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Spring Time!

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How to Be Filled

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be filled.*

Matthew 5: 6

It is not necessary to remind newborns that it is time to eat. Newborns don't know much, but they know when they're hungry! And adults know the same thing. Yes, at times we may be so busy that we forget to eat when we should, but our body soon reminds us. When we are physically hungry, we know only one solution: food.

Yes, I am the bread of life! Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh."

John 6: 48-51

But the same is not true with spiritual hunger. We may think we can satisfy spiritual hunger with materialism, advancement, entertainment, or other worldly intake. But spiritual hunger - lack of purpose, identity, meaning, or fulfillment - can only be satisfied by taking in more of God. It was Blaise Pascal who said, in essence, that there is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person that only can be filled by God. Just as there is a "food-shaped vacuum" in humans' stomachs that can only be filled by food, so God is the only Bread of Life that can satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Jesus said that those who hunger for the righteousness of God will be blessed by the fullness of His presence. Satisfy your spiritual hunger for Him today.

They who do not thirst for righteousness shall be in
perpetual hunger and thirst.

Thomas Watson

From Today's Turning Point with Dr. David Jeremiah



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



The Fruits of Repentance



There is a lot of talk these days about repentance and forgiveness. I suppose because of the reality of our fallen flesh, we can try to reason through what the Bible says about what defines repentance and what substantiates forgiveness. When it comes to relating with our relationships inside and outside the Church, the two are not mutually exclusive. There are some questions which need exploring as we consider what are the fruits of true repentance.

What kind of evidence substantiates authentic repentance? When the crowds asked that question of John the Baptist in Luke 3:10, he told them to share with their needy neighbors (Luke 3:11). To tax collectors he said, *“Collect no more than what you have been ordered to”* (Luke 3:13). To soldiers he said, *“Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages”* (Luke 3:14).

In each case, he was calling for a selfless attitude and kindness to one’s neighbors. That short list doesn’t exhaust all the possible fruits of repentance, of course, but it demonstrates that genuine repentance ought to produce the kind of character change that results in a qualitative difference in the way we live. James wrote, *“Faith without works is dead”* (James 2:26). In a similar way, repentance that doesn’t produce works is barren and useless. A person who has genuinely repented is never left unchanged.

The apostle Paul likewise looked for proof of repentance. *“I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,”* he said, *“but kept declaring... to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance”* (Acts 26:19-20, emphasis added).

The emphasis on self-examination is consistent throughout Scripture. Because true repentance is one of the first indications of salvation, believers can and should look to the fruit of repentance for assurance. As Paul said, *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Scripture presents self-examination as an essential prerequisite for authentic assurance (2 Corinthians 13:5). The evidences of true salvation cited in Scripture include the fruits of one’s behavior (1 John 3:18-19), pattern of life (1 John 3:24), and way of thinking (1 John 5:1-2).

Don’t be misled: Salvation is in no way merited by our works, and therefore true assurance is not ultimately grounded in our performance. Self-examination can destroy false assurance, but you’ll never find settled assurance merely by looking at yourself. In the end, we have to look away from ourselves and rest in the objective promises of God’s Word. True lasting assurance is anchored in the promise of salvation to all who believe. That promise is as true as God Himself and needs no empirical verification.

Still, self-examination is a necessary and biblical aspect of gaining assurance. It is the process by which we evaluate the quality of our own faith. And the fruits of repentance are the evidence we must seek.

This is especially crucial in the contemporary evangelical environment. Multitudes believe they are saved merely because someone told them so after a cursory conversation, the simple reciting of a canned prayer, the raising of a hand in a public meeting, or sometimes even less.

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People have not been challenged to examine themselves. Rarely do they test their assurance by God's Word. As a matter of fact, many have been taught that doubts about their salvation can only be detrimental to spiritual health and growth.



But Scripture demands self-examination. In fact, we're supposed to examine ourselves regularly, every time we partake of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:28). Paul's famous challenge to the believers at Corinth clearly has the doctrine of assurance in view: *"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test?"* (2 Corinthians 13:5 emphasis added). And Hebrews 10:22 indicates that *"full assurance of faith"* comes from *"having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience."*

So, we need to examine ourselves in the process of coming to grips with assurance. Nowhere is this made plainer in Scripture than in 1 John, one of the key passages of Scripture on the subject of assurance. In fact, the epistle was written with the express purpose of building the assurance of true believers. John wrote, *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life"* (1 John 5:13). His aim is to deepen the assurance of genuine Christians—those *"who believe in the name of the Son of God."* He's not trying to provoke doubts in the presence of authentic faith; he is giving us a basis to *"assure our heart before Him"* (1 John 3:19).



