



# The Grapevine

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## Stop Having Devotions

By Stanley D. Gale

Just about every year I read through the Bible. Yes, that includes books like Leviticus and Lamentations. This reading schedule is part of what is popularly called “devotions,” that daily discipline of Bible reading and prayer that serves as a staple for spiritual nourishment and growth in relationship with Jesus Christ.

If devotions are part of your regular routine, my advice to you is to stop.

Should we have devotions or shouldn't we? You may be thinking, “Seems to be a bit of a mixed message here, or maybe it's a case of a mixed up messenger.”

Let me back up a bit. I have learned to read my Bible every day as part of a discipline of my Christian life. Isn't that devotions? Yes. And no. There was a time in my life, one I still slip back into, where I would have my “quiet time” (another evangelical expression for devotions) and be happy I had my quiet time. The problem was when those devotions became routine and would even become an end in themselves. The reason I

had my devotions became to have my devotions.

My first step away from having devotions as religious routine came when I realized that my time reading the Bible and prayer was actually a meeting with God, an encounter with God rather than the Bible. The second phase came when I started approaching my Bible reading worshipfully rather than devotionally. The latter is what I'd like to share with you here. I see reading the Bible worshipfully involving at least four things.

### **Recognize the Bible as God Himself speaking**

The Bible informs us that it is the breathed-out word of God Himself. That means when we read it we are hearing the voice of God.

### **Take note of what God reveals about Himself in what you are reading.**

This morning I read Joshua 14-15 about the division of the recently conquered land of Canaan by the Israelites. It seems like tedious reading with no spiritual benefit, until you remember that God is revealing Himself through it to you. Then you start to take note that God is the one who brought victory, by His grace and might;

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## STOP HAVING DEVOTIONS CONT.

God is the one who establishes boundaries; God is involved in the affairs of men. And, He is the same God who has traced out the boundaries of your life, and they have fallen in pleasant places.

**Read the Bible in conversation with God.**

If God is speaking in your reading of the Bible and if God is telling you about Himself and His dealings with men, then you can interact with God as you read. This morning as I read in Joshua, I praised God for His wisdom in apportioning the land as He did. I read of the Anakim, those giants of the land, and I marveled at the might of God and how I can overcome obstacles through Him. I read of the faithfulness of Caleb and asked God to keep me faithful. As I read the laundry list of cities, it occurred to me that God doesn't just deal in theory; He deals in reality. I talked to Him about His dealing in my reality.

**Receive God's communication through the filter of the cross.**

The Bible is a redemptive document from start to finish. Jesus Himself makes that clear in His tutorial in Luke 24:44-47. That means that everything we read has something to do with Jesus and our need for Him in the salvation He accomplishes or the strength He gives. When you read about God's holiness, justice, mercy, grace, goodness, love, power, faithfulness or whatever else God tells you about Himself, ask yourself, "How does this relate to Jesus and His saving work?" This is where your reading of the Bible worshipfully shifts into high gear. You start to look at your life and ask Jesus what your reading requires of you. Back to Joshua. I read of the tribe of

Judah and my mind went to God's plan for the birth of Jesus, who was descended from Judah. Paul's sermon in Acts 17 occurred to me, where it says that God "determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place." That passage prompted me to give God glory for His gift of repentance and faith to me, and to seek Him for His work of grace in those I love and want to be an influence for Christ.

The trick is not just to get your Bible reading in. Be ready to linger, to ruminate in the Spirit a bit. The Spirit will bring other things you've learned (like me thinking of Acts 17) to your mind. It's not unusual to feel a burning in your heart in enflamed passion for God or conviction of sin as you see yourself (or not) in what you're reading, or to feel profound gratitude for all that God has done for you. Just because you're Presbyterian, don't be afraid to feel.

When I urge you to stop having devotions, I am not urging you to give up on the daily discipline of Bible reading and prayer. That discipline is as essential to your spiritual well-being and strength as eating meals is to your physical energy and nourishment. If you find yourself spiritually listless and immature, you can probably chalk it up to your lack of time in God's Word.

What I am suggesting is that you approach your devotions in a new way, worshipfully, where you meet with God, where your devotions are not ends in themselves but means to the end of growing to know—intimately know—the God who has taken you as His very own child and at whose feet you sit.





