

THE INFORMER

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Special Points of Interest:

- Pastor's Message
- Events of the Church
- Activities
- Readings
- Pictures

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God is still on the throne and He continues to work in the lives of His people each and every day. With each passing day, God has a blessing in store for us. We have to be open-minded and willing to accept the will of God. We are His children and He watches over us to protect us from all hurt, harm and danger. God is a merciful God. In spite of the wrong we do, He is a forgiving God. Have you tried Him for yourself? Or, are you depending on the prayers of mothers, fathers and the righteous to see you through? Do you know what God can do for you? He is a healer and a

friend. God needs to hear from YOU! Try Him today! See how your life will change when you begin to put all of your trust and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your burdens become lighter and life gets sweeter. Doors begin to open for you that you never dreamed possible. I dare you to try God for yourself! It is good to know God and His wonder-working powers. God will step in when you least expect Him and shower you with an abundance of blessings. If you do not believe the Pastor, ask someone who knows the power of God's word. He is a miracle worker! When



**Reverend Johnny R. Byrd
Pastor**

in doubt, try Jesus. He is my friend! Make Him yours!

Resurrection Sunday is coming! Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. Try Jesus!



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EASTER EGG HUNT

Saint Peter AME Church held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 12:00 Noon. There were goodies, games, prizes and treats for everyone. All present were winners!



HARLEY ENCOURAGES CONGREGATION TO GO ON

On Sunday, April 9, 2017 Licentiate Zareatha Harley encouraged the congregation to find strength to go on. The scripture text was taken from Matthew 21: 6—9. Jesus was preparing himself for the crucifixion. He rode a donkey into the city on Palm Sunday. A permanent decision for a temporary situation was made. There is nothing too hard for God. You

have to turn it over to Jesus. He carried the cross for all of us. They stretched Him wide and carried the cross for our sins. Jesus has wonderful working power. He got up from the grave! Call on the name of Jesus. Find the strength to go on in the Lord.



SPRING TIME IS EASTER TIME!

Easter is an exciting time of year! It takes place in the spring time. Flowers are blooming and Resurrection Sunday is taking place.

Jesus carried the cross of redemption for the sins of the world, but rose early on Sunday morning with all power in His hands.

Reverend Byrd spoke from John 20: 1--2 on the topic of "Emptiness at the Tomb". Mary Magdalene and the women went to the tomb to place spices on the body of Jesus.

Jesus had announced the coming of His death on several occasions.

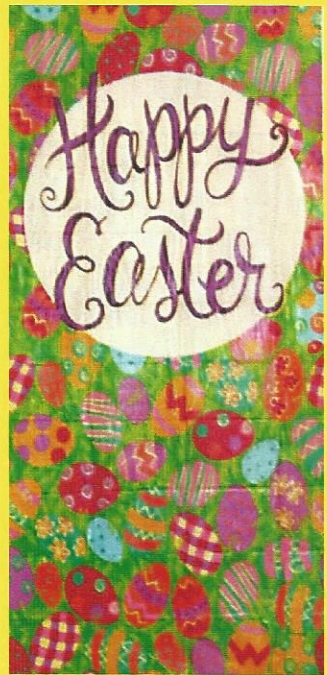
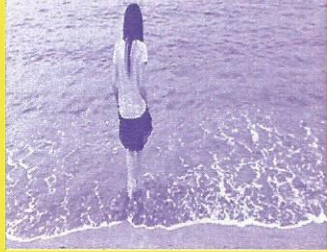
Mary was always there for Jesus. She was there when they beat nails into His body, put thrones on His head, gambled for His clothes and even for His placement in the tomb.

Mary and the women had gotten up early. But the tomb was empty. She felt hopeless. Mary thought the government had stolen Jesus' body. You have to walk by faith and not by sight. Do not let your,

emotions get in the way. He had risen! Ten Disciples were in the room when Jesus came. Thomas had not gotten there yet. Jesus had to show Thomas His wounds, because he doubted.

We all must one day die. However, people put emphasis on what people do rather than, if they are saved. There is an "Emptiness at the Grave."

sometimes you have to forget whats gone, appreciate what still remains and look forward to whats coming next.

