



# THE VISITOR

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## PRAYER CORNER

### Please pray for...

- ◆ Our new officers, elders, and deacons and deaconess, Linda Heer, Lynne Roth, Norm Fether, Nici Wyse, Matt Hines, Stacy Rutledge, and Steve Walker.
- ◆ Mike Meyer, who moved to Fountain Park in Bryan this past month.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who spent several days at Toledo Children's Hospital, as she has had further incidents. She received a new diagnosis earlier in the month and is on a specific medicine to treat the health concern.
- ◆ Missy Warncke, who saw a specialist on 1/21 regarding blood clots she had.
- ◆ Michael Hartman, father of Jen Hurst, as he remains in critical condition at the University of Michigan after a house, in which he sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 40% of his body.
- ◆ Matt Pardi, who is being prepared to be released to a transitional rehab facility as he has shown very positive improvement these past few weeks. Please see page 5 for a detailed update.
- ◆ Ann Grime, who continues to improve, off all oxygen, and her return to half days at work has gone well this month.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who spent a majority of the month in a full cast on her left ankle.

### Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

- ◆ Shane Pitts, Deployed, Qatar (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

The springboard for my column this month comes from a television commercial. I've never been too much of a fan of them – that's why we hold the remote in hand, isn't it? To flip between stations to avoid the commercials! But I still see many of them, and I could do without all the ads about medications – especially the ones meant to address female or male physiology.

Then Sunday afternoon, I heard a new one, at least one I had never personally heard before. A web search revealed I'm once again behind the times – it's at least two years old! While I didn't remember much of the wording of the commercial (most likely because I was so stunned by what I'd just heard) my web search provided the basic content:

*“Hi, I'm Ron Reagan, an unabashed atheist. And I'm alarmed by the intrusions of religion into our secular government. That's why I'm asking you to support the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the nation's largest and most effective association of atheists and agnostics working to keep state and church separate, just like our Founding Fathers intended.”*

What did stick in my mind was Ron Reagan's sign-off: *“a lifelong atheist not afraid of burning in hell.”* It is appropriate that he's not afraid, for hell is a reality he will face in his unbelief. Jesus speaks of the reality of hell in his Sermon on the Mount, and there are verses that speak of the eternal fire or punishment (Matthew 25:41, Matthew 18:9).

The commercial prompted me to spend some time reading on the subject of whether or not God exists. There are people who believe that once life on this earth is over, it's over. There is no thought of anything after death – there is no heaven, no salvation – just death. Atheists believe that God does not exist and all religion is human-made. Agnostics aren't sure whether or not God exists, and feel that if he does exist, he's too distant and too uncaring. Skeptics might not believe because there's not any evidence that God exists; often looking for scientific evidence as proof.

Even as Ecclesiastes 3:11 speaks to God's creative power, it offers up the reality of how unfathomable God can be. *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”* Faith in God is not automatic, nor is faith easy to grasp and hold on to. Believing in God requires sacrifice and a searching of the scriptures, to know God and seek God.

Psalm 19:1-2 shares, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.”* The glories and wonders of the heavens speak to us of the reality of God. The account of the Easter resurrection is one such wonder, a wonder that was revealed to me long ago, and I'm thankful for the conviction of belief that has been strengthened ever since.

Having heard the commercial and been reminded of atheism and agnosticism, I found the resulting reading I engaged in very helpful. To know what I believe through the truth of the Bible. To know that if and when I engage with a skeptic or atheist, I need to listen to them and be guided by the Holy Spirit in my responses. Staying calm and honest is important, so that the conversation happens. For in conversing, we are given the opportunity to present spiritual evidence of belief. Always food for thought.

Blessings,

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## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND THANK YOU'S

### Church Family:

Thank you for all of your prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls during the hospitalization, nursing home confinement, and passing of my wife, Kathryn. We are so thankful for such a caring Church family.

John Graber  
Wes, Doug, Steve, Gary and families

### Friends of the Church,

Yes I received the letters mailed to me. I think we are experiencing weather which is mild for winter days. Unusual. I am having some visitors - thanks for that. Time is lately fast for January 2022. Schools are in session. Lots of young people. My niece has a grandson and he is one year old and walking. They named him Henry. They live in the state of Maine. And my other great-niece is one year old. They call her Emma. Thankful for all the little people.