IMPROVEMENTS AT RPC

By Christina Price

Much has changed in the physical church within the past few months. An anonymous donor gave a gift to cover the expenses for room renovations and the deacons accepted a bid by Herron Construction to get the job done. The renovation includes the nursery rooms and preschool rooms for the children of the church. Those rooms have had a major overhaul with new carpeting, painting, ceilings, window repair, sound insulation between the nursery and sanctuary, built in storage units, and beautiful Dutch doors. The aesthetics committee has been busy at work and has only a few finishing touches left.

This donation will also allow for the renovation of the rooms to the left and right of the sanctuary to be used as a library and conference room. The library has a new ceiling, paint on the walls, paint on the trim and new carpeting. The remaining construction in these rooms is limited until we have occupancy at 314, but we look forward to seeing them transformed in the near future. Kudos to Herron Construction for their fabulous work!

In addition to these rooms, the deacons and aesthetics committee are exploring some other possible improvements in the church. Recommendations are always welcome. We strive to thoughtfully consider how we can best use the gifts that God has given us to aid the members as we "find life in Christ and bring life to others."



BEFORE



AFTER

THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN'S WORKERS!

By Terese Judkins

Valerie McCaffrey told me her 4 year old, Lily, was "writing" a list recently. Val asked Lily what was on the list since it just looked like a line of scribbles to her. Lily said it was the list of her friends at church. When asked who these friends were, she pointed out then recited the names of all the children she knew at church. There were additional names, one was Rose Botes who has worked with Lily at church and another was a lady whose name Lily could not remember. She described the lady to Valerie who immediately realized it was Phyllis Powell who has worked with Lily during the Children's Worship Hour for 2-4 year olds. What a blessing to have this confirmation of how much the children appreciate the love, care and service of the many members of our RPC family who work with and for them. To all our children's workers, please remember that your work with these little ones and with the older children and teens makes an important impact on their lives!

Two to Four Year Olds Enjoy Sunday School.

Five little ones regularly attend this class--Jesse, Nora, and Bianca Comanda, Lily and Stephen McCaffrey--

and it is taught by Joel Comanda and Terese Judkins. The children enjoy their toys and their time to play together. They also enjoy Bible stories, Bible verses, marching with musical instruments to Bible songs and putting on puppet shows based on Bible stories. They are very excited that their room has been redone in bold colors with new furniture, new window treatments and new shelving to store all their classroom necessities--thank you Christina and Gary! They are also very pleased with their new puppet theater. Stop in and see a show sometime...

For Christmas, the 2-4's invited the older children's Sunday School classes to join them in a birthday party for Jesus. The older children helped them get on their halos, angel's wings and shepherd's robes and helped them act out the Christmas story. This was fun and a good chance for the little ones to think about the wondrous events that were a part of Jesus' birth. It is a blessing to see each child grow in understanding of and appreciation for God's word.





RPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

By Autumn Rishty

RPC had its first Missions Conference in over ten years at the end of September 2008! We were honored to host **Verne & Alina Marshall and family** (Chile), **Merrily Richie** (South Africa), and **Jeff & Esther Talley** (Slovak Republic). The Marshalls presented for adult Sunday school and shared about their discipleship operations in South America. Having spent most of his missionary years as a church planter, Verne noted that, "We don't consider a church to be truly planted until we have members and leaders in it." Since self-sustained leadership in a church is necessary for its ministry to continue and blossom, Verne's primary mission now is to raise up and train men in the gospel as pastors and elders.

Merrily Richie showed us many pictures of the people to whom she ministers in South Africa, and described a variety of programs that she runs for her church, including DivorceCare and GriefShare. These ministries are designed to bring support to divorced/separated individuals, and to those who are dealing with the death of a loved one respectively. She noted that her job is to "work myself out of a job," meaning that her goal is to train locals to take her place in the ministry.

Jeff and Esther Talley proved to be key assets to the conference, as they not only gave a stunning

presentation about their Building ministry to the Slovak people, but Jeff preached for our Sunday worship service, and Esther taught a children's Sunday School lesson about the life of Amy Carmichael, a missionary born in 1867 who served in India for 55 years. During their presentation, the Talleys focused on the relationships that they have built with the people in Slovakia, and emphasized how many of the youth have truly grasped their need for a savior and have come to saving faith. One student, Marek, when asked if he was excited about turning 18 said, "Yes, but I am much more joyful that I am now a one-year-old child of God."

