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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



**Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

As many of you know, on December 31st I went through surgery on my neck. I had pins and rods placed between discs 3, 4, and 5. I found out that the surgeon could not put the screws in the right side of disc 3 because the deterioration was too bad, But I am definitely feeling improvement over where I was before the surgery. I still have numbness in three fingers on both hands and when I do too much through the day, I also have the bad pain in the upper right arm. But, like I said, things are better than they were before! And the surgeon (and many of you too) have said...."Give it time." The surgeon even said to give it up to six months. (SIGH)

I was in the Well Span Surgical Center overnight so I came home New Year's Day. Now, a lot of people make New Year's resolutions that tend to help things "look up" in the new year. I will say, tongue in cheek, that my new year is definitely "looking up!" I have spent a lot of time in the recliner and when the neck gets too tired holding the head up, I go and lay down on the bed. So, both positions require that I look up to see the television or to talk to Jeri and Tigger.

That is the idea that I feel led to focus on for this message - that we should always "look up" - in other words, look up to God no matter what situation we may be experiencing in life. As many of you are also aware, there are quite a number of our faith family going through different things in their life. Some are recovering from an accident; some have gone through surgery for cancer and are now receiving additional treatment such as chemo or radiation; some have had problems with kidney stones; some have been through the loss of a loved one. Each one going through these things is at a different place. And, of course, we find out that one day can be a fairly good day, but the next day can be very trying. The thing I know I have come to rely on is that, no matter how hard or difficult the day may become because of pain (or whatever), I need to try to keep my mind and my heart focused on God - to keep "LOOKING UP!" So, I lovingly share that thought with all of you no matter what you may be facing in life. It is easier to keep looking up in the good times and on the good days, but may we all try our best to keep looking up on those difficult days! No matter how bad things may get, the strength of God is ALWAYS there for us and God will carry us through!



I will share with all of you also that I had been hoping to be knitting up a storm by this point in time (three weeks after surgery), but because of the arm pain I have not been knitting for hours at a time like I thought I might be. I have found out though that I can knit while laying on my right side on the bed, which is a total surprise to me!

I know too that when members of our faith family have gone through traumatic situations they express their sincere thankfulness for the love and support they receive from the people of Blymire's. I DEFINITELY underscore that! I will say "THANK YOU" to Jeri for his care.... he did help a lot when I could not do for myself. THANK YOU to Pastor Curt for doing the visits for January and THANK YOU to Jeri for leading worship January 6th and to Nelson for leading worship January 13th and 20th! I also am so touched by the many cards I received. I definitely have felt the power of all the prayers offered each day! And I thank all who traveled to the "Netherlands" of Stoverstown for a visit! A very sincere THANK YOU is extended to Joel and Steph Frey, Sandy Innerst, Beth Markey, Nelson Leader, Janie Montgomery, Ginny Weber and Marlene Matthews for the meals and a THANK YOU to the choir for the gift basket from Brown's with fruit and Gluten Free goodies. Thank you also for the gifts given by dear friends - the magnet bookmarks, the cookies and candy, the Angel and the FUDGE!!!! (If I missed mentioning anything, I do apologize because my mind does miss quite a few details at my age. LOL) I truly am touched by all the LOVE from my amazing faith family at Blymire's!!!! I do plan to get back in to office hours beginning the last week of January and I trust that each day I will be able to spend more time doing what I need to do for the church. At this point I am restricted from driving, but I hope I will soon be able to drive again. I do appreciate all the offers of drivers I have received. I will be taking you up on transporting me to the church!

This truly has been an interesting journey for me from the onset of the symptoms a few years ago through the surgery and the healing process. But, I do thank God for leading me on every step of my journey! Now, pray that as I return to more office hours and being away from the house that Tigger understands I am not abandoning her. She has definitely enjoyed having me around the house every day! (Shades of the retirement years to come.)

With all my love and appreciation for my beautiful friends at Blymire's church.

God Bless you ALL!

Pastor Lou Ann



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in FEBRUARY**

#### **Feb. 3- Epiphany 4**

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Sermon: "How Quickly They Can Turn"

#### **Feb. 10 - Epiphany 5**

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: "A Surprising Catch"

#### **Feb. 17 - Epiphany 6**

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: "Blessing and Woe"

#### **Feb. 24- Epiphany 7**

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: "Love Your Enemies???"

