

Fun Times

How many words can you make from the words **AGAPE CELEBRATION**?

Dingbats

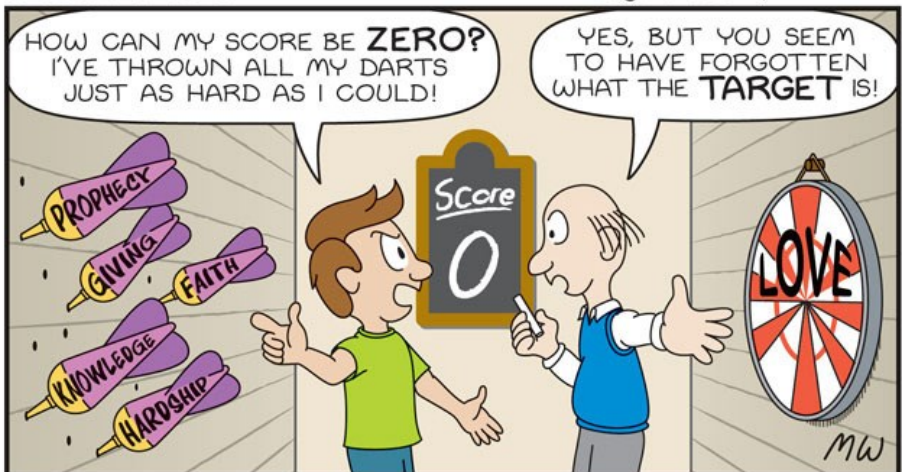
Can you figure out the Bible sayings below?

EJLIFE

SPEECH
EVEREST

GOOSE EGG

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. — 1 CORINTHIANS 13:2-3 NIV

Punch Recipe

From the Cooper's Party

Ingredients

- 4 packets of lemon Crystal Light
- 2 64 oz cans of pineapple juice
- 2 liters Sprite / lemon-lime soda
- Ice

Mix every together and enjoy!

-Angie

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

Pray using the 6 areas of prayer.

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| Praise | Thanksgiving |
| Confession | Intercession |
| Petition | Listening |

MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6b

WHAT TO READ WHEN...

If you are discouraged about your work, read Psalm 126.

THE BIBLE

"Of biblical proportions"

(A reference to the scale of a large natural disaster or cataclysmic event so fast it draws comparisons to biblical accounts of devastation)

The Plagues of Egypt - Exodus 7:14 - 11:10

HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

El Elim

God of gods Daniel 11:36

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ SEPTEMBER 2024

United as One Body in Christ

Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

This month, our prayer focus is praying for our leaders. This is such an important thing for us to do in this tense political climate. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 says that we are to pray for those in positions of authority. The Christians of the early church lived under multiple different governments, many of which were very hostile to Christians. Yet, in Romans 13:1 it says, "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." Paul reminded his readers that they were called to live under the authority of such governments. God has given these governments for social order and justice so no matter what type of government they were under, they were to obey and give what is due, whether it is taxes, respect, or honor. 1 Peter 2 reminds them that they are also to live as foreigners in the land, not tying themselves to any particular nation or political system. As Christians, their ultimate allegiance and authority was to God and His kingdom.

Like the early Christians, we are called to obey our current system, while recognizing we are aliens in this world. I challenge you to examine your own ties to the political system and recognize that the kingdom of God is represented by a diverse, global body of believers, not any political party or nation. As representatives of God's kingdom we are to love all people. Examine your words and actions toward the people and political leaders who think and believe differently than you. Examine the words you share on social media. Examine your attitude toward those who disagree or vote differently than you. Then take time to pray for those who are in leadership over you at every level of government. Paul's words remind us that God, in His sovereignty, has established these leaders in place and will work through them. Ask God to put love in your heart for all people just as Christ has.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeremy

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The prayer focus this month is: **AUTHORITIES & LEADERS**. Here are some specific ways you can pray this month.

