

# THE INFORMER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Reverend Johnny R. Byrd  
(Pastor)

Jesus is a friend of mine! What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bare. Jesus is the best thing that could happen to an individual. You can call Him in the morning. You can call Him in the midday. You can call Him whenever and He will answer. You can always go to God in prayer. He is always there when you need Him. All you have to do is call on God. He is your best friend; your BFF! Through thick and thin, God is there.

To know God is to love God.

*I LOVE GOD, DO YOU LOVE GOD!*

*Count your gains instead of your losses,  
Count your joys instead of your woes,  
Count your friends instead of your foes,  
Count your courage instead of your fears,  
Count your health instead of your wealth,  
Count on God instead of yourself.*

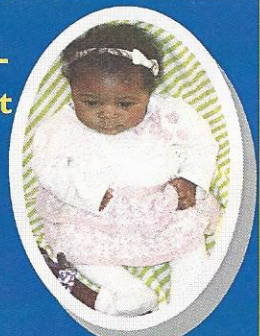
*Anonymous*

## CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE

Whatever the world has to offer, it is all about the children. Where would we be without children? Children are the future of anything that exists. Children make the world go around. In order to sustain whatever it may be that one wants to promote, it has to begin with a child. The Bible tells us a child shall lead them. If the church is going to survive, it needs the children. The children of today

will carry on the work of Saint Peter AME Church tomorrow. Therefore, show them, teach them and work with them. Allow the children to learn by participation in the church. They have a voice. Show them the way and they will not depart from it.

**God Bless the Little Children!**



Avianci Marie Felder-Wright



## SIS. CHEKIRAH WOODY A JUNIOR SCHOLAR

The South Carolina Junior Scholars Program was developed by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) during the 1985–86 school year to identify eighth grade students with exceptional academic talent and to develop strategies for inclusion into special programs.

The program includes a process for screening a potential talent pool of

students, identifying and recognizing those students with exceptionally high scholastic achievement and intellectual ability, and sponsoring summer opportunities in collaboration with participating South Carolina colleges and universities.

Chekirah was awarded the Saint Matthews K-8 School Junior Scholars Award. She had the highest average and ranked in the 99th

percentile. Chekirah is taking ninth grade classes. Receiving the award qualifies her to participate in the South Carolina Governor's School.

The Saint Peter AME Church Family are proud of Chekirah's accomplishment. Keep up the GREAT work!

## LICENTIATE BUCKSON SPEAKS

Licentiate Michael Buckson spoke on the fourth Sunday (February 26, 2017) for Youth Sunday. The scripture lesson was taken from Phillipians 2: 5—11. The message topic was "Power in the Name of Jesus".

Licentiate Buckson called the roll of South Carolina Unsung Heroes of Black History. He stated, there is power in the name of Jesus. Everyone has been given a name. Michael means who is like God; an Archangel. A name of great significance is Jesus. A name that winds and waves obey His will. His name was given by His Holy Father.

Jesus means salvation. Jesus died because God loves us. There is love, peace and happiness in the name of Jesus. You have to know Jesus for yourself. The name of Jesus is a special name. Buckson went through the ABC's of what Jesus is. There is power in the name of Jesus.



## IT WAS DESTINEE!

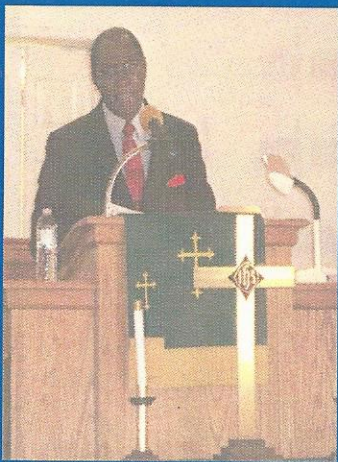
Pastor Johnny Byrd asked the question, "Who was Methuselah?" Anyone in the congregation could have answered the question. But, one of the youth sprang to her feet to answer the question. Little Miss Destinee Scott informed the Pastor that Methuselah was the oldest person in the Bible. Little was known about

Methuselah, but he lived for 969 years. He was a Hebrew patriarch and the grandfather of Noah.