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for FEBRUARY**

### **GREETERS:**

February 3 - Nancy Taylor  
February 10 - Donna Sleeth  
February 17 - Beth March  
February 24 - Barb Marshall

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

February 3 - David & Susan McDowell  
February 10 - Joan Mickey  
February 17 - Jeri Jones  
February 24 - Janie Montgomery

### **LAY READERS:**

February 3 - Nelson Leader  
February 10 - Ginny Weber  
February 17 - Sonja Ness  
February 24 - Barb Adams

### **ACOLYTES:**

February 3 - Ed & Barb Adams  
February 10 - Greg & Sonja Ness  
February 17 - Ed & Judy Bishop  
February 24 - Lynz Leader

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

February 3 - To be announced  
February 10 - To be announced  
February 17 - To be announced  
February 24 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

February 3 - Terry Doll  
February 10 - Ed Adams  
February 17 - Chase Matthews  
February 24 - Wyatt Myers

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

February 3 - Joel Frey  
February 10 - Greg Ness  
February 17 - Greg Ness  
February 24 - Sterling Boyd

### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

February 3 - Greg Ness  
February 10 - John Sterling  
February 17 - Todd Miller  
February 24 - Terry Doll

### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

February 3 - Sydney Brown  
February 10 - Jeri Jones  
February 17 - Judy Bishop  
February 24 - Nelson Leader

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER:** February 15

**FEBRUARY**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



*May God  
Bless You  
on Your  
Birthday!*

1. Jamie Luckenbaugh
3. Marlene Matthews
4. Gerry Geesey
6. Beth Herbst
7. Bryan Adams
10. Bryan Barley
12. Landan McKenzie  
James Klyeman
13. Mark Morton
15. Trent Hake
20. Allie McKinsey  
Madelynn Shisler  
Kolton Knickel  
Amber Sipe
22. Kathy Rayhart
24. Donna Hartley
27. Jamie Reid  
Susan McDowell
28. Emerson Knaper  
Sandra Ness
29. Donna Busch  
Linda Rost

**CELEBRATING FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Feb. 12 - Charles and Theresa Diehl - 8 years

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Undesignated General Fund

## Red Brick Chapel

## Cemetery

Month-2018	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,386.24	\$12,278.60	\$3.48	\$549.36	\$698.29	\$770.40
February	\$10,166.17	\$9,496.26	\$3.09	\$312.96	\$100.11	\$445.00
March	\$8,831.00	\$12,747.00	\$3.37	\$453.81	\$0.09	\$535.40
April	\$10,801.11	\$9,383.39	\$3.22	\$280.76	\$3,000.08	\$0.00
May	\$9,512.60	\$13,731.94	\$3.30	\$158.01	\$800.21	\$926.86
June	\$10,680.70	\$14,267.26	\$3.17	\$277.13	\$0.15	\$2,855.40
July	\$11,207.87	\$9,960.37	\$153.26	\$77.51	\$9,006.58	\$1,956.02
August	\$8,548.49	\$11,412.86	\$1.62	\$102.76	\$0.19	\$1,930.00
September	\$15,239.05	\$14,198.21	\$0.42	\$362.95	\$2,000.05	\$2,518.49
October	\$9,533.61	\$7,543.43	\$0.43	\$107.50	\$500.05	\$1,930.00
November	\$13,645.91	\$16,092.56	\$0.41	\$297.94	\$0.03	\$1,943.76
December	\$14,825.20	\$13,591.90	\$0.42	\$442.58	\$200.05	\$270.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,377.95</b>	<b>\$144,703.78</b>	<b>\$176.19</b>	<b>\$3,423.27</b>	<b>\$16,305.91</b>	<b>\$16,082.16</b>

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ January 1, 2019

(\$469.12)

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ January 1, 2019

(Includes \$49,039.31 Endowment)

\$73,379.88

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ January 1, 2019

(Includes \$774,028.76 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation-in July transferred \$9000 from the UCC Foundation to BB & T Bank)

\$783,887.62

## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2018

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 376.57
January	2	\$ 175.00	\$ 62.55	\$ 264.12
February	4	\$ 150.00	\$ 67.65	\$ 181.77
March	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 69.01	\$ 200.78
April	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 79.82	\$ 205.60
May	5	\$ 225.00	\$ 382.60	\$ 363.20
June	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 62.21	\$ 375.41
July	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 82.27	\$ 432.68
August	3	\$ 150.00	\$ 90.86	\$ 373.54
September			\$ 61.55	\$ 435.09
October	3	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 360.09
November	3	\$ 341.83	\$ 158.62	\$ 176.88
December			\$ 77.02	\$ 253.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>\$ 1,316.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,194.16</b>	

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Freda Berry**  
The Haven at Springwood  
2321 Freedom Way  
York, PA 17402  
717-718-3615

