

The Newsletter

January 2022

*Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily &
Go with Him to share His love.*

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS



*Thank you so much for
your generosity this
Christmas! We were able
to make 4 families'
Christmases even brighter.
Thank you for being the
hands and feet of Jesus!!*

January at a Glance

- 1: Happy New Year!!
- 5: 9:00 am Mothers Together will meet
 - 6:30 Bible Class Begins again
 - 6:30 & 7:30 Youth Groups begin
- 9: 9:00 am Sunday School begins
 - 10:00 am Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
- 11: 6:00pm Elder & Deacon Meetings
7:00pm Full Consistory will meet
- 19: 9:00am Mothers Together meets
- 23: Communion Sunday

*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Sunday School 4yrs - Adult
- Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:00 am Praise & Worship Service

*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30 pm Bible Classes 1st-5th grades
- 6:30 pm MS Remnant Youth Group
- 7:30 pm HS Remnant Youth Group

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Stewardship & Giving

Offering Summary through November 22:

- **General Fund:** \$332,587.81 Budget: \$299,173.35; 111% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund:** \$55,876 Budget: \$71,025.61; 78% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date:** \$3230.00

Faith In Action for January: Layettes for the Center of Hope

Special offering for January: Osceola Communities Express



This month we are collecting items that a new Baby or New Mom might be in need of. We only ask that all donated items must be NEW.

Thanks!

Mothers Together
With God in the Middle

Are you a mom of young children? Do you wish there was somewhere you could meet other moms who are facing the same daily challenges that you are?

Then Mothers Together is the place for you.

Mothers Together is a non-denominational group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month during the school year from 9am-11am. Quality child care is available so you can get that much needed "mom time".



**Mothers Together will be meeting on:
January 5 and 19**

*Changing LIVES...
Strengthening FAMILIES*

- ♥ Maternity Home for Teens
- ♥ Parenting & Prenatal Education
- ♥ Mentor Moms

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**We
can
do it!**
**Yes, we can
make a
difference!**

Take home a baby bottle, fill it with change & bills and return to the church by the designated date on the bottle.

**Bottles are due back to church
by: January 30, 2022**

Bible Study Opportunities

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4



Faith Bible Study, will on Monday, January 17 at 9:30 am. We will be studying Sapphira in our book *Women of the New Testament*. Scripture will be Acts 4:32--5:11. Alfreda Verdoorn will be leader and Rhonda Riebeling will serve as hostess. All are invited. Hope to see you there!

Patience Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, January 17 at 3:00 pm**. We will be studying lesson #2 "Keep Commitments," in our book *Integrity*. Barb will lead and serve as hostess. Come for a time of fellowship and learning. Hope to see you there!



Meeting Minutes

Consistory Meeting Highlights

December 14, 2021

- MMSA to reinstate membership for Kimberly Alsip. MMSA to approve baptism for Zoey Anna Mae Alsip
- MMSA to reinstate Karen Stevenson's membership
- MMSA to transfer memberships for Matt and Missy Julius and family to Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls, SD
- MMSA to transfer membership for Paige Hurlburt to Bethel EFC in Fairmont, MN
- MMSA to transfer memberships for Heath, Wendy, Hunter, Dahson, and Jahlyn DeJong to FRC Boyden, IA
- Communion Dates set: Jan 23, Mar 6, Apr 14, May 22, July 10, Aug 21, Oct 2, & Nov 20.
- MMSA to allow Chris Wynia to speak about his experience with Bethany Christian Services
- Christmas Decorations will be taken down on January 2nd
- MMSA to find a member of FRC to represent OCMA at their monthly meetings.
- MMSA to remove retiring Deacons from accounts at Sibley State Bank and to add newly appointed members in their place.
- MMSA to distribute additional givings to the following organizations: Inspiration Hills, Radiate Haiti, Living Stone Prison Church Ministry, CRC Food Bank, ATLAS, The Banquet, Talking Bibles, Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ, MS Remnant, HS Remnant.
- MMSA to transfer \$40,000 into Building Fund Savings
- MMSA to accept the new contract for accounting purposes with Cain Ellsworth of Sheldon, IA



Praise and Worship Greeters

- 2: E: LaVon Dykstra
C: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
W: Ron and Nancy Dykstra
- 9: E: Dave and Sandy Lamfers
C: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
W: Greg and Deb Kusters
- 16: E: Marlin Roelfs
C: Bob and Janice Groen
W: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
- 23: E: Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma
C: Jim and Pauline Van Engen
W: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort
- 30: E: Ed and Jan Harskamp
C: Dan and Maureen Heilman/family
W: Cole and Kayla Hoekstra/family

Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,
but unstaffed.

Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 2: Leona Meendering/
Joanne Klaassen
- 9: Jim and Pauline Van Engen
- 16: Ted and Eileen Schutte
- 23: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
- 30: Ger and Barb Van Diepen

Children & Worship



10:00 am during the service

Leaders:

- 2: No Children and Worship
- 9: Deb Kusters
- 16: Deb Kusters
- 23: Karen Honken
- 30: Deb Kusters

Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #1

will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Marvella/Lennis Harberts
- Diane/Arnie Langstraat

Library Volunteers



- 2: Marcia Van Ruler
- 9: Phyllis Vander Linden
- 16: Alfreda Verdoorn
- 23: Kathy/Joel Verdoorn
- 30: Ruth Ann Wiersma

New Beginnings for God's People

1: What events are recorded in Genesis chapters 1 and 2?

A. The Big Bang B. Creation C. Abraham's Journey D. Noah's Ark

2: Which man left his home country to travel to a land he did not know, that God would lead him to?

A. Noah B. Abraham C. Isaac D. Jacob

3: How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born? **A. 50 B. 90 C. 100 D. 150**

4: What was the reason that Jacob and his family began a new life in Egypt?

A. War in Israel B. Disease in Israel C. Famine in Israel D. A family argument

5: Who led the people of Israel into the promised land? **A. Aaron B. Moses C. Joshua D. Caleb**

6: Who gave birth to a son, following her prayer to God in the temple, during which the priest accused her of drunkenness? **A. Rebekah B. Rachel C. Hannah D. Elisabeth**

7: After the first king of Israel failed God, what was the name of the second king anointed?

A. Jonathan B. David C. Solomon D. Abijah

8: Whose son did Elijah raise from the dead?

A. The widow of Zarephath B. The widow of Nain C. Hezekiah D. Naomi

9: Which prophet of God told Naaman to wash in the river Jordan to cure his leprosy?

A. Elijah B. Elisha C. Samuel D. Micah

10: Which man led the Jews back to the land of Israel, following the captivity, with the intention of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem? **A. Ezra B. Nehemiah C. Eliashib D. Hanani**

11: What was the name of Ahasuerus' new queen? **A. Vashti B. Esther C. Ruth D. Hannah**

12: Who preached, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"?

A. Jesus B. John the Baptist C. Peter D. Paul

13: When Jesus was baptized, in what form did the Spirit of God appear to him?

A. A flaming tongue B. A rushing wind C. A dove D. A still small voice

14: Whose 12 year old daughter did Jesus raise from the dead?

A. The centurion B. Jairus C. Peter D. The Samaritan woman

15: What did Jesus eat to convince the disciples that he was indeed raised from the dead?

A. Unleavened bread B. Fish and honeycomb C. Locusts and milk D. Roast lamb

16: Which apostle baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? **A. Peter B. James C. John D. Philip**

17: What did Saul see on the road to Damascus? **A. A shining light from heaven B. A multitude of angels praising God C. A vision of the future D. A vision of the risen Lord Jesus**

18: What was the name of the first Gentile (nonJew) to be baptized?

A. Lucius B. Peter C. Ananias D. Cornelius

19: In the letter to the Corinthians, who does Paul say is a "new creature"?

A. Jesus Christ B. Any man in Christ C. The apostles of the Lord D. An angel in heaven

20: What did the New Jerusalem look like, in the book of Revelation?

A. Like a bride B. Like a golden city C. Like a heavenly cloud D. Like a king



Education Schedule:

Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:
If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities.

