



## Have You Considered...

Why do Christians get so excited over Easter? They may march in the Easter parade, and the Easter Bunny may visit their children, but the real meaning is elsewhere.

Recently, I found some Bible verses that help us understand in an unusual way the importance of what happened on the first Easter. It relates to something very practical, something we all use every day... money!

My first job after graduation from college was with a bank. I can still remember how my eyes would bug out every time I went into the big vault and saw all those stacks of money.

I have never been in a Federal Reserve Bank, but in a book I read, the author described such a visit. He told of walking down a narrow hallway and seeing behind a large section of bulletproof glass numerous stacks of crisp, new hundred-dollar and thousand-dollar bills.

Now put your imagination to work. Picture yourself entering a huge warehouse. In this one tremendous building has been gathered all the money and wealth in the whole world. Wow! As difficult as it is, just imagine such a scene.

With that scene in mind, listen to these words from the Bible: "They trust in their wealth and boast about how rich they are, yet not one of them, though rich as kings, can ransom his own brother from the penalty of sin! For God's forgiveness does not come that way. For a soul is far too precious to be ransomed by mere earthly wealth. There is not enough of it in all the earth to buy eternal life for just one soul, to keep it out of hell." (Psalm 49:6-9)

Even in our day when "big bucks" can accomplish big things, ALL THE WEALTH IN THE WHOLE WORLD cannot gain eternal life for just one person.

It is the resurrection of Jesus Christ that Christians celebrate on Easter. Three days prior to His resurrection, this same Jesus, God's Son, had willingly been crucified to pay the penalty for sins of mankind. If the story had ended there, a story is all it would be. But when God, on that first Easter morn, raised Jesus Christ from the dead, He was acknowledging that He had accepted Jesus's death as payment for the penalty of sin, the debt was forgiven, and eternal life was assured for all those who repent of their sins and accept Jesus as their own personal Savior.

This is the bottom line: What Christians possess (eternal life rather than hell) is of greater value than all the money and wealth in the whole world. All of that combined can't buy it, but yet, it is absolutely free!

Wow, that's enough to set not only a Scotsman but anyone's feet to dancing.

When this is understood, the wonder is not that Christians get excited about Easter. Perhaps a better question is: Why don't they get even more excited than they do?!



**Dr. French O'Shields**  
Former Syndicated Columnist

## **My Country Life in Australia 90 Years Ago**

By: Pix Drennan

In 1929, my sister and I, aged seven and five, were city girls. We had never lived in a country town. My dad came home one night and announced we would be moving within a month to a little country town. He was an accountant with the Commercial Bank of New South Wales and had been promoted to Bank Manager of a bank in a small country town. We went by train to the town of Denman and checked into the hotel. The next day, we walked up Main Street, and there on the corner was our bank with a house attached to it -- our house. We were very excited. A face appeared in the bank window, and the man introduced himself to us. He was Dad's new accountant. Dad had a key, opened the front door, and we were standing in a very long, wide hallway. It was about twelve feet wide and extended to the back of the house. Dad laughed and said it would not take him very long to get to work in the morning.

The house was surrounded by a veranda. We walked through the house to the back porch and saw two huge water tanks, one on each side. One was for the kitchen and the other for laundry and bathing. I heard a rooster crowing in the back yard. We ventured outside and saw an enclosed area with a rooster and about 40 hens, some sitting on nests in a shed. "Well, we will be getting fresh eggs every day and fried chicken every Sunday," said Dad. We saw a huge garage that had been converted from the horse and buggy days. There was a long trough in the back and old harnesses still hung on the wall. After lunch at the hotel, our furniture was delivered. As it was getting dark, I asked Dad how to turn on the lights, and he said he saw no switches. Dad climbed up a ladder in the hallway with a candle and lit the gas. Suddenly we had light everywhere. My mother ventured into the kitchen, and there was a wood stove. Dad had to chop some kindling so she could cook and heat water. The next day, a man came and sold dad a Jersey cow, and we named

her Nancy. Cows were kept in the common, which also served as the golf course. It was my job to get the cow after school each day and bring her home for Dad to milk, and I would return Nancy to the common the next morning before school. "How will we know Nancy from the thirty other cows?" I asked. "Don't worry," he replied, "She will find you." The first day we went to get her, we had no idea which of the thirty Jersey cows she was and no idea where to look. They all looked alike. Suddenly, we saw a cow coming towards us. She was ready to be milked! And she came home with us. She walked down Main Street, turned in at our house, and stood at the back gate. I did not know cows were so smart. The next day, Dad bought a fox terrier dog for us, which we named Pete, and soon a cat showed up. I fed her, and she stayed. So by the end of the week, we had chickens, a rooster, a cow named Nancy, a dog named Pete, and a cat. A few years later, we acquired a kangaroo named Wally, which you read about earlier. Life in the country was great!