**Doris Harper**  
Arlington Court, Room 121  
Senior Commons  
@ Powder Mill  
1775 Powder Mill Rd  
York, PA 17403



**Emerson Knaper**  
855 New School Lane  
Dallastown, PA 17313  
717-244-5003

**Peggy Luckenbaugh**  
Room 704B  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403

**Joyce Shenberger**  
2105 Knob Hill Road  
Apartment 213  
York, PA 17403  
717-845-3162

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**Remember  
and pray for  
Our Members  
in the  
Military**

**A1C Ness, Brandon**  
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad  
Tucson, AZ 85756

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### ***MEN'S GROUP***



Join the men of Blymire  
on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 PM at the church.  
Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an  
open discussion on joys and concerns. Come join us  
for a time of sharing. REMEMBER ALL MEN  
ARE WELCOME.



You are invited to come to our  
Crafty Chicks gathering on Sunday,  
February 24, from 1:00-5:00 PM.  
Please bring any needlework, scrap-  
booking or other craft project that  
you are working on. We will have a good time  
finishing those projects and fellowshiping with  
friends.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE  
MINIMIZE** the use of fragrances,  
perfumes, or colognes when you come  
to church. These strong odors are  
dangerous irritants that can trigger  
asthma attacks in some of our members. Thank you  
for your consideration.



The FAITH KIDZ will be meeting on  
Wednesdays, February 13 and February 27  
from 6:30-8:00PM.

Our Women's Book  
Club will hold their next  
meetings on Tuesday,  
February 12, and Tuesday,  
February 26, at 10:00 AM in  
the Gathering Room.



And . . . just like the Book Club in  
Mary Ann Shaffer's novel, The Guernsey  
Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, we  
are reading our own book choices and  
discussing them with the group. New  
members are always welcome.



**FEBRUARY  
2019**



## HEALING HEARTS INSPIRATIONS



### RECOGNIZING EACH OTHER'S IMPORTANCE

We all carry our own burdens and struggles. We all have our own joys and triumphs. We have unique journeys and fascinating stories but at the heart of them all, at their very center are the same. As beautifully different, as absolutely and gloriously unique as we all are, we are, in essence, the same. We all have the same needs and desires...to be loved, to be accepted, to be safe, to be happy, to be wanted, to be understood.

We are all on a journey and no one's is more or less important than anyone else's. We all have dreams. We all have hopes. We all have fears. We all have bitter disappointments. We all have joyous triumphs. These common threads weave us all together. They connect us in ways that, if we never dive any deeper than "Hello," we will never truly understand. It is when we recognize each other's importance, listen to each other's stories and acknowledge we aren't all that different that we honestly become connected. It is in those moments that we open ourselves up to giving and receiving love. We experience what life and being human are truly about - love, connection, trust and respect. What a blessing it is to remember that.

**Alli Woods Frederick**

To live content with small means;  
to seek elegance rather than luxury,  
and refinement rather than fashion;  
to be worthy, not respectable,  
and wealthy, not rich;  
to study hard, think quietly,  
talk gently, and act frankly;  
to listen to stars and birds,  
to babes and sages,  
with open heart;  
to bear all cheerfully,  
do all bravely,  
await occasions,  
hurry never;  
in a word,  
to let the spiritual,  
unbidden and unconscious,  
grow up through the common--this is to be my symphony.

**William Henry Channing**

**JUST A  
REMINDER, NO  
HEALING HEARTS  
EVENTS IN  
FEBRUARY.**

**NEXT MEETING  
MARCH 6 AT 2PM**

If you were going  
to die soon and  
had only one phone  
call you could  
make, who would  
you call and what  
would you say?  
And why are you  
waiting?

**Stephen Levine**



### TWICE AS SWEET

On Valentines Day,  
we show our love;  
We express our deep affections.  
Those who are important to us  
Get cards and sweet confections.  
But Christian love is not just for  
The ones we hold most dear;  
Jesus said "love everyone;"  
He made that very clear.  
For Christians, it is every day  
We should care and love and serve  
Everyone we meet in life,  
Whether they do or don't deserve.  
Let's follow Jesus' good command  
To love everyone we meet.  
Valentine's Day every day  
Will make life twice as sweet.

**By Joanna Fuchs**



## VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Valentine's day is a great time to remember the extraordinary lasting power of true love. The happiness we experienced with our loved ones belongs to us forever.

If we decide to do so, we can choose to embrace Valentine's Day as a special day on which to commemorate our loved ones and to celebrate our love for them. Death ends a life, but it does not end the relationship we have with our loved ones who have died. The bonds of love are never severed by death, and the love we shared will never die either.

