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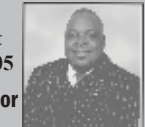


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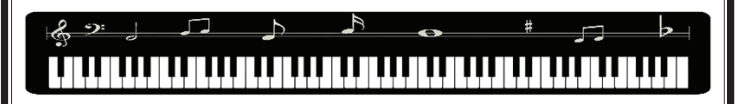
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## "The LEADER'S EDGE" by dr. michael bell

### Have you completed your 2019 Church Planning Calendar?

The witness of Scripture is "God is not a God of confusion but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Too many Churches approach missions and ministry with a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants mentality. A simple calendar is one of the most powerful organizational tools you can use to align your Church. And the most important calendar you need is an annual calendar. An annual calendar is an at-a-glance overview of your entire year. And it's one of the most important things you can conceptualize for your Church. Someone named Ellie Green is quoted as saying, "Trying to run a church without a master calendar is like trying to watch TV while someone else holds the remote control." The calendar is often the final authority for disagreements related to the use of the Church's facilities. The calendar can also provide Congregants with opportunities to get involved in ministries they didn't even know existed.



functional throughout the year? Which ministries/auxiliaries are on life support? Would the ministry/auxiliary have done better with another leader?

- Has the Church's attendance/giving cycle changed or did it stay steady?
- What about the Church's Annual Days?

These are some, not all, of the questions that should be asked and answered annually no later than October of each year.

Among the many advantages of an Annual Church Calendar are:

- Prevents surprises!
- Eliminates two or three strong-willed persons from running and ruining the Church.
- Becomes a central source of information for all members as they plan their personal schedules around Church activities.
- Brings social order and harmony to the Church family by avoiding scheduling conflicts and misunderstandings about scheduled events.
- Church leaders - deacons, trustees, etc. - are informed far in advance to schedule staffing for planned church activities and events - so that church doors are opened, lights are on, meeting rooms are set up and someone is scheduled to clean up and lock up following the event.
- Allows the Church family to "look ahead" and plan for inviting guests.
- Allows members to plan their offerings in support of upcoming events - rather than burdening the Church with last-minute fund-raising drives.

So, as the New Year approaches the Pastor, or whoever is responsible for planning, needs to look back over the past twelve months and everything that has happened. It's time to ask questions like:

- How many members do we really have? How many New members were added in 2018? How many did we lose? How effective or ineffective was our Newcomer's Ministry?
- How many ministries/auxiliaries do we have? How many were

Once you've asked the right questions and assessed your Congregation's health, now it's time to begin filling in the calendar. Start your annual planning by putting yearly events on the calendar, including major holidays. You also want to be sure time changes, school holidays and other holidays you celebrate are on the calendar.

Then, organize your recurring annual or monthly events. Be sure to include the time and location of these gatherings/meetings. For example, at the Church I serve February is Church Anniversary Month, May is Women's Month, so forth and so on. Also, since we go by the liturgical calendar, it's important for our membership to know that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, and ends on April 20, 2019, which means Resurrection Sunday is April 21, 2019. What are the things that your church will normally do? Do you have a graduation Sunday every year? A Mature Adult Sunday?

Finally, don't forget your regularly scheduled worship and discipleship times: Sunday worship services, Sunday School time, Youth & Children's Ministry emphases, and whatever else is normal to the life of your church. These things are the skeleton of your calendar, the framework from which you will build everything else around.

Blessings on your ministry to the glory of God. We'll talk again next month.

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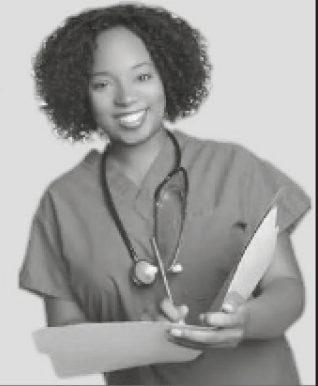
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## "Speak Life Thought" with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

