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SHINE!

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

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## Blessing

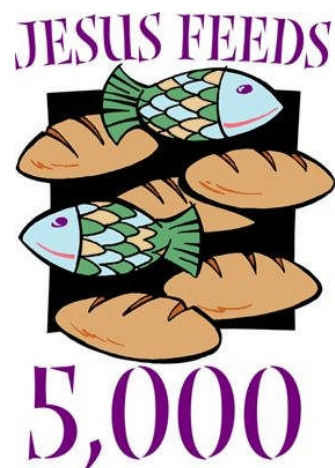
*John 6:1-11 After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" 10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.*

Blessings often come in ways we least expect them! In this story, Jesus takes a little and makes a lot. This multiplication method is how Discipleship works. Offering Christ often takes just a word of hope (X~ times) an act of Christian charity to become a complete and overflowing blessings resulting in a personal life fulfillment.

When Jesus asked Philip about feeding the group, Philip responded with pragmatic financial advice. Andrew took it upon himself to bring the young boy to Jesus with a small portion of food (five barley loaves & two small fish). His question to Jesus was, "What are they among so many?" Jesus responded with a miracle. It is important to note that Jesus gave thanks over the bread and fish. The act of giving thanks provides the seed of blessing for God's miracles to take place.

We are a people of Blessing here at Bethany. Think of all the wonderful blessings we have received in our time together. From exciting Sunday worship to times of fellowship and joy. We have laughed together and cried together. And yes, we have shared on committees together, being good Methodists. I believe the blessings are only beginning. We have much to do in the Kingdom work. So, let us expect not only a blessing but the best in this new season.

Pastor Jerome





11:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP



8:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP

October 6<sup>th</sup> Rylee Payne  
October 13<sup>h</sup> Cameron Parrish  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Blake Parrish  
October 27<sup>th</sup> Blayden Parrish

Button Daniels / Millie Barkley  
Barbara Tillett / Marla Beasley  
Kristy Wright / Martha Daniels  
Carol Saunders / Bonny Bonner

Carrol Tillett  
Jussara Dough  
Joyce Baum  
Caroline Stetson

### Monthly Schedule:

#### ✠ Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.

#### ✠ Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Hosts: Merlee and Janie

#### ✠ Silver Threads

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Coffee and Dessert

#### ✠ Senior Luncheon with Preschool

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### ✠ United Methodist Men

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Fellowship

### **Special dates**

World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2013  
Columbus Day Observance, October 14, 2013  
Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2013  
Reformation Day, October 31, 2013

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 10:00 to 1:00  
Thursday 10:00 to 12:00

### Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

#### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)  
9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)  
Children's Church after the Anthem  
(Not on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) (K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Girl's Dance Team  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Bethany Community Kids & Youth  
K - 4<sup>th</sup> grades and 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades

#### **Monday**

7:00 p.m. Community Choir Christmas  
Cantata Practice  
8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Pastor's Huddle

#### **Thursday**

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Girl's Choir at Cara's House

#### **Preschool**

Tuesday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Pastor: Jerome Smith  
Church 252-473-5254  
Parsonage 252-473-5438  
Cell 1-910-207-8316

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God says, "Don't spend a lifetime in aimless drifting. Don't succumb to mindless misinterpretations or masculine identity. Enter into a relationship with me, through Jesus

Christ, and allow me to lead you into authentic manhood."

Scripture repeatedly presents God's desire to be personally and intimately involved with his children. God wants to Father all of us until we're dead sure of His approval, His guiding power and His promise of Heaven. Why?

Because God wants us all to experience a deeper level of security. He wants emasculated men to become secure enough to confront timidity and fear, to take risks and make commitments. He wants macho men to become secure enough to crawl out from under the false pretensions and quit trying to impress people.

Finally men can lead with firmness, then submit with humility. They can challenge with a cutting edge, then encourage with enthusiasm. They can fight aggressively for just causes, then moments later weep over suffering.

These are the masterpieces God had in mind when he created man. God looks at them and says, "Very good. You are magnificent creatures and authentically male."