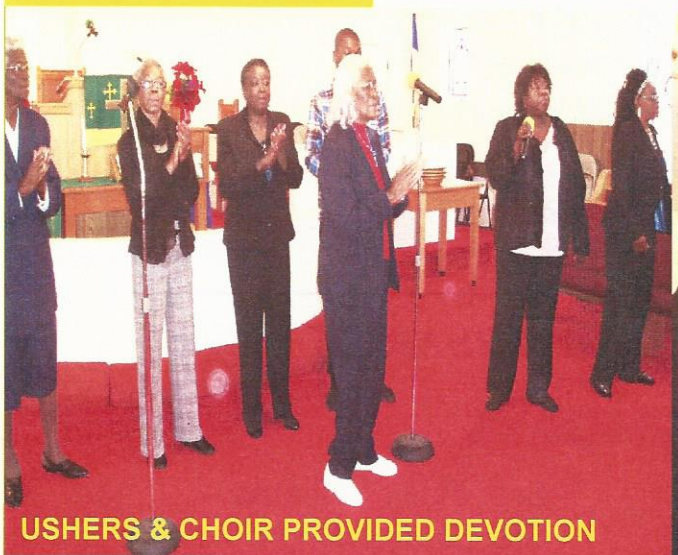
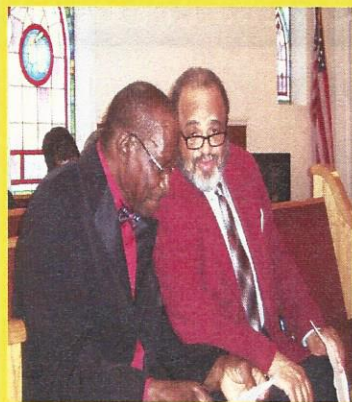


MALE CHORUS' 16th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, April 8, 2017, the Male Chorus held their 16th Anniversary at 6:00 PM. The Master of Ceremony was Reverend Johnny R. Byrd, Pastor. Thirteen visiting male choirs each rendered a selection. The program theme was "Lord I Done What You Told Me to Do." The program was dedicated to the Late J. Arthur McDonald and Bro. Curtis Harley. The Saint Peter AME Church Male Chorus was originally organized in 1996 by Bro. Nathaniel Heatley. However, in 2001, the first Male Chorus Program was held under the leadership of Reverend J. Arthur McDonald.

The officers of the chorus are Bro. Christopher Harley (President), Bro. Londrae Knotts (Secretary), Bro. Willie Harley (Treasurer) and Bro. Calvin Knotts (Chaplain). The other members include Bro. Michael Buckson, Bro. James Harley, Bro. Sedric Harley, Bro. Leroy Jones and Bro. Gerod Scott.

Words of Encouragement were provided by Pastor Byrd. He emphasized the fact that leadership means a lot. "But, what about leaders of organizations?", asked Reverend Byrd. He stated leaders should be honored and are servants of God. They want to be appreciated. The men showed Bro. Christopher Harley some love by giving him a token of appreciation.



USHERS & CHOIR PROVIDED DEVOTION





BIBLE TRIVIA: OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

1. How many people entered the ark?
2. How many days passed between the time Noah and his family entered the ark and the flood began?
3. How long did it rain upon the earth during the flood?
4. Who closed the ark's door after all the people and animals were in?
5. How long did the flood water prevail upon the earth?

BIBLE TRIVIA: NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

1. Recite Acts 1: 8.
2. How did Jesus leave the apostles after he had given them instructions?
3. When Jesus ascended, who asked the apostles why they were standing, looking into the sky?
4. How will Jesus appear when He comes again?
5. From where did Jesus ascend?

BIBLE TRIVIA: PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

1. What deception of Abraham's did Isaac also use?
2. How was Abraham's wife and Isaac's wife similar?
3. Why was Jacob's brother called Esau?
4. Why was Esau's named changed to Edom?
5. What was Esau's occupation?

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

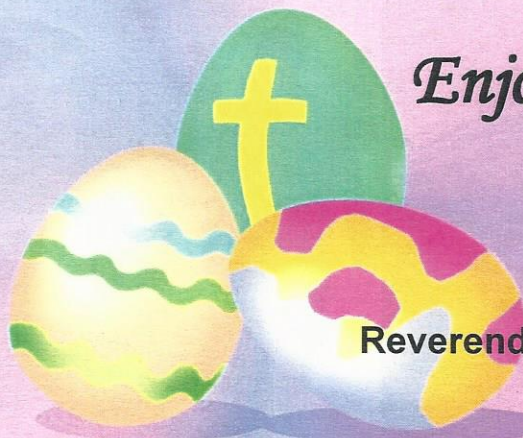
BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Ruth C. Evans	3rd	Bro. Tacey Williams	15th
Sis. Rose Caldwell	3rd	Sis. Latrice Wright	20th
Sis. Clottie Harley	6th	Sis. Effie Crum	22nd
Bro. Tobias Kelly, Jr.	14th	Sis. Brooke A. Mitchell	27th

Enjoy your day!

