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I can do all things...

By Pastor Paul

I Am the New Year.

Bible Illustrator

With the commencement of a new year comes new promises; promises that bring forth new hopes. The wrongs committed from previous years are sought to be rectified. Unfortunately though, many of those promises that we make for the year ahead are short-lived. We find ourselves returning to those things that once held us captive. Ironically, we find comfort in captivity. Though we are slaves to our sins, we know, at least, where we stand and what we have become. Unfortunately, many of us fail to follow through with our promises for a better and brighter future because we rely solely upon our own strength. Despite our best intentions, we quickly realize that we cannot claim victory over our captors. Our choices are three-fold. We can either relinquish our resolutions thereby giving us a false sense of freedom; redefine our resolutions whereby we live under the illusion of achievement; or render ourselves for who we really are—people who are in need of a Redeemer.

The Apostle Paul never underscored any of the options mentioned above. In Philippians 4:11, Paul writes to his readers that he *learned in whatever state he was in, to be content*: Notice the word *learned*. It is of great importance because it implies that whatever state Paul was in he learned to be content. In other words, his contentment did not just magically or mysteriously happen over night—it was something that occurred over time. Paul having nearly completed his race, could look back over his life to see how the third option was the only option.

What was the source of his contentment? To put simply, it was Christ. In verse 13, he goes on to write that *he could do all things through Christ who strengthens him*. I believe those are words everyone could and should live by. As we reflect upon the past year and prepare to set our sights on the present before us, we should place our faith in the One who can give us the strength to overcome any and all things.

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Years! Church 10:30 am No Sunday School Charlotte Ebie BD</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Richard Turner BD</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Deacons Mtg, 6:00 pm Knitting, 7:00pm</p> <p>Sue Davis, Larry Petry BD</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Roxanne S. BD</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Akron 1st COB Soup Supper, 4:30-6:30 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Installation of Deacons & Communion</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Knitting, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Jayden Fuller BD</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Cliff James BD</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dave Bomberger BD</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Debbie Hajba, Daultin Law BD</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Board Mtg, 6:30 pm WAM Mtg, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Quilting, 9-2:30 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm Judy Turner, Samantha Markland BD</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Julie Miller Croston BD</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Knitting, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Quilting, 9-2:30 pm, Bible Study, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Free Meal, 11:30-12:30 pm Sr. Youth Rally, Dupont COB Jeanine Gray BD</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Baptisms, Membership Sr. Youth Rally, Dupont COB</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Knitting, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Brandon Warnick, Hanna Warnick BD</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Prayer, 9 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Every Sunday!</p> </div>			

Bulletin Board

Quilting and sewing group 9-2:30 pm on Wednesdays. See Peggy Tobias.

Knitting meets at Rebecca's 7 pm Tuesday evening except the third Tuesday of the month.

Please remember Please be sure to send a card or make a call to those on the prayer list and our shut-ins.

Calling and Installation of Deacons

We had a calling of deacons on October 23 and will have an installation of deacons, January 8. Deacons vacating their positions are: Karen Beaty, Larry Cros-ton and Edith Kieffaber. Deacons to be installed are Viki Myers, Judy Markland and Peggy S. Tobias.

Membership Class

There will be a class held on Saturday, January 14 from 9-12 here at the church. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Paul or Linda Fuller. On January 29 we will have baptisms and new members recognized.

Akron First COB Supper, Saturday, January 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$6. The church is at 1812 Marigold Ave. in Firestone Park.



Bible Study Gary Griffith will be leading a Bible study for anyone wishing to come on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm here at the church. Contact Gary for more information.

Youth Rallies The Senior High Youth Winter Rally will be Jan. 28-29 at Dupont CoB. The Junior High Winter Rally will be Feb. 17-18 at Hartville CoB.

Volleyball League Mike Connor from Springfield Church of the Brethren is organizing a church volleyball league. He sent the following information: "This year we want to try to combine teams and churches to make full teams for everyone. Please start asking around your church to find out who all is interested. If



you can make up a roster and send it back to me by January 1, 2012, I will do my best to combine everyone fairly. If your church has a complete team

that's great and please let me know that as well." A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. For more information contact Mike Conner at 330-289-4894 or bunnycon@neo.rr.com.