### **April Recognition Dates**

Apr. 1 - April Fools Day  
Apr. 1 - National One Cent Day  
Apr. 4 - National Vitamin C Day  
Apr. 7 - National No Housework Day  
Apr. 7 - National Handmade Day  
Apr. 9 - National Library Workers Day  
Apr. 10 - National Bookmobile Day  
Apr. 11 - National Pet Day  
Apr. 11 - National Submarine Day  
Apr. 13 - National Scrabble Day  
Apr. 13 - National Peach Cobbler Day  
Apr. 14 - National Gardening Day  
Apr. 15 - National Tax Day  
Apr. 16 - National Orchid Day  
Apr. 16 - National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day  
Apr. 18 - National Animal Crackers Day  
Apr. 21 - National Kindergarten Day  
Apr. 22 - National Jelly Bean Day  
Apr. 25 - National Telephone Day  
Apr. 26 - National Pretzel Day  
Apr. 30 - National Oatmeal Cookie Day

# Puzzle Page

Answers now on the last page!


## ACROSS

- 1.) Energy
- 4.) Five on a par four, e.g.
- 6.) Bottom of a pond food chain
- 7.) "Light My Fire" band, with "the"
- 8.) Show on which Kate McKinnon impersonates Hillary Clinton

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## DOWN

- 1.) Preppy shirts
- 2.) Goad
- 3.) Find in an oyster
- 4.) Scolding word to a dog
- 5.) "Sure thing!"



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## Sudoku: How to Play

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a single solution.

Enjoy!

## Did You Know?

### This month in 1924:

- Apr. 1 - Imperial Airways formed in Britain.
- Apr. 1 - The Royal Canadian Air Force was formed.
- Apr. 10 - Tubular steel golf club shafts were approved for championship play.
- Apr. 15 - Rand McNally published its first road atlas.
- Apr. 18 - First crossword puzzle book was published by Simon & Schuster.
- Apr. 19 - "National Barn Dance" premiered on WLS Chicago.

## **Cotton is King**

Written by: Janet Yocum

I recently asked my grandson what was his favorite memory with Grandma and Grandpa? He immediately replied being South Carolina farmers. We weren't really farmers, but we would help his parents by taking their three dogs to their country veterinarian while they were working. We dressed in our jeans, caps, and the grandson in his overalls. We loaded the dogs in a large dog box in the back of a very old pickup truck with Clemson tiger paws on the back window and played like we were South Carolina farmers. Our first stop would be for sustenance at McDonald's or Bojangles for biscuits. Folks would stop, talk to us, and our four-year-old grandson, who was very friendly would tell them we were South Carolina farmers, which invariably made them more interested in us. The fantasy continued as we drove to historic Bratonsville, turning right at the burned out cotton gin on Chapel Road to the veterinarian.

Years passed, and I moved to Westminster. My grandson, now six feet, one inch tall, is still friendly and is graduating -- and yes, going to Clemson. On one of our Ride Abouts, I saw a building called Louise Pettus Archives. I said, "I know her! I play bingo with her." Consumed with curiosity and being inquisitive, a polite term for being nosy, I approached Professor Pettus in apartment 129 in the Manor, and it was true. She was an educator, a faculty member of Winthrop and the Head Administrator of Winthrop Archives. She collected documents and provided students with both Winthrop and South Carolina history. She had completed all her study requirements for her PhD, but when her father passed away, she took over and managed the family's cotton gin located on Highway 521, the Charlotte to Lancaster highway. Like a cub reporter or a bloodhound in training, I began to quiz Louise about her father's cotton gin. She said her father had inherited the family's 139 acre farm from her grandfather, and he and a friend established the cotton gin. When the friend wished to pursue other interests, he sold his share to her father. Farmers from Lancaster, York, and Chester counties and even North Carolina brought their cotton to be ginned. It was then bought by

her father or taken by the farmers to the local textile mills.

