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# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>✦ Saturday, February 2, 2019, is our Basket Auction at the Frontier Fire Hall. This is a major fund raiser for us. Considering the work we have recently had done on our boilers, we need it! Please support the Auction (2-6 PM) and join in a fun time. There is still time to call Kath to donate a basket , 213-7374.</p> <p>✦ First Fruits service on February 3 is cancelled for the month of February</p> <p>✦ We will be hosting the Thursday noon Lenten lunches with speakers again this year. Donna Flood will be heading up this special project. She will need help. Please volunteer: baking cooking, set up, &amp; clean up!</p>					<b>1</b> 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	<b>2</b> <b>BASKET AUCTION</b> Frontier Fire Hall 2 – 6 PM
<b>3</b> <b>EPIPHANY 4</b> 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Chinese New Year	<b>6</b> 12:15 Inasmuch lunch	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>EPIPHANY 5</b> 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday lunch	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b> 7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees Meeting	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>EPIPHANY 6</b> 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>	<b>18</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>EPIPHANY 7</b> 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Cheryl Wood-Thomas, preaching	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p>✦ Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on March 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM Rev. Dr. Charles Lamb will preach to start off his Lenten Wednesday evening services.</p>	

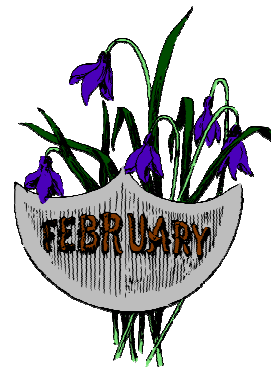


## February Birthdays

20 Carole Buchalski



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Ron and Margie Blakely, William Cody, Carole and Hank Buchalski, Sara Gromniak, Patricia Smeal, Janet Keebler, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country.



### February 2 — Saturday

2 — 6 PM Basket Auction at Frontier Fire Hall

### February 3 — Sunday — Epiphany 3

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
 Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

### February 6 — Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch Lunch

### February 10 — Sunday — Epiphany 6

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching  
 12:15 PM Second Sunday Lunch

### February 13 — Wednesday

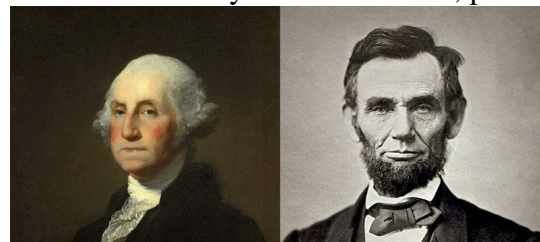
7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

### February 17 — Sunday — Epiphany 7

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway preaching  
*Third Sunday Food Collection*

### February 24 — Sunday — Epiphany 8

10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Divine Worship  
 Rev. Cheryl Wood-Thomas, preaching





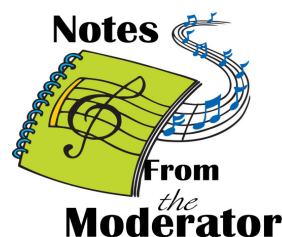
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the “I Love My Church” slogan.

Sizes available are Large and Extra Large (they will shrink a little).

**Only \$10.00 each**

No shipping or tax.

Call the Church office (282-4666) or see Jim Flood or any trustee after church on Sunday.



**NEW MEMBERS FOR FIRST BAPTIST** were introduced on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and it's time to get acquainted. Javed and Noshi Robin have two children, Robinyo, 13, and daughter Ozena from Peshawar, Pakistan, who have been legal immigrants to Niagara Falls, NY since October 2018.

Recently they lived in Cypress, the island near Israel, where Javed had a restaurant featuring pizza, burgers, and fast food. Javed is not only a fine cook, he fixes appliances, and has preached the Word in Pakistan where his parents, Noshi's parents, and some of his siblings live. Their parents are in hiding because Christians are persecuted in Pakistan. Javed, Asif, and Shahzad took their faith and energies to Pakistan to minister to people in several towns. Using on line contributions, they cared for the poor and spread the Word. It was his sister in Cypress who had a friend in Niagara Falls, NY, that encouraged the permanent move to the US.

