



The Olive Branch

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

On January 22nd, Linda Hunt Williams (daughter of Jim & Carolyn Hunt) joined the Olive Branch family. She is happily retired now and resettled from her Alexandria, Virginia church.

TOGETHER AS ONE

Every Sunday when it comes time to celebrate the Lord's Supper, I give thanks that I am not presiding over the communion table alone. I stand there with the Elders and Deacons who are serving that day, and together we offer the bread and cup to all who are present. Equally important are the Deaconesses that serve behind the scenes, cutting up the bread, preparing the cups, and placing these items in the trays that hold them. I give the invitation to participate, the Elders offer a meditation and prayers, and then with the Deacons the people of God are fed with the meal that spiritually sustains us.

I am glad I am not alone, or to use the literal Middle English meaning of the word, wholly one. But when we come to the table we are presenting to all who would see that we are made one, as members of the one body of Christ. In Paul's instructions to the Corinthian church on the need to properly observe the Lord's Supper, he wrote, "**The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body: for we are all partake of the one bread.**"

The Lord's Supper is the great equalizer. No matter our social status, the quantity of our possessions or income, we are all the same when we eat of the bread and share the cup. We are made one. We come to the table as flawed men and women, and receive the assurance that we are, in spite of our flaws, always deeply loved by God. Most importantly, in sharing communion together, we are assured that we are not alone. Which seems to be where I started...

Blessings,
~Pastor Richard



A chaplain colleague of mine died last week. We met while being trained to minister through clinical pastoral counseling. One day, I trusted him enough to tell him about how dull and fruitless and boring my prayer and my worship had become.

He asked me what I was looking for in my prayers and worship. I replied that I was looking for some kind of experience of God, some kind of manifestation of God, some powerful sense of God's presence.

He helped me to see that, in the eyes of God, I was missing the point. I should rather be looking for the effects of my prayer and worship in my life. After some initial embarrassment, I got it! I was praying and worshipping not as a way of living into righteousness or right relationship, but as a means

to an end. I am an adventurer, a thrill seeker, and what I expected wasn't happening.

I had it all wrong. I needed to look for the effects of prayer and worship in my life. When we pray and worship, we turn anew toward God on each occasion. We turn toward the light as we see it and hear it again and again and as we are drawn into the purposes of God. And, in that experience, God shapes and transforms and renews us in ways that we may never notice.

Real worship happens when we over and over again turn our lives toward the One that really matters and allow the Lord to shape our interactions and relationships in ways of which we can never be fully aware. That is God's grace with or without a powerful and momentary experience.

God's purposes are served by real people who are being formed in the story of faith and shaped by what is of ultimate worth, week in and week out, their whole lives long. Sometimes the worship is glorious, sometimes spare, often engaging, and sometimes dull.

As we look to God, we are open to a powerful experience of God but neither the one that I sought in the past, nor the one I expected. It comes out of remaining faithful in the midst of the people of God, all of whom are being transformed by God's grace and spirit.

Take Care,
~Fred



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Tuesday Circle was unable to meet, due to the beautiful white matter. Please put our February meeting on your calendar....February 14th, Valentine's Day. Hope to see you all there!

~Donna Haulsee

CWF NEWS

The purpose of CWF is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

On Thursday, January 12th, 2017, the CWF Board met to plan and organize its programs, fundraisers, missions, and outreach projects. Our team leaders presented ideas to be developed this year:

MISSION & OUTREACH (Ann Bradshaw)

There was a review of projects, including support of Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas families, Blessing Boxes, personal hygiene products/clothes provided to schools, Helping Spirit Rising, and support of basic mission finance....to name just a few.

PROGRAMS (Ann Bradshaw)

March 4th

Brunch with guest speaker with other District 9 sisters invited

June 5th

Picnic at Kay Ainsworth's home

September 11th

Dinner at church with guest speaker

December 11th

Christmas dinner and program

Fundraising (Sheila Yeatts)

March 25th

Yard sale (start gathering now)

May 13th

Community spaghetti dinner with area church members invited

October 21st

Fall Bazaar

HOSPITALITY (Marney Brickhouse)

She will organize luncheons, dinners, and special events throughout the year

CIRCLE LEADERS (Donna Haulsee, Carole Kerr)

Donna hosts the Tuesday morning Circle on **each 2nd Tuesday** at Interlude, beginning at 11:45. Elaine Henk leads a Bible study.