Bernice Rice

## MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

### Third Thursday Luncheons – For Senior Citizens and Any and All!

February 17th will be the next luncheon, starting at 11:30am with lunch and then a program to follow – a look at Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio.

### Senior High Sunday School

We have been thrilled to add Jeff & Stacy Rutledge into our rotation of teachers for SHSS. Please, welcome them with us and pray for God's provision to be given to them as they prepare and teach the youth of our church.

We began diving into a seven-part series by Francis Chan, about knowing the truth and acting on it. How should a healthy understanding of doctrinal issues - like The Trinity, the Church, sin and salvation, impact the way we go about our lives and our actions toward God and our peers? This series shares real-life stories about teen struggles of living out the essentials of their faith on a daily basis. Our teachers (Jeff & Stacy Rutledge and Ryan & Devin Bernath), along with Francis Chan, provide the teaching from scripture to help our teens understand the core of our Christian faith.

### Life Planning

Life Planning met in December and had our annual Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. In January, we had a devotional and some talk time about what makes us angry and we ended the night with some friendly Minute-to-Win-It games. Our next gathering will be on February 9th at 7:00PM in the Chapel.



## MINISTRY HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

### GIF Gals

As the old saying goes “the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry,” always start with Plan “B.” On Sunday, January 23rd, Mother Nature made the GIF Gals use Plan B for their get together. With several inches of snow on the ground and more on the way, only seven Gals made their way to the church for the program of lunch and games. We gathered around the table in the Chapel. With sandwiches in hand and drinks close, we had an enjoyable time simply visiting with each other. Gloria brought us up to date on future programs. Later, naptime was mentioned and all agreed that was an excellent idea. Plan B was a big success!

The program on February 13th will feature the movie “Overcomer” with pizza, popcorn and beverages after church. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of these items. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Finally, the Gals are scheduled to travel to Fayette Opera House on Sunday, March 27th for lunch and an organ concert by Lynn Long and Ed Duling. Cost is \$20 for lunch and the program. Please sign up at the bulletin board by February 13th so that we can reserve our tickets for the program.

## COMMITTEES

### Building Committee

The members of this newly formed committee, to date, are:

Jeff Rutledge, Chairperson	Dean Sauder
Ryan Christman, Consistory Representative	Richard Spiess
Ann Fether	Roger Zimmerman
Jim Grieser	Erich Christman
Greg Walker	

The charge of the committee includes the following:

1. To work with the initial plans and concepts put forth by the most recent Facility Committee, which were approved by the congregation on November 14, 2021, to address the areas of 1) restrooms, 2) accessibility, and 3) worship
2. To work with an architect to finalize building plans and be aware of: Building Codes, Building Permits, ADA Compliance
3. Scope of work to include – design and appearance, functionality, finishes – colors and materials, furnishings and equipment
4. Manage the budget of the project as approved by the congregation on November 14, 2021, not to exceed \$1,620,000
5. Manage the schedule of the project – planning, approval, construction, completion
6. Work with the architect for the bid process, with input on contractors and sub-contractors
7. Work with the architect to coordinate scheduling of construction process in regards to church ministry schedule
8. To communicate with the congregation throughout the process

## CONSISTORY

### Highlights of the Congregational Annual Meeting held on January 16, 2022:

1. Second Mile Endowment Fund Proposal – the recommendation from Consistory:
  - i. Divide the growth since 2004 in two equal amounts (\$121,500, approximately)
  - ii. Leave half of the growth in the Second Mile Endowment Fund, establishing a new capital balance of approximately \$380,000.
  - iii. Establish a revenue stream of \$19,500 per year from the earnings gained through the invested endowed funds to be used towards the annual mission budget.
  - iv. Empower the Mission Committee to allocate half of the growth in the Second Mile Endowment fund, approximately \$121,500, for support of approved mission partners, with a preference towards capital projects.
  - v. Keith Kern made a motion to approve the Second Mile Endowment Fund Proposal as recommended by Consistory. Betsy Redd 2nd the motion. Motion carried
  
