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Timothy's epistle

December/January 2017



Special WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 7—Advent Service—7:30PM (supper 6:30PM)

December 14—Advent Service—7:30PM (supper 6:30PM)

December 24—Christmas Eve 5:00PM and 7:30PM

w/Holy Communion

December 25—Christmas Day ONE SERVICE 10:00AM

w/Holy Communion

January 1—New Years Day ONE SERVICE 10:00 amwith

Holy Communion

January 8—Normal Schedule

8:30 and 11:00 Service Time

9:45 to 10:45 Sunday School Hour



**Barbara
Bowler,
Director**

ECE mission statement

- To serve as a Ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church
- To share Jesus' love with children and families
- To provide academically excellent Christian education to children and their families in a safe, loving environment

Preschool news

Dear Friends,

We wish you all the blessings, grace and love that come from our Father and thank you for allowing us the privilege to be a part of your church family. Merry Christmas and Blessings to each of you in the New Year and always!

With Love,

Your ECE Staff

Preschool Happenings

December 2	Parent's Night Out
December 15	ECE Christmas Program
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2	Christmas Holidays
January 16	No School
January 22	Preschool Sunday
January 22 – 27	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 22	Advanced Registration for Timothy Congregation

Registration Reminder!

It's not too soon to think about plans for your little ones for next year. At Timothy, we have an excellent, accredited program that serves children from 18 months through 5 years. Our program is flexible and affordable and we pray that you and your child will come and experience the growth of God's love through our Early Childhood Education program. An added bonus is that Timothy members enjoy a 15% tuition discount!

Registration for Timothy families begins on Sunday, January 22 after second service and will take place in the ECE Office Downstairs. Class schedules and fees will be available online or on paper outside the ECE office early January. Please call Barb Bowler, if you have any questions.

Parent's Night Out!

Need some shopping time? How about a date-night or maybe just a quiet evening at home wrapping gifts? Well, we are here to help! On December 5th our staff will be on hand to give you a "Parent's Night Out" for ages 18 months – 8 years old. Come anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. We will have supper, drinks and plenty of fun in a familiar, safe and loving environment. Cost is \$5.00/hour, and \$4.00 for each sibling. Email Barb to reserve your spot @ Barbara.bowler@comcast.net!

PRESCHOOL PICS



**“THANKSGIVING
TURKEYS”**



“JUST BECAUSE”



FELLOWSHIP

Submitted by Georgia Holko

Advent is right around the corner and we will be busy during December at Timothy with several Fellowship activities. Three Advent suppers are being planned for November 30, December 7 and December 14. The Choir's Cantata concert is also planned for December 11. Below are some details on each event and we certainly look forward to having everyone join us!

All suppers will begin at 6:30 pm. November 30's dinner is being sponsored by the Twigs and will feature sloppy joes; December 7th is being brought to you by the Straight Shooters and Motorcycle Club who will be preparing Italian fare; and December 14th's supper is being presented by the Sunday School and will feature gourmet hot dog bar and mac-n-cheese. We hope everyone who joins us for supper will remain for the evening's worship service and there will be a free will offering with the suggestion of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

On Sunday December 11th, the Choir will present their Cantata and there will be a reception with hors d'oeuvres following the single service at 10 am.



Endowment Fund

Submitted by Amy Brown

TLC Endowment Fund Total Now Over \$40,000

Thanks to a recent generous gift of \$3,200, Timothy's Endowment Fund balance is now over \$42,000! Once the Fund reaches \$50,000, the income (earnings) can be distributed to the designated ministries that are outlined in the Fund Bylaws.

The Fund has done very well in earnings so far this year, producing over \$2,400 in income as of the end of September.

Please consider giving to the Endowment Fund for year-end tax giving. Donations to the Fund given today are a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor others, celebrate special events, or thank God for his many blessings to you. There are several categories within the Fund that you can designate that your donation go towards such as mission and ministry outreach, church equipment and facility improvements, and long range planning needs.

As you work on your estate plans, please consider designating the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary.

