



The **Cornerstone Connection**

Building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

April 2026

Adult Choir?

Is there interest in starting an adult gospel and hymns choir? If you would like to explore the possibility, please contact Marie DeWeese.



Roof Repairs

After years of battling roof leaks, repairs that are hoped to provide a long-term solution are underway. A rubberized fibered layered coating system is being installed. After approximately 60 days of curing time, an aluminum coating will be applied. Funds for this project come largely from proceeds of the sale of parcels of land on the west side of Bennett Drive.

Veterans Recognition help needed

Assistance is needed in helping to plan this year's Veterans Recognition program in November. If you have an interest in working with this project, or have questions about what would be involved, please contact Jane at the church office, 375-3873.

Ethiopian Nazrawiyan Annual Conference Partnership

Our Monthly Mission Moment
By Becky Brown

This month, we are highlighting one of the world missions we support. This mission is through The Great Lakes and Heartland Annual Conferences. A part of this invitation for the Great Lakes is to support pastoral families in Ethiopia with education.

There is no salary subsidy, conference health insurance, or retirement program for our Ethiopian pastors. Once the funds are received, the pastors are to use the money for their children in the following ways:

- to pay school fees
- to buy school books
- to clothe their children in school
- to feed those children.

This money helps ensure that urban bi-vocational Methodist pastors have enough grain each day so that their wives can make bread and their children have a reasonable chance of growing to adulthood. For a rural bi-vocational pastor-farmer who may have sacrificed 10% of his farmland so that his people could build a mud-walled church, this helps provide cash income so his children can buy used clothes, as well as paper and pencils, to go to school.

Our mission theme is "God Knows No Boundaries," and we are called to spread the Gospel throughout the world. As we continue to develop our relationship with the Global Methodist Church, we will partner with them across many areas. This is just one way.

If you have a heart for children or pastors, this is the perfect mission opportunity for you. Your donation will help feed, school, and clothe the children. If you have a love for pastors, your donations will help build churches and free up their salaries so they can do the work they are called to do.

What goes on back there, anyway?

Ironically, their presence is rarely noted until something goes wrong. In fact, their goal is that their work is not noticed at all. The objective of the crew of volunteers in the projection/sound booth is to enhance your worship experience and not create a distraction. What do they do, anyway?

The task of the sound technicians is to manage all the instrument and microphone inputs coming into our Allen & Heath digital sound board and mix them so that all participants in the service can be heard at an appropriate level in the sanc-



tuary. They come in early on Sunday mornings (and sometimes during the week) to rehearse with the praise team or other groups and do initial settings. The filling of the sanctuary during the service changes sound characteristics of the room, requiring adjustments as the service proceeds.

Anyone who has struggled to get a setting correct on their smart phone can begin to appreciate the challenges

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for the sound tech. If any one of dozens of buttons, knobs, or sliders is incorrectly set, it can cause a disruption to the service, and identification of which switch is the culprit is often not immediately apparent.

One way you can really help your sound tech is to hold the microphone very close to your mouth if you have an announcement or prayer request to share with the congregation. (No, people really can't hear you without the microphone!) The sound tech can only turn up the volume to a certain point before feedback sets in, an uncomfortable circumstance for everyone. Frequently, people in the farther reaches of the sanctuary cannot hear announcements as a result. If the mic feels uncomfortably close to your mouth, it's probably just about right!

The projectionists are responsible both for what appears on the screen during the service and the livestream that goes out via Facebook. This requires an understanding of EasyWorship, our presentation software, as well as streaming apps. A projectionist will come in during the week and set up the schedule for the coming Sunday, importing new song lyrics as needed, creating announcement slides, and getting everything into the correct order. As with the sound tech, they come in early on Sunday morning to practice with the praise team and reconcile any differences in lyrics. (Literally, everyone needs to be on the same page!)

Setting up for streaming also occurs Sunday morning. The streaming software receives signals from the sound board and the camera and sends them in the appropriate format to Facebook. If all goes well, this runs in the background during the service, but is checked from time-to-time to assure that all is well. Projection of the slides is

pretty straightforward if no mistakes have been made during setup (and everyone adheres to the order of worship). Vigilance is required.

Meanwhile, our camera operators make sure that viewers at home can see what's happening and feel that they are a part of our service. This requires a steady hand for zooming and panning the camera.