ANNIVERSARIES

Reverend and Mrs. Johnny R. (Sharon) Byrd
16th

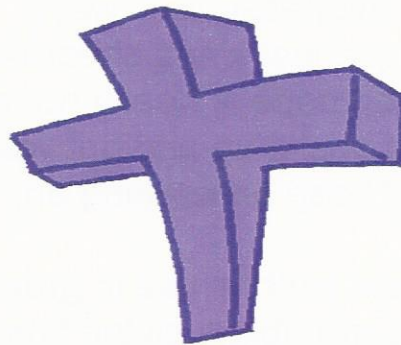


DON'T CRY
because it's over,
SMILE
because it happened.

Easter Word Search

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 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
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 T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
 X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 THORNS



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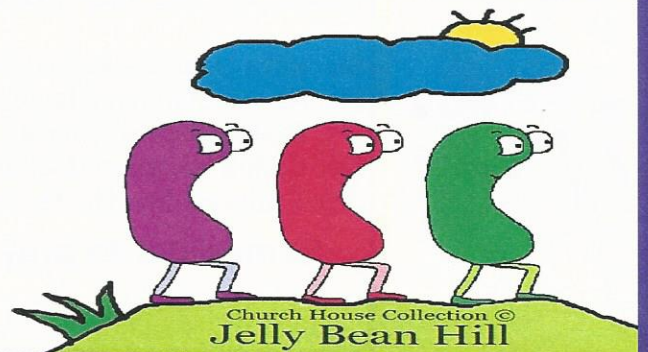
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KEEP ON KEEPING ON

If your day looks kinda gloomy,
 And your chances, kinda slim
 If the situation's puzzling,
 And the prospects awful slim
 And perplexities keep pressing
 Till all hope is nearly gone,
 Just bristle up and grit your teeth
 And keep on keeping on.

Shunning never wins a fight,
 And fretting never pays!
 There ain't no good in brooding
 On the pessimistic ways.
 Simple just kinda cheerfully,
 When hope is nearly gone
 And bristle up and grit your teeth,
 And keep on keeping on.

There ain't no use in growling
 And grumbling all the time
 When music's ringing everywhere
 And everything's in rhyme.
 Just keep on smiling cheerfully,
 If hope is nearly gone
 And bristle up and grit your teeth
 And keep on keeping on.

~ Unknown

FAITH
 in **GOD**
CHANGES
EVERYTHING



SICK AND SHUT-IN

Sis. Willa Dean Baxter (Home, West Cola.)
 Sis. Alpine Gladden (Home, Swansea)
 Sis. Eloise Gladden (Home, Swansea)
 Sis. Corine Hampton (Methodist Oaks, Orbg.)
 Bro. Curtis Harley (Home, North)

Sis. Dianne Hook (Home, Orangeburg)
 Bro. Reginal Jones (Home, Orangeburg)
 Bro. Colin "Rickey" Robinson (Home, Cola.)
 Sis. Katherine Shaw (Home, Columbia)
 Sis. Quearline White (Home, St. Matthews)

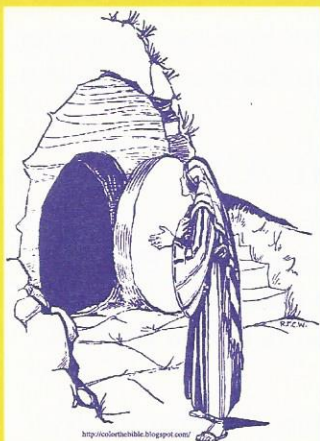
Remember to pray for the Sick and Shut-In as well as each other!