If you wish to make a cash donation to the Fund, please make a check out to "Timothy Lutheran Church Endowment Fund" and place it in the Sunday offering plate or give it to one of the Fund Committee members. In addition to cash (checks), you can also donate stock to the Fund.

If you need more information about the Endowment Fund, please contact Elli Klune at 770-345-5725 or elf2elk@windstream.net or Amy Brown at 770-570-9512 or brownl957@comcast.net.

HABITAT INFO

Submitted by Don Snyder

2017 Habitat Build

The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat, a coalition of ten Lutheran churches in the metro Atlanta area, will be building our 27th house starting April 1st next year. It is located near the intersection of Kemp Drive and Little Ridge Road, just west of Town Lake area in Woodstock. We are fortunate that this location is real close for Timothy members. Please stay tuned for more information as we get close to starting the build.

Support the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat



When you shop at Amazon you can now also support the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat by signing up with Amazon Smile. Amazon has a program for donating 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to

the charitable organization of your choice. The Lutheran Coalition is one of your choices! To link the Coalition to your Amazon account (no impact on prices or shopping), just login once at smile.amazon.com, search for "**Lutheran Coalition**" and select "**Lutheran Coalition for Habitat Inc.**" from the list for your charity. Click on <http://smile.amazon.com/about/> to learn more about Amazon Smile. After you have signed up, always log on as www.smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com. Thanks for your support!

Ladies Night Out/Dinner

**will resume Monday, January 23, 2017,
6:30PM. Restaurant to be determined.**



Pastor's corner

By the time you read this article we will already have entered into the season of Advent. Advent is a word that means “coming.” The focus of the season is the Good News that Someone is coming to us who is none other than a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord! He came at Bethlehem, He continues to come through His Word and Sacraments, and He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Christ’s Church anticipates and longs for His coming!

There is a Bible passage that for many centuries has been an important text for the Church during Advent: *“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.” (Isaiah 64:1)*

The writer who was lifting that plea was the prophet Isaiah. Sitting in exile in a strange country and feeling estranged from his God, he called out: *“(T)ear open the skies and make your presence felt, O God. Break the chains of your people and bring us peace and healing and freedom.”*

This prayer prepares us for the coming of the Christ-child. The heavens would indeed be torn apart-- but not as the prophet had imagined. Instead of an eruption of heavenly wrath, complete with shaking mountains and nations trembling before the presence of God, there was an angel choir on Bethlehem’s hillside. Heaven had opened and a child had been born—an infant child whose birth cries were lost amid the lowing cattle and the braying donkeys.

This Advent text reminds us of two wonderful promises of God.

The first is that God *does* answer prayer! The deepest hopes and needs and dreams of our hearts move God. At the heart of Christmas is the message that *God’s* heart is moved for *us* – not that *our* hearts are first moved for *God*. This is a wonderful mystery so remarkably demonstrated in the celebration of our Lord’s birth. *How* this can be true is inexplicable – but we rejoice that it *is* true.

The second promise is that when God comes, it is always in a way that is redemptive. God brings the healing peace for which the prophet prayed and for which our world yearns. This is the great surprise of God: God tears the heavens not in just judgment toward sinners but in gracious love for them... and a child is born who would rend the veil of death. That child would grow to be the man who would take upon Himself the entire guilt of all our human sin, and pay for it in full with his condemnation and death on a cross in our place. To all who believe in Him, God promises the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. The child would become the bridge who would span the chasm of hell that had separated us from God, so that God might come to us to redeem us and bring us back to Himself forever. He is the Savior, who is Christ, the Lord! He is *your* Savior. And the One who came to save you through the manger and the cross will keep coming in His Gospel to sustain you, and come again in glory to take you to be where He is.

