



The **Cornerstone Connection**

Building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

July 2026

Summer Outdoor Services

The following services are scheduled for this summer and fall. Solid Rock will participate in the Salamonie Summer Festival Community Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. on July 5 at Riverside Park. There will be no Sunday school or worship at Solid Rock that morning.

Outdoor services at Solid Rock will take place on July 12, August 16, and September 13. Sunday school classes will meet as usual. Services will be moved indoors should weather not permit.

All services will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel (technology cooperating).



Great Lake Conference 2026 is in the books!

By Becky Brown

The Great Lakes Global Methodist Annual Conference was held last month at the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin. Pastor John and Marsha attended. I attended the Conference as your Lay Delegate. It is always a privilege to go and represent Solid Rock. It is always a great time with the music and worship services that are held. On

Friday morning, we heard Bishop Mark Webb speak, and he is always amazing to listen to.



The first thing I witnessed occurred during the business meeting we attended. As the financial reports were read and reported, it was noted that the

Great Lakes Conference has been growing tremendously. With that growth comes extra financial blessings. It was reported that the Great Lakes Conference has a surplus of funds. Because of the surplus and the commitment, the Great Lakes Conference is reducing missional giving to the Conference from 3 percent to 2.5 percent. That is not a significant amount, I know, but it shows the Conference's commitment to holding spending down. We can all feel confident knowing that the Conference we belong to is

responsible for the funds the churches provide to the Conference. Please know your Conference has great leadership and is doing a great thing.

The second thing I experienced was during the Ordination Ceremony. After Bishop Webb's message, he simply asked if anyone was being led to the ministry, and I was present when Marsha raised her hand and said yes to God's calling. I am proud of our commitment to train and support others as they are being called into ministry. We all know how faithful and true to God Marsha is. I can see God has great plans for her. I also do not believe she will be the only one in Solid Rock that God will be calling. I believe this church is filled with the Holy Spirit, and God will lead others into ministry in various ways.

"Send me" is the message God calls all of us to, and I believe Solid Rock is being called to make disciples of Christ, and I think this will be fulfilled, whether it is in the community, across the globe, or just in our own Conference. What will your response be when God taps your shoulder or whispers in your ear, "Will you go for me?"

**Mission Focus:
Pastor Kehinde Adetola**

Kehinde is a pastor in Nigeria who is mentored by Pastor John, and whose church receives periodic support from our missions committee. Following are some paraphrased excerpts from an account of his experiences.

In 2022 I had a crisis and there was a trial of my faith which was affecting my ministry. I was at the edge of despair, I must admit. Many pressures were overwhelming my soul. It was at that time that I was connected online with Reverend John Boyanowski.

I was led to start my ministry in 2016 when I had a revelation from God after experiencing a turbulent period. The strong hand of the Lord has preserved me thus far.

In 2023, my wife was at the verge of leaving. That night I was scheduled to have an online meeting with Reverend John. He was able to give me a word of counseling and the matter was resolved afterwards.

Reverend John introduced me and my ministry to the Solid Rock Church. Solid Rock Church of Warren has

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How Our Church is Used

Many activities and ministries have a home at Solid Rock. Here are ways our facility has been utilized.

- Sunday morning worship
- Sunday school classes (3 adult and 1 children's)
- Bible studies
- Small groups
- Weekly sign choir
- Children's praise team
- Youth group
- Funerals (4 since January 2025)
- Weddings (2 since January 2025)
- Vacation Bible School
- Veterans Recognition
- Family gatherings and celebrations (21 since January 2025)
- Weekly sign language classes
- Weekly Taekwondo classes
- Storage for concession stand
- Card ministry
- WAMA meetings
- Widows Care & Share group
- Men's Fellowship meetings
- SOS meetings
- Funeral dinners
- Church bazaar



- Pastoral counseling
- Point of contact for people seeking to have needs met
- Holiday services
- Women of Worship retreat
- Pastoral support group
- Circuit Leadership meetings
- Community outreach activities
- A place of prayer
- Missional outreach activities

Thank you for your ongoing gifts to Solid Rock! It is those offerings that make our safe, clean, comfortable, welcoming facility continually available for all of the above and more!

Faith Circles Small Group

Faith Circles has started meeting again! Our focus for these sessions will be on sanctifying grace and how we can apply that to our lives through the fruits of the spirit. Sanctifying grace is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to make us more like Christ. This ties in with our study as a congregation on Spiritual Holiness. We will also continue with our check-ins about our spiritual walk.

