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# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
➔ Plan to attend the Annual Budget Meeting after church on January 20. This is your opportunity to learn about and vote for the financial plan for 2019. Be sure to pick up the informational booklet the week before.		1 Office Closed 	2 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	3	4 10:00 Men's Coffee Hour 	5
6 EPIPHANY 10:00 Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A Ordiway, preaching 6:00 First Fruits Family Service	7	8	9 7:00 Trustees/ Diaconate Meeting	10	11 10:00 Men's Coffee Hour 	12
13 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10:00 Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday lunch	14	15	16	17	18 10:00 Men's Coffee Hour 	19
20 EPIPHANY 2 10:00 Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching Third Sunday Food Collection 12:15 Annual Budget Meeting	21 Office Closed 	22	23	24	25 10:00 Men's Coffee Hour 	26
27 EPIPHANY 3 10:00 Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Cheryl Wood-Thomas, preaching	28	29	30	31	➔ Our basket auction is February 2 at the Frontier Fire Hall. Start thinking about the kinds of baskets you can donate. This will be a major fund-raiser.	



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### January Birthdays

5	Ken Bowser
13	Sara Gromniak
14	James Flood
14	Joe Heasley
14	Christopher Taylor
14	Albert Schweitzer
14	Benedict Arnold
22	Betty Richardson
22	Gisela Scott



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.



### January 2 — Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch Lunch

### January 6 — Sunday — Epiphany

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

6:00 PM First Fruits Family Service

### January 9 — Wednesday

7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

### January 13 — Sunday — Baptism of Our Lord

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

### January 20 — Sunday — Epiphany 2

10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway preaching

*Third Sunday Food Collection*

12:15 PM Annual Budget Meeting

### January 27 — Sunday — Epiphany 3

10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Rev. Cheryl Wood-Thomas, preaching



Church Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday — Friday

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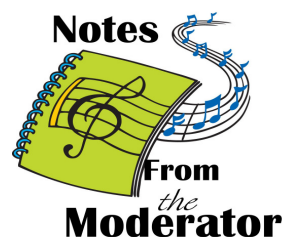
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the “I Love My Church” slogan.

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.



The Christmas lights are dimming, the candles are put away and Christmas Holidays are a memory. The spirit of those special days will keep us warm during the winter cold weather. If the weather on a Sunday is inclement, we'll use our phone tree to make changes in schedules as needed.

We thank the readers for Christmas Eve, the candle lighters for the Advent season and Christmas, all the people who brought gifts for the Mission Tree which will go to Community Missions, and all the ladies who baked treats for our beautiful and inspiring Christmas Tea. Srs. Beth and Betty from Heart, Love, & Soul inspired us to think of the fragile souls who need a helping hand for their stability and care. The staff thanks those who contributed to their Christmas gifts as well. The gifts for those in Community Missions were delivered by Kath Ordiway in time for the holiday.

Our local mission this month is to bring paper products (TP) for Heart, Love, & Soul. We will try theme giving each month to keep their supplies up as much as we can. Heart, Love, & Soul is doing its best to help those who need a hand for everyday living. We wish them luck with their expansion and capital drive for an addition which will bring them much needed space for a one stop agency serving the upper end of the city.

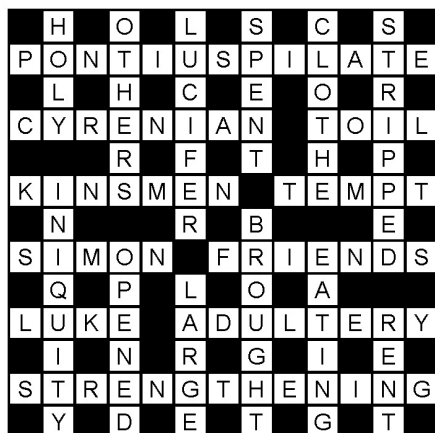
The Mission for January will be for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries. The contributions from donors assist the retired persons with medical treatment and care beyond what they can handle. The theme is “Extending our hands to our neighbors.”

Meanwhile, work around the church's insides continues. The ramp from the vestibule to the narthex is being completed. The roof is being inspected as there are leaks and a broken drain pipe from the roof as well as a few problems with the boiler. A budget was drawn up by the Finance Committee who went over every line, discussed future projects and fund raising options. A budget will be presented to the congregation on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January for a vote after the service. It will be available for everyone the week before. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Donna Flood,**  
Moderator