So, thanks to sound techs Jon and Andy; projectionists Sharon, Gary, and Todd; and camera operators Malcolm and David. Let them know your appreciation for their (largely unseen) efforts!

Note: *Your sound crew is aware that one of our main speakers is not functioning and sound in the back half of the sanctuary is not optimal. They are working to diagnose and correct the problem.*

The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.



The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

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who were blinded to the depth of reality of their actions: *Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"* (Luke 23:32-37; ESV)

For this article, I am choosing the passages that reflect the actions (and possibly the hearts) of the soldiers in the Crucifixion Story. And although there were numerous soldiers at the beating/Crucifixion, I am choosing to look at a single soldier.

The imagery I will draw from comes from the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. During this scene, the soldier who was performing the whipping of Jesus had such a brutality about him, and, at the same time, experienced euphoria as he administered the carnage upon Christ. His facial expression said it all: he was enjoying the "power" he thought he had.

Now, before we go on to pre-judge him, we have to consider who he was and what his thinking might have been:

- **He was a soldier of the Roman army** – Because of this, he had to follow orders given to him or those same orders would be used against him. We could possibly say he had no choice but to do as instructed.
- **He might not have had any sort of faith** – Rome had many different gods/goddesses in their faith system. It's quite possible that he thought he was doing his deity a favor in beating the God of another faith. A stretch, but also a possibility.
- **He might not have any sense of a "moral code"** – It's possible that his training and upbringing may have made the soldier numb to the injustice he was performing. If he thought he wasn't doing anything wrong because society empowered him to carry out the punishment, he might not have known he was committing a sin.
- **Jesus knew it had to be done** – As the Scriptures declared in the Old Testament, Jesus was to suffer such a beating, taking on the full brutality of mankind and to suffer for the sins of the world.

And, finally, I believe that Jesus knew the soldier's heart and understood that he didn't know what he was doing. That's why he stated what He did in the Scripture provided. I believe that even with (according to *The Pas-*

sion of the Christ) the facial expression of the soldier beating Jesus was just "theatrical liberty" more than reality. Nothing else is said about those soldiers, apart from casting lots for His garments. I know Jesus knows best!

Now, for the centurion at the cross: This centurion witnessed the impact of Jesus' death on nature – the darkness, the earthquake, the torn curtain in the temple, the dead bodies coming back to life, and I believe that at that moment, the centurion believed.

Think for a moment, he must have seen and participated in thousands of crucifixions in his time of service to Rome. Throughout all of this, he has never seen anything that has taken place on that day. It's uncertain that this centurion has had any prior connection with Jesus, if he ever came to believe in Him or not. Did he make the statement out of fear? All uncertain. What we do know is that this statement was a declaration that debunked what the mocking crowd did during the Crucifixion. For a non-believer to proclaim such a statement is a miracle in itself, but as stated earlier, I believe that he became a believer from that moment on.

This brings me to my reason for writing the article: I want each of us to be more like the centurion rather than the soldier who crucified Jesus. I want us to KNOW Jesus was, and is, and remains, "Truly the Son of God." We have witnessed too many miracles (and even have been the receivers of these miracles); we have felt His touch and have been moved by Him to declare anything else. And like the centurion, we must declare it to the world around us!

Our testimony is too important for others to ignore it or to keep silent! We are the only Bible that others will read. We must *know who God/Jesus/Holy Spirit* is and how They are loving all of us; even in our sins and mistakes. If we can show others what God has done for us, they may be inclined to also trust in Him and find what we have is very real. Will you share?

Guitarist needed

We are needing another guitar player for praise band. If you are passionate about worship and leading others with music, if you can read a lead sheet or chord chart and would like to play with the praise band, let us know. If you are interested in playing occasionally, that's fine too. We warm up at 8:30 on Sundays, and have an occasional practice. Contact Marie DeWeese if you have an interest.



- Easter is the great proclamation and promise of God that nothing can overcome God's love, not even the murder of the Son of God. —Charles Ferrell
- The best mathematical equation ever given: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

The Two Soldiers

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him.