2. Search Committee Recommendation
  - i. Presented information about the search process and details about Shepherd’s Staff, a church related staffing firm.
  - ii. Eric Nafziger made a motion to enter into a contract with Shepherd’s Staff for the position of Pastor of Music and Worship, to begin the weekend of Feb. 11. Dean Buckenmeyer 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
  
3. Election results were as follows:
  - i. President – Linda Heer
  - ii. Congregational Secretary – Lynne Roth
  - iii. Elders – Norm Fether, Nici Wyse
  - iv. Deacon/Deaconess – Matt Hines, Stacy Rutledge, Steve Walker

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## UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

### Ushers/Greeters

We are still in need of individuals - new and returning - to fill some vacancies in our Usher/Greeter program! If you feel moved to fill one of vacant months or if you would like to learn more about being an Usher or Greeter, please contact the church office.

As of January 26th, the 2022 schedule is the following:

<u>8:00am Ushers</u>	<u>Head Usher (10:30am)</u>	<u>Greeters (both services)</u>
February - Linda Heer	February - Greg Walker	<i>**Currently need 4 Greeters for all months</i>
March - Jim Grieser	March - Dave Walker	
April - Shawn Stuckey	April -	
May - Doug & Nancy Rupp	May - Greg Walker	
June - Jim Grieser	June -	
July -	July -	
August - Linda Heer	August -	
September -	September -	
October - Jim Grieser	October -	
November -	November -	
December - Doug & Nancy Rupp	December -	

### Offering Envelopes

2022 Offering Envelopes were distributed in November and December of 2021. If you did not receive a boxed set and would like one for the calendar year, please contact the church office. Please note that undesignated funds will be split 50/50 between the Operating and Mission funds if over \$30. Undesignated funds under \$30 will be designated to the Operating fund.

If you have any remaining envelopes from 2020 or 2021, please feel free to recycle or discard them, as using old envelopes can slow the counting process each week.

### 2021 Giving Statements

Giving Statements were sent to households in mid-January. Those with email addresses on file received digital copies and all others were mailed to homes. If you believe you should have received a statement and did not, please email or call the church office.

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## MISSION CORNER

### February Mission-A-Month: Archbold FISH Pantry



It is the goal of the Archbold FISH Food Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's grace. All of the households served have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold FISH Pantry. FISH Pantry also help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. They are completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community and churches.

This month, you can help support the mission of the Archbold FISH pantry with donated goods or financial contributions (indicate with "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelopes). Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the Chapel Narthex. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need!

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#### Mission Experiences

- ◆ March 5-12, 2022 - Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- ◆ Summer Mission Trip, in conjunction with LaPorte County (Indiana) Habitat for Humanity - awaiting their build schedule to set a date

#### 2022 Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi to Serve with Back Bay Mission (BBM)



A week long mission trip at Back Bay Mission fosters teamwork to accomplish home safety and security for individuals and families. Always striving in "Doing Good Together" our March 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> experience promises a week of faith, fellowship and service.

Cost of the trip will be \$200, covering lodging, most meals, transportation, and work camp material fees. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board!

## MISSION CORNER - PARDI FAMILY UPDATE

We pray you are well and experiencing God in the early days of 2022!

**On behalf of Matt and MaryLynn Pardi and their whole family**, we wanted to provide some communication to all of you who are faithful prayer and financial supporters of theirs, as they minister to young people.

From about the middle of November until the present, Matt has been in the hospital due to Covid-related complications. As you can imagine this has been a difficult time for the family and they wish they could have sent you a letter themselves like they do every December with Christmas greetings. They look forward to the day when that will happen.

On November 16 Matt was admitted to the ICU and after 5 days was put on a ventilator. His kidneys also were injured and required Matt to receive dialysis. We are believing this will be reversed. Around the middle of December through the 30th, Matt was progressing nicely toward recovery, although very slowly. His vitals were, by and large, stable and his oxygen levels were good. Plans were beginning to be made to take him off the ventilator. While not being able to talk because of the trach, he was still very communicative with the staff, MaryLynn, and a few friends who went in to visit.