Special Remembrance Vivian Swain sent a gift to the church in memory of her aunt, Fay Ritchey. She recalls how much Fay loved everyone here and how she enjoyed the music and wonderful fellowship.

Special Thanks "With much gratitude, both of us thank all who prayed for my healing along with phone calls, meals, etc. What a blessing to be part of such a caring community! You all have been blessed to be a blessing. Looking forward to worshipping with you all soon. Love in Christ, Viki and Gary Myers."

Thanks for the decorations and poinsettias

Thanks to the people responsible for the lovely Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and always making our workshop space attractive! Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary.



Valentines Dinner

Sunday, February 12 we will have a Valentine's Dinner following Sunday School.

Choir Practice The choir will resume practice beginning in February.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. Einstein

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other. - Abraham Lincoln

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. -Bill Vaughn



Witness and Missions

Hat and Mitten Tree thanks

Thanks to all who decorated our tree with hats, mittens, gloves and socks to give to those in need!

Pumpkin Pies

Thanks to all who took part in the pumpkin pie fundraiser! All proceeds will go to Inspiration Hills. Pies are still available for \$7. Please see Julie Shives or anyone from Alice's Kitchen Class.

Fundraisers

Campbell's labels: Please remember to bring in your Campbell's labels for Inspiration Hills. The container is on the welcome center in the lounge.

Recycling bin: Also, we continue to collect newspaper, phone books, junk mail, office papers, etc. in the bin in the parking lot. Thanks for your help!

ACME tapes: It is time to start collecting ACME tapes as a fundraiser for the church. ACME gives cash back to the church for certain items purchased.

Offering a Helping Hand The men of the church are available to help out where needed. Contact John Konst.



Feeding the Community

Bring in your canned goods The "Witness Bin," in the lounge, located in the back of the Sanctuary, is an ongoing program of collecting canned goods and non-perishables which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. See Leone Gindlesperger or Edith Kieffaber.

Free Meal Free meals will continue the last Saturday of each month from 11:30-12:30 through May. Contact Sam Klingensmith if wanting to contribute a dessert for the meal.

Alice and Larry volunteering in January

Alice and Larry Petry will be volunteering at the newest project in Marshall County, Alabama during January. This project was started on November 28 based in the town of Arab, Alabama.

Disaster Relief Project in Tennessee

Northern Ohio District team of workers going to Ashland City, TN the week of January 15-20

Can you help provide another person a home for a Merry Christmas? Come with us January 15-20, 2011 to Ashland City TN. We have room for ten people. Give Mort Curie a call at 330-682-9726 or e-mail Brenda Hostetler at Hjbrenda@aol.com by January 4th. You are the person who can make a difference!

Home dedication for Tennessee flood survivor

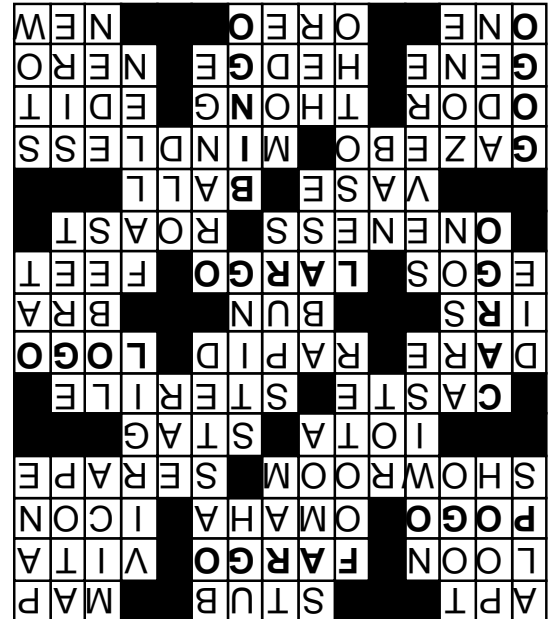
In August, two Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) volunteers assigned to BOM, Kail Clark and Shannon Pratt Harrington, went along with a group of volunteers to Ashland City, Tennessee. The week culminated with the opportunity to attend a house rededication for Pam Fox, a survivor of the May 2010 flood. Kail expressed that she found it "a truly inspiring experience." The event started out with a gathering of people, including the group of volunteers, Pam's friends and family, and even the mayor. There was a small service led by Josh Schnapps, a fellow BVSer serving in Ashland City. Pam made a speech while trying to hold back the tears, thanking all the volunteers who worked on her house and saying how much she loved it. "This is truly a house built with love," she said. "It is. It'll stand for a long time, too." Shannon remarked that "Pam's joy and appreciation showed through with her words and the hugs she gave out to family, friends and strangers who gathered at her home." Shannon and Josh have since completed their BVS term and returned to their respective homes. We appreciate their service.