Pray that they would have wisdom. This was Solomon's prayer as he ruled the nation of Israel – that he would have "an understanding mind to govern the people" (1 Kings 3:9). Pray that our leaders would have wisdom to know right and the strength to do it.

Pray that they would have discernment. This is the ability to know right from wrong; to know God's leading as opposed to the leading of the enemy (1 Kings 3:9). Pray that God would protect them from lies and deception.

Pray that they would be instruments of God. This was Paul's instruction in Romans 13:4; that rulers, authorities, and governing bodies were actually "servants of God". Pray that our leaders would lead a society marked by tranquility, godliness, and dignity (1 Timothy 2:2).



Connect with Us

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Join Us

~ Sundays ~

Bible Study 9:30

Service 10:45 am

Nursery provided

~ Wednesdays ~

Meal 6:00

Bible Study 6:30

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## Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am to Noon &

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Closed Fridays

## Staff

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### Upcoming Events

#### Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

#### Sunday, September 8

Childcare Training after morning service  
Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer begins

#### Wednesday, September 11

Meal for STEM Middle School Faculty

#### September 14-17 Pastor Jeremy on vacation

#### Saturday, September 21

National Night Out Kick-Off (DeLeon Plaza)

#### Sunday, September 22

The Lord's Supper during the morning service

#### Tuesday, September 24

Noon & 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting

#### Saturday, September 28

Inside Church Deep Cleaning Workday

#### October 1 National Night Out Block Party

### Disciple Collective

Some of our church leaders & teachers attended the Discipleship Collective at Northside on Saturday, August 17th. This is a Sunday School training conference put on by Texas Baptists.



### Call To Action



~ National Night Out Kick-Off & Block Party ~

Plan to attend and possibly help out!

There will be a kick-off party for National Night Out on Saturday, September 21st. It will be from 3:00-6:00 in DeLeon Plaza. We will have a booth there promoting our church and Block Party. If you would like to help 'man' the booth, let the office know! We will be handing out gifts to all ages and church information cards. We will also be having gift card drawings.

Then, next month is our National Night Out Block Party on Tuesday, October 1st. Plan to come and help in some way. Or just plan to come and have fun! You can contact the church office if you want to help out...even if you can just be there to help for a little while. There will be food, games, and other activities. Something for everyone.

### All About Us

**\*Membership for July \***

Total Membership July 91

**\*Average Attendance for July \***

Worship:46 Online:10 Bible Study: 34

**\*Financials 2024\***

Income: \$64,187 Expenses: \$67,512

**\*Financials for July\***

Income: \$11,900 Expenses: \$10,124

A copy of monthly financials are available in the church office if you want a copy.

Welcome  
New Members

NEW MEMBER  
Jayden Giridy

### Online Giving

Give online at [www.ubcvictoria.org](http://www.ubcvictoria.org) OR using the QR code



### CHURCH NEWS

On Saturday, August 3rd, we had a workday to get our shed that was broken into fixed up. Our lawn equipment has been moved into the container. On Saturday, we worked on getting the shed insulated and put in an A/C window unit. It has been turned into our climate controlled storage. This opens up another classroom. Our nursery is now separated from the children's Sunay school classroom. A big "THANK YOU" to those that came and helped out. It was a long, hot day, and we accomplished a lot!

The expansion project is moving forward. We have submitted the site plans to the city for approval. These plans are posted in the Fellowship Hall for viewing. If you would like more information, contact the church office. This project would add 900 square feet to the front of the building and give us a total of 40 parking spaces.

On August 25th, we had a special called meeting to vote in new member, Jayden Giridy. We have several more people coming for membership and will be voting on them soon!

On Sunday, August 18th, we had our Agape Celebration Sunday. After church that morning, we observed the Lord's Supper and had a potluck meal.