For Valentine's Day, we can find a way to honor our loved ones, to remember them and the eternal love we still share. Fill the day with special memories. Look at pictures, play your favorite song, watch a special movie. Let your cherished memories make you smile!



## HE WON'T LET GO!

Many Christians think they're saved, hope they're saved, but still they doubt, wondering, "Am I really saved?" Our behavior gives us reason to wonder. We're strong one day, weak the next. Devoted one hour, flagging the next. Believing, then unbelieving.

Conventional wisdom draws a line through the middle of these fluctuations. Perform above this line, and enjoy God's acceptance. But dip below it, and expect a pink slip from heaven. Salvation then becomes a matter of timing and you just hope you die on an upswing.

Jesus' language couldn't be stronger: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages...and no one is able to snatch them out of My hand" (*John 10:28 AMP*). God doesn't let go and He won't let go of you!

Max Lucado

## USELESS GROUNDHOG DAY TRIVIA

Since 1887, the groundhog has seen his shadow 103 times, to forecast a longer winter, and not seen it 18 times, to predict an early spring. (There is no record of the prediction for 10 times in the late 19th century.) According to Stormfax Weather Almanac records, Punxsutawney Phil is correct 39% of the time.

Although the typical lifespan of your average groundhog is between six and eight years, Punxsutawney Phil continues to defy the laws of aging. Legend has it that he's been making regular Groundhog Day appearances since 1887, which puts him somewhere in the neighborhood of 129 years old.

While he's certainly the most recognizable, Punxsutawney Phil isn't the only critter in town who tries his paw at predicting the weather. There are at least a dozen others who get lots of attention on Groundhog Day, including Canada's Wiarton Willie and the late Staten Island Chuck. The great state of Texas is known for a lot of things, but groundhogs aren't one of them. Instead, they turn to an armadillo known as "Bee Cave Bob" to find out whether spring is on its way or if winter is staying put.

In 2010, animal activist group PETA called for Phil to be replaced with a robotic version over concerns about animal cruelty. Thankfully, he hasn't had to relinquish his post and it's expected he'll continue making his predictions for years to come.





**EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**  
**February 2019**

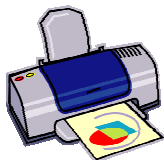
**Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:**

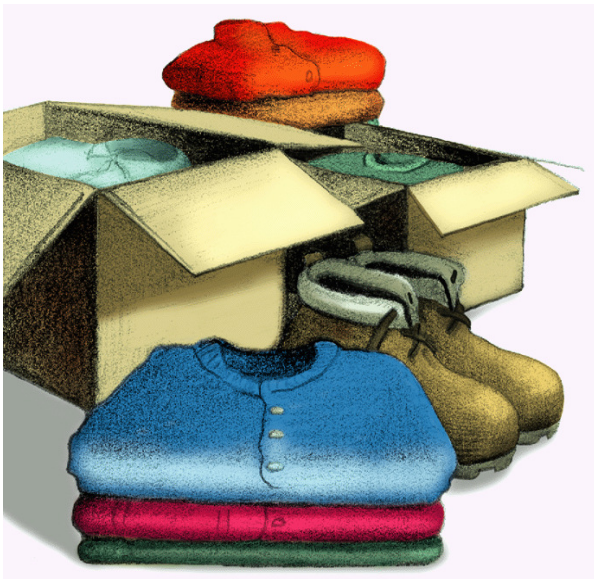
**Tuna Helper**  
**Canned sweet potatoes**  
**Bagged macaroni**  
**Canned carrots**  
**Hot cocoa**  
**Instant vanilla/chocolate pudding**  
**Shampoo**

**E.C. Continuing Needs**

Juice  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Pancake Mix  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Boxed Dry Pastas  
Helper Meals  
Dessert Items  
Condiment Items  
Canned Tuna/Meats  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Dish Washing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Cleaners  
Children's books/toys  
Small household items

**Cartridge Recycling**

 Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."



**Please, NO Expired Food Items**

**We are now accepting fall and winter clothing. They should be clean, in good repair and unstained.**



***THANKS FOR CARING!***



## Revelations for FEBRUARY from “Bly Mire” Mouse

I am writing a shorter than usual column this month because Mire and I have decided to take the kids on a vacation to warmer climates in February and we have a lot of packing to do. We heard that some church members were heading to Florida and we are planning to hitch a ride with them. Even with our fur coats, it is still too chilly for us here in PA.

Since Valentine’s Day falls in February, I would like to share this article that I found about LOVE and one of my favorite TV characters, Mr. Rogers.

