

May, 2024

# New Beginnings

Kresge Methodist Church Newsletter & more



*He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Luke 24: 46-51*



## Please Keep These People in Your Prayers



Keep Sandra Simpson & family in your prayer as she starts her treatments

Judy & Jimmy Cook both recovering from Covid

Keep Sandra & Terry Simpson's daughter in your prayers, she injured her back

Charlotte Wippler recovering from Covid & pneumonia

Carole Campbell, recovering from auto accident, she has four broken ribs.

Lamar Owens family need prayers, thier Mother is very ill

Keep Linda Stanton in your prayers as she continues to fill in as our Interim Pastor

Continue to pray for Kresge that God will soon send us the right Pastor to help lead us forward



## Sunday Worship

Interim Pastor.....Linda Stanton

Breakfast.....9:30am

Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Service.....10:55am

**INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH**



# All The Stories Of The Bible

as crafted by John Walsh

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:1 – 2:42

On the Day of Pentecost, the believers were praying in the upper room. Suddenly they heard a loud noise. It sounded like a violent storm coming out of heaven. The sound filled the room, and they saw what looked like fire. Suddenly it separated and settled on each believer. Instantly, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and started to speak in foreign languages.

People from the city heard about this. Among them were Jews from many countries who spoke different languages. They went to see what was happening. When they got there, they heard the apostles speaking in various languages, including the ones of everyone in the crowd. Some of the people said, "This is impossible! These men can't speak our language. They're from Galilee. Yet we're hearing them in our own tongue."

Others said, "Oh, they're just drunk."

Peter stood up in front of them and said, "These men aren't drunk. This is what the prophets of old talked about when they said God would pour out his Spirit upon common people."

"You saw the miracles of Jesus.

Still, you crucified him – nailed him to a cross and put him in the grave. But we're witnesses that God raised him from the dead! He's alive. He sits at the

right hand of the Father. Now he has sent us his Holy Spirit. This is what you're seeing."

"Understand what I'm saying. You crucified Jesus, but God highly exalted him and made him Lord and Messiah!"

The people said, "What you're saying is true, but what can we do?" Peter said, "Repent, and we'll baptize you in the name of Jesus. Once you've received forgiveness of your sins, God will fill you with the Holy Spirit."

That day, the apostles baptized those who received the message. The

number of believers grew to over 3,000 people. They met together often so they could learn from each other and from the apostles.

The apostles did many miracles and wonders, and the number of believers grew day by day. These believers dedicated themselves to prayer, sharing meals together, and spending time with each other.



The Holy Spirit comes to the apostles as Jesus told them it would after his ascension into heaven.

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Charlie is a versatile individual, his expertise extending across various domains. With a career rooted in contracting, he seamlessly applies his diverse skill set to address a myriad of challenges within the church's infrastructure. Beyond his proficiency in construction Charlie's craftsmanship shines

**Charlie Self** through his talent as a wood turner, crafting exquisite pieces for Kresge. His dedication transcends craftsmanship; Charlie ensures the smooth operation of Sunday services, from coordinating ushers to delivering announcements and leading the congregation in prayer. His commitment further extends to community outreach, as he actively participates in the church's clean-up and facilitates the distribution of food from United Way to the less fortunate.

In recent times, Charlie has assumed responsibility for the sale of the parsonage, demonstrating his reliability and leadership within the community. He embodies the essence of Kresge's spirit, contributing tirelessly with an ever-present smile. Charlie's invaluable contributions do not go unnoticed; his selfless efforts are deeply appreciated by all. Thank you, Charlie, for your unwavering dedication and the remarkable way you make things happen.



# Announcements

- 1. Worship Team will meet on May 7th at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Regular meeting of One Board will be Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:00pm

**6. Calling all church members! Kresge needs your help.** Ever wonder why your church always looks so nice? Its not elves, Its because of a handful of dedicated people who volunteer their time every couple of weeks to keep it clean. I know there are more than 8 or 10 people who attend service at Kresge, and the clean team could really use your help. So if you are able to volunteer an hour or so of your time give Gaynell Owens a call at 770-315-0763

**Remember it's your church too!**



## Church Family Happenings



Linda Stanton, Judy Cook, Lynn Self, Clara Jean David & Charlotte Wippler, traveled to Kentucky to visit the Ark and Creation Museum. Carole Campbell was also part of the group, but unfortunately she had a wreck a couple days before & broke some ribs. She was missed. The ladies all had a wonderful, memorable time, and look forward to planning their next adventure.



## May Birthdays

*Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday*

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| 1st Candi Himes     | 8th Kam Andrews   |
| 4th Clara Mae Coley | 9th Harland Moody |
| 6th Bobby Wood      | 25th Maria Masi   |



## April Anniversaries

29th Harland & Linda Moody



## Cleaning Schedule

April-May 2024

- May 2 – Iris Petersmarck & Clara Jean David
- May 30 – Judy Cook & Deborah Edge
- June 13 – Linda Moody & Maria Masi
- June 27 – Linda Stanton & Lynn Self

**If you are unable to clean when scheduled, please find a substitute to take your place.**

# The Acts of the Apostles

The book of Acts begins at the very end of Jesus' life. Our Saviour had returned from the dead, was seen by many, and did many miracles after His resurrection. Then, in front of many of His disciples, they saw Jesus' last miracle — His ascension into Heaven. Now, the disciples were left without Jesus to guide them physically, and Jesus was on his way Home. Oh, what joy there was in Heaven when He returned, I am sure.

Two angels interrupted the gaze of the disciples as they were taking their last glimpse of their Saviour. The messengers encouraged the on-lookers that Jesus would return one day the same as He left. Their prophecy will one day be fulfilled when Jesus comes again. When Jesus returns:

- It will be similar to when He left: "... in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).
- It will be in the clouds: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...." (Rev. 1:7).
- It will be where He departed. Jesus left from the "mount called Olivet" (Acts 1:12), and He will return there: "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations... And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives ..." (Zech. 14:3-4).

Man has been anxiously awaiting Jesus' return for a long time. Current worldwide events are making believers wonder if that time is very close. No man knows the exact hour of His return, but one thing we know for sure, it is closer today than it was yesterday. The time of His return is nearing!

## Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

### Acts 1

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes,

and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

16 and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.

17 He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

18 (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.'

21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us,

22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."

26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.



# What are the new heavens and the new earth?

The new earth will be the eternal dwelling place of believers in Jesus Christ. The new earth and the new heavens are sometimes referred to as the “eternal state.” Scripture gives us a few details of the new heavens and new earth.

The current heavens and earth have long been subject to God’s curse because of mankind’s sin. All creation “has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth” (Romans 8:22) as it awaits the fulfillment of God’s plan and “the children of God to be revealed” (verse 19). Heaven and earth will pass away (Mark 13:31), and they will be replaced by the new heavens and the new earth. At that time, the Lord, seated on His throne, says, “I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:5). In the new creation, sin will be totally eradicated, and “there shall be no more curse” (Revelation 22:3, NKJV).

The new heaven and new earth are also mentioned in Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:22, and 2 Peter 3:13. Peter tells us that the new heaven and new earth will be “where righteousness dwells.” Isaiah says that “the former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.” Things will be completely new, and the old order of things, with the accompanying sorrow and tragedy, will be gone.

The new earth will be free from sin, evil, sickness, suffering, and death. It will be similar to our current earth, but without the curse of sin. It will be earth as God originally intended it to be. It will be Eden restored.

A major feature of the new earth will be the New Jerusalem. John calls it “the Holy City . . . coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully

dressed for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). This glorious city, with its streets of gold and pearly gates, is situated on a new, glorious earth. The tree of life will be there (Revelation 22:2). This city represents the final state of redeemed mankind, forever in fellowship with God:

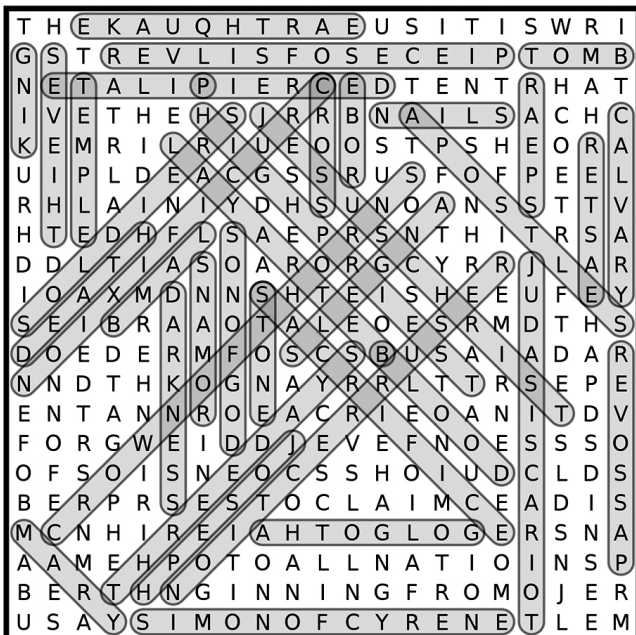
“God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. . . . His servants will serve him. They will see his face” (Revelation 21:3; 22:3–4).

In the new heavens and new earth, Scripture says, there are seven things notable for their absence—seven things that are “no more”:

- no more sea (Revelation 21:1)
- no more death (Revelation 21:4)
- no more mourning (Revelation 21:4)
- no more weeping (Revelation 21:4)
- no more pain (Revelation 21:4)
- no more curse (Revelation 22:3)
- no more night (Revelation 22:)

The creation of the new heavens and new earth brings the promise that God “will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:4). This event comes after the tribulation, after the Lord’s second coming, after the millennial kingdom, after the final rebellion, after the final judgment of Satan, and after the great white throne judgment. The brief description of the new heavens and new earth is the last glimpse into eternity that the Bible gives.

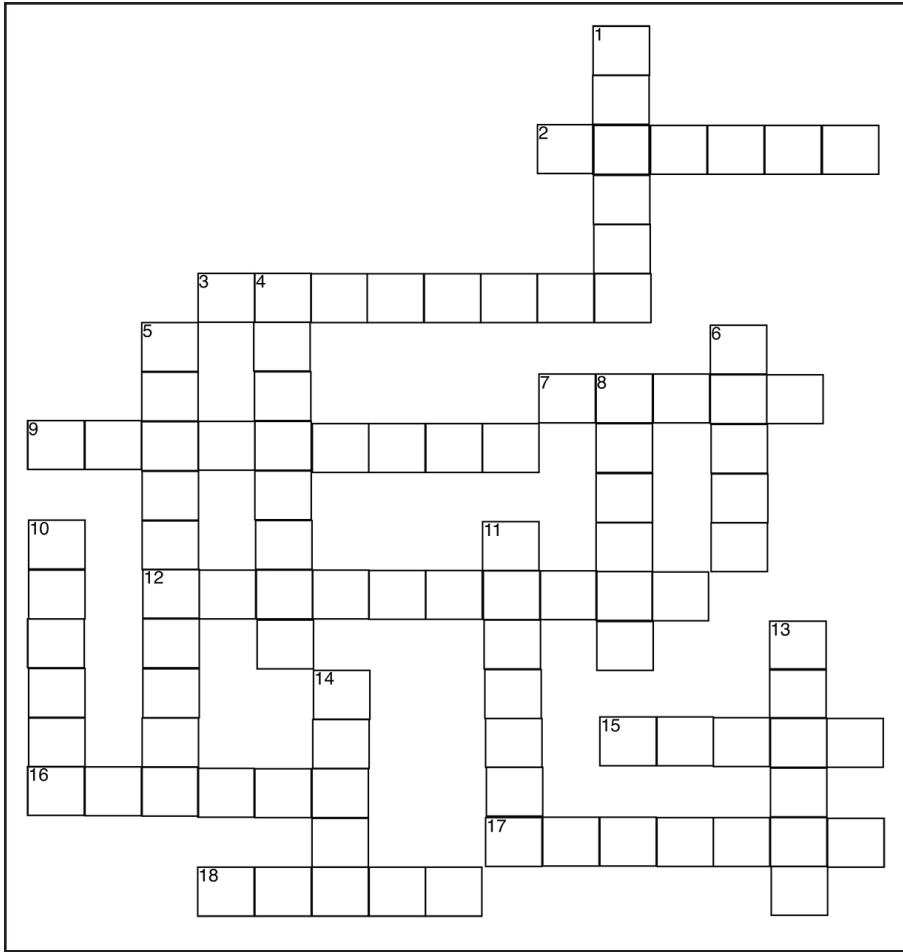
## April Word Search Answers



## Creative Church Signs

1. Adultery is sin, you can't have your Kate and Edith too.
2. Noah was a brave man 2 sail in a wooden boat with 2 termites
3. God didn't create anything without s purpose. But, mosquitoes come pretty close
4. "Salvation" There's and App for that, It's downloading Jesus into your heart.
5. Living without God is like trying to dribble a football
6. Sin is like a credit card, buy now pay later
7. Ketchup label- Catch Up with Jesus, Lettuce Praise & Relish Him Cuz he loves me from my head to-ma-toes
8. Duct tape is good, but three nails fixes everything
9. You may party in Hell, but you will be the Barbecue
10. Exercise daily, Walk with the Lord
11. Want God Out of everything? Great news, He won't be in Hell
12. God's Garden; Lettuce be kind, Squash gossip, Turnip for Church

# Ascension Cross Word Puzzle

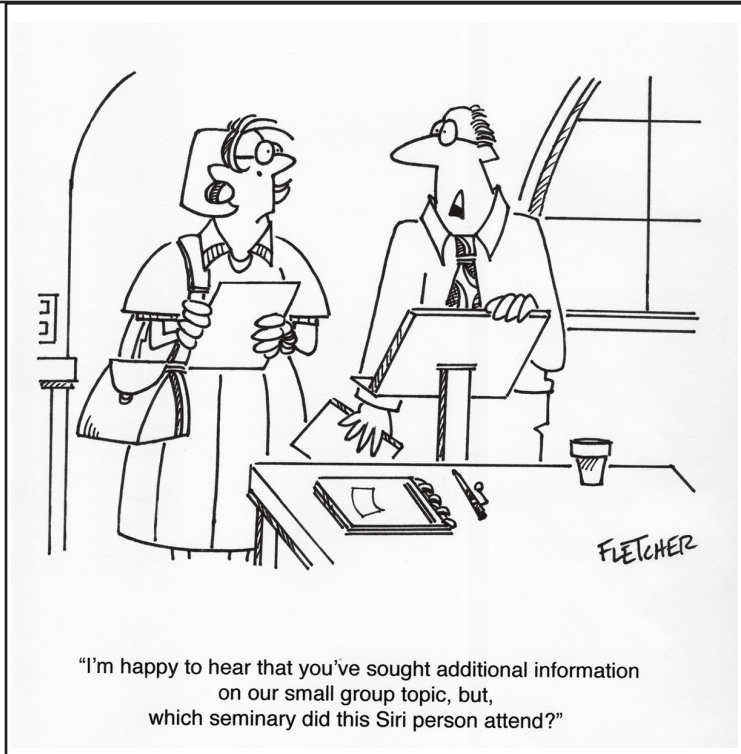


**Across**

- 2. One of the women who came to the tomb to take care of Jesus' body
- 3. In a few days you will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit
- 7. The disciple who denied knowing Jesus three times
- 9. City Jesus traveled to celebrate Passover
- 12. The Book of Acts was written to this person
- 15. the disciple who betrayed Jesus
- 16. holiday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection
- 17. first book of the New Testament
- 18. Passover celebrates the Israelites being set free from this country

**Down**

- 1. hid Jesus from the apostles
- 4. Another name for the disciples
- 5. what Jesus explained to his disciples
- 6. God's Son
- 8. Jesus met his followers on this road
- 10. Number of Disciples Jesus had before his death
- 11. Jesus spoke about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 13. where Jesus was taken to
- 14. number of days Jesus appeared for



## Just Joking

All of his life George from Cape Breton had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they'd walk across the lake to the boat club for their birthday cake. So when George's 21st birthday came around, he and his pal Corky took a boat out to the middle of the lake. George stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned! Corky just managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, George went to see his grandmother. "Grandma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?" Granny shook her head in disgust, looked into George's eyes and said, "Because your father, grandfather and great grandfather were born in January, you were born in July"