Notice again, however, that our faith in Christ is the ultimate ground and foundation of true assurance. Self-examination is simply the process by which we examine whether our faith is genuine and our repentance real.

True believers should not be unnerved by the biblical call to self-examination. Unbelievers and mere hearers of the Word, on the other hand, need to have their self-confidence shaken. So the apostle John names several practical tests that may be used to determine the authenticity of faith—including such things as obedience (1 John 2:3-6; 3:1-10), sound doctrine (1 John 2:21-28; 4:1-6), and love for the brethren (1 John 3:14-19; 4:7-11). Those are fruits of true repentance.



Cites taken from John MacArthur's thoughts on Grace to You.



Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13th
Children are invited to open the service by walking down the aisle waving palm branches.



Good Friday Service - Friday, April 18th at 7 p.m.
Plan to join us for this meaningful service as we remember our Lord as he was put to death on the cross.
Together, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper and worshipping our Lord.
Please invite your family and friends.



Resurrection Sunday Service - April 20th
Come celebrate our ***RISEN SAVIOR*** together and proclaim His ***RESURRECTION*** and the empty tomb!

In this issue:

Good Leadership

We put to rest our research statements with heartfelt gratitude of American farmers through their years of diversity, achieving high standards, supplying the world with the best quality of foods, while enduring hardships managing the American family individual farm.

**Isn't it amazing that good leadership
can change the morale and attitude of the world?**

Americans have been standing in the forefront of the world since the beginning as the Mayflower pilgrims introduced Jesus Christ our Lord over the domain of the new America. We as Christian Americans have the responsibility to set forth a standard of respect, being mindful of others, knowing God only created two genders, male & female. We all need to apply our individual attention to using correct mannerisms, making America and the world great again.

Refresh your memories with these basic courtesies:

- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Greet people with a simple smile
- Hold doors for others
- Say "excuse me" when necessary
- Actively listen to conversations, making eye contact when speaking to someone, avoid interrupting, and use appropriate language
- Mute your phone in public settings
- Respond to messages promptly when appropriate
- Be mindful of personal spaces
- Avoid making assumptions about people
- Avoid offensive language
- Be punctual, arriving on time for appointments and meetings
- Offer help when needed
- Be considerate of other's feelings
- Teach table manners at an early age
- Remember that immigrants, arriving from different areas of the world, have different etiquette or manners from which you may have been taught.

Remember the old adage "GOD IS WATCHING;" however, so is the technological world.

An old cowboy quote, "Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction."



Thoughts from **BOB,** the Blacksmith

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

April

6 Lynda Kolehouse & DeeAnn Ruiters
13 Nancy Redd & Mary Sall
20 Mary Helmus & LeeAnna Yates
27 Nancy Eveland & Colette Cramner

May

4 Renee Cook & Renee Hanlon
11 Christie Pikaart & TBD
18 TBD
25 Stephanie Rockey & Kim Schaefer



Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled
please contact Karen White 231-519-9488 as soon as possible.*



MAY is the month we celebrate Mothers!

Ways to show your Mom, Mother-in-Law, or Grandma you care:

