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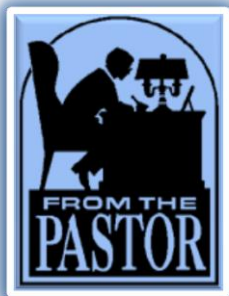
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***"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry."  
(Matthew 4:1-2)***

So, I'm trying to imagine Jesus in the desert for *forty* days. My closest point of reference is a family trip we took to the Grand Canyon one summer, that ended somewhere in the middle of Palm Desert, California. Our battle-scarred family car, gasping for breath, finally conceded defeat in the 112-degree desert. I don't remember how long we waited for someone to stop and help us—or how long we spent in the backseat, sweating every last drop of moisture out of our bodies, but I will *never* forget that mind-numbing heat. I remember my eyes becoming blurry with sweat, and my desperate reach for an 80-degree can of soda lying on the car floor. And I remember thinking, as we finally drove away in the air-conditioned tow truck, "I wouldn't last a day out here."

Jesus lasted *40* days—*without* the warm can of soda—*without* the air-conditioned rescue—without *anyone* at all. And that's not even the *real* challenge Jesus faced out there. Besides simply *surviving* in the desert for that long, Jesus had to resist the temptation to leave all this suffering business behind. I suppose Satan thought that the moment was perfect to tempt the Son of God while He was ravished with hunger, thirst, and fatigue. He was vulnerable. And yet...in His *physical* weakness, Jesus was on the top of his *spiritual* game—a fact that must've surprised the heck out of Satan.

I think the part of this story that often goes overlooked is that *the Holy Spirit* led Jesus into the wilderness. Have you ever stopped to think about that? Why would God do that? In fact, Jesus isn't

the first. God seems to have a habit of leading His people into the desert, doesn't He? Moses (twice), the Israelites, Elijah, and John the Baptist were also led into the wilderness. But *why*?

The wilderness is the place where God repeatedly provides for His people's needs in the most dramatic ways: guiding the Israelites by a pillar of cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21-22), miraculously transporting the ark of the covenant ahead of Israel (Numbers 10:33), the provision of quails, "manna" (Exodus 16), and water from the rock (Exodus 17). Throughout Scripture, the desert—the wilderness—is the place where people *find* God. Although they are challenged physically, their dependence upon God makes them *spiritually strong*.

In fact, in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, after Christianity became the official religion of Rome, many people believed that Christians had become too "soft." The lack of persecution, in many people's eyes, led to a lack of spiritual strength and devotion. They believed that the Christian faith is at its most powerful when it's under attack. A huge number of these men and women flocked to the desert to live an ascetic lifestyle—the monastic life—denying worldly comforts in an attempt to increase their devotion to God.

It is usually during the wilderness times of our lives that we grow closer to God. We reach a place where our *own* strength is not enough. We *hunger* and *thirst* for God's presence in a way that we simply don't do when times are good. In the wilderness, the familiar comforts of the world just aren't enough. Our lives that once seemed so full can feel as empty as a dried-up well. So, we desperately fling our arms around God and hold on for dear life—realizing, "we won't last a day out here on our own." And, oddly enough, in that place of weakness, we become *incredibly* strong.

But we're not meant to stay in the wilderness forever. It's only a place of preparation. It's a place of refining and molding—so that we can return to the world ready to faithfully pursue God's will. Moses emerged from the wilderness and freed his people. Israel emerged and settled in the Promised Land. John the Baptist emerged and inaugurated Jesus' ministry. Jesus emerged and set his feet on the path toward Calvary.

Our church family has certainly experienced its share of the wilderness. But what great thing awaits us on the other side? What will we emerge to find? Will we be ready when God tells us to move forward? I hope so. But for now, let's cling to God. Let's taste the sweetness of God's Word. Let's not just talk *about* God; let's get to *know* God. Let's dive into the deep end and be fully immersed in God's love. For then, and *only* then, will we be ready to leave the wilderness.

May you and your family have a blessed and happy New Year!

In Christ,  
Rev. Jason Tucker

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## STREAM LINES INFORMATION

**The deadline for the February 2010 issue of Stream Lines will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon.**

Remember to email your articles to:

Susan Smolsky at [streamlines@comcast.net](mailto:streamlines@comcast.net) and  
Carol Palmer at [avenelpres@verizon.net](mailto:avenelpres@verizon.net)

**From the  
Editor**



The February issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about Wednesday, January 27, 2010 and will be available to those who have no internet service and pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

May the kindness you have shown to others in 2009 return  
to you many times over in 2010.