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Classes & Youth Groups:**

Classes will run as usual (Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26)

- **Sunday School:**

There will be class on January 9, 16, 23, 30

There will **NOT** be class on: January 2 (Christmas Break)

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January Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Jan Harskamp
Brenda Wassman | 12 Lynn Schram
Alexis Hulstein | 28 Jon Elser |
| 5 Phyllis Vander Linden
Sandy De Vries | 14 Jacob Fox
Mim Ernst | 29 Ken Tjaden |
| 6 Damian Van Der
Sloot | 17 Brayden Bruxvoort | 30 Karen Honken |
| 7 Tracee Brouwer
Ashley Heronimus
Alan Julius | 18 Janice Groen
Matthew Runia
Tanya Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra | 31 Jurnea Bos |
| 8 Angie Buysman
Robert Groen | 20 Kathy Runia | |
| 9 Henry Fisher
Marcia
Oldenkamp | 24 Jayden De Boer | |
| | 25 Kalie De Boer | |
| | 26 Rhonda Riebeling
Dr. Brian Sayler | |
| | 27 Brady Block
Donna Smidt | |



I have found
THE ONE
Whom my soul Loves
SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

~~Anniversaries~~

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|----------------------------|----------|
| 19 Joel & Kathy Verdoorn | 56 years |
| 20 Jim & Jena Ver Steeg | 10 years |
| 26 Cole & Kayla Hoekstra | 14 years |
| 26 Bubba & Sharalyn Tjaden | 37 years |

If you would like to be included in our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar and do not see your name, please contact the office (sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks



PRAY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

1. Collin and Alexis Van Diepen

2. Ger and Barb Van Diepen

3. John and Lois Van Diepen

4. Keith and Janelle Van Drunen

5. Jim and Pauline Van Engen

6. Joel and Angie Van Gelder; Teddy

7. Barb Van Hattem

8. Pray for our College Students

9. Pray for our Church

10. Curt and Peg Van Kley

11. Steve and Leanne Van Kley

12. Dean and Amy Van Marel; Ryan

13. Jena Van Marel

14. David Van Ruler; Kacee, Kelsey

15. Pray for our College Students

16. Pray for our Church
17. Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler

18. Angela Van Tilburg; Jackson, Cole, Trace

19. Justin Van Tilburg

20. Bryan Verdoorn

21. Joel and Kathy Verdoorn

22. Pray for our College Students

23. Pray for our Church

24. Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn

25. Roger Verdoorn

26. Jim and Jena Ver Steeg; Aiden, Logan

27. Faye Vos

28. Caleb Wagenaar

29. Pray for our College Students

30. Pray for our Church

31. Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar

College Students:

Carter Brouwer	Dalten Bremer	Leah Ackerman	Kaitlyn Bechler
Jayden De Boer	Jennifer Cuadros	Grant Brouwer	Jaden Abels
Wyatt Dykstra	Clint Henrichs	Tanner Dykstra	Hunter Rockman
Andrea Leusink	Ashilyn Hulstein	Jagger Johnson	Ryan Van Marel
Austin Wassman	Natalie Klaassen	Alex Mc Dougall	Mariah Elser
		Lane Tangeman	
		Alyssa Wassman	
			Peyton Crichton
			Hannah Lucas

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
Like 21:36

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &
Adrian Bobb
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki
Brian & Donna Renes
J.J. & Tim TenCley
Rowland & Jan Van Es

PRAYER JOURNAL

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS



Most people make New Year's resolutions from time to time, but few people ever finish them! If you want to take a look at someone who made a resolution and didn't finish it, look in the mirror. Maybe we just quit making them because we have failed so many times.

One common resolution is to *read the Bible in a year*. Out on the web there are lots of suggested plans. If you take a look at them, they seem overwhelming – and they are. While it isn't impossible to read through the Bible in a year, it does mean that by reading huge chunks every day you are going to miss out on important things God wants us to know.

I suspect that for many this is the approach they take in order to form a better Bible reading habit, which is a good goal. In fact, it is a necessary goal for every believer in Jesus Christ – to read the words that He loved so much.

If we are honest with ourselves, we all should spend more time each day learning about the God we love. So, here are a few suggestions and maybe by January 2023 you will have changed your life—and managed to meet a New Years' resolution!

