

## Prayer Requests

Tom's parents, Jean & Dick Forbes  
 Alison's mother, Isabel Fain  
 Ginny Flick  
 Lawrence Cook  
 Floretta Kelly  
 Peggy Peer  
 Gloria Harrell-Cook  
 George Tasker  
 Virginia Metcalf  
 Our country and our troops  
 People who are caregivers to family members  
 Orphans of Belize  
 Glynna & Shawn Harbaugh  
 Valerie Grogan

Theresa Wolford  
 Nina McCarty  
 Paula Swayne  
 LauraNell Hill  
 Lauren Cook  
 PPC ministry  
 Toni McCarty  
 John Michael Hartman  
 Jack & Tess Tasker  
 Missionaries in Belize  
 Jim Wilson  
 Artie Hartman

# TAKE TIME TO PRAY



March 4	Pat Knott
March 12	Addalynn Everett
March 19	Phil Carnell
March 23	Debbie Scheermesser
March 26	Josh Everett
March 28	Kaitlyn Everett
March 28	Bryan Jose

### Youth Sunday School

Teachers are Glynna Harbaugh, Cindy Scheermesser and Jeanne Thrasher and Frances Becker leading music

### Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class uses the *We Believe* series.  
 Sandra Chilcote is our Adult Teacher  
**Spring Quarter 2015**  
**"The Spirit Comes"**  
 Unit 1 –The Pledge of God's Presence

- The Lamb of God (John 1:29-34)
- Jesus Promises an Advocate (John 14:15-26)
- The Spirit of Truth (John 16:13-15)
- Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4)
- The One Who Comes (Mark 11:1-11)

**Attitudes are contagious....  
 is yours worth catching?**

# thank you

for your service to your church in *March*

#### Ushers & Greeter

March 1	Debbie & Steve Scheermesser
March 8	Aggie & Phil Carnell
March 15	Jack Brandlen & Andi Grady
March 22	Aggie & Phil Carnell
March 29	Kathy & Mike Boyce

#### Money Counters

March 1	Kathy & Mike Boyce
March 8	Sandra Chilcote & Andi Grady
March 15	Erma Landis & Andi Grady
March 22	Denise & Darlene Spitzer
March 29	Debbie & Mike Hartman

#### Liturgist

March 1	Francie Becker
March 8	Mike Hartman
March 15	Mike Hartman
March 22	Lori Evans
March 29	Laurie Groves

### Calendar of up-coming March events:

Sunday, March 1	Food Pantry Collection Sunday
Sunday, March 8	Session meeting following worship
	Daylight Savings Time begins
Monday March 9	Presbyterian Women meeting 10:00
Friday, March 20	First day of Spring
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday—Communion served



**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 2:00 a.m.**  
**Don't forget to set  
 your clocks ahead 1 hour**

## An Irish Blessing

May God grant you always...  
 A sunbeam to warm you,  
 a moonbeam to charm you,  
 a sheltering Angel  
 so nothing can harm you.  
 Laughter to cheer you.  
 Faithful friends near you.  
 And whenever you pray,  
 Heaven to hear you.

contributed by Sandra Chilcote



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (*Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.*)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!'

contributed by Cindy Scheermesser



**Brain teaser answer:**

It is *one*.

You are **PASSING** those people. You are the **ONLY** person going to St Ives, they are going from St Ives.

# HAVE FAITH in GOD

NOT ONCE DOES  
THE BIBLE SAY,  
"WORRY ABOUT IT,"  
"STRESS OVER IT,"  
OR, "FIGURE IT OUT."  
BUT OVER AND OVER  
IT CLEARLY SAYS, "TRUST GOD."

## THE GLEANER

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**MARCH** 2015

## *The Rose*

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day.

Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any of the petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry.

But, because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud, without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

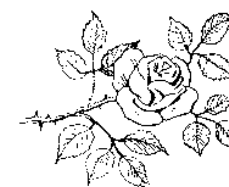
The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I.  
GOD opens this flower so easily,  
But in my hands they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I have the wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So, I'll trust in God for leading  
Each moment of my day.  
I will look to God for guidance  
In each step along the way.

The path that lies before me,  
Only my Lord and Savior knows.  
I'll trust God to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

Author Unknown





Tom Forbes

The Lord be with you.

