

Word Search

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Oldham Church Update

Having met and exceeded all the safety requirements, the rise in Coronavirus and new lockdown rules mean that the Church still cannot reopen in October. We are therefore adding additional Sabbath services to the ones already in place.

Sabbath School 9.45 a.m. every week
 Divine Worship and Bible Study 11.30 a.m. alternate weeks
 AY 3 p.m. Week 2, 4 & 5 Pathfinders 4 p.m. Week 1 & 3

CONNECT

OLDHAM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Filling the Gap



OCTOBER 2020

Honey

Of all the things I have ever eaten, I can firmly attest that none of them has ever been sweeter than honey. There is a sweet called Coconut Drops, and some of you poor little ones, sadly, have never tasted it, you do not know what you have missed. Simply put, and as the name implies, it is made of coconut and sugar. Now, you must have the skills to make it, as not everyone can make a good coconut drop, but my aunt Leena was an expert at it. Buster is another sweet made of coconut and sugar and other ingredients, of which I cannot remember, but it is also one of my favourites.

I loved, and still love, to eat sugar-dumplings and my aunt was also exceptionally good at making them. I remember vividly that Leslie, Elizabeth...our elder sibling... and I used to carry these dumplings to school for our lunch but often, we had eaten most of them before we got there.

Well, let's go back to the honey and I will let you know what happened when I discovered a bottle of honey by chance. We were living with Grandma Newell in the hills of Clarendon and many times we would be playing, hiding from each other in the house and we would find ourselves under the cellar or under our Gran's bed.

I do not remember exactly how it came about but one day I discovered a bottle of honey under my Gran's bed and it smelled so sweet and looked so good and even at that age I knew it was fresh honey coming almost straight from the hive, and honey is never so delicious as when it's very fresh.

I don't think any of you have ever tried to drink from a bottle under your bed, but if you have tried to do that you would know how difficult it is because you have to put the bottle to your mouth, tip your head back and raise the end of the bottle so that gravity can do its work and cause the very viscous honey to flow into your mouth. The truth is that I did get to eat some of the honey, but sadly not very much because the bottle was long, relatively speaking, so that I could not

elevate it high enough to get a rapid flow of honey, so it just trickled ever so slowly into my mouth.

I spent such a long time trying to eat the honey, tipping my head backwards in such a confined space under the bed that my neck began to hurt. It was at this point that I decided that as sweet as the honey was, the desire for it did not outweigh the pain that I was feeling in my neck and sadly put the cork back on the bottle and left it where I had found it as I slid out from under the bed.

... and be sure your sin will find you out. Numbers 32:23

Pastor Taylor

Seven M's from God

I am your:	Manna	-	Deuteronomy 8: 3
	Mediator	-	Hebrews 9: 15
	Morning Star	-	Revelation 22: 16
I will:	Maintain	-	Psalms 140: 12
	Make a way	-	Isaiah 43:19 & 1 Corinthians 10: 13
I will show:	Mercy	-	Psalms 103: 8
I will give a:	Mansion	-	John 14: 2

Are You Listening?

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background.

A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office. The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in.

Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet. They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified. Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants:

"Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled."

The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying: "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said: "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.'" "None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

We are so busy living in a world that is full of noise and clatter, like that office. People are distracted and unable to hear the still, small voice of God as He speaks in creation, in the Scriptures, and in the life and work of Jesus Christ.

So I ask you, as I ask myself: "Are you listening, or are you waiting for the call? Do you hear the Lord when he speaks to you?"
Isaiah 49:1.

Did you Know.....

1. Abraham gave a feast to celebrate the day that Isaac was weaned.
2. Abraham loved Ishmael even though he gave Sarah control over him.
3. God promised Abraham that he would make a nation from Ishmael too.
4. To sooth Sarah, Abraham sent away Hagar and Ishmael into the wilderness.
5. An Angel talks to Hagar in the wilderness and tells her God's promise for her son.
6. God provided a well of water for Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness.
7. Living in the wilderness Ishmael became an Archer.
Genesis 21:20.

Hello everyone,

Here we are again, having a look around at things, seeing what's what.

At the beginning of the lockdown I remember thinking it was not realistic of the government, expecting the vulnerable to isolate for 12 weeks (three months) as was first announced, yet here we are six months in, twice as long, and still no full lift of lockdown or of churches opening.

While wondering what to talk about, Psalms 23 came to mind.