Our conference also had a variety of fellowship events during which we were able to sit and speak with our missionaries personally. A BIG thanks to everyone who brought food to our Friday night Pie Fellowship and Sunday afternoon Pot Luck! Thanks also to Bob Carlson for promoting next year's short-term trip to Monterrey, Mexico! We hope that many RPC members will prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this way.

For more information on missionaries we support, check out the website at <http://www.rpcwc.org/missions.aspx>

FALL HAYRIDE & CAMPFIRE FUN

*Here are some RPCers having a good time at the fall hayride and bonfire.*





RPC WOMEN'S STUDY

**CAUGHT OFF GUARD**  
*Encounters with the Unexpected God*

Nancy Carlson's women's study is currently reading Bill Smith's book, *Caught Off Guard*. Smith is a Biblical counselor and faculty member at Westminster Theological Seminary (WTS) and the Christian Counseling and Education Foundation (CCEF). He wrote the book because too often we can know God in our head but not our heart, and we know things 'about' God more than we actually 'know' Him.

The book's objective is to bridge the chasm between the heart and the head. Where is the reality of God in the middle of careers and groceries? Why are so many believers frustrated with the enormous gap between what they know about God and how they actually live? The author graciously addresses these seekers who have



become dissatisfied with merely 'talking theology' and instead yearn to taste and experience the real thing' – a God who desperately longs for relationship with them.

Please RSVP to Nancy if you interested in attending. The study generally meets the second or third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. Join us as we study our current series of Bill Smith's book: *Caught Off Guard -- Encounters with the Unexpected God --* What a great way to begin our study for 2009!!



WINTER-SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Jesus The Evangelist**

*Taught by Jason Cuzzolina*

During the Sunday School hour, Jason Cuzzolina is teaching a course called "Jesus the Evangelist," based on the book of the same name. In the book, "Richard D. Phillips digs into the early chapters of the Gospel of John to discover principles for Christian outreach that were modeled by witnesses for Jesus and by Jesus Himself. Phillips unfolds biblical principles for evangelism by examining the ministry of John the Baptist and the calling of the first of Jesus disciples. Then, through a brief study of the Lord's encounter with the Pharisee Nicodemus, he presents us with a theology of the gospel. Finally, he focuses on Jesus stirring encounter with the Samaritan woman to show exactly how Christ shared the good news. Phillips clear and concise handling of these key stories will both motivate and instruct believers in their witness on behalf of Christ." (From Amazon.com)

**Communicants Class**

*Taught by Shawn Carafa*

For students interested in publicly professing their faith and becoming communicate members of the church, Shawn Carafa is teaching a class using Steve Smallman's workbook, *Understanding the Faith*. They meet during the Sunday School hour. When it comes to counsel and direction, God has not been silent. His word is filled with counsel of principle and practice to equip parents for the task.





### THE PUPPET SHOW

by Jeff Price

Once again, a dancing donkey, a conniving King Herod, and three traveling wise men took over the sanctuary as part of RPC's annual Christmas Story Told With Rod Puppets. 2008 marked the 15th year that RPC staged the production and has since become a staple event in West Chester's annual Old Fashioned Christmas, a four-day celebration of the Christmas season that takes place the first weekend of December.

As always, participation was enthusiastic as 19 puppeteers volunteered their time. This year's cast included Puppet Show veterans Stan Gale, Gary Herron, Peg Herron, Spence Robinson, Betsy Robinson, Jeremy Verrillo, Andrew Root, Meg Carafa, Lindsay Gale, Nathan Gale, Luke Gale, Tori Cuzzolina, Mitchell Cuzzolina, and Jeff Price. Those making their sophomore appearances were Sophia Cuzzolina and Lucy Sumner while newcomers Tim Gold, Hannah Rekito, and Jake Rekito experienced the production for the first time. A determined Marilyn Seeger battled through a cold and laryngitis to yet again deliver wonderfully as our music director. Lighting director Glenn Seeger, along with Ray Rishty, did a masterful job of setting up and running all special effects and stage lighting.

