



Messenger

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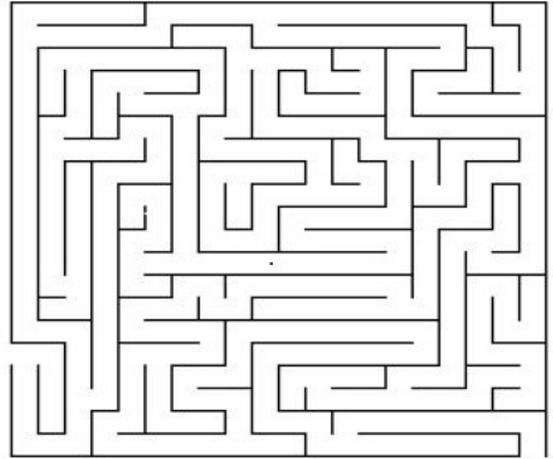
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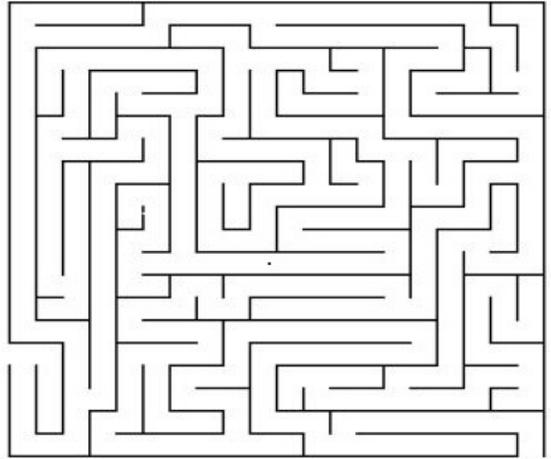
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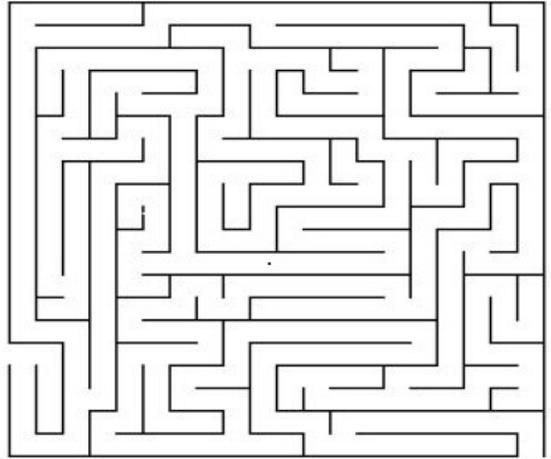
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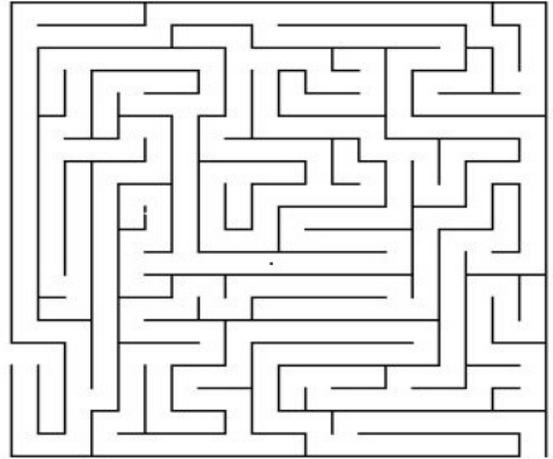
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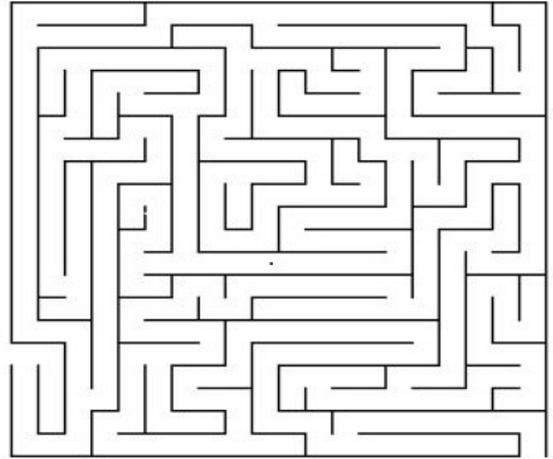
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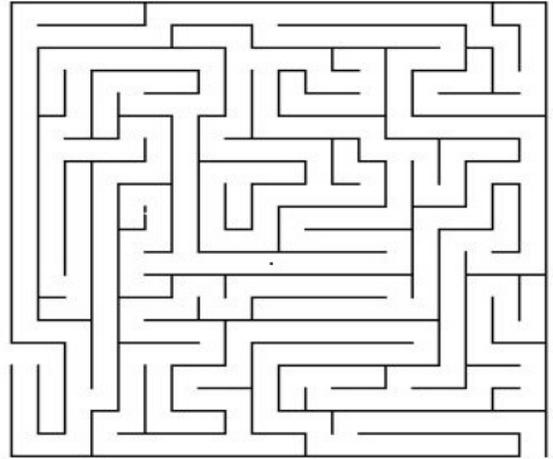
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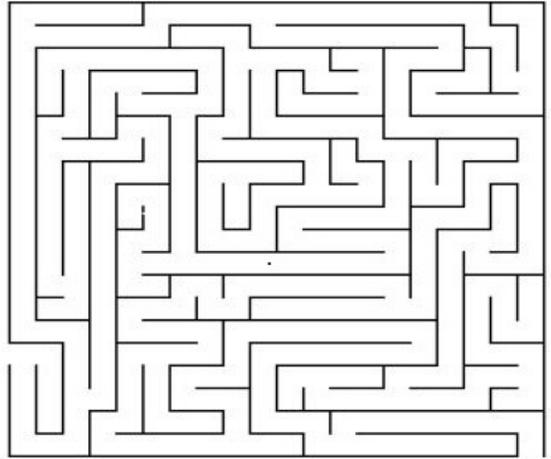
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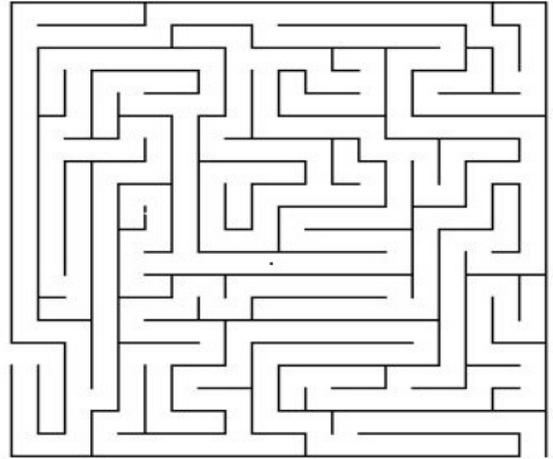
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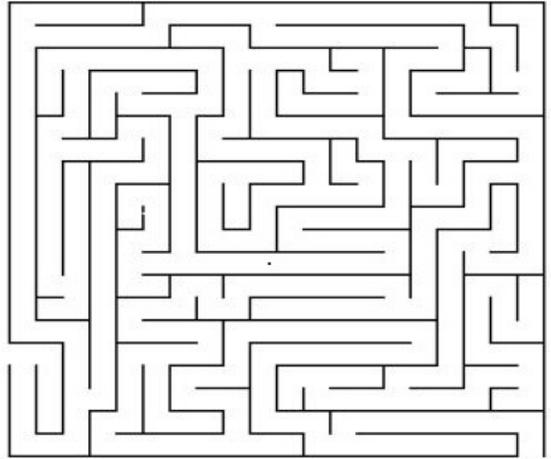
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August

