



The Cornerstone Connection

Building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

October 2026

Little Rockers' Night of Worship

Solid Rock's Little Rockers Praise Team will host a Night of Worship on October 17, 2026, preceded by a baked potato bar. Doors will open and the meal will start at 5:30 p.m. Worship will start at 6:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted.



Veteran's Fellowship

Veteran's Fellowship begins October 13 at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. This is open to all veterans and active-duty personnel of our armed forces. This first session will be to organize your group, discover what time/day you wish to meet, how often, etc.

The Veteran's Fellowship is for Warren and surrounding areas and will be held at Solid Rock Church of Warren. If you know a veteran/active-duty personnel who might be interested in this, please call the Solid Rock Church office or contact Pastor John at pastorjohn@solidrockwarren.org for information. Veterans, bring a friend!

Outside Cleanup

The trustees have scheduled an outside cleanup day for Saturday, October 3, beginning at 9:00. Your help is requested! Sign-up sheets will be available.



Mike Bolinger: Samuel Jones Award Winner

By Becky Brown

I recently had the privilege of talking with Mike Bolinger, winner of the 2026 Samuel Jones Pioneer Award. Mike attends our church and is the owner of Warren Service and Supply here in Warren.

I wanted to know more about Mike, his company, his service work, and his faith. It was a rewarding experience to get to know him and talk with him.

The company was started in 1948 by Mike's grandparents, Herb and Elizabeth Bolinger. His grandfather worked for General Electric of Fort Wayne for some years. Mike's grandfather gained extensive knowledge and training. After a while, he quit, came home to Warren, and started the company. The business was close to where the veterinary office is now. He remembers there was a canoe that his grandparents owned. The oars were in the shop, so people could come by, ask his grandparents for them, and go canoeing. He did that as a kid as well.

After his grandparents retired, Mike's dad and uncles took over the business. (Mike's uncle, Jim Bolinger, owned and operated the company for 50 years.) Mike can remember they would all scramble to go on service calls. That is something they all enjoyed doing. Mike was somehow involved with the company throughout the years. He often worked after school. I got the sense that Mike liked the work and really didn't desire to do much else.

On April 24, 2015, Indiana Governor Mike Pence honored Warren Service and Supply Company and Bolinger's Propane as more than half-century-old businesses in Huntington County. Both companies were founded and at that time had 16 employees. Co-owners were Gina Canady and Mike Bolinger. Mike remembers going down to Indianapolis and receiving the award.

Like most family businesses, there were ups and downs. Mike now owns the business. As I talked with Mike, he knew he owned the business, but he also knew that many others had helped make it a family-owned, successful business. He is the owner, but it is because of others' support.

This has been a three-generation business. I asked about what would happen next. He is praying for the answer. His sons moved into different areas of work. Two are firemen,

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and even Mike was a volunteer fireman. The older son started a company, and the younger one assists him in it. They do have men who come and help Mike with service calls and work around the shop. He is praying that eventually they will come and take over the business. His daughter works in the office and has greatly helped keep things running smoothly.

The Samuel Jones Pioneer Award is given to recipients during the Salamonie Festival. The purpose of this award is to honor residents and community members for long-standing service, dedication, and volunteer work for the betterment of the greater Warren area. Mike was honored this year for his dedication and volunteer work in the community. When I asked Mike about some of the things he did and how his involvement came about, he first mentioned family. He was taught to give back as a kid. The award humbled him. I got the sense he thought he didn't deserve this. But I am thinking the committee got it right. I asked him about some of the things he has done or is doing for the community. He talked about starting a volleyball league with another person in the Knight-Bergman Center gym. He started the annual volleyball tournament during the Salamonie Summer Festival. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His interests include finding activities for youth and keeping them busy. One of his goals is to see a mentoring program between the folks at Heritage Pointe and the kids in our community. Many folks do not have visitors, and many of our children do not have grandparents. The wisdom of the elderly can benefit the young, and the energy of the young can help the elderly. It is a win-win program for all. I got the sense that Mike did not share everything he is involved in, simply

because he is a gentle, humble man. He did say he was in awe when he saw his predecessors who had received this award. He said he also felt there were many deserving of this award.

Finally, I asked him how his faith fit into this journey he's been on. He told me that, like many of us, he was raised in the church, but, as we often do, he strayed. But he has come back to it. He knows that what he has is only because God has given it to him. He feels blessed knowing God and all God has done for him, his family, and his company. He is not one to verbally share God's message, but he does so in action and in deeds. One thing God has shown him is how to reach out to his clients or customers. He often takes the time to talk with them and listen to their stories. He will pray and pass on prayer requests from those who need it. Mike is a spiritual man who takes it to heart and is faithful in all ways.