1. **Write a letter of gratitude to your mom or mother-in-law.** Tell her why you love her and give specific examples of what you've learned from her.
2. **Do yard work as a family.** It's springtime, so weeds need pulling, trees and bushes need trimming, and everything needs power washing. Get the whole family involved. It's Mother's Day, which means they can't say no.
3. **Host a virtual Mother's Day party.** Invite your mom's friends from near and far to celebrate Mother's Day (virtually) together.
4. **Make it a family movie night.** Instead of watching the latest box office release or streaming show, watch home videos instead. Rewind the years by seeing reels from your childhood and years before becoming a mom.
5. **Flip through family photo albums.** Share stories from your childhood or reminisce about special moments with your family.
6. **Go on a one-on-one date with your child.** As our kids get older, spending time together can get more difficult, but not impossible! Spend quality time together doing something you both love or try something new to you both, like taking a cooking class, visiting a traveling art exhibit, or attending a concert.
7. **Make a memory jar.** Scripture stresses the importance of remembering. *Psalm 77:11 reads, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago."* When we take the time to remember, we can more easily see God's faithfulness and love for us. Looking back and remembering our moms offers similar benefits. Ask family members to fill the jar with notes recalling favorite memories shared with her.
8. **Send video greetings.** Ask family members and friends to send short videos saying why your mom is so amazing. Maybe your mom prayed over your best friend before her wedding. Or your mom always serves in the infant room so she can rock the babies and pour into new mothers each week. Your mom probably has no idea the difference she makes in the lives of others.
9. **Create a gratitude journal.** Who says gratitude journals belong only at Thanksgiving? Mother's Day can be a great time to start one, too. Ask each family member to write down things they appreciate about your mom (or grandmother) and share them over brunch.
10. **Pray for moms.** Motherhood never gets easy. Each season comes with its own set of joys, heartaches, challenges, and triumphs. The Lord knows this so well. Be intentional about praying for the mothers in your life. Ask God to sustain and encourage them. Lift up each mom by name and include specific requests you know they carry.

Family Christian: Lisa Rowell

Grandparents are special, too!

- Every child deserves grandparents who take a special interest in them.
- They deserve to be spoiled with love and homemade food and feel like the world's most important person.
- They deserve people in their lives besides us who they can trust and depend on for anything.
- They deserve grandparents who always show up, not because we guilt them into it but because they want to be there as often as they can.
- They deserve grandparents who don't consider babysitting a sacrifice but a chance to spend more time with their favorite people – their grandchildren.
- They deserve people who tell them how funny, intelligent, creative, and kind they are. People who see so much good and hope in them besides their parents.
- They deserve the kind of love where outsiders can see how much they mean to each other. It's in a gaze, a warm expression in their eyes as they meet, and a soft yet loving smile.
- Every child deserves grandparents who take a special interest in them.



From the book MOTHERS ARE MADE

CHURCH ETTIQUETTE

1) COME. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him from church."

2) COME EARLY. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.

3) COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. "The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate."

4) TAKE A PLACE TOWARD THE FRONT OF CHURCH. Leave the rear seats for those who may come late, and for backsliders, and mothers with children.

5) BE DEVOUT. The church is not a theater or place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our very utmost reverence.

6) HELP STRANGERS TO FIND AND FOLLOW THE SERVICE. If they have no book, share yours with them. Sing! Join in the worship! Don't just sit!

7) ALWAYS—REMEMBER THAT STRANGERS ARE THE GUESTS OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.

8) GIVE A GOOD OFFERING TO GOD. God loveth a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received.

9) NEVER RUSH FOR THE DOOR after benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to. Be congenial.

10) NEVER STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS NOT PERFECT. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

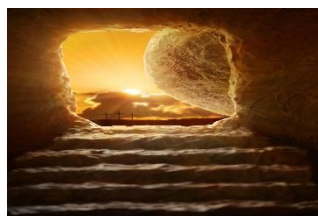
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Exercise Your *Spiritual Gifts*

Using your Spiritual Gifts is very important here at Woodville Community Church. To aid you in determining what your spiritual gifts are, we have tests to guide you. The tests (and info on how to calculate the scores) are located on the back table in the narthex under the mailboxes, and are also available on the church website at www.woodvillechurch.org.

Our Board encourages you to take the time to fill out the assessment form and turn in the results to the church office.





April 2025



Sunday

WORSHIP
SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:45 a.m.

Monday

Ladies Aid
Bible study

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY

8:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

AWANA &
H.O.P.E.

6:00 p.m.