### A Life of Love

*"Love keeps no record of being wronged." (1 Cor. 13:5)*

December is a month we have opportunity to demonstrate love as we reflect and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We endeavor to shower others with gifts such as food, clothes, toys, etc. We endeavor to sow seeds of kindness upon the homeless, the sick and shut in, the bereaved, the widowed, etc. We all know that the greatest most cherished gift we could ever give anyone is the gift of Christ. Because of the celebratory aspect this month is supposed to bring, we endeavor to try to do a little extra to spread that Christmas joy and love.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that in all our giving, if we lack love, it is just meaningless giving. One aspect of intercessory prayer is that if I am to approach a Holy God in prayer, His unconditional love towards me mandates that I reciprocate the same unto others. If I stand before a Holy God with unforgiveness, grudges, and resentment in my heart, my prayers are hindered from being answered. Jesus has told us when we pray to forgive anyone we are holding a grudge against so that

our Heavenly Father will forgive us also. (Mark 11:25) The Father has promised us that once He forgives our sins, it is likened unto an object being buried way deep at the bottom of an ocean. (Micah 7:19) He will never bring it back up again because it has been washed away by the precious blood of the Lamb. What a pure and powerful expression of love. Total forgiveness exists in Christ and we are to rest in that forgiveness by forgiving and loving others.

The Father has demonstrated through the love of Christ that we have the ability to not only forgive but also keep no record of the offense. Attempting to try to walk in this type of love on your own is difficult. The Corinthian Church members were filing lawsuits against one another, being unruly during service, walking in pride, trying to be seen, and walking in unforgiveness, yet were so zealous for God. If this kind of behavior was exhibited during the age of the Early Church, we should not be surprised that it still happens in the Church of today. Nevertheless, we have the Word of God to remind us that in all we do, we are to pursue love as the driving force to help perfect us.

During this month, I would hope you would challenge yourself



to address any unforgiveness in your heart by making the conscious choice to forgive and love yourself. Remember, the first of the nine "Fruit of the spirit" is love, the character of the Father through Christ Jesus. As you live in Christ, you live in love and break the bonds of unforgiveness.

The greatest expression of love you can give during this season and always is to forgive and love yourself and then forgive and love others. By endeavoring to daily walk in God's love, it becomes natural for you to keep no record of being wronged.

*Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler is Co-Pastor and Church Administrator of Praise Center Community Church, where her husband Bishop Donald H. Butler is the Senior Pastor. She is an intercessor, evangelist, mentor, and published author. Follow her on Twitter, Periscope, and Facebook and at [www.firstladybutlerministries.com](http://www.firstladybutlerministries.com).*





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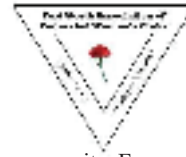
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Pastor Bell has earned degrees from the following colleges and universities: Bachelor of Science, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; Master of Divinity, Howard University Divinity School, Washington, D.C.; Master of Arts University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas; and a Doctor of Ministry, Interdenominational Theological Center & Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia. He is also an ICF certified life coach.

Pastor Bell has served locally, statewide, and national-

ly in a number of capacities, including President, Baptist General Convention of Texas 2005-2006 (The first African American to lead the 5,700 churches of the BGCT in its 130-plus years of history); State President, African American Fellowship of Churches 2009-2011; Chairman, Texas Baptist Committed 2010-2012; Chairperson, Black Church Studies Advisory Board, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University (2006-2012). Currently, he is Facilitator of Unity In The Community Coalition, a consortium of 20 community groups/organizations.

A life-long educator, Dr. Bell is a former assistant professor of Religion at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Since 2005, he has been an adjunct professor at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

In 2002, Dr. Bell was inducted into the Mainstream Baptist Network Hall of Fame, headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. In March of 2003, Dr. Bell was the recipient of the Invisible Giant Award, presented by the National

Civil Rights Institute and Museum, located in Selma, Alabama. In the summer of 2009, he was recognized by N'Cobra (the National Coalition Of Blacks for Reparations in America.) His awards and recognitions are too numerous to list.

A notable leadership guru, Dr. Bell is engaged to speak in revivals, conferences, and workshops across the country. He is a featured speaker at college religious emphasis week programs. He has been interviewed for national magazines and newspapers. He has appeared on *World News Tonight* and other national, state and local television and radio programs. A Human Rights' legend, Dr. Bell is a sought-after resource on issues of race and culture.

Dr. Bell is heard over the airwaves every Sunday in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex over KHVN 970 AM (6-6:30 am); in the Ark-La-Tex region over KJTX 104.5 FM (7-7:30 am); and his weekly political commentary, "I'm Just Saying..." is heard Saturdays at 10 am on KWBT 94.5 FM in the Waco/Central Texas Area.