A surprise quick blast of snow blanketed Chester County prior to the Saturday night show, but that didn't stop an appreciative crowd from coming out to enjoy the show and fellowship time afterward. Sunday night followed suit (sans snow), and collectively, the two shows brought out over 100 people to hear the Christmas Story as told by the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

A big thanks goes out to Sian Sumner and all who volunteered to make cookies for the post-show cookie social, along with everyone who helped set up and tear down the stage. Yet again, RPC revealed itself as a congregation full of caring and enthusiastic people willing to sacrifice their time and talents to make a difference in West Chester. Thanks again to everyone for making this year's Puppet Show the best to date!





EASTER BLAST

April 4th was the date of the community Easter Egg Hunt at Everheart Park, which we piggybacked off of for the second year in a row with RPC's Easter Blast! We had sandwiches for the families who joined us at the church following the egg hunt, and were happy to host a few families we met that morning as well.



*Here are some of the RPC children at the Palm Sunday practice.*





NEW MEMBERS

In case you missed the introduction of our new members on January 11th, here they are again!



**Sonny & Eileen Lake**

“Sonny and I have three children. Sonny works for Sun Oil and I work in child care. We were part of New Life Mennonite Church in Downingtown for about 18 years until the church closed. For the last 8 years we have been searching for a church home. We have visited RPC many times with Livi and Jeremy and been blessed by Stan's Biblical teaching and the kindness of the church body. We are grateful our searching has led us to this Church and we pray to continue to grow in God's grace and Biblical knowledge and to be a blessing to the Church family.”



**Phil Culler**

Here Phil is pictured with wife, the former Mary Davidson, whom he married in September of 2007. Phil grew up in central Illinois, but has also lived in Chicago and most recently, Wilmington, NC. He is a master technician for VW in Devon. He was persuaded to move from warm, sunny, coastal North Carolina, where he surfed, to cold, snowy Pennsylvania by his loving wife Mary. Phil plays guitar and really enjoys Brit Coms. Mary has been a member of RPC for years, and she is now a 6th grade learning support teacher at Avon Grove Charter School. She loves kids, dogs, and reading. She plays all kinds of instruments and sometimes she is brave enough to play at church. Phil and Mary have two puppies, Ein and Brahms.



**Russ & Kathleen Cardwell**

Russ and Kathleen Cardwell were married last year in Pittsburgh, in Heinz Chapel, on September 6th. Kathleen is originally from Pittsburgh and is an inventory manager with Gexpro (an electrical distributor, formerly GE Supply). She graduated from Duke with a Mechanical Engineering degree. Her hobbies are scrapbooking and hiking. Russ spent the majority of his childhood in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Ohio University earning two degrees. Russ works for Siemens as Director of Radiology IT. He is a single-digit handicap golfer and enjoys road cycling.



**Tim & Mandy Gold**

Mandy grew up in Springfield, graduated from Lehigh University, and later received her MA from University of Pennsylvania. Tim grew up in Upper Darby, then attended West Chester University for his BA, where he was very involved with Campus Crusade for Christ, and earned his MA from Biblical Seminary. They recently moved to a new home at 40 May Apple Drive in Downingtown and welcomed their first child, Gabriel James, born April 27th.





NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED...



**Peyton Adams**

Sarah "Peyton" Adams grew up in State College, PA and moved to West Chester February, 2008. She works in property management in Glen Mills and is a marketing coordinator for the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, so make sure she doesn't catch you throwing things away that could be recycled! She loves hiking, wishes PSU had won the Rose Bowl, and she makes regular attempts to cook edible meals for her friends.



**Greg & Mana Fletcher**

Greg and Mana were married in October 2007 and moved to West Chester in January 2008. Greg is originally from Pittsburgh and a 2004 Penn State graduate. He is currently pursuing a Villanova MBA and works at Vanguard. His hobbies include keeping up with stock market news, target shooting, apologetics, and Steelers football. Mana is originally from Armenia, has a degree from Villanova and works as an HR Generalist for AEGON Insurance. Mana enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

*Stan is currently running another orientation class, so be on the lookout for more new members in the next edition!*

THINGS TO COME

**CHOP**

**Jason Cuzzolina** will be starting a CHOP class in the summer. CHOP – Community Houses of Prayer – is a small group dedicated to gathering and praying for the people in their life who do not know Jesus. See him if you are interested in attending.

