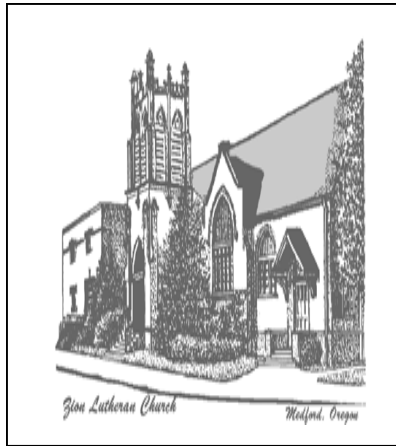


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# The FOCUS

May/June  
 2011

Reaching out and sharing God's Love with all  
 ...through worship, service, teaching, and caring.



Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

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 Rod Voss

**Mother's Day is May 8th!**

**Motherly Advice...**

- Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.
- Be careful or you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- Close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!



**Father's Day is June 20th!**

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.  
 Fathers Day quote by Jim Valvano

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope.  
 Fathers Day quote by Bill Cosby

A father carries pictures where his money used to be.  
 Fathers Day quote by Unknown

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.  
 Fathers Day quote by Charles Wadworth



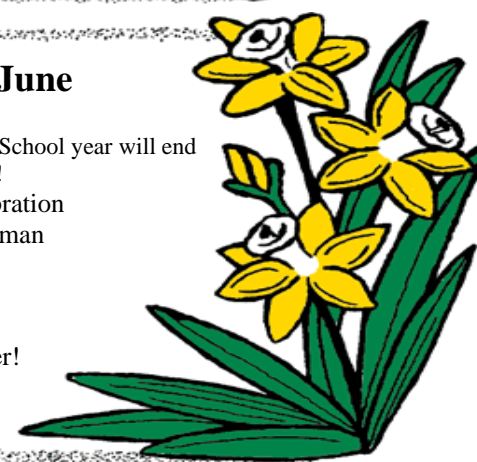
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- May 1 No Bake Sale
- May 3 Altar Guild Council meeting
- May 5 National Day of Prayer
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 9 Mary Circle
- May 15 Holy Humor Sunday and Wacky Hat Potluck
- May 17 Sarah Circle Dinner
- May 18 Esther Circle Luncheon
- May 21 Armed Forces Day
- May 22 St. Peter Lutheran Choir Concert
- May 31 Memorial Day



**Upcoming Events—June**

- Early June: 2010/2011 Sunday School year will end  
 End of year party!
- June 12 Graduation Celebration for Thomas Bowman
- June 14 Council meeting
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 21 1st day of summer!



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# Alleluia!

## HAPPY SPRING, HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!!

Just as surely as the hours of sunlight are getting longer, temperatures are rising; flowers are blossoming; trees are budding, and powerful, sweet fragrances delight our sense of smell this time of year, so in a like manner, **Jesus**, the risen Christ, invites us to be renewed in a spiritual springtime!!.

While we may not feel the new life inside us corresponding to the annual renewal of life going on all around us in nature, the Church invites us during the **seven weeks of Easter** leading up to Pentecost on June 12th to focus on and be blessed by the **risen life of Christ** in an internal springtime in our hearts!

God is **more than enough!** He is not only with us; He goes before us into every situation and relationship in life--speaking life and wisdom into our lives, and as Margaret Feinberg expressed it in *Enjoying Everyday Life*, in July, 2007, God **answers, bestows, blesses, blots, calls, cares, cleanses, clothes, comforts, corrects, counsels, covers, delights, delivers, disciplines, encourages, fills, forgives, gathers, gives, guards, guides, heals, hears, helps, holds, increases, keeps, knows, leads, lifts, listens, loves, opens, pours, preserves, protects, provides, purifies, rejoices, remembers, rescues, restores, rewards, satisfies, saves, speaks, strengthens, sustains, teaches, upholds, watches and works.**

No matter what fear or doubt you may be facing--no matter what lack--you can be assured that you have **not** escaped His notice. He is actively engaged and working on your behalf. God has not only gone with you into your situation--He has gone before you. It is said, "Why fear tomorrow? God is already there!" Happy Easter season! Happy spring with, in and through the One who ushers in springtime!

God loves you and so do I!  
Pastor Cyril






**MEMBERSHIP** is a special way of saying, "I'll be here; I'm committed to participating in the mission of Zion to share Jesus and His saving grace with my/our world; **Count me in!**" If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Cyril. The opportunity will be given to celebrate **membership** monthly.