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, “When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way.”

In a review of the touching documentary *Won’t You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for Variety notes: “Rogers’ real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn’t a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it’s a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don’t see and feel that, and act on it, then you’re just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan.”

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers’ real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, “We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred.”

Now here’s a bit of Valentine Humor!! Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: **A hug and a quiche.**

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: **“I find you very attractive.”**

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: **“I dot my i’s on you!”**

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: **He gave her a ring.**

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: **A valentiny.**

Until next month..... With, we hope, warmer weather!

Your faith-friends, BLY and MIRE and family!



## A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.

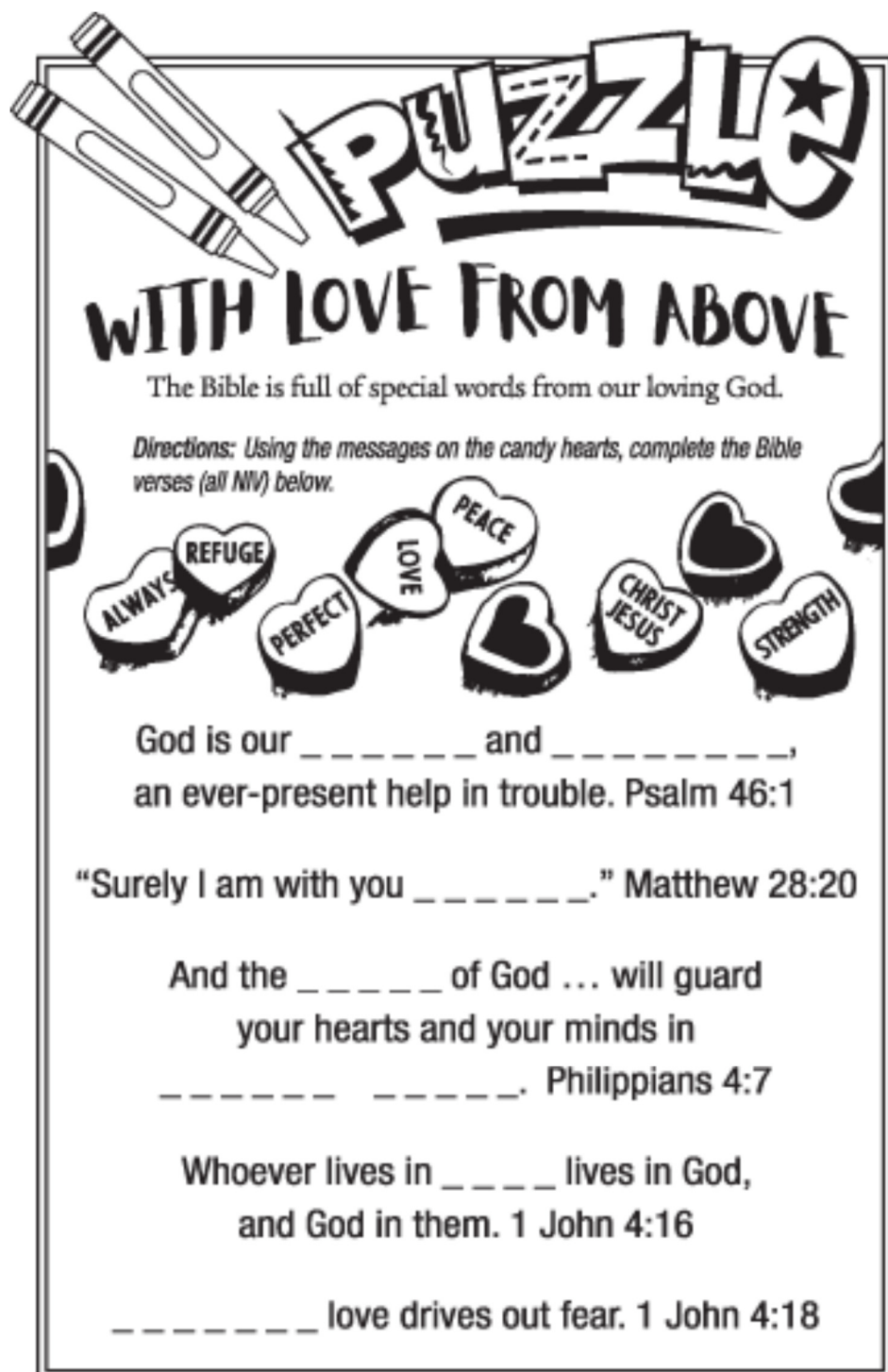


### What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

### What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*

God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answers: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect