

# North Park Church FYI

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Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

*Luke 5:31-32*

## VBS 2019 – Athens June 17-21

By Jill Benson

Save the date for VBS 2019, Athens! We're looking for people to join us on Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share God's Truth. Following Paul's second missionary journey from Acts 15-18, children will learn that God loves us, takes care of us, sent His Son Jesus for us and wants us to share His love.

Though it seems far away, VBS will be here before we know it. Please begin to think about how you might like to help. Read below for the different volunteer roles we are looking to fill. VBS wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers that step up each year—thank you so much for considering filling one of these roles! We're so excited for you all to join us at VBS in just four months!

**I AM EXCITED TO BE A CAMPER AT VBS**  
Registration opens March 1. You can register at [northparkepc.org/vbs/register](http://northparkepc.org/vbs/register) or by picking up a paper form at the VBS table in the lobby.

### I AM EAGER TO LEAD CAMPERS AS A COUNSELOR OR AIDE

Counselor and Aide applications are now available. Deadline for submission is April 7. You can access the volunteer applications at [northparkepc.org/vbs/volunteer](http://northparkepc.org/vbs/volunteer) or pick up a copy at the VBS table in the lobby.

### I FEEL CALLED TO RUN A MISSION, BIBLE, CRAFT, RECREATION, OR SNACK ROTATION FOR CAMPERS

Contact Kim Mycyk for Junior Camp and/or Alison Sanders for Senior Camp (contact information below) to talk about opportunities to serve.

### GOD GIFTED ME WITH A SPECIAL SKILL OR TALENT, AND I'D LIKE TO RUN A SENIOR CAMP ELECTIVE

Contact Alison Sanders.

### I WOULD LOVE TO BE A VBS PRAYER WARRIOR

Talk to Beth Hendley or sign up at our VBS table to receive prayer requests and updates.

### I LOVE PRAISE MUSIC AND WANT TO JOIN THE WORSHIP RALLY TEAM

Contact Brooke Hopkins to join his crew.

### I WANT TO HELP, BUT AM NOT AVAILABLE THE WEEK OF VBS

We have lots of opportunities to help outside of the VBS week. We'll need help decorating the church the weekend before VBS and cleaning the following weekend. We'll also be looking for help with our kick-off and celebration events. And we are always in need of food donations for snack. Contact Jill Benson if you're interested in helping in one of these ways.

### I HAVE A HEART TO HELP, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHERE I FIT

No problem—we have roles suited for all of our volunteers. Contact Jill Benson to talk about where you might serve.

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## Women's Retreat March 22 -23

By Joyce Kish

Did you register yet for this special weekend? At Antiochian Village you will be "Transformed" into the woman God intended you to be! The retreat is in Bolivar, PA near Ligonier.

All you need to bring is your clothes, toiletries, a snack, your bible, slippers, and comfortable shoes! During free time Saturday afternoon you have the choice to make a craft, exercise, take a walk, sleep, or just hang out!

You will be blessed spending this special time with your sisters from NPC. It's the perfect time to get to make new friends and get to know others better.

Early Bird pricing ends February 24: \$90 for a double room and \$120 for a single room. Prices are \$105 for a double room and \$135 for a single room from February 25 through March 10. Three meals on Saturday are included.

You can register online at the church website or at the table in the church lobby. Last day to register is March 10.

Any questions, contact Joyce Kish at [joycemkish@gmail.com](mailto:joycemkish@gmail.com) or Norma Lamperski at [normal2148@gmail.com](mailto:normal2148@gmail.com).

## Lenten Family Devotionals

By Jill Benson

As a protestant, I've felt at times like more of an observer than a participant in Lent. This is fitting to a point—the practice of giving things up for Lent—though certainly meaningful for some people—leans a little closer to legalism than I'm usually comfortable.

Still, I recognize that great meaning can come from preparing our hearts for Easter, in a similar way to Advent preparing us for Christmas.

Properly done, Lent can be a meaningful time to set aside distractions and remember the suffering and sacrifice of our Savior. One way to do this is through family devotions. Here are a few suggestions for Lenten devotions:

### **The Bible**

One of the best suggestions I have is to read through the Bible. All of the gospels are under 40 chapters so if you read a chapter a day you can read an entire gospel during Lent. If you read on Sundays as well, (which gives you a total of 46 days) you can read through both Mark with Luke or John during the season of Lent. Stop by the Lenten Resources table to pick up a suggested reading plan.

### **The Jesus Storybook Bible**

by Sally Lloyd-Jones

This is a free printable schedule for reading the Jesus Storybook Bible throughout Lent. Even if you just read through this children's Bible during Advent, this can be a great option for younger kids. I've read the Jesus Storybook Bible with my kids at least a handful of times and they have never complained about the repetition. After all, repetition is good at this age!

If you really want to change things up, you can also purchase an audio version of the Bible and listen to it together. Printed copies of this will be available at the Lenten Resources table in the lobby. Contact Jill if you don't have a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible.

### **Seven Last Words Devotional Guide & Coloring Pages**

by Illustrated Children's Ministry

This is similar to the Lenten devotional we've

provided for the last two years. This year the devotional goes through the last seven sayings of Christ, focusing those sayings into seven last words. This is a weekly devotional that focuses on one word each week.

Did you know that the Sundays during Lent are meant to be mini Easters? A weekly devotional like this, paired with special family time or a special family activity, can be a way to remember Christ's sacrifice each Sunday of Lent. This devotional can be used with any age; it was actually written for an intergenerational audience this year and is meant to be used by adults and children alike. Free copies of this will be available at the Lenten Resources table in the lobby.

### **The Passion of the King of Glory** by Russ Ramsey

I read through Volume 1 of this set during Advent and loved it. This is one of three books Ramsey has written to retell the story of the Bible.

This book, Volume 2, has 40 chapters and is meant to be read throughout Lent. Please note, though, that this is not to be read as Scripture. Rather, similar to the Jesus Storybook Bible, it's a retelling of Bible stories with Ramsey's imagination filling in some of the details we don't have in Scripture.

This would be a great option for children that have outgrown children's Bibles, but aren't quite ready to read right from the Bible yet. We'll have two copies of this at the Lenten Resources table for church families to borrow.

Lent starts on March 6 so be sure to start thinking now about what you'd like to do as a family. Email Jill if you want suggestions of what might work best.

## Announcing Spring 2019 Sunday School Classes! March 10 - May 19

By Ben Burkholder

### **Jesus, the Suffering Servant** Chris Lamperski

Come hear about Christ our Redeemer and Liberator as foretold by Isaiah. We will trace references to Jesus in Isaiah beginning with the prophecy of His virgin birth. We will read glorious truths like, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." We will meditate on God's love for us and on Jesus, God's righteous Servant, who suffered, bore our sins, and by whose stripes we are healed.

We will hear the good tidings about Jesus who binds up the broken-hearted, proclaims liberty to the captives, and comforts all that mourn. This will be a close reading of Old and New Testament passages.

### **Mark: Gospel On The Go** Gary Laird

Why doesn't Mark begin with the birth of Jesus but instead jumps straight to His encounter with John the Baptist at the Jordan River? Why is the word 'immediately' used 39 times in the book? Why does it seem like Mark just wants to get to the end of the Jesus story.

Join us for a journey through the fast-paced gospel of Mark as we seek to find answers to these questions and more. This class will be highly interactive as we join together each week to dig into God's Word for further understanding, while also taking time to reflect on how it applies to our lives. As we study Mark, we will also be learning Bible reading strategies that can be used for doing personal study with any book of the Bible.

## Real, Live-Action Prayer

Dan Hendley

This will be genuine, “in-the-field” experience talking to God together, led by the Holy Spirit with some help from Dan Hendley who will teach a little before we pray.

## Cross Reflections

Ben Burkholder

How does Christ’s death on the cross save us? Was it necessary for Him to rise from the grave? Does His earthly life matter for our salvation? In this class, we are going to be doing three primary things:

First, we’ll investigate the key biblical passages that inform how we think about Christ’s saving work.

Second, we’ll learn from former generations of Christians and how they understood Christ’s saving work.

Third, since the Reformed (i.e. Luther and Calvin) understanding of salvation has come under criticism in recent decades, we’ll offer some defense and response as to why we can credibly believe that Christ died for our sins.

# Youth Group March Schedule

By Taylor Brown

<b>March 3</b> 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Youth Group	<b>March 17</b> 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Youth Group
<b>March 6</b> 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Middle and High School Small Groups Meet at NPC.	<b>March 20</b> 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Middle and High School Small Groups Meet at NPC
<b>March 9</b> 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. World Vision	<b>March 24</b> Student Led Worship Service No Youth Group
<b>March 10</b> 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Youth Group	<b>March 31</b> 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Youth Group

# Father-Daughter Spring Dinner & Dance

by Dawson Haytock

The father-daughter relationship is a precious bond. The Men’s Ministry would like to promote this relationship by sponsoring “Boots and Beauties,” a Father-Daughter Spring Dinner & Dance on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

There will be a catered dinner, dancing with a DJ, and organized line dancing! Fathers decide how old their daughter should be to attend, but elementary through high school-age girls are encouraged to come. No age limit on fathers!

We would also encourage you to invite other dads (neighbors, friends, brothers) and their daughters to attend. The cost for the event will be \$35 for members of North Park Church. Any guests invited will be covered by the Men’s Ministry. Please sign up at the Information Counter by March 10. Please contact Dawson Haytock at [dhaytock@gmail.com](mailto:dhaytock@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# NPC Session Proposes Bylaw Changes

By Dan Hendley

Our practice, according to our bylaws, has been to vote on the compensation package of our Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor(s) at our congregational meeting each August. Session would recommend a package, after which the members may discuss and vote. Session believes it best to amend our policies to make compensation adjustments less public, only to be discussed and decided within the Session.

The exact amendment to our bylaws would be thus:

• **Article 14[a] on Annual Congregational Meeting:** Delete portion that reads “vote to approve the terms of call of the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastors.” This change would make Article 14[a] read as follows: An annual meeting of the church shall be held each year at a date, time, and place to be determined by the Session. At the annual meeting, the voting members shall elect Ruling Elders and Deacons (if candidates are eligible for election) and transact any other business as may come before the meeting.

• **Article 5[e] on Rights of Members:** Change the phrase that reads “approve the term of call” to “approve the initial terms of call.” This change would make Article 5[e] read as follows: Active members of the congregation have the right to: call for a congregational meeting; vote at a duly called congregational meeting; approve the initial terms of call (salary and benefits) of the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastors; disaffiliate with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church; remove themselves voluntarily from membership; elect Elders and Deacons; and all other rights and benefits given to it by the Constitution.

The vote on this proposal will be held at our congregational meeting in Room 112 on Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 A.M.

We will also be electing a nominating committee at this meeting.

# Session Report

by Dan Hendley

Your elders have enjoyed a season free of crises. Our focus of late has been on supporting the ministry of our staff. Each program staff member has met with the elders since September to provide a report and share in a prayer time related to their ministry.

Session has also been interacting with our Building Team, responding to their recommendations for future campus projects and is now consulting with our Safety and Security Committee about implementing some of their proposals.

Of late some policy changes have been approved that give further guidance to our Missions Committee and missions financial decisions. We are also praying about and planning for the future of NPC leadership.

# COMPASS: Life as a Steel City Refugee

by Ben Burkholder

Friday, March 29 | 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. | Multipurpose Room

People think of all kinds of things when they hear the word, “Refugee.” Rather than letting our first association define them, we have invited a local refugee community from Somalia to come and tell us about their experience in war torn Somalia, their stay at a refugee camp, and finally their settlement in the Pittsburgh area, mostly concentrated in North View Heights. Many of us who work in the city drive past this community each day and never know the needs that exist right off 279.

They are delighted to prepare the main dish for the meal that evening, and we will have a couple refugee families joining us for the meal. Be sure to invite them to join you at your table! We’re asking North Park people with the following last names to bring the following items:

**A-F:** Salads | **G-O:** Desserts | **P-Z:** Side Dishes

The Somali refugees were farmers back in Somalia. One new project they are beginning this year is a community garden. As a way of thanking and blessing them for their work in preparing dinner for us, we are going to be collecting seeds and tools that will be useful in their garden like: carrots, okra, lintel beans, tomatoes, garden rakes, and hoes. If anyone has a rototiller, they are greatly in need of one for this next gardening season.

Sign up to come or donate in the lobby. Email questions to [benburkholder@northparkepc.org](mailto:benburkholder@northparkepc.org).

# Pastor’s Corner

By Dan Hendley

So, the Patriots did it again, and this time when virtually no one expected them to after a mediocre regular season. Sure, it is annoying and it has gotten quite old. But, let’s face it - Brady and Bill have proven they are smarter and better than the rest of the NFL. We, living in Big Ben land may not like it, but there is no real argument about it.

