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# THE INFORMER

A NEWSLETTER DESIGNED TO INFORM AND INSPIRE READERS!

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Reverend Johnny R. Byrd (Pastor)**

Love is an action word. God is love. I am in love with Him and He is in love with me! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). I love God! Do you love God? If you love God, you should serve God with all your heart and soul.

Working for God is an inspiration and privilege. Anyone can work for

God. God does not turn down anyone who confesses their love for Him and wants to serve Him. Working for the Lord is a rewarding experience. God has the best benefit package an individual could ever receive. The package provides eternal life. There are constant blessings. God welcomes you with open arms.

Love builds up, not tear down. Love is a lot of things. "Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. Love does not boast. Love is not proud. Love is not rude. Love is not selfish. Love is not easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil. Love rejoices in truth. Love always protects. Love always trusts. Love always hopes. Love always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8).

Put a little LOVE in your heart and TRUST God!  
Happy Valentine's Day!

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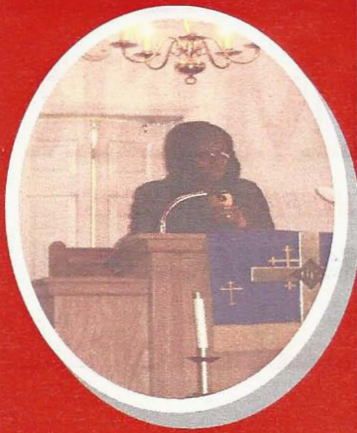
## REMEMBERING THE TIMES

February is Black History Month! A time of reflecting and rejoicing!

Can you identify the pictures to the right? Back in the day, water actually came from the instrument to the right. It was how people were able to quench their thirst. In today's world, things have changed greatly.

They have become more modernized. Inventions have made a difference in the world. The pictures to the right are of an old pump at Saint Peter AME Church (North). The first pump was invented by Ctesibius of Alexandria of Egypt (circa 300 to 200 BC).





Licentiate Zareatha  
Harley

## YOUTH IN CHARGE AND LICENTIAATE HARLEY SPEAKS

The Young People's Division (YPD) of Saint Peter AME Church were in charge of Morning Worship on the Fourth Sunday, January 22, 2017. Sis. Che-Kirah Woody was the Worship Leader. The Invocation was conducted by Sis. Jamilah West. The Scripture was read from Psalm 1 by Sis. Zahria Hook. The Announcements and Recognition of Visitors was done by Sis. Amariya Wright. The Word was delivered by Licentiate Zareatha Harley. The Mes-

sage Topic was "You fulness, you ought to praise Him". The Text Scripture was taken from Psalm 117: 1-2.

The Main Points mentioned everything good and perfect comes from God. The Psalms all point to God. If He has to reach way down, Jesus will pick you up. Even in the midst of brokenness, you can still praise God. Licentiate Harley went on the say how Jesus loves us. Because of God's faith-



**"Committed  
to service for  
the Lord"**

## HOOK RECEIVES WALMART GIFT CARD

The Central Conference WMS President, Sis. Josephine Mitchell, gave a \$25.00 Walmart gift card to the WMS of Saint Peter (North). The card was to be given to a deserving member of the church, during the Holiday Season.

At the Local WMS Meeting in January 2017, Sis.

Angela Harley, the Local WMS President, asked for suggestions on who should receive the gift card. The WMS voted to give the card to Sis. Dianne Hook. Sis. Hook was recently ill and as a gesture of good will was presented the card. She was excited and appreciated the gift card. Congratulations Sis. Hook!



Sis. Angela Harley (left) and Sis. Dianne Hook (right)

## WMS VALENTINE'S DAY BASKET

The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) sponsored their first fundraiser for the year. It was a Valentine's Day Basket! Tickets were \$2.00 each. The drawing was held on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Individuals did not have to be present to win! All proceeds would go toward the WMS budget.

Persons were encouraged to get their tickets from any Missionary Society Member.

Submitted by Sis. Angela Harley, WMS President



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is kind  
is not envious or rude  
is not self-seeking.  
rejoices in the truth.  
Keep no records of wrongs.  
bears all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
*Love never ends.*

### KEYSHAWN WRIGHT IS A WINNER!

Congratulations to Bro. Keyshawn Wright! He was the winner of the Women's Missionary Society's (WMS) Valentine's Day Basket drawing. The WMS had over twenty women to contribute donations for the beautiful basket assembled and prepared by Sis. Tanya Mintz. The fundraiser brought in over \$700.00 in monetary donations. HATS OFF to all the WMS ladies who participated in the fundraiser. It could not have been a success with-

out YOUR help! Thanks for all you do!