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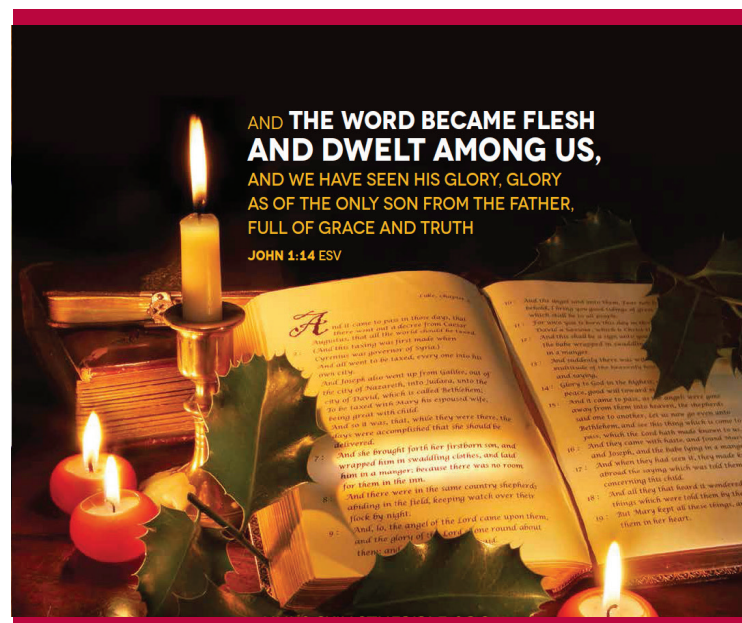
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.....Gospel's Exciting  
and New Directions!

Gospel music Leaders and Pastors are very busy in this season and I am thrilled to share their activities. May this gospel "tea" encourage, enlighten and excel you in your own calling to do greater works for God's Glory! I'll categorize their events to make it easier for you to partake and participate where interested:

## Books

Jonathan McReynolds - **Make Room**. It aligns with the upcoming tour and re-released CD David/Tamela Mann - **Us Against the World**. They just finished the tour and the CD is ready. Pastor John Gray - **Win From Within**. Expect transparent, inspiring and humorous testimony.

## New Gospel & Christmas Music

Lisa Page Brooks - "Do It Again" single; "My Life" CD  
Deitrick Haddon - "Christmas Prayer" single; "Greatest Gift" CD  
Charles Jenkins - "Christmas Music" single  
Earnest Pugh - "Ring Dem Bells" single  
"Motown Gospel Christmas" - full project of various Motown Gospel Record label artists  
J Drew - "A Karew Family Christmas" a project of Sheard, Moss and Clark Family artists

## Film & Television

Lonnie Hunter films his debut television variety show Dec 1st - broadcasting details soon to come  
Clark Sisters Family biography will become a Lifetime T.V. movie - "You Brought the Sunshine" - early 2019  
Pastors Toure' and Sara Jakes Roberts' lives played out in an half-hour comedy on ABC weekly. *This show is produced by Kerry Washington who has casted Leslie Odom Jr. to portray Toure'.*

## Teleconference Opportunities

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## Concerts & Miscellaneous Events

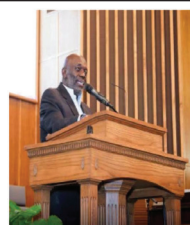
Kathy Burrell Alexander will be in concert Dec 8 at 7pm in Waco, TX - Harvest Time Revival Center  
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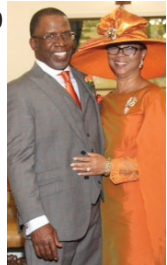
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erment Temple Church in Baltimore will become the new Sr Pastor of New Birth Church in Atlanta effective Dec 9, 2018. Pastor Bryant has major work ahead; but he comes with major skills.

Donald Lawrence's commitment to Edwin Hawkins's dying wish - "don't let the seminar end". Last month, D Lawrence met with board members of the Hawkins Music & Arts Seminar to confirm that he would become the new Chair of the music organization founded by Edwin and Walter Hawkins over 25 years ago. This is a stunning turn of events for the future of this and all gospel music workshop organizations. To emphasize the difference Chairman Lawrence

will bring, he has targeted Denmark as the site of the first conference to be held in 2020. His vision is international and geared towards master class excellence. This is going to be epic!