God's blessings and peace for a Happy New Year!



## November 2009 Session Meeting Highlights

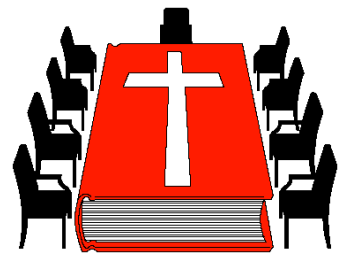
At the November Session meeting, the Elders:

- Approved the minutes of the October 25 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation.
- Called a special Congregational/Corporation meeting for Sunday, December 13, 2009 to receive and approve the 2010 budget.
- Approved a Pancake Supper to be held on February 16, 2010.
- Approved a recommendation that written ballots be utilized as a standard practice for all elections of Church officers.

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### ELDERS AND DEACONS

We extend our deep appreciation to those elders and deacons who have finished their term as officers. For your contributions of time, talents, thought, actions and energy to this church and God's kingdom, we thank you.



Elders: Barbara Ciocci, Robbie Olah

Deacons: Rich Gagnon, Linda Sammartino, Linda Guarracino, Fran Henry

We would like to welcome and congratulate those individuals who have been called to the office of deacon or elder. God has called you to challenging and rewarding work for His kingdom. Thank you for answering His call.

Elders: Elaine Ferrie-Kaczmarek, Ryan Miller, Lorine Price

Deacons: Joan Collins, Arlene Farley, Jan Gagnon, Mary Ann Lombardi, Vilma Ambis

In addition, we thank all those elders and deacons who have renewed their commitment to the Lord and this church for another term.

Elders: Carolyn Stevenson, Carolyn Stockl, Kathy Sturtz

Deacons: Millie Knotts



### The Indonesian Christian Community at First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

On December 6, our Session officially welcomed the *Indonesian Christian Fellowship* into our church family. A satellite congregation of the PEWARKIN Indonesian Christian Community of New York Metro Area ([www.pewarkin.org](http://www.pewarkin.org)), the Indonesian fellowship now holds a worship service from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Jacob Morgan Hall every Sunday morning. Pastor Francky R. Londa leads this congregation of 30-50 people in an attempt to meet the needs of the Indonesian Christian community in Central New Jersey.

The vision is that this group will integrate into our church family as much as possible. There are five children already attending our Sunday School, and one member has joined us for weekly bible study.

The Indonesian fellowship sees our church not only as a "rental space," but also as a place where they can get involved. We are excited about this relationship, and pray that 2010 be a year of blessing for both the *Indonesian Christian Fellowship* and the *First Presbyterian Church of Avenel*.

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## "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" AND CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Last month, our church held a Christmas outreach campaign. In an attempt to reach out beyond our walls and into the community, we mailed 5,000 postcards to homes within 1 mile of the church, went door-to-door and personally invited over 100 residents to join us in celebrating Christmas, and stepped up our greeting ministry on Sunday mornings. The result? We have made some *wonderful* connections.



Going door-to-door, we were invited into people's homes and even had an opportunity to pray with some of them. And, our family program, "A Night in Bethlehem," held on December 13, attracted 123 people, many of whom were non-church members. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this Christmas season such a wonderful opportunity for outreach!

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## Annual Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Jacob Morgan Hall**

**Mark your calendars!**

The Christian Education Committee invites you to come join us on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 for our Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. It is open to everyone, so bring your friends!

Donations will be accepted at the door. The suggested donation is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 for each child. Seating is available from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Jacob Morgan Hall.

**Hope to see you there!**

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## FINANCE FOOTNOTES

### Manse Renovation Update

The renovations of the manse are moving along rapidly and everything is lining up for the Tuckers to move into their new home in early 2010. As a result of several generous loans/gifts, we were able to raise over \$77,000, exceeding the original target of \$75,000 provided by the Property Care Committee as anticipated costs. However, as is often the case with any renovation project, we have incurred additional costs, and we still need to ask you for your financial assistance in making this dream a reality. We believe that another \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be needed to see this project to completion.

Please prayerfully consider gifting or loaning to the church for this worthy effort. You can contact Wayne Dubin or Ed Benkert if you have any questions.



Wayne Dubin  
Your Finance Committee

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Alterations in Avenel - Caulking in Colonia - Framing in Fords - Hammering in Hopelawn - Kitchens in Keasbey - Mowing in Menlo - Painting in Port Reading - Sawing in Sewaren - Woodworking in Woodbridge

"Tooling Around the Township" is a home repair and fix-up program that provides low-income, elderly and disabled Woodbridge Township homeowners with general home repair services free-of-charge. The program is sponsored by Woodbridge Township and the Woodbridge

Township Housing Authority.