For answering the question correctly, Destinee received a monetary gift from the Pastor. It pays to study the word of God!



Reverend Byrd, Destinee Scott, Mildred Scott and Gerod Scott (Parents)





## TRUSTEES OFF TO A GREAT START!

**The Trustees of Saint Peter are off to a GREAT START!**

*Colossians 3:23-24*

*23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

The Trustee Board is a group of elected individuals responsible for the supervision and care of church property and equipment. The Trustees set church policies regarding maintenance and administers all bequests on behalf of the local church.

The Trustees are happy to report that they are off to a great start in the New Year. There are a lot of projects the

Trustees will be working on and completing. To name a few of the tasks, they completed clearing off parts of the graveyard and replacing the roof on the Educational Building and walkway.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendar, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees will have their Annual Appreciation Gala. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Remember, if you see any problems around the church, please report them to a Trustee. The members of the Trustee Board are Bro. Willie Harley (Pro Tem), Bro. Curtis Harley, Bro. Isadore Harley, Jr., Bro. James E. Harley, Bro. Leroy Jones, Bro. Cecil Knotts, Sis. Ruby Stewart and Sis. Isabella Way.

## BIBLE BRAIN TEASERS

1. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
2. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
3. Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?
4. What is the center verse of the Bible?

## WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Some people help to keep their church strong, while others join and just belong.

Some dig right in, some serve with pride; some go along just for the ride.

On each Lord's Day, some always show, while there are others who never go.

Some always pay their pledges ahead; some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best, some build, some make yet some never give, but always take.

Some lag behind; some let things go; some never help their Church to grow.

Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do.

Consider this, "**WHICH ONE ARE YOU?**"



**GET READY,  
GET READY,  
GET READY!  
SAINT PETER  
IS PREPARING  
FOR ITS  
150TH  
CHURCH  
ANNIVERSARY  
IN MAY. MORE  
INFORMATION  
IS COMING  
SOON!**

**THE ASKING  
DONATION IS  
\$150.00! ARE  
YOU SAVING  
UP?**

**BEGIN MAKING  
INSTALLMENT  
PLANS AND  
PAYMENTS  
NOW!**

**IT'S POSSIBLE!**



For I know  
THE PLANS

I have for you  
declares the Lord.

Plans to Prosper You

and not to harm you

Plans to give you

HOPE

and a FUTURE

Jeremiah 29:11

## BEWARE OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN CHURCH

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: **Ben Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin** and **Bin Missin**. Their leader, **Lucifer Bin Workin**, trained the groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name **Bin Prayin** is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the **Bin Prayin** team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

**Bin Prayin** does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the **Bin Prayin** cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have **Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin** and **Bin Longin** for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

**NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!** (However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin going!)

**“And now Brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His Grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” Acts 20: 32**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saint Peter's Male Choir Anniversary will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM. A donation of \$25.00 is requested.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8th. Time: 12:00 Noon.

Resurrection Sunday will be Sunday, April 16th at 6:00 AM for Sunrise Service. Breakfast will be served!

The YPD will present the Easter Program after Service on Sunday, April 16th.

St. Peter celebrates its 150th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM. All members are encouraged to pay \$150.00.

The Trustees will sponsor their Annual Event on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

FOR NOTHING  
IS IMPOSSIBLE  
WITH GOD



During the Month of March, the Morning Worship Messages will be taken from the Book of Luke, 15th Chapter: The Lost and Found Department. **DO NOT MISS A SUNDAY!**

# STANDARD MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS

- 1st and 2nd Saturdays **BEFORE** the 1st and 2nd Sundays ... Mass Choir Rehearsal
- 2nd Sunday After Service ..... YPD Meeting
- Saturday **BEFORE** 3rd Sunday ..... Trustee Board Meeting @ 9:00 AM
- 3rd Saturday **BEFORE** 3rd Sunday ..... Male Chorus Rehearsal
- 3rd Sunday **AFTER** Service ..... Usher Board Meeting
- 3rd Sunday **AFTER** Service ..... WMS Meeting
- 4th Sunday ..... YPD in Charge of Worship Service
- 5th Sunday ..... WMS in Charge of Worship Service

# WATEREE DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wateree District Conference will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at @ 9:00 AM New Hope AME Church in Pinewood, SC.

# SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

- Holy Convocation will be on March 29th — April 1st in Florence, SC.
- Wednesday Night — **STEWARDS** march in behind Pastors (Wear **BLACK**)
- Thursday Night — **TRUSTEES** march in behind Pastors (Wear **WHITE**)
- Friday Night — **CLASS LEADERS** march in behind Pastors (Wear **BLACK**)
- Saturday — Pastors march in (Wear **BLACK**)

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Taylor Robinson	5th	Sis. Martha Amaker	20th
Bro. Vernon Hampton	8th	Sis. Mary Knotts	20th
Sis. Shonda Backmon	9th	Bro. Jordan Backmon	23rd
Sis. Junko Hampton	9th	Sis. Ann Jenkins	27th
Sis. Rhonda Williams	9th	Sis. Ann Hampton	30th

Sis. Neasia Woody 19th

## ANNIVERSARIES

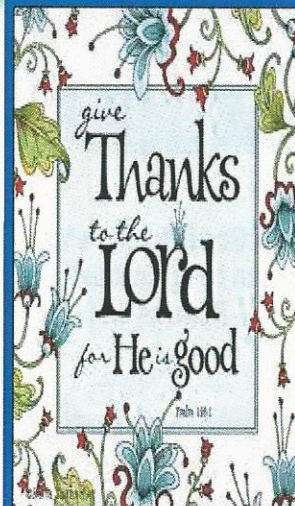
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Mary) Stack 18th

CONGRATULATIONS

# SICK AND SHUT-IN

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|---|--|
| Sis. Willa Dean Baxter (Home, West Cola.)   | Sis. Dianne Hook (Home, Orangeburg)        |
| Sis. Alpine Gladden (Home, Swansea)         | Bro. Reginal Jones (Home, Orangeburg)      |
| Sis. Eloise Gladden (Home, Swansea)         | Bro. Colin "Rickey" Robinson (Home, Cola.) |
| Sis. Corine Hampton (Methodist Oaks, Orbg.) | Sis. Katherine Shaw (Home, Columbia)       |
| Bro. Curtis Harley (Home, North)            | Sis. Quearline White (Home, St. Matthews)  |

**Remember to pray for the Sick and Shut-In as well as each other!**





Every good and perfect gift  
is sent from above.