These events represent just a snippet of what some of our gospel music artists and Word Bearers are doing in this season. Please try to check them out. It is my prayer that as 2018 closes, we will all push forward in 2019 to make God Smile with our obedience to His Will for our lives. Blessings!

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judyneal@comcast.net holla!*

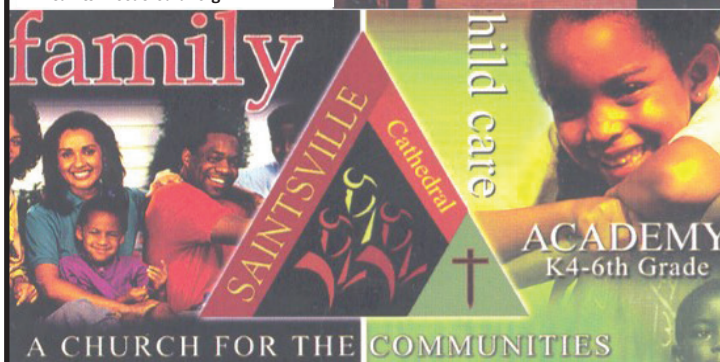
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# The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word...

Rev. J.R. Brumfield

## A Message about Christmas

Isaiah 9:1-7

### 1. Introduction

It has been proven that history tends to repeat itself. Men and nations seem to go in the same endless cycle of repetition. From glory to destruction is the popular theme of the Old Testament because the Garden of Eden was a glorious place, yet it came to know destruction. When man committed the original sin, then man began to suffer destruction and death. Adam and Eve had to vacate the premises of the beautiful Garden of Eden due to one delightful enticement of forbidden fruit. Difficult days were ahead for Adam and Eve as they faced the new world with sin. The bible teaches that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. We thank the Lord Jesus that he came to take away the penalty of sin. If one accepts Jesus as their personal Savior, then one can avoid the penalty of sin. Although the present conditions of society may appear bleak at times, there is a way of life that is available to the Christian. All believers live in the present but have a future hope which can serve as the anchor of our souls amid "stormy times." Are you experiencing "stormy times"? Whose name have you called upon?

The sentiments of Solomon are justified when he said, "there is nothing new under the sun." Sins of pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and slothfulness existed in the biblical days. These types of sins are still prevalent in today's world. As a nation we find ourselves engulfed in a spiraling reality of sinfulness and shame. There are irregularities in the voting process. There are complaints of fraud on both sides of the political fence. Some political pundits claim that Russia has interfered with our election process. We cry out for help, but good help is hard to find. If we read the biblical account of Isaiah, we find that despite Israel's neglect of God's Word, the Lord provided a way of escape through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our way of escape from the seven deadly sins. Several times throughout biblical history, the Lord has used a baby to bring about deliverance of His people. When Israel was in Egyptian slavery, a baby named Moses was born to a woman named Jochebed. Moses became Israel's great deliverer of his people. When a king was needed to be anointed for Israel, a baby named Samuel was born to a woman named Hannah. Samuel anointed David to be king over Israel. Samuel was a very important religious leader in his day. When the Israelites were oppressed by the Philistines, a baby named Samson was born to a woman named Manoah. Samson was a deliverer and judge of Israel. When the world was lost in sin and shame, a baby named Jesus was born to a virgin named Mary. Jesus is our answer for the world's "stormy times". Do you accept the Christ of the Christmas season?

It's dark when humanity is materialistic. When we take Christ out of Christmas, it is truly a dark time in society. When good moral conscience decisions are replaced with greed and gain, we have a sin problem. As we delve into the text, we will see how the gospel light can dispel the darkness of the night.

### 2. The Need for Christmas, v.1-2

As sin obtained a grip on the lives of the Israelites, the hearts of man began to stiffen in sin. The rich were getting richer and the poor were getting poorer during the prophet



Isaiah's prophetic ministry. This is like the day that we live in. It appears at times that the poor do not receive justice, but justice is reserved for the rich and famous. Sin was so odious at that time that every man thought that he was doing right in his own eyes. It is truly bad when one does wrong and is proud of doing wrong. As a nation, we tend to feel that we are always doing right but sometimes we are doing wrong. When innocent lives are snuffed out possibly to a political persuasion, we are not doing right. When shots are fired at innocent people in our streets, we have a sin problem. When babies are dumped in the trash cans, we have a sin problem. When our children's lives are snuffed out due to senseless violence in the streets of our cities, we have a sin problem. Please allow me to recommend Jesus for our dire situations and disappointing seasons.