**LEGACY**-- a way to ensure that your faith will live on when you go to your heavenly reward is to remember Zion Lutheran in your will. Thank you for helping your church to continue its ministry when you're gone to your heavenly reward! Please remember Zion in your will.

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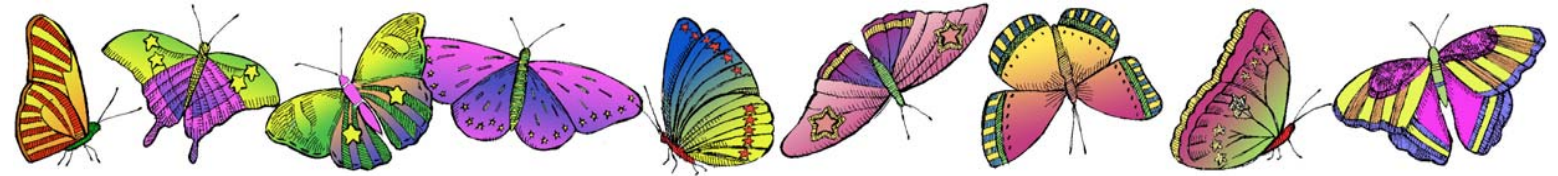
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**May Activities**

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8 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Third Sunday of Easter  Mother's Day	9  Mary Circle 10:00 a.m.	10	11 12 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 5:30 pm	12	13	14
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**No Bake Sale!!**  
Sunday, May 1st, following the Worship Service.

Zion will hold a "No Bake" Sale  
To assist the Magda family with medical expenses incurred during Mayli's recent very serious illness.

Thrivent will be generously matching funds for the first \$500.00 collected by Zion.



Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is our National Day of Prayer. There will be a one hour time of prayer held on that day from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Worship Center of the First Church of the Nazarene on McAndrews Rd. in Medford. A time of worship will begin at 11:45 a.m., with the program of prayer beginning at 12:00 noon. Pastors from multiple congregations will lead prayer on different focus topics. Please plan on joining the churches of the valley in united prayer for our nation on May 5th.



**Thrivent Rogue River Chapter May Social Event**  
at  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1020 E. Main St., Medford**  
May 22, 2011, 5:00 p.m.



Please come and enjoy the performance of two newly formed Community Children's Choirs and the St. Peter's Adult Choir. There will be a reception after the concert, hosted by the Rogue River Chapter of Thrivent Financial. Please RSVP by May 18th to the office of Travis Cowan, 541-646-4109.



**Holy Humor Sunday Potluck**  
May 15th,  
following the Worship Service.

In celebration of Holy Humor Sunday, we will be having fun with a "Wacky Hat" potluck. Wear your wackiest hat and bring your wackiest potluck main dish, salad, or dessert.

Coffee, tea, and drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Debi or Sandy.



**June Activities**



**Flag Day**  
Tuesday, June 14th  
God Bless America!!!



Tuesday, June 21st



Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

**WORRYING** does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

## Youth and Sunday School Activities



The Sunday School 2010/2011 year will be officially ending in early June and the Sunday School children and Youth will be having an outside party to celebrate.

Please watch for an announcement of the dates and details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

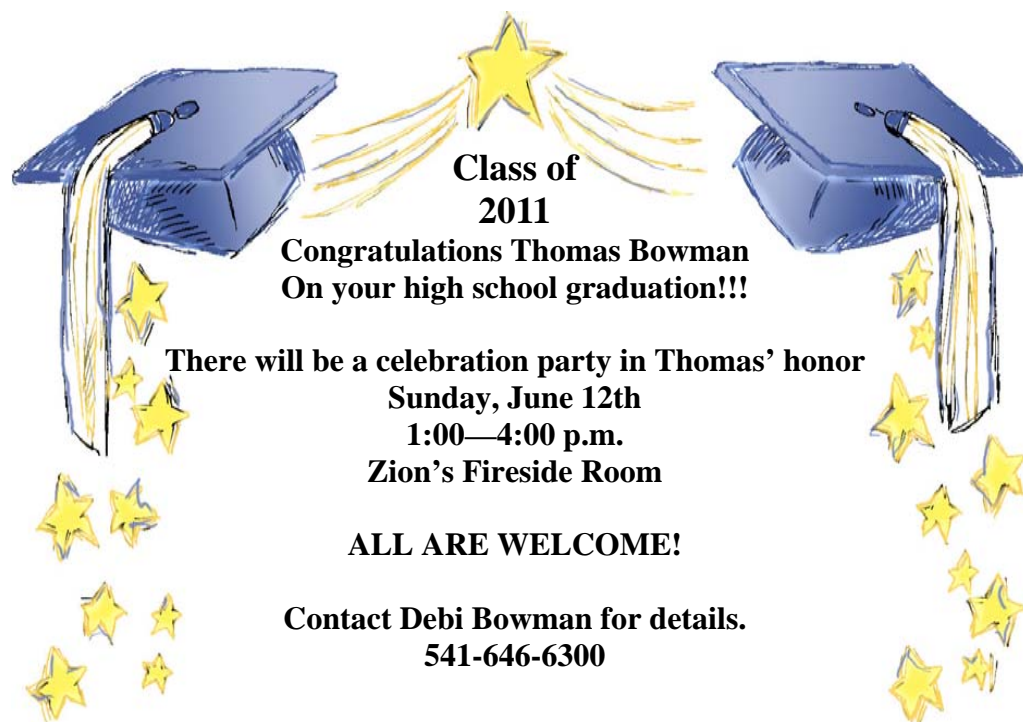
Have a happy, safe, blessed, and fun-filled summer!!!

