



# April 2020

## Philadelphia Baptist Church

5709 Philadelphia Church Road

Marshville, NC 28103

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**EASTER  
ACTIVITIES/PUZZLES  
INSIDE to do while  
we are:**

“social distancing,”  
“self-quarantine” and  
“flattening the curve”.

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**Week of Prayer: April 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>; Ingathering: Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

***Remember: Only one life will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last.***

# The Proclaimer



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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

One of the advantages of being the pastor of a church that is more than 245 years old, is that I know that we have survived much worse than this virus. Over the past couple of weeks when I have been struggling with and learning how to pastor a church that can't meet, I spent some time looking at our church history.

Although we don't know a great deal about our first few years of ministry, we do know that they met under a brush arbor throughout the Revolutionary War. In 1797, land was given to the church, and sometime after George Washington's second inauguration they made plans for an actual building to be built. I can only imagine how difficult it was to maintain a congregation in those early years when our nation was in turmoil and transition. But the church survived.

Sometime between 1835 and 1840, the church became divided over missions and other doctrinal issues. The church had two pastors during this time. One group, the Missionary Baptist, met in the church building part of the time. The other group, the Anti-missionary Baptist met at a different time. The pastor of the Anti-missionary group eventually moved west, and the church was united again. In spite of these disagreements, the church survived.

Around 1850, the church built a new building. It was also around that time that the church named changed its name from Lanes Creek Church to Philadelphia Baptist Church. The name Philadelphia means brotherly love, and it was that love that helped them survive the most brutal part of our nation's history. During the Civil War brothers fought against brothers, and more than 2% of the America population died. But the church survived.

In the early part of 1948 just after the second great war, youth and children were not permitted to attend public church services because of the Polio Ban. So, the church postponed their revival services until September so they could attend. After this revival the church voted to enlarge the pulpit area "to have room for youth programs and special singings." By the way, that year they also increased their budget from \$2,500 to \$3,950. The church not only survived but thrived that year.

Our church will survive this virus, and we will come out stronger on the other side. It is my prayer that those who come behind us will find that we were faithful during our time.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

## **AWANA-DONATE TO A MISSIONARY NEW LINK INFORMATION**

Kathy Brock, Donation link is: <https://www.awana.org/missionary/kathy-brock>

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### **Ladies Prayer Breakfast**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; **TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Family Life Center

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### **Ladies Bible Study Group**

Cancelled for April. Watch online for more details.

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On Sunday afternoons when we are able to come back to church, we will begin an exciting new Outreach/In-reach Ministry. Some of our folks will go visiting. Some will be sending encouragement cards. Some will be sending texts or making phone calls.

**There is a place for you.** Please plan to join us from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

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### **CHURCH HISTORY**

We are working on our Church History. If you have any items you would like to donate (newsletters, bulletins, wedding announcements, funeral bulletins, financial statements or any historical church information that we can add to our church history notebooks), please leave in the secretary's mailbox. Thank you so much.

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### **SUMMER YOUTH WEEK AT FORT CASWELL**

**July 13-18 Cost is \$160.00 to attend. See Jenks for details.**

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Don't let Covid-19 "rain on"  
Karoline's (Justin) 1st Baby Shower!

Please drop off gifts to  
Philadelphia Baptist Church Office  
on  
Monday-Wednesday  
from  
9 AM to 12 Noon  
or have shipped to her at  
5515 Stateline Road, Marshville, NC 28103  
before Saturday, April 25th

"Baby Shower" pictures will be posted on Saturday, April 25th

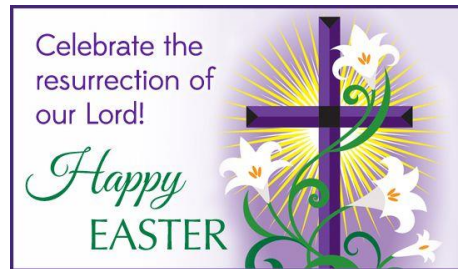
Thank you in advance for your understanding and by helping us  
to make this a special time for them. Their Friends & Family 😊

Registered at: Amazon & Target

### **Men's Retreat**

This year the men's retreat will be held at the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell April 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The cost will be \$100. We have room for 15. Check with Pastor Carroll for updates on this trip. Thank you.

### **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES**



**Watch Facebook and Website for our  
Easter Message.**

### **Youth Fish Fry**



Will be put on hold...more than likely.  
**Watch Facebook and Website for updates.**





## United by the Gospel

Kevin Ezell, NAMB President

**A**lmost daily we are reminded how polarized our society has become. People are divided along ethnic, political, and cultural lines. Of course, this is not the first time we have seen this amount of discord, but the divide is extremely sharp right now.

