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WORSHIP with us



McKendree-Simms-Brookland UMC
invites you to worship with us
each **Sunday at 10:00 AM.**

Register here to join us for services on
Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/SUNDAY-MSB>

or

Worship with us in the Sanctuary at
24th & South Dakota Avenue, NE
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YOUR
ARTICLES

July - August
McKendree Matters
articles

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Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

The people of the United Methodist Church



10:00am

Saturday, May 17, 2025
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Saturday, November 15, 2025



Springtime's Joy

Everywhere we look spring has come alive;
Periwinkle, daffodils, hastas growing on the hill.
Many flowers blooming and bees are zooming.
Cause spring has sprung, while all nature sings, bringing forth its young.

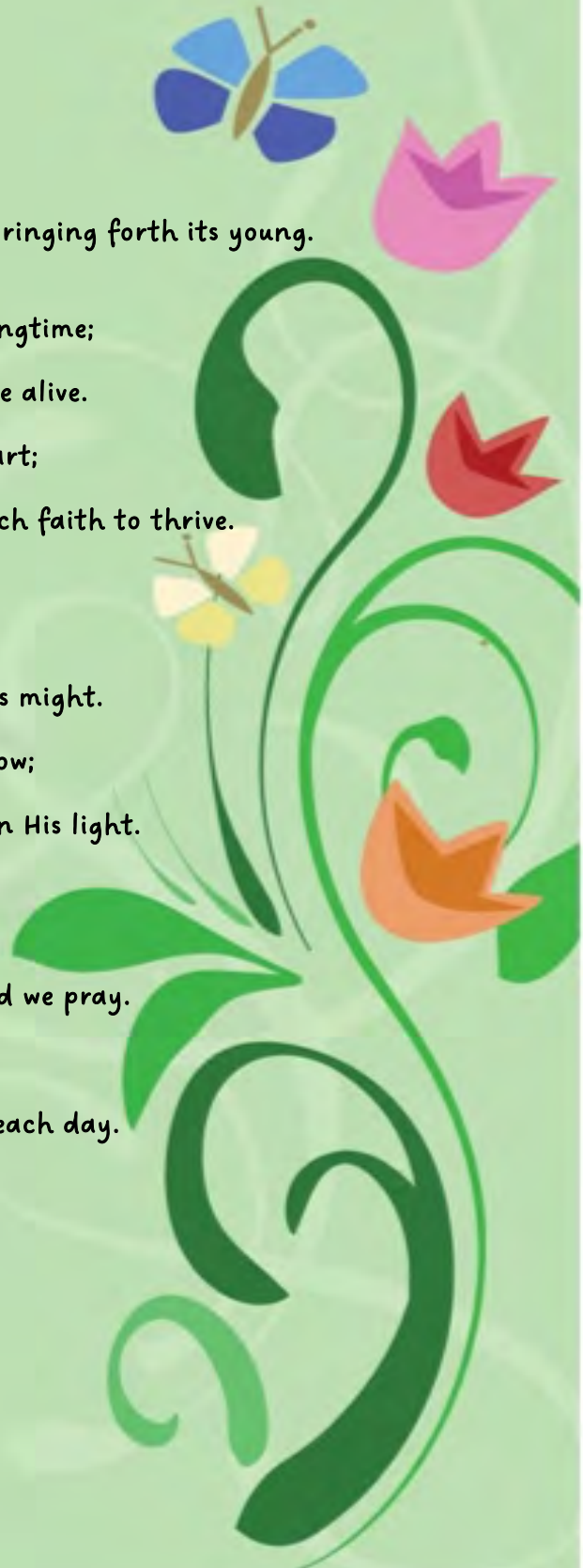
There's no doubt that God has put love into springtime;
Springtime is like a new beginning that has come alive.
Just like the hope that has grown within my heart;
Just like the sunshine of His Word can cause much faith to thrive.

When we grow in grace, we grow to be like Him.
When we grow into Jesus, into His power and His might.
The more seeds we sow, the more in Him we'll grow;
Growing forth in His goodness and mercy within His light.

Marvelous are the blooms of springtime's joy;
Just like the joy of Jesus blessing our hearts and we pray.
The joy of Jesus shines when we praise Him.
The joy of the Lord is our strength, as we trust each day.

Susan Y. Nikitenko

April 16, 2016





Women's History Month

at McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church



During the month of March, MSB recognized the extraordinary women who serve in the various ministries of the church as well as a few African American of national renown. We celebrate these ladies and thank them for their leadership, commitment, knowledge, and faithful service to the church and the community.