Well here we are in the Season of Lent. It was just a few short weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas. I have been deliberately approaching Lent from the theme of love—God’s love for creation, and our love for God, each other, and neighbors. This may be due to all the theology that’s been crammed into my head this school year and a desire to get back to a where-the-rubber-meets-the-road Christian life. This fits because Lent is the time we focus on what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ starting with a good hard look at who we are as human beings. If we take this message at all seriously, we will need to hold on tightly to this love.

We are not to be self-centered. Look at 1 Corinthians 13 to see what love of God and others rather than love of self looks like. We love God, not because of any benefit we hope to receive, but simply because of who God is. We love each other and love our neighbors to reflect and to pass on the love of God. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 8 that he will never claim any privilege for himself if it means that someone else would be hurt. This has to be hard for us especially in our culture of privilege. However, there is no one outside of the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ. We can love all people because the gospel of Jesus Christ, which gives that love expression and meaning, is there and available for all people.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5 that we are the light of the world—not becoming the light, we are the light. This is how we love others. We let our light shine. We give to people who do not have enough. We care for people who need care. We encourage people who need encouragement. We admonish people who need to hear a word of admonishment. We pray for people who need prayer. We live faithfully. We pray without ceasing. We live joyfully and thankfully. We join with that great cloud of witnesses who have been doing all of this for 2000 years.

Discover your gifts. Develop them. Practice them. In this, we are slaves of Jesus Christ, sisters and brothers to each other, and neighbors to the world. Do you have a friend in need? In the Spirit, help them as you are able. Is there someone with questions? Be prepared, as Peter tells us, to give a reason for your hope. Is there a brother or sister new to the faith? Teach them. Encourage them. Are there people in the hospital or homebound or in prison? Visit them. Offer compassion.

Let your love shine by reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. Let us be visible, persistently searching the darkness—sometimes like the beacon of a lighthouse, sometimes like the gradually strengthening glow of early dawn, sometimes no brighter than a flickering candle—always with the love of God, in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to all. Stay safe, dry, and warm.

Tom



March Worship Services & Lectionary Readings—2015—Year B

Sunday, March 1	Food Pantry Collection Sunday Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17: 1—7, 15—56 Romans 4: 13—25	Psalm 22: 23—31 Mark 8: 31—38
Sunday, March 8	Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20: 1—17 1 Corinthians 1: 18—25	Psalm 19 John 2: 13—22
Sunday, March 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21: 4—9 Ephesians 2: 1—10	Psalm 107: 1—3, 17—22 John 3: 14—21
Sunday, March 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31: 31—34 Hebrews 5: 5—10	Psalm 51: 1—12 or Psalm 119: 9—16 John 12: 20—33
Sunday, March 29	Passion/Palm Sunday
Palms: Mark 11: 1—11 or John 12: 12—16 Psalm 118: 1—2, 19—29 Passion: Isaiah 50: 4—9 Philippians 2: 5—11	Psalm 31: 9—16 Mark 14: 1—15:47 or Mark 15: 1—47
Monday, March 30	Monday of Holy Week
Isaiah 42: 1—9 Hebrews 9: 11—15	Psalm 36: 5—11 John 12: 1—11
Tuesday, March 31	Tuesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 49: 1—7 1 Corinthians 1: 18—31	Psalm 71: 1—14 John 12: 20—36
Wednesday, April 1	Wednesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 50: 4—9 Hebrews 12: 1—3	Psalm 70: 1—5 John 13: 21—32
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12: 1—14 1 Corinthians 11: 23—26	Psalm 116: 1—2, 12—19 John 13: 1—17, 31—35
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12 Hebrews 10: 16—25 or Hebrews 4: 14—16, 5: 7—9 John 18: 1—19: 42	Psalm 22: 1—31

