

## ☞ FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD ☞

1John 1:5-7. "This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is LIGHT, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the LIGHT as he is in the LIGHT we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of JESUS his son cleanses us from all sin."

~Rodney Wise

## THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

When it comes to forgiving others, this is not an easy thing to do. But, according to the Bible, Jesus illustrates how when it comes to salvation in order for us to be forgiven of our sins we MUST forgive others. God will give us time because He knows that we as human beings it's a process. But, a lot of people go to their grave not forgiving others. THAT IS NOT A GOOD THING. You don't want to DIE in your sins by holding on to a grudge. So, today if you want God to forgive you? WE MUST FORGIVE OTHERS of the wrongs of how we was treated. Two wrongs don't make a right. Forgiveness brings Peace in our lives. Not only that but, mercy with God.

~Rodney Wise



Hot Chocolate

Chocolatey delight,  
in my favorite mug- steamy  
liquid confection.

-M. Dunn

Haiku by M.Dunn



Ink Drawing by Elio

## STREET VOICES

St. Francis Breadline  
Franciscan Bread for the Poor  
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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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## FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

**WHAT:** Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic

**WHERE:** 144 W. 32nd Street

**WHEN:** Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm  
Scheduled appointments only on Friday from 9am - 4pm

**WHO:** All are welcome!

**NEW:** Art and Guitar classes, Work space available Tuesday 9am -11am

**Good Morning!** This week we have writing from Jane Farmer, a murder mystery from James D., poetry from Izzy Iz, writing from Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson, writing from Timothy Middleton, writing submitted by an anonymous guest, writing from Rodney Wise, poetry from Jack Terry, artwork from Elio, a Haiku from M. Dunn, and a comic from Lola Derrick

*I have come into the world as a light,  
so that no one who believes in me should  
stay in darkness.*

JOHN 12: 46

**Be the first to correctly answer all three trivia questions below to win a gift card.**

What is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet?

How many dots appear on a pair of dice?

What is acrophobia a fear of?

**Answers to last week's riddles.**

What animals are more prone to be struck by lightning than humans? Giraffes

What did the Hollywood sign original say? Hollywoodland.

What is the closet planet to Earth? It's not Venus that is the closest planet to Earth, but Mercury.



Comic by Lola Derrick



## Procrastination

As this year rapidly comes to a close, I find myself struggling to adequately prepare for the new year ahead. There is so much to be done and so many tasks to check off of my to-do list, yet I can't seem to make progress. I am sitting and thinking back on all that I've done this past year and realizing that I wasted so much time not getting done what I was supposed to. As a result, I now find myself scrambling to complete, in just a few short weeks, what I had the opportunity to complete over a period of months. One new year's resolution I have set for myself is to be more proactive in my day-to-day life and procrastinate less, a goal I am sure many are planning on setting for themselves. It's important that we don't allow ourselves to get distracted by the ups and downs of everyday life and continue to focus on the important tasks at hand, less we find ourselves with less than three weeks before the new year, working overtime to complete the tasks we had so long to accomplish. In 2025, I will make it my personal mission to achieve at least one goal per day, especially academically. No more wasting time online with distractions on social media; I will devote as many hours necessary to advancing my education and staying on track to ensure I am always, day-by-day, getting one step closer to achieving my scholastic goals. I encourage all to take the time to sit and think about what it is that they'd like to get done this upcoming year and create a roadmap to reaching the end of the journey successfully. Let's make 2025 the year we become unstoppable, with no procrastinations or stallings holding us back from what we know we are capable of achieving!


~Jane Farmer, December 9, 2024

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ima fly's when you least expect it Keep  
everything in order don't redirect it  
Love what makes you smile And get rid of  
what makes you vile Happiness is the key to  
stay strong  
Take flight of a dull day that feels long In  
other words  
don't let things go that flow  
Know what you know  
Keep what you have And you always will glow  
So when time flies  
Look to the skies Look for your savior  
Then I arise


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~Izzy Iz



**Now diamonds ain't made in a day  
And gold itself is deep in the ground  
Know that truth is hid by darkness  
But if you seek it will be found  
Choose a path that's straight  
Its the one that is always near  
And pray to be so discontent  
That you will do that which you fear  
Most of us are weaker than we're made  
And some of us are living in graves  
And few enjoy their daily bread  
They know the needle pulls the thread**

~Jack Terry  
"The Needle Pulls the Thread"  
1996, pt. 1



I like second chances, I've given people second chances. You have fall outs with friends, and forgiveness is a great thing to have. It's not easy to forgive. I definitely don't forget, but I do forgive. "If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining"

"Slow breathing is like an anchor in the midst of an emotional storm: the anchor won't make the storm go away, but it will hold you steady until it passes.

~Anonymous

## Another masterpiece, Cosmic Stan

As long as im living  
Its true that  
A poets jib is never dome  
For me victory is always the outcome  
Because lyrically and poetically  
I shine more than the sun  
In music and poetry  
Cosmic Stan is number one  
One  
Is my number  
My readers are like my daughters  
And my sons  
Just so y'all know why i came  
Not by having sex with a lady  
But so you'll know  
The cosmic Stan poetic name  
Before the this poem is over  
Ill explain  
My poems are hotter than fire  
With millions of flames  
I don't play i slay  
With the writing pen in my hand  
Ladies and gentleman another masterpiece written by  
Stanley Cosmic Stan"Johnson  
~Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson

## Case of The Suburban Safe Cracker

You and John Holmes are in the lavish home he owns in suburbia.

An expensive sports car roars into the driveway skids to a stop, and Holmes son Tom, jumps out. Where were you this morning at the time of the robbery? You ask. Tom Holmes looks evenly at you. Me? I've been putting my car through its paces for the past couple of hours – getting it ready for the big rally. Mr. Holmes you say to the father, let's go over it again. I told you everything, Holmes says. After shaving in the upstairs bathroom, I came down to my study. I found the wall safe wide open, and \$3,000 in cash gone, and all of my wife's jewels missing too. Of course, I'm insured, so I won't lose much. But I'd like to throttle the scoundrel who did it. Guess I'll have to wait a while for that loan I asked you for last night – huh dad? His father gives him a stony impatient look. What about your household staff? You ask. Holmes replies, we'll my cooks been at her sister's home 50 miles away since last night, today is her day off. My yard man has been in town all morning, buying supplies. I gave him money from the safe this morning, so I know the \$3,000 was still in there. My chauffeur has spent the morning washing cars in the garage. Well tom says to you, good luck in catching the crooks. Thank you, but my good luck is your bad luck. You're under suspicion of robbery.

Why do you suspect Tom?

*Ans: Tom didn't ask any questions, or even act surprised when you asked him where he was at the time of the robbery. If he had been out in his car as he claimed, he would have known nothing about the robbery.*

~James D



What is going on in the world today? Sirens, sirens, Constantly!! Very negative actions currently going on in the world, I really don't understand what is happening in society why is everyone so Angry and negative, I believe this situation started rising after covid. What can we do to turn this situation around? Well speaking for my self I try to do a good deed each day, Be kind to another person, and put out a very positive upbeat attitude. It's a start!!! Stay prayed up my friends.

~Timothy Middleton