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1st- Kolson Herstad
- 2nd- Amy Horne
- 4th- Paula McAfee
- 12th- Ernie & Tina Barclay
- 16th- Tina Young
- 19th- Deanna Elzey
- 25th- Jeanette Gilbert
- 25th- Ron Winkler
- 30th- Mindy Drayer

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event
August 2	Communion Sunday
August 30	Kids Changing the World-bring your change Baptism Sunday
September 13	Sunday School kickoff



****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs. Collection can at the back of the church
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over them as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you. AMEN

Bearing Fruit

Colossians 1:10

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God . . .

I have been amazed to watch our garden this year. The vines look awful, but there is still fruit (tomatoes and green peppers). We won't be canning much, but still nice produce. I will admit that I have wanted to just pull the plants and start again next year, but then I think about how God uses our small "fruits" just as well as our abundant fruit. Sometimes we only grow or show ourselves with little, but we can still show for Jesus!!!!

I found this devotional on-line and wanted to share.....

In our recent Bible study, we've been looking at John 15 and the words of Jesus to His disciples the night before He died. They left the upper room in Jerusalem where they had dined and walked toward Gethsemane. Quite possibly, they were walking right through the ancient vineyards that still lie between the two locations when Jesus said to His disciple, "I am the vine, you are the branches. I want you to bear fruit . . . much fruit . . . and even more fruit so that My Father will be glorified."