Javed is a traveler who's been to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Salt Lake City in the US and to Germany and France where the people are very friendly, in Europe. Javed speaks 4 languages fluently and two others marginally.

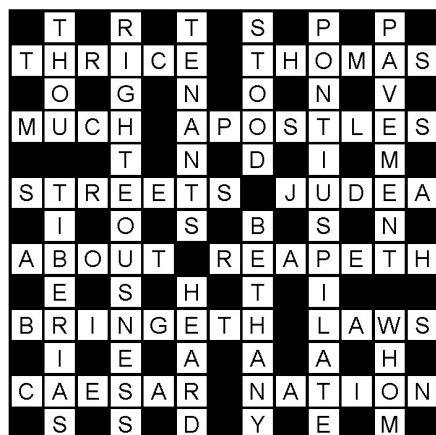
Noshi and Javed like the freedom to worship, the safety in our city, and the schools of Niagara Falls. Leaving a big home in Pakistan where the whole family lived together was difficult. Now this smaller group (14) live together on Walnut Avenue. Soccer is Robinyo's favorite sport at La Salle Junior High School and Ozena at G J Mann Elementary likes basketball and wants to learn to play the piano. Languages spoken are English, Turkish, Punjabi, and Esperanto, and Farsi.

Their birthdays are December 7-Ozena, December 10-Robinyo, March 27-Noshi, and September 4-Javed. Imagine travelling 4,000-5,000 miles to move from your home and we hope to make it a warm welcome here at First Baptist to them all.

*Donna Flood*

## Last Month's Crossword Answers

John





"You might need to pep up your sermons a little, sir. Members are requesting Wi-Fi in the pews."



"I'd like to thank the congregation for the snooze alarm you gave me for Christmas."



"If I count my blessings and some of them are heavily taxed, do they still count as blessings?"



"Can you prescribe something to help me rest in peace?"

PERFUME



"Do you have one called repent?"



"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950s!"



## Church World Service Members:

African Methodist Episcopal Church

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Alliance of Baptists

American Baptist Churches USA

Apostolic Catholic Church

Armenian Church of America  
(Including Diocese of California)

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Church of the Brethren

Community of Christ

The Coptic Orthodox Church in North America

The Episcopal Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Friends United Meeting

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Hungarian Reformed Church in America

International Council of Community Churches

Korean Presbyterian Church in America

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

Mar Thoma Church

Moravian Church in America

National Baptist Convention of America

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

National Missionary Baptist Convention  
of America

Orthodox Church in America

Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian  
Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of Friends

Polish National Catholic Church of America

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Reformed Church in America

Serbian Orthodox Church  
in the U.S.A. and Canada

The Swedenborgian Church

Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch

Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America

United Church of Christ

The United Methodist Church

***"They are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."***  
2 Corinthians 8:2

Friends,

This year, your congregation has an opportunity to blanket the world in the best way...with love! And when your congregation hosts a Blanket Sunday, that is exactly what you do. By sharing warmth and comfort with others, your love is being felt by the people who need it the most.

The compassion of your congregation shows each time you share CWS Blankets with people in need. CWS receives many requests from nonprofit agencies that need material resources, including CWS Blankets, to help with their ministries.

**Because of the generosity of your congregation,** CWS Blankets can provide warmth and comfort to those without homes when they need them most. Despite sunny days in San Diego, nights can be cold. "It's a blessing for us. We can provide these blankets to homeless people as well as to families sleeping in their car," said Connie Villarreal, Operations Manager of CCSA, told us.

**Because of the generosity of your congregation,** families in Houston who lost their bedding during Hurricane Harvey were comforted with warmth through CWS Blankets and other emergency items distributed by our local partner, ECHOS. One staff member said that it was like CWS 'had dropped from heaven' to help ECHOS in the overwhelming days and months after Hurricane Harvey."

