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*March*  
**What's Up!?**

Pastor's article or most important story of the month goes here.

**Pastor's photo here.**

*2011*  
**What's Up!?**

An alternate background without the "We're in the People Business" text and an alternate background without the text and the picture are both available on the pasteboard. It's your choice because "It's Your News."

*Service*  
**Schedule**

Note: the graphic and text below can speak for themselves and are not necessarily meant to drive the topic of the Pastor's article.

*We're in the People Business*





**HEADING**

Use this long column for one long story or several short stories or announcements. You can use the blue heading boxes for headings. Just draw a text box on top of them and type



your heading with bold type. You can copy and paste as many as you need. Drag them to the pasteboard if they don't fit with your layout plans.

**Event/Story Name**

- Who
- What
- When
- Where

Type details of story or event in this space. It's okay to go outside the lines of the background graphic a little. It's interesting to the eye and adds some character to the design. You just need the right story or event for this space and it will look great. I know this is a little different but different is good. "Always the same" is bad. Work with me here. You can do it. ;-)



**March**

# FAMILY TIME Crossword

The (K) Clues are for Kids

Edited by Timothy E. Parker November 21, 2010

## ACROSS

1. (K) "Where have you \_\_\_?"
5. Mosquito or mole, e.g.
9. Cloak-and-dagger figure
12. (K) Rod that holds two wheels
13. (K) Cookie favorite
14. (K) Ginger \_\_\_ soda
15. (K) Triangle component
16. (K) Tidy
17. Fifth scale tone
18. Old-foggyish
20. \_\_\_ alcohol (gasoline additive)
22. (K) Type of bread
23. (K) The highest point
25. (K) Squeezing snake
27. (K) In addition
29. (K) Genuine
33. (K) Assign too low a

## DOWN

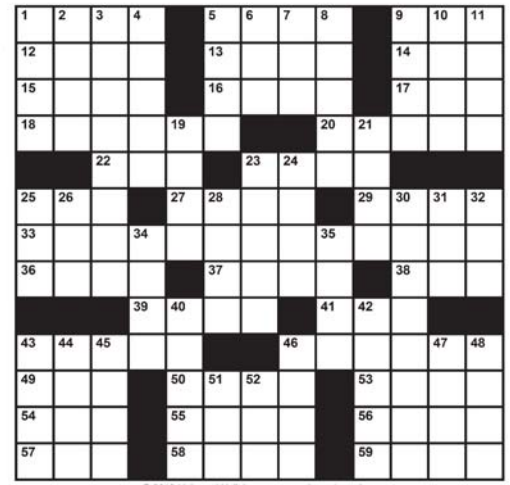
- value to
36. (K) Bit of cat chat
37. (K) Plant-to-be
38. (K) Cardinal's color
39. (K) Sunrise direction
41. (K) What you stand to lose?
43. Warning
46. Causing death
49. Young feller
50. (K) Scotch \_\_\_
53. "The \_\_\_ Ranger"
54. Booking for musicians
55. (K) Brilliant thought
56. Prefix with "knock" or "lock"
57. "\_\_\_ takers?"
58. Champagne sealer
59. (K) Visualizes

2. (K) Leave a building
3. Legendary Cadillac?
4. Eligible for a scholarship, maybe
5. (K) Young horse
6. Literary "before"
7. (K) Mermaid's home
8. (K) Native American pole
9. Ornamental belt
10. Tactic
11. (K) Loud shout
19. (K) Transmission component
21. Period in office
23. Opposite of liability
24. Dove's site
25. Word before "steer" or "rap"
26. (K) Single digit
28. Minimalist's catchword

30. Headset part
31. (K) Went to Burger King
32. (K) Was in first place
34. (K) Decorative pitcher
35. (K) Inactive
40. Cellar's opposite
42. (K) Book of maps
43. Tiny aquatic plant
44. Anagram for nail
45. Nervously irritable
46. (K) Pipe drip
47. Start a poker hand
48. Aloha garlands
51. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
52. (K) Miles \_\_\_ hour

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

It can give you a snug feeling?



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## SPRING BREAK

CHURCH LEAGUE

# HOOPS



# HOOPS



## SKI TRIP

## MARCH MADNESS

## MISSIONS TRIP

## Small groups

## Senior Trip

*As surely as a wind from the north brings rain, so a gossiping tongue causes anger.*  
Proverbs 25:23 NLT



## Kids News



## GAME NIGHT

See you there!

Thanks!