### Out of Eden

A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of their favorite Old Testament story. As she moved around the class, she saw there were many wonderful drawings being done. Then she came across the drawing of one little boy. He was busy drawing a man driving an old car. In the backseat were two passengers—both scantily dressed.”

“It’s a lovely picture,” prompted the teacher, “but which story does it tell?”

The little boy seemed surprised at the question. “Well,” he exclaimed, “doesn’t it say in the Bible that God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?”



Class of  
2011

Congratulations Thomas Bowman  
On your high school graduation!!!

There will be a celebration party in Thomas’ honor  
Sunday, June 12th  
1:00—4:00 p.m.  
Zion’s Fireside Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Debi Bowman for details.  
541-646-6300



## May 2011

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
May 1	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Lila Gast	Zack & Brady Williams
May 8	Linda Mustain	Dres Thiel	Myrtle Petruck	Hailey Schwenn
May 15	Youth	Brady Williams	Sandy Knutson	Zack Williams
May 22	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Jeanne Hopkins	Steven Rader
Mar 29	Karen Fredenberg	Bud Cullmer	Lila Gast	Hailey Schwenn

## June 2011

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
June 5	Karen Thomas	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Zack & Brady Williams
June 12	Nancy Swan	Dres Thiel	Jeanne Hopkins	Steven Rader
June 19	Youth	Brady Williams	Sandy Knutson	Zack Williams
June 26	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Lila Gast	Hailey Schwenn

Please call Karen at 541-664-4433 if you are unable to assist at the scheduled time. Thank You!



### Bulletin Folders:

Month of May  
Jeanne Hopkins

Month of June  
Bob & Barbara Simmons



May & June  
Debi and Sandy

# NEWS Notes



The jokes, cartoons, and items sent to me for use in The Focus are greatly appreciated, but please also send info on sources and/or authors of printed items (except jokes and cartoons), as I must give credit in order to put the item, stories, etc. in our newsletter.  
Blessings and Joy,  
Penny

**Newsletter DEADLINE**  
**June 20th**



- A reminder that Pastor's sermons are recorded on tape weekly and will be sent to any who request a copy, just for the asking.

**Prayer requests:** If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needed, please send an email to office@lutheranswired.org and mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.

The grandson of Paul J. Schwartz, who was a member of Zion from about 1960 through his death in 1981, is wanting very much to make contact with anyone who may have known his grandfather. This grandson did not have opportunity to know his grandfather during the grandfather's lifetime and is desiring to learn what he might through those who knew him. Mr. Schwartz, at the time of his death, was married to a woman by the name of Josephine who was also a member of this Church. If you have memory or especially any photos of Mr. Schwartz and would care to share those memories or photos with the grandson, please jot down your reminiscence and give to Penny. If any photos are available Penny will be happy to make a copy for the grandson.



Our very own Debi Bowman has been awarded the TOPS Club, Inc. Chapter Merit Certificate (1st Place winner!!) for her achieved weight loss in her division IN 2010. She has also received the 2nd Place award for achieved weight loss in 2010 in her local chapter of TOPS.

CONGRATULATIONS  
DEBI!!!