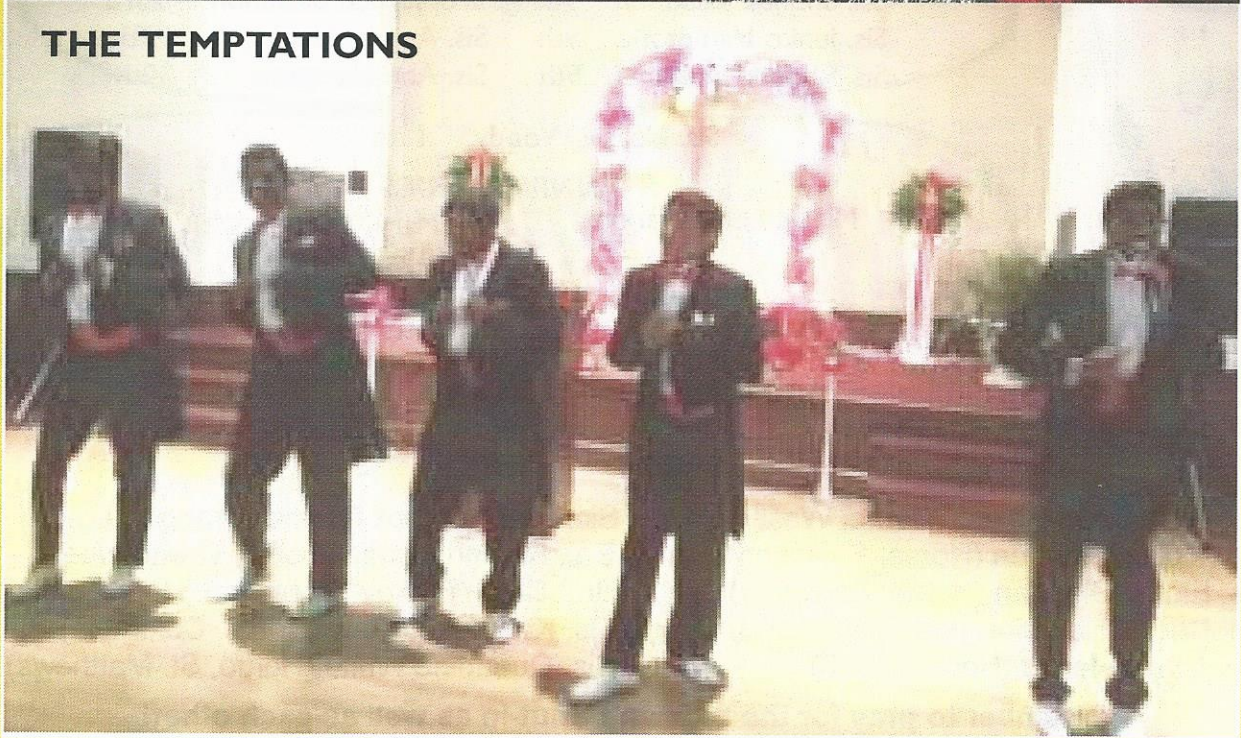
James 1:17

## A VALENTINE'S GALA FOR WATEREE DISTRICT

It was a WONDERFUL black tie affair! The Wateree District came together on Friday night, February 24, 2017 at the Cinema in Orangeburg, SC. Individuals from all across the Wateree District as well as their friends celebrated the Valentine's Day Gala with a night full of love. In addition, it was the Presiding Elder's birthday. Reverend and Mrs. Johnny (Sharon) Byrd were the Master and Mistress of Ceremony. The Cinema was beautifully decorated. Entertainment was provided by Bro. Williams and the Men of Distinction. Featured were Al Green, the Temptations and Michael Jackson. Games were played, such as Name That Tune and Musical Chairs. The game participants received Chick-Fil-A gift cards. It was a night of love and happiness! A delicious meal was had by everyone. After remarks from Presiding Elder Anderson, the "DJ" played some oldies but goodies and the people danced the night away.



### THE TEMPTATIONS



"If God is for us, who  
can be against us?"  