Disaster Relief Take time and look at the Brethren Disaster Ministries website. There is a great need for disaster relief health kits, clean-up buckets, school bags, and baby kits. For directions on kits go to: www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main, or talk with Alice and Larry Petry, our local representatives. Also, you can contact: District Disaster Coordinators-Mort Curie and Brenda Hostetler, Hjbrenda@aol.com <http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BDM>



January Nursery Schedule

January Puzzle Answers



It's GrΣΣk to me Sudoku Answer

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	<u>9:20—10:40 am</u>	<u>10:40—12:10 am</u>
Jan 1	Tom S. Christen S.	Roxanne S. Cliff J.
Jan 8	Deb Casto Julie Miller	Deb D. Leone G.
Jan 15	Edith K. Marilyn G.	Cathy R. Esther E.
Jan 22	Ida Gene J. Norma Vincent	Judy M. Sam M.
Jan 29	Roxanne S. Cliff J.	Deb Brautigam Cathy Richards

If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please make prior arrangements to cover your time and inform the office of changes. Thank you.

Recipe for a Happy New Year. Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

January cryptogram hint:
The letter 'I' is encoded 'C'.
January cryptogram answer:
I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.
Maya Angelou

Eastwood Church Organization

Minister: Pastor Paul Markland

Secretary: Dottie Jenkins

Moderator: Lee Beaty

Board Chair: Dave Hajba

Assist Chair: Jerry Fuller

Clerk: Roxanne S.

Deacon Chair: Linda Fuller

Nominating and Personnel: Connie Moyers and Larry Croston (another person needed)

Newsletter and web page: Rebecca Ebie

Publicity: (person needed)

Nurture Commission (dinners, Worship and Music, Christian Education, Fellowship, small groups)

Chairs: Jean Poling, Norma Vincent

Worship and Music

WAM: Pastor Paul, Linda Griffith, Xinia & Richard Tobias

Communications: Gary Myes, John Konst, Tim Casto.

Greeters: Ethel Herald

Ushers: Larry Croston, Lee Beaty

Decorations: Julie Shives

Recognition gifts: Jean Poling

Easter & Christmas flowers: Maxine Belton

Choir: Debbie Brown

Christian Education

Christian Education: need person to head

District Camp Rep: need person to head

Nursery: Debbie Brautigam

Library: Linda Griffith

Messenger: Viki Myers

Jr. Church/VBS: Dara Law, Linda Griffith, Connie Moyers

Fellowship & Groups

Drama & recreation: Richard Tobias

Bible Study: Gary Griffith

Quilting: Peggy Tobias

Youth: Linda and Gary Griffith

Witness Commission (Evangelism, Missions, Social Action, Service)

Chairs: Leone Gindlesperger, Edith Kieffaber

Disaster relief resource persons: Alice & Larry Petry

Stewardship Commission (property management, custodian, finance)

Chairs: Tim Casto, Debbie Brown

Financial Secretary: Galen Tobias

Property Management: Lee Beaty

Custodian: Richard Tobias

Treasurer (Finance & Budget): Jim Shives

Asst. Treasurer: Viki Myers

Audit: Debbie Brautigam

December Board Notes

Pastors Report : Leaders need to be more visible to the congregation. For example, the list of deacons with photos is on the bulletin board. The board needs to follow through on making five-year goals.

Stewards: Stained glass windows have been repaired and replaced. There is a Plexiglas covering for protection of the windows. Changing stations are in the restrooms. Three estimates have been received for repair work for asphalt. The board vote on one (priced at \$1875) to do the work. Gas prices need to be checked to see if a better rate is available. Decided that the church secretary can write checks for Viki Myers or Jim Shives to sign; the checkbook needs to remain at the church. Security cameras and a monitor in the office have been installed. Repairs have been made to

social hall entry crash bar, toy box cover, broken outlet covers, and door handles.