**TOPS**  
(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is great support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to come and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Debi Bowman: 541-646-6300

or

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360

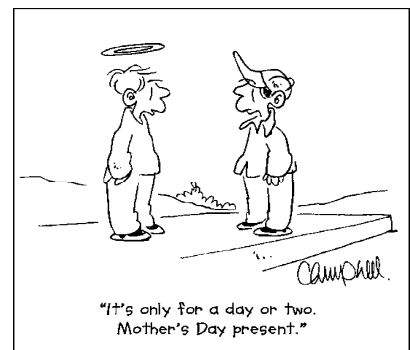
**What is God calling *you* to share by way of ministry?**  
Please pray about our continuing ministries here at Zion. Are there any changes or new things that we want to do as individuals or as a congregation?  
Pastor Cyril



**Joy Proper: Seminary**  
**Thomas Bowman: High School**

### What the Bible says about Mothers...

- Gen 3:20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.
- Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."
- Lev 19:3 "Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God."
- Deu 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."
- 2 Ki 4:30 But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.
- Prov 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.
- Isa 66:13 "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
- Ezek 16:44 Everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb about you: "Like mother, like daughter."
- Luke 1:43 "But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
- Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.



Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

Sam Ewing

Faith is much better than belief. Belief is when someone else does the thinking.

R. Bukminster Fuller



Where you stand should not depend on where you sit.

Jane Bryant Quinn



**Mary Circle**  
**May and June 2011**  
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible study and fellowship.  
Monday, May 9th  
Regular meeting  
**June, July, August: no meetings**  
If you have any questions, contact Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689 or Diane Lewis at 541-772-1710.

**Sarah Circle**  
**May and June 2011**  
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m.  
For dinner and Christian fellowship  
**Tuesday, May 17th**  
Rosso's Trattoria  
541-779-0460  
31 S. Grape St., Medford  
**Tuesday, June 21st**  
Thai Garden Restaurant  
541-727-7502  
43 N. 3rd St., Central Point  
All ladies are invited to join us!  
If you have any questions, contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.

**May**  
1st: Karen & Jerry Thomas  
8th: Nancy Swan  
15th: Potluck  
22nd: Mike & Linda Mustain  
29th:  
**June**  
5th:  
12th: Debi Bowman  
19th:  
26th:

As of newsletter publication these were the only dates taken for the May & June Coffee Hours and flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. Thank you

**To All Members and Friends:**  
**Friendly Reminder!**

Do you have household items you no longer need, want, or use?

We have posted an information sheet on the bulletin board from *Quality Consignment* in Medford. Anyone wishing to may take items there for re-sale.

If you would like to make use of your unused items to support Zion, just tell *Quality Consignment* to credit Zion's account and they will send us your proceeds from the sale. *It's that easy.*

A list of acceptable items for re-sale has been posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting Zion !!

**Can you help?**  
The Food Pantry is in need of the following:  
Egg cartons—1 doz. count size  
Plastic bags, i.e. grocery bags sm. or med. size empty pill bottles (for dispensing laundry soap).

**Esther Circle**  
**May and June 2011**  
Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. The meeting place varies each month.

**Wednesday, May 18th:**  
Luncheon out

**June, July, August: no meetings**

If you have any questions, contact Lila Gast at 541-830-8219.



**May Birthdays**

- 03 Todd Wearne
- 06 Debi Bowman  
Pastor Mark Gilderhus
- 10 Nancy Swan
- 14 Virginia Garner
- 15 William Wearne III
- 17 Kyle Nelson
- 19 Diane Lewis  
Joy Proper
- 29 Jayson Humberd

**June Birthdays**

- 04 Stormy Jahn
- 06 Eric Olson
- 12 David Cullmer
- 17 Emily Cushman  
Pam Garrett
- 18 Al Olson
- 22 Ava Rader  
Doris Evans
- 29 Rebecca Bowman  
Rozeana Bowman



**Anniversaries**

May:  
29th James and Rose Myhre

June:  
21st Jonathan and Rozy Bowman



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please leave Penny a note or phone the office with your information so that your big days will be remembered next year. We don't want to miss anyone! Thanks!!