Saturday, April 4	Easter Vigil
Genesis 1: 1—2: 4 Genesis 7: 1—5, 11—18; 8: 6—18; 9: 8—13 Psalm 46: 1—11 Genesis 22: 1—18 Exodus 14: 10—31; 15: 20—21 Isaiah 55: 1—11 Proverbs 8: 1—8, 19—21; 9: 4—6 Ezekiel 36: 24—28 Ezekiel 37: 1—14 Zephaniah 3: 14—20 Romans 6: 3—11 Mark 16: 1—8	Psalm 136: 1—9, 23—26 Psalm 16: 1—11 Exodus 15: 1—13, 17—18 Isaiah 12: 2—6 Psalm 19: 1—14 Psalm 42: 1—11 and Psalm 43: 1—5 Psalm 143: 1—12 Psalm 98: 1—9 Psalm 114: 1—8
Sunday, April 5	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
Acts 10: 34—43 or Isaiah 25: 6—9 Psalm 118: 1—2, 14—24 1 Corinthians 15: 1—11 or Acts 10: 34—43 John 20: 1—18 or Mark 16: 1—8	
Sunday, April 5	Easter evening
Isaiah 25: 6—9 1 Corinthians 5: 6—8	Psalm 114 Luke 24: 13—49

The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992, and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993); it may also be found in the *Presbyterian Planning Calendar* and the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*, published annually by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). Four scripture passages are given for each Sunday and festival: (a) the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, but replaced by a reading from Acts during the season of Easter; (b) a Psalm or canticle, intended not as a separate reading, but as a response to the First Reading; (c) the Second Reading, an Epistle or other New Testament writing; and (d) the Gospel Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).

Feed your  
spirit with  
the word of God

The 'Present'

In a university commencement address several years ago, Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises, spoke of the relation of work to one's other commitments:

"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. You name them - work, family, health, friends and spirit and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back.

But the other four balls - family, health, friends and spirit are made of glass. If you drop one of these they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life.

- How?
- Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.
- Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.
- Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.
- Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live ALL the days of your life.
- Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.
- Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.
- Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.
- Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.
- Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you are going.
- Don't forget that a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.
- Don't use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved.
- Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery and Today is a gift: that's why we call it - The Present."



- The Annual Statistical Report for 2014 has been approved by our Session and submitted to Presbytery. Piedmont Presbyterian Church had three deaths reported in 2014 (Elsie Roderick, Mary Sears and Joseph Sarfino), two members received by Certificate of Transfer (Michael and Rebecca Niland), three baptisms (Addalyn Everett, Brayden Trantum and Ethan Dunn), one member placed on the inactive list since she has moved from the area (Brittany Chojar) and two reinstatements of membership (Michael Chilcote and Anita Lupton) for a total membership of 48 in 2014.
- At the Session meeting of February 1, Cindy Scheermesser was again elected as Clerk of Session and Kermit Becker was again elected as Treasurer. We thank these two members for their service and hard work to our church.
- The next Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following our worship service.

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month	Presbyterian Women 10:00 meet in the fellowship hall	
Wednesday evenings 5:30 p.m.	Bible study	
Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.	Choir practice	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month	Church Women of the Tri-Towns 12:00 noon	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month	Food Pantry collection Sunday	

A brain teaser: As I was going to Saint Ives,  
I crossed the path of seven wives.  
Every wife had seven sacks,  
Every sack had seven cats,  
Every cat had seven kittens,  
Kittens, cats, sacks, wives,  
How many were going to Saint Ives?

(Find the answer elsewhere in the newsletter)

An interview with God.

get bored with childhood      rush  
to grow up      long to be children again  
lose their health to make money        
forget the present

That they live as if they will never die and die  
as though they had never lived.

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This legend involves both the dogwood tree and the redbud tree, both of which bloom in Spring right around Easter. The story goes like this:

The dogwood trees came to Jesus after the resurrection, and made a request - Since the wood that was used to crucify our Lord was from the dogwood, they requested that they no longer grow tall enough or strong enough to be used for timber for this purpose.

The Lord agreed, and since that time, the dogwood has grown short in stature, with small limbs, unsuitable to be used in major lumber projects.

Also, because of the request, the Lord also caused beautiful white crosses to bloom on the tree, with a reddish spot of blood in every bloom, and a tiny crown of thorns at the center of the blossom.

The redbud trees came and asked the Lord a favor as well. Since the great traitor Judas Iscariot had hung himself on this tree, they asked the Lord to ensure that never happened again.

The Lord agreed. Henceforth, all redbud trees have grown short in stature, with limbs thin and low to the ground, unsuitable for hangings.