Still, we can respond in diverse ways. And how humans respond to those better than themselves is a critical divider between the wise and the foolish. The wise looks at his superior and seeks to grow better, seeks to emulate what he can, and be lifted up by his association and competition with the excellent. The fool is simply envious and seeks to pull down the superior, to make everyone more equal. If he can, he may use his power to punish the excellent whom he resents.

In his book, *The Israel Test*, George Gilder points to the foolishness of humanity as the reason Jewish people have been hated for much of modern history.

He argues, with much supportive data, that Jews on average are smarter and more successful than the rest of us and that the upper echelon of Jewish society especially so. For this reason, they are often hated when they should be promoted and emulated.

Likewise, our Lord Jesus was a clearly superior person - morally for sure and maybe in other ways. His fate was also to be hated, to be punished by the many. But for the blessed minority, He has become the one to follow, to imitate, to worship and to trust.

# Did You Know?

by Dan Hendley

That **Scott and Kate Shriver** have become confirmed members of our church...that **Scott** was **Amber Stites’** high-school biology teacher and is a birder...that the King Ranch in Texas is bigger than Rhode Island...that **Chris Wu** was featured on Pittsburgh Dad Christmas edition...that the **Havener kids** did a pirate dance at our talent show...that an average apple contains about six teaspoons worth of sugar...that **Annie Dupee** sang *I Can’t Help Falling In Love With You* and *Till There Was You* at our talent show...that **Rich Hayden** sang *Let It Be Thee* at our talent show while playing his guitar...that it takes ten pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese...that **April Sanders** did a combo hula hoop and skip it at the talent show...that **Moriah Burkholder** did gymnastics at the talent show...that **Chloe Havener** did a Charleston dance at the talent show with some help from **Jonathan**...that the first movie to earn over \$100 million was *Jaws* (1975); the first movie to earn over \$200 million was also *Jaws*... that **Deb Furey** and **Ed Yasofsky** (with help from **Beth Hendley**) read their poetry at the talent show...that **Joan Castillo** sang in Latin and the **Brights (Adam and Nicole)** performed a DC Talk song, *In the Light*... that potatoes produce more food energy per acre than wheat (by 75%) or rice (by 58%)...that the annual Pittsburgh Man-Up event is scheduled for June 8 in Cranberry...that the **North Park Encounter** will be March 31...that **Jim Ludwig’s** Blumengarten Florist is the top-ranked florist business in the Pittsburgh area...that the word “secretary” originally meant “one who keeps a secret”...that those who read the FYI keep secrets 22% better than those who don’t. Did you know these things? I thought you should.

# A Focused Column

by Mark Sharpnack

North Park Church aims to make disciples of Jesus who, WORSHIP God passionately, CONNECT with each other in caring community, and IMPACT the world through word and deed.

In January, you heard sermons on our Core Values: Christ, Truth, Dependence, The Lost, and Families. This month, we focus on Jesus Christ.

Christ is our highest value. He is the Pearl of great price. He is the Way, the Truth and the Eternal Life. Our values statement references

*Romans 11:34-36 - For who has known the mind of the*

Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Our longing is that we will be the type of church, that when outsiders come around us, they will be provoked to wonder what is it about Jesus that these people make such a fuss over Him?

*Colossians 1:16-18 - By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

And that is why He has first place on our list of Core Values.

## Donations Needed for Italian Cooking for Christ

By Taylor Brown

After service on April 28, we will be holding our annual fundraiser lunch to help raise money for the youth group's summer mission trip to Appalachia. During the lunch, we will be auctioning off items and gift baskets that were donated by local businesses and church members. If you are interested in donating an item, gift card, or gift basket to our silent auction, please email Taylor at [taylorbrown@northparkepc.org](mailto:taylorbrown@northparkepc.org). We would greatly appreciate any help you can provide!

## Family of the Month Doug & Pat Malcolm

By Kelly Laird



Who lives in Gibsonia with a cat named Snookie? If you answered, "Doug and Pat Malcolm" you win the prize! Let's get to know this mother-son duo!

As mentioned, Pat and Doug live in Richland Township currently. But that wasn't always the case. Pat was actually orphaned at age ten! She moved around to several homes in the Pittsburgh area. Later in life, she met Jim at an Arthur Murray dance class, where she was the instructor at 21 and he was the very nervous and shy student of 23 years of age.

