



# The Shepherd's Voice

## May, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

### Deacon's Digest

**P**astor Dennis and Linda are in the midst of what is a parent's nightmare, and unless you have lived such a heartache, we cannot imagine what suffering they are enduring. BUT good people of Good Shepherd, we as a congregation have more power than you think. It's called PRAYER.

#### **Power of Prayer - How powerful is it?**

The power of prayer should not be underestimated. James 5:16-18 declares, "...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." God most definitely listens to prayers, answers prayers, and moves in response to prayers.



Jesus taught, "...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 tells us, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, **they have divine power** to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." The Bible urges us, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

What should we pray for?

God's help through the power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God**. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." God, through prayer, opens eyes, changes hearts, heals wounds, and grants wisdom (James 1:5).

The power of prayer does not flow from us; it is not special words we say or the special way we say them or even how often we say them. The power of prayer is not based on a certain direction we face or a certain position of our bodies. The power of prayer does not come from the use of artifacts or icons or candles or beads. The power of prayer comes from the Almighty One who hears our prayers and answers them. Prayer places us in contact with God, and we should expect results, whether or not He chooses to grant our petitions or deny our requests. Whatever the answer to our prayers, the God to whom we pray is the source of the power of prayer, and He can and will answer us, according to His perfect will and timing.

Let's take the word "prayer" and apply it to today's world. Bible prayer is what it is in the Holy Bible, so it is the same for all, but our individual interpretations are very different and that's just fine. Why you might ask? Because what satisfies me and gives me joy and peace, may not satisfy you in prayer. No right and no wrong.

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The length of time we spend in prayer is different, not better or worse - just different. It's funny because nothing really has changed from centuries ago. All Christians believe in prayer, but it must be thoughtful, genuine prayer. As a young man I was taught that making the sign of the cross was a prayer to the triune God. "Heavenly Father, hear my prayer." "Come Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind, strengthen my will, satisfy my soul." These are other favorites of mine.

During this pandemic virus our lives changed. We are physically detached from each other, but you cannot take prayer away from any of us.

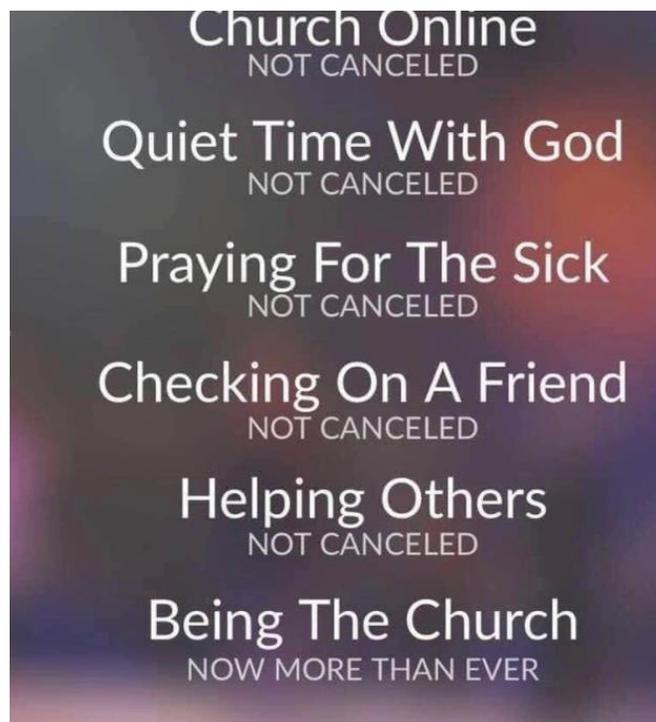
Pastor Koch has made a way that we can attend Sunday service through Facebook Live every week and hear God's word, sing prayerful songs and hear Pastor's homily.

While we pray this week, please keep Pastor, Linda and Michael in prayer.

I found a beautiful prayer in my Pastoral Care missile.

"GOD OUR COMFORTER, You, are a refuge and strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us so to hear the words of faith, that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, and our anxiety calmed and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow, to the peace and light of your constant love, through Jesus Christ our savior and our Lord, **Amen.**"

Pastor Koch asked me to attach this reading, so that we can keep going as Christian Soldiers.



