

Teacher Appreciation Week

By the Book has invited our church to partner with them in celebrating, thanking, and encouraging public school teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8. We are collecting cards of appreciation and encouragement, as well as items to fill a gift basket for school break rooms. Snack and gift ideas may include, but are not limited to, hard candies, nice chocolates, small trail mix packets, granola bars, post-it notes, pens or markers, or small hand lotions.

Solid Rock will be acknowledged as partners in this gift. Please have items to the church by May 3rd.

Most importantly, please PRAY for the many people who serve and invest in our children each day.

Graduating Senior: Taylor Rogers

By Becky Brown

It is a joy to introduce our newest 2026 Solid Rock Graduate, Miss Taylor Rogers. Taylor's parents, Jeremy and Shannon Rogers, are delighted by their daughter's outstanding accomplishments, and their pride shines bright.

Taylor will graduate from Huntington North High School on May 24, 2026. She transferred at the start of her junior year for more art classes. Her activities include Southern Wells Sunshine Society, private art lessons with Ales Pancner, and the Huntington North Green Team. She's also in the National Honor Society and the Riley Dance Marathon. Taylor worked at Dairy Queen for about two years before moving to Brickhouse Pups, where she has been for 2.5 years. She enjoys making art and driving her Mustang GT.

She will attend and live on campus at Ball State University this fall. She will receive a Presidential Scholarship and pursue a double major in Marketing and Media Production.

In recognition of this next step, Taylor would also like



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Mission Awareness: Bread of Life Food Pantry

By Becky Brown

This month, we will be highlighting The Bread of Life Food Pantry. It was established in 1990 under the 501(c)(3) of the Knight Bergman Center. The pantry serves patrons living south of Roush Reservoir, Division Road, Huntington County.

The pantry's mission is to help families feed children. The Warren Area Ministerial Association assists the food pantry. Solid Rock always helps whenever Miss Rose lets us know she needs help. We often donate items to the pantry. Plastic bags, food, and personal items are often donated through our church.



The pantry is open every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The only reason the pantry would close is if there is a weather or road emergency.

The pantry is funded by private donations, financial aid, food aid, and products from area churches and private community donations. The pantry receives government commodities twice a month. The pantry purchases fresh produce weekly from Jeff's Market. They also purchase milk, eggs, meat, and non-perishable foods. Some plant gardens and add an extra row of veggies for the pantry. They donate these extra veggies to the pantry, which they are grateful for.

Patrons come to the pantry twice a month, and patrons who need more assistance can contact WAMA for additional support. The pantry serves, on average, 40 families a week, including 75 to 100 children and 80 to 125 adults. The above are the statistics and the nuts and bolts of the Food Pantry. I will share my personal observations of the food pantry.

This is NOT your ordinary food pantry. This is a community-driven pantry that cares for those who are going through rough times. If a person comes who needs support, encouragement, or some kind words, they can find it. There is always someone they can talk to, receive support from, and go home with nourishment not just for the body,

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to extend her most sincere appreciation to Solid Rock as the recipient of a church scholarship.

The Solid Rock family warmly congratulates Taylor on her remarkable accomplishments. Together with her parents, we celebrate her bright future and eagerly anticipate all the exciting adventures ahead. We wish her the very best as she embarks on her journey at Ball State University this fall.

Dear Lord, we thank you for Taylor and the success of her journey. As she steps into new beginnings, guide her footsteps with wisdom, protect her with your love, and give her courage to follow her dreams. May she use her God-given talents to serve others and make a positive difference in the world. Amen

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but also for the soul. Each week, you will find smiles, conversations, and love being shared.

Not only does Solid Rock provide food and financial aid, but it also provides a place for our members to volunteer to make a difference in our community. The volunteers at the food pantry come from various churches, denominations, and age groups. While we come as individuals, we work as a family. When one in our family experiences difficulties, we are there for them. We lift them up, pray for them, and fill in when needed. I can say it has truly been a joy to become part of the Bread of Life family.

This is a well-oiled machine with a crew that works well together, loves each other, and, more importantly, loves our community.

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Matthew 25:40, "The king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Faith Circles Small Group

The small group Faith Circles will be taking a short break in May. It will start up again in June, meeting two weeks each month. All are welcome!

Henderson Settlement Presentation

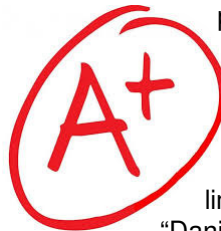
John Newman, Director of Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, will speak at Solid Rock on Sunday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Solid Rock members and others in the community travel annually to Henderson Settlement to serve. This is a great opportunity to learn more about mission opportunities there, and will be of special interest to anyone considering participating in the trip next year.

An A-Plus Answer

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, "Daniel, you have tested me to my limits." Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus."



