



The Connection



Rejoice
always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:11)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

*Rejoice
in the Lord always.
I will say it again:
Rejoice!*
- Philippians 4:4



The joy
of the
Lord
is MY
Strength!
-Nehemiah 8:10

¹ [King] Hezekiah sent word ... "People of Israel, **return to the LORD**, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that he may return to you who are left, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.... He will not turn his face from you if you return to him." ... ¹³ A very large crowd of people assembled in Jerusalem **to celebrate the Festival** ... ¹⁵ They slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed and consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings to the temple of the LORD. ... Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May **the LORD, who is good**, pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets their heart on seeking God ... even if they are not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary." ²⁰ And the LORD heard Hezekiah and **healed the people**. ²¹ The Israelites who were present in Jerusalem **celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great rejoicing**, while the Levites and priests praised the LORD every day with **resounding instruments** ... ²³ The whole assembly then **agreed to celebrate the festival seven more days**; so for another seven days **they celebrated joyfully**. ²⁴ Hezekiah king of Judah provided a **thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep and goats** for the assembly, ... ²⁶ **There was great joy** in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. ²⁷ The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, **for their prayer reached heaven**, his holy dwelling place. (2 Chronicles 30, NIV)

A Word from Pastor Dave

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:2-6, NIV)

Summer Saturdays in the Sun Parlour are here! Looking at the calendar of events listed in this news letter you can see the campfire theme sizzling all throughout July and August. I am presenting that as good news for a few good reasons but some may be curious why. Why, turn church upside down in the Summer with outdoor services and fellowship events on the wrong day of the week? Let me mention what I think are the top 3 reasons.

First, we are a church that prays and in Colossians chapter four the Apostle Paul encourages us to be watchful and thankful as we pray. The context is about looking for where God will, “open a door ... so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ”. Anybody going fishing understands that in different seasons you are most likely to catch different fish with different bait. Here in the Sun Parlour, Covid reminded us that if you do an outdoor service at the side of a busy road which leads to a few summer destinations some people will stop and take notice. Thus as God seems to have “opened that door” we are eager to keep it open as long as He is using it.

Second, we are a church that sees the value and biblical imperative of 1. Worship, 2. Fellowship, 3. Discipleship, 4. Ministry And 5. Evangelism. So which day of the week should we be dedicating to these five core functions of the Christian life? Of course the answer is everyday! Everyday we want a simple, significant and sustainable plan to Grow (discipleship), Minister (being

the hands and feet of Jesus) and Connect (with God, one another and those God brings across our path. IE. Worship, Fellowship and Evangelism). Since we view South Point as a launching pad where we encourage and equip one another to be Christ’s Ambassadors in our community we want to be intentional about the small amount of time we get to share together. For example, our leaders understand that true Christian fellowship can’t all happen on Sunday in the lobby after the worship service. Thus having various gatherings through the year which emphasize discipleship, fellowship, ministry and evangelism along with our worship, hopefully can become the catalyst for those things being increasingly worked into our daily lives. Specifically, in relation to our Summer fellowship events it is notable that this encouragement function of gather is not minor in the way the author of Hebrews describes it; nor is it something that just one person or pastor is doing for the whole group, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:23-25, NIV)

Finally, South Point really values the ministry that everyone brings to the table! Our volunteers work tirelessly all through the year. So shaking things up in the Summer helps give many of our volunteers a bit of a break; or at least a change (And they say, “A change is as good as a rest.” Seriously, you can google it. It’s an old English Proverb.) Also, in the past the change has brought forward some new talent and we ADORE new volunteers! In a nutshell, we hope you can join us this Summer for a pile of great Campfire Stories, etc. Campfires where your Divine assignment to encourage the person in the lawn chair to your right, might be your best assignment yet! Because God actually does want us to, “make the most of every opportunity.” and to, “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:5-6).