There are times when you are around someone, and you can feel God's hands on them. I left feeling blessed that I had the privilege to get to know him better. Mike is a very humble man with a big heart who feels God has blessed him, and he gives back knowing that. Mike is soft-spoken, but he speaks volumes when it comes to his faith, his company, his clients or customers, and his family. We are blessed to have Mike in our church and in our community. Warren Service and Supply is in good hands, and clients and customers can rest easy knowing they are, too.

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October gives us a special opportunity to thank the pastors who teach, encourage, pray and care for our congregation. May we honor their faithful service, support them with our prayers and remind them that their ministry makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many.



Online Giving



News for the November newsletter is due October 25

August Financial Update

General Fund Contributions \$15,036
General Fund Budgeted Disbursements \$10,943

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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to overlooking an aspect of observation: Jesus Christ. Jesus, being holy, became obedient to God because of His holiness.

If you remember from the sermon series, we discovered that holiness only comes from God, and that we are invited into said holiness. Man can never become holy without God. It's impossible. If man could become holy apart from God, Jesus would never had to come for our redemption and salvation. Jesus brought His holiness to us and invited us to have this same holiness through Him! Because of His holiness, Jesus was obedient to God the Father and became the sacrifice and atonement for our sins. Jesus was obedient to God... Let that sink in for a moment...

What if Jesus refused to be obedient; that He decided it wasn't worth it to be man's Redeemer? What if Jesus never provided the holiness of God to us? I shudder to think of such a thought because I know where I would be.

Because Jesus brought us holiness and invited us to share in His holiness, I am moved to being obedient to anything and everything He might ask of me. I am humbled and thankful for what Christ did that I want to be as obedient to God and His calling on my life as I can possibly be. I'm grateful for His love, grace, forgiveness, restoration, and bringing to God the Father as co-heir of all Christ shares with us. The more I am invited into His holiness, the deeper my commitment is to being obedient to all He asks of me.

We are given so much from God through Jesus Christ. We sometimes forget where we would be if we didn't have Jesus in our lives. We take for granted what this holiness means. We negate the importance of complete obedience to God, the moving of the Holy Spirit, and the calling of Jesus. We have been set free! We can no longer be slaves to our earthly passions and sinfulness, but only through Jesus Christ! Therefore, if He is directing me to do this or that, to go here or there, I will be compliant because He has led the way and blazed a trail for us to follow! Will we be obedient?

His holiness has led me to my obedience and for that, I am eternally grateful. May I always seek to be faithful to Him. And I must state this here: my holiness is only because of Christ. He alone is the reason why I want to desire to become holy and obedient. I can never repay what He has done for me, but my obedience is a way for me to show my appreciation and gratitude for what He has done for me through His obedience to God the Father. Be blessed!

What distinguishes the Christians is not the ills they suffer, but the way they suffer their ills.

—St. Augustine

Church Council

The Solid Rock Church Council met on September 15, 2026. Some highlights:

- The trustees have planned a church grounds cleanup for October 3, beginning at 9:00. All who are available are encouraged to participate.
- The Missions Committee has tithed (one tenth) of their 2026 income to the church's General Fund. The Bazaar Committee is donating profits from the 2025 Bazaar to the General Fund.
- Thirty-one individuals responded to the Budget Survey. The Finance Committee appreciates the input and will take the results into consideration while preparing the 2027 budget.
- The Funeral Dinner Fund is nearly depleted. Going forward, families will be invited to share in the cost of the ingredients for these meals. If Solid Rock is designated as a recipient of funeral memorial donations, those donations will first be directed to the Funeral Dinner Fund until a to-be-determined cap is met.

Christian Symbol: Lamp



In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.



Fall Bazaar

Solid Rock Church
485 Bennett Drive • Warren, IN

November 7, 2026
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

✦ **Crafts** ✦ **Bake Sale**

✦ **Lunch - Eat-In or Carry-Out**

✦ **Soups** ✦ **Sandwiches**
✦ **Desserts**



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

H2O – Holiness to Obedience

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed?

For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:15-23; ESV

Because of recent the sermon series on holiness, I have become more engaged to learning more about holiness, Scriptural Holiness, and where it comes from. During my studies and spiritual journey, it became evident that holiness leads to obedience.

Some might try to reverse the two and say that obedience leads to holiness, which it does, but I believe that even if this is truth, it's important to discover that holiness leads to obedience. Allow me to explain...

