

# Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

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## Pastor's Corner



Over the past few weeks, I've been using the geologic term "deep time" as an analogy for helping us understand the "long view" of time that God (who exists outside of time and is not bound by it) might view the unfolding of creation and human existence.

We humans are, by nature, impatient. We don't like to wait to see how things will unfold. We are often quick to jump to conclusions about the way we see events around us taking place. And we tend to make (often premature) judgements about whether circumstances are unfolding in a favorable or unfavorable way, particularly in those events that impact us personally.

The Scriptures remind us again and again that our view of history and our judgements about it are not God's, and that often God's purposes and plans are revealed in mysterious ways.

I've drawn great comfort over the years from a song by a blues/rock & roll band called "Blues Traveler." You may not be a rock & roll fan, but I share some of the lyrics from their song, "Just Wait," in the hope that it speaks to you in some helpful way. The lyrics I've highlighted in **bold** print are ones I've found particularly meaningful.

Here's the twist: read these lyrics, and see if you can imagine Jesus saying or singing them to you:

If ever you are feeling like you're tired,  
And all your uphill struggles leave you headed  
downhill;

If you realize your wildest dreams can hurt you,  
And your appetite for pain has drunken it's fill;

I ask of you a very simple question:

**Did you think for one minute that you were alone?**

And is your suffering a privilege you share only,  
Or did you think that everybody else feels completely  
at home?

Just wait, and it will come

**If you think I've given up on you, you're  
crazy.  
And if you think I don't love you, well then  
you're just wrong.**

In time you just might take to feeling better;  
**Time is the beauty of the road being long.**

I know that now you feel no consolation,  
But maybe if I told you and informed you out  
loud;

I say this without fear or hesitation,  
**I can honestly tell you that you make me  
proud.**

Just wait, and it will come

If anything I might have said now has helped  
you,  
If anything I might have just said helped you just  
carry on;  
Your rise uphill may no longer seem a struggle,  
And your appetite for pain may all but be gone.

**I hope for you and cannot stop at hoping,  
Until that smile has once again returned to you  
face.  
There's no such thing as a failure who keeps  
trying.**

Coasting to the bottom is the only disgrace.

**Just wait. Just wait, and it will come.**

– Pastor John



"God's coming in Jesus shows us that God is willing to enter into our messiness, into our suffering, alienation, and pain in order to restore,

renew, and reconcile us. Though God has not caused our suffering, God redeems it, transforms it, and recreates it so that we can become more like Jesus - more filled with hope, more able to be agents of God's reconciling power, no matter what season we are in, no matter what season the world is in."

– Juan Carlos Huertas



Marie Miller	10/03
Dave DeBoer	10/04
Leon Armstrong	10/08
Barbara Smeltzer	10/08
Marvin Wheeler	10/08
Sky DeBoer	10/22
Jaemen Barbour	10/27
Doug Smeltzer	10/30



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A Halloween party will be held for the community children, grades K-6 on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 4 - 6 p.m.

We need your help with the supplies for the party. There will

be "needs" cards on the bulletin board. Take a card (or 2) and fulfill those needs. Items need to at the church by Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

You can also join us that day by volunteering your time to help (in costume or not). It's going to be fun!



O God, you know the truths I cannot speak even to myself. But I believe in your love and mercy, and I believe that you have made a way for me even through the wilderness of my own heart. You have created a sanctuary and spring within me, so that I can be whole. Amen."

– Jeannie Alexander

This powerful prayer was in a devotional I use (Upper Room: Disciplines) this past Wednesday. There's a lot to consider in this prayer. God knows the truths that we

cannot speak to ourselves. Sometimes we may think that there is something we'd rather not talk to God about. Maybe it doesn't seem important. Maybe we are embarrassed by an action we've taken or a word we've spoken. This points past that. This isn't about what we would keep from God. This is about the reality that God knows truths about us that we are not able to see. The good news is God is already there. We aren't breaking news to God. We are conversation partners with our loving Creator who desires to lead us to growth, redemption and newness of life. Thanks be to God.

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## 41st Annual Christmas BAZAAR December 2

(First Friday in December)  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Next planning meeting is Wednesday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we get more excited for this major fund-raising event.