- Romans 8:31





I AM  
CRUCIFIED  
FOR CHRIST  
NEVERTHELESS  
LIVETH I LIVE  
IN ME AND THE LIFE WHICH I  
NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH  
I LIVE BY THE  
FAITH  
OF THE  
SON OF  
GOD  
WHO  
LOVED ME  
AND GAVE  
HIMSELF  
FOR ME  
GALATIANS  
2:20

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I am  
God's Child.  
Lavished in  
**LOVE.**  
Gifted with  
**GRACE.**  
Showered with  
**MERCY.**  
Overflowing with  
**HOPE.**



J.C.S.





## THE CATECHISM

1. What can God do?
2. How long has God existed?
3. What is the character of God?
4. Is God Holy?
5. Is God merciful?

## BIBLE TRIVIA: OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

1. Which one of Adam's sons was the tiller of the ground?
2. What are the names of Noah's three sons?
3. What was the ark made of?
4. How many decks were in the ark?
5. How were the animals brought to the ark?

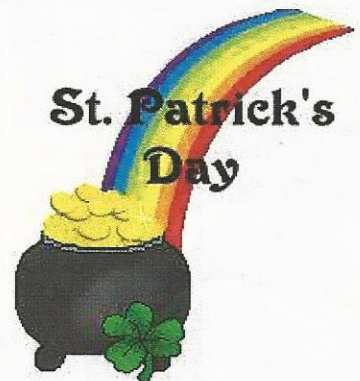
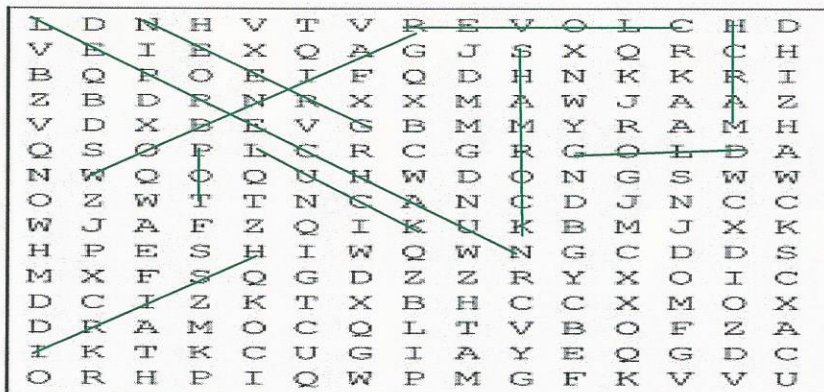
## BIBLE TRIVIA: NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