Also, because of the request, the Lord also caused crimson blooms to burst out along the branches like rivulets of blood, to remind one of the blood Christ shed for the sins of the world, and the innocent blood betrayed by Judas. And the leaves henceforth would grow in the shape of hearts, to remind all who look of the endless and boundless love of God for our lost race.





Tri-Towns Ministerial Association will host the following community Lenten services at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday:

Wed., February 25	at Trinity/Waldon UMC	Nicodemus
Wed., March 4	at Bloomington UMC	Judas
Wed., March 11	at First Baptist	Barabbas
Wed., March 18	at Piedmont Presbyterian	Pilate
Wed., March 25	at Westernport UMC	The Thief's father

Individual churches' services during Holy week at community churches not sponsored by the Ministerial Association include:

Maundy Thurs., April 2 at Church of the Brethren 6:00 p.m.—  
"Love Feast & Communion & Tenebrae"

Maundy, Thurs, April 2 at St. James 7:00 pm "Stripping of the Alter"

Good Friday, April 3 at St. James 7:00 pm "Stations of the Cross"

Easter Sun., April 4 at Westernport Church of the Brethren  
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service & breakfast

Now IS A TIME TO  
CLOSER TO JESUS

The Tri-Towns Ministerial Association is once again taking applications for a scholarship given to a student graduating from high school and planning to attend a college or post-secondary education institution. Applicants must be active in their church and their church/pastor must be active in the Tri-Towns Ministerial Association. The Ministerial Association desires to recognize students who are active members of their church and who contribute to their church and community. Application for the scholarship are located on the podium in the narthex.

Applications must be postmarked before March 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Candidate must be a graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0
2. Candidate must be an active member of church for at least the past years. (If a student relocates to this area, and he/she has been active in a church where they previously lived, he/she will be eligible for the scholarship.) Active is defined as regular attendee at worship services.
3. Strong preference given to candidates who perform some type of service work in or associated with their church - examples include but are not limited to :Sunday school teacher or assistant, youth group activities, worship leader or equivalent, sing in or play for church choir, serve as usher, help with church fundraisers.
4. Applicant will submit an original essay of between 500-1000 words on the following topic: "How I Will Practice My Faith After Graduation From High School"
5. Application must be accompanied by a written letter of recommendation from the pastor, or other church officer in the event the pastor is related or the pastor's position is vacant.
6. Money will be paid directly to student's college or post-secondary institution of choice after proof of enrollment is submitted.
7. Pastor/church must be an active participant in the Tri-Towns Ministerial Association.
8. Scholarship amount will be determined by the ministerial association each year based on the financial status of the association
9. Scholarship applications will be available through members of the Tri-Towns Ministerial Association or by calling Westernport COB at 301-359-9333.
10. Applications must be returned to Tri-Towns Ministerial Association in care of Westernport Church of the Brethren, 198 Oak View Drive, Westernport, MD 21562.

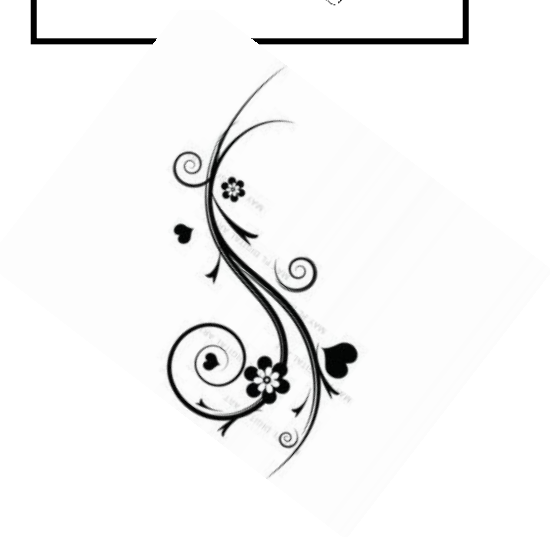
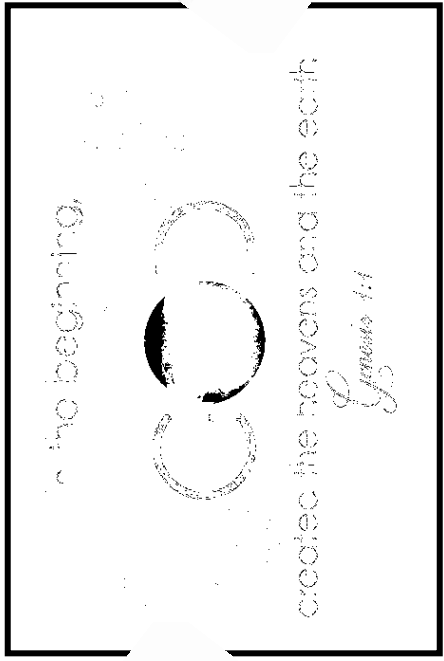
Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God will come to know God because they know you.