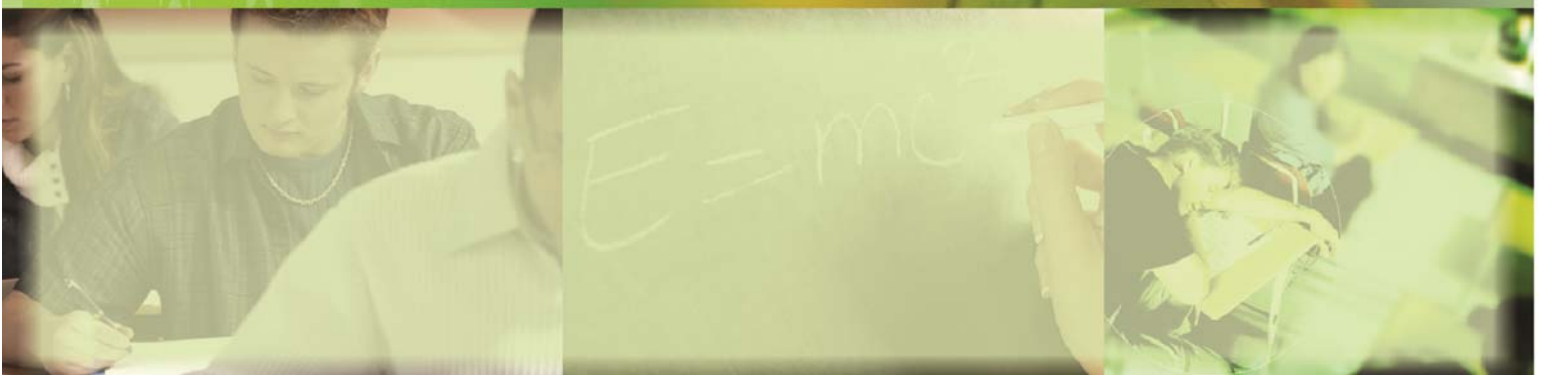
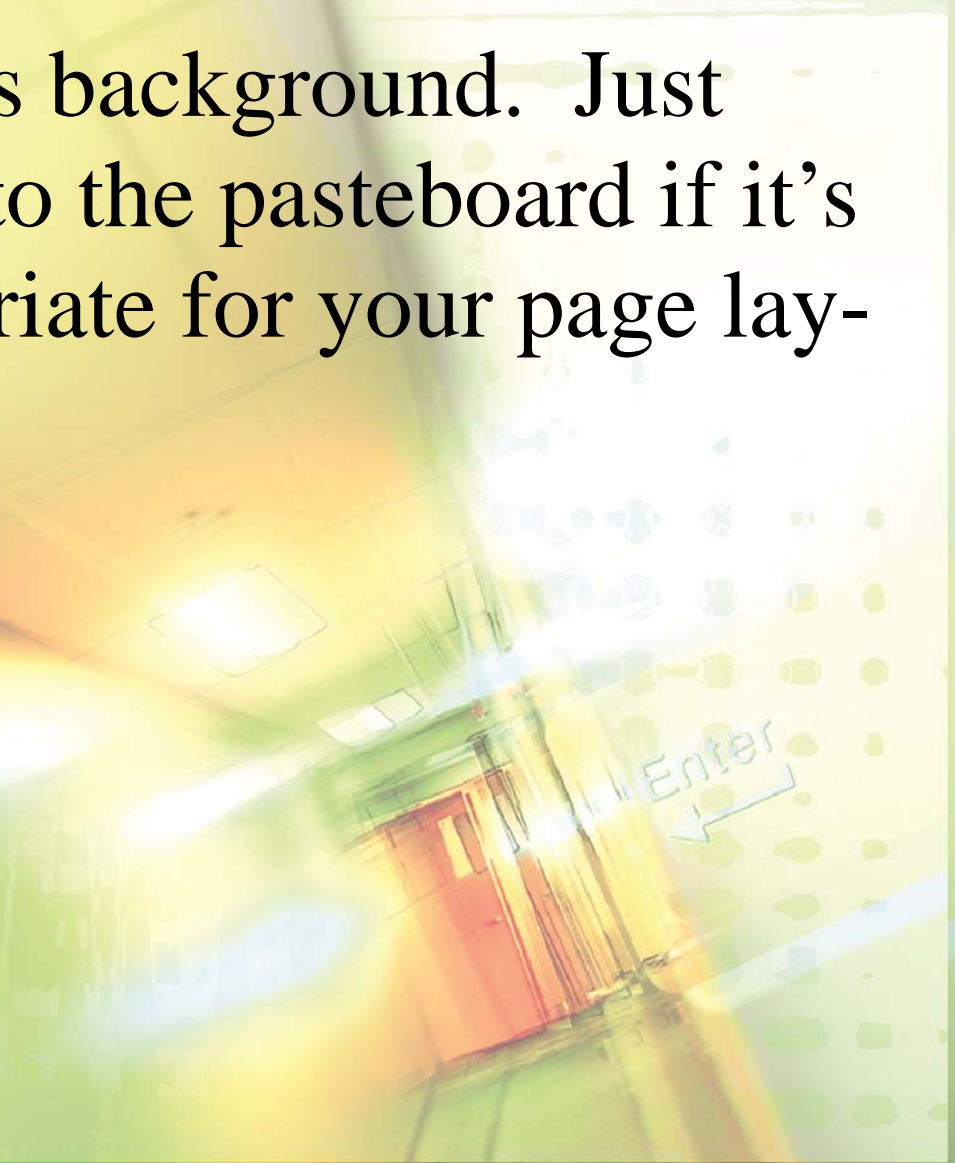
## YOU'RE INVITED

coming up...