Listed below are the MSB Women:

Rev. Alexis Brown: Pastor of the best church in Northeast Washington; Teacher; Soloist; Counselor; Chair, Unified Board; Certified Broadcast Journalist, and Certified Coach. Pastor Brown is a proud graduate of Howard University and holds a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Sis Rosalie Guerra and Sis Sallie Henderson: MSB's two living centenarians, were members of the United Methodist Women and other committees, when they were active.

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Elsie Shaw | Otelia Lyons | Mary Harris | Dale Ore |
| Mary Pinn | Barbara Jones | Nicole Greene | Jackie Moore |
| Eleanor Hamilton | Artis Johnson | Shirlene Newman | Thaddeus Griffin |
| Annette Scruggs-Tate | Lynette Pope | Christine Duncan | Sasha Bush |
| Joy Bowman | Judy Jones | Christine Jones | Lynn Davenport |
| Alexis Martin | Dimitria Hubbard | Nikki Dobyns | Coco Murphy |
| Ivy Rodgers | Delita Wells | Hope Taylor | Andrea Broadnax |
| Jordan Betters | Barinaale Dube | Jadyn Hackley | Belva Martin |
| Emma Holbrook | Kim Lewis | Brenda Mosley | Ellen Davis |
| Ella Studevant | Laura Stockton | Deborah Smith | Candice Parrish |
| Gwendolyn Carter | Rosalind Harris | Yvonne Lucas | Willa Kynard |
| Stanisha Smith | Carolyn Jones | Toni Henderson | Lisa Jacobson |
| Madra Harden | Sandra McNair | Linda Alexander | Vicki Anderson |
| Charlene Cooper | Matilda Corley | Mary Hubbard | Frances Roche |
| Yvonne Whitmore | Anita Lambert | Lucy McCorkle | Bertha McNair |
| Lenora McRae | Rev. Millie Pecku | Christine Thomas | Lucy Wade |
| Patricia Brown | Carolyn Alexander | Jackie Yates | Patricia Callahan |
| Paula Joachim | Lisa McRae | Ann Miles-Brown | Karen Hudson |
| Aesha Newman | Celestine Taylor | Diane Dallas | Hazel Franklin |
| Fredericka (Rickie) Hunt | Karlene Klimpacher | Jacqueline Hayman | Francina Alexander |
| Rev. Laura Kigweba | Gladys (Bea) Sanders | Mary Jacqueline Hayman | |
| Genevieve Johnson | Joyce Young | Beverly John | |

Easter Sunday

Spirits in Motion Praise God through Dance



Baptisms and Welcoming New Members

Sunday, April 27, 2025



BAPTISMS

- Amina Bush
- Sasha Bush
- Kelly Lee

New Members

- Francina Alexander
- Christina Duncan
- Madra Harden
- Beverly John
- Calvin McLean
- Celestine Taylor



Sick & Shut-in Members

Linda Alexander
Leon Anderson & Vicki Anderson
Charlene Cooper
Matilda Corley
Lynn Davenport
Rosalie Guerra
Beverly Hamilton
Eldon Hayman
Sallie Henderson
Mary Hubbard
Michael Johnson & Genevieve Johnson
Karlene Klimpacher
Anita Lambert
James Martin
Lucy McCorkle
Bertha McNair
Lenora McRae
Rev. Millie Pecku
David Ratliff
William Reddick
Christine Thomas
Lucy Wade
Yvonne Whitmore
Dannie Young

Sick and Recovering Ministry

Mary J. Harris & Judy Jones, Co-Chairs



McKendree-Simms-Brookland UMC
mourns with the family on the passing
of our MSB member:

Brother Abner McCorkle

on March 16, 2024



The family of **Queen Dennis** (*aunt of Mary Harris*)

The family of **Matthew Jones** (*brother of Joyce Young*)

The family of **Ronald Spriggs** (*nephew of Joyce Young*)

The family of **Sylvia Fleming** (*sister of Thaddeus Griffin*)

The family of **Gerard Webb** (*brother of Deborah Smith and Denise Strode*)

The family of **Mary Angelyn Reese** (*grandmother of Jady Hackley*)

The family of **Ruth Owens** (*former Church Secretary at McKendree-Simms-Brookland*)

Happy Birthday!



MAY

Birthdays

Eric Davis	May 1
Jacqueline Moore	May 2
Jordan Betters	May 3
Pharaoh Newman	May 3
Jacqueline Hayman	May 4
Veronica Wilson	May 5
Christopher Brown	May 10
Kala Dent	May 12
Lucy Wade	May 14
Shannon Anderson	May 15
Gregory Tyson	May 15
Reginald Shepherd	May 19
Rosalie Guerra	May 24
Clifford Reese	May 24
Jaala Dean	May 25
Andrea Logan	May 30
Paula Joachim	May 31
Christine Y. Jones	May 31

JUNE

Birthdays

Cynthia Woodard	June 2
Annette Scruggs Tate	June 3
Kamryn Brown	June 3
Charlene Cooper	June 4
William Reddick	June 5
John Martin	June 8
Mark Faison	June 10
Charles Hall	June 13
Velita Francis	June 13
Corey Francis	June 18
Judy Jones	June 21
Cierra Beatty	June 25
Frances Roché	June 30
Karissa Hagans	June 30

HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY

SIS. ROSALIE GUERRA

MAY 24, 2025



Bright Sun and Bright Smiles at the Easter Egg Hunt











Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation.

