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# The City Temple Times

## Grace and Mercy

By vondelisa

My mind was racing  
Thinking about what I was facing  
Never traveled this road before  
So, I sat and stared out the door  
I was alone with my thoughts  
When you gently touched my heart  
The woman with a kind face  
Asked what brought me to this place  
She spoke softly to me  
Her presence set my mind at ease  
At the moment I knew  
She'd been sent by you  
She asked if I was ready  
I was trying to hold it steady  
Then, I inquired of you  
You told me what to do  
You said, "Pray, daughter, pray"  
That's the only way  
When you don't know what else to do  
Remember how much I love you  
You said, "it's already done  
The battle's already won  
No need for you to fret  
Just open your heart and let  
Me in."  
I looked deep inside  
From you I could not hide  
What you said in your Word is true  
Your grace and mercy brought me  
through.

*Inspired by two encounters with God while waiting in the doctor's office to undergo medical test -- one in the form of a Guideposts article and another in the form of a woman with a kind face and peaceful demeanor. Through both, I felt that God was telling me that everything would be alright and I shouldn't worry.*

## Knowing God's

# GRACE and MERCY

As if receiving her own cancer diagnosis wasn't bad enough, Ericka "Coko" Richardson learned her 18-month old son, Jayden, had a critical illness of his own. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) is a cancer of the white blood cells, the cells in the body that normally fight infections. In ALL, the abnormal cells may collect in the brain or spinal cord, also called the central nervous system (CNS).

"He had a sinus infection and then that went away," Coko explained. "Then he had an ear infection and that went away. But he had a fever that stayed."

After taking Jayden to his physician to treat his consistent and persistent fever, Coko was told Jayden may be anemic. "The doctor sent us to a blood specialist." A spinal tap proved Jayden had leukemia.

Even with all of the fears a parent would have worrying about her young child suffering with this criti-

cal illness, even while battling her own crusade against cancer, Coko's faith remains unwavering. She unequivocally gives all of the glory and honor to God.

"You do get down. Leukemia is a critical illness," Coko said, "it's easy to think he's going to die."

"But you have to keep your faith."

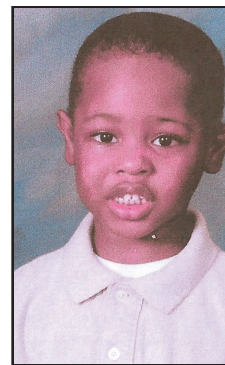
Coko is also grateful for her family and extended church family that kept her and her son in their prayers.

"It wasn't just Jayden's illness. Everyone in the family was affected. But we put our faith in God and prayer."

So does prayer work? Coko would say it does. After she and Jayden have received years of treatment, their latest results found no sign of cancer in either of them.

"Even the doctors believed it was more than just the medicine," Coko said.

Of course. It's grace and mercy.



Jayden Richardson



# the pastor's

## corner

Several Sundays ago, we were favored by a family of visitors from the Netherlands. They were in the United States on vacation and wanted to worship at an African American church. From all indications they thoroughly enjoyed their worship experience with us and were glad to have had the opportunity to come to City Temple.

I want to express my great pride in the City Temple family for the hospitality you extended to our visitors. Many of you greeted them following the morning worship and welcomed them to our church. Others of you were kind enough to take them back to their hotel so that they might catch their flight back home.

I believe one of the tangible signs of spiritual growth is how hospitable we are to those who come and share the worship experience with us. As pastor, I am grateful for the growing warmth and kindness that is emerging among us. This is not to say that this is something new; rather it is an indication that we are indeed growing in the faith we embrace. While this is not the only indication of our spiritual growth, it is the one that stands out most recently.

I wanted to use this space in our church newsletter to say thank you to the entire congregation for not only this sign of spiritual growth, but for all other indications of our growth during the recent years. God continues to bless us in the most unexpected ways and we dare not overlook those blessings or take them for granted. May the God who has done great things for us, in us and through us in the past continue to bless us in the future. And may we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and may we increase in the love that God showers upon us and may this love aid us in our growth toward the fullness of Christ.