**VBS**

VBS will be the week of July 6-10 this year, from 10am-12 noon. Unlike the previous two years, we will be running the entire program ourselves. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, from snack duty to crafts and nursery and teaching. Contact **Terese Judkins** if you are interested.





## HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

By Val McCaffrey

*Summer Sabbatical...*

**Pastor Gale** will be taking a sabbatical this summer to write and enjoy a change of pace. A number of men will fill the pulpit for the dates he is away (June 1 - August 31.) Included in that time will be a vacation and a trip to the PCA General Assembly. The ruling elders will attend pastoral needs. **Shawn Carafa** will coordinate speakers and administrative matters, and pass on any needs to the appropriate people. Pray this is a time of blessing and refreshment for **Pastor Gale, Linda, and their family.**

*Love is in the air at RPC...*

Congrats to new members and newlyweds **Russ and Kathleen Cardwell**, who were married on September 6, 2008 at Heinz Memorial Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA.

Happy couple **Dennis and Lauren Lafferty** were married right here at RPC on November 15, 2008. Lauren's cousin, our own **Jason Cuzzolina**, teamed up with Rev. Mark Doherty of Berea Presbyterian Church to officiate the ceremony.

The RPC church family rejoices with **Tom and Bette Dietrick** as they were recently united in marriage. Bette says, "After dates at King of Prussia Mall

and Valley Forge Park, we knew we wanted to be together. Then came my cancer diagnosis, which brought us even closer together as Tom showed his love and care for me at every turn. By October, we knew we wanted to spend our lives together and got engaged." Their wedding took place on March 28<sup>th</sup> at RPC.

(Thanks go out to **Margie Comanda** for the lovely bridal shower she organized for Bette. The food was delicious, especially the made-from-scratch, purple cupcakes. Other highlights included the video **Caitlin Cliggett** and the RPC children made with their well wishes to Bette and Tom and the quiz of Tom's favorite things – which Bette aced! What a blessing to see so many RPC friends help with wedding preparations.)

Joyous congratulations also to **Al and Eileen Fuchs** as they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends. Al and Eileen grew up and were married in Queens, New York. They "became roller skating partners after he got out of the Air Force after WW II... and later became partners for life - praise the Lord." The celebration began on November

29<sup>th</sup> when their youngest daughter hosted a party for them with the entire family. On their actual anniversary, December 11<sup>th</sup>, they took a bus trip to New York City, met up with their niece, Noreen, for lunch at the Rockefeller Center, and saw a Christian group perform a Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall.

In December 2008, **Jason and Lisa Cuzzolina** also celebrated a milestone anniversary – their 20<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations!

**Bob and Nancy Carlson** kick off our anniversary celebrations for 2009... On January 4, 2009, they reached 40 years of marital bliss!

Then on February 15, 2009, **Steve and June Nastase** also celebrated 40 years of marriage. Wishing them many more!

Best wishes to **Thomas and Betsy Parke** as they celebrated 25 years on March 30. Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of these marriages!

Finally, **Bob Boyd and Joni Boudreau** recently became engaged! They are planning a small wedding for late May of this year.





HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE CONT..

*Babies, Babies, Babies...*

**Luke and Lindsay Gale** welcomed **Weston Edward** into the world at 1:42am on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 5 oz and measured 20 inches long. We all join with **Luke, Lindsay, Ruby, Grand Stan, Linda, Nathan, Joe, Sarah, and Isaac** in praising the Lord for such a happy, healthy baby boy!

Congratulations to **Tim & Mandy Gold** on the birth of their first child, a baby boy, **Gabriel James** (7 lbs., 9 oz), born Monday, April 27th at 9:23 p.m. at Paoli Hospital. The Golds expressed their thanks to **Jeremy and Livi Verrillo** for the beautiful shower they hosted and to the church family for their many helpful gifts.

With great joy, we all anticipate the arrival of **Shawn and Meg Carafa's** first baby (news just in -- *a son*) in mid-August!