*As a disciple of Christ, I realize His message also applies to me. But what does it mean to "bear fruit?" All my life I've been told this refers to sharing the Gospel with others so they may know Christ and have eternal life. Certainly that is the greatest of all deeds we can do; however, throughout the New Testament, "fruit" is associated with doing "good works." In **The Secrets of the Vine**, Bruce Wilkinson puts it this way, "Fruit is not something you produce to earn salvation, which is a gift you receive through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10). Rather, fruit is something that you do as a Christian to meet a need and bring glory to God."*

So if "bearing fruit" means doing something that helps another person and results in glorifying God, then I say to myself, 'That's easy!'

*"And the one thing of which I can have the most perfect assurance is that, with Christ as my Vine, and the Father as my Husbandman, I can indeed be a fruitful branch." (**The True Vine**, Andrew Murray, page 22.)*

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Troy and Mindy

Treasurer's Report

June 2015 Budget Summary	June Actual	June Budget	June Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,131.98	4,469.58	(1,337.60)	27,955.61	22,347.90	5,607.71
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	5,447.83	4,486.26	(961.57)	27,216.86	26,917.56	(299.30)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(2,315.85)	(16.68)		738.75	(4,569.66)	

Education News

The Education Team is preparing for the September 13th Sunday School kickoff. More details to come.

Sadly, the Itty Bitty Einstein's Preschool will have no classes for the coming year.

**Blessings and Love,
Jen and the Education Team**



Janitorial Notes

The very wet summer has caused the basement to flood several times. We are trying hard to keep things clean and dry! Max Murchland cleaned the carpet in the sanctuary and on the steps at the beginning of the summer. He did a great job.

Trustees Report

The Trustees are planning to remove the old stove after which the back kitchen will be cleaned and painted. A work detail is being organized to paint the basement ceiling.

There is concern that the cabinets in the basement are beginning to deteriorate due to the moisture. A solution to the issue regarding ice outside the elevator in the winter is still being sought.

Vision/Evangelism Report

Unfortunately the Church Retreat was cancelled due to weather concerns. The next events to watch for are the Trunk or Treat and the Annual Chili Cook-off!

Please remember:

Mary Etta Blessing
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Bluffton, IN 46714

Bernie & Lura Burke
3505 E. 800 N.
Ossian, IN 46777

Betty Cary
300 Caylor Blvd. Apt.#200
Bluffton, IN 46714

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300 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #100
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Opal Gilbert
Christian Care Retirement Comm.
720 E. Dustman Rd.
Bluffton, IN 46714

Margaret Hasler
37446 Carson
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Jesus the Master never held a degree. Oh Lord, as I teach, may I lead souls to Thee. They are watching me closely in all that I do, to see if my life is worthy of You. So please help me each day be the best I can be, that each student I teach will see Jesus in me. Amen

Sorry Kids: Back to School = Back to Bedtime

By Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., President of [The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

Sorry kids, back to school means back to bedtime. One of the odd characteristics of our time is our apparent need for scientific verification of what we should know by simple common sense. Well, help now comes in the form of a research project undertaken by University College London. The bottom line—children with a fixed and consistent bedtime performed better on tests of cognitive ability.

As Sumathi Reddy of *The Wall Street Journal* reported, “Researchers at University College London found that when 3-year-olds have a regular bedtime they perform better on cognitive tests administered at age 7 than children whose bedtimes weren’t consistent. The findings represent a new twist on an expanding body of research showing that inadequate sleep in children and adolescents hurts academic performance and overall health.”

The researchers in Britain were not concerned with the *amount* of sleep or the *time* of going to bed. Their concern was the function of a *consistent* bedtime for children and adolescents. As they reported, having a fixed bedtime turns out to have significant cognitive advantages.

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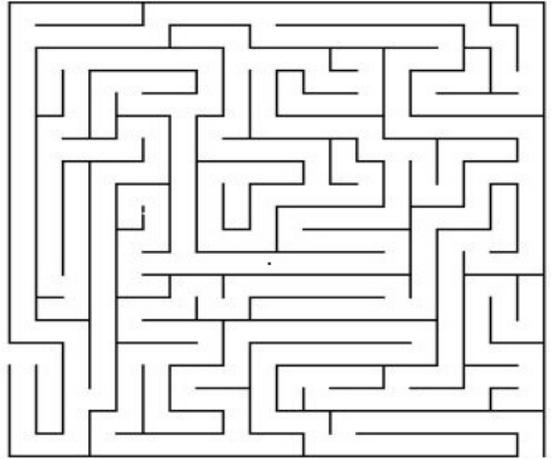
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