The Lord Is my Shepherd I shall not want. Has that not been true throughout the pandemic so far? Have we been in a state of want? Have we not all had enough food to eat, warmth, shelter and somewhere safe to sleep? The only want may have been for more company, more human contact, yet I don't think any of us have been totally without, not like John in exile on the isle of Patmos.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Undoubtedly, we have been and still are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Millions of people have lost their lives around the world to the corona virus yet, we can find comfort in the Lord and need not fear.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

For some of us who have not been out to the shops to buy food ourselves, have we not had family members or friends bring us what we needed? Have our tables not been prepared? Even in the presence of the enemy, the corona virus?

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What more is there to say? We can rest assured that no matter what happens, as long as we "draw nigh to God" He will draw nigh to us. James 4:8. We can then be sure of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives and dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Bible Hangman

Below are some commonly used phrases that originated in the bible. Read the clue given, see the letters that have been inserted and try to complete the phrase.

1. Clue: The time when we should not be working.

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2. Clue: Puzzled or perplexed. Not knowing what to do.

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3. Clue: The wrong people to follow.

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4. Clue: This describes a situation from which one has barely managed to escaped.

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Daniel 10 – The Cosmic Battle

If we read the book of Daniel from start to finish, we can see that from the time he was taken captive he had many interesting and varied experiences. Although originally taken captive by the Babylonians he was able to live and work as a high ranking official through two kingdoms and remain totally faithful to God. In every chapter Daniel shows his loyalty to God through his prayers, fasting and studies of the scripture. We can also see from this chapter of Daniel how he was rewarded with interactions with angels such as Gabriel and Jesus Himself.

After three weeks of prayer and fasting, whilst walking by the river Daniel was given a vision. In this vision he saw someone who resembled, and was, Jesus. Daniel was so amazed by this vision that he became weak and felt inadequate and he fell to the ground. His companions could not see the vision but knew something strange was happening, so they ran away and hid themselves.

Whilst on the ground face down, the angel Gabriel touched Daniel and eventually told him to stand. The reason for Gabriel's visit was to tell Daniel that he was greatly loved and that he had something important to tell him.

Gabriel told Daniel from the time he started to pray and fast for understanding, God heard his prayers. A command was given for Gabriel to personally go to give an explanation, but he had been met with opposition. Gabriel in fact had been battling against Satan for three weeks. The battle was so significant that eventually, Michael one of the chief princes had to help Gabriel to succeed. Many people over the years have wondered who Michael is, but the bible explains itself. Jude 1:9 and Revelation 12:7,8 make it clear that Michael is in fact Jesus. This is one of the names given to Jesus in His battle against evil.

The purpose of the vision was to explain what would happen to the people of God in the future. The explanation outlined the years of

oppression and suffering the church would face and related to the previous vision. This was so significant that Daniel 10:15 says that Daniel became dumb. After being touched and strengthened Gabriel continued by telling Daniel that the information revealed to him was privileged information at that point. Only God, Jesus, Gabriel and Daniel at that point knew the important truths of the vision.

Daniel chapter 10 can best be summarised by Ephesians 6:12 which states that in this life we are not fighting just against mere flesh and blood. What a mighty God we serve, who at that point in history gave a glimpse into the cosmic battle that operates continuously in the world unseen by us. We can from this chapter feel confident that we have Jesus on our side who is almighty and always victorious.

Identify The Hymns

Use the lines below to find the hymns.

1. O, soon we shall enter our glorious home.
2. We know He is near, but know not the day
3. While the seventh trump is sounding.
4. Write thy new name upon my heart,
5. Who in each sorrow bears a part
6. Now the power of sin consume;
7. And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
8. And infant voices shall proclaim
9. Those wounds, yet visible above,
10. And the glory of His resurrection share;
11. Prompt to serve and follow thee,
12. Every need His Hand Supplying

Prayer Ministry

Flaws

Walking through the linen factory doors, Sheila's eyes grasped a lovely, colourful duvet cover. This was one of many which was stored in a box right by the entrance porch. The price marked on these items was too good to be true compared to the quality they portrayed.

Curious how this could be true, she smilingly inquired from the owner, what would be the catch in buying this bedding? The owner simply replied "flaws" all these are placed in this box to be cleared hence the price.

The lady went through the entire chest bagging up her bargains and was not convinced that the shop owner had done a good job in his reply. Mr Manyenje!, she called, but what does the flaws do? Well, young lady, these linens have some faulty stitching or markings and patterns most of them are hardly noticeable, he explained.