God's Blessings to all of you and may we find peace in prayer,

*Deacon Robert*





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The following are highlights from the April Council meeting:

- Bill Mehnert has been approved to serve on the Finance Committee.
- Fran Stetson has agreed to serve as chairperson on the Technology Committee.
- Sunday worship service will continue to air at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live until further notice.



## W/ELCA NEWS

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In the month since the April newsletter article was written, our lives have changed in ways that we could hardly imagine five weeks ago. Our circles did not meet, and we did not have Bible studies. I am exploring the possibility of having an on-line Bible study for women with computers, tablets, or smartphones. I deeply appreciate having digital access to our Sunday services.

We did not have our outing to Alpaca Magic. But because so many women had been looking forward to this time together we will reschedule this when guidelines from the CDC and our local health department say it is safe.

We will still observe Rachel's Day and take a special collection, but this will be postponed until we are holding our services in person. Rachel's Day collection is traditionally taken by Lutheran churches to support a local agency providing services for children in the community. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel mourns the loss of her children. This year the designated offering will be given to CASA, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association.

We have seen how quickly circumstances can change. If new opportunities arise to meet again, we can stay connected by phone, and email. Please stay well and pray for one another.

The board has no plans to meet in May.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

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The following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:

Dennis W. Koch  
Linda C. Koch  
Donald D. McNeil

Thank you for your gift.



## Adopt -A -Highway

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The Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up scheduled for Saturday, May 2 is being rescheduled to Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 am. We will pick-up trash along a 2.25 mile section of Norvell Bryant Highway after meeting at the CVS parking lot near the Terra Vista entrance. Trash bags, gloves, safety vests and some pickers available. Wear closed toe, comfortable shoes. Any questions can be directed to Linda Koch at 386-589-4727.



*“Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.”*

—A.W. Pink

# Special dates

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- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2020*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2020*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2020*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 18, 2020*
- Ascension Day, *May 21, 2020*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2020*
- Pentecost Sunday, *May 31, 2020*



**God grants to people the ability to earn that which is God's already: money and wealth.**

“Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all” (1 Chronicles 29:12).



# Applying Biblical Principles

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**B**ecause we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

Think about some of God's good gifts:

- God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).*
- God gives the rain (Job 5:10).*
- God gives health (Jer. 30:17).*

- God gives life (Acts 17:25).*
- God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).*
- God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).*
- God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).*
- God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).*

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which he gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: to give it back to him.

Stewardship



**Bible Quiz**

While 70 Israelite men were commissioned as prophets at the tent of meeting, two others, Eldad and Medad, were reported to have prophesied in the camp — not following “proper” protocols. Who defended them?

- A. Moses
- B. Joshua
- C. Jethro
- D. The Lord



# Memorial and Special Gifts

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**T**he following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of April:

- To the Memorial Fund by Betty Sanger in memory of **Carl Lawrence and Art Jernberg**.
- To the Choir Fund by Mimi and Jerry Waara in memory of **Edie Lindstrom**.

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Memorial and Special Gifts continued...

- To the Memorial Fund by Thomas & Mary Perrott in memory of **Arthur Jernberg**.
- To the General Fund by Gladys Kean in memory of **Carl Lawrence and Arthur Jernberg**.
- To the Memorial Fund by Lois Hickey and family in memory of **Arthur Jernberg**.
- To the Memorial Fund by Bob Nones in memory of **Arthur Jernberg and Carl Lawrence**.



To my Good Shepherd family,

I want to thank everyone for thinking of Carl and myself during this difficult time. Your love and prayers are what are sustaining me right now.

My thoughts for my beloved Carl:

I used to think we chose our own partners in life, but I wonder now if we really do. For no one but GOD could have chosen for me such a *special* partner/friend as you. Go in peace with God my love.