#### In the Beginning puzzle answers:

Adam, dust, fowl, mist, moon, death, earth, light, names, night, sixth, woman, heaven, mother, rested, divided, genesis, morning, serpent, adams rib, cherubim, creation, fig leaves, rule the day, tree of life, good and evil, disobedience, garden of eden.  
AND IT WAS GOOD

how would we feel if someone never talked to us till they wanted something?, God has feelings to.







Joey: What did the hot dog say to the hamburger?


Alex: I don't know.

Joey: "I'll ketchup with you later."

Joey: What do you get when you cross a bell with a skunk?

Alex: I don't know.

Joey: Jingle Smells!



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How many words can you make out of:  
*God made Spring*

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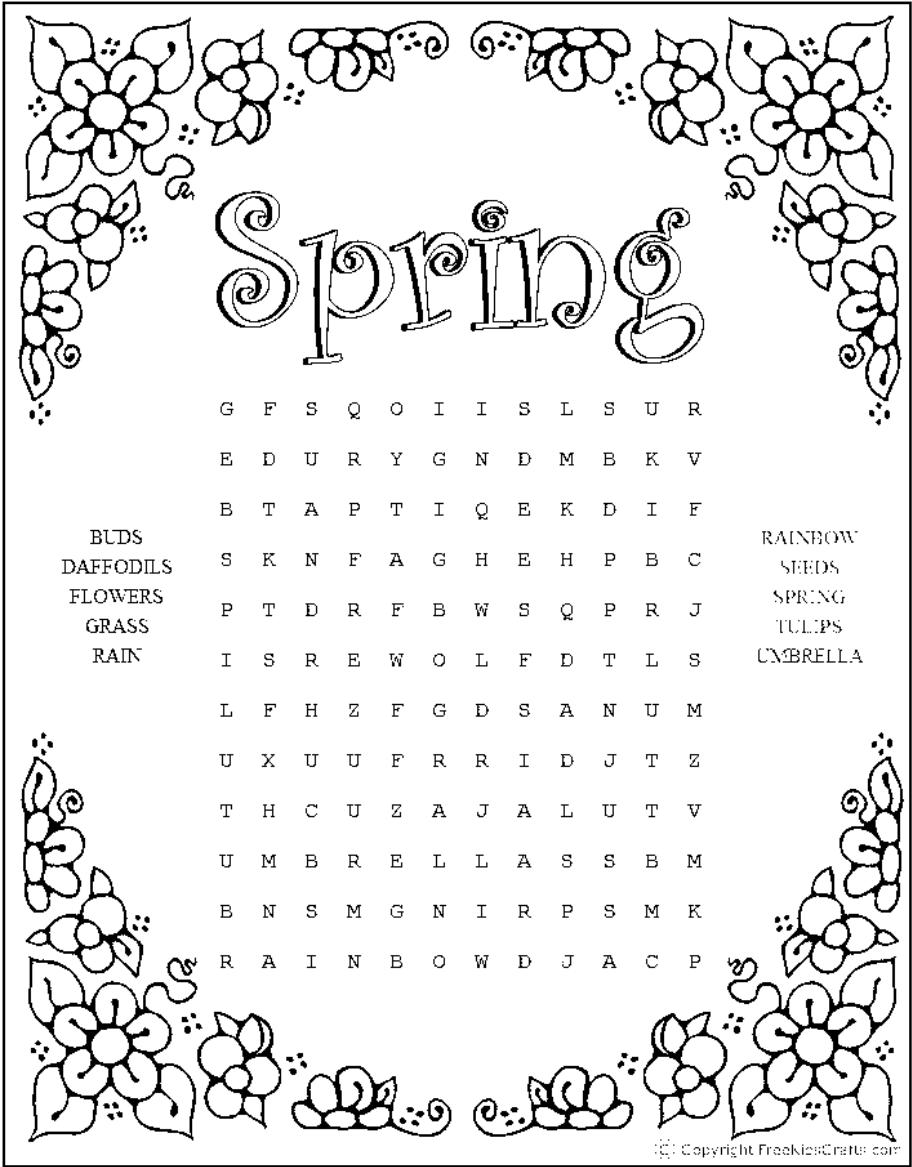
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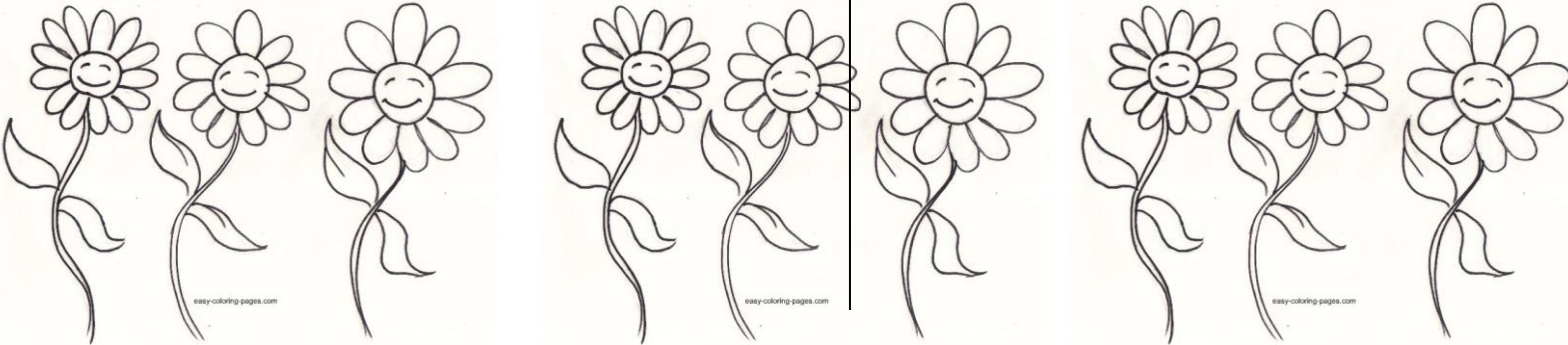
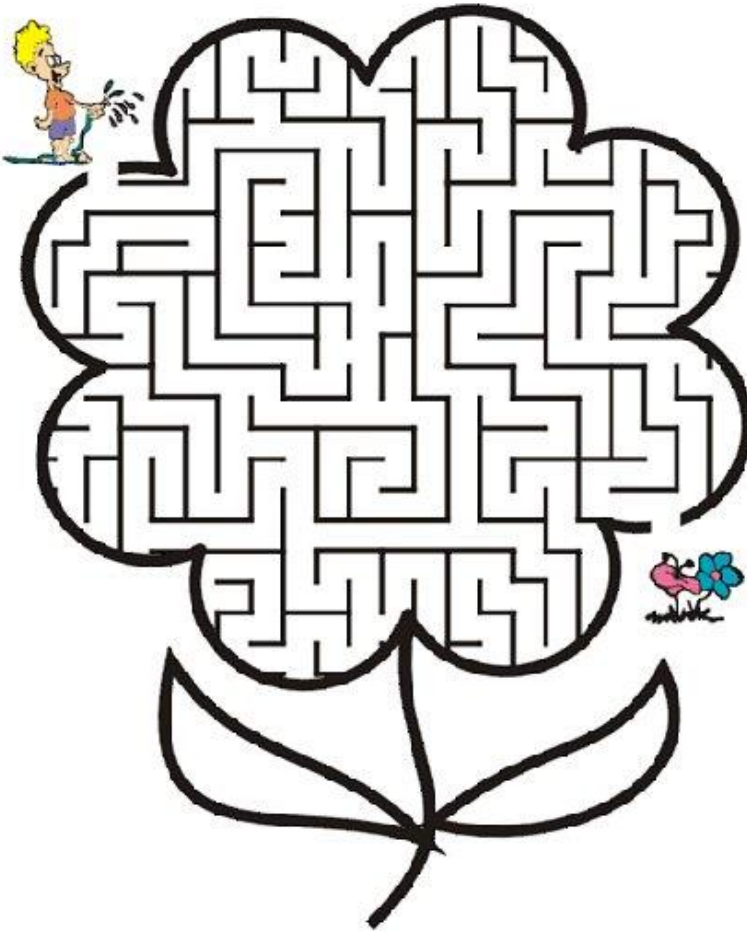