**Joe, Sarah, and Isaac Brown** too, are excited to announce an addition to their growing family in September!

*"Movers and Shakers"...*

**Charles and Louise Carrington** and the children send greetings from Hyderabad, India. They have been there four months and are beginning to feel at home. The family traveled to England for Christmas, followed by a week of skiing in France. Hard to believe, but Louise said they were all looking forward to some cold weather and snow! They are still receiving mail through their home mailing address of 314 Greenhill Road, West Chester, PA 19380, or via email at lcarrington@me.com.

An update from another favorite Brit, **David Reynolds...** He is in Prague, Czech Republic teaching English and British History to high school students. David is also serving as one of three in-country representatives of ESI, an organization that sends teachers abroad to be Christ's ambassadors.

Speaking of travels, **Fran DiAndrea** is back in town after touring the country with her husband. We're happy to

have her back after a long trip away!

**Tim and Mandy Gold** joined the growing number of RPCers in Downingtown when they moved into their house at 40 May Apple Drive. They are busy unpacking and enjoying their new neighborhood.

Lastly, **Dwayne Edwards** is on the move -- to an apartment in Exton (the same complex where the **Verrillos** used to live). He'll be closer to work, church, and a favorite hang-out-spot, Barnes and Noble.

*If you have a news item to share for a future issue of Heard it on the Grapevine, contact Val McCaffrey or Meg Carafa.*





## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT A MUST!

A Review of *The Shack*

by Shirley Ells

Do you like to read as I do? Recently a friend of mine shared a Christian novel with me, and I say Christian lightly. The novel is *The Shack* written by William P. Young. It was a very engaging read at the start. However, as the story progressed the author depicted the Holy Trinity in such a heretical way that it unsettled me to the point of not wanting to continue the book. Since I knew my friend would ask me what I thought of it, I decided to muddle through the book. I did go online to see what I could find about the book and came across a website, to my delight, that I think goes to the very heart of this troubling novel.

Focusing on just three of the subjects William Young discusses in *The Shack*, we've seen that errors abound. He presents a false view of God and one that may well be described as heretical. He downplays the importance and uniqueness of the Bible, subjugating it or making it equal to other forms of subjective revelation. He misrepresents redemption and salvation, opening the door to the possibility of salvation outside of the completed work of Jesus Christ on the cross. We are left with an unbiblical understanding of the persons and nature of God and of His work in this world. But that is not all. The discerning reader will note as well that the author muddies the concepts of forgiveness and free will. He introduces teaching that is entirely foreign to the Bible, often stating with certainty what is merely speculative. He oversteps the bounds of Scripture while downplaying the Bible's importance. He relies too little on Scripture and too much on his own theological imaginings. All this is not to say there is nothing of value in the book. However, it is undeniable to the reader who will look to the Bible, that there is a great deal of error within *The Shack*. There is too much error. That *The Shack* is a dangerous book should be obvious from this review. The book's subversive undertones seek to dismantle many aspects of the faith and those are subsequently replaced with doctrine that is just plain wrong. Error abounds. I urge you, the reader, to exercise care in reading and distributing this book. *The Shack* may be an engaging read but it is one that contains far too much error. Read it only with the utmost care and concern, critically evaluating the book against the unchanging standard of Scripture. Caveat lector!

