school <b>Worship service</b> Sunday school	12 Men's Bible study	13 Men's Bible study  AWANA	14 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	15 Women's Bible study  Praise Team practice	16 Women's Bible study  <b>Board Meeting</b>	17 Elders Prayer Time
18 Sunday school <b>Worship service</b> Sunday school <i>Last day for Shoeboxes</i>	19 <i>Ladies Aid</i>  Men's Bible study	20 Men's Bible study  AWANA	21 <b>Wednesday Night Service</b>	22 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	23	24 Elders Prayer Time
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## November Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Kyle Knuver  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karen White  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clint Cook  
4<sup>th</sup> Teresa Carter  
4<sup>th</sup> Al White  
6<sup>th</sup> Megan Mortensen  
6<sup>th</sup> Sue Warsen  
8<sup>th</sup> Nancy Cook

8<sup>th</sup> Shayne Fifer  
16<sup>th</sup> Madelyn Cook  
17<sup>th</sup> Sue Meyers  
25<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja  
25<sup>th</sup> Sharen Franklin  
25<sup>th</sup> Pastor Brett  
26<sup>th</sup> David Meyers  
30<sup>th</sup> Michael Mortensen



## November Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Ormand & Teri Hook  
18<sup>th</sup> Gene & Deb Fisher  
23<sup>rd</sup> Vince & Teresa Carter

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# Once again this year our church will be participating in the Samaritans purse Operation Christmas Child

## How to Pack a Shoebox

### Find a Shoebox

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

### Girl or Boy?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.



### Fill with Gifts

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

### Pray

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

Please include with your box \$9. Make checks payable to Samaritan’s Purse with a note on the memo line that the donation is for Operation Christmas Child. Place the sealed envelope on top of the items in the shoebox.



### Or Follow Your Box Labels

Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to [Follow Your Box](#) and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

Kickoff date begins Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

The last day to bring in your shoeboxes is Sunday November 18.

Please see Shelly Werner or call the church office with any questions.



# WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

## October

7<sup>th</sup> Betty Angell & Lillian Foust  
14<sup>th</sup> Teresa Carter & Brittany Hurlbert  
21<sup>st</sup> Amy Cook & Betty Sutton  
28<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja & Sylvia Edwards

## November

4<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Bushre & Sue Frens  
11<sup>th</sup> Mary Helmus & Brittany Hurlbert  
18<sup>th</sup> Renee Cook & Sylvia Edwards  
25<sup>th</sup> Pam Morgan & Stefanie Mortensen

Thank you ladies for your service in caring for these little ones.

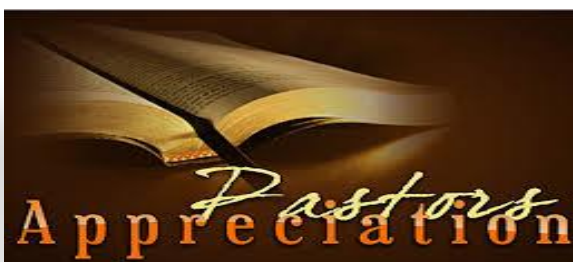
*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Pam Morgan at 616-502-3423 as soon as possible.*



## Golden Rules for Living

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If you don't know how to operate it, ask for help.

It will be much appreciated!



## 2 Timothy 4:2

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please remember your Pastor with a card or note and let him know that you are praying for him.

# Food For Thought...

## Autumn Beef Stew

Makes: 8 servings  
Hands On 45 mins  
Total Time 2 hrs

### Ingredients

- 1/4** cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2** teaspoons kosher salt
- 1** teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 2** pounds boneless beef chuck, trimmed of excess fat and cut into **1 1/2**-inch chunks
- 2** strips bacon, cut crosswise into **1/4**-inch strips
- Canola oil
- 2** medium onions, cut into **1/2**-inch wedges
- 4** cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 2** tablespoons tomato paste
- 5** cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2** cups less-sodium beef broth
- 1 1/2** cups dry red wine
- 3** bay leaves
- 1** tablespoon snipped fresh thyme or **1** teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
- 1** teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1** pound potatoes, cut into **2**-inch chunks
- 1** pound butternut squash; peeled, seeded and cut into **1 1/2**-inch chunks
- 4** carrots, cut into **1**-inch chunks
- 2** stalks celery, sliced into **1/2**-inch thick
- 1/4** cup chopped fresh Italian parsley