At a time when it seems like disunity rules the day, I'm grateful for our missionaries in North America who are unashamedly all about the gospel—a gospel that unites people in Jesus Christ. Through the power of God and the sacrificial giving of His people, these men and women overcome hurdle after hurdle to proclaim the gospel in communities with little to no gospel presence.

Ultimately, it is the good news of Jesus and His salvation that can mend the rifts and heal the lost who are all around us. Millions of people across North America have yet to respond to the gospel, but through the power of prayer and our own faithfulness in witnessing, God can and will draw people to Himself.

My hope and prayer is that our churches will be united by the gospel and joined in partnership to focus entirely on the Great Commission Jesus gave to His disciples 2,000 years ago. The command to make disciples continues for us to “the end of the age,” and our Savior has promised to go with us.

That mission is what we should all be about, and the gospel is exactly what the North American Mission Board (NAMB) is all about.

The ministry of the NAMB would not be possible without gifts made through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®, but I also want to challenge you to engage with some of our missionaries. Pray for them. Ask them how your church can come alongside and help them reach their community.

Finally, be a church that raises up missionaries within your church. Train up leaders who will be ready to answer the call when the Lord leads. Every member of your church has been commanded to reach lost people, whether that takes place in your church's backyard or thousands of miles away.

### A Mission Field in Need of Hope

**363 million people**  
in North America

**350 languages and**  
more than **14 religions**

**273 million have no**  
relationship with Jesus

Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and NAMB Center for Missional Research.

#### PRAY

- For missionaries to share the gospel boldly and winsomely with those they meet in their communities.
- For strength and wisdom in dealing with a culture that's often hostile to Christian faith.
- For the Lord to raise up more people to share the gospel and go as missionaries to places in North America that have great need.

# Happy April Birthdays 😊



## April

Jerri Pittman	April 2
Raelyn Tucker	April 2
Christi Phillips	April 3
Kasey Strawn	April 3
Darren Guffey	April 4
Daniel Guffey	April 4
Ray Rickard	April 7
Michael Thomas	April 7
Kathy Newland	April 8
Michelle Simpson	April 8
Ciara Vaughn	April 8
Bill McLaurin	April 13
Casey McClain	April 14
Kyle Pittman	April 14
Butch Smith	April 14
Dustin McClain	April 15
Randall Wilson	April 15
Emma Ashcraft	April 16
Karen Haigler	April 16
Shirley Deese	April 17
Madison Bradley	April 18
Bob Oster	April 18
Tristin Patterson	April 18
Woody Altman	April 20
Karlie Strawn	April 20
Ashlyn Porter	April 22
Jackson Davis	April 23
Cara Hunter	April 24
Kristen Robinson	April 24
George Davis	April 25
Luisa Price	April 25
Marvin Snead	April 25
Emma Simpson	April 26
John Romanello	April 28
Todd Rorie	April 28
Dean Jenkins	April 29
Bonnie Oster	April 29
Miley Ross	April 29

## May

Joshua Baker	May 1
Kaley Fennell	May 1
Jayla Rapp	May 2
Amanda Tarlton	May 3
Hunner Wallace	May 3
Esther Medlin	May 4
Tiffany Romanello	May 4
Rick Benton	May 5
Caroline Rushing	May 5
Cora Rushing	May 5

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer <b>Watch us on Facebook and our Website</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Annie Armstrong Ingathering  <b>HAPPY EASTER</b>  <b>Watch us on Facebook and our Website</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>Watch us on Facebook and our Website</b>	20	21 <b>Ladies Prayer Breakfast</b> 9:00 AM; <b>PLACE:</b> Family Life Center	22	23	24	25 Karoline (Justin) Jenkins Baby Shower. See revised "invitation" details due to Covid-19.
26 <b>Watch us on Facebook and our Website</b>	27	28	29	30		

### CHURCH SCHEDULE (When we start back after Covid-19)

**Sunday:** 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:00 PM Children's Choir Practice on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays During Traditional School Year 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA; 6:30-AWANA Supper During Traditional School Year; 5:00-7:00 Outreach/In-reach Ministry; 6:00 PM Youth

**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night; Adult Bible Study on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Nights

**Family Life Center Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month: GA Class; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month: Youth Class



## **ANNIE ARMSTRONG** BY NATIONAL WMU ON AUGUST 22, 2018



Annie Walker Armstrong was the first corresponding secretary (executive director) of Woman's Missionary Union. She was born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, Maryland. Her family was very active in Baptist life. Annie went with her mother to the missionary meetings of Woman's Mission to Woman. There she developed a heart for missions. Annie helped plant churches, served those who lived in poverty and addiction, and organized other women to help her reach out to African Americans, Native Americans, and impoverished people in rural areas. In 1882, Annie helped organize the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland. She was the first president of the society.

During this time, women around the United States were developing missional lives. On May 14, 1888, women from 12 states met in Richmond, Virginia. They formed the Executive Committee of Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1888, Annie Armstrong was elected corresponding secretary. Today that position is known as executive director. In 1890 the group became Woman's Missionary Union. Annie Armstrong served WMU until 1906. She did not accept a salary for her work. In 1934 the offering for the Home Mission Board was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Annie Armstrong died on December 20, 1938. Woman's Missionary Union was 50 years old.

### **IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAPPENED WHILE ANNIE ARMSTRONG WAS DIRECTOR OF WMU:**

- **1888** - The motto, "Go Forward" was chosen.
  - Foreign missions offering established to send a missionary to China to relieve Lottie Moon.
- **1890** - The organization was officially named Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.
  - WMU agreed to raise enough money to support all women foreign missionaries.
- **1892** - First week of prayer held in connection with the Christmas Offering.
- **1894** - WMU began promoting work of the Sunday School Board. Extra offering taken to pay Foreign Mission Board debt. The offering went over its goal.
- **1895** - First week of prayer and offering to pay off Home Mission Board Debt was established.
- **1896** - WMU adopted Sunbeam work at the request of the Foreign Mission Board.
- **1899** - WMU recommended that churches use a system of organizations for missionary education. Baby Bands was the first group organized.
- **1900** - WMU set up and funded the Home Mission's Board Church Building Loan Fund.
  - WMU opened the Margaret Home for children of missionaries who were overseas.
  - First WMU-sponsored church-wide event – a stewardship emphasis.
- **1906** - WMU began the process of legal incorporation.
  - WMU adopted a week of prayer for state missions.
  - WMU began publishing literature for sale. Our Mission Fields is the magazine published by WMU.

**Our “scheduled” Ingathering is on Easter Sunday.**

**If you'd like, you can drop your offering off to the church,  
mail it in or go online to send us your**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering donations. Thank you so much!**

## A Message from JENKS...

### Fearful or Faithful?

As I write this, Covid-19 is everywhere you look. News report after news report. Even our own church has decided to do our part in helping to "Flatten the curve". As a deacon and Youth leader, we have had difficult decisions on the best way to move forward. We all have a part to play in helping the situation. Ask 10 people the best way to move forward and you will get up to 10 different answers. I have long said and I can't remember who coined the phrase "FEAR activates Satan's Power, while FAITH activates GOD'S". This is so true. So how do we do this or live it out? Does it mean we can just do whatever we choose because we have Faith in God? Do we choose to say I don't Fear this issue? To answer these questions, I have looked at the book of Jeremiah. In Chapter 12, we see Jeremiah ask God a question, in a respectful and appropriate way. He understood that he needed to submit to God's righteousness. He asks this question. "How long will the land Mourn?" God does something that we can all relate to. He responds by asking a question or two of his own. Don't get me wrong, GOD has every right to question us, but to me it is so much more than that. I am reminded of the scripture in Luke's gospel where Jesus asks, "who touched me?" when he was surrounded by people. A woman had been subject to bleeding for years. She thought if she only touched his cloak that would make her well and Jesus asks this question not so much as he didn't know the answer or to call out or reprimand the one that asked it. He did it to let them know that they were of value. We know this because he called her "Daughter". Back to Jeremiah, the response God gives Jeremiah is something I think we all need to hear and understand. God says, if you are weary running with footmen, then how can you contend with the horses? Let that sink in for a moment. We all have a race to run. A course laid out for us individually and as a whole. We may not be the fastest or have the most endurance but we have a chance or can compete in that race. We all know that we can run with man but the way I read this is God expects us to be able to Run with Horses. In other words, if we get troubled by even the smallest of things, how will we be able to withstand the harder things. God sees in us what we don't see in ourselves. As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit LIVING within us. Truth be told, we, as Christians, sometimes see all the wicked and sinful things happening in the world and forget this fact. God answers by encouraging him to see this as an opportunity to prepare him for difficult things to come. I'll leave you with this in these uncertain times.....**God doesn't judge a nation by what the wicked do, but what the RIGHTEOUS don't do!** God expects us to be better than man. The real question is, will you be Fearful or Faithful?

With Love, JENKS

## What is Text2Give?

Text2Give makes it easy to give to Philadelphia Baptist Church by simply texting an amount to our Text2Give phone number:

**(704) 703-2525.** Register your cell phone and the account you want to draw funds from, and you are ready to go!

### **How do I register for Text2Give?**

Registration requires the use of a browser, either on your phone or other internet-enabled device. In both cases, you will need to have access to your cell phone. To use your phone to register, text REGISTER to (704) 703-2525. We will respond by text with a link you can use to register using your phone's browser. To use a browser on a device other than your phone use this address:

<https://secure.etransfer.com/T/Text2Give/donation1.cfm?d2org=PBC&d2tool=T2G> and follow the instructions to verify your phone number and register. You will receive confirmation by text and email that your registration was successfully completed. We recommend saving (704) 703-2525 to your contacts for easy reference.

**How do I give a donation using Text2Give?** Once you have registered, simply text an amount up to **\$2,000.00** (e.g. "\$75" or "27.50") to (704) 703-2525. You will receive confirmation by text and email that your request has been accepted. Your account will be charged/debited in two business days.

### **Can I direct my donation to a particular fund or funds?**

You will receive a link in your donation confirmation which will allow you to designate all or a portion of your donation to a particular fund or campaign of your choosing.

### **How can I update my registration?**

Text UPDATE to (704) 703-2525. We will text you a link in response. To use a browser on a device other than your phone, use this address: <https://secure.etransfer.com/T/Text2Give/donation1.cfm?d2org=PBC&d2tool=T2G> and follow the instructions to verify your phone number and update your registration. If you wish to cancel your registration, text REMOVE to our number. Someone will contact you when it has been deactivated.

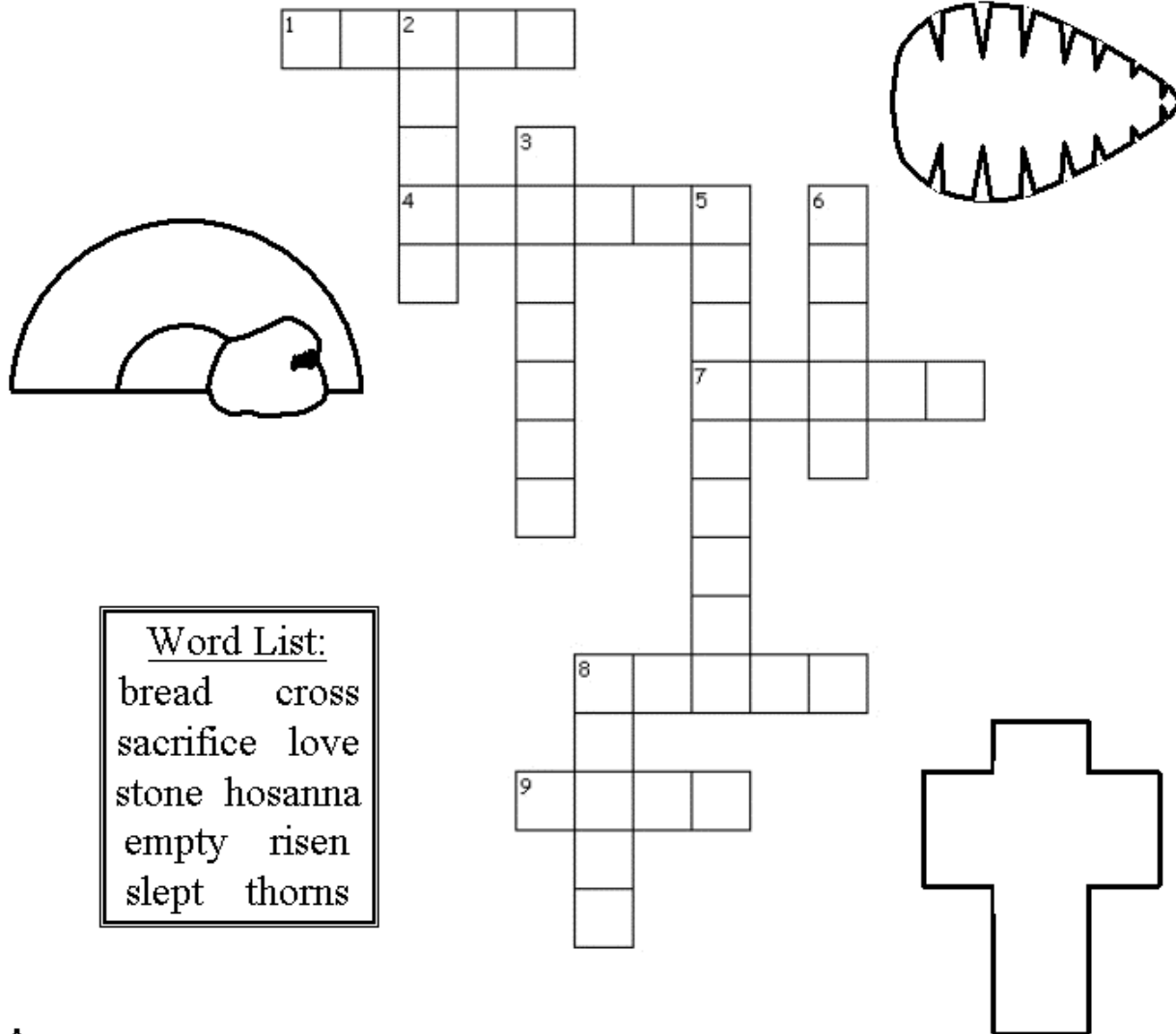
### **How can I request the cancellation of a transaction or have all or part of a donation refunded?**

Text REFUND or VOID to (704) 703-2525. You will receive a text confirming that we have received your request. Someone will contact you to verify the transaction(s) you wish to have refunded.

### **Are there any additional charges associated with using Text2Give?**

No, but, "Message and data rates may apply." What does this mean? Well, when we text you and you text us, it costs the same as if you are texting with a friend. Otherwise, there is no additional cost for the use of our Text2Give service!

# Easter Crossword



## Across

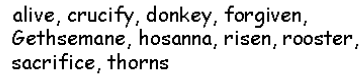
1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has \_\_\_\_!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

## Down

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was \_\_\_\_.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. Jesus became the \_\_\_\_ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.



# Easter Anagram

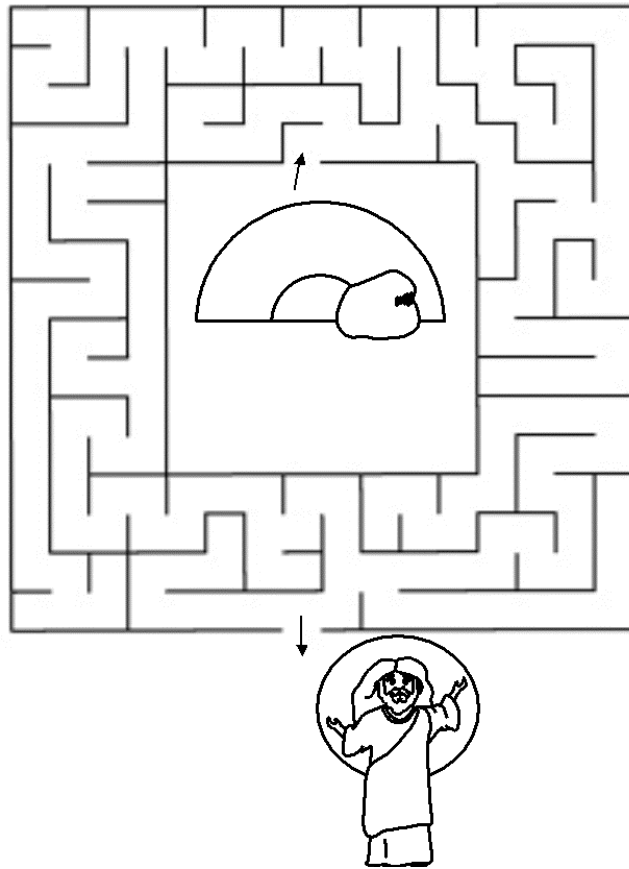


aahnnos	hosanna
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# Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive!



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Easter Anagram



aeeeghmnst \_\_\_\_\_

deknoy \_\_\_\_\_

einrs \_\_\_\_\_

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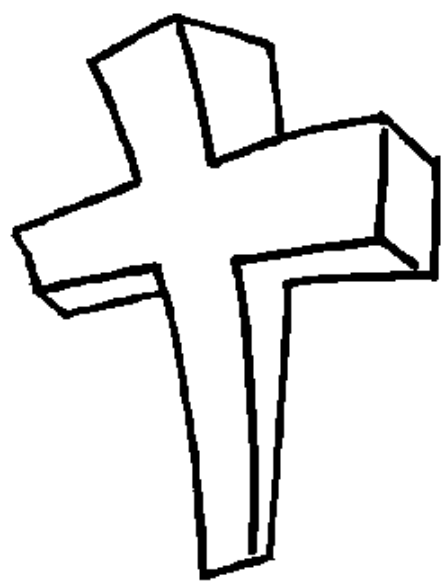
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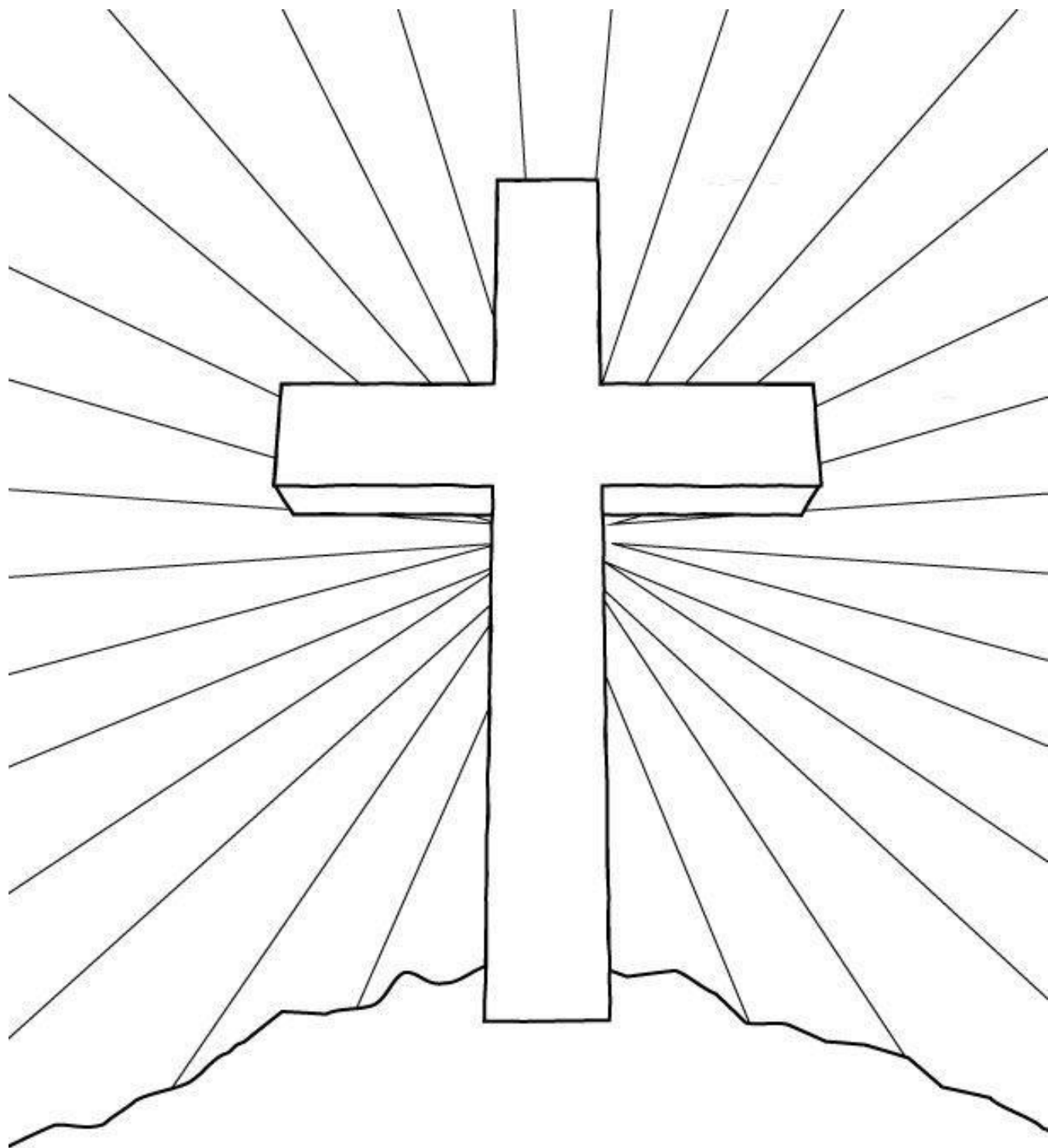
# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
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CHRIST  
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ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
THORNS



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