Cotton was grown in the 1700s in the colony of South Carolina in the low country on cotton plantations. In the 1800s, the cotton gin was invented, and it became a cash crop. The cotton reign ended in the 1950s when polyester fabrics arrived and when earlier, factories had moved from places like Lowell and Lawrence, Massachusetts to South Carolina. Farmers abandoned farms to work in the mills. Cotton survived that time, the depression and boll weevils to resurge as a thriving industry.

Aware that Margaret Hausman, apartment 324, and her husband were real farmers with a farm near Chester and knowing that her farm was still an active producing farm, I consulted her. She said that South Carolina was well suited to grow cotton, and her farm produced cotton. She was able to give me good information about the cotton industry. Cotton farming had gone from a labor intensive process to a machine and chemical (fertilizer) intensive agriculture. Cover crops, moisture retention (irrigation), and conservation policies are all features of modern cotton farming. That, together with modern technology, is producing large yields per acre on large cotton farms located throughout the state.

Rock Hill had a large cotton factory located downtown. The building was put on the National Historic Registry in 1992, and is now being renewed and renovated with local restaurants, shops, and a sports complex. We had the privilege of a trip to the White Horse Restaurant located in the old cotton factory and marveled at the future of Rock Hill and the "Old Cotton Factory." The mayor tells us with the beautiful revival of downtown and the completion of the old cotton factory project, Rock Hill will be hosting some national sporting events. That, together with wonderful Winthrop University anchoring our city, we are truly blessed to be residents of Westminster and residents of Rock Hill. God Bless You, Janet Yocum.





# Welcome to the Towers!



**Alan & Shirley LeForce**  
Apt. 301



**Howard & Carole Barber**  
Apt. 428



*Abbey*  
Apt. 406



**Letha Hance**  
Apt. 203



**Doris Wells**  
Apt. 406



**Betty Rawls**  
Apt. 420





# Manor on the *Move*



Helen Benson and Rita Wengel



Manor residents doing chair yoga



Barbara Quinn and Miriam Hovis



Helen Benson and Intern Jake





Louise Lesslie



John Harris



Manor residents doing artwork

As a wellness team, we wanted to highlight all of the wonderful and active residents that live in our assisted living facility, the Manor. These residents participate in chair yoga, painting projects and love just visiting with others. Below are some pictures showing all of the wellness activities they participate in and more importantly, the great friendships they have formed.

# Generations

Copied and Submitted By: Ed McPoland

There is a tendency in today's world to put more than years between us. Somehow as humans, we have been stratified into a horizontal society instead of vertical. Layers of humanity are separated into age groups from preschool to those the social thinkers refer to as senior citizens. And somehow we are losing our ability to establish communications between layers. What is even worse, there is a growing hostility between these layers.

It is an unnatural situation. Humanity is vertically structured. The teenagers will become the young married or junior executive and, in turn, the middle-aged, and eventually the senior citizens. Each one of us will take his faults and virtues, his plus and minuses, through the years, being at all times the sum total of all he has experienced.

The separation into horizontal layers makes no sense at all. What of this talk that

no one over thirty understands the youth of today? If this is true, then what happens when you reach thirty? Do you suddenly join us and quit understanding those who have not quite reached the magic age?

Each generation is critical of its predecessor. As the day nears when classroom and playing field must give way to the larger arena with its problems of inequality and human misunderstanding, it is easy to look at those in that arena and demand to know why the problems remain unsolved. We who preceded you asked that question of those who preceded us, and another younger generation will ask it of you.

I hope there will be less justification for the question when it is your turn to answer. What I am trying to say is that no generation has failed completely, nor will yours succeed completely.

*The above is from a speech by Ronald Reagan titled "The Value of Understanding the Past," given at the Eureka College Library Dedication on September 28, 1967.*

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Lorraine Hernandez



Betty Worrell





30th Anniversary Painted Rock Project



## Spring Time

By: Lou Ardrey

The redbuds are blooming,  
Let's all give a cheer.  
This is my favorite  
Time of the year.

Forsythias, daffodils,  
Glowing like gold.  
What a beautiful  
Sight to behold!

Snow white pear blossoms,  
The pink cherry trees,  
Camellias, azaleas,  
My senses they please.

This new birth reminds us  
Of God's wondrous grace.  
He sent His Son, Jesus,  
To die in our place.