So, like the prophet, we pray and wait.
Come Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

We Are
BLESSED

Angel Tree 2016

In the spirit of Christmas giving, Timothy will sponsor the Cherokee County Family Violence Center for women and children. The center offers emergency shelter only. The clients are moved to more permanent housing as it becomes available. The women attend support groups. Life skills classes are offered for woman and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

You may pick an ornament (tag) off the Christmas tree in the main entrance. Please return the gift with the tag and receipt by late service Sunday, December 18th. We won't get matching funds from Thrivent this year. But, I have to put a value on the gifts we donate on the form for CFVC. If you need your receipt a copy will do. Remember to place the gifts in a gift bag NOT wrapped. If it is wrapped they won't know what the item is to match it to the clients need.

The Center is currently in need of the following new items:

Kitchen utensils: measuring spoons, measuring cup, spatulas, ladles, etc. Silverware, Knife set/blocks, Small kitchen appliances, Pots and pans, Food prep items, Shower curtains and bath mat, Towels and wash cloths, Cleaning supplies, Mop and broom, Vacuum cleaner, Laundry detergent, Women's panties, Diapers and Pull-ups, Boys and Girls socks and underwear and pajamas, Daily journal, (each Mother is required to keep one) and 2017 calendars.

Some of the gifts are larger (broom, mop, pail and dust pan). Please buy a gift cared for those type of items. Also, \$25 gift cards for feminine hygiene items. The gift card could be from Walmart or any other discount store.

All gifts will **NEED** to be at church **by Sunday, December 18, with tag and receipt.**

Questions? Contact Wanda Chastain at 770.479.9570 Home, or 404.625.2515 cell.



TLC YOUTH-THRIVE

submitted by **Cindy Schuster**

**The Florida-Georgia District LCMS
Middle School Youth Gather-
ing "Unshaken and Stirred" was held at
the Lake Yale Convention Center in
Leesburg, FL on November 4th-6th !**

What a blessing to have our youth and leaders attend this year!

Thank you so much for your support to our THRIVE youth!



**Youth Advent Rehearsals begin Sun-
day Nov 20th thru Sunday Dec 4th dur-
ing the Sunday School Hour
9:45 – 10:45am.**

This is for both Jr Youth and Sr Youth groups! We need all youth to participate in this new skit!

**TLC Craft Fair Fundraiser NEEDS
YOUTH HELP!**

Please come help with set up on
Friday night December 2nd 6:00-9:00pm
or come on
Saturday December 3rd 11:00–1:00pm to
serve food
or 3:00-4:00pm to break down.

Please let Kim or Cindy know which time slot your youth will volunteer! We need EVERYONE to try and do one of the time slots to make our event a success! Thanks to Kim and Brian Howe for taking leadership in this fun event! We hope our congregation and community will come out and support and get some their holiday gifts off their shopping list!

Attention: TLC Congregation!

**Our Youth Sponsored Silent Auction
Baskets will take place from Wednesday
November 30th to Wednesday Decem-
ber 14th!**

We will have 12-13 completely wrapped and ready to give baskets for the holidays. Please sign your name and phone # with your bid amount. But be sure to watch the bid sheet as someone may out bid you in order to win that basket! Auction will close at 7:00pm on December 14th and winners will be announced before Advent Service starts. Winners be sure to pick up baskets by Sunday December 18th in Gail's office!

**Sunday December 4th Youth Advent
FINAL Rehearsal**

6:00-8:30pm in church sanctuary
Pizza will be served for dinner then we will do full dress rehearsal with Pastor, music, sound, and skit performance. If you have a part in the performance, you MUST attend!

TLC YOUTH-THRIVE

MORE YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Wednesday December 7th

TLC Youth Advent Night!

"The Reason for the Season"

All Youth need to be at the church by 7:00pm for costumes, sound check and last minute prep-ping. All skit performers must wear black clothing for their costumes. Advent Service starts at 7:30pm.



Saturday December 10th

5:00 - 8:00pm

"TLC Youth Christmas Celebration"
at the Howe Home!

This event is for ALL TLC Youth!

We will eat lots of food and play all kinds of Christmas games!

\$10 gift exchange activity (please bring one wrapped gift to participate in or you can opt out but remember you get no gift!)

Look for email about the celebration and location!