James E. Faust

Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.

Susan Gale

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

Tenneva Jordan

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

Florida Scott-Maxwell

A mom is like a teabag. You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Once you're a mom, you're always a mom. It's like riding a bike, you never forget.

Taraji P. Henson

A mother's love liberates.

Maya Angelou

You can feel when your mom's proud of you. You can feel the love.

Jimmy Fallon



May 26, 2025

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."



"Rejoice in the Lord: Dwell in Joy!" Is the theme of the 2025 Baltimore-Washington Conference session, which will be held **Tuesday-Thursday, May 13-15**, at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore. An online Preconference Session will be held May 3 at 9 a.m.




3rd Annual Church Cookout

**Saturday, May 17, 2025
1:00 - 6:00pm**





— JUNE IS —
CATARACT
AWARENESS
MONTH
—  —

Seven Facts About Cataracts



avoiding UV rays,
decreasing consumption of
alcohol & quitting smoking
can decrease risk



diseases like diabetes,
hypertension and
malnutrition can increase
risk for cataract



cataract surgery is
one of the most
perfected surgeries
in the world



cataracts cannot spread
from eye to eye



age is the strongest correlation
risk for developing cataract



babies can be born
with cataracts



cataracts can occur
in different forms –
the shapes and
places can differ

Source: Seva Canada

HelpMeSee

Why Ascension Day Matters to United Methodist

by Joe Iovino



For many, Ascension Day will go relatively unnoticed. Forty days after Easter is just another day with many of us in our ordinary routines. The event it celebrates, however, is an important episode in the life of Jesus that the church has regarded highly through the years.

Luke tells the story of Jesus' ascension both at the end of his gospel (Luke 24:50-53) and the beginning of his writing about the early church (Acts 1:9-11).

Our creeds affirm the Ascension as a central doctrine of the Christian faith. The Apostles' Creed reads, "he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty." The Nicene Creed similarly states, "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

Centuries later, our United Methodist forebear, John Wesley, emphasized the day by including it as one of three non-Sunday holy day observances included in his *Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America*—a forerunner of our *Book of Worship*. The other two are Good Friday and Christmas.

Wesley also retained language about the Ascension as part of the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church, which he edited from the Church of England. Echoing the creeds, Article III states, "he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth until he returns to judge all men at the last day."

Charles Wesley, John's brother and hymn writer of the early Methodist movement, published a pamphlet of seven *Hymns for Ascension Day* in 1746 and several more hymns on the Ascension that appear in other volumes of his work.

Today, many United Methodist congregations recognize Jesus' ascension during regular worship services on Ascension Sunday, the Sunday immediately following Ascension Day.

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While much of the world may see Ascension Day as just another Thursday, United Methodists can celebrate. With John and Charles Wesley, we remember that Jesus ascended to heaven where he took his rightful throne as Lord of the whole earth. Though he is not bodily present, he continues to love us, and longs to receive us into the presence of God to dwell with him throughout eternity.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/why-ascension-day-matters-to-united-methodists>

PENTECOST



SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-pentecost>



What is Trinity Sunday?

The first Sunday after Pentecost is the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith.

How God can be one God in three Persons is a mystery. While it is clearly taught in the Bible (for example, in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14), it can never be understood or rationalized -- it can only be accepted by faith. Since faith comes only through the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, it is appropriate that this glorious mystery is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, the great festival of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

By Jacqui King, pastor of First United Methodist Church in College Station, TX.
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1350/what-is-trinity-sunday>



Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.

Congratulations!

Congratulations

to

KELSEY DOBYNS

on her induction into the Banneker National Honor Society, as well as the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society on Friday, April 4, 2025! Mommy and Daddy are extremely **PROUD** of you Kelsey!

Submitted by Nikki and Mike Dobyms



Calling All Graduates! We want to see you!



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held on June 8, 2025. If you are the parent/guardian of a graduate and they are graduating from Pre-K4, Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School or College, please fill out and submit the 2025 Graduate Recognition Sunday Form and a picture to the Higher Education/Scholarship

Committee member or church office, or an usher by May 18, 2025. Forms are located in the Narthex, or you may download and use the fillable form, and email to enndob1972@yahoo.com or msbumc.info@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Higher Education/Scholarship Committee



Graduate Recognition Sunday 2025

It is that time of year again! Let's celebrate our graduates and their achievements!