*Rev. Dr. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr.*

**PASTOR**

# letters to the congregation

## Intergenerational Moment

Several months ago, I spoke with Marshall Jenkins of the Dance Ministry and she informed me that her daughter, Brianna, would be performing a solo. My heart leapt with excitement when I heard this news. I have a special place in my heart for the dance ministry.

On the fourth Sunday in March—Brianna's Sunday to dance—I came to church feeling a bit down. As the scripture that supported the song was lifted, the music began and Brianna Jenkins began ministering to us all here at the Temple.

I was taken higher and higher in our Lord. Brianna's youth, high energy, and the spirit in which she danced lifted my spirit. At this moment, two generations came together in the spirit.

Thank God for our dance ministry and special thanks for and to Brianna as she continues to minister and lift all of our hearts.

Submitted by,  
Estelle Carter

## Support the Arena Players

Thanks for your support of my comedy "Church Revelations," which ran April 8-April 26. It was good to see so many City Temple members in the theater and on the stage: Joyce Baylor-Thompson, Randy Tilghman, Greg Reed, and Vonda Reed starred.

The Arena Players are in need of your support financially and through letter writing to our mayor Sheila Dixon asking her to support us like she has The Senator and other non-minority theaters. Just drop her a note and say, "What are we doing for *our* theater?" Make any donations (tax deductible) to the Arena Players "Save Our Heritage" Fund, 801 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

We were awarded a bond of \$350,000.00, which we cannot touch because of new rules that require matching funds that we do not have. Support us in prayer and in writing to our mayor.

Submitted by,  
Robert Russell

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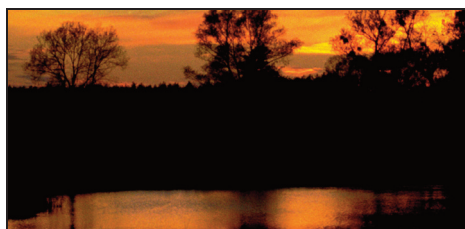
# inspirational words of wisdom

## His Ever-Present Love

written by Catherine Janssen Irwin

Through all the ups and downs of life  
the dark days and the fair,  
it's always such a comfort  
to know my Lord is there.  
To guide and give the needed push  
through life's roughest spots,  
when I know that by myself  
a winner I am not.  
He knows when I'm most likely  
to give into despair,

and through His sweet compassion  
hears my silent prayer.



## The Ways We Touch

written by Miller Williams

Have compassion for everyone you  
meet, even if they don't want it.

What appears bad manners, an ill  
temper or cynicism is always a sign  
of things no ears have heard, no eyes  
have seen.

You do not know what wars are  
going on down there where the spirit  
meets the bone.

*Compassion goes a long ways; just try it the  
next time before judging!*

*Rev. Debbie*

# Ponder This... What Is **MOST** Important?



Stacey R. Johnson

Working in the school system, I've seen things that have really made me wonder where people's priorities are. I have students who leave school in the afternoon only to go home to care for younger siblings

because their parents went out. Some of these parents stay out all night forcing their children into a parental role at age eleven or twelve.

What's worst is these students come to school the next day and are scolded for not having completed their homework or for not being dressed in the proper uniform as a result of trying to take care of their family.

This led me to start thinking about the topic of selfishness and the differ-

ent ways we are selfish that we may not necessarily recognize. How many of us know individuals who purchase expensive cars they can't afford but when it is time to give in church say they can't afford it? How many of us would be willing to forego gift giving on any holiday in order to spend that money on someone in need? Better yet, how many people have taught their children to be selfless and forego gifts on a holiday? How many of us know individuals who rely on elderly family members to take care of their responsibilities?

These are all examples of selfishness. I also believe that it is this kind of selfishness that has led to much of the breakdown that we see in our community. When we have men who decide that it is more important for them to live their lives than to take care of their children, it breaks another family.

When mothers give their children to their mothers to raise, it breaks another family.