July Birthdays

2 Nathan

2 Abe

10 McKenna

15 Hilka

20 Mack

22 Theo

24 Bob

27 Al

27 Ezra

29 Charis

31 John

August Birthdays

4 Zelia

6 Sophie

8 Donna

9 Emry

10 Wes

18 Aiden

23 Charlotte

23 Dave

23 Samantha

25 Spencer

26 Barb

27 Autumn

31 Caleb

JULY DATES

2 Outdoor Summer Saturday Service 6:30 pm

6 Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am

9 Church BBQ

13 Prayer at Church 10:30 am

16 Outdoor Summer Saturday Service 6:30 pm

18 Women's Get Together 7 pm

20 Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am

23 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am

24 Outdoor Baptism Service 10:30 am

27 Prayer at Church 10:30 am

30 Teddy Bear Picnic 2 pm

31 Community Church Service at Sea Cliff Park 10:30 am

August

3 Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am

6 Campfire Service 6:30 pm

10 Prayer at Church 10:30 am

13 Outdoor Summer Saturday Service 6:30 pm

16 Pool Party For The Ladies 6:30 pm

17 Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am

20 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am

20 Movie Night

24 Prayer at Church 10:30 am

27 Outdoor Summer Saturday Service 6:30 pm

31 Prayer at Ruby's 10:30 am

September

2 Campfire Service 6:30 pm



Hawaiian Chicken Foil Packs

INGREDIENTS

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 cup classic BBQ sauce | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce | Kosher salt |
| 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil | 1 tbsp. freshly ground black pepper, divided |
| 1/4 cup chopped cilantro, divided | 1 red bell pepper, stem and seeds removed, sliced 1" thick |
| 1/4 cup sliced scallions, divided | 1 red onion, halved and sliced 1" thick |
| 2 tbsp lemon juice | 2 cups cubed fresh pineapple |
| 1 tbsp smoked paprika | 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
(2 to 3 pounds total) |
| 2 tbsp grated fresh ginger, from a 1" piece | |

DIRECTIONS

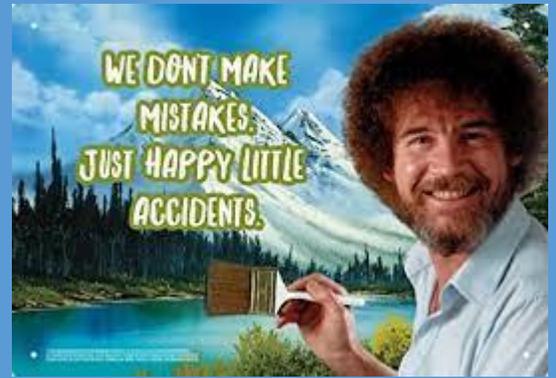
- Heat grill to medium-high for at least 3 minutes.
- In a small bowl, stir together BBQ sauce, soy sauce, oil, 2 tablespoons each cilantro and scallions, lemon juice, paprika, ginger, garlic, and 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper.
- Divide the bell pepper, onion, and pineapple between 4, 16" square sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil.
- Top each packet with a chicken breast and season with 2 teaspoons each salt and pepper, dividing evenly.
- Pour the sauce over top, dividing evenly, then tightly fold each piece of foil to make a packet and place on the grill.
- Grill, covered and undisturbed, for 20 minutes, then use tongs to carefully open the top of each packet. Grill for another 5 minutes, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast reads 165°.
- Remove from the grill and let rest for 5 minutes. Transfer contents of each package to a plate and spoon any remaining sauce over top. Garnish with remaining 2 tablespoons each cilantro and scallion, dividing evenly.



Reflections by J'Aime

Bob Ross was a talented painter who, for many years, hosted a show called 'The Joy of Painting' on PBS stations in the US. He'd spend a half an hour each week calmly talking about how to paint beautiful landscape pictures with simple tools that everyone could easily obtain. He'd start with an empty canvas and, when he was done, a beautiful scene would appear.

The sheer joy that he exuded as he taught us about painting happy trees and fluffy clouds is amazing to see. He truly brought his joy to life to share with those around him. You could be the worst artist in the world and still come away from one of his tutorials with a canvas full of odd triangles that are supposed to be mountains and trees and a smile on your face.



Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). We are encouraged to rejoice in the days that the Lord has made (Psalm 118:24) and make joyful noises (Psalm 95). We are told that the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). In fact, the ESV translation of the Bible mentions joy and rejoicing over 400 times.

