



# The Olive Branch

## MARCH 2017

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#### PRAYING FOR OUR REGION

In the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), there are three units, or better, manifestations of the Church as the Body of Christ. There is the General Church (Indianapolis and the various cooperative ministries), the Regional Church (Lynchburg, Craig Springs, and the coordination of regional ministries), and the local church (in our case, Olive Branch). These relationships allow our congregation to join with our Disciple brothers and sisters in Virginia to do ministry beyond the local level, and with our Disciple brothers and sisters in the United States and around the world to support global ministries (such as Dr. Henry and the Christian Hospital of Mungeli, India). It is through joining together that the full manifestation of the church as the Body of Christ is revealed.

One important aspect of this covenant is to pray for each other. At Olive Branch we know the importance of prayer; we know the power of prayer. So in addition to the prayers we make daily for others, I would request an additional prayer: for our Virginia Region, and in particular, for our recently arrived interim Regional Minister, Coretha Loughridge.

Coretha met with District 8 and 9 clergy last week at Olive Branch. She understands the important role she plays in helping to support congregations and clergy. She is energetic and passionate about helping our region reclaim our connectedness as Disciples. There is much work to be done. She needs our support, and she needs our prayers.

Please keep Coretha in your prayers, as you pray for our region to be made whole, and to discern God's purpose for our churches.

Blessings,  
~Pastor Richard



#### INVESTING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD

Following Christ calls for personal investment in the work of God in the world. Jesus said that his followers will do the work that he does. The Apostle, Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 2: 8-12, describes how Jesus went about doing the work of the Father and how we can continue his work in the world. Paul begins by saying, "We were so taken by you that we not only eagerly shared with you God's good news, but we also shared with you our own lives. That's how much you've come to mean to us." (1Thessalonians 2:8)

Investment through **empathy** is where the work of the Lord starts. It may sound trite, but people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. The world is filled with hurting people, and they will know those who truly care for them.

Paul goes on to say, "Don't you remember, my brothers and sisters, how hard we worked and struggled? We worked day and night so that we wouldn't be a burden to any of you and so that we could continue to proclaim to you the good news of God." (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

Empathy and **evangelism** are inextricably intertwined. Empathy without evangelism points to us, not to the Lord. To try to introduce a person to

Christ without showing empathy could cause a non-believer to conclude that we have other agenda for showing empathy rather than a genuine concern for that person.

"Both you and God can confirm how well we treated the believers: we were always holy, just, and blameless." (1 Thessalonians 2:10)

Empathy and evangelism call for **example**. That is a part of investing in the Lord's work. God does indeed hold his followers to a higher standard of living, precisely *because* we are witnesses of God's forgiveness, grace, mercy, and love and should show such traits in the way we live.

"As you know, we comforted and consoled each of you as a father soothes his own children, encouraging you to live lives worthy of God—of the One calling you into His own kingdom and into His glory." (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

Investment through **Encouragement** is a powerful way to invest in the Lord's work. Paul used the simile of a father encouraging his children. A father will comfort, challenge, or confront his children depending on the need, but every word has one purpose—to encourage growth and maturity.

May God help us to be Spirit-filled servants who seek to invest in people through empathy, evangelism, example, and encouragement.

Take Care,  
~Fred



### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Tuesday Circle met Feb. 14 at Interlude, with fourteen attending. We celebrated Valentine's Day with lots of desert.....yum!

The meeting was opened with a speaker, Pam Marrow, from Crosswalk church. She invited Olive Branch and other churches to a retreat in March to get more women together. She handed out pamphlets with more information.

Elaine's study was entitled *What did Jesus Say about Himself?* We looked up verses, reading and discussing them.

Everyone is invited to join us in March, for another interesting study on the second Tuesday (3/14) at 11:45 at Interlude.

~Donna Haulsee

### CWF NEWS



### CWF YARD SALE SET FOR MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8 AM – 1 PM (NOTE THE NEW DATE):

Start now cleaning out your storage areas now for our big yard sale. We will have a bake sale and serve hot dogs, chips & a drink. Come out to support our fund raiser for the CWF. Drop off of your items begins Sunday, March 12th after Sunday School and continues all week in the New Fellowship Hall.

We need helpers to set it all up on Friday, March 17th at 10 o'clock. Contact any CWF member to volunteer.

God Bless!

~Kay Ainsworth, CWF Director



### MONDAY CWF WILL MEET

on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Education Building.