### Agape Sunday



# September 2024

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## Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

### Sundays

9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship

### Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.  
Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study

### Thursdays

9:00 a.m.  
Men's Discipleship

### Saturdays

10:00 a.m.  
Drive Up Prayer

| Sun                                                                                | Mon                                       | Tue                                        | Wed                                          | Thu                  | Fri                | Sat                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                  | 2<br>Labor Day<br>Church Office<br>Closed | 3                                          | 4                                            | 5<br>*Abigail Wright | 6                  | 7                                                                       |
| 8<br>Mary Hill Davis Week<br>of Prayer<br>Childcare Training<br>after a.m. service | 9                                         | 10                                         | 11<br>STEM teacher meal<br>*Michelle Camacho | 12                   | 13                 | 14<br>Pastor Jeremy on<br>vacation                                      |
| 15<br>Pastor Jeremy on<br>vacation                                                 | 16<br>Pastor Jeremy on<br>vacation        | 17<br>Pastor Jeremy on<br>vacation         | 18                                           | 19                   | 20<br>*Wayne Boone | 21<br>National Night Out<br>Kick-Off Party<br>3:00-6:00<br>DeLeon Plaza |
| 22<br>Lord's Supper                                                                | 23                                        | 24<br>Prayer Meetings<br>Noon & 6:30       | 25                                           | 26<br>*Ethan Munoz   | 27                 | 28<br>Church Cleaning<br>Workday in the<br>morning<br>*LeRoy Davis      |
| 29<br>*Michael Jonckers                                                            | 30                                        | Oct 1<br>National Night Out<br>Block Party |                                              |                      |                    | *Birthdays<br>♥ Anniversaries                                           |

# 5 Tricky Ways Sin Sneaks into Our Lives

By Alicia Searl - March 12, 2024



## 4. *Getting Defensive and Defiant*

It is easy to become defensive or even defiant when we feel hurt or betrayed by others, or even by God for that matter. However, there is a way of defending what is right without becoming defensive. Remember, as believers our mission is to win people over to Christ. We can't do that if we build a barrier rather than a bridge. But I get it, this is easier said than done. It isn't hard to see that we live in a hostile and divided world. Everyone has a voice, and it can be glaringly loud. Many voices clamoring for attention are blatantly speaking untruth or all out blaspheming God's name! We should never stand for this (Luke 12:10). However, if we aren't intentional and pause before we speak, we can easily get sucked into a heated conflict that may not end well. So, how do we approach this in a way that reveals truth rather than getting pulled into a place that can permeate sinful thoughts or choices? We must be bold, but speak in love. Invite God into the conversation with a quick whispered prayer. Then take time to listen with patience, while speaking truth in love and grace.

## 5. *Compromising or Justifying Behaviors*

Going back to my story where I nearly fell into the TV trying to prevent my eight-year-old from seeing an inappropriate scene, I recall how she looked at me with a straight face and said, "What was so bad about it?" Honestly, I have had those same thoughts, and still do from time to time. It's the human in us coming our front and center. However, the danger in this line of thinking is that in those small (and what is deemed as insignificant) compromises, we find what mentally weakens our character. This is a fine line, as it can so easily lead us to justify sin. The truth of the matter is that God does not excuse sin – ever! Through His abundant grace, He is willing to forgive. But once again, God does not excuse sin! When we compromise our choices, the line of sin gets blurry and grey, and eventually we fail to truly grieve over our sinful choices and repent with a remorseful heart. In time, we don't even recognize it as sin anymore, as we keep falling into the same trap, going down the same destructive path. When we become Christians, we are a new creation. Our old self is dead – gone! We shouldn't even want to return to it (Philippians 3:7-9). So, let's strive to stop compromising our faith for our self, and selflessly live for Christ.

Lord,

Please grant us Your grace and forgive us where we fail You and cave under the pressure of our sin. Sanctify and redeem us. Transform our hearts and lives to reflect the image of Your love. We want to honor You with our choices. We love You!

Amen.

Full article: Full Article: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/slideshows/5-tricky-ways-sin-sneaks-into-our-lives.html>