There seems to be a pattern here.

Joy is contagious. If it wasn't meant to be so easily spread God wouldn't have woven it into the fabric of His word or into the very nature of the Holy Spirit. The ability to experience joy is a gift given to us by God so that we can share that positivity and that light with the world.

Now, by no means are we saying that the Christian life is perfect and happy every moment of every day. Bob Ross put it best: "You have to have dark in order to show light, just like in life." God knows we won't be joyful and happy every second of every day. This is a normal part of our existence! If this wasn't a normal thing then the Bible wouldn't spend so much time reminding us to turn to the Lord for our strength and comfort. "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

Summertime is here so many of us are heading out on adventures. We seek to travel for pleasure and relaxation. Just think of the joy you can spread by simply going forth with the power of the Holy Spirit charging you up!

You don't have to have a nationally syndicated television show to spread joy and love. All you have to do is give of that joyful fruit that God has placed into you. The Holy Spirit will always make sure you have an ample supply to give.

Daily Blessing: His Joy Is Your Strength by Susie Larson

May God give you faith and joy while you wait for your breakthrough. May He fill you with hope and expectancy so you'll be fully assured that He's more involved in your story than you can imagine. May you know--in the deepest places of your soul--that Jesus is working in ways you cannot see. In due time your faith will become sight and you'll be glad that you trusted Him. In the meantime, may you be generous to those in need, compassionate to those who struggle, and kind to those whom the world overlooks. You're an ambassador of the Most High God. Trust Him with your whole life today!

Nehemiah 8:10 (NLT)

And Nehemiah continued, "Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the LORD is your strength!"

Ministry Highlight



This month we would like to highlight our Women's Ministry. It is so important that we take time out of our busy lives and to connect with one another. Remind each other of God's truth, to encourage one another, to pray, to share God's love with others and to have fun. There are many different ways that you can participate. Here are a few options:

Women's Bible Studies

We meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7pm via zoom to study a book of the Bible or do a video series based on the Bible. We will be starting a new study in the Fall called "Get Out Of Your Head" by Jennie Allen. This will be a 6 week study on the book of Philippians. More info to follow.

Social Gatherings

We have started to meet in person once a month to do something fun together. This summer we will be getting together on Monday, July 18th for a devotion and a craft. On Monday, August 22nd we will be meeting at Wendy's house for a pool party. More details to come.

Women's Retreat

This Fall we will have the opportunity to go on a Women's Retreat on the weekend of September 23 to September 25 to Lambton Centre. This weekend is filled with great food, speakers, crafts, walks to the beach and great fellowship. Once I have more details from Janet I will pass on but mark your calendars now.

If you would like to help out with this ministry or have any ideas of Bible studies or activities that we could do, please let Tracy know (tracy@southpointcc.ca, 226-347-0033).

GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS • 6 SESSIONS

JENNIE ALLEN

The greatest spiritual battle of our generation is being fought **between our ears.**