The group is a series of lessons on the Fruit of the Spirit. We are using a book called Golden Fruit. This book looks at the fruit of the Spirit as seen in women in the Bible. Our first lesson looked at love as seen in Ruth.

Please join us on the third Monday of each month as we meet in Andy's Sunday School room at 7:00 pm.

~Carole Kerr



### NOTES FROM THE WILD SIDE.....

THANK YOU!!! We made \$812.26 with the chili cook-off. Brett Matschke won with the Sizzlin' New Orleans chili. He is a 3-peat winner. The funds raised will help our youth group go on our mission trip to Leech Lake, Minnesota.

We are going to an Indian Reservation at Leech Lake, in north-central Minnesota. It is surrounded by the Chippewa National Forest and is part of the Chippewa Tribe Nation. We will be doing the following while on our trip: Painting, cleaning, yard work, simple work projects, and upkeep of community gardens. We will also plan and lead kids' programming in the community, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading. We will assist with the local school's initiative to teach the Ojibwa language and culture to community children. We will plan and facilitate sports-based programming for the community youth to best meet the needs of the area and build stronger relationships.

Students will generally serve at just one service site throughout the week. Groups will meet a host of

different community friends with unique backgrounds and rich stories about the Leech Lake area. In the evenings we will have the opportunity to visit Norway Beach in the Chippewa National Forest, learn about Native American culture and spirituality from an Ojibwa perspective, participate in a scavenger hunt around Cass Lake, and experience a community cook-out, which sometimes includes drummers and dancers. Youth Works has been serving in this community since 2003.

We are excited to be able to go to an Indian Reservation. It is a very different experience than our other mission trips. We are blessed to be able to lead by example.

Please check out our Facebook page to keep up with us.

We will meet March 5th and 19th.

~Abby Matschke



The next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Barber home.

Hope to see you!  
~Dick & Betty Barber



**Church Family:** Pat Allred, Vicki Anderson, George "Jack" Barrow Family, Charles & Betty Boy, Duie Brantley, Elizabeth Gardner Davis Family (Dale Teagle's sister, Dwayne Davis' mother), Phillip Day Family, Gertie Duke Family, Jackie Gardner (Bonnie Willard's sister), John Hill Gardner, Lucy Hall, Clay Harrison, Jack Heslink, Lena Jeffries, Ruby Jones, David Love, Karen Marrow, Ellen Sullivan, Richard Thiel, Sarah Waid, Dennis Williams

**Family and Friends:** The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, our nation, Jason Arthur (son of Lorraine Beasley), Mike & Betty Boley (Cleve's sister & brother-in-law), Caleb (Brick) Brickhouse (Marney's husband), Judy Carter (Christy Jensen's Aunt), Day Family (Phillip Day's mother), Kim Dempsey (friend of Harbours), Peggy Dickens (Vicki Anderson's sister), David Fletcher (friend of Gene & Cheryl Johnson), Melissa Fulgham (Josh & Jessica Fulgham's mom), Mike Getsi (friend of Harbours),

Tiena Griffith (Nancy Griffith's daughter-in-law), Robert Harris (Donna Haulsee's nephew), Carl Hendley (Family of Gene & Cheryl Johnson), Laura Jessee (friend of OBCC), Barbara Johnson (Robin Moscatti's mother), Cindi Kane (Susan Fournier's friend), David Kerr (son of Bruce & Carole Kerr), Rob Key, Jr. (Gail & Bob Key's son), Jackson Moscatti (Robin Moscatti's grandnephew), Joyce Perger (Steve Perger's mother), Emilio Pesante (OBCC Choir Director), John Phillips (Bob & June Phillips' son), Rose Ratcliffe (friend of Harbours), Gay Razey (friend of Bells), Jim Rodenberg Family (husband of former DOC moderator Carolyn Rodenberg), Zoey Jane Rolfe (Vicki Anderson's grandniece), Edward Rourke (friend of Bells), Bobby Rupert (friend of McPhees), Louise Simmons (Cris Simmons' mother), Hobart Speegle Family (John Speegle's father & Harbour colleague & friend), Jamie VanCleave (Jerry VanCleave's granddaughter), Carolyn Hunt's sister



The Olive Branch Family sends condolences to the Elizabeth Gardner Higgins Davis Family (Dale Teagle's & Jack Hill's sister/brother & Dwayne Davis' mother). Elizabeth died on February 5, 2017. Services were held at Olive Branch with burial at Parklawn Memorial Park (Hampton). Please keep the family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.