The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.



Online Giving 

March Financial Update

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| General Fund Contributions..... | \$11,375 |
| General Fund Budgeted Disbursements..... | \$15,639 |

News for the June newsletter is due May 24

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with God. Too many times, I have officiated funerals where individuals begged me to assure them their loved ones were in Heaven. When I asked the question if they were connected with God, they shared they weren't sure of it. It's not a question to put off until the end of life.

I share this because of the importance of eternity: we want eternity, yet we never invest in it as we should. Does eternity really matter to us? I mean, do we REALLY think it matters to us? We plan for our retirements, vacations, buying a home, making investments, and more. We fool ourselves we have enough time to "get things right" when we are never promised tomorrow. Even if we ourselves are right with God, have we shared this with those we want with us in eternity?

I have a list of people I pray for that might find their need of God/Christ in their lives before they die and their door is closed for a real relationship with God. Family members, friends, former co-workers, people I just met, and so on. I am praying for people who I will meet, people I will never meet in person, people who live across the oceans... in short – all people. I'm praying for those I have wronged along the way and those who have wronged me, people who hate me and those who I wanted to hate. All people. Period.

I must admit, I personally have tested God's patience with me and the several times I should have died before, but God had sustained me. I know I'm not invincible and that one day, God will bring me home. I am forever thinking about eternity because with my age and other things, I am working on a limited timeframe. And I'm more concerned about those I love more than myself. I want them to be with me for eternity with God.

We, as a people, must consider the importance of our eternal soul and where it will be in eternity. This is something we cannot put off till the last minute; now is the time to prepare for eternity. Don't know much about this or how to start working towards this? This is where your local church, a pastor, a person of faith, or a trusted friend can assist you to understand about your soul and what is to come. You have a choice and it's your choice alone. My faith can't and won't save you: only God can! You must choose to accept Him as Savior and Lord (Jesus) and choose to have a relationship with God the Father. The Holy Spirit will guide you and teach you all you need to draw close to God.

Does eternity matter, for real? If it does, then let us live lives that reflect its importance. Let us live lives that reflect our soul's desire to be with God the Father, accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and be led by the Holy Spirit throughout the rest of our lives. Be assured where you are going to spend eternity before eternity comes for you!

An Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her "worry button" get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.

Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called "a dialogue with God." She closed her prayer with a simple surren-

der: "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend." And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent," she wrote, "while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it."



Seizing holy opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

Does Eternity Matter, for Real?

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes

down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” John 6:25-34; ESV

We live life at a very fast pace – hoping to get in as much living as possible. We try to meet every bucket list we have, enjoy the pleasures of this world, and think that as we are near our end of life, that’s when we can focus on our spiritual life. We want eternity with God... just not right now. How is this impacting today’s believers and non-believers?

For start, we convince ourselves we have plenty of time to live before we need to think about eternity. However, as life proves over and over again, that isn’t promised to us: either loved ones die or we die unexpectedly. Should we die before we come to God/Christ and we don’t ask for forgiveness and claim Him as Savior and Lord, we will perish and spend eternity in hell apart from God. This is what we forfeit when we wait too long – not being able to share eternity

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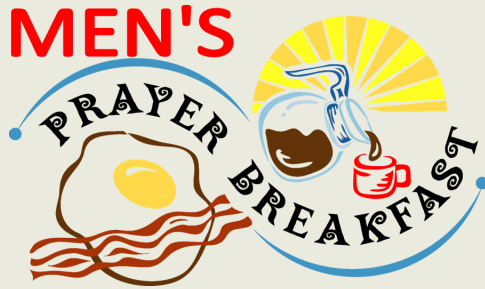
...the **free**
gift of God
is **eternal life**
in **Christ Jesus**
our **LORD.**
Romans 6:23





EVENTS

Women's Widow Care & Share Meeting May 5th & 19th @ 2 p.m.



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



Ladies' Breakfast

and Fellowship

Last Saturday of each month 8:30 a.m.
All women invited.

SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m.

Stock the shelves in May

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

Condiments, Mustard Catsup, Ranch Dressing



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Thank you for all you do!

Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

Solid Rock work day is May 27th



Think about it!

When planting your garden this year, plant an extra row and donate the fresh food to the food pantry. If you have extra of anything talk to Rose and you can drop off at door #1 at the KBC. Greatly appreciated!