1. **Pick a good time of the day** – for you—and put it on your schedule! Make sure you have at least 15 minutes – but 30 minutes to an hour would be great. If we don't schedule our study time, it won't happen. If you get interrupted for a few days make sure you get back to it.
2. Get someone to help you with **accountability**. Who are you going to share this with? Our brothers and sisters are in the same condition—so help one another!
3. **Read one book of the Bible** over the next months, not the entire thing. Follow some of the good study techniques that are on the next page. Consider reading the Psalms, the Gospel of John, or Romans. Get a notebook, and start writing down your thoughts. Reading the Bible involves study—it requires time and diligence.

3 Vital Steps for Studying the Bible

From the Gospel Collation

1. Observe: What Does It Say?

The first step is observation (or perhaps better, comprehension). Whenever we open God's Word, our most fundamental task is simply to see what's there.

The good news is that observation isn't complicated. It mainly consists of reading slowly and carefully in order to gather the basic facts of who, what, where, and when. Good questions to bear in mind include:

- Are there any repeated words or ideas?
- Who is speaking or writing?
- To whom are they speaking or writing?
- Who are the main characters?
- Where is this taking place?
- Are there words that show chronology?
- Are there contrasts, comparisons, or conditional statements?
- What is the logical progression in the author's argument?
- Are there words that indicate atmosphere, mood, and emotion? Figures of speech?
- What are the section divisions and linking words?
- What don't I understand here?

Biblical observation doesn't have to be some drawn-out, laborious process. You don't need to consciously ask and answer each question. The more you engage the Bible, the more alert you'll become to such things.

2. Interpret: What Does It Mean?

The next step is interpretation. You've considered what the passage says, but what does it *mean*? It may help to ask questions like:

- Does the surrounding context clarify any confusing words or phrases? (It's wise to examine the "nearest" context—other verses in the same chapter or other chapters in the same book—before consulting "farther" passages or outside resources.)
- How would I paraphrase this passage in my own words?
- Why did the biblical author write this particular passage? Why did he feel it necessary to include?
- Is my interpretation consistent with what I noticed in the observation stage, or is it too dependent on a few details?
- Do other passages of Scripture fill out my interpretation? (The saying "Let Scripture interpret Scripture" reminds us to let clearer passages shed light on more complex verses.)
- Where does this passage fall in redemptive history? How does it fit within the Bible's teaching as a whole?

3. Apply: How Should I Respond?

After observation and interpretation comes application. This is the ultimate goal of Bible study. In the first two stages you study the text; now the text studies you. To quit prematurely, before applying what you observe and interpret, is like chewing without swallowing.

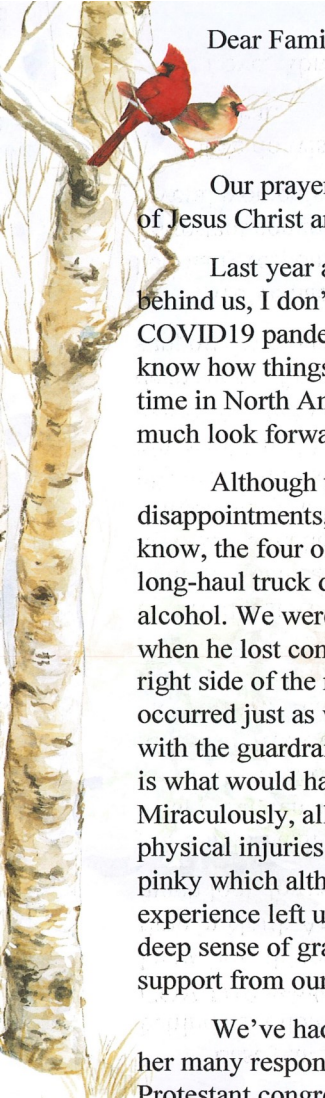
Helpful questions to ponder at this stage include:

- What's something I learned about God—his character, his plan, his priorities, his promises, his desires, his ways?
- What's something I learned about myself? My neighbor? The world?
- What's the "fallen condition" on display in this passage (i.e., what aspect of human sin or brokenness is most evident)? How about the "redemptive solution" (i.e., what aspect of God's grace is most evident)?
- How does the gospel—the stunning news of what God accomplished in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus to reconcile rebels to himself—affect my understanding of this passage? Conversely, how does this passage illumine my understanding of the gospel?
- How do I need to change my thinking or living based on what I've learned?
- How should I be praying in light of this passage?
- Is there an encouragement or promise here that I need to meditate on?
- What implications does this passage have for the way I engage my unbelieving friends?
- How does this passage apply to my brothers and sisters in Christ? How does it speak to our life together as a church?