## Last Month's Crossword Answers

**Luke**

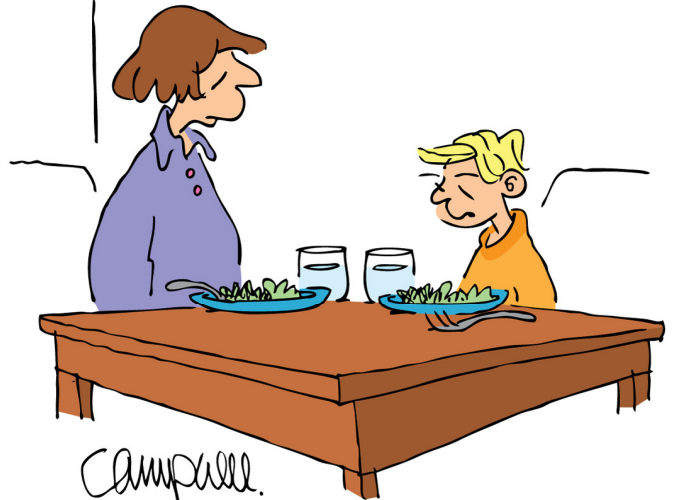






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"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"



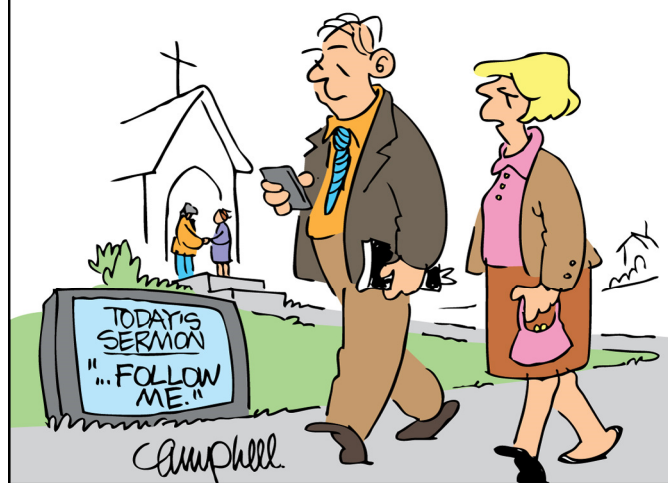
Campbell.

"These aren't the fruits of our labor. They're the vegetables."



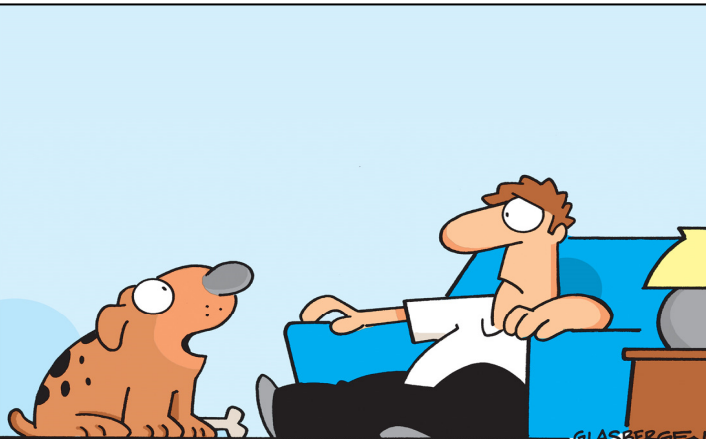
Campbell.

"I imagine you were pretty nervous addressing an army of experts."



Campbell.

"He didn't mean on Twitter."



GLASBERGEN

"Cheer up. Your life isn't meaningless. God put you on this earth for a purpose... to buy dog food and clean up after me."



GLASBERGEN

"It's taking me longer to adjust to retirement than I thought it would."

# A Special Birthday Party

December 1, 2018



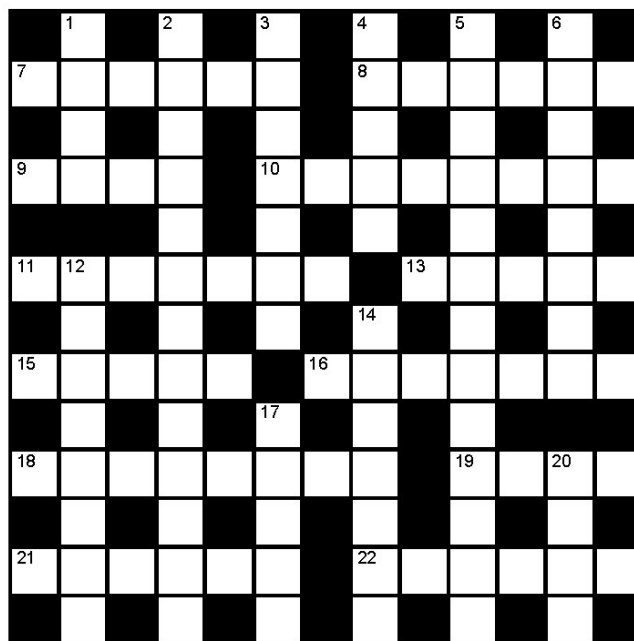






# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## John



### Across

- 7 The number of times that Peter denied Jesus. John 13:38 (6)
- 8 Also called Didymus. John 20:24 (6)
- 9 He that abides in Christ will bring forth \_\_\_\_ fruit. John 15:5 (4)
- 10 All of the disciples, except one, became these after Christ ascended into heaven. (8)
- 11 Where did the slothful man say the lion was in Prov 26:13? (7)
- 13 The southern region of Israel. (5)
- 15 "Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews \_\_\_\_ purifying." John 3:25 (5)
- 16 One soweth, and another does this. John 4:37 (7)
- 18 A seed has to fall to the ground and die before it can "\_\_\_\_ forth much fruit." John 12:24 (8)