Nurture: There were 70 people at the Thanksgiving dinner. A new table-call protocol has been in place for the past several meals. A Valentine Dinner will be on Sunday February 12. January 1st service will be at 10:30 with no Sunday school. A collection was taken the end of December for a pastor's gift given to Pastor Paul, Christmas Sunday. The choir will continue occasionally throughout the year.

Witness: a total of 208 boxes of Hamburger Helper were collected to be given to Open M food cupboard. The Hat and Mitten tree (for Haven of Rest) will remain up through January 1st. Sam Klingensmith will determine whether to continue the free meal

program.

Christian Education: The curriculum for the coming year has been ordered. A director is still needed. Gary Griffith is beginning a Bible study group on Wednesday evenings at the church.

NAP: There are two new people assigned to NAP (Connie Moyers and Larry Croston) with one more opening to be assigned.

Deacons: three people are going off and three new deacons to replace them.

The next board meeting will be January 17 at 6:30 pm.

Vitamin F

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How do I get along with them all? I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me. With one of them I am polite. I joke with another friend. I sit down and talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I listen to one friend's problems. Then I listen to another one's advice for me.

My friends are all like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. When completed, they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends! They are my friends who understand me better than myself, who support me through good days and bad days. Doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes.

If you enjoy Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age. The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%. I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamins F!

In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them. We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together, and pray for each other in the tough moments.Contributed by Peggy M. Tobias, who received it from a dear friend



The Deacon's Corner

Keep in your prayers:

Calvin & June Nolt—he is going through chemotherapy & she is struggling to regulate her blood sugar.

Merrell Buckles, Pebble Creek Nursing Home, 670 Jarvis Rd, Akron, OH 44319

Karen Sizemore, home

The Brautigam family

Pearl Spencer, home

Tim Casto, recuperating from back surgery

Michael Johnson, chemotherapy

Ernie Choate, recuperating from knee surgery

Patricia Oplinger

Kendall Ohlson, Karen Sizemore's great-great niece

Dorothy Koval as she continues to muster strength to minister to others

Pastor Paul, recuperating from back surgery.

Jacob Ronca, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson

Carol Curry, Merrell's sister, cancer of the spleen

Viki Myers, broken ankle, home (appreciating suppers, cards, visits, etc)

Charlotte Ebie, shoulder pain

Our shut-ins: Jeanine Gray, Roy Mackey, and Edna Evans.

Don Shaffer, Norma's husband and **Bill Shaffer**, Norma's son

Angela Beaty in her teaching position in Abu Dhabi located in the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf.

Mabel's Clinic Mission in Mexico

Gary Lorenz, as he ministers to Akron First CoB

Pastor Paul as he continues to minister to us on a daily basis

Pray for peace and for all areas on our globe affected by natural disasters

Pray for our local, state and national leaders to make decisions that will reflect goodness and goodwill.



SHUT-IN'S

Winnie Beach
Keystone Bluffs
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Duluth, MN 55811

Anthony Brautigam
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Pod 2-B Room 45
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Akron, OH 44311

Edna Evans
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Akron, OH 44312

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Karen Sizemore
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330-733-1979

Remember those in our congregationContinue to pray for those within our church and community going through financial difficulties, facing physical challenges, grieving the loss of loved ones, as well as those unable to attend church regularly . As you pray for them, let them know that you are thinking of them and praying for them, either through e-mail, visitation, or a card.



*May your troubles be less,
And your blessing be more.
And nothing but happiness,
Come through your door.*

Talkabout Jesus, our Teacher Gather 'Round Weekly

A visit from the magi Week of January 1

Matthew 2:1–12

Faith focus

We offer our gifts to Jesus.

The magi came from the east to honor Jesus and offer gifts. They were warned in a dream to not tell Herod where they had found the baby.

Choose from the following ideas:

- Read Matthew 2:10–11. What does it mean to pay homage?
- Go out and look at the stars. Imagine traveling at night following a star.
- What is the best gift you can think of?
- Frankincense was one of the magi's gifts. Burn incense or a scented candle.
- Talk about ways we can give gifts to Jesus.
- What country celebrates the coming of the magi with a special pastry called *rosca de reyes*?

(Mexico.)

Prayers for this week

God of wonder, shine on us. Lead us on a journey of joy and wisdom.

Escape to Egypt Week of January 8

Matthew 2:13–23

Faith focus

We remember that Jesus was kept safe.