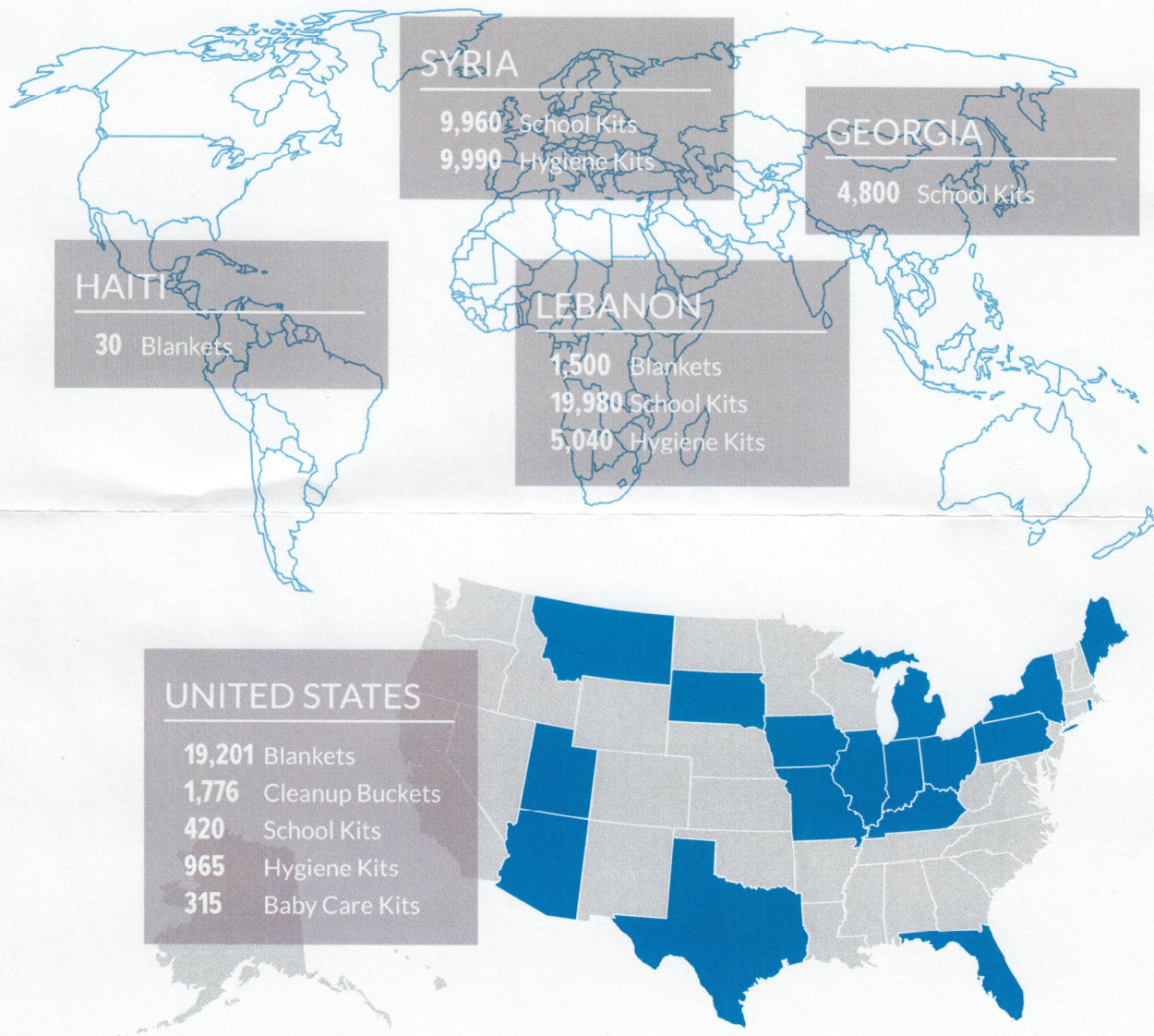
**Because of the generosity of your congregation,** CWS provided Blankets and other needed materials to WestCare Emergency Shelter in Pikeville, Kentucky. Shelter Director Anna Coleman uses the CWS Blankets to spread the word about WestCare. She distributes CWS Blankets and Hygiene Kits to homeless individuals living under bridges and in tunnels. Anna adds a note inside of each blanket letting the individuals know that they can go to the shelter to bathe, eat a hot meal and wash their clothes.