If you are the parent/guardian of a graduate and they are graduating Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, High School or College, please submit the following information and a graduation picture by Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Student Name: _____

Current Grade and School: _____ grade, attending _____

_____ School.

SY 25-26 Grade and School: _____ grade, attending _____

_____ School.

Activities: _____

Parents: _____

Siblings: _____

Grandparents: _____





Juneteenth is the best-known and one of the oldest American holidays that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. It commemorates the date, June 19, 1865, when the last African American slaves held in Confederate states were freed and would be remembered and celebrated annually afterward as "Juneteenth." On that day, a Union soldier rode into Galveston, Texas, declared all Confederate legislative acts of the previous four years void, and announced to slaves that their freedom day, centuries overdue, had arrived at last.

Nearly three years had passed after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. In other words, the "knee of slavery was on their necks" for nearly three additional years before they were informed of their official freedom from slavery. But they were sustained by the Breath of God.

Let it breathe on us.

Although news of emancipation came at different times in Texas, local blacks gradually settled on June 19 (Juneteenth) as their day of

celebration. By 1900, Juneteenth had unofficially become Texas Emancipation Day and was sponsored by the inseparable connection between the black church and the black community. Indeed, someone has expressed that connection by paraphrasing the prologue to the Gospel of John in the following words: "In the beginning was the black church, and the black church was with the black community; and nothing was made in the black community without the black church." The black church has been our sanctuary and our school; our economic forum and our political arena. Indeed, I am reminded of the former black slave woman who said: "Mr. Lincoln may have signed the Emancipation Proclamation Papers but it was God who set us free!" To God be the glory.

In his last book titled *Where Do We Go From Here*, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tells the story of a famous novelist who died and left a list of suggested plots for future stories. He said that especially underscored is this one: "A widely separated family inherits a house in which they have to live together." Commenting on this plot, Dr. King says this is the plight of humankind: we have inherited a great world in which we have to live together:

"We have inherited a large house, a great 'world house' in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace."

Dr. King adds, "The choice is chaos or community."

In this year of Juneteenth, I pray that we choose community and come home to one another. Nothing stays won. The struggle for liberation, justice, and community continues in times like these.

By Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/juneteenth-2020-choosing-community>

Father's Day

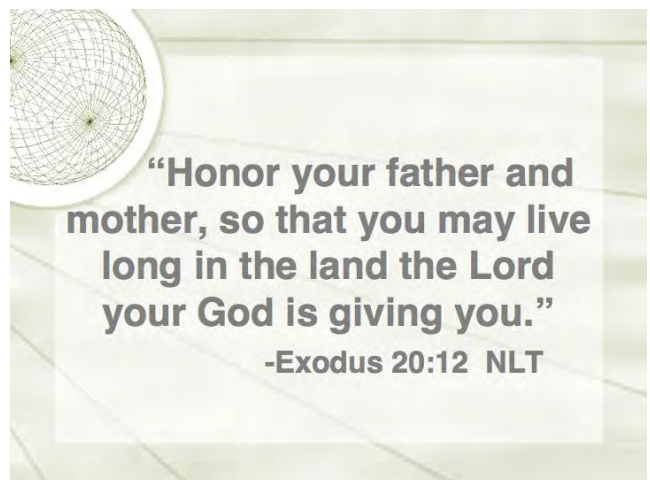
June 15, 2025



What Is a Father?

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the “mother” in him; someone who is big enough to say, “The fault was mine” ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, “I, too, shall follow him!”

By Alton Kaul



Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20) 6 11
 NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20) 14
 RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7) 18 3
 KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5) 16 5
 EHLA (Genesis 30:14) 1
 CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22) 7 12
 MOIAN (Ruth 1:22) 10 17 13
 RAAHS (Genesis 17:19) 8
 AMYR (Matthew 2:11) 2
 ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13) 9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 G F F G !
 13 8 14 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. A mother's love is a gift from God!



PUZZLE

A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalms 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us: "As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

- Shem, Ham and Japheth = M
- Rachel and Leah = S
- Cain, Abel and Seth = O
- Solomon = O
- Isaac and Ishmael = P
- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, and Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S
- Jonathan = I
- John the Baptist = N
- Jacob and Esau = A
- Jesus = C

- God:** "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." C
- Adam:** God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. _____
- Noah:** His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham:** God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. _____
- Isaac:** His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban:** He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob:** Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul:** His son was David's best friend. _____
- David:** He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah:** His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

Answers: compassion





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June