**Bro. Christopher Harley holds the basket to be won for advertising purposes!**

**Sis. Tanya Mintz (center) prepared the beautiful basket.**

### RECOGNITION OF YOUTH

Saint Peter AME Church recognized the youth of the church for their Academic Achievement on Sunday, February 19, 2017. The youth had to present their report cards for the first semester or nine weeks of accomplishments. The youth were given incentives to continue to excel in their academics.



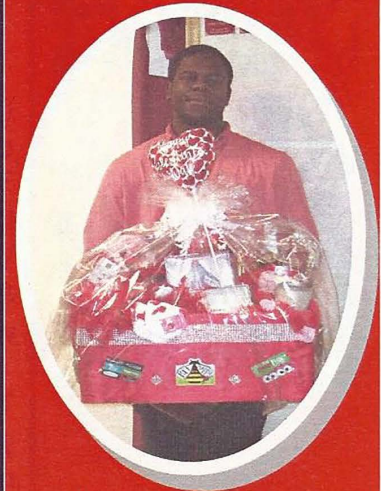
### THE LIFE OF BRO. L. N. GLADDEN, SR.

The life of Bro. Loney Nell Gladden, Sr. was celebrated on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The dearly departed and beloved Brother was called home to rest on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, after celebrating his 83rd birthday on January 17th. Bro. Gladden joined Saint Peter at an early age. He was a member of the Usher Board.

Bro. Loney Gladden, Sr.

left to cherish his legacy and memories his children, Joyce (William) Jones of Glen Allen, VA; Alva Larrymore of Swansea, SC; Lorna Gladden of Swansea, and Loney Nell (Erica) Gladden, Jr. of Columbia, SC. His siblings included Eloise Gladden and Alpine Gladden both of Swansen, SC. There were seven sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; thirteen

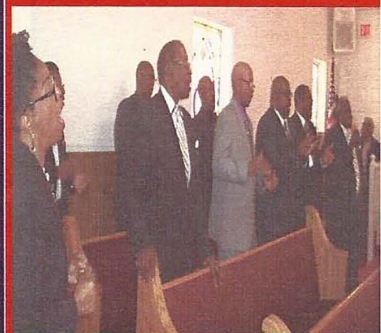
grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one honorary daughter, Anita (Anthony) Watson; five honorary grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins other relatives and dear friends.



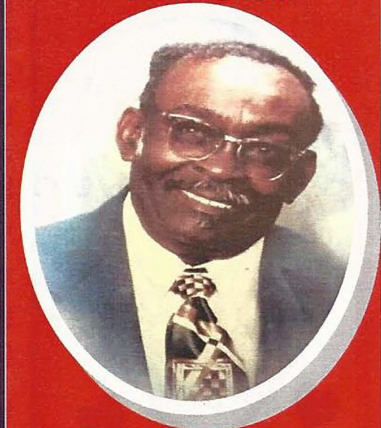
**Bro. Keyshawn Wright**



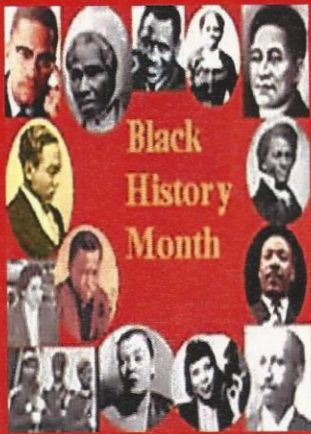
**Sis. Angela Harley and Bro. Keyshawn Wright**



**Male Choir**



**Bro. Loney Nell Gladden, Sr.**



## SAINT PETER WMS IN CHARGE

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, the Women's Missionary Society was in charge of Morning Worship Service. Sis. Sylvia Harley was the Worship Leader. The Invocation was conducted by Sis. Angela Harley. The Scripture was read from Psalm 150 by Sis. Isabella Way. The Announcements and Recognition of Visitors was done by Sis. Mary Y. Harley. The speaker for the occasion was Sis. Sharon Byrd, First Lady of Saint Peter AME Church. The Message Topic was "Moving to the Next Level".