IvaLee



Dear Good Shepherd family,

The wonderful expressions of caring from so many of you was humbling. There were no words that could possibly bring comfort to me when my son, Thomas, passed away, but the compassion that came from each of you through your prayers, calls, cards and flowers touched me in ways I cannot put into words. The journey to healing is on-going and each of you, with your kindness helped me take another step forward. My sincere "thanks" and "love" to all of you.

Sandra Gumm

To my Good Shepherd family,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the outpouring of cards, prayers and calls I received at the passing of Art and our grandson Tyler. It is so comforting to have such a loving church family during these unsettling times.

I pray for you and your families.

In Christ's love,  
Sandy Jernberg



**Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up**

TBD

&

**Food Share Monday Delivery**

TBD



*"The phrase 'working mother' is redundant."*

—Jane Sellman

# Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.



May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter — or not sending an e-mail or text — written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.



We may not be able to sit together in worship right now, but we can still “watch” together on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live.

Join us there!



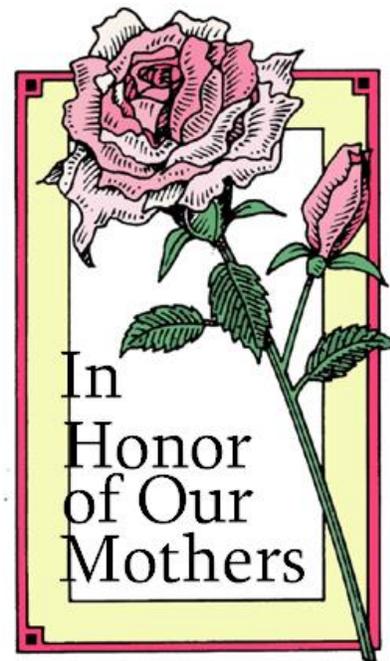
# A mother's hope

Several years ago, contemporary Christian musician Steven Curtis Chapman and his wife Mary Beth faced the sudden death of their youngest daughter, Maria, in a driveway accident. In the book Choosing to See: A Journey of Struggle and Hope, Mary Beth Chapman describes how she wrestled with God when her “whole world” fell apart.

“What I’ve found is that it’s in the most unlikely times and places of hurt and chaos that God gives us a profound sense of his presence and the real light of his hope in the dark places,” she writes.

“None of my tears have been wasted,” Chapman says, because she’s “experienced the kindness, sweetness, faithfulness, and redemptive heart of God.”

To honor their daughter, the Chapmans, longtime adoption advocates, established Maria’s Big House of Hope. The center in Henan, one of China’s poorest provinces, provides life-saving medical care to special-needs orphans.



*Happy Mother's Day*  
May 10, 2020



**Arthur C. Jernberg**

*Sunrise*  
March 17, 1933  
*Sunset*  
March 29, 2020



**Bill Schapers**

*Sunrise*  
October 17, 1935  
*Sunset*  
April 7, 2020



**Dianne Young**

*Sunset*  
April 9, 2020



*“Rest in peace good and faithful servants.”*



*“If at first you  
don’t succeed,  
do it like your  
mother told  
you.”*

*—Author  
unknown*

THEY SAW WHAT  
SEEMED TO BE  
TONGUES  
OF FIRE  
THAT SEPARATED  
AND CAME TO REST  
ON EACH OF THEM.



ACTS 2:3, NIV

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 31, 2020**



## Pentecost Passion

Nineteenth-century evangelist Dwight L. Moody was walking down a New York City street, thinking about a sentence he’d heard: “The world has yet to see what God can do with a man who is wholly yielded to him.”

Suddenly Moody felt a great yearning and cried out, “O God, make me that man!” He was so overwhelmed with God’s love and with heartfelt passion to reach lost people that he had to stop at a friend’s house to rest.

In *Birth of the Body*, Ray Stedman says this is what Luke is talking about when he describes the events of Pentecost. “When John the Baptist predicted that Jesus would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire, he meant that there would be an unexplainable passion about the church.”

As we feel the Pentecost passion, let’s yield ourselves wholly to God and see what he does with us!

All programs and meetings are postponed until we get the all clear from the CDC.