JENNIE ALLEN
Get Out of Your Head Book

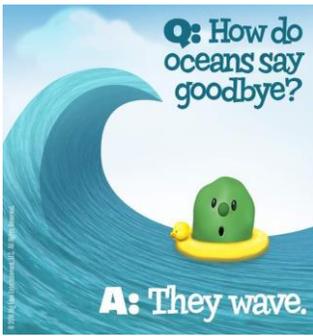


VeggieTales Quiz

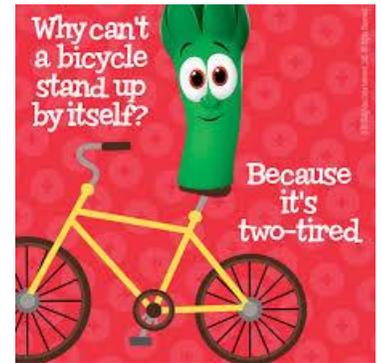
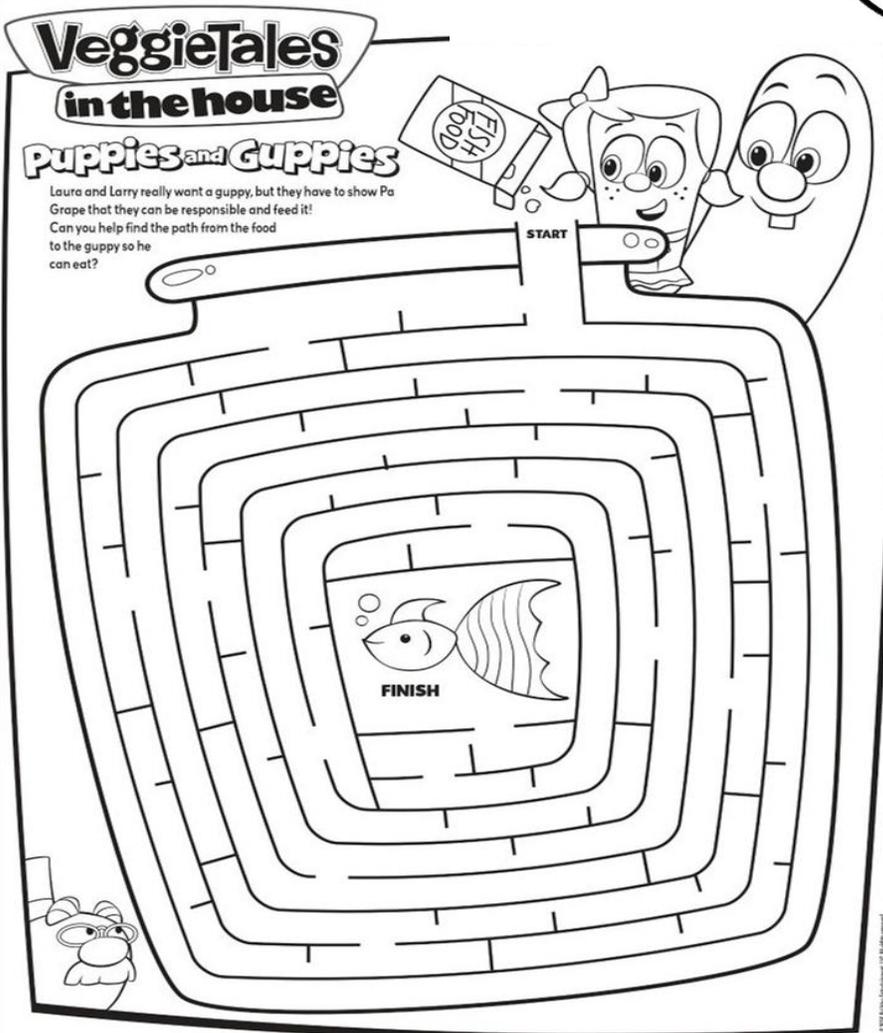
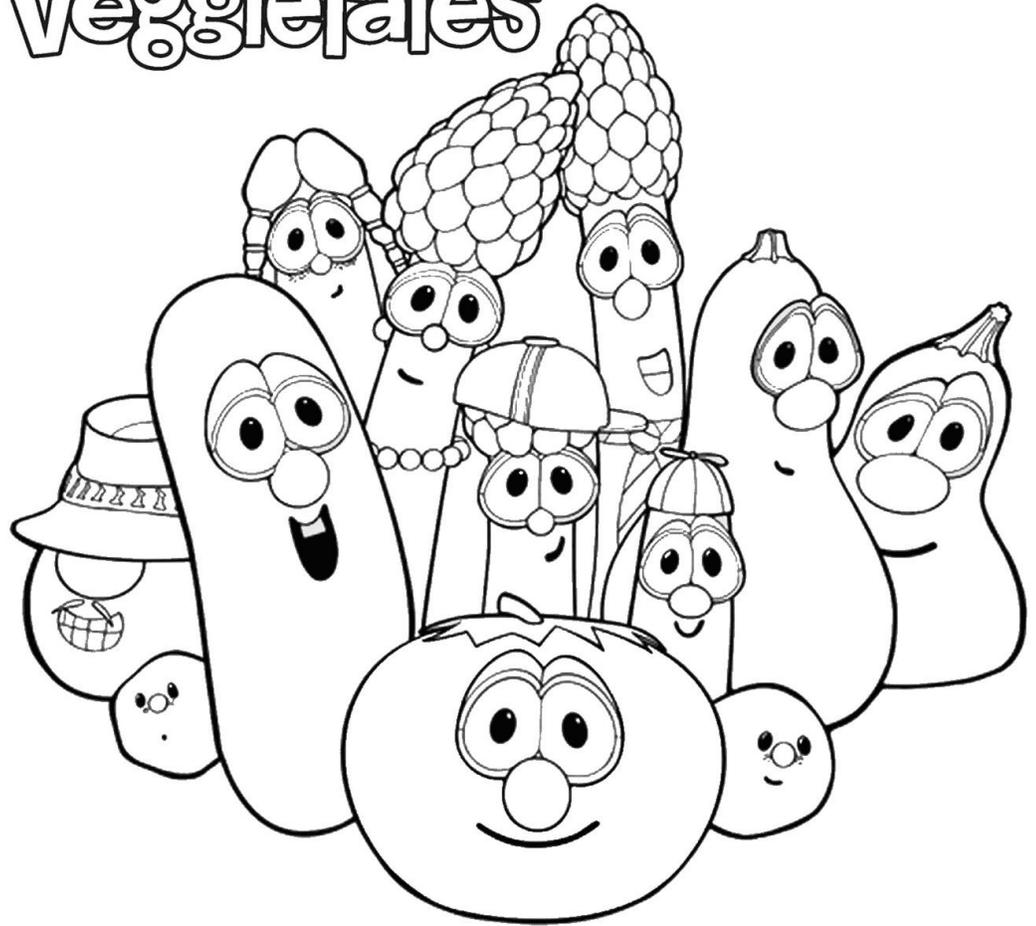