Carole hosts the Monday Night Circle on **each third Monday evening** at church, beginning at 7 PM, where she leads a Bible study.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE DATES AND PLAN TO JOIN US.

If you are a woman member of OBCC, you ARE a member of the CWF. Become a blessing to others as we work together through the Christian's Women's Fellowship.

God Bless!

~Kay Ainsworth, CWF Director



MONDAY CWF WILL MEET

on February 20th at 7 PM in the Education Building. We will study the Joy of Elizabeth as recorded in Luke 1:5-15 and 39-45.

The group has just begun a series of nine lessons on the Fruit of the Spirit. We are using a book called Golden Fruit. This book looks at the fruit of the Spirit

as seen in women in the Bible. Our first lesson looked at love as seen in Ruth.

Please join us on the third Monday of each month as we meet in Andy's Sunday School room at 7:00 pm.

~Carole Kerr



NOTES FROM THE WILD SIDE.....

We started our year off with a snow storm that cancelled the youth meeting. Nevertheless, we are ready to kick off 2017. We are planning our annual chili cook off for Feb 19th. Get your recipes ready, and join us for great food and fun. This year, Winter Jam is Thursday, Feb 23rd at Norfolk Scope. I will not be going but encourage anyone to go to listen to Christian music and uplifting testimony. Toby Mac is coming to ODU in March.

This year for our mission trip we will be going to Leech Lake, Minnesota from July 3-7. We will work for a week at an Indian Reservation. We have heard of such great stories from other leaders or groups that have served in this capacity. I cannot wait to see how the Lord will use us to do His work.

We will meet in Feb 5th, and 19th.

~Abby Matschke



The next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 7th at the Schmidt home.

Hope to see you!
~Dick & Betty Barber



Church Family: Pat Allred, Vicki Anderson, Charles & Betty Boy, Duie Brantley, Jackie Gardner (Bonnie Willard's sister), John Hill Gardner, Lucy Hall, Lena Jeffries, Ruby Jones, David Love, Karen Marrow, Joann Mitchell, Ellen Sullivan, Richard Thiel, Sarah Waid

Family and Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, our nation, Jason Arthur (son of Lorraine Beasley), Mike & Betty Boley (Cleve's sister & brother-in-law), Caleb (Brick) Brickhouse (Marney's husband), Peggy Dickens (Vicki Anderson's sister), Melissa Fulgham (Josh & Jessica Fulgham's mom), Tiena Griffith (Nancy Griffith's daughter-in-law),

Robert Harris (Donna Haulsee's nephew), Laura Jessee (friend of OBCC), Barbara Johnson (Robin Moscatti's mother), Lisa Johnson (Gene & Cheryl Johnson's daughter-in-law), Cindi Kane (Susan Fournier's friend), David Kerr (son of Bruce & Carole Kerr), Rob Key, Jr. (Gail & Bob Key's son), Jackson Moscatti (Robin Moscatti's grand nephew), Peggy Parker (neighbor of Thackers), Joyce Perger (Steve Perger's mother), Emilio Pesante (OBCC Choir Director), John Phillips (Bob & June Phillips' son), Gay Razey (friend of Bells), Jim Rodenberg Family (husband of former DOC moderator Carolyn Rodenberg), Edward Rourke (friend of Bells), Bobby Rupert (friend of McPhees), Robert Scheels (friend of Cheryl & Gene Johnson), Louise Simmons (Cris Simmons' mother), Hobart Speegle Family, friends & colleagues (John Speegle's father & Harbour colleague/friend), Jamie VanCleave (Jerry VanCleave's granddaughter)



Our sympathies go to the Speegle family upon the death of Hobart Speegle, John Speegle's father, on January 23, 2017. Please keep this family, their friends, and colleagues in your prayers.



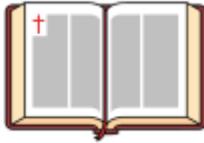
Worship and Wonder (Ages 3-8)

- February 5 Emily Friend, Landa Simmons
- February 12 Landa Simmons, Kim Riffle
- February 19 Landa Simmons, Missy Harbour
- February 26 Ann Bradshaw, Jim Thacker



- February 5 Karen Barrow
- February 12 _____
- February 19 Karen Marrow
- February 26 _____

Did you notice the flower chart in the Narthex? It is blank for most of the year. No flowers for 2 dates in February and blanks spaces on into the year. ACK!!!! Can you help? Please?!



SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

The following scriptures will be used during the Sunday worship services this month.

The underlined passages are the primary passages for Pastor Richard's sermons.

- February 5 Psalm 119:97-107; Luke 7:1-7
- February 12 Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 7:18-35
- February 19 Psalm 130; Luke 7:36-50
- February 26 Psalm 36:5-10; Luke 9:28-45



SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders

- February 5 Norm Harbour, Missy Harbour
- February 12 Ralph Hutton, Jim Thacker
- February 19 Joyce Allen, Skip Jensen
- February 26 Fred Rothermel, Robbie Robertson

Deacons

- February 5 Linda Garrett, Sheila Yeatts, Maralyn Carr, Will Hatcher
- February 12 Lisa Day, Tracey Creech, Tracey Hutton, Phillip Day
- February 19 Abby Matschke, Boyce Mason, Danny Pitts, Elna Pitts
- February 26 Cindy Robertson, Lewis Williams, Harold Barker, Patty Barker

Deaconess

Karen Barrow



CHRISTMAS OFFERING SUCCESSFUL

Thanks to your generosity, OBCC collected \$1,668 this year for Christmas offering. This money will join other collections and meet many needs around the world. Christmas is one of four special offerings each year.

Blessings!
~Sheila Yeatts, Missions



- 05 Karen Barrow
- 05 Norm Hall
- 08 Charles Pruitt
- 08 Barb Thiel
- 09 Andy Bell
- 09 Norm Harbour
- 11 Madison Elam
- 12 Bev Walker
- 13 Kelsey Creech
- 16 Bob Schmidt
- 18 Barb Nicholson
- 21 Patricia Bullock
- 22 Doug Haulsee
- 22 John Savage
- 23 Barb Schmidt
- 24 Steven Ainsworth
- 24 Andrew Pfister
- 25 Tonya Meadows
- 25 Virginia Dare Waltrip
- 26 Rosa Griffin
- 26 Gail Key
- 26 Kathleen Shuman
- 27 Steve Garrett
- 28 Tracey Hutton
- 29 Dick Ivy



- 07 Richard Jones, Jr
- 14 Stephanie Raines



DEACON HELPING PROJECT

Deacons stand ready to provide assistance to members who could use a little help...running an errand, driving to an appointment, help around the house. Deacons serve...not just on Sundays. Contact any of the deacons for help you need.

~Patty Barker



HANDCHIME SESSIONS HAPPY TO ACCEPT ONE MORE NEW MEMBER: Rehearsals are now at 7:30 PM on Thursdays (resuming February 2nd). Contact Irma Gustafson to get more details (757-234-0774 or irmagus@cox.net)



FOOD SHARING PROGRAM UPDATE

Every day we are thankful for those special Valentines in our lives. During February, Valentine Month we can acknowledge those loving and caring Valentines when we make our food donations. We praise God for all the donations you made in 2016. During 2016 your "cups runneth over" into the lives of our neighborhood children and adults who face daily food insecurity. We are grateful for your weekly support of this program. Our church and community is exceptionally blessed and beloved by the caring Valentines in our Olive Branch Christian Fellowship, who consistently make donations to this program. Thanks for being a Valentine every day of the year!

Love
~Jane & Will Hatcher



Dear Olive Branch Family,
Thank you for the beautiful donation of \$3,000.00 to support the work of our Global Ministries partner, Christian Hospital Mungeli. Your gift will do mighty works: like provide for twenty mobile clinic visits to poor, rural villages; or furnish ten rooms in our new nursing hostel (dormitory); or create 85 baby boxes for new moms and their babies. With so much, so many things are possible. And with God's help, we know all things are possible.

~Landa Simmons



OUR DAY OUT

The snow that rendered us all immobile, canceling Worship Services and postponing Our Day Out, finally melted and life returned to normal. While some of our Volunteers had other commitments the following week, when we rescheduled, our Guests were all happy that we had NOT cancelled, but rather postponed, our gathering for a week. Much fun was had by all who chatted over a morning snack, sang favorite hymns with Irma, and shared memories of Christmases past with Mary Lee. A lunch made ready by Marney was devoured over serious conversation (This was a really talkative bunch this month....too much time spent inside because of the snow, I suspect!).