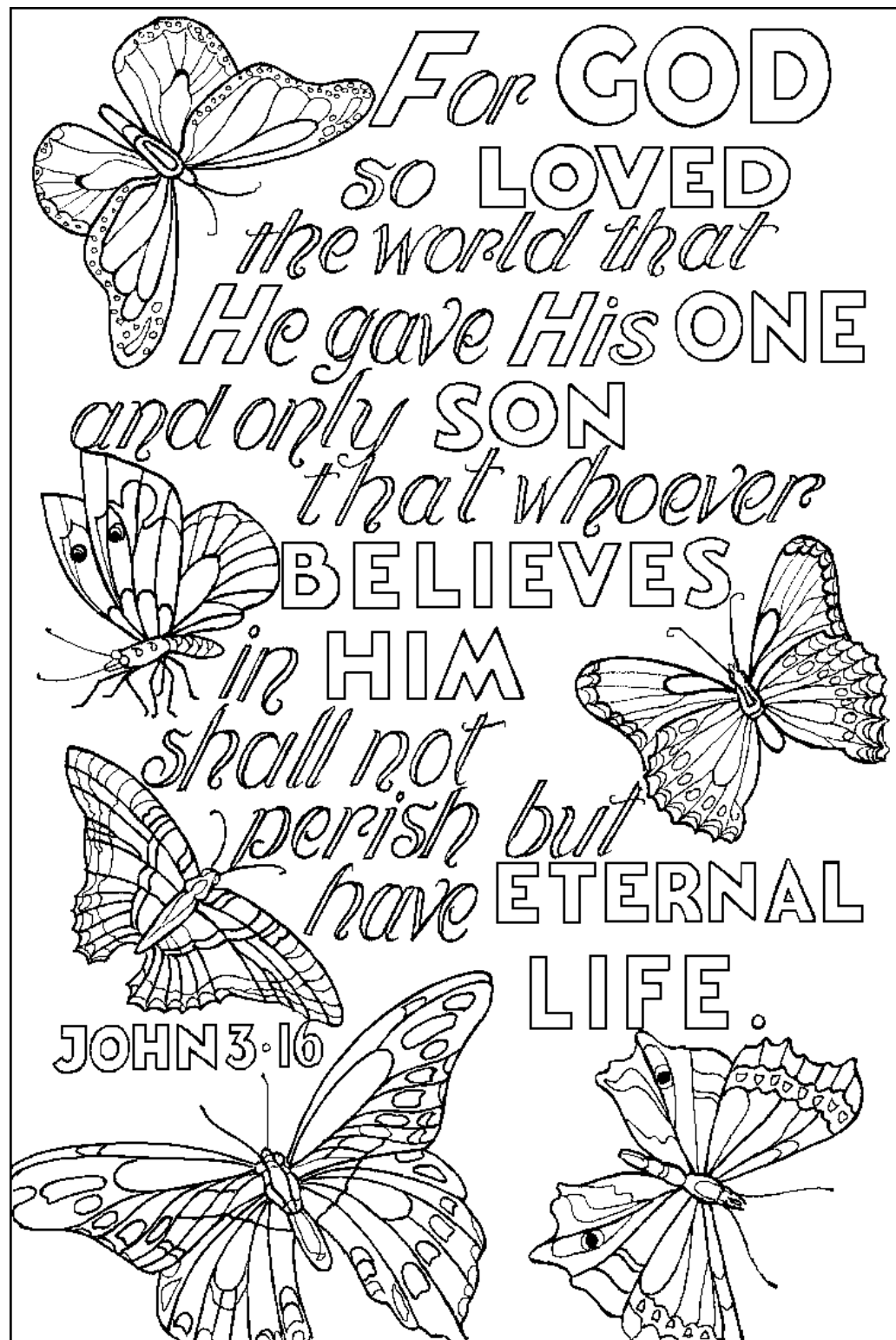
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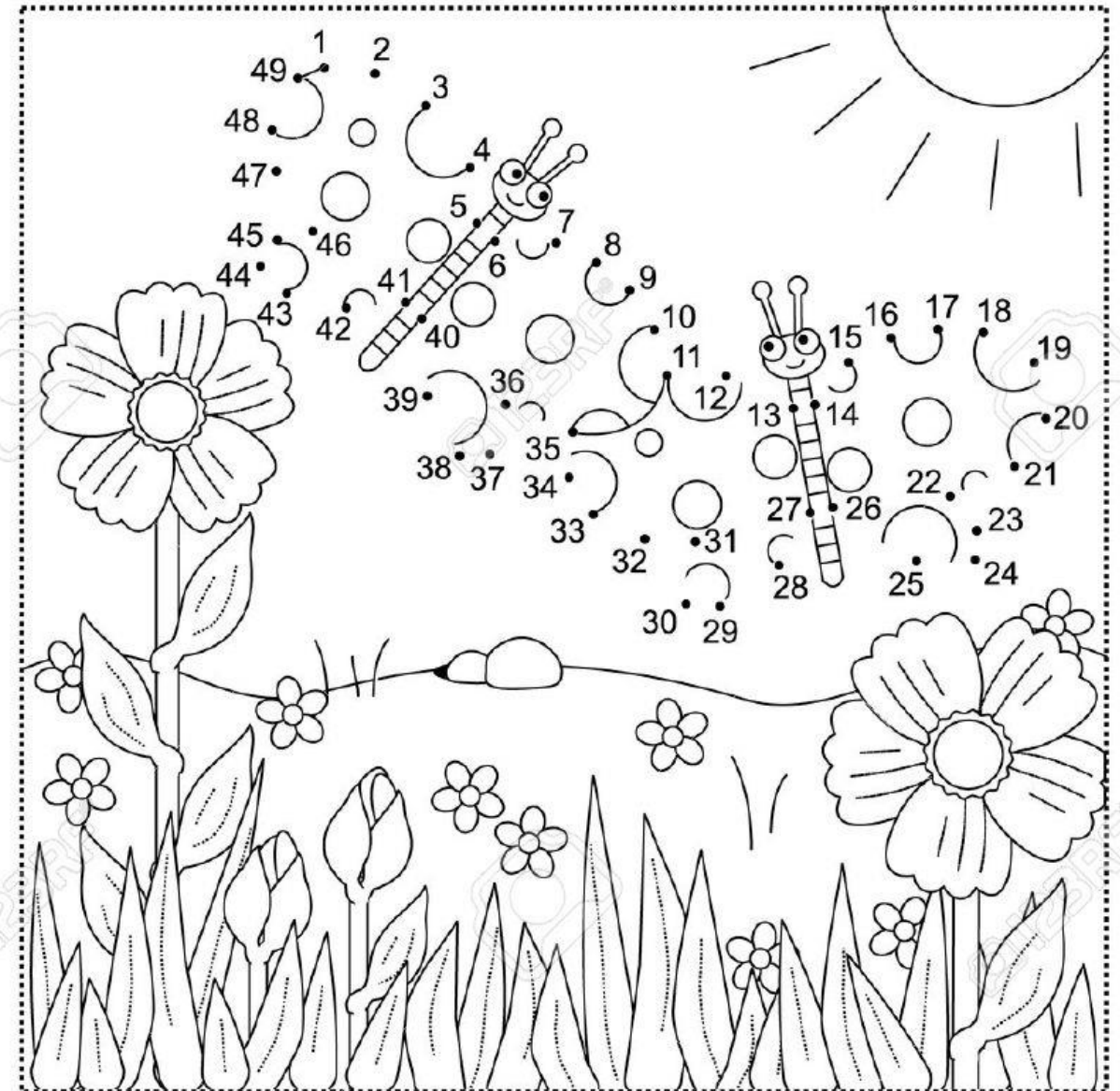
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Guide the boy through the flower shaped maze to find some flowers to water





Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



**ANSWER:**