An extension of the annual "Tooling Around the Township" program, **Tommy Toolbox**, is available throughout the year to provide the services of a Township "handyman" who will make general repairs at qualifying residences in Woodbridge Township.

Applications to nominate a home for the Tommy Toolbox repair program are available by calling the Woodbridge Housing Authority at 732-634-2750, Ext. 105, or by logging onto the Woodbridge Township website at <http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us>.

### **Businesses Building Stronger Communities House by House**

Want to increase your business presence in the community? Join the many Woodbridge businesses that have chosen to be community builders by participating in the Tooling Around the Township Program. On the last Saturday in April, neighbors, businesses and organizations volunteer together to help repair the homes of senior and disabled residents. Some of our community partners are Alcoa, Bradco, Cardell, Carpenters Local 119, Cavallero Contracting, Columbia Savings Bank, The Club at Woodbridge, DL Printing, Dunigan Plumbing, FedEx, Hess, Home Depot, J.J. Bittings, Middlesex Water Co., Motiva, NASD, Siemens, Township of Woodbridge, Woodbridge Center Mall and the Woodbridge Housing Authority.

Fill out and return the form below if you want to be part of the business and community partnership that enhances lives through the spirit of giving.

#### **TOOLING AROUND THE TOWNSHIP**

I want to increase my business presence in the community:

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My organization would like to sponsor a house: \$5,000

\_\_\_\_\_ My organization would like to co-sponsor a house: \$2,500

My organization would like to volunteer labor: \_\_\_\_\_ skilled labor \_\_\_\_\_ unskilled labor

My business can donate the following materials: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to:

Tooling Around the Township  
c/o Woodbridge Housing Authority  
20 Bunns Lane  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

## Come to the Game!

February 7, 2010 - Mark Your Calendars

It's another Super Bowl Sunday, this year February 7, 2010. That's when our next David's Challenge will be held right here in our very own gym. Everyone is invited to come watch as our Sunday School Department is divided into two teams that will battle for victory. The red team is "Christ's Crusaders" and the blue team is "God's Warriors." The team that answers the most bible-based questions correctly will get to advance toward their goal depending on the yardage value of their question. The team scoring the most points by the end of the game wins. We will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 10:00 a.m.



**David's Challenge**

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits after I underwent back surgery. I am sure they helped me recuperate as fast as I have. I would also like to thank all of those who have helped me with the pantry since I have not been able to lift or do any heavy work. You have all been a blessing to me.

Jake Stockl

### Begin the New Year with God

As you start the New Year, resolve to make a difference by giving of yourself. It doesn't cost a penny but may change your life.

To your enemy: Forgiveness  
To your opponent: Tolerance  
To a friend: Your Heart  
To a customer: Service  
To all: Charity  
To every child: A good example  
To yourself: Respect



Thank You

I Thessalonians 5:18: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

We want to thank our church family for all their prayers and support during Bryan's last deployment in Afghanistan. Bryan came home to U.S. soil on December 16, 2009. We give thanks for faithful brothers and sisters who have stood and waited with us for his safe return. Let us continue to keep all our sons and daughters still in harm's way in our prayers.

Larry and Carol Palmer

Thank You SO Much!

Did you notice how beautifully the Chancel was decorated for the Christmas season? Thank you, Rich and Jan Gagnon, for donating the two lighted trees. Our Sanctuary looked awesome! Jan, thank you for being the keeper of the Chrismons. They are beautiful! It was a real treat reading all the names of the families designing each Chrismon.

The Worship Committee  
Carolyn Gilligan, Chairperson



**Our Military Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families**

Anthony Battito, Robert Bartko, Jason Bone, Amy Updike, Michael Barany, Justin Kitchen, Carson Severyn, Edward Merz, Daniel Hedner, Brian Williams, Brian Ragas, Michael Warren, Joshua McCullough, Lauren Pfeifer, Bryan Palmer, Rev. Adam Tiejte

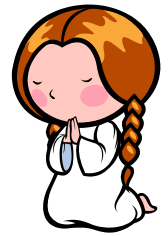
**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.  
SOMEBODY PAID.**



Jolan Farkas, Eleanor Smith, Toni Anderson, Elizabeth Price and Linda Bisgaard, Edith Cloidt

**Prayer Requests**

To add someone to this list, please call the Church Office at 732-634-1631



**Recent Concerns**

Courtney Kost (daughter of Caroyn Giligan), Carrie (friend of Carol and Larry Palmer), Ron Burnosky (friend of Esther Nielsen), Helen Weeks (friend of Wayne Collins), Richard Green, David Moyer (friend of Carolyn Stevenson), Vita Matton, Megan Mancuso (granddaughter of Joan Ross), Kathy McKelligett, Alexis, Nicole, Rev. Adam Tietje

**Those with On-Going Long-Term Concerns**

Edward and Betty Dobson, Jennifer Perez, Tyler Rich and Family (cousin of Carol Palmer), Betty Price, Dorothy Piperi (mother of Carolyn Gilligan's co-worker), Diana Dydak, Jeremy Hogan, Don Gilligan, Leo and Lucille Webber (friends of Carolyn Gilligan), Esther Nielsen, Phil Prasser

**IN OUR DENOMINATION**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010/SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD/BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Excerpts from an article entitled, "What is the Epiphany of the Lord?" by Rev. Dr. Richard P. Bucher

The day of the Epiphany of our Lord is an important and ancient Christian holy day. Unfortunately, it is little understood and seldom celebrated by many American Christians and pales in comparison to the popularity of Christmas and Easter, for example. This is regrettable, for it is a rich and joyous day which, along with the corresponding Epiphany season, commemorates important events from the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since ancient times, the day of the Epiphany has been celebrated on January 6. The season of Epiphany is from January 6 until the day before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent).

The word "epiphany" comes from two Greek words: the preposition "epi" and the verb "phainen," and can variously mean, "to shine upon," "to reveal," or "to appear, manifest." The verb epiphainen as well as the noun epiphaneia both occur in the Greek New Testament.

The Epiphany celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as the true God, Messiah and Savior of the world, symbolized by Christ's manifestation to the Magi (Wise Men). It not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world.

Epiphany is worth celebrating because, regardless of which epiphany is commemorated (the event of the magi or Christ's baptism), both are permeated with grace and gospel. In what sense? In the sense that in every epiphany, God took the initiative. In other words, God did not demand that we discover on our own who Jesus of Nazareth is. He condescended to us and revealed Jesus to us in ways that we could understand. He sought out the magi and revealed Jesus' person and mission to them through the star and scripture. They never could have discovered this on their own if He hadn't revealed it by grace. He had mercy on John the Baptist and others at the Jordan on the day of Jesus' baptism. No one there on that day could have possibly perceived the true identity of Jesus as John baptized Him. But God condescended to them and allowed them to hear and see the testimony of the Father and the Spirit. Once again, God took the initiative by His grace and revealed Jesus as eternal God as well as man.

Remembering the Epiphany reminds us that we also have been sought out. God has come looking for us through His Word and Sacraments. Through these He has revealed His Son to us personally so that through faith we know Jesus to be the mighty God, the Savior of the world, and we believe Him to be our God and our Savior.

## SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JANUARY 17 AND 18, 2010 RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY/MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

God created human beings, a diverse family, to live together and to love one another as God loves us. We violate God's intention for the human family by creating false categories of value and identity, based on identifiable characteristics such as place of origin and skin color. We use these categories to create a race-based society which benefits some while oppressing others.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) professes that racism, in all its forms, is contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, it acknowledges that racism is a reality in both church and society. In faithful witness to the love of Christ, the church is committed to confronting the ideology of racism and racial oppression, working to overcome racism with prayer, discernment and worship-based action.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18, and Race Relations Sunday, January 17, provide opportunities to celebrate the diversity of God's family and lift up the church's prophetic witness for racial justice through worship and community service.

## JANUARY 18-25, 2010 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

At least once a year, many Christians become aware of the great diversity of ways of adoring God. Hearts are touched, and people realize that their neighbors' ways are not so strange.

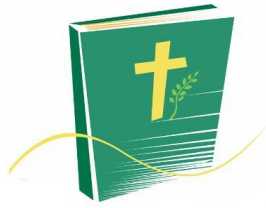
The event that touches off this special experience is something called the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Traditionally celebrated between 18-25 January (in the northern hemisphere) or at Pentecost (in the southern hemisphere), the Week of Prayer enters into congregations and parishes all over the world. Pulpits are exchanged, and special ecumenical worship services are arranged.

Ecumenical partners in a particular region are asked to prepare a basic text on a biblical theme. This year, 2010, this choice is the churches of Scotland and the theme is "You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48 (NRSV).