18 EASY WAYS TO BURN CALORIES

Listed below are exercises and the calories they burn per hour:

1. Beating around the bush 75
2. Jumping to conclusions 100
3. Climbing the walls 150
4. Swallowing your pride 50
5. Passing the buck 25
6. Throwing your weight around (depending on your weight) 50—300
7. Dragging your heels 100
8. Pushing your luck 250
9. Bending over backwards 75
10. Jumping on the bandwagon 200
11. Balancing the books 25
12. Running around in circles 350
13. Tooting your own horn 25
14. Climbing the ladder of success 750
15. Putting your foot in your mouth 300
16. Getting the ball rolling 90
17. Going over the edge 25
18. Picking up the pieces after 350



*"Never blame anyone in your life.
 good people give you happiness.
 bad people give you experience.
 worst people give you lesson
 & best people give you memories."*

STANDARD MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS

1st & 2nd Saturdays **BEFORE** the 1st & 2nd Sun. Mass Choir Rehearsal @ 10:00 AM
 2nd Sunday After Service YPD Meeting
 Saturday **BEFORE** 2nd Sunday Trustee Board Meeting @ 9:00 AM
 3rd Saturday **BEFORE** 3rd Sunday Male Chorus Rehearsal @ 10:00 AM
 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

SAINT PETER UPCOMING EVENTS

Saint Peter's Male Chorus 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. The men of the church will serve breakfast after the Easter Program!

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

Dress Down Sunday will be on **Sunday, April 23rd!** "Come as you are!" But, with respect of God.

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 color is **RED**. The speaker is **Presiding Elder Phillip Anderson**. Theme: "**When the Church Catches on Fire**".

The **Stewardess Board** will have a **training session** on **Saturday, June 3rd at 11:00 AM** at the church. **ALL STEWARDESSES** need to be present.

The **Trustees** will sponsor their **Annual Gala** on **Saturday, June 24, 2017, 6:00 PM** at **The Premier in Orangeburg**. Tickets are **\$25.00 per person**. Children 12 and under **FREE**.

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**.

Wateree District Leadership — Assessment Due \$1,907.00 on May 16, 2017.

Wateree District Leadership District Church School will be held on **Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Heyward AME Church**. Preacher: **Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Holy Convocation will be on **March 29th — April 1st in Florence, SC.**

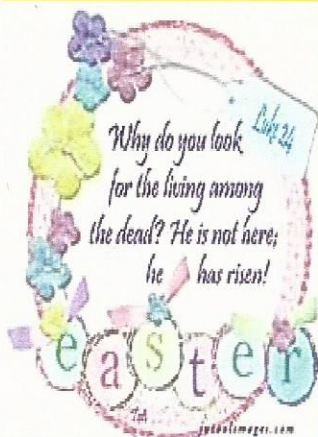
Wednesday Night — **STEWARDS** march in behind Pastors (Wear **BLACK**)

Thursday Night — **TRUSTEES** march in behind Pastors (Wear **WHITE**)