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong, do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16: 13 - 14



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We would like to thank everyone who gave school supplies or donations. We collected a total of \$539.00. This money was used to

purchase gift cards from Staples and given to the school for the teachers to purchase items that the students need.

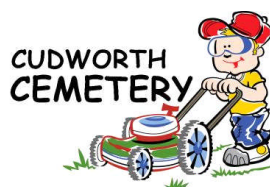


Dear Bethany United Methodist Church

Thank you all so much for the generous donation of school supplies and Staples gift cards for needy students this school year.

Manteo Middle School

Keri Simmons, Counselor



Please remember your cemetery dues for mowing at the Cudworth Cemetery. Dues are \$15.00 per lot, annually.

Make your payment to: Cudworth Cemetery Fund  
P. O. Box 100  
Wanchese, NC 27981



### Fun and Fellowship (Fundraiser)

Saturday, October 26th at the Church

4:00 to 8:00

Fried Chicken Dinner

Homemade Ice Cream

Bake Sale

Entertainment 6:00 to 8:00

Menu:  
Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Green Beans  
Roll  
Tea

Homemade Ice Cream  
\$1.50 a scoop

Desserts will be sold separately

\$8.00 for Adults  
\$4.00 for Children

Tickets will go on sale October 6th.

Please contact Denise Mann 473-2518 to get tickets to sell or to purchase tickets.

We will have sign-up sheets out on October 6th. for making homemade ice cream and baked goods.

We will also have sign-up sheets out October 6th for people volunteering to work the different areas.





## "THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD"

Proverbs 19:17

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

To all who have given and prayed for the mission outreach of our church, thank you. Because of your generosity, a team of Christian workers will again be in Haiti from November 5 through the 13th. What a blessing to help rebuild a church that was destroyed by the earthquake. Pastor Augustine has been patiently waiting for help to provide his congregation with a building to gather in to worship Almighty God. To think that our Sovereign God knew that Haiti would be devastated with an earthquake confounds me. But to know that God our Father is sending help to rebuild through His church excites me. We cannot be idle about helping the poorest nation on earth. Neither can we hesitate to run to our brothers and sisters in Christ when there is a need. We cannot be satisfied until their needs are met.



## HAITI MISSION TRIP

November 5 - 13, 2013

If anyone is interested in going on the November Haiti Mission Trip, there is still space for 2 or 3 people. The cost is \$1500.00 per person.



## CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Mission team will be selling the Christmas Wreaths again this year to raise money for the Haiti Mission Project. If interested in a wreath, contact Chetty Parker 473-5351.



## Seniors' Luncheon

### Senior Luncheon

The senior luncheon with Preschool will be Thursday, October 24th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



2 - H. Creef  
3 - David Tawes  
4 - Colby Whitehurst  
5 - Thatcher Tillett  
5 - Melissa Lynn Midgett  
6 - Ruth Daniels  
7 - Bryan Defosse  
7 - Ginger Shackelford  
7 - Bonny Bonner  
7 - Justin Bateman  
7 - Ansley Casey  
7 - Charlie Midgett  
9 - Buddy Callaway  
9 - Bryson Casey  
11 - Dana Tillett  
14 - Joel Stetson  
14 - Annie Etheridge  
15 - Lynn Fidanzato  
15 - Mickey Baum  
15 - Johnny Midgett  
16 - Pete Mavrommatis  
17 - Tres Midgett  
19 - Randy O'Neal  
19 - Danny Quidley  
19 - Leann Wilson Smith  
19 - Faye White  
20 - David Grimes  
22 - Ronnie Meekins  
22 - Luther Daniels Jr.  
24 - Sonny Gore  
29 - Tish Daniels  
29 - Lish Meekins  
29 - Merlee Austin  
29 - Colin Noone  
30 - Allison Snapp  
30 - Rheana Watts  
31 - Jordan Baum  
31 - Taylor Baum



1 - Thomas Glen and Edith Gaskill  
2 - Les and Lori Toler  
2 - Thomas and Kim O'Malley  
6 - Steve and Keil Samson  
8 - Kenneth and Lori Fitzgerald  
8 - Conrade and Jessica Davenport  
11 - Chris and Felisha Daniels  
12 - Gary and Marie Swain  
14 - Jack and Laura Tillett  
14—Allen Moran and Caroline Basnight  
17 - Larry and Carletta Ballance  
19 - Jim and Peaches Eskhardt  
31 - Larry and Dorita Ballance  
31 - Michael and Ansley Casey



Jase Evan Hoggard  
Born: August 28, 2013  
7.6 lbs 20 inches long  
Parents: Ashley and Tony Hoggard  
Maternal Grandparents:  
Pam and C. C. Mihovch  
Chuck and Debbie Hymes  
Paternal Grandparents:  
John and Cheryl Hoggard





Interview with a Choir Member  
by Nancy Gray

Being a Christian does not  
exclude you from the trials of  
life--it just assures you that you

have One to walk the road of life with you. The members of our choir certainly know this fact. There seems to be an inordinate amount of sickness and suffering amongst the group. There has been breast cancer, job loss, heart attack, surgery, caring for a chronically ill relative, and death of a spouse. This list is in no way complete and these maladies have occurred to multiple members. Faithful choir member, Tom Baum, has endured two back surgeries in the last months. His condition makes standing for any longer than fifteen minutes difficult. However, he's looking forward to the day when he'll be back in the choir loft.

#### **How are you feeling?**

I'm hanging in there. I think I'm getting a little better everyday. I'm still having trouble with my sciatic nerve which is causing pain in my right leg and foot. My back feels okay, but it has been a long bout.

#### **What exactly did the surgeon do?**

He put clamps and screws all the way down my back. I had an elongated slipped disc. Old age, I reckon.

#### **What have you learned about suffering?**

I learned I can do nothing about it! I have to leave it to the doctors and the good Lord. It has caused me to stop and think about my beliefs, but in the end I just know that God has got it in control. When we live and when we die are His decision.

**It makes me think of a lesson I heard Charles Daniels teach once. He said that even if we are sure that we will go to heaven and that it will be better than the life here, we still have a desire to live.**

Yeah, everyone wants to go to heaven, but they don't want to go right now. I think that's the lyrics to a song.

**What has been the worst thing about being in this condition? The pain? Not doing what you want to do?**

The pain was bad the first couple of days after the surgery, but not now. Yes, not being able to do what I want is bad. Being in the house is working on me, especially during these pretty days we've been having.

#### **What has been the best thing?**

I don't think there has been any "best." It's just a matter of getting through it.

#### **Did you grow up going to Bethany?**

Ever since I can remember. At first, Mom sent me, and then she went. Dad didn't go, but I think I've gone all my life. I remember that Ms. Milah had charge of the Christmas play, and that was the first time I sang in church. After that I was in the choir with Ms. Rena and, later, Ms. Pearl. I wasn't the greatest singer, but I could carry a tune. The main thing is that I enjoyed it. I've always enjoyed singing, of course, I wasn't always singing for the Lord. I used to sing country music before I was saved. Not that there is anything wrong with country, but after I was saved, I just didn't have the urge to sing it anymore. I wanted to sing gospel.

#### **Are you planning on being part of the Christmas Cantata?**

Planning on it. I've picked up a book, but I haven't been back for practices, yet. It looks like a lot of songs that we are familiar with, and a few new ones.

#### **I know you're thrilled that Amy and Shane are part of the choir and praise band.**

I'm proud of my young'uns. They've had their ups and downs, but I'm proud of them.





**Girls' Choir**  
Thursday Afternoons  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Cara's House



**Girls' Dance Team**  
Sunday Afternoon  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Children and Youth  
Ministry

**BETHANY COMMUNITY  
KIDS AND YOUTH**  
5:00 TO 7:00

K - 4th grades  
5th - 8th grades

If anyone would like to help with meals on Sunday night please contact Cara.

caratwiford@hotmail or text 252-305-6331

Mark your calendars:

We will be hosting Ruthie's Kitchen Tuesday,  
October 1st 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**Bethany Kids  
Mission Project**

They will be collecting  
gently used or new coats to  
distribute in the local ele-

mentary schools for kids in need. Please send in coats  
that you may have at home already that you think we  
can use.

**Bethany Youth Mission Project:**

Hosea House in Manteo

A Christian Recovery Home for Women



**Silver Threads**  
Wednesday, October 16th  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Coffee & Dessert  
Special speaker to be  
announced!



**Prayer Partners**

Silver Threads met with the  
junior and senior youth of our  
church on Friday, September  
14th. Prayer partners were exchanged between each  
group for the rest of the school year. If you didn't  
receive a "partner" via a letter in the mail, and would  
like to participate by praying for one of our youth,  
please contact Robin Holt 473-6010.



**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Sunday Morning - 10:00  
September 29th and October 6th

If you want to join or transfer your  
membership to Bethany please plan to  
attend one of these classes with the

Pastor. If you are member of another Church and want to  
transfer to Bethany, please see Denise Mann.



Neighborhood  
Watch

**WANCHESE COMMUNITY  
WATCH PROGRAM**

Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm  
Wanchese Community Building

Please come attend this informative  
meeting about a Wanchese  
Community Watch Program forming.

**We need a good amount of people in attendance to get  
this program started.**



**MEETINGS IN OCTOBER**

Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.

**Council on Ministries**

Bring calendar information for October  
though December.

Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**SPPRC - (Assessments)**

Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Education**

Charge Conference

Sunday, October 20th at 6:00

at Hatteras United Methodist Church



**Church Library**

Sometime in October there will be a meeting  
to discuss updating the Church Library.  
Please look in the bulletin for more  
information.



**Lay Servant Ministries Training**

The Beacon District is offering the  
Basic Lay Servant Ministries Training  
Course on November 9th, from  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Edenton UMC.

The fee for the course is \$25.00 which  
includes all resources. Return registration form and check  
no later than November 1st.



# OUR PRAYER LIST

## NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Sonny Albarty  
Robert Ashby  
Fisher Beasley  
Race Beck  
Edward Cartwright

Jussara Dough  
Clyde Gard  
Jesse Gardner  
Margaret Holder  
Judy Lewis  
Emma Quinn

Penny Robbins  
Heather Scarborough  
Jan Simmons  
Allison Snapp  
Cole Spencer  
Alex White

## ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman  
Larry Ballance, Sr.  
Natalie Ballance  
Marc Basnight  
Stephen Bateman  
Mickey Baum  
Richard Baum  
Tom Baum  
Bill Burnham  
Brenda Butler  
Jill Cote  
J. M. Cudworth  
Doug Curles  
Bailey Daniels  
Carroll Daniels

Conrade Davenport  
Lee & Stephanie Davenport  
Valerie Denigris  
Alna Doughty  
Bernie Dunlo, Sr.  
Sam Etheridge  
Irma Forbes  
Bill Gallop  
John Gaskill  
Sonny Gore  
Ivey Gray  
Nicholas Gullett  
Judith Hayes  
Carol Hooper  
Arlene Hughes

Lish Meekins  
Janice Midgett  
Mill Midgett  
Tracy Payne  
Keith "Scooter" Rainer  
Dick and Madeline Rebuck  
Nancy Scarborough  
Dave Tillett  
Richard Tillett  
Migelina Trindade  
Beryl Williams  
Jimmie Williams  
Amber Young  
Sheila Tillett Young  
Eva Zigner

## **PRAY FOR OUR** **MILITARY**

Richie Austin  
Debra Chavda  
Michael Dough  
Bernie Dunlo, Jr.  
Douglas Dunn  
Corey Jackson  
Andrew Jaunich

Unspoken  
Unsaved  
Children and Grandchildren

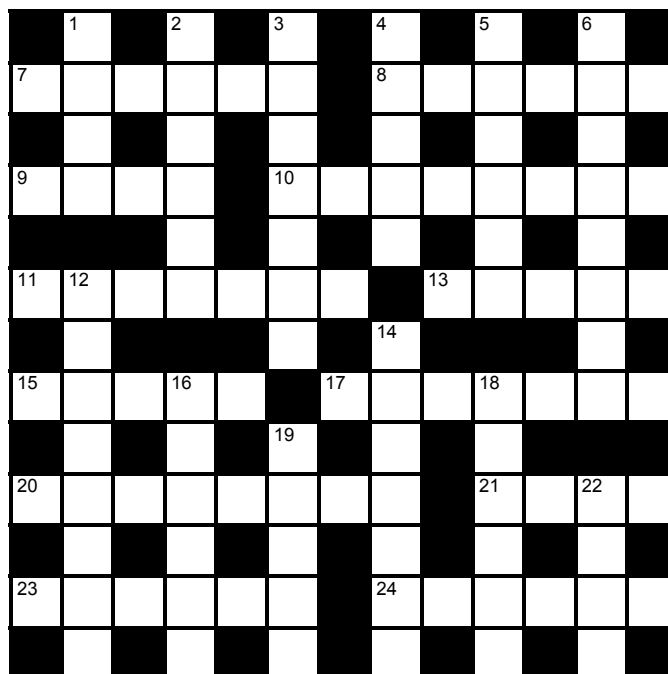


## LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Bernice Calloway  
Family of David Shook

Family of Richard Johnson  
Family of Monnie Sullivan

# Numbers



## Across

- 7 "Thou shalt even take five shekels \_\_\_\_\_ by the poll." Num 3:47 (6)
- 8 One of the sons of Levi. Num 3:17 (6)
- 9 "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at \_\_\_\_\_, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Num 13:30 (4)
- 10 "And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread \_\_\_\_\_ with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings." Num 6:15 (8)
- 11 Reuben was \_\_\_\_\_ eldest son. Num 1:20 (7)
- 13 "And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared \_\_\_\_\_ pedigrees after \_\_\_\_\_ families." Num 1:18 (5)
- 15 "And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was \_\_\_\_\_." Num 25:15 (5)
- 17 This word describes how the people of Israel mourned after they were told that they would not see the Promised Land. Num 14:39 (7)
- 20 "The rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed \_\_\_\_\_, and yielded almonds." Num 17:8 (8)

- 21 One of the five kings of Midian who were slain. Num 31:8 (4)
- 23 "... Every trespass offering of their's which they shall \_\_\_\_\_ unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons." Num 18:9 (6)
- 24 A man has committed murder if he has killed another with this. Num 35:21 (6)

## Down

- 1 "And \_\_\_\_\_ the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue." Num 4:7 (4)
- 2 "We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto \_\_\_\_\_." Num 21:30 (6)
- 3 Ammiel is the son of this man. Num 13:12 (7)
- 4 "And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon

unto Jabbok, even unto the children of \_\_\_\_\_." Num 21:24 (5)

5 This was cut down at the brook of Eshcol. Num 13:23 (6)

6 A type of offering. Num 15:3 (8)

12 The portion of the offering that is given to the priest and his family for food. Num 18:18 (8)

14 Balaam's foot was \_\_\_\_\_ against the wall. Num 22:25 (7)

16 "But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, \_\_\_\_\_ this manna, before our eyes." Num 11:6 (6)

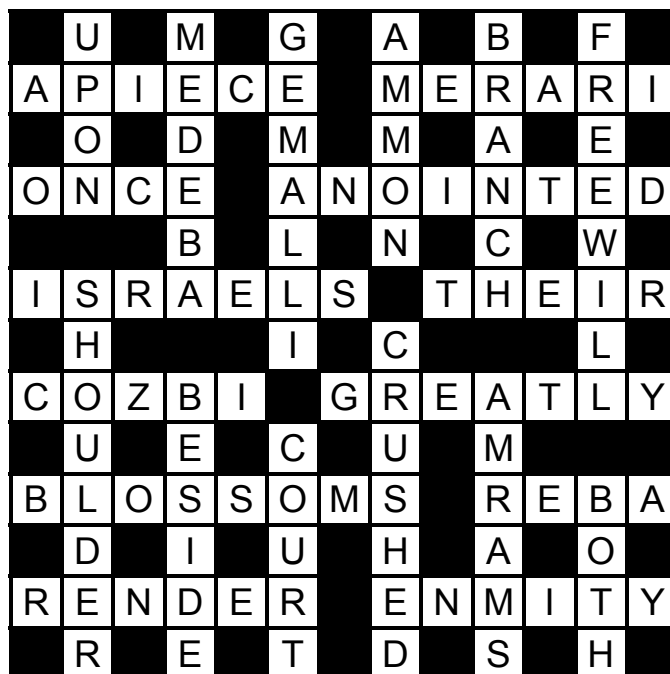
18 "And the name of \_\_\_\_\_ wife was Jochebed," who was the mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam. Num 26:59 (6)

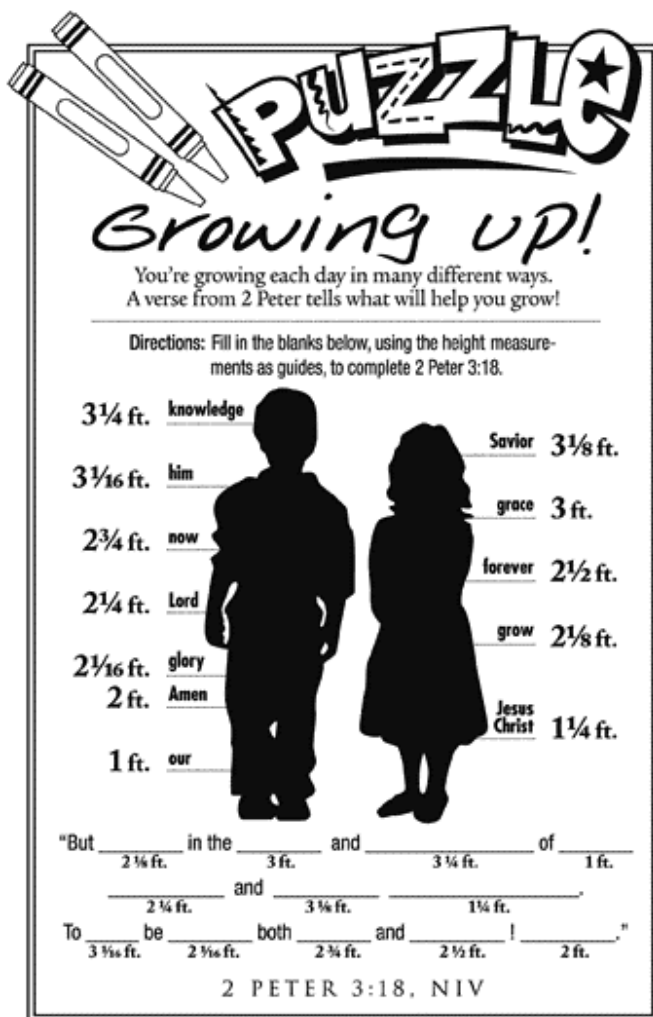
19 The sons of Gershon were responsible for the tabernacle and tent, including the "hangings of the \_\_\_\_\_." Num 3:26 (5)

22 "Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, \_\_\_\_\_ man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD." Num 3:13 (4)



# Numbers





Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

## GROW IN Grace



Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.

**What you need:**

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

**What you do:**

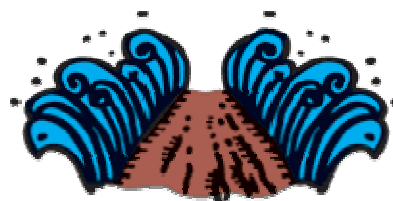
1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!

## Bible Quiz

What Old Testament people experienced God parting the waters so they could cross on dry land, and under what circumstances did they do so?

- A. The Hebrew slaves, fleeing Egypt through the Red Sea
- B. The 12 Tribes of Israel, as they crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land
- C. Elijah and Elisha, crossing the Jordan before Elijah was taken up into heaven
- D. All of the above

Answer: (See Exodus 14:22; Joshua 3:17; 2 Kings 2:8.)



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## HUMOR AND WISDOM



### A true original

A real Christian is an odd [individual]. He feels supreme love for one whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge.

The man who has met God is not looking for anything; he has found it. He is not searching for light, for upon him the light has already shined. ... He is not a copy, not a facsimile. He is an original from the hand of the Holy Spirit.

—A. W. Tozer