TLC YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday January 8th

6:30 to 8:30 at the church

This event is for TLC YOUTH –
THRIVE grades 6-8 and LIVE grades 9-12 only
Never know what we will do like games, board games, movies, creative activities, devotions but we will sure have FUN!

Hint: DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!

Our Youth "PPP: Pizza, Planning, Praise" will be on

Sunday January 22nd

6:00 - 8:30pm at the church

This event is for TLC YOUTH –
THRIVE grades 6-8 and LIVE grades 9-12 only
We will have delicious pizza and dessert, planning 2017 activities as well as an interactive devotion to brighten the start of your year!

If you are not on our email youth listing, please let us know so that we can start sending you emails for updates and reminders! Please see all current

news and info on the Youth Board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Cindy Schuster -

TLC Youth Director at [nut-](mailto:nut-meg1197@aol.com)

meg1197@aol.com or 404-754-9978

(texting# or call#) and let us know if you are planning to attend any of these events.

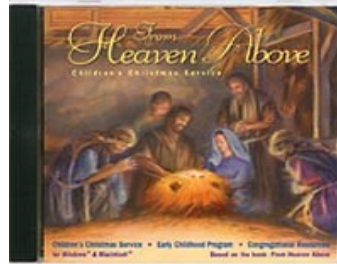
This is also extremely helpful in knowing how much food, etc we will need. Thank

you!

Christian Education Director



Submitted by
Dan Bartell



"From Heaven Above"

Children's Christmas Program

December 14th

You are invited to attend the Sunday school children's Christmas Program during the 7:30PM advent service on December 14th. Our Sunday School children, ages two through the 5th grade, will present "From Heaven Above".

Note, there will be no children's Sunday School or adult bible study classes on 12/11, 12/25, and 1/1.

Adult Bible Study

Timothy offers three adult bible studies each week:

Pastor's Sunday morning class at 9:45AM in the Fellowship Hall will continue to study "**Lutheran Distinctives: The Sacraments**".

The Wired Word class, led by members of the class, at 9:45AM on Sundays in the conference room outside of Pastor's office. This study focuses on a topic in the news from the past week.

Pastor's Wednesday morning class at 11:00AM will continue to study the parables of Jesus. Note: the Wednesday morning class will not meet on 12/21 nor 12/28.

Children's Sunday School

Classes are available for children from ages two through 18.

This semester's curriculum for the pre-school through 8th grade is Concordia Publishing House's "Growing in Christ" series, with a focus on Old Testament lessons called "God Provides Judges and a King". The High School class is using a series of lessons called "Encounter God".

Sunday School/Bible Study Mission Offering

For the months of December through February, your Sunday school/bible study offerings will go towards Alan Mueller's seminary costs as he attends Concordia Seminary – St. Louis.

Thank You to Trunk or Treat Volunteers

A big thanks to the following volunteers who helped to make Trunk or Treat a BIG success on Saturday, October 22nd: **John Bowler, Pastor Constien, Don Snyder, and Jeannie and Eric Symonds.** This is a great event that mixes families from our preschool, church, and community.

The Boards of Evangelism, Education, and Pre-school

Evangelism News

Set aside January 29, 2017 to have a special reception for 13 of our newest members. We will have this after the late service and would like to invite everyone in the Congregation to attend.

Many of our new members do not know you and this would be an excellent time to get to meet with them and introduce yourself.

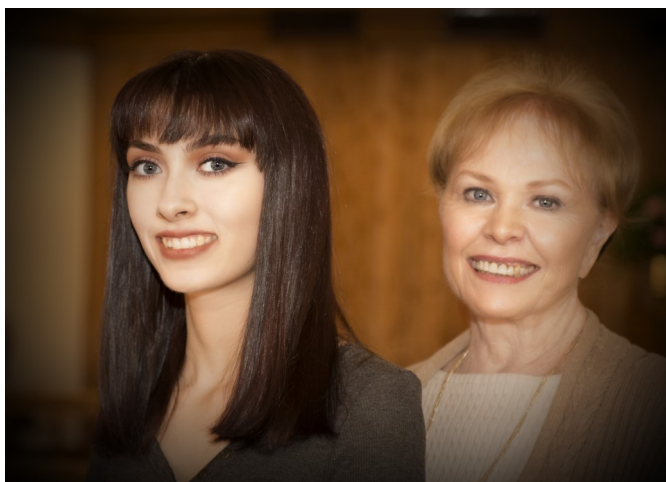
The Evangelism committee plans on having a reception for new members on the fifth Sunday during the year. 2017 has four fifth Sundays so you will always know that will be the special time for our gathering new members and hopefully to have the entire congregation present to greet any and all of our new members for that quarter.

God has blessed Timothy and we are so happy to know that God continues to bring us more and more to be in our Christian family.



David, Debbie, Calissa and Tristan Acklie

They moved to the Woodstock area about 2 years ago from Norfolk, Nebraska due to David's promotion as a project planner for Air Liquide. Debbie works part time at Krogers in Canton. Calissa is 15 years old and is a freshman at Woodstock High School. She is very active in volleyball and basketball. Tristan is 11 years old and is in 5th grade at Carmel Elementary School. He loves to skateboard and play with the neighbor kids. The family is Nebraska Husker football fans. Go Big Red! Debbie stated she felt at home immediately here at Timothy since it reminded her of the church she attended while she was growing up.



Fran Holcombe

Fran was born in St. Louis, Missouri but grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She has lived in Atlanta, Charleston, SC, Kansas City, MO, Winston-Salem, NC and Marietta. She now lives in Mountain Brook Highlands subdivision in Woodstock. Fran has 3 sons and 1 daughter. She has been blessed with 8 granddaughters and 1 grandson. Before retiring, she owned a travel agency and worked as an office manager. Fran enjoys playing bridge.

Molley Peebles

Molley is Fran's granddaughter. She was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and has lived in the Roswell area since she was a baby. Molley was baptized and confirmed at Rivercliff Lutheran Church, Roswell, Georgia. She is 16 years old and a junior at Roswell High School.



Bruce and JoAnn Miller

Bruce was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has lived in Georgia for 47 years. He and his wife, JoAnn, have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Before he retired 3 times, Bruce was an Administrator to the Vice President of Accounting for the Southern Railway, Director of Delinquent Collections for DeKalb County Tax Commissioner Office and was employed by the Department of Revenue for the state of Georgia. He enjoys going to church, fishing, walking and doing things with friends and playing board games.

Jo Ann was born in Napoleon, Missouri . She retired as a Collection Manager for Marietta Drapery. JoAnn enjoys the same interests as Bruce except for fishing.

They found out about Timothy when attending a health screening event with their daughter, Sherrie, at our church. While waiting their turn, a TLC member introduced himself and told them about Timothy. The rest is history.

Charles (Chuck)and Mina Rainbow

Chuck was born in Davenport, Iowa but spent most of his life in Denton, Texas. He and his wife Mina, who was born in Tehran, moved to Canton, GA about 11 years ago due to relocation offer from an employer. They have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area. Chuck is employed by AT &T in the internet of Things group as technical sales. He is a long distance runner, running in half and full marathons about 10 times a year and has an interest in photography.

Mina is a histotech with Marietta Dermatology and enjoys studying early Christian and Tudor history and spoiling her grandchildren.



Jeanne Scurso

Jeanne was born in Waterbury, Connecticut and moved to Georgia in 2015. She is Christine Ericksen's mother and Megan & Nate's grandmother. Jeanne is the founder/owner of Better Business Solutions LLC established in 2003. Her business provides custom bookkeeping/ consulting services to small businesses, including the home office. Jeanne's interests are cooking, baking, gardening, reading bicycling, hiking, spending time with her family and doing DIY projects in her home.