Our prayers and sympathies go to the family of David Duke, who passed away late Sunday evening, February 19, at their home in North Carolina. A service for David was held in Erwin (NC) on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service will be held at Olive Branch on a future date.



Our prayers and sympathies go to the family of Phillip Day, whose mother, Doris, passed away late Thursday evening, February 23. Her service was held in Roxbury (NC) on February 27<sup>th</sup>.





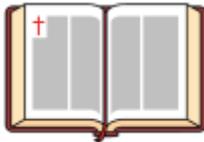
## **Worship and Wonder (Ages 3-8)**

- March 5 Cindy/Robbie Robertson, Missy Harbour
- March 12 Ann Bradshaw, Paula/Jim Thacker
- March 19 Jim Thacker, Paula Thacker
- March 26 Landa Simmons, Ann Bradshaw



- March 5 OPEN
- March 12 OPEN
- March 19 OPEN
- March 26 Irma Gustafson

The flower chart is in the Narthex. There are still many blanks for the year. Can you help?



## **SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS**

The following scriptures will be used during the Sunday worship services this month.

The **underlined passages** are the primary passages for Pastor Richard's sermons.

- March 5 Psalm 15; **Luke 10: 25-37**
- March 12 Psalm 122; **Luke 13: 1-9**
- March 19 Psalm 119: 167-176;  
**Luke 15: 11-32**
- March 26 Psalm 41: 1-3; **Luke 16: 19-31**



## **SERVING THIS MONTH**

### **Elders**

- March 5 Donna Perger, Judy Eley
- March 12 Landa Simmons, Diana Love

- March 19 Norm Harbour, Missy Harbour
- March 26 Ralph Hutton, Jim Thacker

### **Deacons**

- March 5 Will Hatcher, Jane Hatcher, Mel Watson, Kaye Watson
- March 12 Janet Neal, Phyllis Taylor, Harold McKeel, Kevin Waid
- March 19 Linda Garrett, Sheila Yeatts, Maralyn Carr, Keeta Hodson
- March 26 Lisa Day, Tracey Hutton, Tracey Creech, Phillip Day

### **Deaconess**

Nancy Griffith



- 01 Patty Barker
- 03 Sherri Dickerson
- 03 Shayna Dickerson
- 03 Tyler Ulmer
- 04 Anthony Griffin
- 04 Lynette Ward
- 07 Joe Swanenburg
- 10 Linda Garrett
- 10 Lucy Hall
- 10 Matthew Tackett
- 12 Marlies Brantley
- 16 Jane Hatcher
- 16 Carol Pitts
- 17 Sally Puffenberger
- 18 Karen Daniels
- 20 Mel Watson
- 22 Emily Dill
- 22 Tammy Rutherford
- 24 Rebecca Pullen
- 25 Greg Hammack
- 26 Alanna Nice
- 27 Lewis Williams
- 29 Justin Banks
- 31 Richard Griffin



- 03 Rusty Bullock
- 19 Steve White
- 31 Curt Griffin
- 31 Clay Harrison



### DEACON HELPING PROJECT

Deacons stand ready to provide assistance to members who could use a little help...running an errand, driving to an appointment, help around the house. Deacons serve...not just on Sundays. Contact any of the deacons for help you need.

~Patty Barker



### FOOD SHARING PROGRAM UPDATE

The March winds will remind us of the powerful indwelling spiritual winds that dwell in each of us. Our spiritual winds provide essential support and hope to our neighbors who benefit from our food donations to our food sharing box and baskets. Keep those loving spiritual winds blowing!

Love

~Jane & Will Hatcher



### OUR DAY OUT

Our February gathering proved to be a day of fun and laughter with love songs, crafts, poetry, good food and BINGO. Charlie Pruitt joined us for his Happy Birthday, shared with Barb and Robin, who also have birthdays this month. Our crowd was smaller than usual due to illness, scheduled doctor's appointments that could not be changed, and increased frailness on the part of one our regulars.

We have space available for more guests, and would ask you, the Congregation, to help fill the gap that we are experiencing. We have opened our doors to include people who live alone and would like a day of friendly and loving companionship, as well as those who have a caregiver that could use a day away. If you know of someone who would enjoy the company of our great volunteers, please let us know or urge them to call our church office. There is an abundance of love in our midst, and we long to share it with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Anyone is welcome to come and spend a day with us, no strings attached, to see if we are a group of folks you'd like to get to know better. We always meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Our March meeting, I have been told, will include a trip to Ireland via Pat Allred's storytelling, the singing of *Danny Boy* and other Irish tunes by our own tenor Danny Pitts, some Irish Stew, and lots of things green (anyone seen a leprechaun?). And we always wait with baited breath to see what fun craft item Donna has planned to be made and taken home. Bingo concludes our day with prizes for the

winners (we only had one player who did not win anything, but she's not one of our criers! Thanks Barb! There's always next month...)