EVENING
SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD
MEETING

6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for April: ED & PAULA GRAY		1 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	2 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	3 Praise Team practice	4	5
6 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	7 LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY	8 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	9 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	10 Praise Team practice	11	12
13 Palm Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	14	15 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study Men's Evening Bible Study	16 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	17 Praise Team practice	18 GOOD FRIDAY Evening Service	19
20 RESURRECTION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE	21 LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY Board Meeting	22 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	23 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	24 Praise Team practice	25	26
27 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	28	29 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	30 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE			



April Birthdays

10 Beverly Johnson
13 Annaliese Baar
16 Michelle Doornbos &
Bill Edwards
19 Joe Wagner
23 Mary Yates
26 Annie Mercer
28 Renee Hanlon
30 Sharon Stieg



April Anniversaries

3 Daryl & Pauline Wabeke
4 Bobby & Carianne Smith
21 Isaiah & Ruth Davison
28 Garry & Colette Cramner

Items on this calendar are subject to change



MAY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Sunday school 11:45 a.m.	Greeters for May: Marilyn Davis			1 Praise Team practice	2	3
Monday LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.	4 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	5 LADIES AID	6 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	7 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	8 Praise Team practice	9
Tuesday MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8:00 a.m.	11 <i>Mother's Day</i> WORSHIP SERVICE	12	13 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	14 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	15 Praise Team practice	16
LADIES BIBLE STUDY 9:30 a.m.	18 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	19 LADIES AID Board Meeting	20 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Evening Bible Study	21 AWANA PICNIC/ AWARDS H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	22 Praise Team practice	23
Wednesday AWANA & H.O.P.E. 6:00 P.M. EVENING SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	25 WORSHIP SERVICE	26 Memorial Day	27 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	28 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	29 Praise Team practice	30
3rd Monday BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.			31			

May Birthdays	
6 Stephanie Rockey	16 Penelope Minor & Dave Rottier
9 Amelia Crane & Hayden Cook	18 Shelly Werner & Randy Hahn
10 Colette Cramner	24 Don Foust
11 Shelley Cook	27 Nancy Rottier
12 Norita Cooley	31 Tom Helmus



May Anniversaries

21 Brad & Amanda Baar
 27 Ron & Renee Jensen
 29 Phil & Chris Rottman

Food For Thought...

Crockpot French Onion Meatloaf with Melted Swiss Cheese

Ingredients:

3-4 large sweet onions, sliced
4 tablespoons salted butter
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon onion powder
1 pound ground beef
1 cup breadcrumbs



For the Onions:

3-4 large sweet onions, sliced
4 tablespoons salted butter

For the Meatloaf:

1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon onion powder
1 pound ground beef
1 cup breadcrumbs

Additional Ingredients:

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Step 1: Caramelize the Onions

1. In a skillet over medium heat, melt the **salted butter**.
2. Add the **sliced onions** and cook for **15–20 minutes**, stirring occasionally, until they're golden brown and caramelized. Set aside once cooled slightly.

Step 2: Prep the Meatloaf Mix

1. In a mixing bowl, combine the ground beef, breadcrumbs, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder.
2. Use your hands or a fork to mix gently until just combined—avoid overmixing to keep the meatloaf light.

Step 3: Assemble in the Crockpot

1. Grease the bottom of your slow cooker lightly with cooking spray or oil.
2. Place half of the **caramelized onions** at the bottom of the crockpot.
3. Shape the meatloaf mixture into a log and place it on top of the onions.
4. Cover the meatloaf with the remaining caramelized onions.

Step 4: Add Swiss Cheese

Sprinkle the shredded Swiss cheese evenly over the top of the meatloaf and onions. Ensure the cheese covers the surface for maximum meltiness.

Step 5: Cook Until Tender

Cover the slow cooker and cook on low heat for 6–8 hours or high heat for 3–4 hours, until the meatloaf is fully cooked (internal temperature should reach 165°F) and the onions are tender.

Step 6: Serve and enjoy!

Let the meatloaf rest for 5–10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with fresh parsley or extra Swiss cheese if desired. Serve alongside mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, or crusty bread for added satisfaction.