As I reflect on stories like these, I'm reminded that congregations serve as links to peace and hope for those who are disheartened in their journeys. Each blanket cost only \$10 but can be a vital and powerful resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Thank you!

## CWS KITS | CWS BLANKETS

## IMPACT REPORT: JANUARY - JUNE 2018

The CWS Kit and Blanket Programs are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Here are some of the places Church World Service has provided kits & blankets through your support of this program.



TOTAL KITS AND BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED GLOBALLY: **75,157**

**CWS**

Church World Service

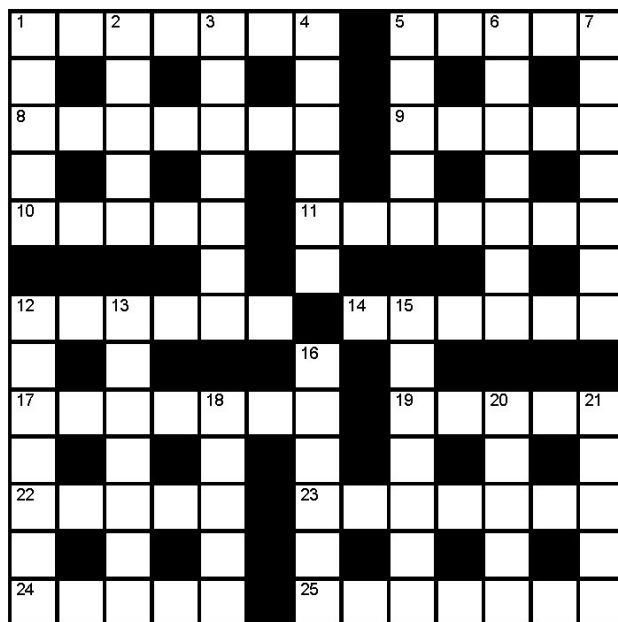
| [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org) | [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org)

# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## Acts

### Across

- 1 The false witnesses of Stephen said, "This man \_\_\_\_\_ not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law." Acts 6:13 (7)
- 5 Paul met with Luke and his companions at this place and then went to Mitylene. Acts 20:14 (5)
- 8 "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to \_\_\_\_\_, What meaneth this?" Acts 2:12 (7)
- 9 Crispus was the chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the synagogue. Acts 18:8 (5)
- 10 "What is it therefore? the multitude must \_\_\_\_\_ come together: for they will hear that thou art come." Acts 21:22 (5)
- 11 Cornelius was of this band. Acts 10:1 (7)
- 12 Paul and Silas were \_\_\_\_\_ into the inner prison and their feet were put in stocks. Acts 16:24 (6)
- 14 "And with these sayings \_\_\_\_\_ restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them." Acts 14:18 (6)
- 17 "... And as many as were ordained to \_\_\_\_\_ life believed." Acts 13:48 (7)
- 19 Acts records that many were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord through the missionary efforts of the apostles. Acts 5:14 (5)
- 22 "And all that believed were together, and had all \_\_\_\_\_s common." Acts 2:44 (5)



- 23 One of the actions that the lame man did when he was healed in Acts 3:8. (7)
- 24 The father of Sychem. Acts 7:16 (5)
- 25 A cursed creature in Genesis 3. (7)

### Down

- 1 This fell from Peter's hands when the angel of the Lord came to his rescue in prison. Acts 12:7 (5)
- 2 "And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he \_\_\_\_\_ immediately." Acts 9:34 (5)
- 3 When Paul came to this city in Acts 19, he gave instruction on baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus. (7)
- 4 "And \_\_\_\_\_ do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16 (6)

5 "... As we were driven up and down in \_\_\_\_\_, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country." Acts 27:27 (5)

6 Herod put Peter in prison and "delivered him to four quaternions of \_\_\_\_\_s to keep him." Acts 12:4 (7)

7 "For thou bringest certain \_\_\_\_\_ things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean." Acts 17:20 (7)