If someone needs a ride, we will arrange that. Our aim is to serve you and God, any way we can. So, come on, make our day. Join us for a fun our day out! We next meet on March 8, 2017 at 10 AM.

In Christ's Love and Service,  
~Louise Smith, 757-206-1960



### @ NOTE ON E-MAILS & SPECIAL NOTICES:

In an effort to reach the most members possible in the event of the need to cancel a service or other event, there are a couple of things that the office will endeavor to do:

- 1) Send an e-mail to all those for whom we have e-mail *and* have requested to be on the list. If you do not get prayer requests and other reminders now, you are not on the list. Contact the office to be added.
- 2) Post a banner on the website homepage ([www.ob-cc.org](http://www.ob-cc.org)).
- 3) Place a message on the office phone voicemail.

These efforts depend on good electric power and the ability to get to the office to record a message.

Please be sure that the church's e-mail is entered in your e-mail address book (obcc1833@gmail.com). Also, please make sure that the church's e-mail address is marked in your e-mail settings as a safe or ok sender (if you have that option). The e-mail might go to your junk or spam folder if your e-mail/Internet provider thinks that it is a group spam mail. You might find such e-mail in that folder on your computer instead of in your Inbox.



### **FAMILY NIGHTS TO RETURN AFTER THE LENT/EASTER SEASON:**

Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin, the newsletter, and e-mail.



I would like to express my appreciation for the gracious gift of the nice piano (NFH) that now has a lovely place in my home.

And, a special thank you to Andrew Pfister, Joshua Fulgham, and Roy Henk, for helping to get it to my home.

*~Phyllis Taylor*



Thank you to my OBCC family for all the wishes, cards, songs, and food for my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 8<sup>th</sup>. They are greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

*Love to you all,  
Charlie Pruitt*



Thank you all for the many prayers! My Daughter-in-law, Tiena, is feeling very well and happy to be home again after a post-surgery setback! God is so good!

*~Nancy Griffith*



### **PARABLES CAMPBELL CLASS CONTINUES STUDY:**

of the Parables making use of artistic journaling (thank you, Jane Hatcher, for being with us on Feb 26 and March 5) and the parable boxes from Worship and Wonder. The study is based upon the book Short Stories by Jesus: Enigmatic Parables by a Controversial Rabbi. The author, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine teaches New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School and is an Orthodox Jew. She offers a new perspective on the parables from the perspective of a first century Jew. Join us, and hear the parables again for the first time. The class meets at 9:45 each Sunday in the kitchen of The Old Fellowship Hall.

*Save the Date:*  
Virginia Disciples Women  
Annual Retreat  
Fri., June 2 - Sun., June 4, 2017  
Lynchburg College  
Lynchburg, VA  
Housing will be in Hundley Hall  
(handicap accessible)  
\*151" double  
\*165" single  
"We Are One"  
Keynote: Rev. Dr. Christal Williams





## HERE'S A PEEK AT THE SEASON:

**February 28** *Shrove Tuesday*  
**6:00 PM** Pancake & Bingo at Olive Branch (NFH)

### **NOTE:**

**Some hosts will offer a soup supper at 6 & worship at 7**

**March 1** *Ash Wednesday*  
**6:00/7:00 PM** Stone House Presbyterian Church  
(refreshments only)  
9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano  
757-565-1130 Rev. Alex Creager  
Speaker: **Rev. Richard D. Cline**  
From Olive Branch Christian Church  
Offering Benefits: Proclaiming Grace Outreach

**March 8** **HERE AT OBCC**  
**6:00/7:00 PM** Olive Branch Christian Church  
7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg  
757-566-8077 Rev. Richard D. Cline  
Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly  
From Hickory Neck Episcopal Church  
Offering Benefits: Child Development Resources

**March 15**  
**6:00/7:00 PM** Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church  
(refreshments only)  
7801 Church Lane, Toano  
757-566-0162 Rev. Ann Tang  
Speaker: Rev. Robert Whitehead, Sr.  
From New Zion Baptist Church  
Offering Benefits: From His Hands