The Raffle items and Silent Auction items will be listed in November newsletter.

SWEET SHOPPE; CHRISTMAS NOOK; COUNTRY KITCHEN will all be bursting with goodness! Helpers always welcome. :)



## THE SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and

The eyesight to tell the difference.



– Contributed by Marjorie Martin

## DID YOU KNOW (REMEMBER) THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter of the Bible?
- Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter of the Bible?
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters?
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the whole Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."*

— Kelli Mahoney (LearnReligions.com)  
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## Ephesians 6:13 - 18



Hand carved olive wood from Bethlehem  
The Armor of God.  
Compliments of MJ & Dick Taylor

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the

word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



## My fingers did it again!

The DeBoer's wedding anniversary **IS NOT** 5/24.  
It **IS** 5/14.

Lola Chamblee's correct phone number is:  
(208) 582-6478



"No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto others as you would have others to do unto you."



## BIBLE WORD SEARCH - STRONGER TOGETHER

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All the words are in the puzzle - left, right, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle its first and last letter, drawing a line between. After you have found all the words, take the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

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|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| APOSTLES     | BODY OF CHRIST | COMMON UNION | COMMUNITY   |
| COVER        | DON'T NEGLECT  | EASIER       | ENCOURAGE   |
| FAITH        | FELLOWSHIP     | FIRST CHURCH | GOD'S PLAN  |
| HABIT        | HEAVY BOOKS    | IMPORTANT    | LIFESTYLE   |
| LOVE OTHERS  | MANY MEMBERED  | ONENESS      | PILLAR      |
| PRAYER       | SACRIFICE      | SAME SPIRIT  | SHAREHOLDER |
| SHORTCOMINGS | STIR UP        | TIME         | WITHSTAND   |

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September mystery word - **COMMANDMENT**

# BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLES

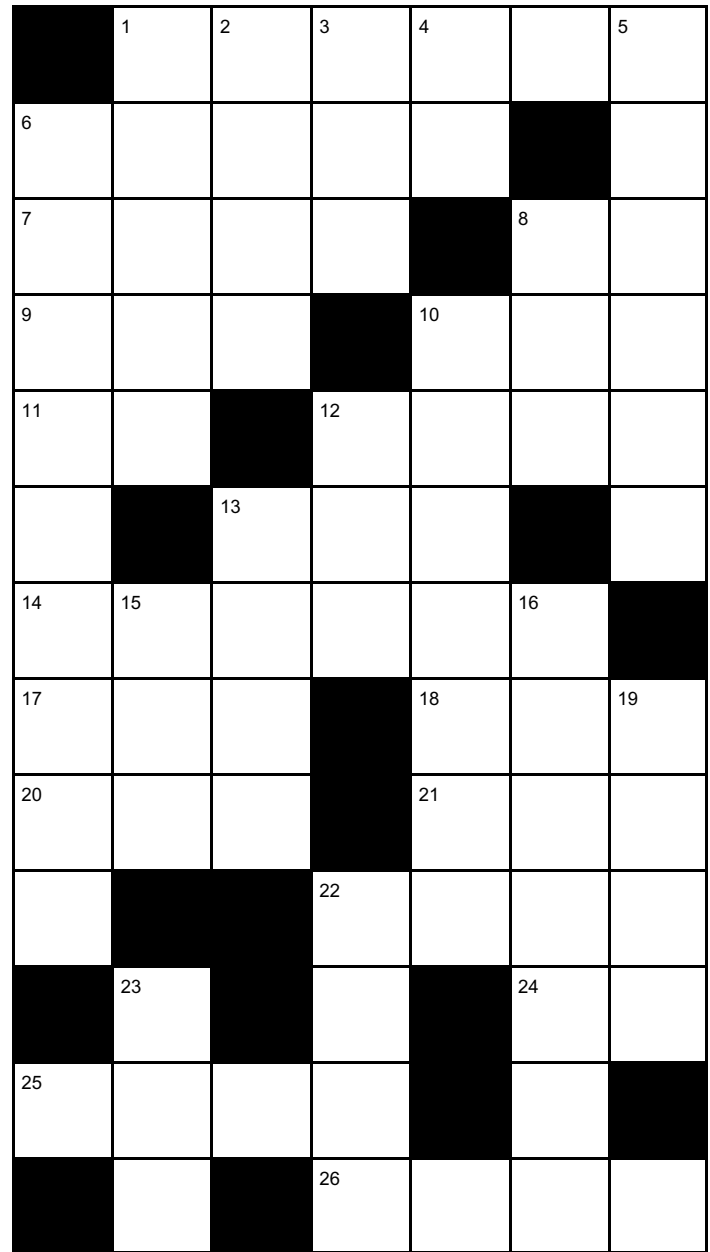
## CLUES

### Across:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ tribe was looking for territory (Judges 18:1)
6. Much water there (John 3:23)
7. "We have seen his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east" (Matthew 2:2)
8. Pronoun
9. As a \_\_\_\_\_ gathers her chickens (Luke 13:34)
10. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to the tomb (Luke 24:12)
11. Hesitation voiced
12. Direction
13. "Has the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ been shortened?" (Numbers 11:23)
14. Jacob
17. King of Hamath (II Samuel 8:9)
18. "And if anyone wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you and take your shirt..." (Matthew 5:40)
20. Finish
22. "For everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ receives (Matthew 7:8)
24. That is (Abbreviation)
25. Death on a \_\_\_\_\_ horse (Revelation 6:8)

### Down:

1. Discourage, prevent
2. One of Nehemiah's men (Nehemiah 10:26)
3. "\_\_\_\_\_ height \_\_\_\_\_ depth" (Romans 8:39)
4. Not out
5. Things that happen
6. Members of one of the twelve tribes (Judges 1:2)
8. Possesses
10. Journeyed from \_\_\_\_\_ to Succoth (Exodus 12:37)
12. A major division of time



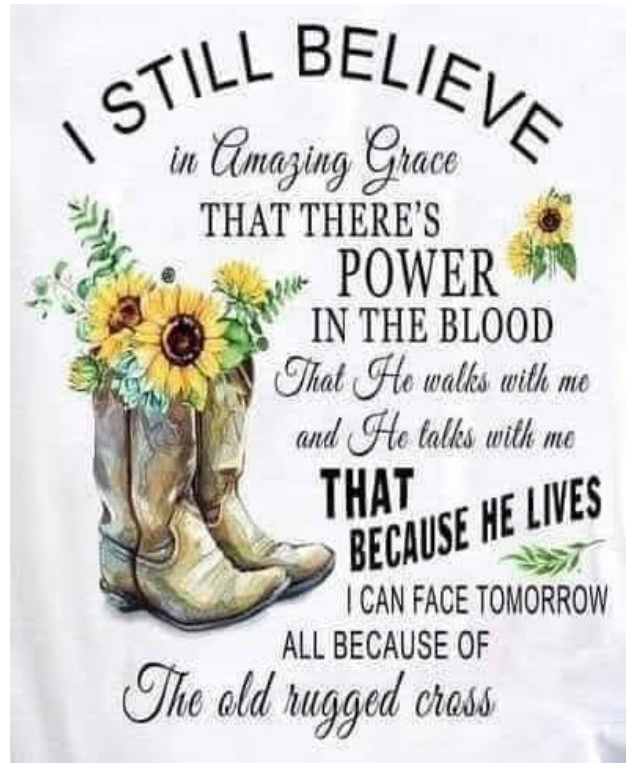
13. Dry
15. Male child
16. "A young lion \_\_\_\_\_ in secret places" (Psalm 17:12)
19. "Take your \_\_\_\_\_, eat drink and be merry" (Luke 12:19)
22. Truly
23. God is not \_\_\_\_\_ from each of us (Acts 17:27)



# SOLUTION

	1	2	3	4	5	
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## A Prayer for when you feel anxious

Father, Your word says You are always with me, You go before me and behind me. In the middle of the anxiousness I feel, I ask for the peace only you can bring. It says in the Bible Jesus is the Prince of Peace. I ask for that to be real to me today. Comfort my mind when my thoughts are spiraling. Calm my heart when it starts racing with fear of the unknown. Calm my circumstances the feel of the unknown. Your peace alone surpasses all understanding. Guard my heart and my mind in peace through Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.

– Contributed by Penny Carpenter

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