They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. (Luke 22:63-65; ESV)

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,... (John 19:23-24; ESV)

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies

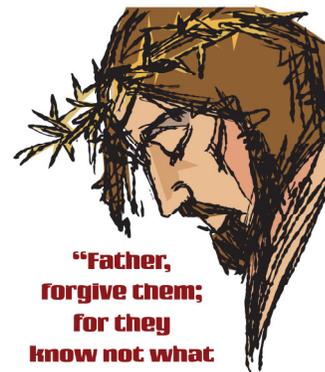
of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:51-54; ESV)

This might be a great deal of Scripture references for an article; yet it is necessary for the content.

For whatever reason, I began to consider as we draw closer to Good Friday and Easter, there was a distinct and predominant change of attitude towards Jesus Christ – and it impacted more than just the believers of that time and in our times today; non-believers also had an influence in the Easter story. Jesus knew this, and we should too.

In reference to Jesus knowing, He said this about those

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**"Father,
forgive them;
for they
know not what
they do."**

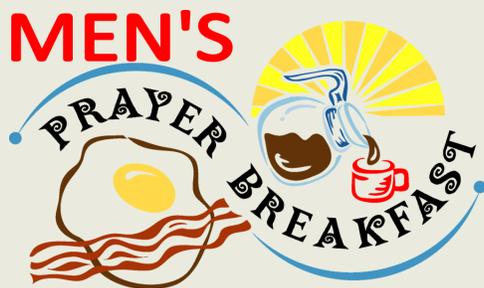
Luke 23:34, NIV





EVENTS

Women's Widows Care & Share
Meeting Apr. 7th & 21st @ 2 p.m.



and FELLOWSHIP
2nd Saturday each month 8 a.m.
at Solid Rock Church.
All men welcome!



Ladies' Breakfast and FELLOWSHIP

Starting back up on the last Saturday of
each month. All women invited.

SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m. April 25th

Stock the shelves in April

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

Ramen Noodles
Ranch Dressing



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Thank you for all you do!

Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

Solid Rock work day is April 15th

Little Rockers Praise Team



April Practices

April 7th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
April 21st from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

4/2 Maundy Thursday Service
First Christian Church 7 p.m.

4/3 Good Friday Service
First Christian Church 6 p.m.

4/5 Easter Sunday Service
Solid Rock Church 11 a.m.

April Helpers



Liturgists

- 5 Stacy Wiley
- 12 Addy Wiley
- 19 Debb Smitley
- 26 Mindy Rider

Greeter

- 5 Lana Myers
- 12 John & Susan Mills
- 19 Lyvonne Nighthelmer
- 26 Donnie & Jen Plummer

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 5 Libby Wiley
- 12 Lana Myers
- 19 Addy Wiley
- 26 Jane Hitzfield

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 5 Brenda Conner
- 12 Jazmine Plummer
- 19 Marie DeWeese
- 26 Jazmine Plummer

Snacks

- 5 Todd & Shelley Preston
- 12 Dave & Jorita Banter
- 19 Brenda Conner
- 26 Robert & Marie DeWeese

Acolytes

- 5 Kalin Elliot & Kinley Goodspeed
- 12 Kerrigan Goodspeed & Lily Lichtenberger
- 19 Kodi Craig & Blake Craig
- 26 Kaley Campbell & Malcolm Voght

Please contact the church office at 375-3873 by Wednesday prior to Sunday, if you are unable to be a helper above. Thank you!



- 4/1 Norma Smith
- 4/2 George Keplinger
Lana Myers
- 4/4 Charles Ternet
- 4/5 Gabe Goodspeed
- 4/7 Doris Souers
- 4/8 Isaiah Bordeaux
- 4/12 Marge Blair
- 4/13 Wanda Spahr
Kalin Elliot
- 4/16 Kodi Craig
- 4/18 Jenifer Myers
- 4/19 Candy Smith
Danielle Goodspeed
- 4/20 Pastor John Boyanowski
- 4/21 Mary Ann Holmes
Joh Smith
Robbie Bolinger
- 4/23 Deb Shaw
- 4/24 Shelley Preston
- 4/26 Christine Tudor
- 4/28 Ethan McCray



- 4/5 Dave & Jorita Banter
- 4/10 Robert & Marie DeWeese



Weekly Bible Study

Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

NOTE.....Check the calendar for any changes.



