

ACTIVITIES FOR *December*:

- ◆ December 7th: Elders Meeting
- ◆ December 12th: Deadline for children's coloring cards



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you would like to be added to the Call-Out System Directory, please let Robbie Buffington know or add your name to the list on the back bulletin.
- If you would like to help with blanket donations, you can do so by:
 - cash donation
 - material donation
 - bringing in a blanket you made
 - volunteering to tie donated materials
- A thank you note from the hospice center and WVU Medicine is located in the back for anyone who wishes to read.

Holiday Baskets

- * All children are asked to take up to five coloring cards off the back table to color this week and return by December 12th to be included in our baskets for the shut-ins. Please have them sign their names.
- * Anyone wanting to help with our holiday baskets, please see

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December 5th, 2021



Lord, Send Someone Else

In the book of Judges, we read about a time when the nation of Israel was overrun with Midianites. They would rob God's people of their harvest and do even more evil things to God's people. Israel prayed and begged God to send a leader who would run the enemies out of their land and peace would come.

In Judges 6:12, the Angel of the Lord addressed a coward by the name of Gideon. The Angel said: "The Lord is with you mighty warrior." The Lord didn't see Gideon in his present situation. But, Gideon's lack of faith or courage is seen in a question. Gideon dared ask the Angel of the Lord, that if the Lord is with him why didn't he do something about these evil Midianites overrunning his land?

And there was an answer to that question. It was not what Gideon wanted to hear. God's answer was: "I am doing something about it. It's you. You are the answer. You, Gideon, go and deliver your people."

Often times, there are folks who say: "Why don't *they* do something. But the question should be, what can *I* do about that situation? Here is a good example.

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Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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There is always an element that always says, "Why don't the churches do something about the poor?" What those folks fail to realize is, they are the church. And if they see a need, then maybe that's the Lord calling them to do something about that need.

Gideon was surprised by this answer. I don't know what he thought the Lord should do. He probably wanted God to simply wipe out the enemies of Israel with a wave of his hand. And God could have done that. But the Lord doesn't think like we think (Isaiah 55:8-9). God sees things we don't see. He knows things we don't know. God's plans are perfect. Ours are flawed.

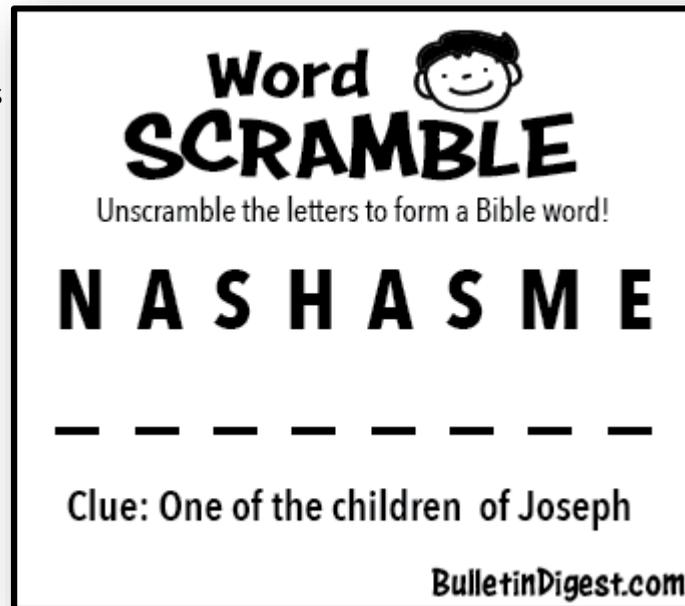
Apparently, Gideon wanted deliverance, but he wanted someone else to do the delivering. So, Gideon came up with an excuse. He said, "But Lord, I am from the weakest clan and I am its weakest member." Basically, his response was: "Lord someone else."

Often, we think we are not smart enough, talented enough, rich enough, to complete a work. But God sees what you can become if you will put yourself in His hands. The Lord looks at you and sees great potential. I truly believe that the Apostle Paul understood this when he wrote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

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Word SCRAMBLE
Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

N A S H A S M E

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Clue: One of the children of Joseph

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December Card Distributor: Jessica Kerns

December Baptismal Garments: Lois Jenkins

December Greeters— 5- 12- 19— Karen Seyler 26-

Our Record: November 28th

Sunday Morning Assembly

56

Sunday Bible Class

43

Sunday Evening

28

Wednesday Bible Study

19

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,920

December Birthdays / Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A)

14-Brenda Fortney 15-Adam Epler 18-Tim Richmond

21-Kristina Riffle 22-Noah Hart

23- Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A)

24-Millie Cate Currey 25-Ken & Brenda Fortney (A)

29-Curtis Sleeth 29-Josh Carpenter

30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney
- **Cindy Moore**— answers for health concerns



For Our Family & Friends:

- **Robbie Craig (Cheryl's Brother)**
- **Betty Peters (Karen Seyler's Mother)**
- **Brandi Garner**— in the hospital
- **Kay Butnett**— Metastatic Cancer

- **Lorna Hutcheson**— Low oxygen and swollen lymph nodes.
- **Christy (Lois' daughter-in-law)**- admitted to hospital for testing.
- Kay Palmer's Father, Stan Yost, passed away.

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin— Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)