The problem experienced by the Zebulun and Naphtali is an age-old sin problem. These were the two northeastern tribes of the Israelites that lie west of the Jordan and later came to be known as upper (Naphtali) and lower (Zebulun) Galilee. In biblical days, these Israelites were being oppressed by those who should have upheld the law. The Israelites that were rich were getting richer. There were a declining percentage of people in the middle class. When the people of Naphtali and Zebulun refused to hear the prophets then God's judgment began to take effect by the way of the powerful Assyrian army. The Lord God can take a people that do not know Him to discipline His people. This type of behavior is like America's struggle for democracy, freedom, and quality of life. Sometimes our black boys and girls are victimized by those who should have protected them. There is police brutality in our land. Yet, sometimes the lives of innocent officers are taken out by one thoughtless act of insanity. There is increased shooting in our schools. The issue of safety and security has gained the news headlines everywhere.

In verses 1-3, we find that there is a prophetic future despite the gloom of the day. Zebulun and Naphtali were humbled by the Assyrians but God was still there. It was stated in verse 1, that in the future He would honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea and beyond Jordan. The Old Testament is a shadow of things to come in the New Testament. Please read Matthew 4:16. When one reads this passage of Scripture, one will ascertain that Jesus came to Naphtali and Zebulun. These were places in Galilee. Jesus came to be known as the preacher man from Galilee. Do you know the man from Galilee? The people of Zebulun and Naphtali that sat in darkness have seen a great light because Jesus showed up in Galilee. Jesus is the answer for a broken spirit and a broken heart. There is a dire need for Christmas in America.

### 3. The News about Christmas, v. 2-5

There is a reason why people should rejoice about the good news. In verse 2, we find that the people that were walking in darkness have seen a great light. The prophet Isaiah prophesies that Jesus will come unto his own. He is that great light for the world! We can have joy because of Jesus. As the subsequent verses show, burdens, staffs and rods will be removed! When Jesus comes into a one's life, then the yoke of sin is broken. The staff of sin is removed from one's life.

Can you envision an ox weighed down by a heavy yoke? Using this very picturesque comparison, Isaiah continues his description of Jehovah's hand of blessing on His people. Here he foretells that they will be set free from the yoke of their burden (the Gentile nation's burden). Our heavy burden is the burden of sin and shame.

In verse 4, we are reminded of the Israelites history of how the Lord God gave Gideon's army the victory. The Lord God decided to reduce the army of Gideon from 32,000 down to 300 to show that He is sovereign. Our God can use whatever means He deems necessary to bring about our salvation. Aren't you glad that the Lord God sent His Son Jesus? This passage shows a comparison of what "grace" can do in the lives of the Lord's people. Although the Gideon's victory occurred before this prophetic word of Isaiah, it serves as a constant reminder of the Lord God's power. As Christians, we can count our blessings that the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever more. We face a powerful enemy, but God can turn things around with Jesus. Without Jesus, mankind is destined for death and the grave. Mankind is no match for Satan without Jesus. Nevertheless, with God all things are possible. This is the news about Christmas. Christ came to save the world from their sins. This gives the believer unspeakable joy!

### 4. A New Day because of Christmas, v. 6-7

It is in these verses that Isaiah prophesies the birth of Jesus in the New Testament. The birth of Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophesies. The prophet Isaiah informs the reader that the government will rest upon Jesus. Jesus is the wonderful counselor and the mighty God. He is the everlasting father and the prince of peace. When Jesus comes into one's life, one is saved forever from the penalty of sin. It is because of Jesus that we celebrate the Christ in Christmas. All people can have a new day if they accept Jesus as their personal Savior. Have you accepted Jesus into your heart? Is there room in the inn?

As we close out this message, please remember that the Lord Jesus will grant peace and joy if you allow Him in your hearts. Every believer in Christ Jesus is assured of a new day. Is there any better insurance policy against the difficulties of our time? Is there a better plan to handle life's raging winds and storms?

Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season!

*Yours in Christ,*  
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Look forward to his monthly articles covering Sunday School and Bible Lessons each month. Please direct all comments to Rev. Brumfield at his contact information listed above.