While Donna could not be with us, she left us an assignment to work on, again with more conversation than actual work. Closing out our day was bingo by Larry which proved to be the hit of the day, except for Harold's crying that Larry was a

terrible caller.....that is until he won two (or was it three?) consecutive games. Suddenly Larry became the best caller ever!

As you can imagine, much fun was had by all and, when it was time to leave, some still wanted more bingo. They'll have to wait for February for that, along with our Colonial Heritage Cowboy Bob and Lady Irma sharing the spotlight with some love songs for our Valentine's Day theme.

I've heard a rumor that Bob and his bride of 62 years, Jeanne, may grace us with the Tennessee Waltz. Why not join us to see if that really happens? You'll be glad you did. We are looking for more folks who get lonely at times, as well as folks whose caregivers could use a break. Join us each 2nd Wednesday for fun, fellowship, food, and faith. Try us, you might just like us...

Love in Christ,
~Louise Smith, 757-206-1960
~Christy Jensen



Worship and Wonder!!!

The Worship and Wonder children's program has begun. This is a new exciting program for children ages 3-8, providing them with their own worship experience. Children have specifically directed lessons from both the Old and New Testaments, including parables, sacred stories and liturgical actions. The lessons present God's word using plain wooden figures in a question-and-answer format. The supporting scripture for the lesson is read so children know that their lessons are based on stories in the Bible. After the lesson there is a play time where children can use the wooden figures, puzzles, books, or art supplies as they would like. A very light snack is provided each week. We always use quiet voices, walk slowly or recognize others' personal space as someone might be talking to God and we don't want to disturb them.

There will always be one leader and one or two volunteers in our classroom all the time. Children will be dismissed from the sanctuary after the children's message and brought to our room by one of the volunteers where they will be greeted by the leader. Everyone is asked to remove their shoes outside the door as this is Holy ground and helps keep things quiet and focused.

This program was begun in 1985 by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman. Both are well known theologians. Sonja's granddaughter is employed by the Disciples of Christ headquarters in

Indianapolis, IN and is promoting this program throughout all Disciples congregations. We are very excited to be initiating this program at OBCC.

Please come and visit our class to find out more about the program. Our new program is looking for volunteers to be Greeters and Storytellers. Required training is Saturday, Feb 4th 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (lunch provided). Please contact Ann Bradshaw before February 1st to sign up.

Most of all, we want to thank the OBCC board for allowing us to use the Bob Eley Memorial Fund to support this program.

~ *The Worship and Wonder Committee*
Landa Simmons, Kim Riffle, Emily Friend, Ann Bradshaw



COMFORT FOOD AND GAME NIGHT

Join Pastor Richard for a pre-Valentine's Day dinner and game night in the New Fellowship Hall. Meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes (and gravy, no doubt) are on the menu. Pastor is planning a love-related game time to follow. Start time is 5:00 PM. Be sure to come, eat, and enjoy the fun!



Who is this guy, Cupid, anyway?

Valentine's Day would not be complete without Cupid, the most recognized symbol of love. It is said that if Cupid shoots his love arrow & hits you, that you will fall helplessly, madly in love with the next person you meet.

There are many versions of the story of Cupid and Psyche. The basic theme is the same, but details of the myth vary. From the myth grew the love connection....eventually to Valentine's Day.

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love. In Greek mythology, he was known as Eros, the son of Aphrodite.

According to Roman mythology, Cupid fell madly in love with Psyche, despite his mother's jealousy over Psyche's beauty. When he married Psyche, he told her never to look at him. He visited her only at night. Her sisters convinced her to look at Cupid, despite his warning. She lit a lamp one night so she could see him. Cupid then left her.

Psyche wandered aimlessly, searching in vain for Cupid. She happened upon the temple of Venus. Venus, looking to destroy her, gave Psyche a series of perilous tasks, each one more difficult and previous than the preceding one. Her final task was to deliver a little box to the underworld and get some of the beauty of Proserpine. She was warned not to open the box. But again, curiosity overcame her, and she opened the box. There was nothing in the box but deadly slumber.

Cupid, who really loved Psyche all the while, came upon her lifeless body. He forgave Psyche and swept the deadly slumber back into the box. The gods then made Psyche a goddess. And they all lived happily ever after.

By the way, if Cupid hits you with one of his arrows, you, too, will live happily ever after!

Did you know? Cupid is sometimes shown blindfolded. Why?...Because love is blind!