1. Over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days, Jesus presented himself alive after His resurrection.
2. When Jesus presented Himself alive, after His resurrection, of what things did He speak?
3. Why were the apostles not to leave Jerusalem after the ascension of Jesus?
4. How did Jesus answer the apostle's question about whether He was at that time restoring the kingdom to Israel?
5. What did Jesus say would happen when the Holy Spirit had come upon the apostles?

## BIBLE TRIVIA: PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

1. How many years did Abraham have to wait for a son after he was first promised to be a father of many nations?
2. What was Abraham's reaction to Melchizedek's blessing?
3. Who had the first choice of land when Abraham and Lot entered Canaan?
4. How did God test Abraham?
5. Whose name means "laughter"?

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY SEARCH A WORD ANSWERS:





# St Patrick's Day Word Scramble

Unscramble the words!

1. opt fo lgod \_\_\_\_\_



2. Ulck fo het Rishi \_\_\_\_\_

3. Oufu Ealf Vcolre \_\_\_\_\_

4. Nriaobw \_\_\_\_\_



5. Rgene \_\_\_\_\_

6. Hlpauerunc \_\_\_\_\_

7. Uclky \_\_\_\_\_



8. Chiph \_\_\_\_\_

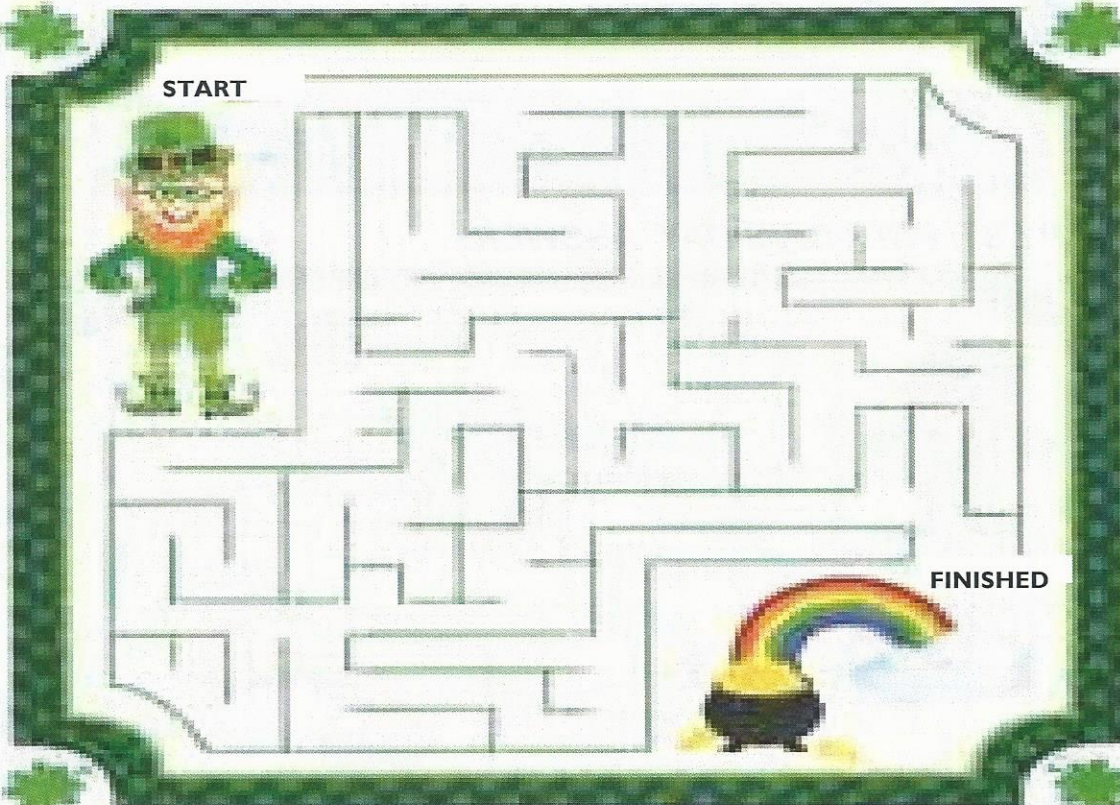
9. Ramhc 71 \_\_\_\_\_

10. lkti \_\_\_\_\_



## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Help Lucky Leprechaun find his Pot of Gold!



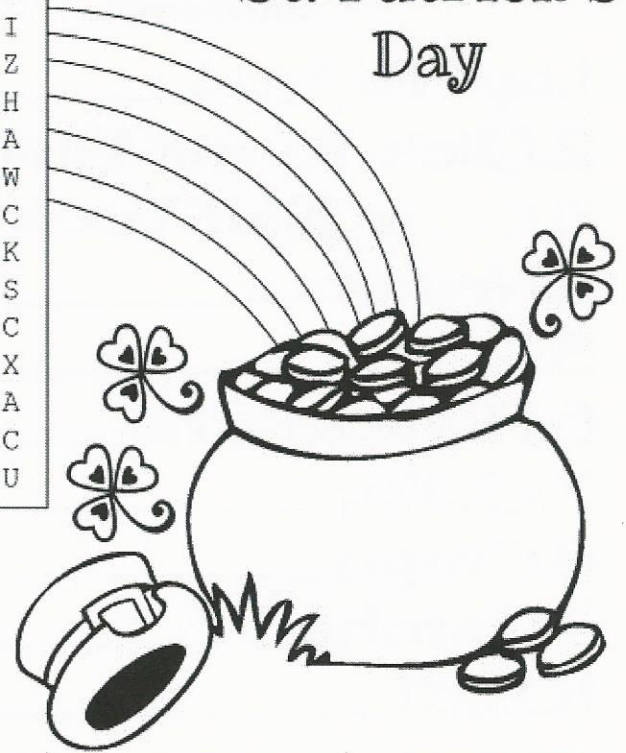
My child  
**YOU WORRY  
 TOO MUCH**  
 ive got this, remember?  
 Love,  
 God