- 19 God set up these as a form of guidance for the Jews. (4)
- 21 "Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but \_\_\_\_." John 19:15 (6)
- 22 Caiaphas, the high priest, prophesied that Jesus would die for this. John 11:51 (6)

### Down

- 1 "And they asked him, What then? Art \_\_\_\_ Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art \_\_\_\_ that prophet? And he answered, No." John 1:21 (4)
- 2 Jesus said that when the Comforter comes, he will reprove the world of sin, of \_\_\_\_, and of judgment. John 16:8 (13)
- 3 Another word for husbandmen in Mark 12:2. (7)
- 4 "But when the morning was now come, Jesus \_\_\_\_ on the shore: but the disciples knew

not that it was Jesus." John 21:4 (5)

- 5 Two words. This man asked Jesus, "Art thou king of the Jews?" John. 18:33 (7, 6)
- 6 "[Pilate] brought Jesus forth, and sat down ... in a place that is called the \_\_\_\_." John 19:13 (8)
- 12 Also called the sea of Galilee. John 6:1 (8)
- 14 The town where Lazarus, Mary, and Martha lived. John 11:1 (7)
- 17 "And what he hath seen and \_\_\_\_, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony." John 3:32 (5)
- 20 "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to \_\_\_\_ shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:68 (4)

OUR 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY CORNER

During our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year (and beyond) we are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Read the answer below to last month's picture. The History Corner gets tougher! Not only do you have to name everyone in the Senior Choir 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: This was Richard Bowser collecting from Clay Pavy at the "Come as You Are" service at the Starlight Drive-in, summer 1961.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLES**

Now the candles softly gleaming  
Tell the tale of old;  
Lo, the Child of Mary's dreaming  
All her prayers unfold.

Praise we Christ — his candle glowing,  
Shining now as then;  
Pray we that His truth still growing  
Guide the souls of men.

Christmas candles — pure and gentle,  
Cast your golden light;  
Let your love and peace encircle  
All the world tonight.

*H. Victor Kane, Sr.*

**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.

**JUDGES and PRIESTS**  
**(Workers for God)**

When a person breaks the law they might be arrested by the police. The police would then bring that person before a judge who would determine the outcome. The police and judge work together to keep order.

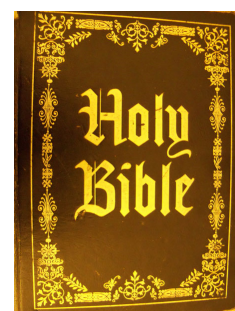
In the Bible God chose judges and priests. A priest is like the police. Just like police uphold the law, priests uphold God's law. Priests work for God; the police work for the government. Priests are ordained to serve and protect God's people; police do the same thing. In the Bible in the Book of Exodus God chose Moses to be his judge and Aaron and his sons to be one set of priests and some of the men from the tribe of Levi to be another set of priests: the priests of Aaron to tend to the people and the priests of Levi to tend to the temple of God.

In the Book of Judges there is record of how God's judges protected His people. A judge is a deliverer; he fights for God's people: men like Moses, Joshua, Gideon, and Samson, to name a few.

Priests are like police who stay at the precinct. The word priest sounds like precinct. Some priests of God are Melchisedec, Aaron, the sons of Levi, and Eleazar to mention some.

Jesus is God's high priest forever and God is the ultimate judge of all.

*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 donation of \$10.00 each. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

Number of 1 lb. boxes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

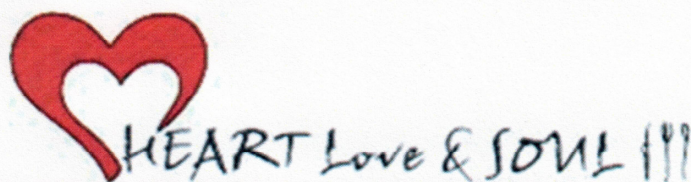
Sold by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



## Services

- Food Pantry (M-F; 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- Breakfast (M-F; 9:00-10:00 a.m.)
- Lunch (M-F; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Lunch last 2 full weekends of month  
(12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.)
- Referrals to Service Agencies
- Health Referrals
- Mobile Food Pantry  
*Monthly*
- Haircuts (Mondays; 10:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
- Necessary Shop *(personal care & cleaning supplies)*
- Summer Programs for Children
- Help with Back-to-School Supplies
- Bible Study (Wednesday; 10:00 a.m.)
- Cooking Classes & Demonstrations
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Christmas Food Baskets
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Narcotics Anonymous hoste<sup>1</sup>