He was moved out of the ICU and into a long-term rehab facility in Toledo around December 23, a strong sign that he was moving toward recovery. However, because of a fever that was not resolving, along with a sustained high heart rate and blood pressure, he was transported to UTMC on New Year's Eve. That is where he is at the present moment - in a regular hospital room, not the ICU. The pulmonologist at UTMC had concerns with Matt's lungs, particularly the way Covid has injured them. However he continued to improve each day. **Over the past few days (1/8 - 1/11) we have seen tremendous growth in his recovery.** They have downsized his trach, given him a speaking valve and is now able to eat solid food. We are praising God for how strong he has made Matt's body to keep moving towards getting back out of the hospital and once again moving to a transitional rehab facility. Matt is truly a miracle!

Matt, MaryLynn and the kids are doing well, but are exhausted from the length of time this battle has gone on. MaryLynn is such a warrior and has faithfully been by Matt's side. The family has few needs other than prayer at this very moment, however we anticipate they will have specific needs as Matt returns home at a future date. **In the meantime, they still need your giving to Reliant. His employment has not changed and we do not anticipate that it will change as he recovers.**

Prayers have truly sustained them and we ask boldly that you join us in regular prayer for Matt and his family. We know the journey ahead can be long, but by God's grace we are confident Matt is going to continue to heal. We give thanks to God for His mercy and healing over Matt's body. He is truly a miracle, and the nurses in the ICU have attested to this many times! We have been beyond thankful for the care he has received at Wood County Hospital and UTMC. The staff at these places are amazing.

Some quick-hitting prayer requests:

- ◆ For no more infection in Matt's lungs or body.
- ◆ For his kidneys to recover completely so he will not need dialysis.
- ◆ For the trach to be removed in God's timing.
- ◆ For Matt, MaryLynn and the kids to experience the hope and strength of Jesus and be ministered by the Spirit of God in intimate, personal ways.

We'll continue to update you as long as we need or until the Pardis can update you themselves. Thank you.

**God's grace and peace,**

Bryan Wiles - Pastor H2O, Bowling Green State University

Matt Olszewski - Pastor H2O, University of Toledo



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## MISSION THANK YOU'S

Dear Pastor Erich, Lynne, and St. John's Mission Committee,

My heart is full of gratitude for your partnership in the Gospel. Your support of my ministry with InterVarsity helps reach the nations God brought here in Iowa and beyond! Thank you for coming alongside me through prayers, love, and abundant encouragement. I look forward to celebrating God's goodness with you next month!

Grateful for you,  
Nicha Pimthong

To the Church of St. John's,

Thank you for your gift [of \$140] to Youth for Christ! Your partnership in the Gospel means a lot to me. We are excited to start this next year on good financial footing and hope to use this to build up more leaders reaching kids with Christ-sharing relationships.

Happy New Year!  
Eliot

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you once again for your continued support with your check of \$385. And thank you for all you have provided to the Friendship House in 2021: financial donations, prayers, and so many volunteers for their time to make our new addition a reality. Thank you again for everything. Our doors are open and we are helping those in need.

Blessings to you,  
Friendship House

### Additional Mission Thank You's from...

- ◆ Crossroad Child & Family Services, for our gift of \$3,350
- ◆ Fulton County Christmas Cheer, for our gifts of \$5,210
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$1,000
- ◆ The Doriots, for our gift of \$500
- ◆ Tom and Megan, for our gift of \$500
- ◆ Cherry Street Mission, for our gifts of \$2,685
- ◆ The Franks, for our gift of \$1,000

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- February 6th      Scriptures – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Habakkuk 3:1-19  
Sermon – “Habakkuk’s Prayer” (Habakkuk Sermon Series Part 3)
- February 13th    Scriptures – Psalm 86:5-12, Luke 11:1-13  
Sermon – “Prayer – A Simple Word”
- February 20th    Scriptures – Psalm 23, Luke 10:38-42  
Sermon – “Four Lessons Learned”
- February 27th    Scriptures – Psalm 108:1-5, Psalm 92  
Sermon – “No Wickedness in Him”

## SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday falls on March 2nd this year, beginning the annual forty day journey to Easter Sunday, remembering that the forty days of Lent do not include the Sundays, as every Sunday is a celebration of Christ’s triumph over the grave.

Our Ash Wednesday service of worship, including the Sacrament of Communion will begin at 7:00pm. On the following six Wednesday evenings while Logos, JYF and SYF/Life Planning are being held, a Lenten study series will be held in the sanctuary for adults. The six-week interactive study is titled “By His Wounds We Are Healed,” a resource from Creative Communications.