Little Rockers Praise Team



May Practices

May 5th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
May 19th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May Helpers



Liturgists

- 3 Billie Horrell-Jackson
- 10 Debb Smitley
- 17 Marsha Boyanowski
- 24 Stacy Wiley
- 31 Jane Hitzfield

Greeter

- 3 Mary Ellen Plummer
- 10 Deb Shaw & Jessica Boxell
- 17 Sharon & Ted Williams
- 24 Cindy Boxell
- 31 Noreen & Bruce Preston

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 3 Lyvonne Nighthenheler
- 10 Stacy Wiley
- 17 Lana Myers
- 24 LeAnn Buzzard
- 31 Brenda Conner

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 3 Brenda Conner
- 10 Jazmine Plummer
- 17 Marie DeWeese
- 24 Jazmine Plummer
- 31 Brenda Conner

Snacks

- 3 Shirley & Charles Ternet
- 10 Becky & Greg Brown
- 17 Breann Kratzer
- 24 Lana Myers
- 31 Jessica Bendorf & Tim Kane

Acolytes

- 3 Kalin Elliot & Paizley Nighthenheler
- 10 Lily Lichtenberger & Kerrigan Goodspeed
- 17 Kinley Goodspeed & Malcolm Voght
- 24 Kodi Craig & Kaley Campbell
- 31 Blake Craig & Kalin Elliot

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 5/2 Ann Spahr | 5/12 Dave Banter |
| Loran Gifford | Bruce Preston |
| Lana Myers | 5/14 Ryan Goodspeed |
| 5/3 Susan Mills | 5/15 Brice Kaylor |
| 5/5 Ted Williams | 5/16 Colt Craig |
| 5/6 Miley Martin | 5/18 Shari Blinn |
| 5/8 Linda Howell | 5/30 Blake Craig |



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| 5/4 Loran & Sherry Gifford |
| 5/14 Dave & Jo Keller |
| 5/15 Rob & Patty Hensley |
| 5/18 Dave & Wanda Spahr |

CARD MINISTRY

For the month of May, buy one card get the second card free.



Weekly Bible Study

Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

NOTE...Check the calendar for any changes.





MAY 2026



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 Office Closed | 2 |
| 3 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion Rock Solid Youth 6 - 8 p.m. Henderson Mission speaker Jon Newman 6 p.m. | 4 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. | 5 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Little Rockers practice 6:30-7:30 p.m. | 6 John's last Small Group 6 p.m. | 7 | 8 Office Closed | 9 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m. |
| 10 Mothers Day Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. | 11 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. | 12 Sign Language 10 a.m. | 13 | 14 S.O.S. 7 p.m. | 15 Office Closed Card Ministry 5:30 p.m. | 16 |
| 17 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m. | 18 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. | 19 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Staff Pastor Parish Mtg 6 p.m. Ad Council Mtg 7 p.m. Little Rockers practice | 20 | 21 | 22 Office Closed | 23 |
| 24 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Newsletter Info due to Gary | 25 Memorial Day Church Reserved 11 - 7 p.m. | 26 Sign Language 10 a.m. | 27 Solid Rock works at the Food Pantry | 28 | 29 Office Closed | 30 Ladies Breakfast at SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m. |
| 31 Sunday School 9 a.m. June Birthdays-Anniversaries Worship Service 10 a.m. | | | | | | |

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.

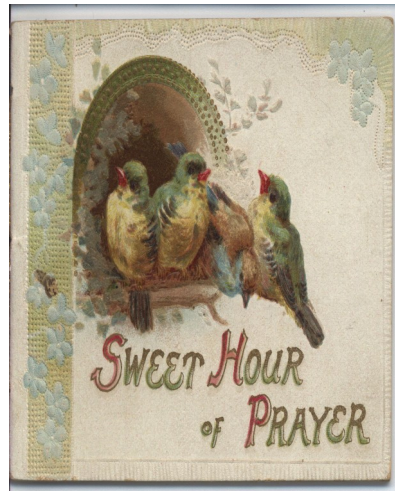
Prayers for Health & Healing

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| Grace Anderson | LaTishia Horrell | Joe Rodriguez | Unspoken |
| Ute Anderson | Mary Ann Jackson | Lisa Shriver | Silent Struggles |
| Tiffany Booher | Angie Landrum | Eric Snively | |
| Mike Carey | Elias Martin | Tom Tallman | |
| Sue Carpenter | Jim Martin | Lou Ellen Vetor | |
| Matthew Carpenter | Ethan McCray | Mike Vogleman | |
| Pam Cloud | Mandy Ramsey | Rosalie Walter | |
| Steve Cress | Logan Roberts | Lisa 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

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| 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

JR Bentley
Marsha Boyanowski
Sharon Gebhart
Casey Hamilton
Dewey Jacks
Sharon Williams