12 In Acts 19:29 there is a riot in Ephesus and the people of the city rushed into this building. (7)

13 "And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to \_\_\_\_\_." Acts 28:13 (7)

15 There are 28 of these in the book of Acts. (7)

16 In Acts 15:5-6 there rose up a sect of Pharisees who said that circumcision was needed. Along with the apostles, these people met to consider this matter. (6)

18 Another name for Simeon in Acts 13:1 (5)

20 Paul met Timothy when he came to \_\_\_\_\_ and Lystra. Acts 16:1 (5)

21 Some men of the circumcision contended with Peter saying, "Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and \_\_\_\_\_ eat with them." Acts 11:3 (5)

## OUR HISTORY CORNER



Note the change to “Our History Corner.” We are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Read the answer below to last month’s picture. Not only do you have to name everyone in the picture, but also the month and year.

- ❖ Who is in the picture?
- ❖ When was the picture taken?
- ❖ Where was the picture taken??
- ❖ What was the occasion?

ANSWERS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH’S PICTURE: Adult Choir 1960. Back Row: John Hope, Robert Confer, Richard Stiefel, Donald Hurst, Andrew Baxter, Warren Reyson, Norman MacAskill. Middle Row: Mrs. Einar Jenson, Mrs. Carl Bishop, Mrs. Henry Lynch, Mrs. Dora Ray. Front Row: Mrs. Norman MacAskill, Mrs. Andrew Baxter, A. P. Martin, Mrs. A. P. Martin, Elaine Hancock. Did you get them all?



Robin families join the Church.  
December 30, 2018



### It's Candy Time!

Fill out the Candy Order and get your delicious treat before they are all gone!

This is a major fund-raiser for the Church and we want to sell every box. Special for February: Half price - \$5.00 a box while they last!



## The Books of the Holy Bible

**THE NAMES OF THE BOOKS** of the Holy Bible are inspired by God and are very interesting. The first five books are called the Torah and are said to have been written by Moses. Moses was God's emissary.

Genesis — genealogy of mankind. It starts with Adam before the great flood and continues with Noah after the great flood.

Exodus — exit from Egypt. God's chosen children are led by Moses to the promised land of Canaan.

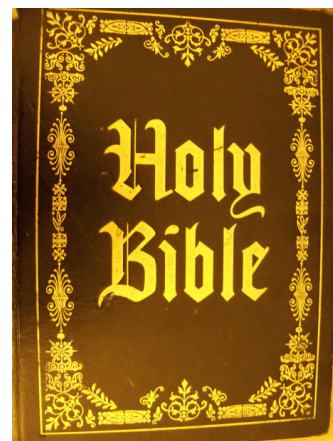
Leviticus — Levitical priesthood is initiated. God's chosen priests to teach God's law on how to live.

Numbers — the numbering of the tribes of Israel for a census. This census was used to divide land and to raise an army.

Deuteronomy — from a word meaning two. This is similar to a recapitulation of the previous books. The children of Israel will multiply like the stars in the sky.

(to be continued)

*Cheryl and Christopher Taylor*



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**Candy Order Form**

Absolutely delicious Walnut Butter Crunch candy is available in one (1) lb. boxes for a February only special donation of \$5.00 each. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL (While they last)!**

Number of 1 lb. boxes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ total.

(We can ship, too. Add \$5.00 for the first box and \$3.00 for each additional box.)

Pickup Date \_\_\_\_\_ (We also accept    Fill in information below.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sold by \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION (Optional Payment Method)**

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CCV Number \_\_\_\_\_



# Basket Auction

To Benefit  
Niagara Falls First Baptist Church

## Held at Frontier Fire Hall

2176 Liberty Dr, Niagara Falls  
Off Williams Rd

## Saturday, February 2, 2019

### 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Drawings begin 6 p.m.

Great Baskets, 50/50 & Bake Sale  
Fire Hall will be selling dinners!



Questions, or to make a basket or gift certificate donation,  
Call Rev. Kathleen Ordiway, 213-7374