# MAY 2020

Facebook Live – Worship with us  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	2
3 10:00A – Facebook Live Worship May Birthdays 	4	5 8:00A – Breakfast	6 8:00A-SOS	7 8:30A – SOS  National Day of Prayer	8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	9
10 10:00A – Facebook Live Worship  Mother's Day	11	12	13 8:00A-SOS	14 8:30A- SOS 	15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	16  ARMED FORCES DAY
17 10:00A – Facebook Live Worship 	18	19	20 8:00A-SOS	21 8:30A- SOS  	22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	23
24 10:00A – Facebook Live Worship 31 10A -FB Live	25 Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY	26	27 8:00A-SOS	28 8:30A- SOS 	29 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	30

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted.  
Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

# MAY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Roger & Carol Lee Johnson	05/01/65
Jeremy & Esther Page-Wood	05/02/70
John & Linda Lepore	05/08/87
Ralph & Eloise Mongardi	05/09/70
Rick & Ann Serafin	05/14/83
Greg & Sandy Kampschroer	05/16/87
Dave & Gail Sotrines	05/23/98
Russ & Janet Haight	05/25/75



1 – Steve Schenk	11 – Nancy Gomes	24– Ann Possinger
5– Bill Graham	15 – Dawn Clark Rosie Davis	26– Gerri Fallanca
8 – Catherine Richardson	16 – Frank Bienwald Iris DeMaio	28 – Mary Krol
9 – Ivalee Lawrence		30 – Karen Benefiel
		31 – Todd Gaertner

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES**  
**MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

TBD

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn, Lead  
Dan Cashman

**GREETERS**

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

**10:00AM**

Ann Neville

Deacon Bonomo

Worship with us each Sunday morning at  
10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live.

**CRUCIFER**

**USHERS**

**NURSERY**

Susan Fowler



KEEP THEM  
IN YOUR PRAYERS



*(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)*

***Let us remember:***

Benefiel, Larry & Karen  
Boerger, Dave  
Bregger, Jack  
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth  
Brockschmidt, Fred  
Burfeindt, Janet  
Clark, Dawn  
Creager, Ray

Hassing, Douglas & Donna  
Hester, Marty  
Hoell, Lucille  
Jernberg, Sandy  
Johnson, Barb  
Johnson, Carol Lee  
Koch, Pr. Dennis & Linda

Lawrence, Ivalee  
Olson, Louise  
Page-Wood, Jeremy & Esther  
Swade, Ken  
Whitcomb, Maxine  
Wolff, Jack

***Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:***

Drennen, Ken  
Gramolini, Katherine  
Halstead, Deborah  
Hehn, Margaret

Hickey, Madelyn  
Maidhof, Walter & Helen  
Mandell, Sheila  
McGauran, Marion

Moll, Bob  
Philipp, Dick

***All who serve our country in the military:***

Burba, Jake  
Ceballos, Jason  
Cwicklinski, C.J.  
Day, Kenneth  
Gaertner, Jerrod  
Harrington, Bryan  
Heinz, Karinne  
Hickman, Richard  
Hicks, Nathan  
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad  
Johnston-Garcia, Christian  
Luchay, Alan  
Martin, Aaron  
McCann, Jim  
Muchow, Jason  
Osborn-Herdman, Christopher  
Piott, Trenton  
Posa, Codymichael  
Radloff, Steven

Radosevitch, Eric  
Seefeld, Jessica  
Springer, Jr., Dennis  
Stroble, Jeramy  
Swain, Jr., Terry  
Thomas, Peter Chris  
Thompson, David  
Timpe, Chris  
Walton, Leslie