The Main Points: It was time for a new attitude; a new life. Evaluate self and/or your organization. Time to make a change. There were three "Ps" needed in moving to the next level (Process, Promise and Perseverance/Passion). God has a plan and design on our lives. Pray often, stay focused and remember, God is the one who causes us to move to the next level.



## THE LICENTIATES' CORNER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We are off to a Powerful and Glorious year filled with wonderful Blessings, yet to be experienced from Almighty God. Although they came to us in November of last year, we would like to thank God and Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., for assigning Reverend and Mrs. Johnny (Sharon) Byrd to Saint Peter AME Church.

We are proud, yet humbled, to be into our 2nd Year of studies with the Central Conference Board of Examiners. This year will bring ordinations as Deacons for both of us. The assigned duties at Saint Peter include each of the Licentiate to teach and preach the word of God on various assigned topics. Bible Study for the month of February is being taught by Bro. Michael Buckson. The topic of discussion is "Tithing". Sis. Zareatha Harley has the month of March. Her topics center on "Following Under the Authority of God". The Licentiate are rotated every 4th Sunday to preach the Word. Both Licentiate, Sis. Harley and Bro. Buckson, are furthering their education in the ministry. They are enrolled in Columbia International and Allen Universities, respectively.

Thank you for all of your support in everything we do! Please know God is not through with us yet. When He gets through with us...Therefore, as Bishop Green stated, "We are Going to the Next Level" and the best is yet to come.

God Bless each of you is our prayer!

Licentiate Zareatha Harley and Licentiate Michael Buckson





# 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 will have its Annual Valentine's Day Gala on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Cinema in Orangeburg, SC. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

## 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**)

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Sis. Destinee Scott</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Bro. Marvin Bernard Stack</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Sis. McKenzie Bonnette</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Sis. Tiffany Harley</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Bro. Daniel R. Bonnette, Jr.</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Sis. Rhuebell Jones</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Bro. James E. Harley</b>	<b>16th</b>
<b>Sis. Amariya Wright</b>	<b>27th</b>

## SICK AND SHUT-IN

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)

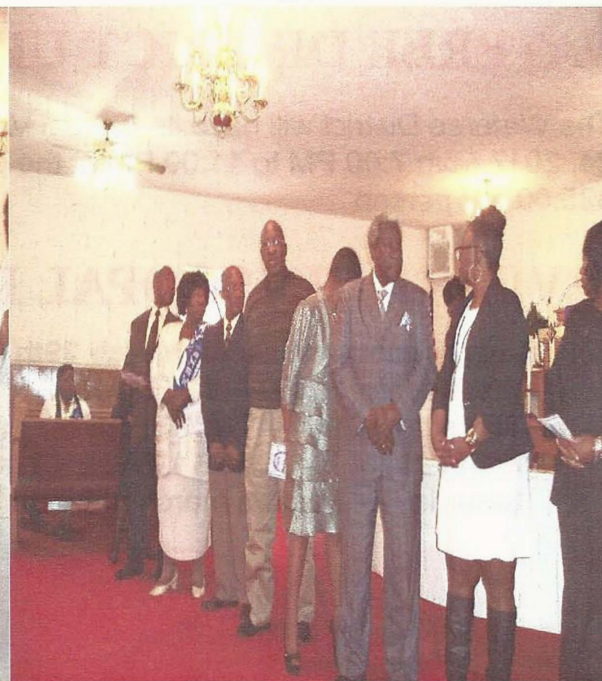
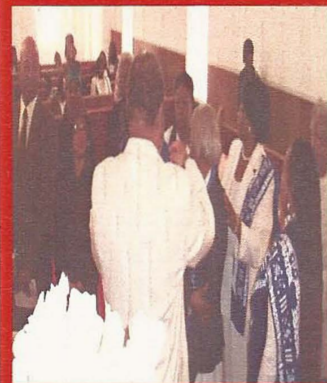
**Remember to pray for the Sick and Shut-In as well as each other!**