Take the Plunge

What does this Scripture passage say? That's *observation*. What does it mean? That's *interpretation*. How should I (or we) respond? That's *application*.

Source: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-to-study-bible/>



Dear Family and Friends in Christ around the world,

Our prayers are with all of you this holiday season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to the new year ahead.

Last year as we wrote we had so much excitement that 2020 would soon be behind us, I don't think we imagined that 2021 would come to an end with the COVID19 pandemic still not in our rearview mirrors. Although it impossible to know how things will unfold over the months ahead, our current plan is to spend time in North America next summer reconnecting with friends and family and very much look forward to meeting you all face to face.

Although this past year has its share of setbacks, heartbreaks, and disappointments, looking back at 2021 I have nothing but joy. As many of you know, the four of us were involved in a very serious automobile accident with a long-haul truck driver who was operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol. We were driving in one of the five-kilometer-long tunnels in Nagano when he lost control of his truck which first collided with the tunnel wall on the right side of the road and then ricocheted into our lane. Fortunately, the collision occurred just as we arrived at the tunnel exit and our car was able to come to a stop with the guardrail instead of being crushed against the left wall of the tunnel which is what would have happened had the collision occurred just a split-second sooner. Miraculously, all four of us walked out of our car having sustained no serious physical injuries. Sayuri did need to get several stitches for a laceration to her left pinky which although healed, continues to cause her some discomfort. The experience left us very much in a state of shock. Nevertheless, we came out with a deep sense of gratitude for how God watched out for us and for the love and support from our family and friends throughout Japan and around the world.

We've had many interesting and exciting challenges in our work. Added to her many responsibilities, Sayuri became the interim Pastor of the Oldest Protestant congregation in the city of Tokyo. She also continues her work with several women's organizations and pastoring at Kugahara Church with Abraham.

We do wish you all the best and hope to be able to greet you all in the coming year.

Love, Abraham & Sayuri Kist-Okazaki

from the KIST-OKAZAKI family in Japan.



Joyful

B L E S S I N G S

Thank you for your prayers always.
Abraham, Sayuri, Akio and Haruka

Being the Update from Brian and Donna Renes



Dear friends,

When I was just beginning to work on Bible translation, a very experienced missionary told me that each verse of the Bible has a challenge. My thought was, how can some verses be a challenge? Yet over the years and in the past weeks, I have come to appreciate the challenges and embrace the complexity of finding the right words for each verse.

In the past four weeks, the Tojolabal team and I went over hundreds of verses, making slight revisions in many and correcting very obvious mistakes in others. How had each of us missed some of those obvious errors? One of the reasons for the errors is the fact that all three original translators are now blind. Jose, Demetrio, and Raul are completely blind and unable to work on the computer. They were getting close to completing the translation. Their health concerns slowed the progress and failing eyesight led to minor problems throughout.

Thankfully, Elly began to help the team about three years ago. The Lord knew that her support role would eventually lead to taking over the responsibility and completing the project. She is a young mother with a lot of responsibilities, but at the same time has embraced the challenge to help finish the Bible. Elly is very gifted and has helped improve the work that had been done. Please pray for Elly and the team as they work towards the goal.

Our gratitude to you who have supported the Tojolabal project in Chiapas throughout the years. It will be a joyous celebration in the coming months when the team finishes. God's life-changing word and message of salvation will be in Tojolabal.



Your partners in mission,
Brian and Donna Renes



WINTER



boots	hot chocolate
flurries	icicle
frozen	igloo
gloves	mittens
hockey	penguin
holidays	scarf
shovel	snowboard
skates	snowman
skiing	snowsuit
sledding	sweater
snow angels	toboggan
snowball	winter

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From the library--

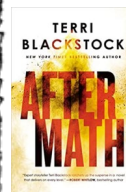
Some of you have indicated you liked the "True Colors" series, historical stories of American crime written as fiction. Here are synopses from two True Colors books added to our inventory:



THE PURPLE NIGHTGOWN by A.D. Lawrence: Heiress Stella Burke is plagued by insincere suitors and nonstop headaches. Exhausting all other medical aids for her migraines, Stella reads "FASTING FOR THE CURE OF DISEASE" by Linda Hazzard and determines to go to the health spa run by the author. Stella's chauffeur and longtime friend, Henry Clayton, is reluctant to leave her at the spa. Despite his uneasy feelings, Stella submits herself into Linda Hazzard's care. Stella soon learns the spa has a dark side and Linda a mean streak. But when Stella has had enough, all ways to leave are suddenly blocked. Will Stella become a walking skeleton like many of the other patients or succumb to a worse fate?