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for May 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 pray that throughout this month, we may be saturated in Your holiness and grace. May we have abilities and opportunities to share with others Your grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, and peace. Help us to heal the broken by the power of Your Name, that we might bring others to You. Work in us and through us. Minister to us as well, for we also need to be replenished and restored. With the arrival of Spring, may we grow in You. In Your precious Name we pray, Amen.
- Precious Jesus, thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to be our guide and Comforter. We need Him now more than ever. Draw us closer to You and the Father, that we may be one as You Both are One. This was Your prayer for us; let it be as You have said in each of our lives. Use us to Your glory and honor. We surrender ourselves to Your tender care. Increase in us, we pray, Amen.
- Glorious Holy Spirit, make us holy. Not in what we think is holiness, but as it is according to You. May we be filled by Your presence, that we may be a light to others who seek You. Empower us to be moved to share our stories of Your/God/Jesus' undying love for us, about redemption, and how glorious it is to follow Your leading. Make a difference in us so we can make a difference in the world around us. May You receive all the power and glory forever, Amen.
- Blessed Trinity, reign in us and lead us throughout our days here on earth. We are Your flock, the sheep of Your pasture. You have provided so much for us already, for which we are grateful. We continue to need and desire Your protection, Your love, and Your guidance as we continue our journey to the land where we will reside with You forevermore. Help us to be attentive, to follow You regardless of what lays ahead of us; for we know You will never lead us astray but how You will deliver us from ourselves and our sins. Grant us forgiveness in our ignorance and may we strive for the same intimacy You desire to have with us. We love and adore You! Blessed be Your Name! Amen.



Bible Word Search

Books of the Old Testament

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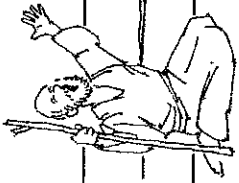
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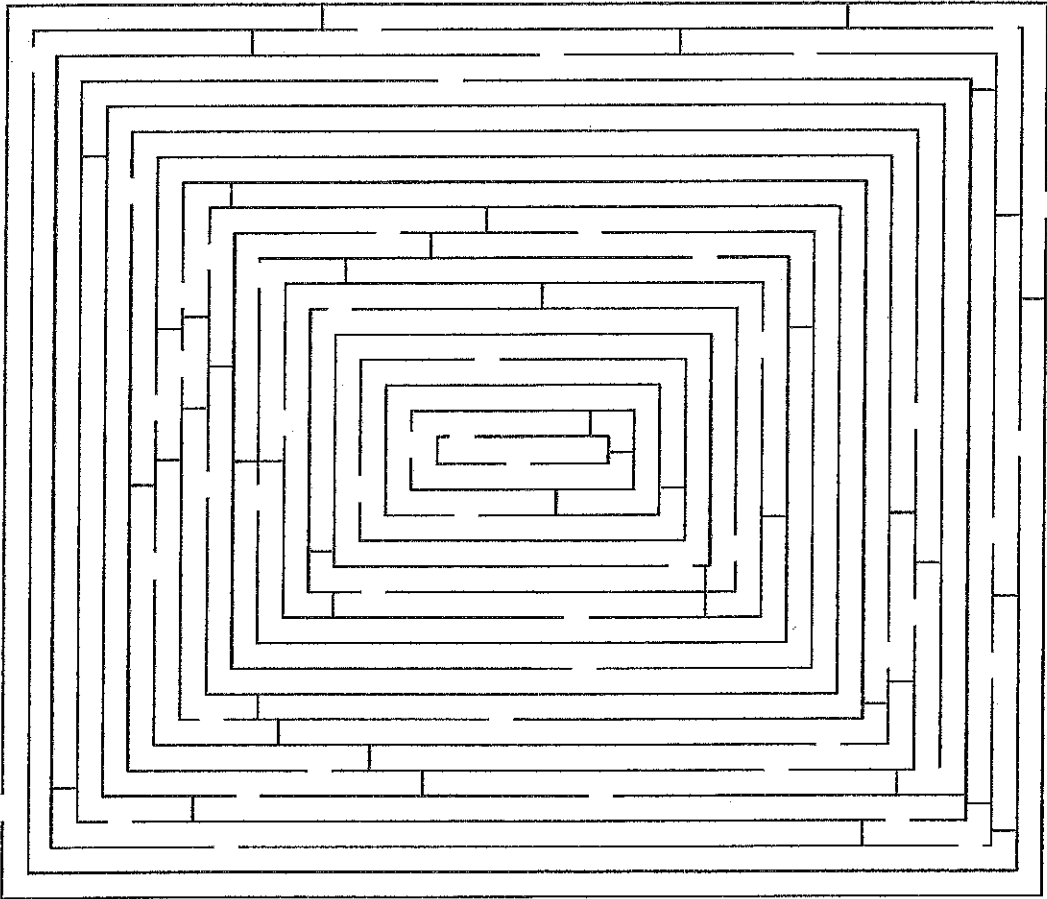
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SONG OF SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
ZEPHANIAH



Jesus called Bartimaeus to Him.



Help Bartimaeus get to Jesus.



Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted.

Cross out the letters found three or more times.
The remaining letters will tell you what Bartimaeus said.

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