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## *Down the Road.....*

- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, February 17, 2010
  - **Lenten Soup Suppers/Vesper Services** – To Be Announced
  - **Palm Sunday/One Great Hour of Sharing** – Sunday, March 28, 2010
  - **Maundy Thursday** – Thursday, April 1, 2010
  - **Good Friday** – Friday, April 2, 2010
  - **Easter Sunday** – Sunday, April 4, 2010
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## January Memory Verse

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.



## Transferred to the Church Triumphant

November 2009 – Larry Palmer's mother,  
**Rose Palmer**



## Thought of the Month

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means that I have enough to eat.



## January Birthdays

If there are any omissions or errors in the January birthday list, please contact the Church Office at 732-634-1631. Thank you!

- 01 Gene Breza, James Krutzler
- 02 Holly Ely
- 03 Ifke Seik, Mikayla Germek
- 05 Steven Welch
- 07 Phil Prasser
- 08 Gary Stevenson, Michael Kosakowski
- 09 Nicole Cuntala
- 10 Tammy Salimbene
- 12 Linda Guarracino
- 13 Monica Shannon
- 16 Luisa Rondoh
- 19 Steven Holtz
- 21 Betty Dobson, Caitlyn Shannon, Joseph Shannon
- 27 Richard Exantus
- 29 Pat Battito, Cathy Shaffer
- 31 Richard Green



## Winter

The color of springtime is in the flowers.  
The color of winter is in the imagination.

~Ward Elliot Hour~



## *Christian Reflections*

### **The Color of Friendship**

Once upon a time the colors of the world started to quarrel. All claimed that they were the best. The most important. The most useful. The favorite.

Green said:

"Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for grass, trees and leaves. Without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."

Blue interrupted:

"You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, you would all be nothing."

Yellow chuckled:

"You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

Orange started next to blow her trumpet:

"I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins. Think of carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangoes, and papayas. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."

Red could stand it no longer. He shouted out:

"I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's blood! I am the color of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire into the blood. Without me, the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the color of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy."

Purple rose up to his full height. He was very tall and spoke with great pomp:

"I am the color of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me! They listen and obey."

Finally Indigo spoke, much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination:

"Think of me. I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colors went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarreling became louder and louder. Suddenly there was a startling flash of bright lightning, and thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colors crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

In the midst of the clamor, rain began to speak: "You foolish colors, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and come to me."

Doing as they were told, the colors united and joined hands.

The rain continued: "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow."

And so, whenever a good rain washes the world, and a Rainbow appears in the sky,  
let us remember to appreciate one another.



### The Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas  
and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me  
not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled  
the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties  
had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales  
there arose such a number  
When I walked to the store  
(less a walk, more a lumber)

I'd remember the marvelous  
meals I'd prepared  
The gravies and sauces  
and beef nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls  
the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said  
"No, thank you, please."

As I dressed myself  
in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again  
to do battle with dirt.

I said to myself  
as I only can  
"You can't spend a winter  
disguised as a man!"

So away with the last  
of the sour cream dip  
Get rid of the fruit cake,  
every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food  
that I like must be banished

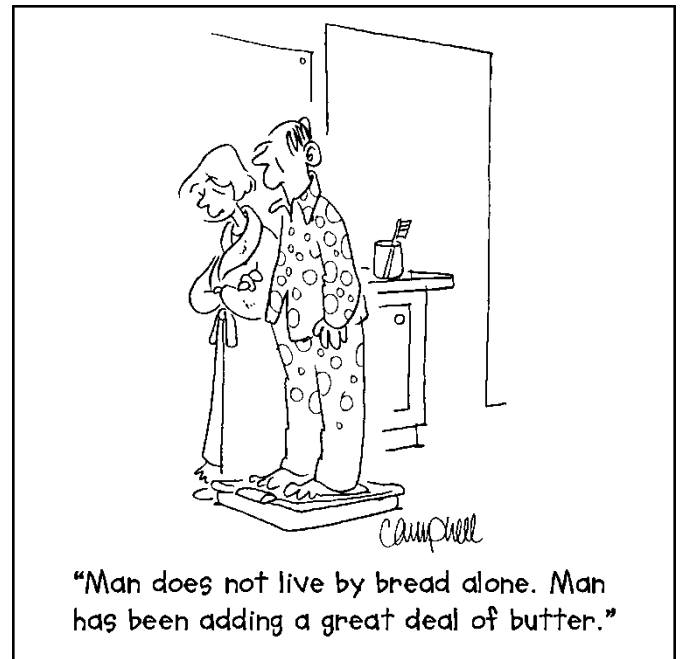
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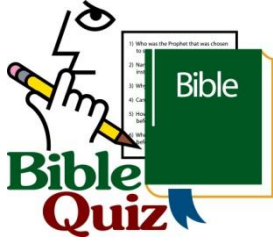
I won't have a cookie,  
not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew  
on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits  
or corn bread, or pie  
I'll munch on a carrot  
and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome,  
and life is a bore-  
But isn't that what,  
January is for?