1. We'll start with an easy one. Who is the red-colored co-host of the show?
 - a. Dave the Cherry
 - b. George the Apple
 - c. Larry the Strawberry
 - d. Bob the Tomato
2. He serves as the butler to Larry Boy! Which veggie speaks with an Oxford English accent?
 - a. Madame Blueberry
 - b. Archibald Asparagus
 - c. Larry Boy
 - d. Mr. Nezzar
3. We'll tell you that they're siblings, but who are Percy & Li'll
 - a. Carrots
 - b. Peas
 - c. Green Beans
 - d. Corn
4. What is the name of the computer that Bob & Larry talk to at the end of each show?
 - a. Qwerty
 - b. Apple
 - c. P.C.
 - d. Keyboard
5. He's GIANT according to the rest of the veggies. Which kind of vegetable plays the villain Goliath?
 - a. A gourd
 - b. A zucchini
 - c. A cucumber
 - d. A pickle
6. Which of these characters acts as both a co-host and superhero figure of the show?
 - a. Pa Grape
 - b. Larry the Cucumber
 - c. Jr. Celery
 - d. Dr. Pickle
7. These brothers are often seen as a pair. What are the names of the squash siblings?
 - a. Jimmy & Jerry
 - b. Jack & Johnny
 - c. Josh & Jonah
 - d. Jared & John
8. Which character starred in the very first VeggieTales video "Where is God When I'm S-scared?"
 - a. Junior Asparagus
 - b. Archibald Asparagus
 - c. Laura Carrot
 - d. Mr. Lunt
9. She's so blue, she's so blue, but what is her name?
 - a. Bluebell
 - b. Ms. Razzberry
 - c. Delilah Berry
 - d. Madame Blueberry
10. Which gourd is known for his hybrid Spanish/New Jersey accent?
 - a. Mr. Nezzar
 - b. Mr. Lunt
 - c. Jerry
 - d. Ichabeezer





VeggieTales



Answers To Veggie Tales Quiz:

1. Bob The Tomato
2. Archibald The Asparagus
3. Peas
4. Qwerty
5. A Pickle
6. Larry The Cucumber
7. Jimmy & Jerry
8. Junior Asparagus
9. Madame Blueberry
10. Mr. Lunt