This just reminds me of some faithful bible characters who have a good record in their walk with God. Although strong in faith, these too got it wrong at some point showing their weaker part in life. Let's meet a few.

ELIJAH

He is known to be a man of prayer, faithful prayer. He prayed that it should not rain and it happened. He prayed sincerely. There was no rain for the period of three years and six months, James 5:17. By this time the ground was very thirsty and people were concerned for their lives as the famine was so severe. 1 kings 18:1- 2. The ground needed rain to heal so that it produced food for both man and beast, 1 kings 18:5. It takes faith and total surrender, believing that God listens to our prayers.

Elijah said call on the name of your gods (for they were pagans, idol worshippers), and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God

that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

A lot of prayers and drama took place at Mount Carmel. It was a real drama indeed. Baal's prophets cut themselves to gain attention from their gods, so their request for fire would be honoured, but to no avail. 1 Kings 18:26-29.

To their mockery, it only took a prayer to the true God in heaven, for the fire to fall on Elijah's altar. It is clear that no funny, hysterical chanting was performed to please God to send the fire, 1 kings 18:42-44. The true God was accepted by the people, the false prophets slain and Elijah then prayed for rain.

Each time he prayed, he sent his servant to go and check for a cloud, a sign of rain, this is really faith! Elijah prayed seven times and it rained cats and dogs! 1 kings 18:45.

Upon receiving the message that all the false prophets had been slain, 1 kings 19:1-2, Mrs Ahab, Jezebel, was vexed and sought revenge. She wanted Elijah dead! It only took Jezebel for Elijah, a man known of solid faith, to run into hiding for his life. Where was his faith? 1 kings 19:3-4.






ABRAHAM

So obedient a man he was, of a strong faith in God, of a good record in his walk with the Creator. Genesis 12:1-2, 4. It only took his wife for him to fall, Genesis 16:2-3. He distrusted God's promise of giving him a son, the only promised child of his life by his wife Sarah. The man accepted to have a child by his maid servant Hagar. He agreed with Sarah's plan to break God's original plan of the couple bearing a son despite their old age.

Could it be that he was pushed to the limit or was he brain washed? Genesis 15:2-4. Our heavenly Father is full of compassion. He fulfilled the promise he made to this couple, they had Isaac and by him, Abraham became father of nations.

Children's page

Memory Verse

you teach the verse.		
"I	Point to self.	
was sick	Hand on forehead.	
and you	Point to others.	
looked after me."	Put arms around self and give self a hug.	
Matthew 25:36	Palms together; then open.	

Words to remember...

We serve God when we help sick people. Jesus has been very busy. He wants to rest for a while, so He goes to Peter's house nearby. But He doesn't rest much. Peter's mother-in-law is sick. Peter asks Jesus to help her get well. So Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law. She gets out of bed right away and fixes food for Jesus and His friends. The people living nearby hear that she has been healed, and they tell others. Soon many people come to be healed, and Jesus heals them all. Although He didn't get much rest, He is happy because He has helped many people. Luke 4:38-44

What we can do when our family members are sick?

Pray, pray and pray some more!

Think about someone you would like to pray for.

One thing we can always do to help others is to pray for them. This week we are going to learn that we serve God when we pray for those who are sick, and help them in other ways also. Hugs are important for health and happiness, and everyone needs at least four hugs every day, even when they are not sick. Ask: Can you think of someone you can hug each day? (Mother, Father).

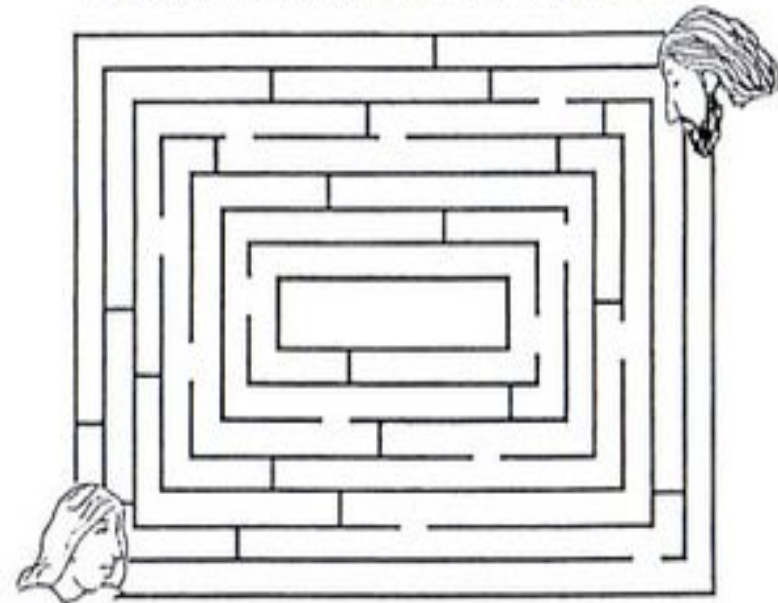
Words to remember...

We serve God when we help sick people

You could make

a card... or paper flowers

How will Peter's mother-in-law get better? Jesus will heal her, but you have to help Jesus find his way to her house.



Samson and Delilah - Part One

It came to pass afterward, that Samson loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

So Delilah began to question

Tell me. what makes you so strong, what will take away your strength and make you weak?

If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then I will be as weak as any

Entice him and find out why he is so strong, what will weaken him, and tell us.

The Lords of the Philistines came to Delilah with a plot to trap Samson.

And we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver

The lords of the Philistines brought seven green withs that had not been dried and Delilah bound Samson with them.

Good nice and tight.
^ II

There were men lying in wait in the chamber with Delilah. She said, "The Philistines be upon thee Samson." Samson broke the withs as easily as a thread is broken when it touches fire.

Delilah was not happy.

You have mocked me and told me lies:

Points to Ponder

1. Did Delilah love Samson?
2. Was Samson right to tell Delilah lies?
3. Samson was a man of God. Why was his God given strength not taken away?
4. Does God always allow us to choose how we use God given abilities, gifts or talents.

Biblical Conundrums?

In Genesis chapter 6 we read: **1** And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. Genesis 6:1-4.

This text has been interpreted in different ways by many of those who translated the text from the original Hebrew into the English language. Some say that the sons of God were angels who saw that the daughters of men were fair, had relations with them resulting in the birth of children who grew up to become mighty men. Others are of the opinion that the sons of God are those who are worshippers of God and that the daughters of men are the daughters of those who no longer worshipped God. If we go back to Genesis 6:4 and ignore the parts written in italics we read "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown". It is plain that the offspring of the sons of God and the daughters of men were the same...mighty men... not an amalgamation of angels and men, if this were the case they could not have been referred to as men.

In her comment on this text E.G. White stated that the descendants of Seth were the righteous line and they were the sons of God and that the descendants of Cain were the sons of men, since they apostatised from the worship of God. The disciple John's statement put this debate beyond all shadow of doubt, he wrote: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

Polenta Fries

1 Packet of readymade polenta

2 tbs Oil

Seasonings

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 200.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside.
- Cut your polenta in half width-wise. Halve each half along the length. Then, cut each fourth into thirds down the length. Finally, slice each third length-wise into 3-5 fries.
- Place the fries in a single layer on a parchment lined baking sheet.
- Sprinkle with seasonings and drizzle with olive oil.
- Bake for 20 minutes, remove & turn over fries.
- Bake for an additional 20 minutes or until crisp.
- Serve alone, or with a ketchup or sauce
- Enjoy!

Food on the mind

Eight people ate these items, put the correct person to the correct item.
Roll Pottage Honey Book Parched corn Venison Locust Fruit

Answers to Initially

Identify the following people, I will give initials and a clue

P M-I-L	Healed to serve	Peter's mother in law
S P	Quick to jump in	Simon Peter
B B	Beggar at roadside	Blind Bartimaeus
PD	Rescuer who adopted	Pharaoh's Daughter
S O T	Persecutor who changed dramatically	Saul of Tarsus
J I	Thirty was unlucky for him	Judas Iscariot
S O C	In time to carry the load	Simon of Cyrene
P P	Followed the Covid advice Boris gave	Pontus Pilate
M M	Used unusual item to dry	Mary Magdalene
W O Z	Could have been a rival for Greg's	Widow of Zarephath
L W	A reason to keep looking forward	Lots Wife
J D	Victim of a father's pledge	Jephthah's Daughter
P P O O	Father in law to a prime minister	Potipherah Priest of On
S Z	Disciple	Simon Zelotes
D T	Just had to have proof	Doubting Thomas

Answer to Identify the Bible Verse

1. Lord, thanks High good to It give thy unto the and sing O thing praises unto is name, Most a to:

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: Psalm 92: 1

Answers to Queens hidden in last Word Search

Vashti Esther Queen of Sheba Jezebel