Harper Dolvin	3
Sidney Bosley	5
Theo Peykoff	6
Marilyn Smith	6
Tad Furnish	8
Suzanne Forman	8
Zachary Chastain	10
Quinn Colbeck	10
Kevin Broekemeier	12
Michelle Furgerson	12
Wallace Kelly	14
Rev. Ernie Knoche	15
Mike Young	16
Claudia Tighe	18
Camryn Hooks	20
Abigail Constien	21
Kristen Bennett	22
Jay DeLaigle	22
David Acklie	23
Amy Brown	23
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Krista Mallon	24
Rick Riney	24
Nancy Pomrenke	25
Polly McIntyre	27
Michelle Roskovich	28
Lucas Herrin	29
Duane Muchow	29
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Jim & Sharon Utych	28
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Lyle & Laura Hilyard 66 th !	30
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CONGRATULATIONS

COLLEGE GRADUATE

DAVID SNYDER

will be graduating from Kennesaw State University, Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technologies, with a **Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering** on December 13, 2016.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Frantz	1
Jack Kosten	2
Carol Pflueger	2
Dianna Woodson	2
Bill Schuette	3
Lee Mehlhop	4
Jon Herring	5
Phyllis Hock	5
Joe Hurst	5
Donna Knoche	5
Charles Brown	6
Robert Ericksen	6
Gwendolyn McIntyre	6
Lucas Hatfield	7
Andy Clute	9
Jack Forman	10
Jessica Niss	10
Kara Staton	11
Jack Basler	13
Jim Bulger	15

David Snyder	15
Nancy McLain	17
Kevin O'Keefe	19
Barry Smith	19
Ryan Ericksen	20
Joshua Frantz	20
Ron O'Donnell	20
Barb Bowler	21
Kim Howe	21
Doreen Erbe	24
John Mennicke	26
Amanda Korey	27
Chris Martin	27
Steve Dotseth	28
Tim Korey	28
Donald Standridge	29
Patricia Freeman	30
Hunter Ferguson	31

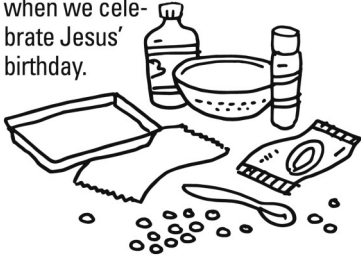
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Patti Dotseth	1
Gerald & Joan Mueller	5
Thomas & Irmgard Vest, Jr	9
Alfred & Ingeborg Dingler	13
James & Lois Moody	15
John & Maureen Dicks	22
Dennis & Connie Williams	26