### A Valentine Crossword

*God is Love (1 John 4:8)*

Find the underlined words in the puzzle!

#### Love Is...

Love is patient, Love is kind, It does not envy,  
It does not boast, It is not proud. It is not rude,  
It is not self-seeking, It is not easily angered,  
It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not  
delight in evil But rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, Always trusts, Always hopes,  
Always perseveres. Love never fails.  
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NIV)

Perfect Love Drives Out Fear. (1 John 4:18)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal 7:00PM Mission Committee	2 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF	3 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	4	5
6 6PM Seekers	7 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved	8 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Committee	9 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM Life Planning	10 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	11	12 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
13 12PM GIF Gals	14 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved	15 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal	16 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF	17 11:30AM Senior Luncheon 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved	18	19
20 6PM Seekers	21 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 6:15PM Spiritual Council	22 9:15AM Bible Study 1:45PM BINGO at Fairlawn 5PM Community Meal	23 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF	24 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	25	26
27	28 4PM Gym Reserved			<b>Sundays:</b> 8AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 9:15AM FV, SS, Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	<b>MAM:</b> FISH Pantry  <b>Elder of the Month:</b> David Stuckey	



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



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|--|---|
| 1 John & Mary Beck   | 15 Teresa Mann  |
| 2 Bruce Wooley   | 16 Ryan Kinsman, Hannah Grieser   |
| 4 Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Karen Rice,<br>Shirley Wyse | 17 Donna Buehrer, Justin & Kelsey Pursel                                  |
| 5 Dave Miller  | 18 Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse   |
| 6 Rollin Nafziger  | 19 Erin Grieser, John Kauffman, Judy Overmier,<br>Sue Steiner, Ella Yoder |
| 8 Mary Zimmerman   | 20 Solomon & Lisa Welch   |
| 9 Karen Walker, Joel & Annie Foote                         | 21 Blake Grime  |
| 10 Patti Lirot   | 24 Joe Short  |
| 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay                           | 25 Annie Foote  |
| 14 Sue Buehrer, Tucker Johnston,<br>Keith & Kelli Kuntz    | 26 Dawson King  |
|  | 27 Kenny Walker   |

*Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct.*

# FEBRUARY DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 True or Counterfeit?----- Exodus 6:28-7:13       | 15 The Fight ----- Exodus 14:10-31           |
| 2 Free to Worship?-----Exodus 7:14-8:7             | 16 The Gospel Rocks -----Exodus 15:1-21      |
| 3 Deal or No Deal? ----- Exodus 8:8-32             | 17 A New Age ----- Romans 1:1-7              |
| 4 Special Delivery ----- Exodus 9:1-26             | 18 A New Outlook ----- Romans 1:8-17         |
| 5 Humble Pie Tastes Good ----- Exodus 9:27-10:6    | 19 False Gods ----- Romans 1:18-32           |
| 6 The Scent of Unity ----- Psalm 133               | 20 A Prayer of Praise ----- Psalm 135        |
| 7 Light Up the Truth-----Exodus 10:7-29            | 21 A Level Playing Field ----- Romans 2:1-16 |
| 8 Costly Deliverance -----Exodus 11:1-10           | 22 A New Heart ----- Romans 2:17-29          |
| 9 Roast Lamb Saves the Day -----Exodus 12:1-20     | 23 Taking Sin Seriously----- Romans 3:1-8    |
| 10 Painful Liberation ----- Exodus 12:21-36        | 24 Bad News, Good News ----- Romans 3:9-20   |
| 11 Set Apart ----- Exodus 12:37-51                 | 25 But Now... ----- Romans 3:21-31           |
| 12 Signposts to Change-----Exodus 13:1-16          | 26 A Shared Heritage----- Romans 4:1-12      |
| 13 Stop, Look, and Worship ----- Psalm 134         | 27 Confidence in God ----- Psalm 136         |
| 14 Seeing the Bigger Picture-----Exodus 13:17-14:9 | 28 The Family Likeness----- Romans 4:13-25   |

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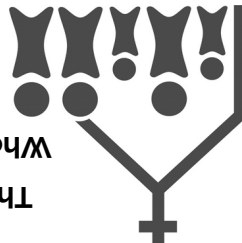
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