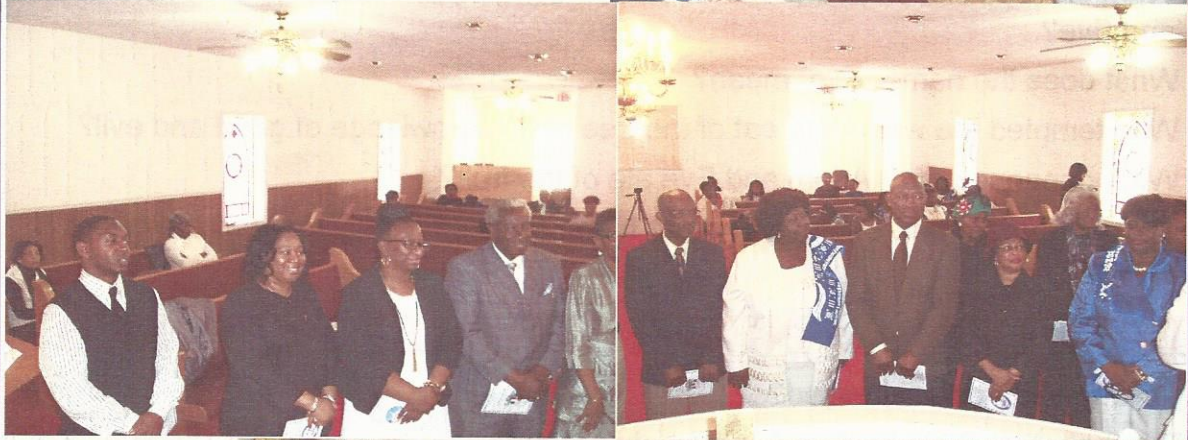




## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SERVICE

The Saint Peter AME Church Installation Service for the officers was held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 after Morning Worship Service. Reverend Johnny Byrd provided the Act of Installation. The Officers were read various questions, to which they had to respond. With God's help, the Officers vowed to be an example and inspiration for the Church Members. The Declaration of Installation involved the Pastor and Congregation. Once the Officers were officially installed, the Church Members rejoiced and received their Brothers and Sisters as their leaders for the 2016—2017 Conference Year.



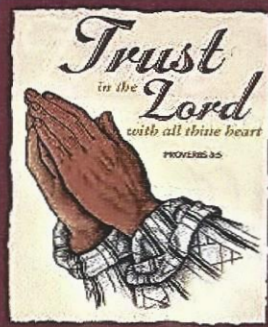


*Happy Valentine's Day*



Learn from history  
or you may end up  
repeating all  
the same  
mistakes

HISTORY



## THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICANS

1. Who was the first licensed African American female pilot?
2. Who was the first African American woman to go into space aboard the space shuttle Endeavor in 1992?
3. Who was the first African American appointed to the United States Supreme Court?
4. Who was the first African American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908?
5. Who was America's first self-made woman to become a millionaire?

**BONUS QUESTION:** How did the first self-made woman make her millions?

## THE CATECHISM

1. Who made you?
2. Who is God?
3. What is God?
4. Where is God?
5. What does God know?

## BIBLE TRIVIA: OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

1. What did God station at the east of the Garden of Eden when He sent out Adam and Eve?
2. What does the name "Eve" mean?
3. Who tempted the woman to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
4. What happened after Adam and Eve ate of the fruit?
5. What did Adam and Eve use to cover themselves after they realized they were naked?

## BIBLE TRIVIA: NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

1. To whom is Acts addressed?
2. To what other Bible book is Acts closely aligned?
3. Who is the accepted author of Acts?
4. What was the purpose of Luke and Acts as described in Luke 1: 4?
5. What is the best way to conceive of the book of Acts? A) history of the early church, b) Paul's journeys, c) outline of the extension of the church from Jerusalem to Rome, d) the acts of Peter and Paul.

## BIBLE TRIVIA: PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

1. Who was the father of Methuselah?
2. Who is known as "the Man who walked with God"?
3. Whose father was named Lamech?
4. What are the names of Noah's three sons?
5. Put these cities in the order Abraham journeyed to them: Shechem, Haran, Bethel, Ur, Hebron





# VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

VEOL

HSUG

SIKS

RTEAH

DARC

CDYAN

AYPRT

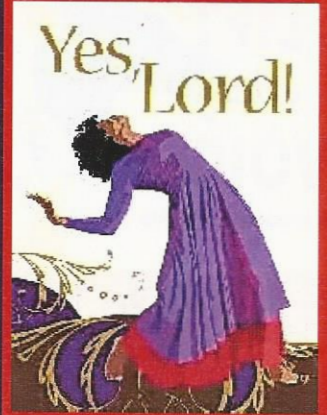
EESTW

SGITF

LNTVIANEE

VGEI

EDR



## VALENTINE SPELLING WORDS

Answer each statement using one of the spelling words below:



**heart**  
**gift**

**candy**  
**card**

**flower**  
**bouquet**

**rose**  
**kiss**

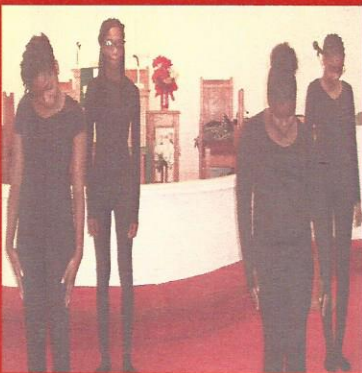
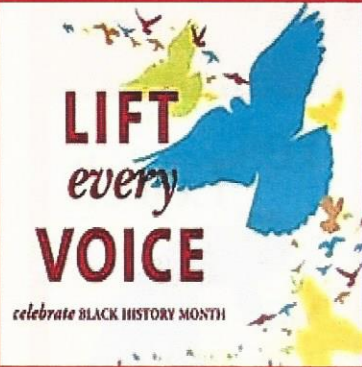
**love**  
**hug**

1. Another word for sweets. \_\_\_\_\_
2. This flower has thorns on its stem. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A word that rhymes with rug. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a bunch of flowers.
5. Tulips are a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A word that rhymes with tart. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is another word for present.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ is made out of paper.
9. A word that rhymes with miss. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A word that rhymes with dove. \_\_\_\_\_



### STEWARDS' BLACKOUT PROGRAM

The Stewards of Saint Peter AME Church (North) held their Blackout Program on Sunday, February 19, 2017 in honor of Black History Month. The Blackout Program coincided with the Black History Day Program. Everyone was asked to contribute \$100.00. The Black History Program theme was "Hidden Treasures". The youth recited information based on the lives of several individuals in Black History. A slideshow presentation was seen of a blast from the past. Several youth participated in a Praise Dance routine. The Stewards' Blackout Program collected over \$2,800.00. A delicious old fashioned meal was had by all.

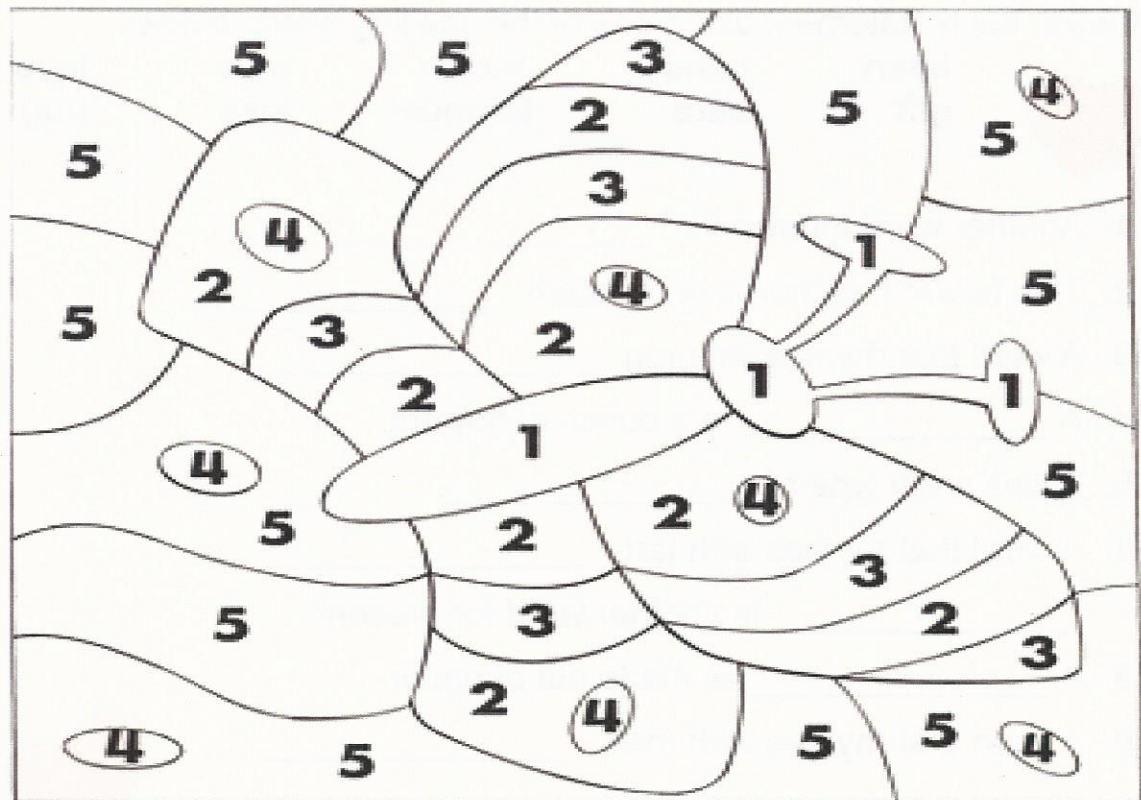
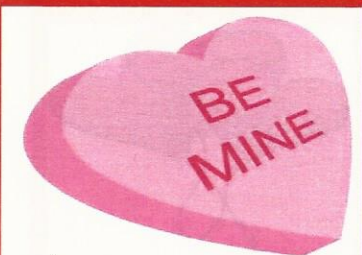
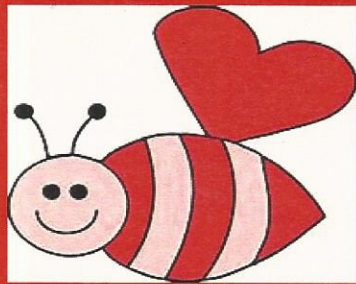


Praise Dancers



#### Color Key

- 1 = brown
- 2 = orange
- 3 = blue
- 4 = yellow
- 5 = green



# THE ANSWERS

## THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICANS:

1. Bessie Coleman
2. Dr. Mae Jemison
3. Thurgood Marshall
4. Jack Johnson
5. Madam C. J. Walker

**BONUS ANSWER:** Her hair care products

## THE CATECHISM:

1. God.
2. The creator of all things.
3. An uncreated Spirit.
4. God is everywhere.
5. God is all-wise; He knoweth all things, even the thoughts of our hearts.

## BIBLE TRIVIA: THE OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

1. Cherubim and the flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.
2. Living or life. Adam called Eve this, because she was the mother of all the living.
3. The serpent.
4. Their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked.
5. Fig leaves sewn together.

## BIBLE TRIVIA: THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

1. Theophilus
2. Luke
3. Luke
4. To assure Theophilus of "the exact truth about the things you have been taught."
5. Outline of the extension of the church from Jerusalem to Rome.

## BIBLE TRIVIA: THE PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

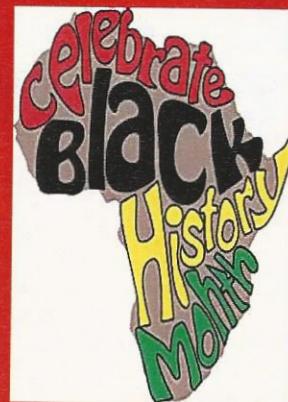
1. Enoch
2. Enoch
3. Noah
4. Shem, Ham and Japheth
5. Ur, Haran, Shechem, Bethel, Hebron

## VALENTINE WORD SCRAMBLE:

- |         |          |          |               |
|---------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 1. Love | 4. Heart | 7. Party | 10. Valentine |
| 2. Hugs | 5. Card  | 8. Sweet | 11. Give      |
| 3. Kiss | 6. Candy | 9. Gifts | 12. Red       |

## VALENTINE SPELLING WORDS:

- |          |            |           |         |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 1. Candy | 3. Hug     | 5. Flower | 7. Gift | 9. Kiss  |
| 2. Rose  | 4. Bouquet | 6. Heart  | 8. Card | 10. Love |



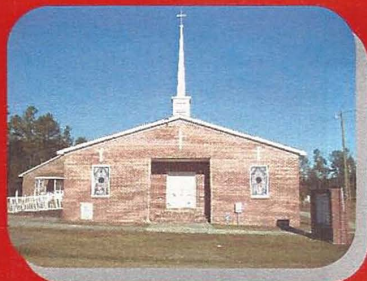
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IS COMING  
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