THE BLUE CLOAK by Shannon McNear: Rachel Taylor lives a rather mundane existence in 1797 at the way station her family runs along the Wilderness Road in Tennessee. She attends her friend Sally Rice's wedding only to watch the marriage dissolve into horror as the groom, Wiley Harpe, and his cousin Micajah become murders on the run, who drag their families along. Declaring a "war on all humanity," the Harpes won't be stopped and Ben Langford is on their trail to see if his own cousin was one of the latest victims. How many will die before peace can return to the frontier.



Terri Blackstock is back with **AFTERMATH**: Three best friends are at the venue to hear their favorite band. Only one makes it out alive. When police stop Dustin Webb with a warrant to search his trunk, he knows there's been a mistake. He's former military and owns a security firm. But he's horrified when the officers find explosives, and he can't fathom how they got there. Criminal attorney Jamie Powell was Dustin's best friend growing up. They haven't spoken since he left for basic training, but she's the first person he thinks of when he's arrested. Jamie knows she's putting her career on the line by defending an accused terrorist, but she'd never abandon him. Someone is framing Dustin to take the fall for shocking acts of violence...but why??



A plus for the next book is that it is in large print!! Lauraine Snelling's **THE SEEDS OF CHANGE** is the first book of the "Leah's Garden" series. Larkspur Nielsen is ready for change, frustrated by the small-mindedness of her Ohio hometown and its lack of opportunity for her for her younger sisters. But the push to leave comes faster than she ever expected when several of her bold actions for justice earn her vindictive enemies. Overnight they must pack up and ready to make a new life out West, hoping to escape notice and any opportunities for revenge. Knowing that four women traveling together will draw unwanted attention, Larkspur dons a disguise passing herself off as "Clark" Nielsen accompanying his three sisters. But maintaining the ruse is more difficult than Larkspur imagines, as is protecting her headstrong, starry-eyed sisters from difficult circumstances and available young men. Will reaching a safe place to call home ever be possible?

There are a lot of books just waiting for you to check them out, visit the library soon.

~~Jeannette Juffer

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Esther 4:13-14

And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (NKJV)



Thoughts

It had been a long season. It was twenty degrees on a December Saturday morning and I really didn't feel like getting up this early and driving the hour to my deer lease in order to be there by daylight. But an empty buck tag and a good stand site won me over. I rolled out of bed and bundled up.

At 9:30 that same morning, I was standing over a massive nine point buck. Opportunity had knocked and I had answered.
(Brian H)

Action Point

In spiritual terms we're very good at seeing opportunities, but how good are we at seizing them? More times than not, we see an opportunity and we tell other people about it in hopes that they will seize that opportunity. How tragic that we're so willing to pass off God's blessing to someone else!!!

You see, God is in the business of bringing people and circumstances into our lives with a purpose for us to fulfill. When we decide that we're not going to seize an opportunity that God has put in front of us, then He will allow someone else to accomplish His will and will bless them instead!!!

You know that thing that you've been worrying over or fretting about? Yeah, that thing. God wants you to see that as an opportunity to do something for Him. You've been put right here for such a time as this. Look at life differently from here on. SEE opportunities around you and SEIZE them!!! Perhaps we have been placed here "for such a time as this."

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Winter and early Spring is a great time to inventory your hunting and fishing equipment, fix broken equipment, or cull it if it's not fixable. Mend holes in torn clothes, refletch arrows, clean firearms, brace up deer stands, clean out the tackle box.....in a word.....seize the opportunity to do some clean up and organization.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. b 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. c 6. c 7. b 8. a 9. b 10. b

11. b 12. b 13. c 14. b 15. b 16. d 17. a 18. d 19. b 20. a



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