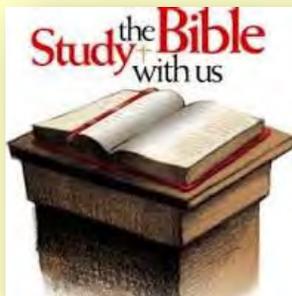




# Upcoming Events for the Church: January 2016

**Weekly Sunday Services:** Our Sunday Services are at 2:00pm at the Sharron Baucom Dale City Rec Center, 14300 Minnieville Road, Dale City, VA.



**Bible Study:** Will start back up on Tuesday, January 4, 2016; back in our "How To Study the Bible." series (see page 8). Bible study is every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Sharron Baucom Dale

City Rec Center. Please come out and join us.

**The H.E.L.P. Ministry** will continue to collect items to fill S.O.U.L. bags to disperse to the homeless community throughout the year. Please contact Sis Tereasa for needed items and once we obtain a good supply we will compile our bags to give to the homeless.

**The National Christian Education Conference** will be on January 29-30, 2016. GOCC members who wish to attend please see your email and/or contact Sis Ragsdale with information. Registration [registration forms can be found at: <http://www.gwcea.org/conference.html>] with completed forms turned in no later than January 5, 2016.

**Praise Team Rehearsals:** Are held every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at the Marshall's residence. Volunteer singers are always welcomed.

**Youth Service.** GOCC is striving to establish a Youth Service starting in April 2016. We still need a committee to assist with the planning of the Kick off of the service, as well as mem-



bers to execute the weekly services. If you are interested in being on the committee please let either Pastor JB or Minister Rhonda know. The committee already started planning in late November 2015; additional support already welcomed.



## **Volunteer Outreach:**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month GOCC will be volunteering with Woodbridge Homeless Outreach to feed the homeless tent community. We also meet every Thursday at 6:00 pm. to pack lunches. If you would like to be a part of that effort or donate needed items please contact Sis. Tereasa for more information ([teresa\\_hayes@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa_hayes@yahoo.com)).

**GOCC Newsletter:** If you have not had a chance to check out the GOCC Newsletter please do so. If you have and wish to submit articles, ideas, poetry, or anything please email Sis Billie-Jean at ([billiejeanholmes@gmail.com](mailto:billiejeanholmes@gmail.com); subject line: Newsletter). You can find the current and past issues of the newsletter on the GOCC website by clicking the "GOCC Materials" tab.

# Prayers

Please contact Pastor Marshall (pastorjbmarshall@gospeloutreachcc.org) or Sister Holmes (sisterholmesgocc@gmail.com) to add your prayer request to our list and to let us know if you wish your prayers to be posted in our Newsletter.



## Prayers for the Sick and Shut In:

### Visitors in December 2015

During the month of December we were blessed to have **Two** visitor. Thank you for being a big part of our worship experience.

- **Ms. Callaway who resides in Linden, VA**
- **Mrs. Vivian H. of Atlanta** and her family.
- **Ms. Andrea**
- **Ms. Traci D.** and her family Dad (**George**) and sister (**Linda**)
- **Donna C. nephew Raymond** and his family.
- **Mr. Walter "W."** and his family.
- **Ms. Yvonne W.** and her family.
- **Mr. William M.** and his family.
- **Ms. Laura A.** and her family.

Prayers for peace and continued prayers for Condolences:

**Continued prayers for peace and condolences for those who had loved ones transition to be with God to include spiritual prayers and healing to:**

- **Atlanta, California and University of North Carolina shootings; Landslides in China, Egypt nightclub attacks, and Children found.** Families, friends, and extended family of those directly affected by all these tragic events; prayer for reflection, comfort, and blessing during this time of healing. For the entire world to come together as a whole in forgiveness. Also, God's prayers and forgiveness so these acts of violence will not, as the News have portrayed them to be; the normalcy of the World.
- **For families who live in the Tent and/or shelter communities** during the coming winter months the hardest hit are those who live in the Tent and/or Shelter communities. Please find it in your heart to continue to give by donating warm items such as socks, mittens, hats, scarfs, etc., in order for GOCC to distribute to those supplies to get through the Winter.
- **For the Nation (and the World) to come together** during several months of hate crimes, bomb blasts, devastating weather. The families, relatives, friends, and communities connected by crime or weather — to come together to resolve some of their differences peacefully.