NOTE ON E-MAILS & SPECIAL NOTICES:

Some members did not receive the recent snow cancellation e-mail (and many did). Although the e-mail was sent to the regular group lists from the church's e-mail address, it was sent on the office secretary's personal computer (served by Cox Internet).

Please be sure that the church's e-mail is entered in your e-mail address book (obcc1833@gmail.com). Also, please make sure that the church's e-mail address is marked in your e-mail settings as a safe or ok sender (if you have that option). The e-mail might go to your junk or spam folder if your e-mail/Internet provider thinks that it is a group spam mail. You might find such e-mail in that folder on your computer instead of in your Inbox.

In the future, should a special cancellation or other urgent notice require a broadcast e-mail, a notice will also be placed on the home page of our website at www.ob-cc.org.

The office is working on development of additional methods of contact to reach as many folks as possible in the future.



FAMILY NIGHTS HAVE RETURNED FOR A 6-WEEK SESSION:

Join in the food, fellowship, learning, and fun on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM through February 22. Ann Bradshaw is teaching *Ruth Redeemed: Seeing the Messiah in the Book of Ruth*.



HERE'S A PEEK AT THE SEASON:

February 28

Shrove Tuesday

6:00 PM Pancake & Bingo at Olive Branch (NFH)

NOTE:

All hosts will offer a soup supper at 6 PM followed by worship at 7 PM on Wednesdays

March 1

Ash Wednesday

6:00/7:00 PM Stone House Presbyterian Church
9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano
757-565-1130 Rev. Alex Creager

Speaker: Rev. Richard D. Cline

From Olive Branch Christian Church
Offering Benefits: Proclaiming Grace Outreach

March 8 HERE AT OBCC

6:00/7:00 PM Olive Branch Christian Church
7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg
757-566-8077 Rev. Richard D. Cline
Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly
From Hickory Neck Episcopal Church
Offering Benefits: Child Development Resources

March 12

Week of Compassion

March 15

6:00/7:00 PM Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
7801 Church Lane, Toano
757-566-0162 Rev. Ann Tang
Speaker: Rev. Robert Whitehead, Sr.
From New Zion Baptist Church
Offering Benefits: From His Hands

March 19

Week of Compassion

March 22

6:00/7:00 PM Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
7479 Richmond Road, Williamsburg
757-564-3745 Rev. James Nickols
Speaker: Rev David Lehman
From Williamsburg Mennonite Church
Offering Benefits: FISH

March 26

Judas Bag Distribution (find an envelope in a basket in the Narthex and NFH)

March 29

6:00/7:00 PM New Zion Baptist Church

3991 Longhill Road, Williamsburg
757-258-0491 Rev. Robert A. Whitehead, Sr.
Speaker: Rev. James Nickols
From Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Offering Benefits: Williamsburg Hospice House & Support Care

April 5

6:00/7:00 PM Williamsburg Mennonite Church
7800 Croaker Road, Williamsburg
757-566-3026 Rev. David Lehman
Speaker: Rev. Ann Tang
From Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
Offering Benefits: The Harbor



HOLY WEEK 2017

April 9

Palm Sunday

Service: 8:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Service: 11:00 AM AND
Worship & Wonder (ages 3-8)

April 12

6:00/7:00 PM Hickory Neck Episcopal Church
8300 Richmond Road, Toano
757-566-0276 Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly
Speaker: Rev. Alex Creager
From Stone House Presbyterian Church
Offering Benefits: Angels of Mercy Medical Clinic

April 13

Maundy Thursday

Service: 7:00 PM
Prayer Vigil begins at 8:00 PM

April 14

Good Friday

Prayer Vigil Ends at 7:00 PM
Service: 7:30 PM

April 16

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM
(Sanctuary East Steps)
Breakfast to follow
Service: 8:30 AM
Dominion Village: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Service: 11:00 AM AND
Worship & Wonder (ages 3-8)
Hang Judas Bags on the Cross or
put in the collection plate



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NFH=New Fellowship Hall
 OFH=Old Fellowship Hall
 EB=Education Building
 SANC=Sanctuary

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Monthly Planner

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Fishing for People

Do you enjoy fishing? Have you ever caught a fish? Fishing is a great sport, and if you have ever been fishing and have caught a fish, you know that there is a great feeling of excitement when you catch a fish. One of the things that makes fishing such a great sport is that it doesn't matter if you are young or old or if you are a girl or a boy -- you can still be good at fishing.