An angel warned Joseph to escape to Egypt because Herod planned to destroy baby Jesus. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to Nazareth after Herod's death.

Choose from the following ideas:

- Read Matthew 2:13–15. Why did they travel at night?
- Sing, "All Night, All Day" as a reminder of the angels' role in keeping Jesus safe.
- Tell about a dangerous journey or hike you have taken (or would like to take).
- Jesus and his family were refugees seeking safety in another land. Search news or the Internet to find out about refugees today.
- What is the safest place you can think of?
- What is the largest refugee settlement in the world?

(Dadaab, Kenya, with refugees from Somalia.)

Prayers for this week

God, you walked with Joseph and Mary to keep their son from harm. Be with us today.

Jesus is baptized, then tempted Week of January 15

Matthew 3:13–4:11

Faith focus

We choose God's way.

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The Spirit of God descended on Jesus. He was identified as the Son of God. Jesus resisted temptations in the wilderness.

Choose from the following ideas:

- Read Matthew 3:16–17. What do you think the voice from heaven sounded like?
- Jesus was alone in the wilderness. When have you been alone?
- Jesus refused to turn stones into bread. Eat bread, thanking God for people who worked hard to make it.
- Tell about one thing you did this week to follow God's way.
- Jesus quoted many verses from the Bible. Tell a favorite Bible verse.
- *Did you know?* The dry Judean wilderness supports only small plants, no trees or underbrush.

Prayers for this week

God, help us to choose actions of love and peace.

Jesus calls disciples Week of January 22

Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13; 10:2–16

Faith focus

Jesus calls disciples and sends them out. Jesus called fishermen and a tax collector to be his followers. Jesus said he came to call sinners, not the righteous. He gave instructions and sent out the disciples.

Choose from the following ideas:

- Read Matthew 9:9–12. Why did Jesus call a tax collector to be a disciple?
- What actions do you think of as righteous (good)? What actions do you think are wrong?
- Jesus called fishermen who immediately left their boats. Take turns giving simple instructions. Other family members can then immediately do what is asked.
- Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." When have you seen God's love close at hand?
- Go outside. Say, "God's peace to this house" as you come back in.
- Which of these animals did Jesus mention? Sheep, wolves, tigers, serpents, doves. (All but tigers.)

Prayers for this week

God of fishermen and tax collectors, thank you for choosing us, too.

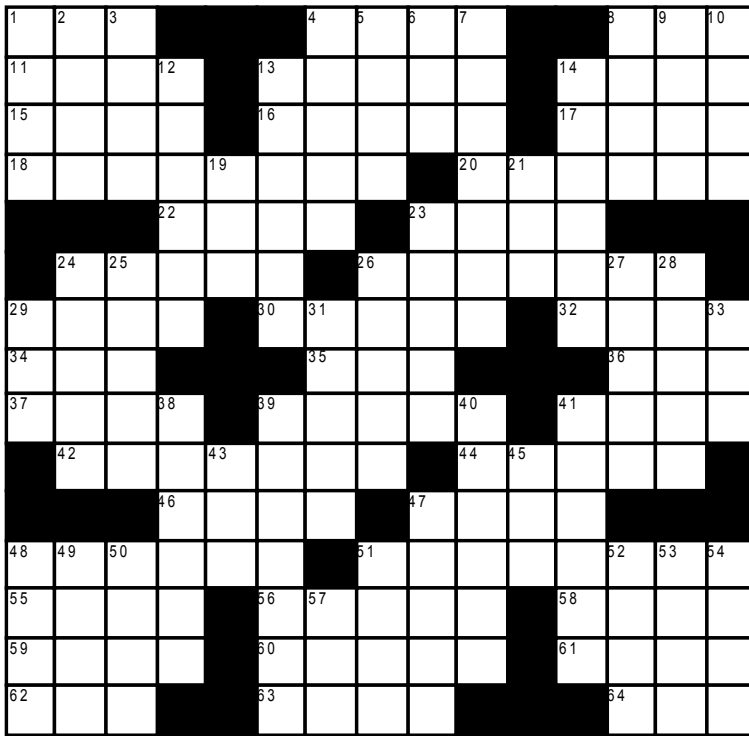
Talk about Jesus, our Teacher



Gather 'Round Winter 2011–12 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 A visit from the magi Matthew 2:1–12 <i>God of wonder, shine on us. Lead us on a journey of joy and wisdom.</i></p>	<p>2 Read Matthew 2:10–11. What does it mean to pay homage?</p>	<p>3 Go out and look at the stars. Imagine traveling at night following a star.</p>	<p>4 What is the best gift you can think of?</p>	<p>5 Frankincense was one of the magi's gifts. Burn incense or a scented candle.</p>	<p>6 Talk about ways we can give gifts to Jesus.</p>	<p>7 What country celebrates the coming of the magi with a special pastry called <i>rosca de reyes</i>?</p>
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January Puzzles: Let's Go