## *Relatives and Friends:*

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Guberman family	Orr, Gail
Balastieri, Casey	Johnson, Jim	Page-Wood, Jaaken
Beck, Bryan	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Powell, Bill
Bell, Ian	Koch, Michael	Priselac, Lorrie
Blyth, Ruby	Kraft, Carter	Rajotte, Keith
Bourdeaux, John	Koch, Michael	Ralph, Bruce
Brockschmidt, Donna	Krol, Shirley	Rambaldini, Jim
Brugger, Tristan	Lavaja, Jim	Riccio, Taino
Burkhardt, Faith	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Campano, Thomas	Lewis, Keith	Small, Brenda & Steven
Cato, Cecelia	Lobenthal, Jean	Stuart, Neil & family
Cipollone, Elaine	Lock, Kathy	Thompson, Lori
Clarke, Father Peter	Loftin, Tracy	Traywick, Edward
Clarke, Charlotte	Loger, Dennis	Tuegel, Chuck
Costa, Denise	Longworth, Kathy	Urban, B.J.
Crawford, Cleola	Lundsford, Victoria	Van Wyk family
De Gina, Frances & family	Magrum, Corbin	Waara, Jerry
Dille, Jim	Magri, Steve	Walker, Betty
Dortin, Rachel	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Ehrhardt, Ava	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Wilder, Gayle
Fidell, Eloise	Mainster, Arlene	Williams, Dorothy
Fratto, Joseph	Malave, Kim Michelle	Wittmann family
Fowler family	Martin, Joe	Wood, Rowen
Gaertner, Kent	McHugh, Mark	Woods, Donna Jean
Garling, John	McPhee, John	Wolf, Nick
Gifford, Judy	Mehnert, Edward	Woolley, Carol & family
Glymph, Diane	Mena, Steve	Wright, Matthew
Goetter, Tom, Whitney	Meucci, Michele	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Goforth, Jeffrey	Nickerson, Mike	Young, Ron
Goodloe, Ernestine	O'Berry, Darlene	Youngblood, Sandra
Graves, Janice & Declan	Oehl, Lita	

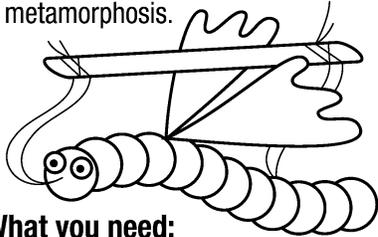
***Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list.***

***May, 2020***



## CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



### What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

### What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



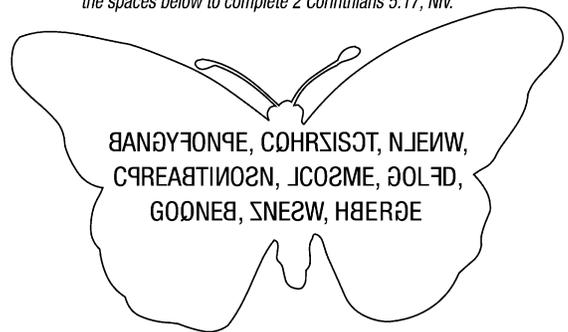
## Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

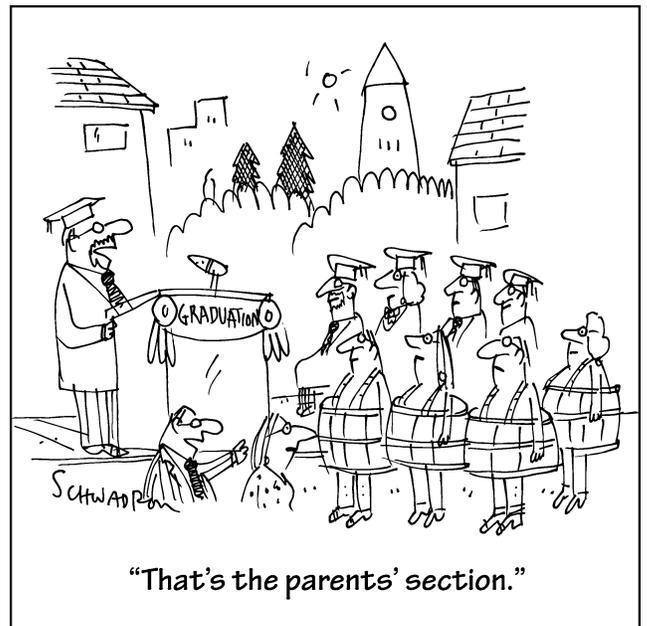


Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here



"That's the parents' section."



God's work. Our hands.

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