What does it take to be good at catching fish? First of all, you need to have the right equipment. You can't just get piece of string, put a hook on it, and tie it on the end of a stick and expect to catch very many fish, can you? No! You will need a rod and reel. The next thing you need to know is that you can't sit around talking with your friends about fishing or reading fishing magazines and expect to catch any fish. You have to go where the fish are to catch fish. Finally, if you want to be good at fishing, you must learn patience. Sometimes the fish just aren't biting.

One day Jesus was walking along the seashore when he saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. Jesus knew that they made their living by fishing, so he called out to them, "Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Do you know what they did? They laid down their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus wants you and me to fish for people too. That means that he wants us to tell others about what he has done for us and what he wants to do for them. What does it take to be a fisher of people?

First, we need to have the right equipment. We need to know what the Bible teaches and learn how to share it with others.

Next, we need to remember that we can't just sit around reading the Bible and talking about fishing for people and expect to bring them to Jesus. We have to go out where the people are and tell them about Jesus.

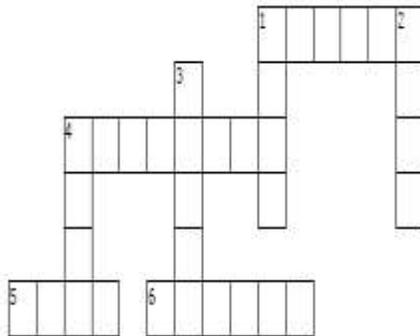
Finally, we must learn patience. Everybody we tell about Jesus isn't going to believe. Some people just won't be interested, but we can't give up. We just have to keep telling people about Jesus, and let Jesus take care of the rest. If we will do these things, we can really become "fishers of people" like Jesus wants us to be. If you think there is a great feeling of excitement in catching a fish, just imagine how exciting it must be to bring someone to Jesus!

Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Mark 1:17



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ACROSS

- To move along behind someone
- Two or more males who have the same parents
- Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)
- Men, women, and children; human beings

DOWN

- An animal without legs that lives in water
- To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
- The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river
- A small vehicle for traveling on water

BOAT	PEOPLE	FISH	NETS
SHORE	WALK	FOLLOW	BROTHERS

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The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).



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BROTHERS	JAMES	NETS	COME	GALILEE
BOAT	PETER	WATER	FOLLOW	BEHIND
ANDREW	LIVING	JESUS	SITTING	FISH
WALKING	PEOPLE	JOHN	SHORE	LEAVING

A LOVE AFFAIR WITH LIFE

"THOU SHALL LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

MATTHEW 22:39 KJV

LIFE CAN BE A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

WITH ROADBLOCKS HERE AND THERE.

WE SOMETIMES NEED A HELPING HAND

WHEN HEARTS NEED SOME REPAIR.

DESPITE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS,

WE ARE BLESSED BEYOND COMPARE.

WHEN WE OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS,

IT'S A LIFETIME LOVE AFFAIR.

LIKE STONES SKIPPING ON WATER,

LOVE ALWAYS MULTIPLIES.

LIKE RIPPLES IN A SPRINGTIME STREAM,

WE NEED NO ALIBIS.

EACH UNSELFISH ACT OF KINDNESS

SHOWS OTHERS THAT WE CARE.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

MAY ANSWER SOMEONES PRAYER!

THE MORE WE GIVE LOVE AWAY

THE MORE WE WILL RECEIVE.

TWO HEARTS RECEIVE A BLESSING WHEN

WE COMFORT THOSE WHO GRIEVE.

LOVE AND LAUGHTER FILL OUR LIVES

WITH MEMORIES TO TREASURE

FOR A LOVE AFFAIR WITH LIFE

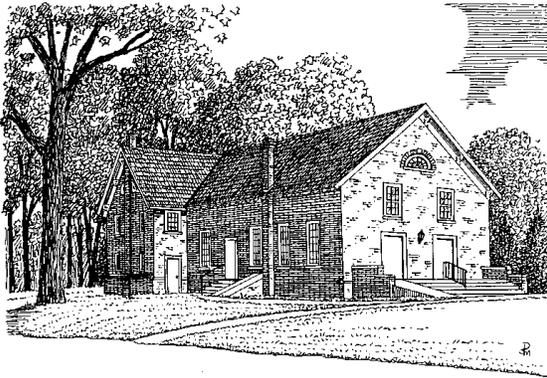
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