Unable to giggle,  
no longer a riot  
Happy New Year to all  
and to all a good diet!





## Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

See how well you did by finding the answers elsewhere in this newsletter

**Category:** Proverbs  
**Quiz Title:** Proverbs

1. An excellent wife is what to her husband?
  - a) A jewel
  - b) A crown
  - c) A delight
  - d) An honor
2. It is better to obtain wisdom than what?
  - a) Money
  - b) Diamonds
  - c) Gold
  - d) Silver
3. How shall the man's belly be satisfied?
  - a) By the honeycomb
  - b) By the words of the wise
  - c) By the fruit of his mouth
  - d) By the love in his heart
4. Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but what shall his mouth be filled with afterwards?
  - a) Gravel
  - b) Sand
  - c) Locusts
  - d) Bitter herbs
5. The king's wrath is as the roaring of what?
  - a) The waves
  - b) A lion
  - c) His army
  - d) The wind
6. A word fitly spoken is like what of gold in a setting of silver?
  - a) Figs
  - b) Grapes
  - c) Drops
  - d) Apples
7. Wisdom is more precious than which gems?
  - a) Diamonds
  - b) Emeralds
  - c) Rubies
  - d) Pearls
8. Deceit is in the heart of them that do what?
  - a) Makes lies
  - b) Shed innocent blood
  - c) Imagine evil
  - d) Condemn the just
9. Which king contributes words of wisdom in Proverbs Chapter 31?
  - a) Samuel
  - b) Saul
  - c) David
  - d) Lemuel
10. The name of the Lord is what place of safety?
  - a) A deep cave
  - b) A strong city
  - c) A strong wall
  - d) A strong tower

### Answers to Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

1. b) A crown – Proverbs 12:4    2. c) Gold – Proverbs 16:16    3. c) By the fruit of his mouth – Proverbs 18:20  
4. a) Gravel – Proverbs 20:17    5. b) A lion – Proverbs 20:2    6. d) Apples – Proverbs 25:11  
7. c) Rubies – Proverbs 8:11    8. c) Imagine evil – Proverbs 12:20    9. d) Lemuel – Proverbs 31  
10. d) A strong tower – Proverbs 18:10

**BENEVOLENCE REPORT – November 2009**

	<b>Debits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>			\$5,061.54
<b>Total Deposits</b>			
10%		\$1,420.80	
Navajo Mission		\$92.00	
Family Promise (\$.02 A Meal)		\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>		\$1,512.80	
<b>Total Working Capital</b>			\$6,574.34
<b>Specifics Set Aside</b>			
Emergency Fund	\$600.00		
Emergency Fund Addition	\$400.00		
Emergency Fund Disbursement	\$0.00		
Family Promise	\$1,121.54		
Family Promise Addition	\$0.00		
Family Promise Disbursement	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2,121.54		\$4,452.80
<b>Net Funds Available</b>			\$4,452.80
<b>Disbursements - Denominational</b>			
Unified Mission	\$600.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$600.00		\$3,852.80
<b>Disbursements - Session</b>			
Navajo Mission (Construction)	\$50.00		
Navajo Mission (Sunday School)	\$30.00		
Prison Ministries	\$50.00		
Walter Hoving Home	\$50.00		
Elizabethport Children's Programs	\$50.00		
Sudan Mission	\$50.00		
The Salvation Army	\$50.00		
Gambell Presbyterian Church (Alaska)	\$50.00		
Christian Appalachian Project	\$50.00		
Covenant House	\$50.00		
eape (Tony Campolo Ministries)	\$50.00		
Elijah's Promise (New Brunswick Soup Kitchen)	\$50.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$580.00		\$3,272.80
<b>Disbursements - Committee Recommended ( Session Approved )</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$0.00		\$3,272.80
<b>Cash Balance</b>			\$3,272.80
<b>Money Held in Specifics</b>		\$2,121.54	
<b>Net Funds Available</b>			\$5,394.34

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