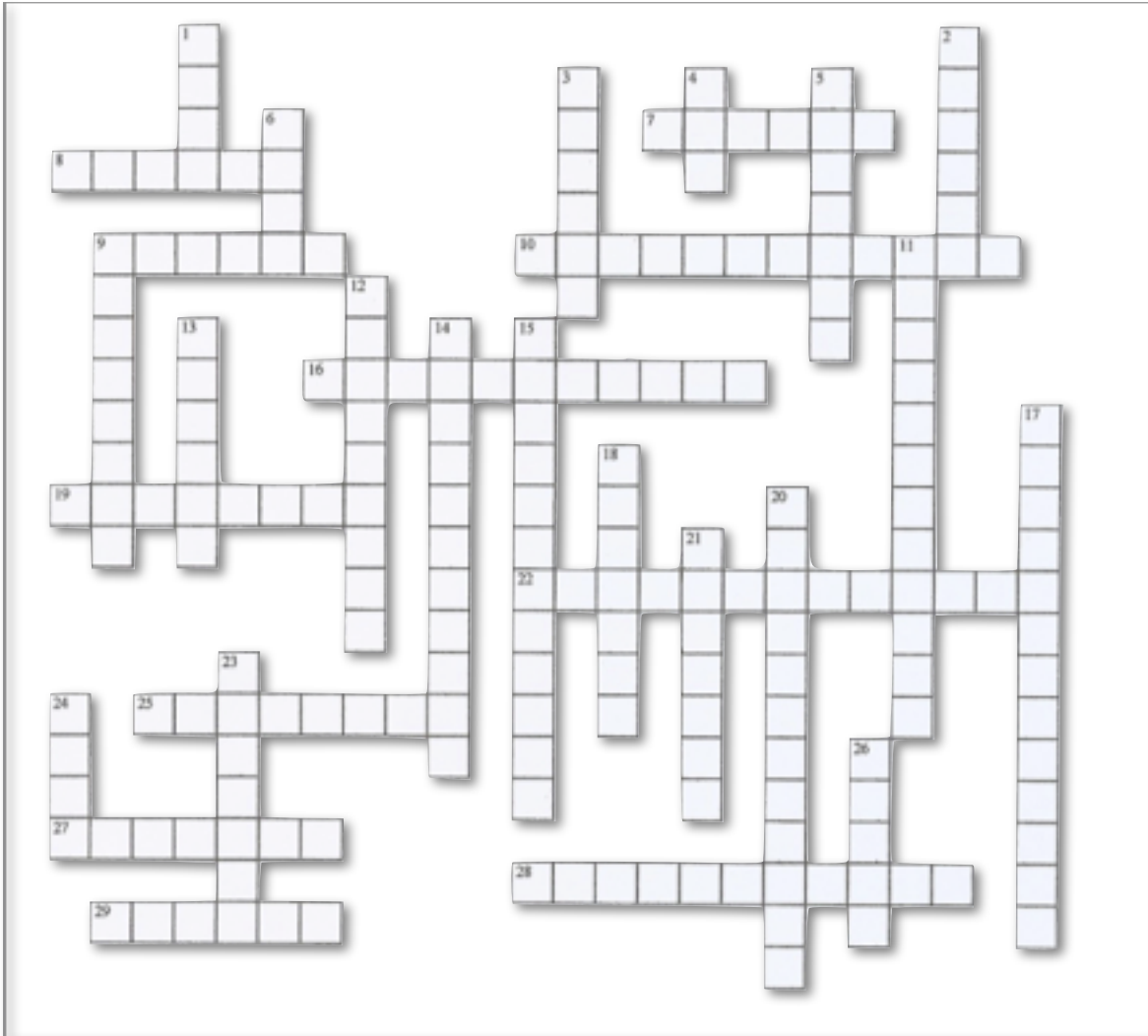
I have included that website and short review for anyone interested. There is an extensive review on the book which is well worth reading in this website: [www.challies.com/media/The\\_Shack.pdf](http://www.challies.com/media/The_Shack.pdf)





CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Fun with Philippians**



**DOWN**

- 1. Brain (2:5)
- 2. Stay (1:24)
- 3. Estimable (1:27)
- 4. Happiness (1:25)
- 5. Exult (4:4)
- 6. Author of letter
- 9. The other fighting woman (4:2)
- 11. The state of being confined (1:17)
- 12. Supervisors (1:1)
- 13. Leave (1:23)

- 14. The state of being an inhabitant of a city or town (3:20)
- 15. Raise from the dead (3:11)
- 17. Acting in accord with divine or moral law (3:9)
- 18. Position of service in the church held by men - pl. (1:1)
- 20. Paul's "brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier" (2:25)

- 21. Made meek (2:8)
- 23. Friend of the author
- 24. Strong affection for another (4:1)
- 26. Command, control (3:10)

**ACROSS**

- 7. The good news (4:15)
- 8. A woman who fought with her friend (4:2)
- 9. Provide (4:19)
- 10. Holiday of feasting (4:6)

- 16. The act of liberation (1:19)
- 19. A certain strict observer of Jewish law (3:5)
- 22. To give hope or promise (2:1)
- 25. City where the church is (1:1)
- 27. Glorify (2:9)
- 28. To toughen - pl. (4:13)
- 29. A communication with God (1:4)