They were married for 66 years and had four children - all boys! Tom lives in Toronto, Doug is second oldest, Rob is deceased and John also lives in Gibsonia. They also have some grands - Doug has two granddaughters and Pat has five and two great-grandchildren.

Jim worked in the Westinghouse PAD Division as a project engineer for nuclear reactors in the U.S. Navy. He passed away in August of 2011. Pat spent her many years as an excellent homemaker. She also volunteered extensively at several area churches, serving as a teacher, Sunday School superintendent, choir member, social coordinator, counselor and prayer warrior. Doug works as a marketing professional in business services and media production with Corton Media of Pittsburgh. Doug had been attending our church for several years and encouraged Jim and Pat to join him over a dozen years ago.

These days, you can find Doug praying for our congregation and reading scripture during Sunday service. He is also an officer in a local chapter of Christian Business partners, and is blessed to lead corporate prayer for the group.

Here's what Pat's day looks like. She's up at about

8:00 A.M. for breakfast, then rest, exercise at 10:00 A.M., rest, then light cleaning, laundry sorting, lunch, rest, phone calls with friends, dinner, and more rest. Her favorite television shows are: *Dancing with the Stars & Judge Jeanine* on Fox.

A favorite scripture passage between them is Philippians 4:19 - *My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Please pray for health and strength for this great duo. Oh, and one more word about the cat. Doug says, "Snookie was found as a stray on a cold, sleety winter's day as a tiny kitten, whining underneath the big mailbox outside of the Bakerstown Post Office." In retrospect, Doug views that whole scenario on Snookie's part as a sympathy ruse to be adopted straight out of a Dickens novel. And, it worked!

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

**March 1**  
Jan Muzyn

**March 2**  
Elizabeth Satariano  
Hattie Lukas

**March 4**  
Gary Laird  
Jen Burkholder

**March 6**  
Jonathan Holt  
Sophie Wilkin

**March 7**  
Kristen Wickard  
Steve Kendall

**March 8**  
Richard Skillen

**March 9**  
Taryn VanderWee  
Brian Altmeyer

**March 10**  
Anya Wickard

**March 11**  
Addison Moriconi  
Isaiah Whittington

**March 12**  
Wayne Darville

**March 13**  
Sarah Kuchma  
Erin Daly

**March 14**  
Jeff Layden

**March 16**  
Larry Satariano

**March 18**  
Ross Wilkin  
Emerson Miller  
Cooper Moriconi  
Norma Lamperski

**March 22**  
Elise VanderWee

**March 25**  
Ella Kendall

**March 28**  
Caleb Stites

**March 29**  
Amber Stites

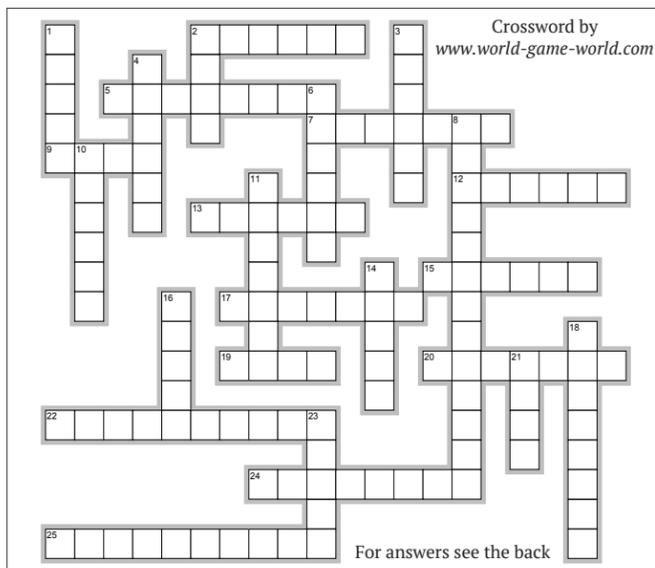
**March 31**  
Annetta Lang  
Pete Longjohn

### Anniversaries

**March 3**  
Richard & Sandy Skillen

**March 5**  
Rich & Kirstin Lukas

## Crossword Puzzle: The Apostle Paul



### Across

- City Paul visited that had an idol to the 'unknown god'
- Where Paul was headed when struck by the bright light
- The congregation in this city was made sorrowful by one of Paul's letters
- Paul's first name before he converted to Christianity
- Sorcerer struck by blindness at Paul's command
- Paul stopped the Philippian \_\_\_ from killing himself.
- Paul's hometown