Redeemed by the precious  
Blood of the Lamb,  
God's perfect sacrifice,  
The Great I Am.

He willingly gave  
His life on the cross,  
That those who have faith  
Will be saved and not lost.

The message He sends  
To both Gentile and Jew:  
I'm dying to show  
My great love for you.

Salvation is free.  
It's a gift from above  
A priceless treasure,  
From God's heart of love.

But you have to receive it  
And claim this great prize  
Those who do so  
Are exceedingly wise.



# Brandy the Marvelous MINI HORSE



Bonnie Sallis



Laura Norwood and Mae Patten



Barbara Gladden and Arlene Jenkins



Sharon Miller with granddaughter, Samantha Cochrane



Betty Mahan and Alma O'Shields





Towers Residents Playing Ping Pong

## Wellness According to Mrs. Lenora Clark

By: Liz Gray

In the health center, many of the residents participate daily in activities, exercise classes, and attend religious services. Every resident has his or her own life story and special interests. Each month we wanted to highlight one of the fabulous residents we have the pleasure of serving in the health center.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, our friend Mrs. Lenora Clark turned 101! She still cannot believe it! She still walks and attends activities. She has a wonderful way of motivating everyone around her and making others feel special. When asked what her secrets were to being healthy at 101, she stated, "Veggies (mainly carrots), exercise and God."

Please wish Mrs. Clark a wonderful 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and many more!







Dorothy Modla



Sarah Schell



Charles Ives



Pinky Funderburk





George DeMott singing for the residents

## How Long Should You Keep Documents?

Submitted By: Ruthann Poore

Copied From: Federal Credit Union with Additions

We all have our stashes and stores of records we've been keeping, but how long do we really need to hold on to these items?

**Tax Returns** - The IRS states 3 years or 5 years if you own rental property; however, some tax planners suggest 5 to 7 years.

**Paycheck Stubs** - 1 year.

**Bank Records** - 1 year.

**House Records** - 6 years to permanently.

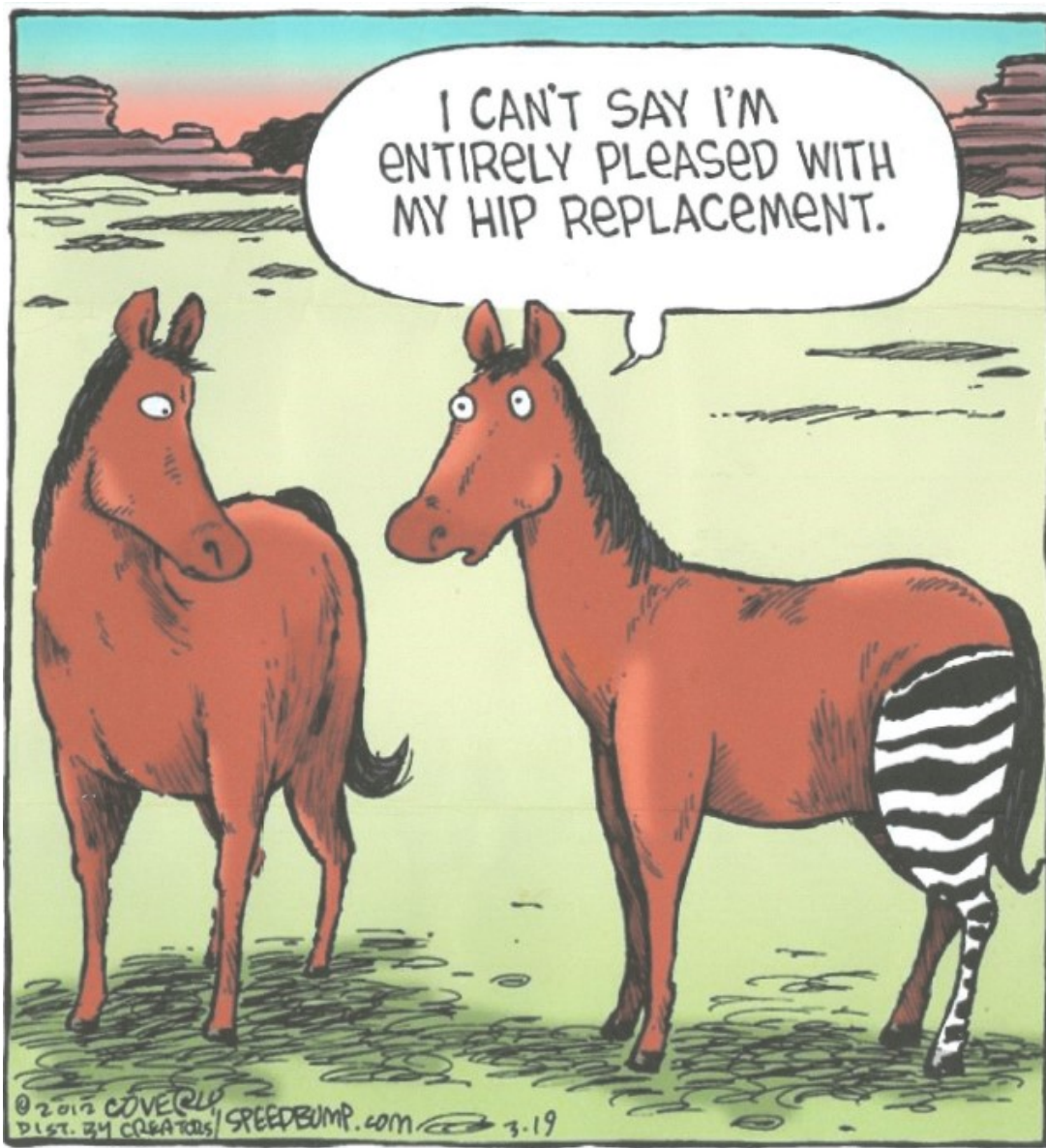
**Brokerage Statements** - Keep all annual statements until you retire or close the account.