Looking at the passage provided, we discover the importance of obedience. It frees us in many ways. We are no longer enslaved in the grip of sin as we become obedient. I think we are missing a very important viewpoint due

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





October Helpers

Liturgist

- 4 Marsha Boyanowski
- 11 Stacy Kaylor
- 18 Jane Hitzfield
- 25 Addy Wiley



Greeter

- 4 Lyvonne Nightenhelser
- 11 Deb & Jessica Shaw
- 18 Mary Ellen Plummer
- 25 Billie Horrell-Jackson

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 4 Lyvonne Nightenhelser
- 11 Addy Wiley
- 18 Brenda Conner
- 25 Jane Hitzfield

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 4 Jazmine Plummer
- 11 Jazmine Plummer
- 18 Brenda Conner
- 25 Shelley Preston

Snacks

- 4 Bruce & Noreen Preston
- 11 Mike & Rita Bolinger
- 18 Todd & Shelley Preston
- 25 Ryan & Danielle Goodspeed

Acolytes

- 4 Paizley Nightenhelser & Kerrigan Goodspeed
- 11 Kaley Campbell & Kalin Elliot
- 18 Lily Lichtenberger & Kinley Goodspeed
- 25 Kerrigan Goodspeed & Malcolm Voght

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

- 10/4 Ted & Billie Jackson
- 10/7 Bruce & Noreen Preston
- 10/10 Dustin & Sarah Conner
- 10/12 Ryan & Danielle Goodspeed
- 10/14 Adam & Lindsey Blinn
- 10/18 Lynn & Viki Bonewitz
- 10/28 George & Teresa Kriegbaum



- 10/2 Tamara Spahr
- 10/3 Dee Pattison
- Mike Bolinger
- 10/6 Jimmy Rider
- 10/7 Taylor Rogers
- Caroline Krinn
- 10/8 Diane Kratzer
- 10/9 Shirley Wohlford
- 10/10 Jane Hitzfield
- Brandi Hunnicutt
- 10/15 Todd Preston
- 10/16 Barbara Kleinhans
- Marcia Jackson
- 10/18 Kamryn Krinn
- 10/24 Addy Wiley
- 10/26 Paizley Nightenhelser
- 10/28 Jane Penrod





Stock the shelves in October

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

**200 boxes of "Stuffing" mix for the
Thanksgiving meal preparations**

Thank you for all you do!
Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

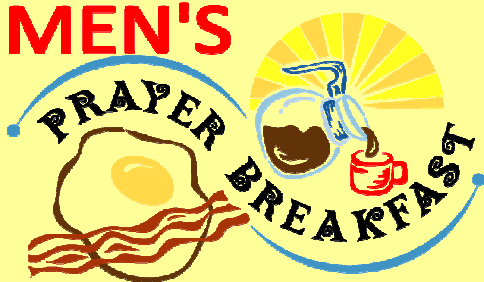


Ladies' Breakfast

and fellowship

Last Saturday of each month
8:30 a.m. at SonRise Bakery

MEN'S



and fellowship

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

Women's Widow Care & Share
Meeting Oct. 6 & 20th @ 2 p.m.



CARD MINISTRY

Check out the rack, lots of cards!



REMINDER TO ALL

Don't throw away your cards that you
have received. Bring them in and drop off in the
office or place in the wooden shelf under the
cash box, by the card rack. Our ladies do a
great job refurbishing as a
ministry to God.

If you want to join the group let us know.

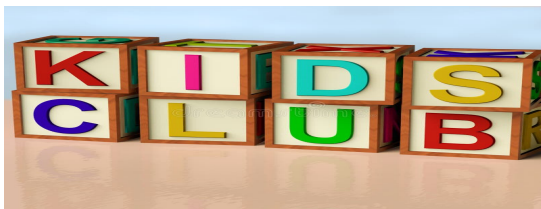
...SAVE THE DATE...

VETERANS DINNER

November 8th at 5 p.m.

At solid rock church

Meal & entertainment



Oct. 11th 4-6 p.m.

Ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade
Invite your friends!

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

Weekly Bible Study Groups

**Monday mornings at 10 a.m.
led by Marsha Boyanowski**

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**Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.
led by Pastor John**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Solid Rock work day 9 a.m.
4 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	5 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	6 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m.	7	8 S.O.S. 7 p.m. at church	9	10 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.
11 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion Kids Club 4-6 p.m. Rock Solid Youth 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	12 Columbus Day Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	13 Sign Language 10 a.m. Veterans Fellowship 10 a.m.	14	15 Worship Mtg. 6 p.m.	16	17 Little Rockers Potato Bar 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Worship 6 - 7 p.m.
18 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	19 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	20 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. November Birthdays-Anniversaries Rock Solid Youth 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Newsletter info due	26 PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30  Warren Scarecrow Festival 6 - 8 p.m.	31 Halloween Ladies Fellowship at SonRise Bakery 8:30 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 Nevius
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.