**March 22**  
**6:00/7:00 PM** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
7479 Richmond Road, Williamsburg  
757-564-3745 Rev. James Nickols  
Speaker: Rev David Lehman  
From Williamsburg Mennonite Church  
Offering Benefits: FISH

**March 29**  
**6:00/7:00 PM** New Zion Baptist Church  
3991 Longhill Road, Williamsburg  
757-258-0491 Rev. Robert A. Whitehead, Sr.  
Speaker: Rev. James Nickols  
From Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Offering Benefits: Williamsburg Hospice House &

Support Care

**April 2**  
Judas Bag Distribution  
(find an envelope in a basket in the NFH/in the Narthex)

**April 5**  
**6:00/7:00 PM** Williamsburg Mennonite Church  
(refreshments only)  
7800 Croaker Road, Williamsburg  
757-566-3026 Rev. David Lehman  
Speaker: Rev. Ann Tang  
From Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church  
Offering Benefits: The Harbor



## HOLY WEEK 2017

**April 9** *Palm Sunday*  
Service: 8:30 AM  
Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Service: 11:00 AM **AND**  
Worship & Wonder (ages 3-8)

**April 12**  
6:00/7:00 PM Hickory Neck Episcopal Church  
8300 Richmond Road, Toano  
757-566-0276 Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly  
Speaker: Rev. Alex Creager  
From Stone House Presbyterian Church  
Offering Benefits: Angels of Mercy Medical Clinic

**April 13** *Maundy Thursday*  
Service: 7:00 PM  
Prayer Vigil begins at 8:00 PM

**April 14** *Good Friday*  
Prayer Vigil Ends at 7:00 PM  
Service: 7:30 PM

**April 16** *Easter Sunday*  
Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM  
(Sanctuary East Steps)  
Breakfast to follow  
Service: 8:30 AM  
Dominion Village: 9:30 AM  
Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Service: 11:00 AM **AND**  
Worship & Wonder (ages 3-8)  
Hang Judas Bags on the Cross or  
put in the collection plate  
Easter Egg Hunt



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NFH=New Fellowship Hall  
OFH=Old Fellowship Hall  
EB=Education Building  
SANC=Sanctuary

## March 2017

### Monthly Planner

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Do you ever forget to wash your hands before eating? We all forget to do that sometimes. It is a good thing to wash your hands before eating, but Jesus says there are some other things that are for more important.

The religious leaders during the time Jesus lived were very concerned about keeping clean. They had many religious laws and traditions which they followed to make sure that nothing that was unclean went into their mouth. One day some of these leaders asked Jesus why his disciples were not keeping their tradition of washing their hands before they ate (sometimes they forgot just like you do). Jesus answered them by telling them that what comes out of your mouth is more important than what you put into it. He said that the words that come out of your mouth comes from your heart and those words show whether you are clean or unclean.

Have you heard the children's rhyme that says, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me"? That sounds nice, but it just isn't true. Words can hurt people. We can all remember a time when we have been hurt by someone's mean and hateful words.