Philippians 2:3 states, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." It appears most people don't know why they were placed here on earth and their confusion leads them to "selfish ambition". Life, then, is about having fun, making money, and having all of the wonderful material things this world can offer. However, those who realize they were placed here to glorify God in all things can be selfless because they know that God receives the glory through that act.

*So ponder this...what is more important, pursuing my personal interests and ambitions or doing those things for God that will bring him glory?*

## trade post

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## think on these things

**"If pleasure is what you want, do not suppress the desire. Seek it intelligently."**



# ministries in motion

## upcoming events

### **CITY TEMPLE SECURITY MINISTRY**

The new City Temple Security Ministry has been serving since September 2008. We consider our service to be an "outpost" of the community of City Temple or, as Pastor puts it, "an outpost of love". When our City Temple family members and visitors see us, we hope to give them a sense of comfort as they enter and exit our church home.

We count it as a blessing to be able to volunteer security services at our church. Those services include: watching and reporting any suspicious activities around the church grounds, assisting the trustees during the offering, and maintaining a safe environment around the church for its members and visitors.

The members of the City Temple Security Team are Kevin Anderson, Tim Edwards, Thomas Day, Dexter Dixon, Alfred Hines, Kenneth Johnson, Greg Reed, Larry Revell, Stanley Smith, Reginald Stewart, Brandon Thompson, and Randy Tilghman.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE**

Thanks to all those who participated in the Blood Drive. With your help, again we were able to service 27 people. Our next scheduled drive is Saturday, October 3, 2009.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Summer is here and its again time to start planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS takes place the week of July 6th-10th from 6

p.m.-8:30 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome so please spread the word on your job and in your communities. We are praying for a marvelous turn out, which means we are also looking for volunteers. Please contact Ms. Davina Morton or Mrs. Janet Stewart if you are interested in volunteering or if you need more information.

### **THE OUTREACH MINISTRY**

The Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a City Temple Ensemble Choir Reunion Concert on Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 4:00p.m. Proceeds from the concert will be used to purchase an ice machine for the kitchen, overhaul the kitchen fans, and assist the elderly with prescription costs. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this wonderful worship service.

### **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

The William A. Bryant Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for its 2009 recipient. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

The candidate must:

- (1) be a member of City Temple.
- (2) be a member of a church ministry for the past year (from May 2008-May 2009).
- (3) have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- (4) have an acceptance letter from a college or university.

Please see Deacon Davenport for an application packet.

### **PERPETUAL ORGAN COMMITTEE**

The Perpetual Organ Committee will host OrganScape to ArtScape on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at City Temple as part of the 28th Annual ArtScape Festival. OrganScape to ArtScape will feature organists from our city's cultural district--Bolton Hill and Mt. Royal; as well as our own, Dr. Kenneth Dean and Mr. Charles Arnette. Artscape is the largest public festival of visual art and performing arts and it's FREE! For further information on OrganScape, please call our Music Ministry office at 410-462-4801. Additional information on ArtScape is available online at [www.artscape.org](http://www.artscape.org).

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

The annual Graduate and Youth Recognition Awards ceremony will be held on June 28, 2009. 2009 graduates should submit their information to a Youth Advisor no later than June 14, 2009.

### **CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC**

Our annual church-wide picnic will take place on August 16, 2009 at Druid Hill Park's Columbus Pavilion. It's a day filled with great food, fun activities, and wonderful fellowship! If you've been before, I'm sure you don't need much coaxing to get you to come back again this year, but if you haven't, we invite you to join us. We extend a special invitation to our new members, so that we can take this time to get to know you better! So come on out for a great time!

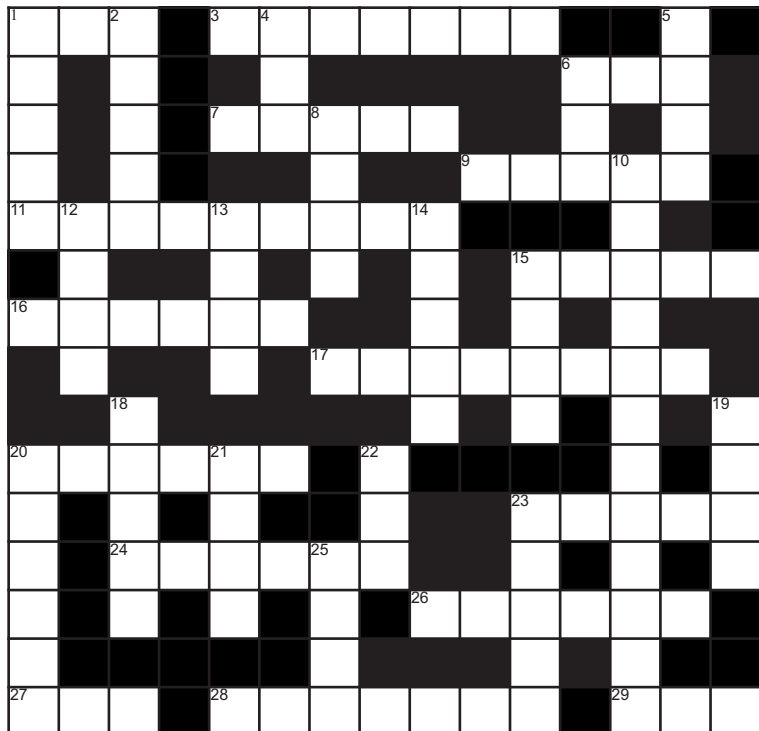
# kid's fun page

games, puzzles & trivia

## KiDs AcrOsS/PaRenTs Down

By Jan Buckner Walker™

### Noah's Voyage



#### Kids Across

1. He told Noah to build the ark
3. 1A's sign of hope, a shining semi-circle with many colors
6. Number of each type of animal on the ark
7. God's son, who was born thousands of years after Noah
9. Event in which there was water, water everywhere
11. The biggest beasts on the boat
15. God told Noah exactly what length and \_\_\_\_\_ to build the ark
16. Noah worked as a \_\_\_\_\_, growing grapes in his vineyard
17. Long-necked animals on the ark
20. White puffs in the heavens that turned dark before the 14D
23. "Grizzly" guests on Noah's boat
24. Striped cats on the ship
26. Two of the "mane" animals on the ark
27. It opened up and the 25D came down
28. The book found "in the beginning" of the Bible
29. What Noah used to waterproof the ark (now, the sticky black stuff used to pave streets)

#### Parents Down

1. Honkers on the ark
2. Mallard's male mate on Noah's voyage
4. Noah's was 600 when he built the ark
5. 1A told Noah to build the ark out of gopher \_\_\_\_\_ (which was probably cypress)
6. Homonym of 6A
8. Fellow passengers Shem, Ham and Japheth were Noah's \_\_\_\_\_
10. Part of the Bible that tells the story of Noah (2 wds)
12. After Noah released the dove the second time, it returned with a small green olive \_\_\_\_\_
13. Colors, like those in a 3A
14. Overwhelming downpour that caused the 9A
15. Noah's first mate (her name is not mentioned in the Bible)
18. Number of days and nights the 14D lasted
19. What Noah's name means (or what people do when they are tired)
20. Ark length: 300 \_\_\_\_\_
21. Barkers on the ark
22. "Noah \_\_\_\_\_ a righteous man" Gen 6:9
23. Noah's fowl passengers
25. Constant downpour that became a 9A

Answers		Across:		Down:		Old Testament		Cubits	
1. Flood	9. Flood	11. Elephants	15. Width	16. Farmer	17. Giraffes	20. Clouds	23. Bears	24. Tigers	26. Horses
2. Hues	13. Hues	14. Storm	15. Wife	16. Wood	17. Too	18. Sons	19. Rest	20. Cubits	21. Dogs
3. Was	22. Was	23. Birds	25. Rain	26. Sky	27. Tar	28. Genesis	29. Ark	30. Ark	31. Ark
4. Age	4. Age	5. Wood	6. Too	7. God	8. Sons	9. Flood	10. Old Testament	11. Elephants	12. Leaf
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# Puzzles, Games, Fun!

## See If You Can Find 16 Books of the Bible In This Paragraph:

"I once made some remarks about hidden books in the Bible. It was a lulu, kept some people looking so hard for facts, and to others, it was a revelation; some were in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized. But the real truth finally struck home to numbers of readers to others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there will be some very easy ones to spot. Others might require judges to determine. We will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one, and there will loud lamentations when you see how easy it is. A woman says that if she brews tea, she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now: there are sixteen in the paragraph."

*(From Peace Lutheran, Joplin, MO.)*

## The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

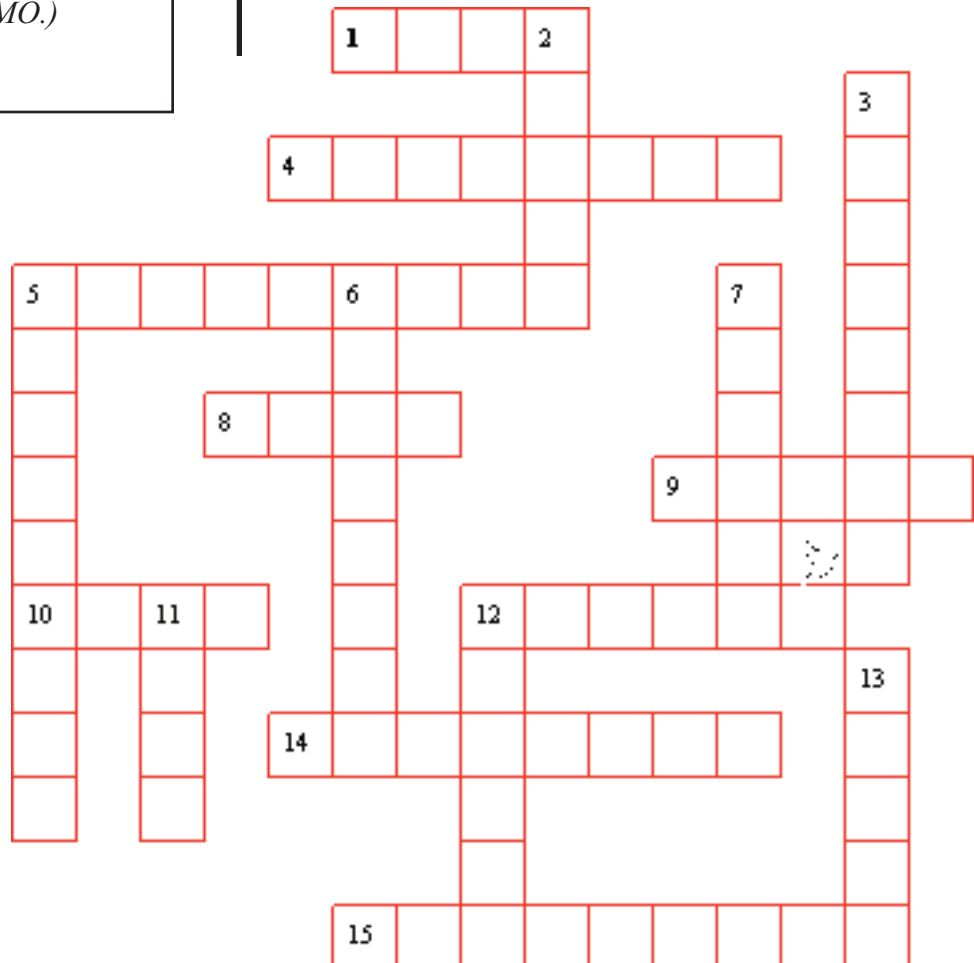
### Bible Crossword for Kids

#### Across

- where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt. 27:60)
- the place where Jesus died (Matt. 27:33)
- Jesus and two thieves were \_\_\_\_ together (Matt. 27:38)
- mother of Jesus
- The angel said "He is \_\_\_\_ He is not here." (Mark 16:6)
- They made Jesus wear a scarlet \_\_\_\_ (Matt. 27:28)
- Jesus was betrayed for \_\_\_\_ pieces of silver (Matt. 27:3)
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_ of any crime (Matt. 27:4)
- The 12 companions of Jesus

#### Down

- Jesus shed His \_\_\_\_ for our sins
- Judas Iscariot \_\_\_\_ Jesus (Matt. 27:4)
- Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt. 27:54)
- Jesus said, "My God, My God why hast thou \_\_\_\_ me." (Matt. 27:46)
- a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt. 27:17)
- They laid the \_\_\_\_ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt. 27:59)
- Jesus wore a "crowd of \_\_\_\_"
- our Lord and Saviour



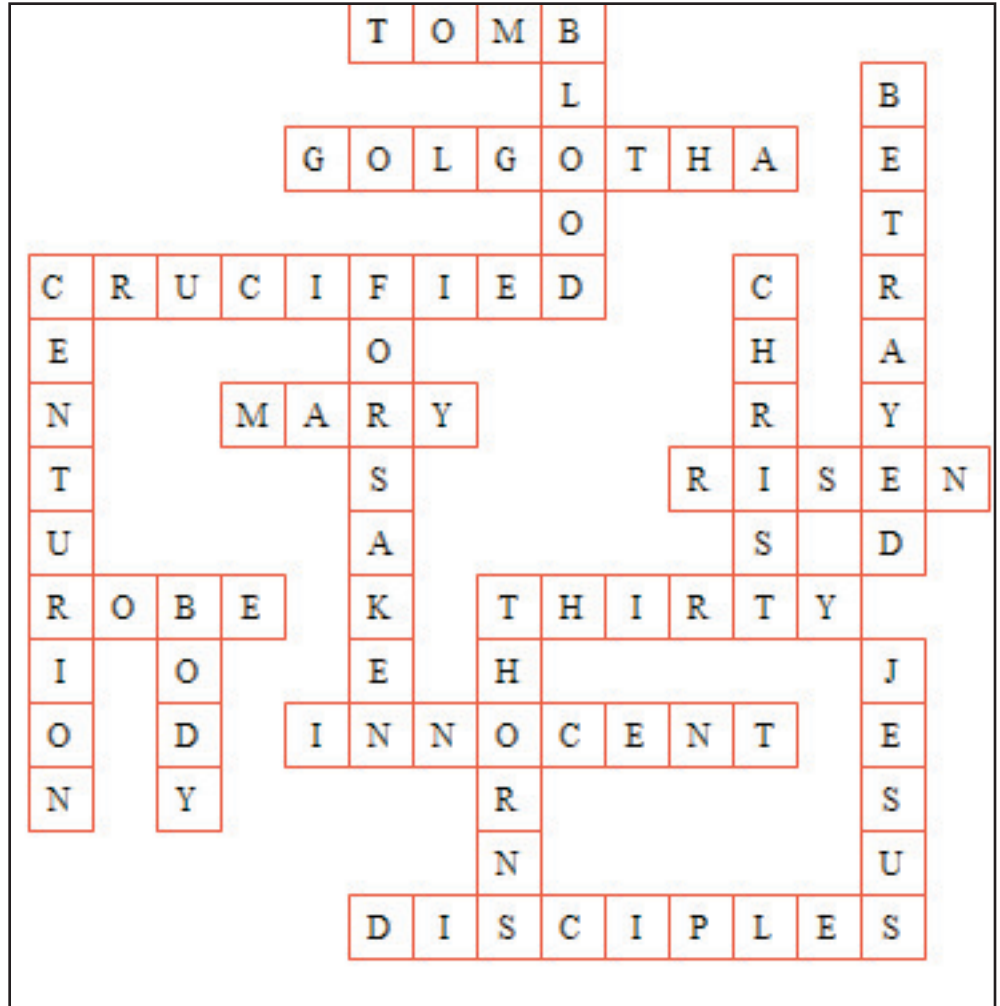
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found on page 8*

# kid's fun page

## puzzle and crossword solutions

### Solution to the 16 Books of the Bible Puzzle

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### Church Mice™

A Christian Cartoon By Karl Zorowski





# what went on

## recap of past events of the church

### TRUSTEE BULL ROAST

The Trustee Ministry held a Bull Roast at the La Fontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie on April 19, 2009. The event was an overwhelming success! City Temple members and friends came out, soaked in the ambiance, enjoyed great food and music and had a great time. DJ 5\* General played a variety of music for all ages and genres to enjoy and folk got down!!! They particularly enjoyed the line dances.



The menu consisted of Pit Beef, Roasted Turkey, Maryland Crab Soup, Rotisserie Chicken, Shrimp Creole with Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Sauerkraut & Kielbasa, Carolina Pulled, Pork BBQ, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, String Beans,

Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, and Assorted Desserts. It has been reported that the food was fantastic. In addition to the food and music, participants enjoyed a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The Trustees raised over \$5000 from the event and participants are already excited about the prospect of another event next year!

Hats off to the Trustee Ministry for their efforts and hard work! We're looking forward to what you will do next!

### MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

The Women's Ministry hosted its first Mother-Daughter Tea on May 16, 2009 in the undercroft of the church. It was a delightful event! Mothers and daughters and even those who are thought of as mothers or daughters came together and enjoyed an assortment of teas, scones, and other dessert items.

Several ladies participated in a hat contest, won by none other than Rev. Debbie...looking fierce in a black flo-

ral adorned hat!

"In the bulletin it said to wear a hat and I could not have picked a better hat for this celebration!" Rev. Debbie



said.

The participants were such good sports, that they even participated in an impromptu fashion show, showing off their lovely outfits. It was a really a sight to behold. You could just see the wisdom and feel the love as you perused the room of mothers and daughters of varying ages. The Women's Ministry also recognized the oldest and the youngest mother-daughter couples.

This was an event that was long over due, and hopefully will continue for years to come!

## *Don't Quit*

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up-hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but do not quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,



As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you can never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worse, that you must not quit.

# letters to the congregation

# community and events

*continued from P3*

## **Your Pastor, Me and You**

God sent a man named John to bear witness of the light that all through him might believe. He had human limitations because he was a man; he had a divine authorization because he was sent from God; and he had a heavenly commission because he came to bear witness of the light.

These same characteristics can be said of a pastor God has called. His primary job is to present the Lord Jesus and the Living Word. Remember, as a man, he has faults and limitations. As a man with a divine call, however, he should be treated as God's servant.

We owe him our cooperation, prayers, and support to help make his

ministry as effective as possible. He is not called to be the church errand boy, a carbon copy of the last pastor, preside or be present at every function or to be out all day on visitations.

He needs to have time to study. The spiritual tone of the congregation is keyed to its pastor. So when you or I are asked to do something for which we are qualified and have the time, we shouldn't say it's the pastor's responsibility. Rather, we should help our pastor so that he can more effectively bear witness of the light of Jesus Christ and together we can help him fulfill the work of the church. There is so much work to be done. Your pastor and the church need us.

Submitted,  
Deacon Lilly Trayham

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For more information, please see  
Ms. Davina Morton.

## **BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating the faithfulness of God to bless our congregation to see another year!

### **June**

Ophelia Booker  
Monifa Brooks  
Robert Brooks  
Curley Brown  
Tiara Brown  
Eric Carpenter, Jr.  
Rochelle Cooper  
Hazel Cullings Johnson  
Gina Derosé  
Marguerite Ford-Lacy  
Stellie Fox  
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# health watch

## protecting the vessel

### The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Baltimore Is REAL—Get the Facts!

Before we can stop any epidemic, we first have to recognize the magnitude of the disease. HIV is still a real threat across the United States and in our city. And even though there are treatments to help people with HIV live longer than ever before, AIDS is still a significant health issue. Surprised? Get the facts:

- Every 9½ minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.
- In 2006, an estimated 56,300 people

became infected with HIV.

- More than 1 million people in the United States are living with HIV.
- Of those 1 million people living with HIV, 1 out of 5 do not know they are infected.
- Despite new therapies, people with HIV still develop AIDS.
- Over 1 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with AIDS.
- More than 14,000 people with AIDS still die each year in the United States.

**The HIV/AIDS epidemic isn't just happening in faraway places. It's happening here in Baltimore!**

Even though the epidemic is different in every city and state, some groups of people are harder hit by HIV than others. In the United States, gay and bisexual men of all races bear the greatest burden. Black men and women and Hispanic men also have very high rates of HIV compared with other racial or ethnic groups.

It is important for people to understand that race, by itself, is not a risk factor for HIV infection. Poverty, homelessness, lack of access to health care, incarceration rates, drug use, and higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases

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## in our hearts & in our prayers

### RECOVERING AT HOME

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### STUDY WITH THE

### Sunday School

The lesson theme for June, July and August, is "Call Sealed with Promise."

#### June: Called out of Egypt

7th - God calls Moses  
Ex. 2:23-3:12  
14th - Moses and Aaron Respond  
Ex. 4:10-16, 27-31  
21st - Pharaoh Ignores God's Call  
Ex. 5:1-6:1  
28th - God calls the People out of Egypt  
Ex. 13:17-14:30

#### July: Called to be God's People

5th - God Calls People to Covenant  
Deut. 5:1-27

12th - God Calls People to Remember  
Deut. 16:1-8  
19th - God Calls People to Special Service  
Lev. 8:1-13  
26th - God Calls People to Jubilee  
Lev. 25:8-24

#### August: Called to Choose Life

2nd - People Grumble  
Num. 11  
9th - People Rebel  
Num. 14:1-25  
16th - Moses Disobeys  
Num. 20:1-13  
23rd - God Calls for Obedience  
Deut. 6  
30th - God Calls for Decision  
Deut. 30

## Ministry Spotlight: Young At Heart

The Young at Heart are just what their name implies – they might be aging in body, but their hearts are still young.

Each meeting begins with scripture readings, prayers, and member testimonies of God's care and goodness. They also pray for their members when they are experiencing adverse circumstances.

They also keep their minds active and updated on current affairs. Different speakers come to their meetings to inform them of services for the elderly and give them information on how to best conduct their lives to the best advantage. Past speakers have included Ms. Tracy Harvin from Legal Services for the Elderly who provided information on living wills and Ms. Sherri Ann Peisterer who gave information on how to deal with memory loss.

This group also engages in many recreational activities. During the summer months, they enjoy attending different crab feasts and going on shopping trips. During the fall and winter seasons, they attend dinner theaters, have an annual Christmas party and visit Martin's West for their pre-New Year's Eve party.

The Young at Heart celebrates their anniversary with a sit-in during the morning service and luncheon following the service. The goal of the ministry is to grow spiritually, keep updated on current information pertaining to the elderly and engage in activities to keep our mind and body young.

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(STDs) can all increase rates of HIV.

### **HIV and AIDS: We Are All Part of the Solution**

We can take more responsibility to do more as individuals, as communities, and as a nation to fight HIV and AIDS.

As individuals:

- We should know whether or not we are infected with HIV;
- If we are infected, we should seek medical care and protect others from becoming infected;
- We should protect ourselves and others from HIV;

As communities:

- We should increase the awareness about the severity of epidemic and the continued impact that HIV is having on our communities;
- We should make sure that HIV prevention services, HIV testing, medical care and treatment are available to all who need them;
- We should work to prevent stigma and discrimination—and to increase support for people living with HIV.

As a nation:

- We must recognize the epidemic here, in this country, for the crisis that it still is;
  - We must implement the programs that scientific evidence tells us are most effective;
- Together, we have the power to change the course of the HIV epidemic in the United States.

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