Our schedule through November is: July 13 (Peace), August 10 (Patience), August 24 (Kindness), September 14 (Goodness), September 28 (Faithfulness), October 19 (Gentleness), and November 2 (Self-Control). We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

All are welcome to come and join us at any time! Please come, and invite a friend!

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America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles.

—George Washington

Online Giving



News for the August newsletter is due July 19

May Financial Update

General Fund Contributions \$10,870
General Fund Budgeted Disbursements \$13,438

OUR VISION

We seek to be a Christ-centered church family where every person is equipped to discover and to use their God-given gifts to serve and share God's love.

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attend church physically: we could “worship” in our pajamas, turn off the pastor’s sermons when they said things that convict us, and we could do things at home during the service. We didn’t have to give tithes/offerings (for some who thought this way; many continued their faithfulness in this area). In short, there was little demand from us, which also led us to complacency in our new norms.

Now that we are returning to being more functional as a church, reinstating the Bible studies and small groups, and having more of the fellowship opportunities, many are thinking, “*This is getting to be too much, There’s SO MUCH happening at the church that I can’t do them all because I don’t have time for them all....*” Some might be thinking that we (Solid Rock) are beginning to expect too much from their people. What are your thoughts?

Solid Rock began these because the people *wanted to have these back*. The people requested these gatherings and are growing. The thing is this: you are not *required* to attend what you don’t want to attend. Not everyone wants to do Bible study. Some of us are too old for the ‘Lil Rockers group. Small groups sometimes scare people who don’t like to speak in public settings. All of this is ok. You get to choose what you engage in! And if there’s something you want to be a part of, we can make it happen.

The truth is that as a church, we are trying to meet the needs for growing closer to God and one another. We seek to bring healing and restoration to the world around us. We listen and see how we can make the dreams a reality. I literally just had an individual share with me their vision for serving God and inquired how we might work together on making it a reality. We will be working together to make this happen because I can see the potential of how this will bring others together, encourage individuals, and to allow people to use their gifts and talents. Not everyone will be interested in it, but those who are will be blessed.

It’s the same way with small groups – we create them for those who want to study certain areas. Bible studies are to focus on select topics or books of the Bible, some of which some might not want to study. We have multiplied groups to meet multiple needs. A healthy church tries to help where it can.

Is the church too much? If you try to do all things all the time will all burn out. It will become a burden more than a blessing. But if you pace yourself and attend to what interests you, you’ll find more joy and fulfillment. Look at it in the way of buffets: Do you eat EVERYTHING they offer, or do you eat only what will satisfy you? As a person who enjoys buffets, I don’t even attempt to eat it all because it will make me sick and joy would be lost. I partake in what I enjoy and leave the rest for those who enjoy what I don’t. This way, everyone gets fed and satisfied.

Please, don’t feel the need to do all things. Do what

God invites you to be part of. If there’s something you would like to see or be a part of, let’s talk! We want you to be engaged and part of the family, but we don’t want you to feel obligated to something you rather wouldn’t want to be a part of. *You tell us where you want to be plugged in to.* God will help you to be where you want and need to be. Help us to help you! You are important to us!

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made tremendous blessings to me and my ministry in many ways.

The church has been rendering consistent prayer for us at every opportunity. Truly, the effectual power of your prayers avail much. This is an invaluable blessing to me and the church here. I can tell you that God is answering your prayers, particularly during this period of persecution, especially now that Islamic extremists are in our state and local government.

Reverend John was able to send a computer to me through a member of our team, who brought it to Nigeria for me. I am typing on the system right now. To God be the glory. I am able to prepare my messages online and with ease.

My relationship with Reverend John impacted me so much that other pastors began to see the difference in me. This led to the formation of an online group, International Pastors Mentoring Pastors. We meet regularly, sharing the Word, praying, and organizing ourselves into prayer partners. For those close by, we have met physically and attended programs that we organized for church growth.

The hand of God is upon us and truly we are His battle axe. This group was born out of the need for a renewed spiritual wave across the continents. We are over sixty men and women of God, each leading a ministry. These are firebrands, burning for the works of God in India, Pakistan, Europe, Africa, and America.

We need more prayers. The church is facing persecution. Islamic extremists are advancing toward the southwest part of Nigeria, and the agenda is to exterminate Christians. These are terrorists and the first target is to instill fear into believers and make the country ungovernable through their nefarious activities. They have infiltrated the army and the government cabinet. They slaughter Christians, bomb churches, kidnap children, and rape women in broad daylight before killing their husbands. We need your prayers and, more importantly, let America intervene in saving Christians.