*I am the resurrection
and the life.*

John 11:25





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Small Groups 6 p.m.	2 Maundy Thursday Gary Small Group 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Serv. at 1st Christian Church 7 p.m.	3 Good Friday Good Friday Serv. at Christian Church 6 p.m.	4 Warren Egg Hunt at KBC
5 Easter Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion	6 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Grp 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	7 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Little Rockers practice 6:30-7:30 p.m.	8 Small Groups 6 p.m. (except John's grp)	9 S.O.S. 7 p.m. - Hostess Tamara Spahr	10	11 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.
12 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 8 p.m.	13 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Grp 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	14 Sign Language 10 a.m.	15 Small Groups 6 p.m. Solid Rock works at Food Pantry 2-4 p.m.	16 Aletta Heath Memorial 1 p.m.	17	18
19 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 8 p.m. Newsletter Info due	20 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Grp 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	21 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Little Rockers practice 6:30-7:30 p.m.	22 Small Groups 6 p.m.	23	24	25 Ladies Fellowship at SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m.
26 Sunday School 9 a.m. May birthdays-anniversaries Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 - 8 p.m.	27 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Grp 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	28	29 John's Small Grp 6 p.m.	30		

SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries
Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside John 3:16/Pastor Dan First
Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Neviu
Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

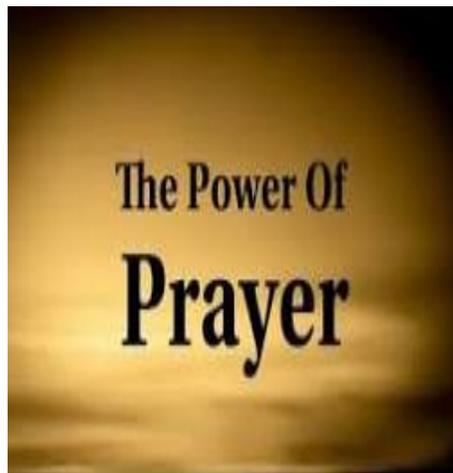
Prayers for Health & Healing

Henry Alt	Sue Carpenter	Mary Ann Jackson	Unspoken
Grace Anderson	Matthew Carpenter	Ethan McCray	Silent Struggles
JR Bentley	Pam Cloud	Mandy Ramsey	
Marge Blair	Don Douglas	Lisa Shriver	
Tiffany Booher	Sharon Gebhart	Eric Snively	
Marsha Boyanowski	Casey Hamilton	Tom Tallman	
Phil Brown	LaTishia Horrell	Mike Vogleman	
Mike Carey	Dewey Jacks	Sharon Williams	

Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be moved to prayers answered or if someone needs added for prayers of health and healing.

Heritage Pointe

Darrell Blair	Dee Pattison
Jim & Jackie Blinn	Norma Smith
Bill Boxell	Doris Souers
Pat Boxell	Ann Spahr
Rochelle DeHaven	Dave & Wanda Spahr
Don Douglas	Alyce Tinkle
	Carolyn Winters



Prayers Answered

Jim Martin
Deb Shaw
Jay Shaw
Shirley Wohlford

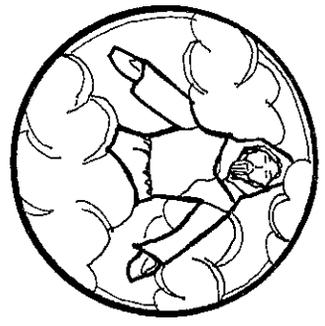
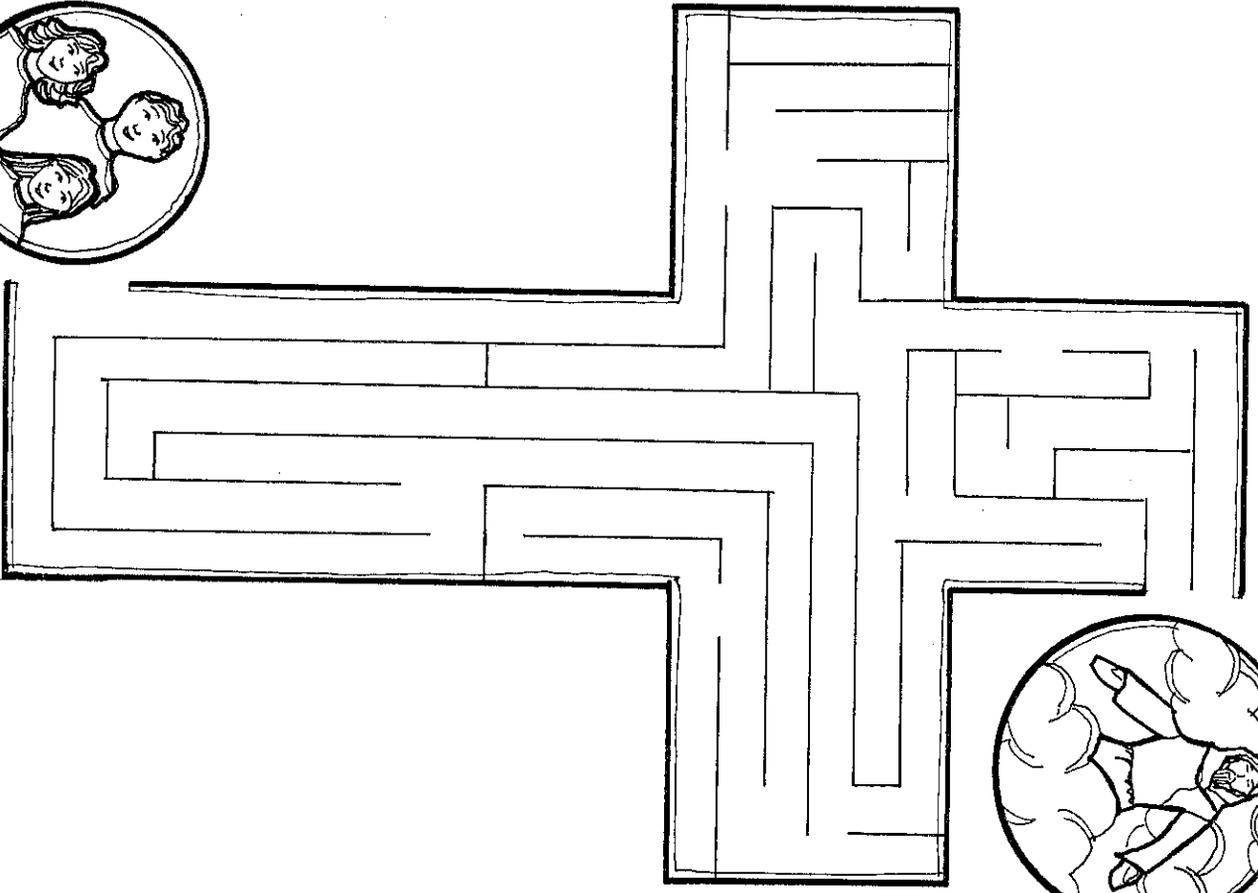
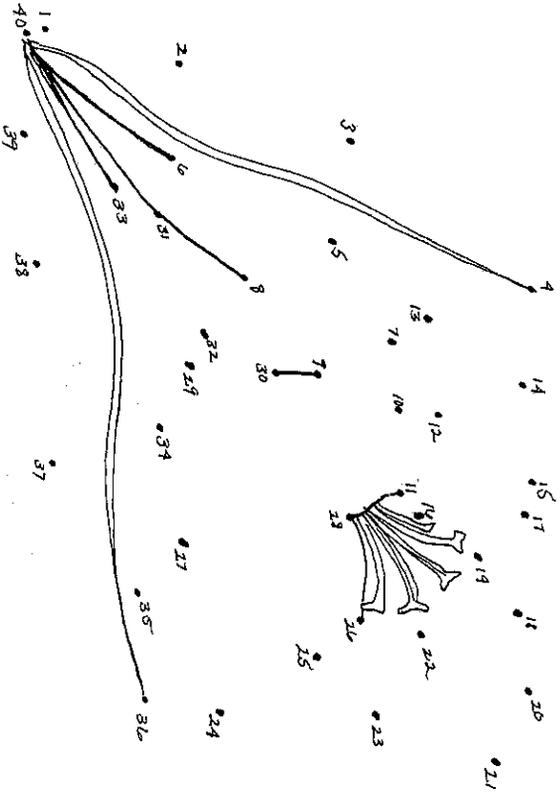
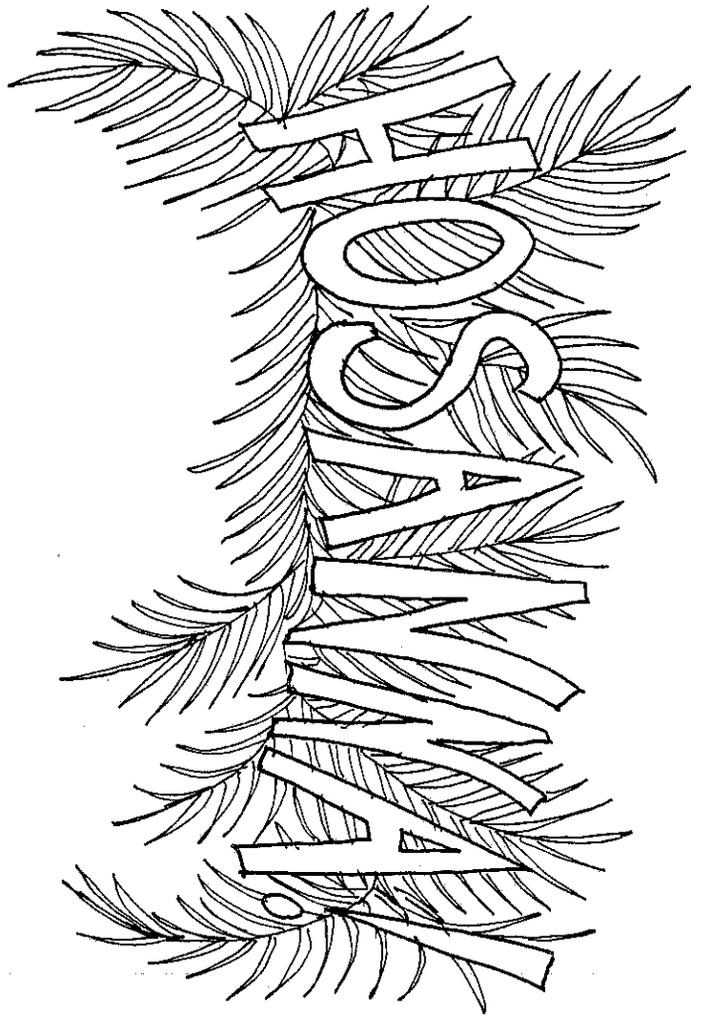
Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for April 2026

Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:



- Father God, we thank You for the grace You show us through Your Son, Jesus. Without Him, we would have no restored relationship with You, forgiveness of sins, or the ability to be called Your children. We often take for granted all that You gave us through Jesus and we want to simply say thank You for the gift. May we never forget, forsake, or dishonor You. May our lives reflect the acceptance of Your gift and how humbled we are that You would love us so deeply. Glory and honor to Your Name! In Thy precious Name we pray, Amen.
- Sweet Jesus, as we reflect on Easter and Your life/death/resurrection, may we be humbled enough to accept and appreciate the gift of You. We have been lost for so long and You have proven to us that You have come to seek that which is lost. Come find us, restore us to Your good care, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your namesake. We seek to honor You—please show us Your will and desire for our lives. We seek to bring You blessings and honor. We are nothing without You. Be our God and we, Your people. In gratitude and praise we exalt Your Name, Amen.
- Precious Holy Spirit, lead us to know the risen Savior personally. May we become one with You as You are with God the Father and Christ, the Son. May You become so evident in our lives that people can't miss feeling Your power in us and Your blessings towards us. May they long for You as we long for our next breath. Lead us towards amazing grace and empower us to share that will all who might desire to receive it. Let Your work begin in us and to carry on in us until we are called home to be with You. We Love You! Amen.
- Holy Trinity, what word can ever be spoken that You haven't already heard that would convey our deepest gratitude for Your salvation? We are at a loss for such words. So, let our hearts reveal what words can't and may our service be evidence of our desire to worship and adore You. Use us, guide us, bless us by calling us to serve You well. Let our desire to serve go far beyond just Easter; let it become our desire for life. Thank You for Your love. Praise be Yours alone, Amen.





Names and Titles of Jesus



Y	L	C	L	E	D	S	O	N	O	F	G	O	D	N
R	B	J	N	M	L	N	K	M	A	S	T	E	R	M
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Word list:

- CHRIST
- EMMANUEL
- JESUS
- KING OF THE JEWS
- LAMB OF GOD
- LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- LORD
- MASTER
- REDEEMER
- SAVIOR
- SON OF DAVID
- SON OF GOD