R L Turner Jan 20 12

ACROSS

- 1 Inclined
- 4 Ticket remains
- 8 Traveler's aid
- 11 Diver
- 13 * N Dakota city
- 14 Brief autobiographical sketch
- 15 * Jumping stick
- 16 City in Nebraska
- 17 Image
- 18 Where new cars are
- 20 Mexican cloak

- 22 Small particle
- 23 Buck
- 24 Social class
- 26 Free from living germs
- 29 Challenge
- 30 Speedy
- 32 * Company symbol
- 34 Tax agency
- 35 Hamburger delivery device
- 36 Lingerie
- 37 Freudian selves
- 39 * One of the Key's
- 41 The terminal parts of the

- legs
- 42 Unity
- 44 Cook with dry heat
- 46 Urn
- 47 Dance
- 48 Garden building
- 51 Without a brain
- 55 Aroma
- 56 Sandal
- 58 Revise
- 59 DNA component
- 60 Avoid
- 61 Roman emperor
- 62 Single
- 63 Dunking cookies
- 64 Pristine

- 23 Bite
- 24 * Payload
- 25 Malicious burning
- 26 Cowboy boot projections
- 27 Earring locales
- 28 Heron
- 29 Single dice
- 31 Humiliate
- 33 Grain
- 38 Strict
- 39 SE African country
- 40 Color between red and yellow
- 41 Unredeemed
- 43 Capture
- 45 Stale

DOWN

- 1 Swiss mountains
- 2 Tigger's friend
- 3 * Take out
- 4 Island nation
- 5 Trolley
- 6 Good grief!
- 7 Touted
- 8 Soft mineral
- 9 Above
- 10 Sheet of glass
- 12 Not at all
- 13 Foundation component
- 14 Latin writer
- 19 Spoil
- 21 Serving of corn

- 47 * Game of luck
- 48 * 70's Hippie girl
- 49 City in Yemen
- 50 Partition
- 51 Style
- 52 Paradise
- 53 Beget
- 54 Store
- 57 Possessive pronoun



January cryptogram:

C'LF IFOEHFY BDOB WTJ NDTJIYH'B
 UT BDETJUD ICRF MCBDO AOBAD
 FE'N XCBB TH KTBD DOHYN; WTJ
 HFFY BT KF OKIF BT BDETM
 NTXFBDCU KOAV. XOWO OHUFITJ

*It's GrΣΣk to me
 Sudoku*

Complete the grid to the right so each row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set:

α β χ δ ε φ γ η ι

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		Φ	B		H		
X	B		Δ	A			
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	Φ					E	
Δ	E	B	H				
				H	I		Γ
			X		I	H	
Γ	H		Φ				

Sunday, multigrain

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Let it be enough that you bake bread.
That you witness the turning of seeds
to food. That you join yeast, water, oil and salt
with oat, wheat, rye, and corn.
That you add honey, and dusky molasses,
in small measures flavoring everything.

You have soaked grains in porridge.
You have proofed yeast, sifted flour, stirred
with wooden spoon.
Let yourself rest while the sponge rises, bubbling;
Measure salt with pinch and palm.

Lean into the dough as you knead it.
Think about heat and heart,
pumping. In the rhythm of fold, push, turn,
think of rain; give thanks for growing fields,
for combines, and sun.

Let yourself rest while the dough rises, doubling,
slowly filling the house with scent.

Lie down on the sofa and be
quiet. Or sing.

Grease your pans sparingly, roll
loaves toward you across the eager board.
Count minutes with care;
bring the oven to temp. Slice loaf-tops at last
and slide them into the heat.

You know when they are done,
when you hear hollow inside.
On the counter, cooling loaves
finish cooking themselves.
Drape their tops with butter.
Slice extravagantly; give everyone a piece.



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