Kids page

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

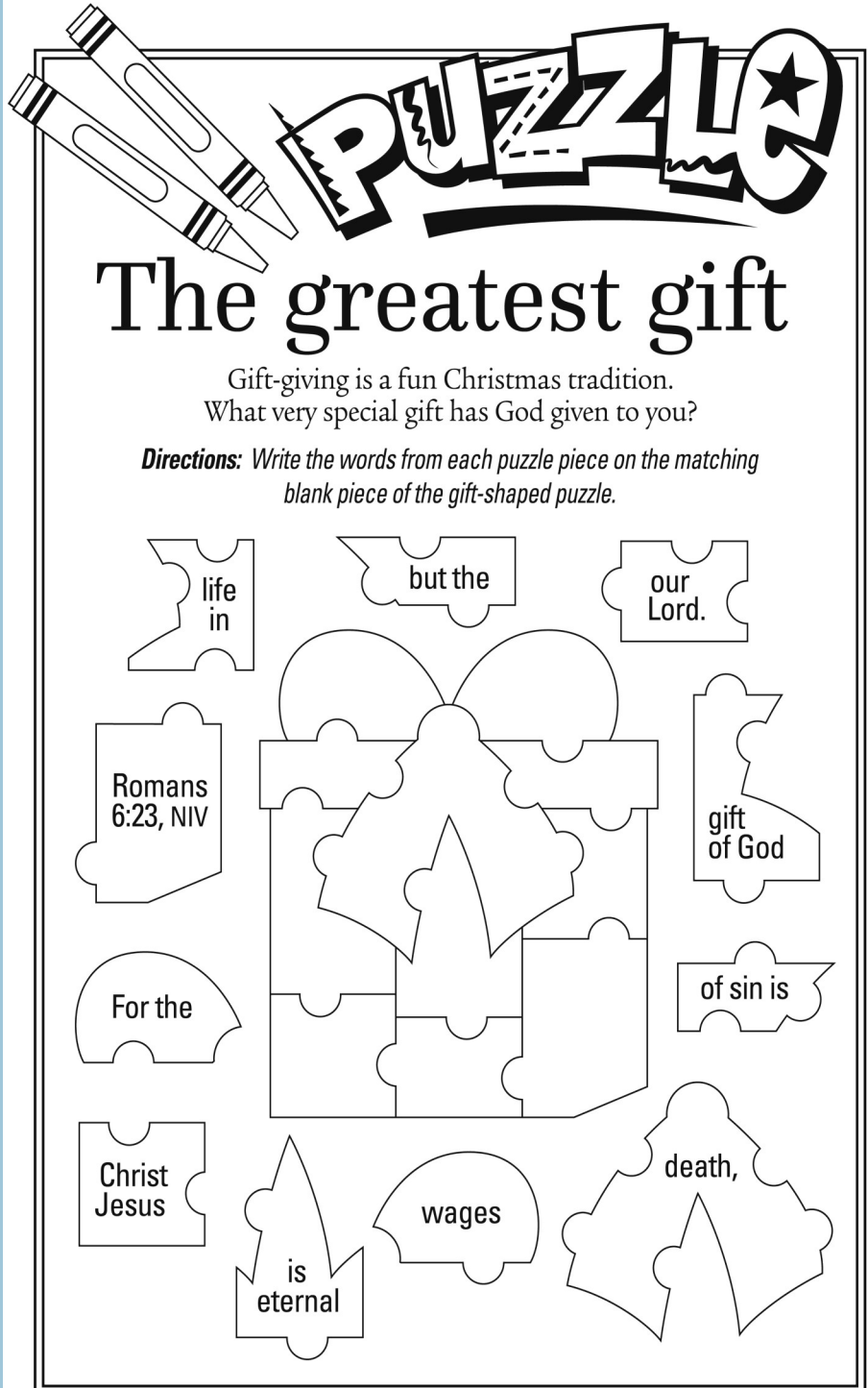


What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV

Motorcycle Club

Submitted by Bob Sullivan

After a brief meeting at McDonalds, Larry, Tad and Bob S. headed west on Knox Bridge Road to get on Stamp Creek Road headed for White. It was windy and cold but no rain was expected. The new intersection at Ga 108 is open and White Road access no longer complicates the situation as it is now up 108 a short distance.

The ride west on Stamp Creek is always a delight and this day was no exception. After passing through White the three headed north on US 411 a few miles then took East Valley Road over and up to US 140 and then back to US 411 by way of Knucklesville Road.

A short hop up US 411 took them to Johnson Mountain Road. Heading in to the open country at the base of the mountain has the feel of ranch country in Wyoming. To complete that picture it looked as if a cattle auction was in progress on the ranch grounds.

At the top of Johnson Mountain Road they picked up Townsend Teague Road and others to reach Ga 53 and a westerly ride to Fairmount for some coffee and "hot" boiled peanuts. (Riders should note that Irwin Mill Road was closed as a brush fire was in progress).

After the break the riders headed south to Salacoa Road that took that over to Jerusalem Road and a ride up to Henderson Mountain that sports new pavement but retains the steep hills that have always been fun.

The riders then headed over to Jasper for lunch at 61 Main. The town parking lot had some space but they were all reserved for this and that so we borrowed a few spots in the bank's parking area (the bank was closed).

After lunch we sought out the Old Burnt Mountain Road as a shortcut over to Ga 136. The last mile of our shortcut is gravel, but Tad, on his Silver Wing had no trouble on it at all. Ga 136 never disappoints. The air was clear (and windy) affording great views, especially now that many leaves are down.

Here's a video of some of the scenes:

<https://vimeo.com/192450782>

After a break at the Foothills Chevron they headed home by way of Sperin Road, Conn's Creek and Ga 372. Total mileage was around 150 miles.

It was a great, color-filled ride on roads often overlooked.