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Prep

Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 10 mins

Additional Time: 1 hr 30 min Total Time: 1 hr 55 mins Servings: 16

Yield: 1 (9x13-inch) dish

Ingredients

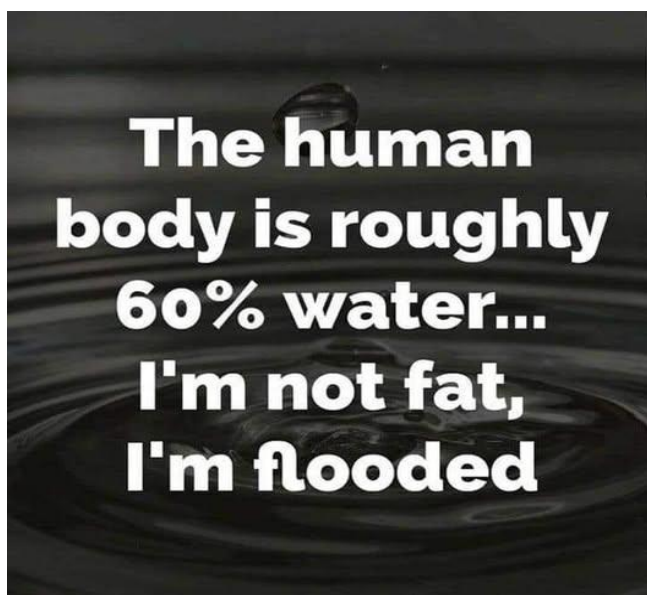
1 ½ cups crushed pretzels
¾ cup butter, melted
4 ½ tablespoons white sugar
2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup white sugar
1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 cups boiling water
1 (6 ounce) package strawberry flavored Jell-O
1 (16 ounce) package frozen strawberries



Directions

1. Gather ingredients, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 deg)
2. Mix together pretzels, melted butter, and 4 ½ tablespoons sugar in a medium bowl until well combined. Press into the bottom of a 9x13-inch dish.
3. Press into the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan. Bake for 10 minutes, or until lightly toasted. Set aside to cool completely.
4. In a medium bowl, beat the sugar and cream cheese until smooth.
5. Fold in whipped topping and spread evenly over the cooled crust. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.
6. Stir together boiling water and gelatin mix in a second large bowl. Mix in frozen strawberries; stir until thawed and pour over cream cheese mixture in the dish.
7. Refrigerate until completely chilled, at least 1 hour. Slice and enjoy!

"...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..."



**JUST SPENT 45
MINUTES ON THE
TREADMILL.
TOMORROW MY
GOAL IS TO TURN
IT ON.**

ME YELLING AT A SQUIRREL
TO GET OUT OF THE ROAD
SO IT'S NOT SQUISHED BY A CAR
IS PROBABLY THE SAME FEELING
MY GUARDIAN ANGEL HAS
WATCHING ME LIVE MY LIFE



ACTIVITY PAGE

John Chapter 15- 30 Bible Quiz

15. Who was the disciple whom Jesus loved, mentioned in the Gospel of John?
16. According to John chapter 1, what was the role of John the Baptist in relation to Jesus?
17. In John chapter 5, Jesus heals a man who had been paralyzed for how many years?
18. What significant event takes place in John chapter 4 at a well in Samaria?
19. In John chapter 12, what did Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, anoint Jesus with?
20. What final command did Jesus give to Peter in John chapter 21 before his ascension?
21. In John chapter 10, Jesus declares himself to be the _____ of the sheep.
22. True or False: In John chapter 13, Jesus washes the disciples' feet as an example of humility and service.
23. According to John chapter 16, what did Jesus promise to his disciples before his departure?
24. In John chapter 7, Jesus attends the Feast of _____ in Jerusalem.
25. What powerful statement does Jesus make in John chapter 8, declaring, "I am _____"?
26. How many days did it take for Jesus to rise from the dead according to John chapter 2?
27. In John chapter 9, Jesus heals a man who was born _____.
28. According to John chapter 17, what did Jesus pray for regarding future believers?
29. What title did the sign on the cross above Jesus' head bear in John chapter 19?
30. Who betrayed Jesus according to John chapter 13?

ANSWERS:

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| 15: John (traditionally believed to be the author) | 24: Tabernacles |
| 16: He prepared the way for Jesus' ministry | 25: "I am the light of the world" |
| 17: 38 years | 26: Three days |
| 18: Jesus meets the Samaritan woman and reveals himself as the Messiah | 27: Blind |
| 19: Spikenard | 28: That they may be one in unity |
| 20: "Follow me" | 29: King of the Jews |
| 21: Good Shepherd | 30: Judas Iscariot |
| 22: True | |
| 23: That he would send the Holy Spirit to guide them | |