I am blessed and grateful to God for the little connection over the internet that has grown into intercontinental synergies of men and God. We are still waxing stronger and connecting by the grace of God. Pray for me as always, and remember our group in your prayers.



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

Is Church Too Much?

I have been doing some soul-searching lately about our church: I see how healthy we are spiritually (this isn't a pride issue – it's an observation that I make such a claim), how we are growing in what we provide as a congregation and as individuals, and how we are growing in the depth of grace we are sharing. Looking back at how we were prior to Covid days and all that Solid Rock provided, how Covid almost destroyed the ability to gather together; cancelling church services and the services it provided (Bible studies, small groups, times of fellowship, and so on...) and experiencing the impact of the plague had on all of us (I experienced this same at my former church charge), many wondered if we would ever recover from it.

Years later, after the struggles we have faced (and, in some cases, continue to struggle with), we find ourselves beginning to heal. Beginning? Yes, beginning to heal. Some of the things we once engaged in in prior Covid

days are returning: we have Bible studies taking place, small groups, more fellowship happening...

Yet, for some, this is an overwhelming experience and, possibly, an *unwelcomed* experience. Huh? You read it right – an unwelcomed experience. Let me explain my observation...

During the Covid era, we were forced to distance ourselves from one another. The shutting down of the church services and gatherings began to condition us to conform to the isolation it brought to us. Yes, we had our families who were forced to reconnect (which is the one and only thing good from Covid, that we were able to reconnect with the family and love time together with one another), but it also dissected us from our church/spiritual families and supports.

The fact that we are now returning to rebuilding those connections now threatens *our new normal and our new comfort zones* for ourselves. We got used to not having to

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July Helpers

Liturgist

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 Stacy Wiley
- 19 Marsha Boyanowski
- 26 Mindy Rider



Greeter

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 Steve-LeAnn Buzzard
- 19 Mike-Rita Bolinger
- 26 Gordon-Martina Cocklin

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 LeAnn Buzzard
- 19 Stacy Wiley
- 26 Lana Myers

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 Brenda Conner
- 19 Jazmine Plummer
- 26 Marie DeWeese

Snacks

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 Bruce-Noreen Preston
- 19 Todd-Shelley Preston
- 26 Brenda Conner

Acolytes

- 5 No service at Solid Rock
- 12 Kaley Campbell & Blake Craig
- 19 Kalin Elliot & Kinley Goodspeed
- 26 Kerrigan Goodspeed & Lily Lichtenberger

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

JUST A REMINDER!!

Service on Sunday July 5th is
a Community Service at
Riverside Park at 10 a.m.

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NO Sunday School or Service
At Solid Rock on July 5th



- 7/2 Ted & Sharon Williams
- 7/6 Gordon & Martina Cocklin
- 7/10 John & Susan Mills
- 7/12 Colt & Alex Craig
- 7/13 Mike & Rita Bolinger
- 7/17 Tim & Brenda Conner (50th)
Jon & Mandy Bordeaux
- 7/29 Matt & Lianna Walter



- 7/7 Jo Keller
Randy Hensley
- 7/9 Jeri Douglas
- 7/12 Sherry Gifford
Alexa Lichtenberger
- 7/14 Mindy Rider
Taya Decker
- 7/16 Donnie Plummer
- 7/18 Rob Hensley
- 7/20 Lyvonne Nighenhelser
- 7/27 David Plummer
- 7/31 Tommy Bolinger



Stock the shelves in July

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

Donate all extra produce from your gardens!

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Thank you for all you do!

Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

2026 Salamonie Summer Festival July 3rd through 5th

Events everyday with
fireworks at dusk on Sunday 5th

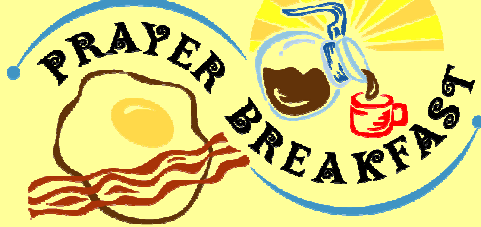


Ladies' Breakfast

and fellowship

Last Saturday of each month
8:30 a.m. at SonRise Bakery
All women welcome!

MEN'S



and fellowship

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



July 12 from 4-6 p.m.

Ages Kindergarten through 4th Grade
Invite your friends!

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

Women's Widow Care & Share

Meeting July 7th & 21st @ 2 p.m.