"In this New Year; go confidently in the direction of your Dreams; living the life you have imagined.  
— *Henry David Thoreau*

## Around Town, Books, Movies, New on DVD in January 2016

### Around town Entire Month of January:

1. 9-10 January from 9am-5pm: NBC4's Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington DC Convention Center.
2. 16 January Giant Panda Cub Debut at the National Zoo. Meet Bei Bei the newest cub born in August 2015.
3. 18 January Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. If you have not find this as an opportunity to visit the King memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC.
4. 25-31 January is Restaurant Week of more than 250 of Washington DC restaurants offering 3-course lunches for less than \$25 and 3-course dinners for less than \$36.

### Books to Read:

**"The Shred Power Cleanse: Eat Clean. Get Lean. Burn Fat"** by Ian K. Smith. (Already in bookstores)

**"Stampy's Lovely Book"** by Stampy (January 5, 2016) about the YouTube cat sensation Stampy.

**"Big Nate Blasts Off"** Lincoln Peirce. (February 16, 2016) this book is for the kids who are the fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

**"I Am..."** Joel Osteen (already in stores) reflecting words of encouragement based on whatever follows the words I am...is what you believing in.

**"What Is a Temple?"** Briana Wright (March 15, 2016) this book introduces children to the spirit of the temple of heaven.

### Music to Listen to:

**Adore: Christians Songs of Worship** by Chris Tomlin

**Losing my Religion** by Kirk Franklin

**Awakening** by Jackie Evancho

**Ultimate Collection** by Shirley Ceasar

### New Movies and on DVD:

The Pastor; Ride Along 2; Troublemakers: The Story of Land Art; Kung Fu Panda 3

**New on DVD:** A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story; The Martian; Goosebumps; Hotel Transylvania 2; War Room.

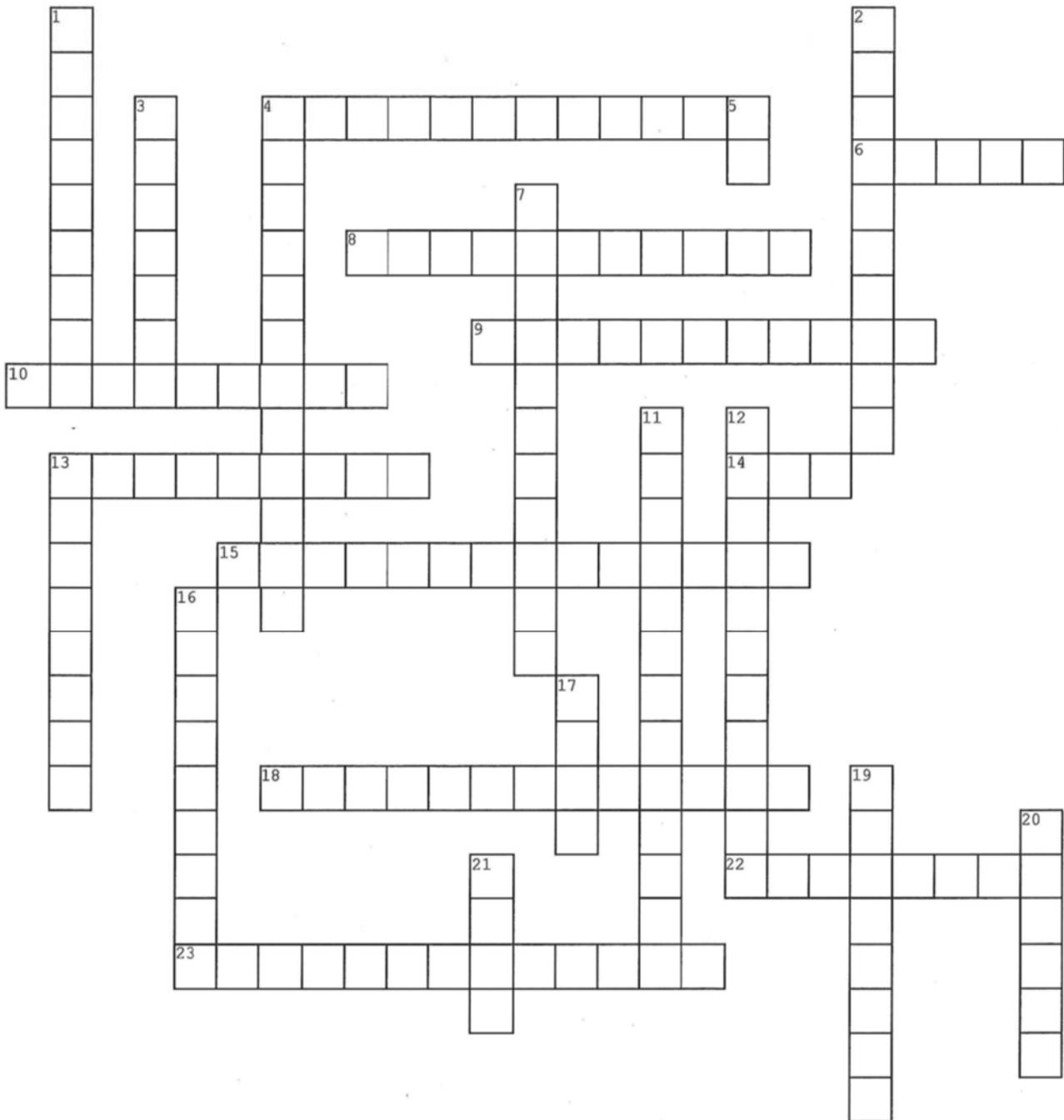
## Upcoming Anniversaries, Birthday, Holidays, and other Church Events in January and February

**Birthday:** Sis Alicia M. (January 17); Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Holiday, January 18)

**Church Event:** GOCC to attend the National Capital Christian Education Conference on January 29-30, 2016. (see page 2).

# Things Centered Around January

Complete the crossword below



## Across

4. Premieres on NBC in 1952
6. Birthday initials
8. Became an American State in January 1788
9. Running back made longest run from scrimmage in NFL History
10. Youngest grand master in chess
13. Some companies give these out in January
14. Not Peyton Manning
15. Kids and teachers do this
18. The Raven Author born in January
22. usually have one in January
23. the 'moving on up' show debuts

## Down

1. One of the months that has these many days
2. First American Ironclad warship
3. Created by Wham-O
4. Filed a patent for the light bulb
5. Jobs send this out near the end of January
7. We start these
11. Was sworn in as the 37th US President
12. Take this down
13. Put these away
16. Judy, Judy, Judy actor born January 1904
17. Usually this type of weather
19. First Holiday of the Year
20. Admitted as the 49th US State
21. some throw this away

# 5 Ways to Grow Close to God in the New Year

— By Cindi McMenamin

Abbreviated material from: *5 Ways to Grow Close to God in the New Year* (<http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/women/5-ways-to-grow-closer-to-god-in-the-new-year.html>)

Do you have a plan for growing spiritually in the next 12 months?

We all write out a plan every January to ensure we don't end the year in the same place, spiritually, when the new year starts. Year by year, we might not notice a lack of spiritual growth in our lives and you'd be surprised how quickly ten years can pass without having memorized one verse of scripture, without confronting a habitual sin in your life, without having shared the gospel with an unbeliever, without having experienced a point in your walk with God that lit a fire under you and caused you to live differently.

Instead of making "new year's resolutions" each year, we should sit down with God and ask "How will I grow more in love with you this year?" If we intentionally set goals to prioritize our relationship with God; we will find that the result will grow in your relationships with your family and friends, as well. Setting spiritual goals for the next year also helps ensure that there is fruit developing each year instead of being a sponge that continues to soak it all in, but gives little out.

Here are some examples of a few of the spiritual goals that have been set through the years, many of which repeatedly stayed on people's list from year to year. So try a couple of these, and maybe even come up with some of your own, so that you are one year closer to Christ -- and to those you love -- by the time next January rolls around:

**1. Meet with God before anyone else.** Do you have a plan, first thing in the morning, to meet with God before anyone else? It's one way of prioritizing Him above anything and anyone.

It's also a way of making sure you're at your best, emotionally, by the time you start interacting with your family. My devotional book, [\*God's Whispers to a Woman's Heart\*](#), is designed to help you meet with God for a few moments every day and get into the Word at the same time.

**2. Get into God's Word every day.** If you've owned a [Bible](#) for years but have never read the entire book, this is a great time to start. Try it in a different translation than you usually read. Ask yourself where you want to be in your OR if you want to know God better, consider a study of his names in the Old Testament and Jesus' "I am" statements in the New Testament. If you need to slow down and learn to listen for his voice, study all the Word says about "rest" or "hearing" or his "voice." If there are character traits you know you need to work on, consider an in-depth study of some or all of the fruits of the spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)).