**Sick/Surgery/Other:**

Ariel	Patrick Lewis
Brandyn Bowman	Dan McCormick
Kathy Carboni	Lisa Mustain
Bob Cordova	Doug Pierce
Diane Cordova	Helen Platzke
David Cullmer	Joy Proper
Steve Dutton	Jeannine Reddell
Mike Felder	Shantil Reid
Karen Fredenberg	Trinity Reid
Steve Fredenberg	Clayton Schneider
Ilse Hargrave	Max Shott
Pastor Cyril Hunkler	Virginia Stanfield
Marie Hutchison	Karen Thomas
Dale Janzen	John Van Slack
Jenna Jenkins	Bud Van Vrimm
Jenny Lewis	Lisa Williams



**Shut Ins:**

- Ed Andren
- Vonnie Fichtner
- Myrtle Hoover
- Gloria Hannaford
- Evelyn Phelan



Joined in Prayer



- Andrew Bates
- Jonathan Bowman
- Alex Bustard
- Andrea Castagnato
- Michael Chamberlain
- Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
- Chad Hoover
- Justin Schneider

**Note About the Prayer Lists:**

We will be reviewing names monthly on the prayer lists. Names will be removed unless we are informed that they still need to be on the list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer lists up to date.

**When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.**

**A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"**

**Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"**

**Holy Humor!**



**A saintly affirmation of humor**

Rev. F. Chris Anderson of York, PA, offers this "Saintly Affirmation of Humor" for Holy Humor Sunday services (many taken from past issues of JN.)

- We believe with the Bible that "there is a time to weep and a time to laugh."
- We believe with Chrysostom that "laughter has been implanted in our souls."
- We believe with Aquinas that "there is a time for "Playful deeds and jokes."
- We believe with Luther that "You have as much laughter as you have faith."
- We believe with Calvin that "We are nowhere forbidden to laugh."
- We believe with Francis De Sales that "humor is a foundation for reconciliation."
- We believe with Wesley that "A sour religion is the devil's religion."
- We believe with Kierkegaard that "Humor is intrinsic to Christianity."
- We believe with Dostoevski that "If a person laughs well they are a good person."
- We believe with Chesterton that "A good joke is the closest thing we have to divine revelation."
- We believe with Bonhoeffer that "Ultimate seriousness is not without a dose of humor."
- We believe with Fulton Sheen that "The only time laughter is wicked is when it is turned against he who gave it."
- We believe with Flannery O'Conner that "Christianity is a strangely cheery religion."

**I Dare You!**

At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and I had to either give it all to God's work or give nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

When he finished and moved toward his seat, there was an awed silence As he sat down, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, "I dare you to do it again."

**Study Topics** Need a little help? We all do! Study the verbs of God in the Bible. Reflecting on God's work in your life will help you overcome every fear and doubt with faith. Here are some to get you started!

- |                                 |                                  |                                |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| God answers (Isaiah 58:9)       | God gathers (Deuteronomy 30:4)   | God protects (Psalm 41:2)      |
| God bestows (Proverbs 8:21)     | God gives (Matthew 11:28)        | God provides (Psalm 111:5)     |
| God blesses (Deuteronomy 14:29) | God guards (Psalm 97:10)         | God purifies (1 John 1:9)      |
| God blots (Isaiah 43:25)        | God guides (Psalm 73:24)         | God rejoices (Isaiah 62:5)     |
| God calls (1 Thessalonians 4:7) | God heals (Hosea 14:4)           | God remembers (Psalm 111:5)    |
| God cares (Nahum 1:7)           | God hears (Psalm 69:33)          | God rescues (Psalm 91:14)      |
| God cleanses (Jeremiah 33:8)    | God helps (Psalm 37:40)          | God restores (Psalm 71:20)     |
| God clothes (Isaiah 61:10)      | God holds (Psalm 73:23)          | God rewards (Proverbs 19:17)   |
| God comforts (Isaiah 51:12)     | God increases (Deuteronomy 7:13) | God satisfies (Psalm 132:15)   |
| God corrects (Job 5:17)         | God keeps (Deuteronomy 7:9)      | God saves (Isaiah 49:25)       |
| God counsels (Psalm 32:8)       | God knows (Matthew 6:8)          | God speaks (Isaiah 30:21)      |
| God covers (Psalm 91:4-6)       | God leads (Isaiah 42:16)         | God strengthens (Isaiah 40:29) |
| God delights (Zephaniah 3:17)   | God lifts (Psalm 146:8)          | God sustains (Psalm 55:22)     |
| God delivers (Psalm 37:40)      | God listens (Psalm 10:17)        | God teaches (Isaiah 54:13)     |
| God disciplines (Proverbs 3:12) | God loves (Psalm 37:28)          | God upholds (Psalm 37:24)      |
| God encourages (Psalm 10:17)    | God opens (Deuteronomy 28:12)    |                                |
| God fills (Job 8:21)            | God pours (Isaiah 44:3)          |                                |
| God forgives (1 John 1:9)       | God preserves (Psalm 41:2)       |                                |