Bible Study Groups

Each Monday morning at 10 a.m.
led by Marsha Boyanowski
and

Each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.
starting on August 12 - book of Hebrews
led by Pastor John

BACKPACK PALOOZA



Free backpacks and school supplies.

July 11th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WAREN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	HAPPY 4TH
5 Community Worship Service 10 a.m. @ Riverside Park Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m.	6 Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. VBS - 1st Christian Church 6-8 p.m.	7 Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. VBS - 1st Christian Church 6-8 p.m.	8 Solid Rock works at the Food Pantry 2-4 p.m. VBS - 1st Christian Church 6-8 p.m.	9 VBS - 1st Christian Church 6-8 p.m.	10	11 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.
12 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion Kids Club 4-6 p.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m.	13 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle Group 7 p.m.	14 Sign Language 10 a.m.	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9 a.m. Outside Worship Service 10 a.m. weather permitting Church reserved 2-4 p.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m. Newsletter Info due	20 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	21 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share leave at 9:45 a.m. Ride the Dixie Staff Pastor Parish 6 p.m. Ad Council 7 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Ladies Breakfast at SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m.
26 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. August Birthdays-Anniversaries Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m.	27 Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle Group 7 p.m.	28 Sign Language 10 a.m.	29	30	31	

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

Tiffany Booher	Steve Cress	Mandy Ramsey	Unspoken
Bob Burnsworth	LaTishia Horrell	Thea Rose	Lou Ellen Vektor
Mike Carey	Mary Ann Jackson	Eric Snively	Mike Vogleman
Sue Carpenter	George Keplinger	Tom Tallman	
Matthew Carpenter	Harold Plasterer		

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	Wanda Spahr
Mary Clark	Alyce Tinkle
Rochelle DeHaven	Carolyn Winters
Don Douglas	

Lord,
teach us
to Pray

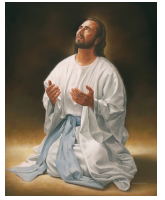
Prayers Answered

Grace Anderson	Jim Martin
Ute Anderson	Ethan McCray
Marge Blair	Logan Roberts
Becky Brown	Joe Rodriguez
Pam Cloud	Lisa Shriver
Paul Fritz	Lois Spears
Angie Landrum	Ron Wartzok
Elias Martin	

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for July 2026

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

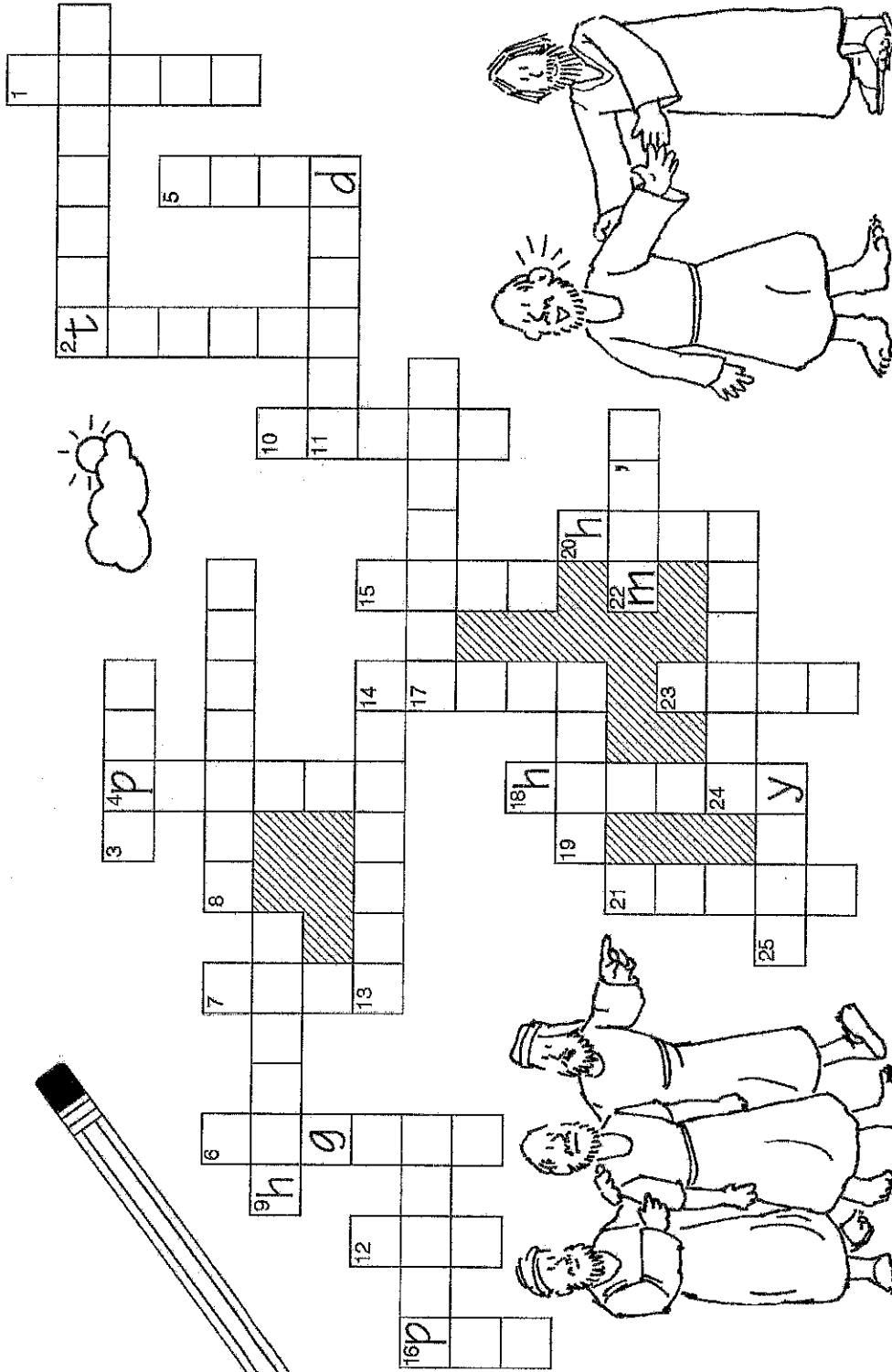
Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:



- Father God, As we celebrate our 250 years of independence as a nation, may we also celebrate our independence from the power of sin thanks to Your precious Son Jesus Christ who gave His life that we might live eternally. May we be far greater more thankful for this than anything else; no greater love could You have than this. May our lives reflect the gratitude in our hearts and souls. Let us celebrate You much more to the world around us. Let them see the freedoms we have in You alone. Grace and honor are Yours. Blessed be Your Name. Amen.
- Precious Jesus, without You, we would still be under the bondage of sin. Because of You, eternal freedom is ours. Why would You love us so, when we continue to fail and falter and still die for us? Because You long to restore us unto the Father. Help us to be a grateful people who will proclaim the freedoms we find in You alone. Make our lives an example of what the touch of a loving God can do in a person's life when they invite You to be their Lord and Savior. Glory to Your Name, Amen.
- Blessed Holy Spirit, move among us and rekindle the passion of freedom and gratitude You rightfully deserve. We are nothing without You. Please lead us to the throne of grace and may we accept that grace from You. We are a wretched people in need of a Savior. Please lead us to Him and help us to be more faithful than we have been. Lead us into the paths of righteousness for Your Namesake. Amen.
- Most Gracious Trinity, what words can I offer that expresses my heart's gratitude? How can I speak the passion of following You when I stumble and fail so many times? Still, You grace me with Your presence and bid us to come into Your loving and protective arms. May we remember that You are a forgiving Father/Son/Holy Spirit. Make my life a reflection of Your presence in the life of one who was redeemed by You. Please let others be drawn to You because of what others see in me - that is You. All glory and honor are Yours alone. Amen.

Fit the words in the puzzle. Transfer the letters to the story.

- man
- put
- deaf
- talk
- hand
- took
- away
- man's
- ears
- spit
- said
- Jesus
- could
- place
- crowd
- speak
- people
- hardly
- begged
- tongue
- looked
- heaven
- opened
- brought
- fingers
- plainly
- touched



Some 4) _____ 8) _____ a 12) _____ to 1) _____ who was 7) _____ and 10) _____

18) _____ 19) _____. They 6) _____ Him to 16A) _____ His 20) _____ on the 12) _____.

He 23) _____ the 12) _____ 25) _____ from the 21) _____ and 16D) _____ His 13) _____ into the

22) _____ 15) _____. Then He 3) _____ and 2A) _____ the 22) _____ 2D) _____.

He 24) _____ to 9) _____ and 5) _____, "Be 11) _____!" The 22) _____ 15) _____ were

11) _____ and he 10) _____ 14) _____ 17) _____.

Church is Fun

Word Search



Word list:

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|--------------|------------|-----------|
| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |