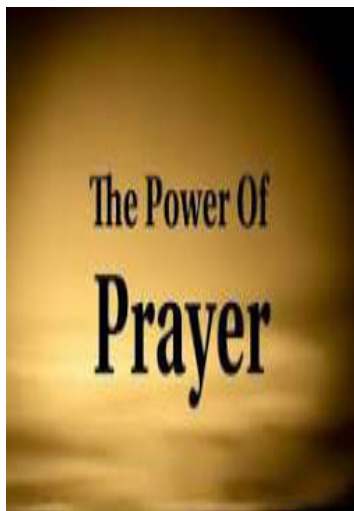
Prayers for Health & Healing

Dave Amstutz	Cole Campbell	LaTishia Horrell	Barbara Souder
Jessica Bendorf	Mike Carey	Billie Jackson	Eric Snively
J.R. Bentley	Sue Carpenter	George Keplinger	Rick Swope
Tiffany Booher	Matthew Carpenter	Ted Oiler	Tom Tallman
Gene Boyer's wife	Pam Cloud	Harold Plasterer	Lou Ellen Vetter
Phil Brown	Steve Cress	Mandy Ramsey	Ron Wartzok
Ms. Bustos	Betty Green	Cammy Shaw	Kyle Williams
			Ted 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	Becky Parker
Marge Blair	Dee Pattison
Jackie Blinn	Norma Smith
Pat Boxell	Doris Souers
Mary Clark	Wanda Spahr
Rochelle DeHaven	Alyce Tinkle
Don Douglas	Carolyn Winters



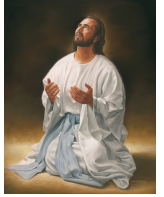
Prayers Answered

Brent Lucky

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for October 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, the seasons are changing, and so are we. For some, our needs are greater-better health, better attitudes, better sense of belonging (on our behalf), and most importantly, a greater need of grace of mercy. The days are getting shorter and the darkness is coming upon us; please be our Light and our Hope. May we fixate our eyes and hearts on You alone and not the things of this world. You alone fill the voids the world pretends to fill. Draw us close to Your side and may we find our rest in You. In Thy holy Name we pray, Amen.
- Precious Jesus, please remind us when we desire to go our own ways, that Your ways are far better than we can ever imagine. Remind us of Your love and mercy. Help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers of the Word. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and renew a right Spirit in us. This is our humble plea. Thank You for who You are - our Savior and Lord! Blessed be Your Name! Amen.
- Sweet Holy Spirit, come and fill us with Your presence. We need Your guidance and power to reach the world around us. Shine in us and empower us to make miracles happen in the lives of those You guide us to and may we give You all the glory. We surrender our wills to You; use them to Your glory. In the Name of Christ we pray, Amen.
- Beloved Trinity - have Your way in us and make us faithful to that will. Use us and bless us to fulfill every calling on our lives. We surrender all. Thank You for all seen and unseen. Glory to You in the Highest!! Amen.



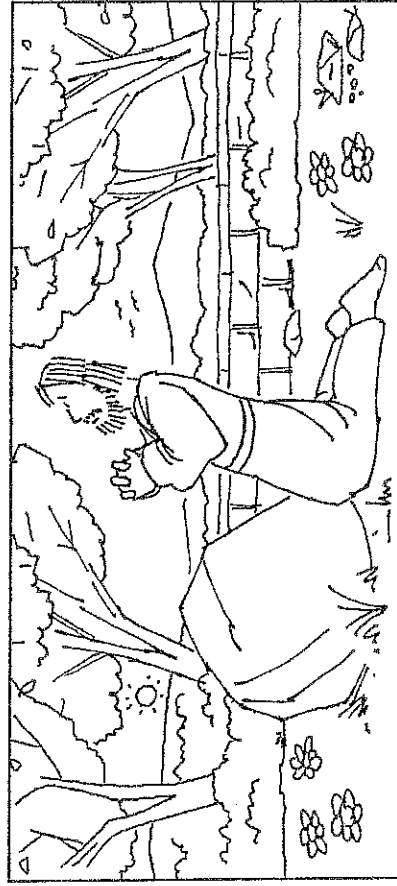
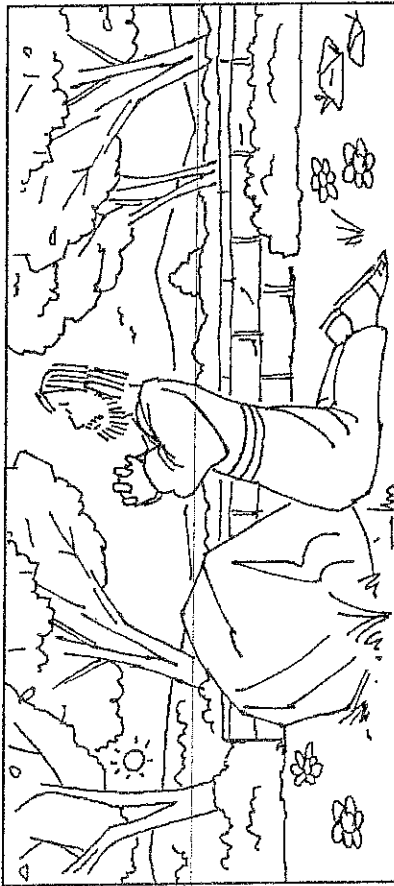
Jesus prayed for His friends.