17. Paul, before conversion, attended the stoning of this man

19. Paul was here when he was warned not to go to Jerusalem

20. Man who place his hands on Paul's eyes

22. Paul found 12 disciples in Ephesus who had not heard of the \_\_\_.

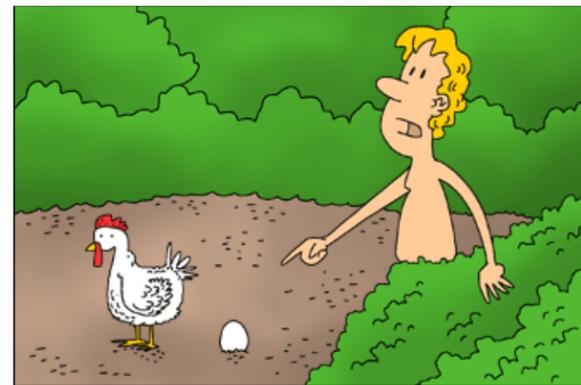
24. He presented Paul to the disciples the first time

25. Event that loosened Paul and Silas's prison chains

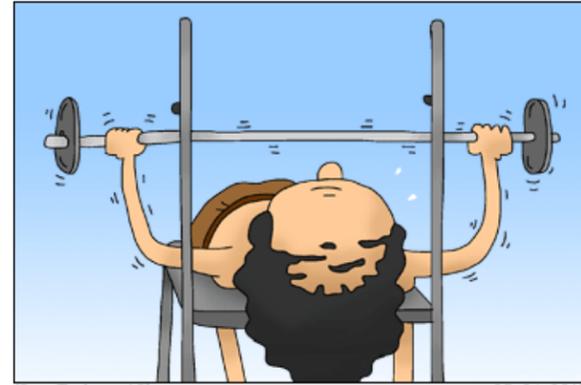
### Down

- Paul left him in Crete to straighten out what was unfinished
- What man did Paul say was the pattern of one to come?
- Centurion who took Paul as a prisoner to Rome
- Roman ruler who refused to hear the complaint of Jewish leaders against Paul
- What fell from Paul's eyes when his vision was restored
- Paul called this group his "glory and joy."
- Paul was accompanied by Priscilla and this person from Corinth to Syria
- Believer who was circumcised by Paul
- This Roman ruler sent for Paul so that he could hear about Paul's faith in Christ
- The voice Paul heard in his vision came from \_\_\_.
- After Paul's sight was restored, he was \_\_\_.
- Paul's conversion is told in this chapter of Acts
- Number of days Paul was blind after seeing the vision

## Comics



I MISSED IT ... WHICH ONE CAME FIRST?



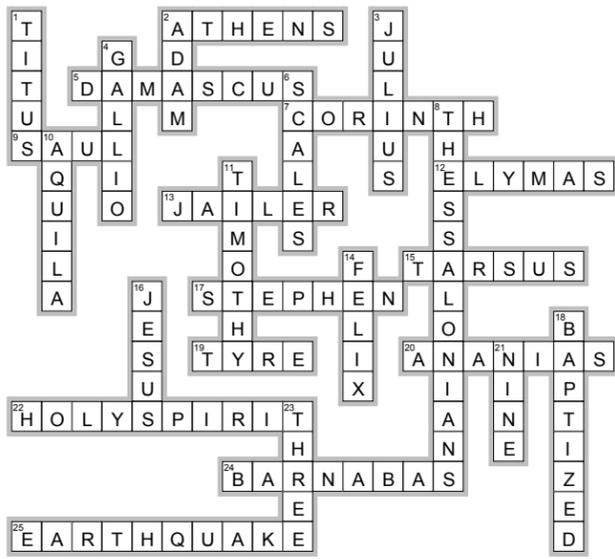
MAYBE IT WAS GOOD THAT SAMSON DIDN'T MAKE IT TO OLD AGE



IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT I'M BRINGING A SLING TO A SWORD FIGHT AS IT IS YOU BRINGING A SWORD TO A GOD FIGHT



IF I'M GETTING SHAVED, WOULD THIS BE SHALVATION?



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