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Strong Heritage Bright Future

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As was announced this Sunday, Tina Copeland, our beloved Office Administrator, is retiring and stepping away from her position with us. Tina has served our church diligently for 9 years and so we wanted to give her an opportunity to offer some parting words.

Grace + Peace
Pastors JR & Amy

Sad as we are that you won't be part of our team anymore, we rejoice that you get to move toward a new opportunity that you feel makes sense for you right now. Tell us more about what you'll be doing and how you sense God's hand in this.

I recently turned that scary age where if I wanted to retire, I could. I've been thinking and praying about it for a while now. I knew I would miss First Church and all the members. I also know me well enough to know that I would need to find something to keep me occupied. I mean, there is only so much running a person can do, right?!?! Once I made my decision to resign, I literally received a text the next day from the church where Pastor Bruce went to preach. I helped Pastor Bruce and The New Beginning Church out the last two years during the month of February, when their secretary would take vacation. The text was from one of the council members there (Pastor Bruce is no longer at TNB), asking if I would be interested in a secretary position, as their secretary was retiring. The position is only one day a week and is strictly clerical. There is no financial aspect to the position. I really couldn't believe the timing. I thought the position would be perfect, as it would be far less time consuming, yet still keep me a bit busy. I believe God led me to my next journey.

You've been serving First Church of the Resurrection for around 9 years! Perhaps you could share some fond or funny memories and experiences that you'll be taking with you.

I am so blessed to have been able to serve First Church. The members are so welcoming and supportive. I've loved all the times and conversations I have shared with members through the years, as they would come into the office. I will remember the fun conversations during lunch with co-workers Patty Neidert and Janet Archer. I'll also remember the time I was laying on the floor stretching after work to get ready to meet some friends for a run and Pastor Bruce came around the corner and we scared each other to death (I scare easily)! I ended up not being able to go for the run because I tweaked my back, LOL!

Is there anything else you'd like to say to us as a congregation as we bless you and the next season of life and work that God has for you? Might you be willing to offer a prayer for us as we continue to seek the Lord and his will for us as a church?

I just would like to thank you all so much for welcoming me into the secretary position at First Church. I will cherish all the memories and will never forget how gracious you were to me. I believe God has presented me with my next journey, and I am excited to see where He leads. Likewise, He will also guide First Church to their next journey. I pray that all of you embrace wherever God may guide you. I will miss you all!

Take care and God bless!

Tina :)

February 2023

Birthdays:

2nd-Sandy Bellamy 8th-Rose Zahler
 12th-Jeff Williams 16th-Helen Race
 24th-Pam Cordes
 Larry Groves

Anniversaries:

14th-Diana & Jim Cooper

Your Friends and Family at First Church of the Resurrection want to wish you all a joyous celebration and many blessings for the year to come!

Please Pray for:

Shirley Jordy Judy Snyder Diane Fair
 Zella Yohe Mitch & Judy Souers
 Donna Blair

In the Military:

Scott Gordon R J Smith Aaron Schlabach
 Josh Porco Kellan Gier Scott Smeltzer
 Brian George Steven Okey Ryan Souers
 Luke Groves Robert Blair

Serving as Mission Partners:

Leonel & Belgica Ortiz - Columbia
 Greg, Megan, Lydia & Theodore Owens - Middle East
 Andrew & Sarah - Middle East

Your Leadership Council at Work January 10, 2023

The 2023 budget was reviewed and finalized. Budget is available to any member on request.

Upon review of 2022 budget it was noted that giving was more than budgeted and expenses were less than budgeted.

Rozkos on vacation January 15-22. There will be pastoral coverage.

Servants for God Forever,
Leadership Council

Join Us for Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am



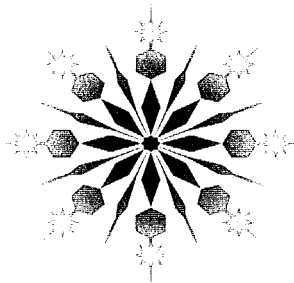
Volunteers for providing January snacks:

1/22 Jan & Bob Jozwiakowski
 1/29 Jo Riegler

2/5 & 2/12 Open

Pray for the following local churches, their Pastors and leadership:

Southwest Church of Christ
 St. Anthony's Catholic Church
 St. Benedict Church
 St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
 St. George Romanian Orthodox Church
 St. George Serbian Eastern Orthodox



Financial Report For December 2023

Income: \$ 11,015
 Expenses: \$ 14,346
 \$ -3,331

This does not include the government refund checks we received due to the audit performed by Matt Banjo.

Usher's Committee Report *Sunday Attendance*

December 2023

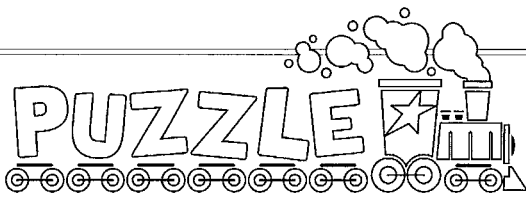
Date	Adults	Children	Total
December 4	20	2	22
December 11	16	1	17
December 18	21	7	28
* December 24	36	17	53
Total	93	27	120

Sunday total average = 29.25
 Sunday average of children = 6
 *Christmas Eve

All Committees
 Year End Reports are due to the
 office no later than Sunday, January 29th
 Thank you!



KIDS CORNER



Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH

- God made wild animals and livestock. ○
- God said, "Let there be light." ○
- God gathered the waters under the sky into one place. ○
- God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky." ○
- God created plants and trees. ○
- God separated the light from the darkness. ○
- God made the water teem with living creatures. ○
- God made the sun and moon. ○
- God made birds fly above the earth. ○
- God made stars. ○
- God created mankind in his own image. ○

God _aw all tha_ he _ad ma_e, an_ _t was ve_y g_od.

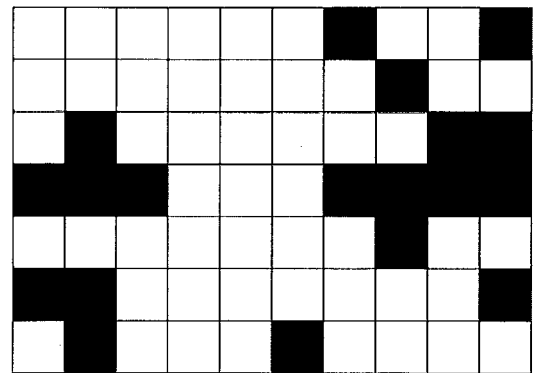
GENESIS 1:31, NIV



Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.

Y	A	S	M	L	L	O	W	F	O	E	X
			E	O	W	F	O	L	L	I	
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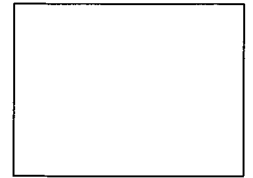


Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fifth, fourth, sixth, God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

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We invite seekers and followers to come with us on an ever deepening journey of discipleship, as we serve God by building the community of Jesus.