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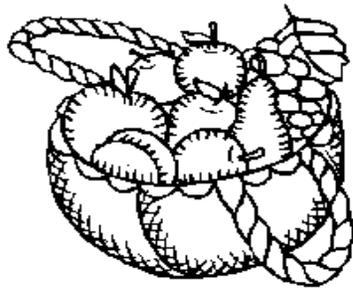
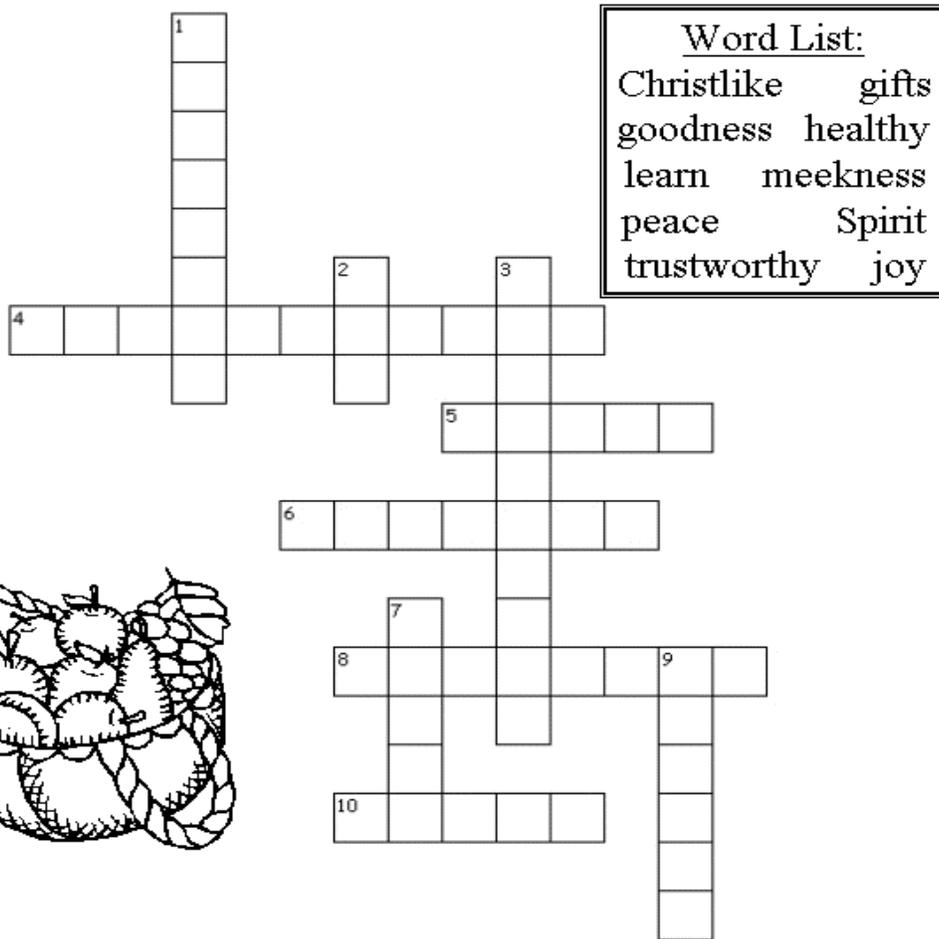
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# Fruit of the Spirit Crossword



**Across**

- 4. This fruit of the spirit is a bit like faithfulness or being dependable.
- 5. God will give us these fruit or \_\_\_\_ if we ask and work on it.
- 6. Just like real fruit, the fruit of the Spirit also makes us this inside.
- 8. This is another word for gentleness.
- 10. If we try to \_\_\_\_ by reading the Bible we will understand how to become more fruitful.

**Down**

- 1. Having this fruit means you will turn away from bad choices.
- 2. This fruit of the Spirit is about being more than just happy.
- 3. When we have more fruit of the Spirit we become more \_\_\_\_.
- 7. Being full of this means that you don't worry but believe God to take care of things.
- 9. This part of God helps us develop the different fruit in our lives.

Lord, help me control my tongue.  
 Help me to be careful what I say.

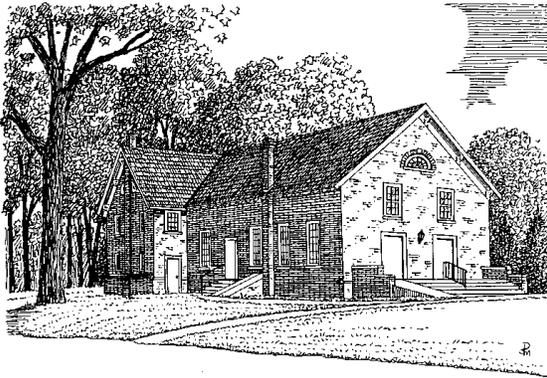
## WHEN DAFFODILS ARE BLOOMING

THE GROUNDHOG SAW HIS SHADOW  
AND SPRING HAS BEEN DELAYED.  
WINTER OVERSTAYED HER WELCOME  
AND SPOILED SOME PLANS WE MADE.  
YET DAFFODILS ARE BLOOMING  
AND ROBINS HAVE BEEN SEEN.  
SPRIGS OF GRASS ACROSS THE MEADOW  
ARE STARTING TO TURN GREEN.

BLUEBIRDS ARE NESTING BY THE BARN,  
A LOVELY SIGHT TO SEE,  
AND ALREADY BUDS ARE FORMING  
UPON THE CHERRY TREE.  
OUR LENTEN JOURNEY HAS BEGUN,  
A TIME TO REMINISCE,  
A TIME FOR COUNTING BLESSINGS AT  
A HOLY TIME LIKE THIS.

MARCH BRINGS US DAILY BLESSINGS  
AS WARMER DAYS UNFOLD  
WHEN BLUE SKIES AND GOLDEN SUNLIGHT  
REPLACE THE NUMBING COLD.  
NATURE'S YEARLY RESURRECTION  
IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW,  
REMEMBERING CHRIST'S PASSION,  
HIS LOVE FOR ME AND YOU!

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