**3. Participate in a weekly small-group Bible study** or lead one among your friends, neighbors, or co-workers. We can grow at a faster rate in community because we are able to share our experiences with one another and hold each other accountable. Find a small group study in your local church or be the catalyst to start one among friends or neighbors or even co-workers during your lunch hour.

**4. Record your blessings and answered prayers.** Keep a "blessing book" in which you record every blessing that comes your way throughout the year, adding a prayer of thanks or praise. In addition, write out your prayer requests and record the answers as they come. By writing out these types of things, you will not only be more keenly aware of how God is working in and around your life, but you will become a person who is able to "give thanks in all circumstances.

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5. Pick a 'theme verse' for the year. Say it aloud every day. I guarantee if you do this, by the end of the year - and probably a lot sooner - you will have memorized one more verse of Scripture. Choose from [Psalm 90:12](#), [Psalm 119:32](#), [Psalm 119:133](#), [Galatians 5:16](#), [Philippians 1:27](#), [Philippians 4:6-7](#), or [find one of your own](#).

Make some of these action points priority in your life this next year and hopefully, by the end of next December 2016, you'll be not only another year older in your body, but another year older in your [faith](#) and walk with Christ.

How will *you* grow in your faith and walk with God this next year?



### January 2016 — Feel Good Story

This Feel good Story comes from the **Daily Mail Newspaper**

**Title: Grocery Store's Badly Decorated birthday cake goes Viral**



A young woman named Lisa received a badly decorated birthday cake after she gave it to one of the women behind the Bakery Counter to write three words on it [**Happy Birthday Mandy**] for her daughter Birthday the very next day. Lisa said she told the young lady that she would be back after she finished grocery shopping; picking up the cake as promised. When she saw the Cake (see picture to the left) she thought it was like a child's scrawl; still deciding to purchase as she thought it was a touch; like school friend writing to her daughter, Mandy. As she got to the register the cashier noticed the

cake and the child-like handwriting, told Lisa this was wrong, and called the Bakery Department up to her register. The cashier and the Bakery Department explained to Lisa that the young lady she gave the cake and instructions too write the three words on her daughter's cake is Autistic and forgot that the Team Leads were supposed to write on the cakes for the customers. Lisa said, "Thank You for telling me but I still would like to purchase this cake as is AND to Thank the young lady [again] for doing such an excellent job." In the end the Bakery and Cashier thanked Lisa for accepting the Cake as it was; but more so Thanking the young lady who wrote it as it made her day.

## BRAIN TEASER

There was a shipwreck at sea and Doug, Steve, and Phil got washed ashore on a small, isolated island. They were exhausted and fell asleep on the beach. Doug woke up and saw a box of bananas had washed ashore. He ate  $\frac{1}{3}$  of bananas and went back to sleep. Steve woke up and also ate  $\frac{1}{3}$  of what was left of the bananas, and went back to sleep. Next, Phil woke up and assuming no one had eaten the bananas, ate only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of what was left. When he was finished, there were only 8 bananas left. Can you guess how many bananas were in the box?

On October 27th, GOCC will begin  
an eight week series on

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# Spot 10 Differences

By Jason Sampson



THE ELVES HAVE BEEN WATCHING 'PIMP MY RIDE'!

- 6. POM POM MISSING FROM MRS CHRISTMAS HAT
- 7. EXTRA EXHAUST PIPE
- 8. BUCKET MOVED
- 9. FATHER CHRISTMAS' EYELD MISSING
- 10. ELF MISSING POCKET

- 1. KNOT IN TOY BAG CHANGED
- 2. PINSTRIPE MISSING FROM BACK OF SLEIGH
- 3. SHINE MISSING FROM SLEIGH BLADES
- 4. RAG MISSING FROM GROUND
- 5. REAR VISION MIRROR MISSING

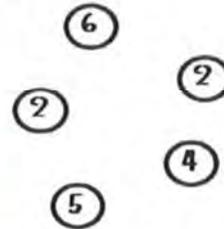
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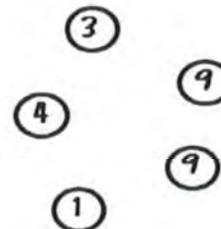
# Lollipop Math Puzzle

For each set of lollipops write the numbers in the circles beside the lollipops into the circles on the lollipops so that the total of each lollipop is the same. Each number can only be used once.

Set 1



Set 2



Five men were eating apples. A finished before B, but behind C. D finished before E, but behind B. What was the finishing order?

**C, A B, D, and E**





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