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Elvin Taylor, Army



Rall-Henry Jefferson, Army; Myra Lewis, Army; Lafayette Jefferson Jr., Army

remarks about their military service. The US Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard were cited. It is an indisputable fact that we still serve a great nation under God! Our Pastor, Rev. Brenda Brooks, delivered the Ministry of the Word at this 8th Veterans Day celebration. To all veterans whether at home or abroad, whether in active duty or retired; we say THANK YOU for your selfless service and dedication to our country and God bless you all.



And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'" Joshua 4:21-22

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Sunday Church School.....9:20 AM  
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Monday Night 7:00 PM  
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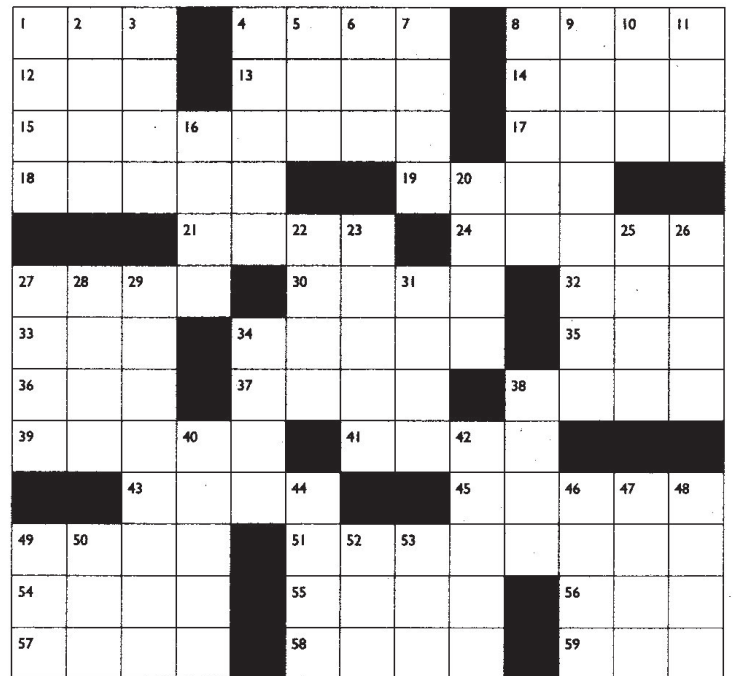
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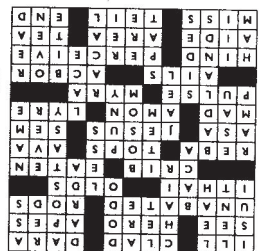
### ACROSS

- 1 Sick
- 4 Covered
- 8 Brother of Heman and Ethan (1 Chron. 2:6)
- 12 Notice
- 13 Champion
- 14 Monkeys
- 15 Without relentment
- 17 Bars
- 18 One of David's valiant men (1 Chron. 11:31)
- 19 Twenty-year- (1 Chron. 27:23)
- 21 Fodder trough
- 24 Consumed
- 27 Midianite king (Josh. 13:21)
- 30 Pinnacles
- 32 Source of deportees to Samaria (2 Kings 17:24, kv)
- 33 King of Judah (Matt. 1:7)
- 34 The Messiah
- 35 Ministerial training: abbr.
- 36 Irrational
- 37 Mayor of Samaria (1 Kings 22:26)
- 38 In harp family
- 39 Peas, beans, or lentils (Dan. 1:16, kv)
- 41 Where Paul boarded ship for Italy (Acts 27:5)
- 43 Troubles

- 45 Courtier of King Josiah (2 Kings 22:14)
- 49 Female red deer
- 51 Come to recognize
- 54 Supporting worker
- 55 Site
- 56 English beverage
- 57 Overlook
- 58 Terebinth tree (Isa. 6:13, kv)
- 59 Border

### DOWN

- 1 Son of Asher (Gen. 46:17, kv)
- 2 Forty days before Easter
- 3 Jacob's first wife (Gen. 29:23)
- 4 Seat
- 5 Causal command
- 6 "You \_\_\_ my witnesses" (Isa. 44:8)
- 7 Judge Tola's grandfather (Judg. 10:1)
- 8 Famous wise man (1 Kings 4:31)
- 9 Abandonment of the faith
- 10 Color of Tabernacle's top skins (Exod. 36:19)
- 11 Jackal
- 16 Valley of Weeping (Ps. 84:6, kv)
- 20 A smaller amount
- 22 Thing
- 23 Heart
- 25 At any time
- 26 Designation
- 27 Sloping passageway



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