John 17:1-11

Jesus Prays

Jesus prayed to His Father in heaven.

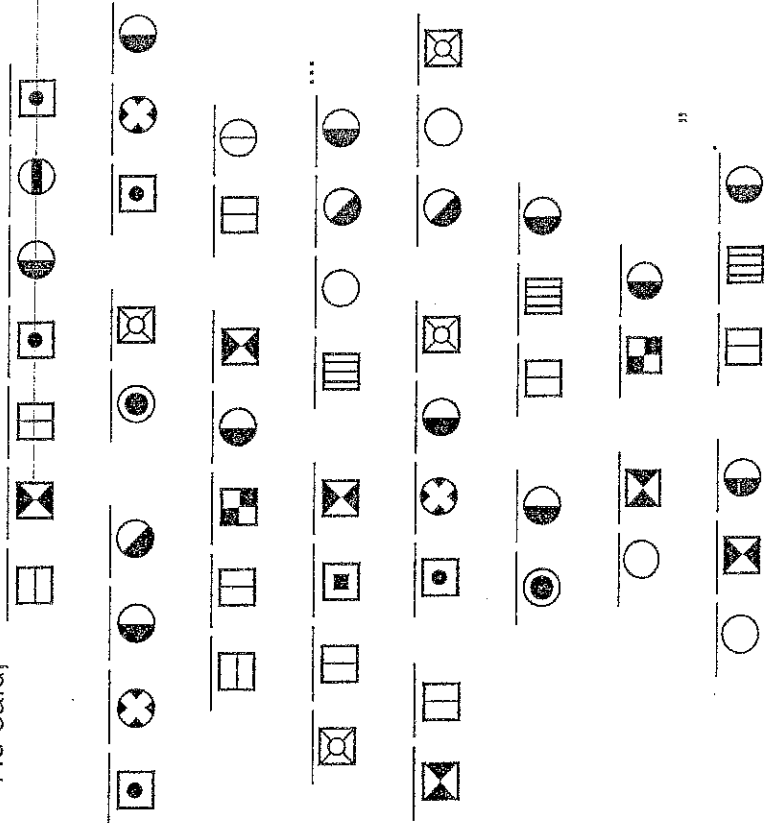
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Use the code to find some of His words.

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◉=B	◊=F	◌=J	▤=N	▥=R	▦=V	▧=Z
◐=C	◑=G	◒=K	▨=O	▩=S	▪=W	
◓=D	⊗=H	⊖=L	▤=P	▥=T	▦=X	

He said,



Zedekiah

ORIGINALLY
NAMED
MATTANIAH,
he BECAME
KNOWN as
ZEDEKIAH. He
was the THIRD
SON OF
King JOSIAH
of JUDAH.
His MOTHER
was HAMUTAL,
the DAUGHTER
of JEREMIAH,
and his BROTHER
was JEHOAHAZ.
He REIGNED
for ELEVEN
YEARS, when
his HOMELAND
FELL to the
BABYLONIANS.
NEBUCHAD-
NEZZAR'S
ARMY besieged
the CITY,

Z E R I B J R T H I R D F B J G
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P I W U G F P L W X Y I E O S L

DRIVING out
KING Zedekiah
to the PLAINS
of JERICHO.
FIRST, the
ENEMY slew
HIS SONS, then

they BLINDED
the king, WHO
was JAILED
and,
EVENTUALLY,
died in EXILE.