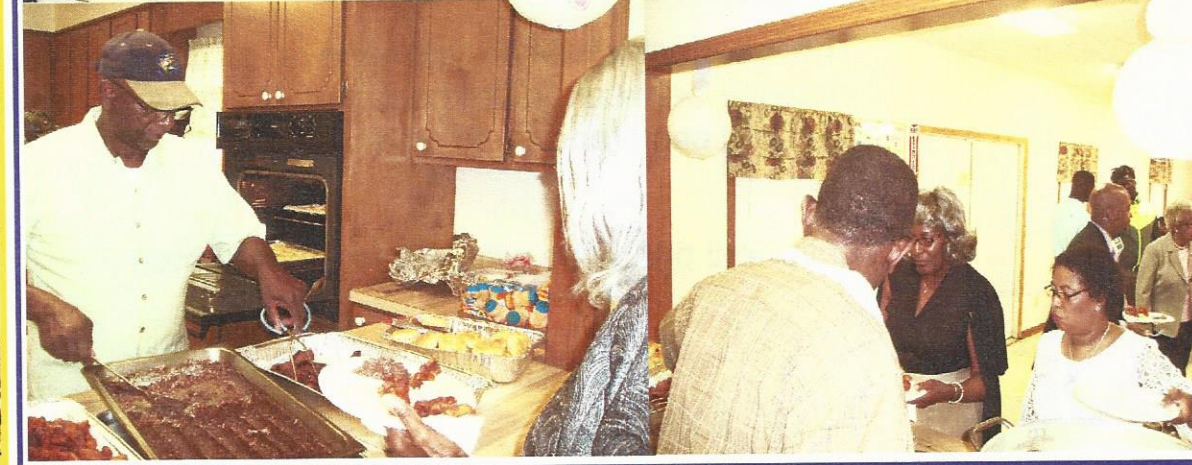
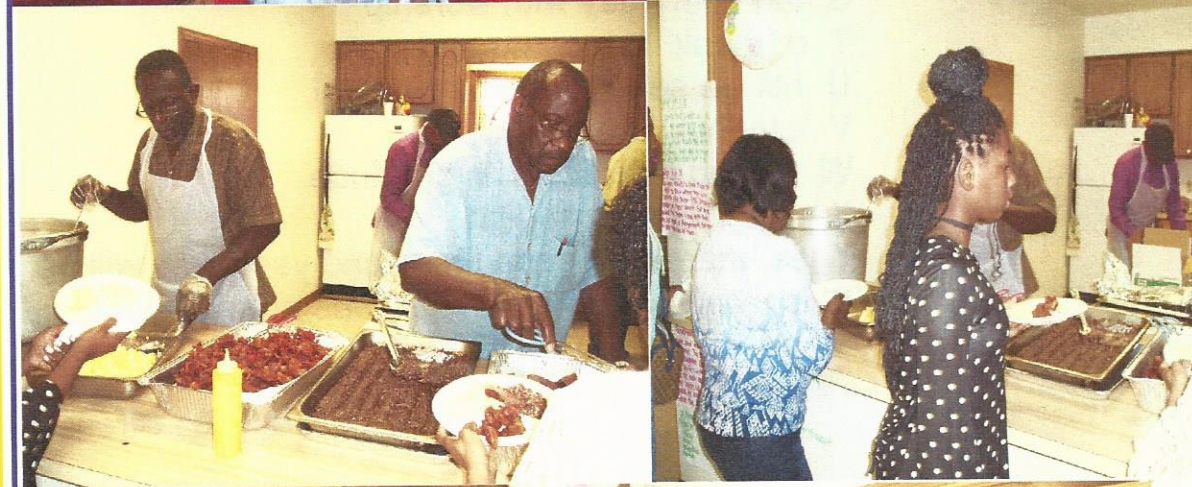
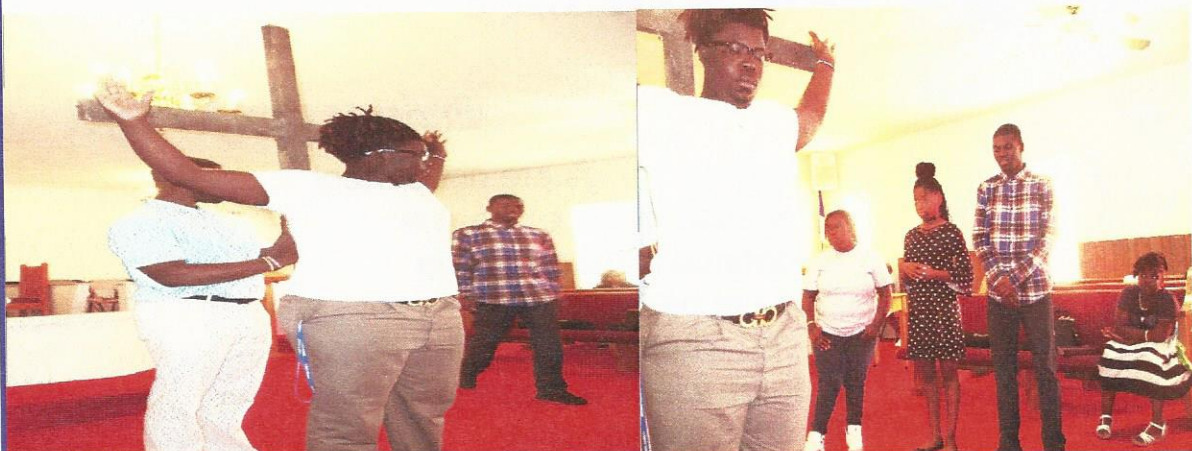
Friday Night — **CLASS LEADERS** march in behind Pastors (Wear **BLACK**)

Saturday — Pastors march in (Wear **BLACK**)

The **7th Episcopal District Leadership Conference** will be held in **Florence, SC** on **July 10 —13, 2017**.



EASTER PROGRAM AND SUNRISE BREAKFAST





ABC's OF LIFE

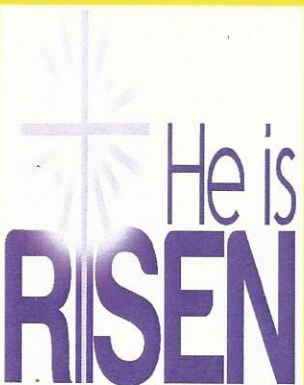
Praising God for Life!

A lthough things are not perfect
B ecause of trials or pains
C ontinue in thanksgiving
D o not begin to blame
E ven when the times are hard
F ierce winds are bound to blow
G od is forever able
H old on to what you know
I magine life without His love
J oy would cease to be
K eep thanking Him for all the things
L ove imparts to thee
M ove out of "Camp Complaining"
N o weapon that is known
O n earth can yield the power
P raise can do alone
Q uit looking at the future
R edeem the time at hand
S tart every day with worship
T o "thank" is a command
U ntil we see Him coming
V ictorious in the sky
W e'll run the race with gratitude
X alting God most high
Y es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I Am TOO Blessed to Be Stressed!"

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

Love and peace be with you forever! Amen.



SOUL FOOD

I love the taste of T-bone steak,
Delicious every bite,
But there's nothing like the Word of God,
For my spiritual appetite.

The Word of God has milk and meat,
And even ice cream and cake.
Take a slice of the Bread of Life,
And coffee to keep us awake.

Open your Bible and turn to Psalms,
For David's famous buffet.
You can drink all the wine of the Word you want,
And still feel fine the next day.

There's enough of the Word for everyone,
And no one has to cheat.
The Word of God is a smorgasbord,
So take all you are able to eat.

Let's have a little long suffering,
Job gives the recipe.
Patience is the main ingredient,
Self-denial is the fee.

Wrap that up in temperance,
It may not make much sense,
Cover that with contentment,
Then add some joy for strength.

Let's have love for dessert,
Jesus made this dish,
Cream of joy and peace together,
Sift out all selfishness.

Add some deeds of righteousness,
Enough to make it sweet.
Humility is the frosting,
That makes the dish complete.

Or are you on a diet,
Cause the race seems hard to run.
For a weight losing menu,
Try I Peter 2 and 2.

If when every time you battle,
The enemy always wins,
Try some Holy Ghost Protein,
And spiritual vitamins.

God's Word can feed millions,
And still have plenty left.
Because the Word of God is Soul Food.
Sent from the World's Greatest Chef.

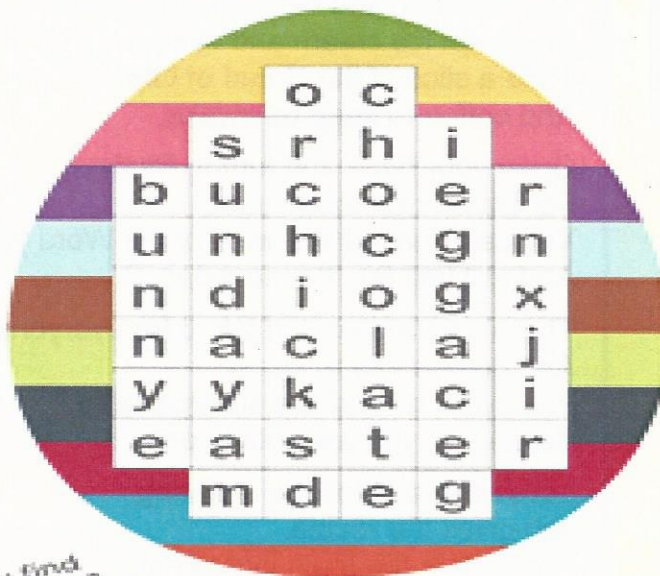
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EASTER ACTIVITIES



HAPPY EASTER



Can you find these words?

Easter
egg
hen

bunny
Sunday

chocolate
chicks

JESUS
LIVES

Easter Word Find



C	W	Z	B	A	S	K	E	T	W	U	S	T	P
H	O	T	C	R	O	S	S	B	U	N	S	F	E
O	L	L	B	V	R	W	O	T	A	E	G	V	E
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Parade
Tradition
Candy
Chicks
Sunday

Bonnet
Daffodils
Basket
Peeps
Chocolate

Easter
Family
Flowers
Jelly Beans
Egg Hunt

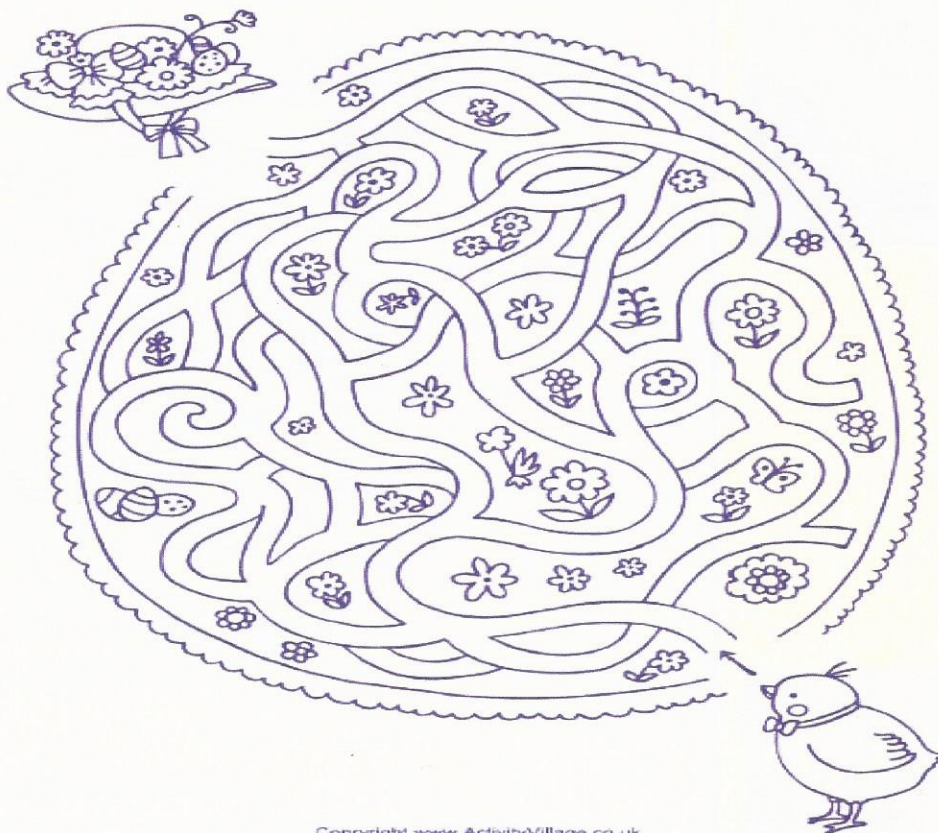
Games
Bells
Bunny
Lamb
Lily

Colored Eggs
Marshmallow
Hot Cross Buns
New Clothes
Robin Eggs



Help yourself
by
helping others

HELP THE CHICK FIND HER BONNET



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Jelly Bean Prayer

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Red is for the
blood He
gave.



Black is for
the sins we
made.



Green is for
the grass He
made.



White is for
the grace
He gave.



Yellow is for
the sun so
bright.



Purple is
for the hour
of sorrow.



Orange is for
the edge of
night.



Pink is for
our new
tomorrow.

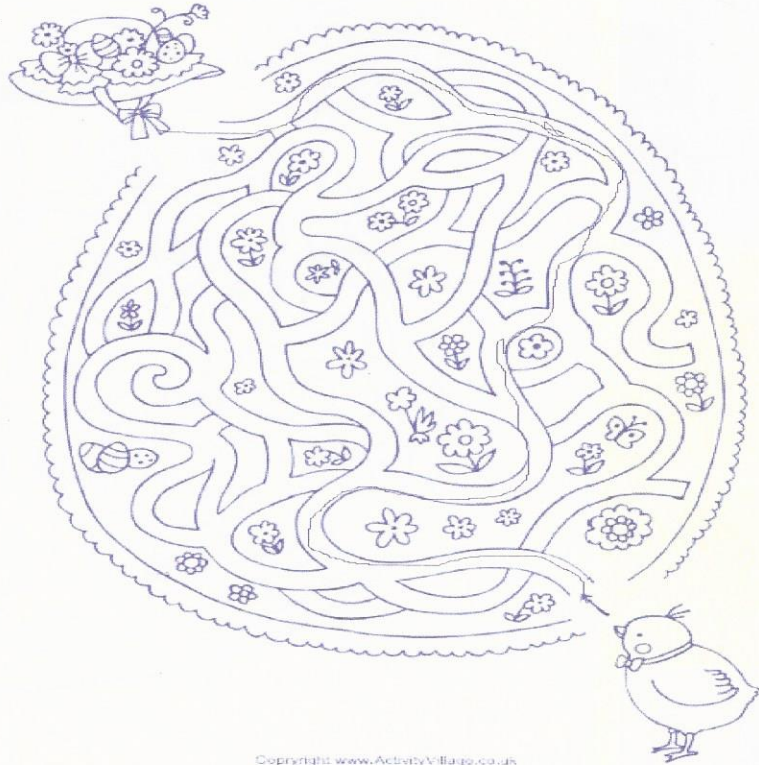
Be strong

because things will get better.
It may be stormy now, but it never
rains forever.

By Lisa Williams



PUZZLE ANSWERS



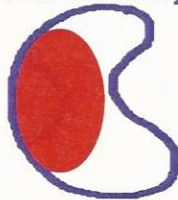
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 IS NOT MEASURED BY THE
 NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE,
 BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT
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Jelly Bean Prayer

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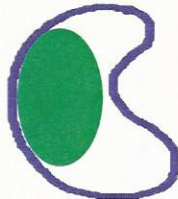
COLOR THE JELLY BEANS!!



Red is for the blood He gave.



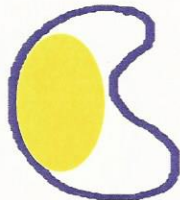
Black is for the sins we made.



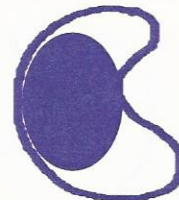
Green is for the grass He made.



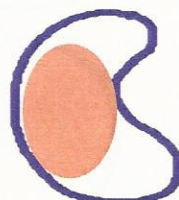
White is for the grace He gave.



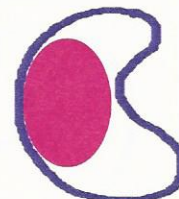
Yellow is for the sun so bright.



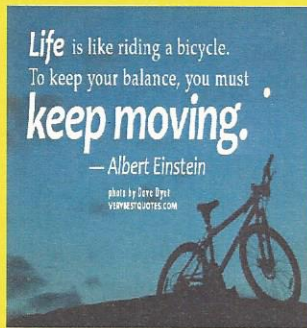
Purple is for the hour of sorrow.



Orange is for the edge of night.



Pink is for our new tomorrow.



ANSWERS:

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY: 1. Eight 2. Seven days. 3. Forty days and forty nights. 4. The Lord closed it. 5. One hundred and fifty days.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: 1. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." 2. "He was lifted up while they were looking on and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 3. Two men in white clothing. 4. In the same way as the apostles watched Him ascend. 5. From the Mount of Olivet, which is near Jerusalem.

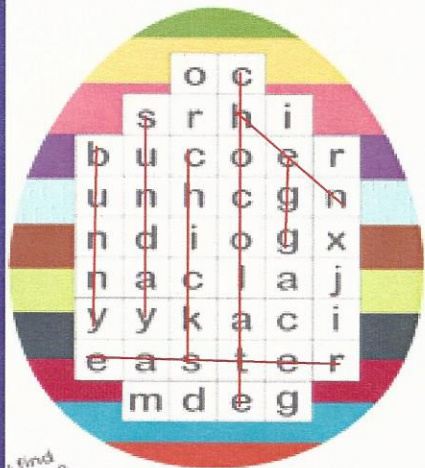
PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE: 1. He also told some men that his wife was his sister. 2. They were both barren, but the Lord answered their prayers by giving them sons. 3. Because Esau means "hairy", which he was. 4. Because Edom means "red", which was the color of the stew that he traded for his birthright. 5. He was a skillful hunter.

If you focus on **results**,
you will never **change**.

If you focus on **change**,
you will get **results**.

~Jack Dixon

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Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
 N O I T C E R R U S E R E E O O
 A P O S T L E S E E Y S C D O
 S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
 N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
 R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
 O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
 H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
 T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
 X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

Easter Word Find



C W Z B A S K E T W U S T P
 H I T C R O S S B U N S F E
 O L L B V R W O T A E G V E
 C L M O B O N N E T W G S P
 O A T V R J B B R T C E B S
 L M L S M E Y A U N L N U K
 A H W I L L D T M U O I N R
 T S R L L I F E Z H T B N E
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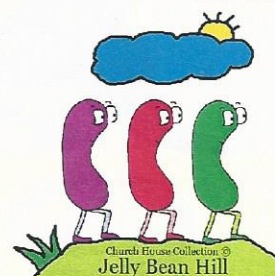
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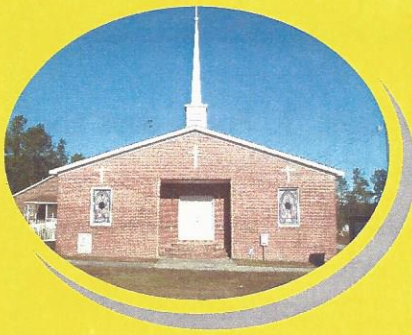
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"You don't always
need a plan.
Sometimes you just
need to *Breathe*, TRUST,
let go and see what
happens."

~Mandy Hale



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