When you are  
down to nothing  
God  
is up to something

L D N H V T V R E V O L C H D  
V E I E X Q A G J S X Q R C H  
B Q P O E I F Q D H N K K R I  
Z B D R N R X X M A W J A A Z  
V D X B E V G B M M Y R A M H  
Q S O P L C R C G R G O L D A  
N W Q O Q U H W D O N G S W W  
O Z W T T N C A N C D J N C C  
W J A F Z Q I K U K B M J X K  
H P E S H I W Q W N G C D D S  
M X F S Q G D Z Z R Y X O I C  
D C I Z K T X B H C C X M O X  
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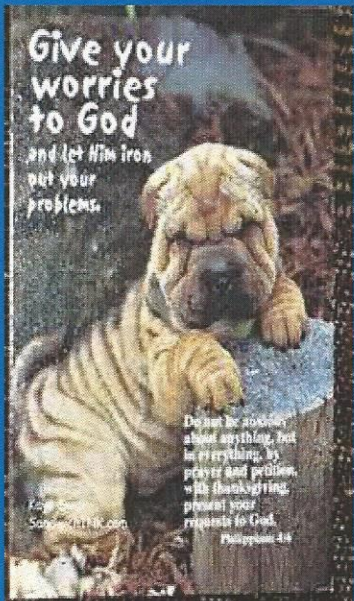
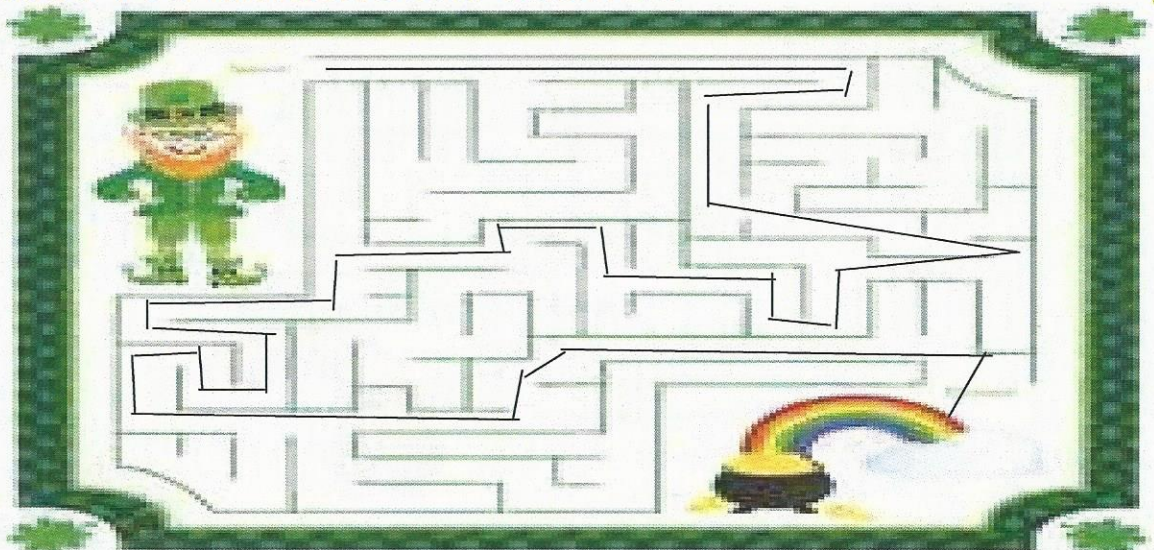
Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



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|------------|----------|
| CLOVER     | LUCK     |
| GOLD       | MARCH    |
| GREEN      | POT      |
| IRISH      | RAINBOW  |
| LEPRECHAUN | SHAMROCK |

Live like there is no tomorrow  
Sing as if no one can hear  
Love like you have never been hurt  
Dance as if no one is watching  
Laugh like no one is listening

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANSWER:**





## THE ANSWERS

### THE CATECHISM:

1. God is Almighty; He doeth whatever He will.
2. God is eternal; He has lived always and will live forever.
3. "God is love."
4. God is holy: He hateth all work of iniquity.
5. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

### BIBLE TRIVIA: THE OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

1. Cain
2. Shem, Ham and Japheth
3. Gopher wood with pitch inside and out.
4. Three
5. They came to Noah, two of each kind—male and female.

### BIBLE TRIVIA: THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

1. 40
2. "of the things concerning the kingdom of God."
3. They were to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. "It is not for you to know time or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority."
5. That they would receive power and would be His witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth.

### BIBLE TRIVIA: THE PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

1. Over 20 years
2. He gave him a tenth of everything
3. Lot
4. He asked Abraham to sacrifice his son as a burnt offering
5. Isaac

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE:

- |                |                      |                     |            |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1. Pot of Gold | 2. Luck of the Irish | 3. Four Leaf Clover | 4. Rainbow |
| 5. Green       | 6. Leprechaun        | 7. Lucky            | 8. Pinch   |
| 9. March 17    | 10. Kilt             |                     |            |

### BIBLE BRAIN TEASERS:

1. Psalm 117;
2. Psalm 119;
3. Psalm 118; There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118 and 594 chapters after Psalms 118. Add the chapters up and you have 1188.
4. Psalm 118:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

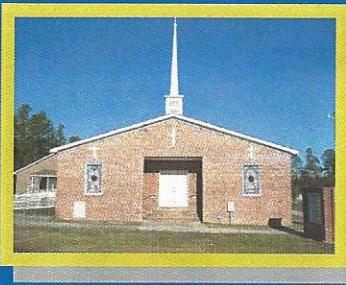


# TRUST

in the Lord with all  
thine heart and he  
shall direct thy paths

PROVERBS 3:5-6





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