**W-2 Forms** - Keep permanently.

**Credit Card Receipts and Statements** - Keep until the account has been reconciled.

**Insurance and Estate Planning Documents** - Keep while in force.

**Military Records** - Keep for the lifetime of the service member and spouse.



Prince: Charles Ives



King & Queen: Glen & Sharon Miller



Princesses: Ruthann Poore & Ann Geier

# Valentine's Court

Our apologies! The original pictures printed a bit too dark! Please take a moment to recognize your Valentine's Day Court Winners!



So do not fear, for I  
am with you;  
Do not be  
dismayed, for I am  
your God.  
I will strengthen  
you and help you;  
I will uphold you  
with my righteous  
right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**



## Contributions

### Endowment Fund

In memory of **Gloria**

**Cody**

Mr. & Mrs. Blackmon

In memory of **Lee**

**Smoak**

Dicksie Ward

Mr. & Mrs. Huitt

Dorothy Kerr

Lynn Hornsby

In memory of **Elizabeth**

**Howell**

Dorothy Kerr

In memory of **Nancy**

**Thomas**

Mr. & Mrs. Huitt

In memory of **Wilma**

**Martineau**

Frank Polito

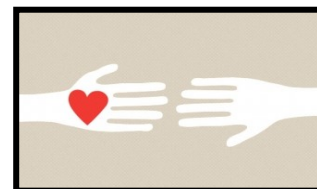
Dicksie Ward

Edmund Fitzgerald

## In Memory

**Lee Smoak  
John Player  
Nancy Thomas  
Florence Kane  
Edgar Higgins  
John Maddox**

*Any gift to the  
Endowment, Capital  
Campaign or Employee  
Assistance Fund can be  
made in honor or in  
memory of a loved one  
or neighbor.*



# We need your help!

Do you love to **write**?

Do you have a **great idea** for an article?

Do you have a passion for **photography**?

We could use your help to boost our newsletter and take  
it to new heights!

Entries can be submitted directly to Jennifer Allen or Sandy Graham.  
Deadline for entries for May is April 19th.

# This Month's Answers

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## Special Saturday BREAKFAST



APRIL 13, 2019  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

PANCAKE BAR

FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT BAR

BREAKFAST BUFFET OF:

SCRAMBLED EGGS  
BACON & SAUSAGE LINKS  
GRITS  
BISCUITS & CHIPPED BEEF

ASSORTED JUICES, COFFEE, AND MILK

Westminster Towers, an extension of the ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church, was founded on the theological principles and values of the Presbyterian Church in America. Our mission is to provide services that inspire, encourage, and empower seniors, while demonstrating the love of Christ to support individual well-being.



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