### Directions

In a large plastic bag, combine flour, salt and pepper. Add beef; shake to coat evenly. In a Dutch oven or large heavy pot, cook and stir bacon over medium-high heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels with a slotted spoon. Add enough oil to bacon drippings to equal 2 tablespoons. Add half the beef to pot, shaking off any excess flour. Cook, stirring occasionally, until browned. Remove beef with a slotted spoon. Repeat with remaining beef. If pot is dry, add 1 tablespoon of oil. Add onions; cook and stir for about 4 minutes or until starting to brown. Stir in garlic; cook for 1 minute. Stir in tomato paste. Return beef, bacon and any remaining flour to pot. Stir to combine. Add chicken and beef broth, wine, bay leaves, thyme and paprika. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for **1 1/2** hours or until meat is tender, stirring occasionally. Add potatoes, squash, carrots and celery. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Remove lid and simmer about 15 minutes more or until vegetables are tender and liquid is desired consistency. Remove bay leaves. Stir in parsley.

## Quick Black Forest Cherry Cake

Makes: 16 servings  
Prep 20 mins

### Ingredients

- 1** 2-layer-size package dark chocolate fudge cake mix
- 2** 10 - ounce jars black cherry spreadable fruit or preserves
- 2** tablespoons kirsch, brandy or cherry juice
- Sweetened whipped cream
- Chocolate curls

### directions

Grease a 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Cool thoroughly on a wire rack. To serve, in a small bowl, stir together spreadable fruit and the kirsch. Cut cake into squares. Top with whipped cream and spreadable fruit mixture. Garnish with chocolate curls. Serve immediately or chill for no more than 1 hour.

*"...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."*



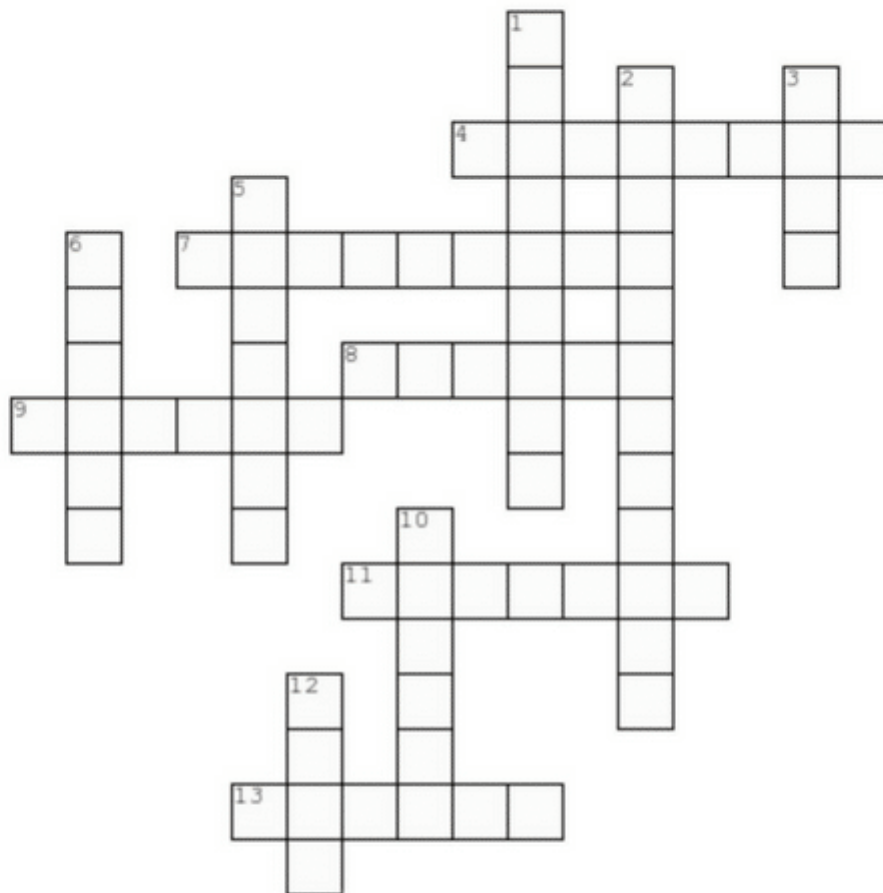
He who speaks without thinking is shooting without aiming.  
Proverbs 10:19,20



# ACTIVITY PAGE



## Fall Crossword



### **Across**

- 4. Jewish Holiday, Rosh \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Scary Holiday
- 8. Fall from oak trees
- 9. Change colors
- 11. For carving and pie
- 13. Color

### **Down**

- 1. Used to frighten birds
- 2. Feast Holiday
- 3. Tool to clean the grass of leaves
- 5. Marks the end of the growing season
- 6. Squirrel
- 10. Another name for Fall
- 12. Grows on stalks