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# The Path of the Gospel

The Gospel, the good news about God's love, was sent by God on a journey. Its destination is the throne of God where, when the journey is over, people from all nations, languages, and tribes will gather to worship God forever. One of the greatest mistakes we can make is to allow the Gospel to stop with us. When God established his covenant with Abraham, and when he gave his law to Moses, he promised that through them he would bless all the people of the world - if they shared the news about him with the world. Ultimately, Israel refusing to share him with the world caused God to reject them and set the gospel on a new path, creating a new covenant with all who believed and accepted him. When we accept God and his new covenant of forgiveness and adoption, we accept the responsibility (and the great joy) of the gospel journey. We become God's sons and daughters, and we become his ambassadors, his messengers of goodwill. On its journey the gospel comes to each of us on its way to someone else.

In Acts we see God establish his new covenant in the church, and we see the gospel traveling at full speed. What made the early church so successful at spreading the gospel message? First and foremost was the presence of God in their lives. After all, Jesus promised that as his Spirit lives in us we would become his witnesses to our world. As God's presence in our daily lives increases, so will our communication of the gospel. The more God fills your life, the more you can't help but tell people about him. Sadly, the opposite is also true, as we neglect to share the gospel, we limit God's presence in us, or rather, we limit our presence with God. God moves with the gospel, and we must choose to move with him or not.

The next element of their success was loving community. As the early church grew in their love for God they loved each other more. The more they loved God and each other, the more they wanted every-

one to be a part of their experience, and the gospel raced on. Their lives were so full of God's presence and loving community that it changed their value system. Things once important and cherished were replaced by a love for God and each other. Christ-followers with wealth sold their land and possessions to help the poor. They ignored all social barriers and lived as family. God's presence gives us the power to be his witnesses, and loving community gives us the credibility. Jesus said that others would know we were his by our love. Loving community is essential to sharing the gospel.

The next element of the early church's success was their perseverance. Even in the midst of trouble and great tribulation they continued loving God and others. There is no circumstance in this life that can stop the gospel from reaching its destination, but sadly, circumstances are often the "reason" given by Christ-followers for not pursuing God's presence, not living in loving community, and not sharing the gospel. God wants to use our circumstances to help spread the gospel. As the early church remained committed to knowing God and to each other, even in the midst of great persecution and the threat of death, God was able to turn their negative circumstances into great joy. As we trust God, his intervention in our circumstances (whether a miracle or peace and joy that is beyond human understanding) can be what God uses to awaken faith in someone's heart. God can also use the evidence of our loving community in the midst of difficult circumstances. As we reach out in love and support to those in need we will attract those hurting who don't know God.

Finally, the Acts church seized every opportunity to spread the gospel. They even saw their negative circumstances as an opportunity to tell about God's love. When Paul was arrested for preaching the gospel, he saw it as an opportunity to share with his Roman captors and prosecutors. Eventually, Emperor Galerius

## home cookin'

### Mix & Press Pastry

- 1 c. flour
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 c. shortening
- 2 T. butter
- 1 T. cold water

Combine all ingredients. Beat at low speed until particles are fine. Press into 9 or 10 inch pie pan with floured fingers. Bake at 400 degrees until lightly browned. Yield: 1 crust.

made Christianity legal in the Roman Empire, putting an end to the Roman persecution of Christ-followers. The next emperor, Constantine, became a Christ-follower and made Christianity the official religion of Rome. Constantine's favor of Christianity and his convening of the Council of Nicea are considered major factors in the spread of the Christian faith. When we share the gospel with someone we never know where its path will lead from there.

We must live in God's presence, be active in loving community, persevere through all circumstances, and seize every opportunity. That is the path of the Gospel, and the path of every true Christ-follower. It's the path to heaven, where we will worship with people from every tribe, nation, and language.

### PUZZLE ANSWER

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57	A	N	Y	58	C	O	R	K	59	S	E	E	S	

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a snug feeling?  
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### FINDING ELIM

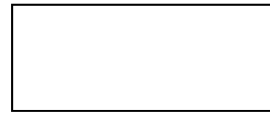
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YOU'VE REALLY GOT IT IN FOR ME, HAVEN'T YOU?

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
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27	28	29	30	31	<b>Don't Miss Easter Sunday</b>	