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Saved

Acts 27:31, *"Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved."*

Romans 5:9, *"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."*

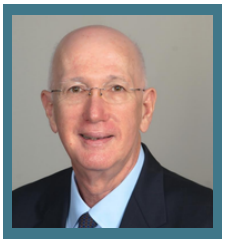
Above are two scriptures containing the word "saved". If you check into them, you will find that "saved" is the same in Greek as well as English for both of these scriptures.

Yet "saved" in the first scripture means, "saved from injury or physical death due to shipwreck" and it depends on keeping sailors in the ship.

The word "saved" in the second scripture means, "saved from God's wrath, and thus saved from death in trespasses and sins" and it depends on the perfect work of Jesus Christ alone.

How can someone distinguish the meanings of the word "saved"? Those meanings become clearer, if we read the entire verse, and read the verses of scripture around it. If we practice this often, many verses that might initially seem to "clash" will eventually be seen to declare a beautiful harmony.

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Amazing Condescension

***"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."* Heb. 2:16-17**

We are observing a milestone in our nation's journey. Two hundred fifty years in the experiment of independence and self-governance never before attempted. The opinion of many, at that time, was that this great experiment would ultimately fail.

The idea, penned by Jefferson in **(Page 2)**

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the Declaration of Independence, that "government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed" was a new and troubling notion that sent shockwaves through every capital in the western world. Rather than kings giving power to citizens, the citizens temporarily grant power to the government. The power hierarchy is reversed.

No one embodied the Revolutionary War more than George Washington. His leadership skills and integrity made him the most respected leader this fledgling country had ever seen. Even after the victorious war, when many troops were unhappy with the results of battle and attempted an uprising; upon conversations with General Washington imploring them to rejoin, battle worn and hardened soldiers openly wept. Their admiration and respect for their military leader were unmatched in loyalty and fervor.

In 1783, Washington did the unthinkable. He resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Army to the Continental Congress held at Annapolis. Among what he said in that speech that day, "I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my official life, by commending the interests of our dearest Country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendence of them, to his holy keeping. I here offer my commission and take my leave of all the employments of public life."

With that, he handed his commission and that speech to the President of the Congress and walked away from power. Many observers and historians consider Washington's resignation "the greatest moral lesson of our day." He served as the first elected president of the United States under its new constitution, over which he had presided. After serving two terms, he declined a third term. Many in the nation wanted to make him king, or a benevolent dictator; all of which he declined.

In 1796, in his Farewell Address as President, he said, "Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence; and that, after forty-five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself must soon be to the mansions of rest." Once again Washington walked away from power and honor, returning to his beloved Mount Vernon to live another three years.

What was his pattern or model for this self-denying behavior? Some say he was America's Cincinnatus, the Roman general and statesman who came to the aid of Rome, accomplished his task of defending Rome against invaders and then returned to private life. Surely, there is some similarity with that picture.

Is not however the most wonderful example of amazing condescension expressed in our opening verse, ***"he took on him the seed of Abraham?"*** He stooped down to ***"be made like unto his brethren."***

John 13:4 tells us, ***"He laid aside his garments."*** He laid aside His glory. He condescended. On this occasion, he knelt at the feet of His brethren and washed them. Humility personified. Paul tells us, ***"That, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."*** The scope of that Love cannot be measured. In Hebrews, ***"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation***

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perfect through sufferings."

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

May we comprehend and marvel in the fact that our eternal salvation and redemption is wrapped up in His Amazing Condescension.



This is a photo of preachers at the **Little River August Meeting** of Georgia from **2004**, which was hosted by **Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church**, which meets at **174 Fields McGhee Drive, Canton, GA 30114**. Shoal Creek plans to host the meeting again this year, beginning Thursday evening **August 13**, continuing all day Friday **August 14**, and concluding Saturday afternoon, **August 15, 2026**. Come visit in 2026! And come praying.

Many of these brothers are with the Lord Jesus Christ now, and I designate this by an **asterisk ***. From top to bottom, and left to right, they are:

Top Row: Mark Westbrook, Virgil Herrin, Andrew Huffman, **Don Farris***, **Charles Sandage***, Jeff Harris, **Edward Cagle***, **Dan Strickland***, Harold Hunt, Richard Sandage, Randall Cagle, Timothy Harris.

3rd Row: Neil Phelan, Steve Wilkinson, **Royce Beal***, Marty Smith, **David Guttery***, Darrel Chambers, **Joe Hildreth***,

2nd Row: Allen Daniels, **Bill McCarthy***, Dustin McLemore, Raymond Wyatt, **Harold Stumbaugh***, Dolph Painter,

Bottom Row: Joseph Arnold, Ken Still, Glenn Ray (current pastor of Shoal Creek), Ricky Arnold, Marty Hoskins, Gary Harvey, Carl Staten, **Gene Thomas***, Lamar Burkett, **James Pruitt*.**

Submitted by Elder Marty Smith

NEW MEMBER



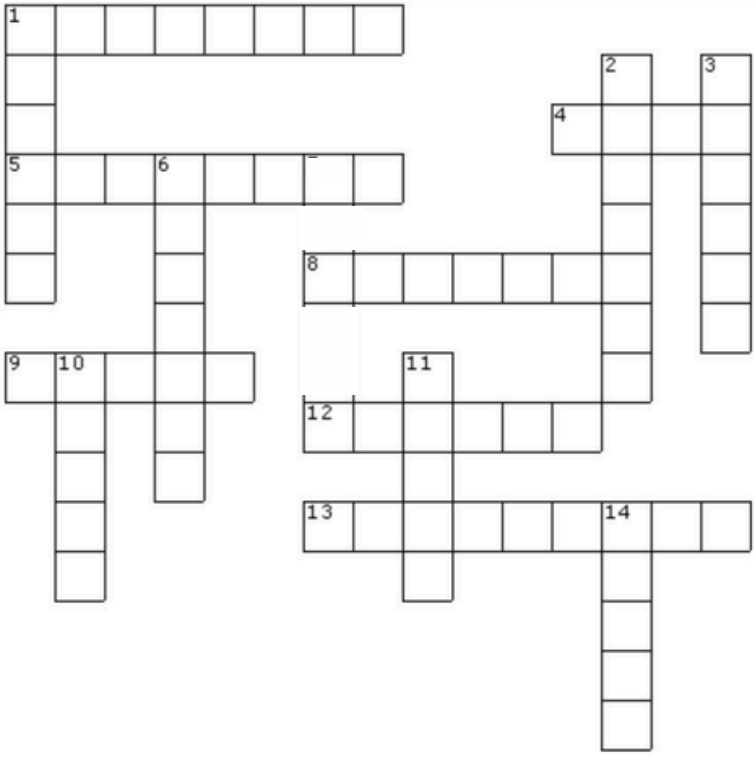
Lily Carter
Forsyth Primitive Baptist Church

Forsyth Primitive Baptist Church rejoices over the reception and baptism of **Sister Lily Carter**. She is a young lady of good character and we trust will be a blessing to the church as the church is a blessing to her.

Special thanks to Union Primitve Baptist Church for the use of their baptismal pool and, more significantly, for their congregation joining in the baptism service.

Pictured at left: Elder Dan Hall, her pastor, and Sister Lily Carter.

FAMOUS QUOTES CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1) Suffer little ____, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven

4) It is more blessed to ____ than to receive

5) The Lord is my ____, I shall not want

8) ____ ____ is a lamp unto my feet

9) For God so ____ the world, that he gave his only begotten Son

12) Enter ye in at the ____ gate:; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction

13) He hath made every thing ____ in his time

DOWN

1) Many are called, but few are ____

2) Seek ye first the ____ of God, and his righteousness

3) To every thing there is a ____, and a time to every purpose under heaven

6) Rejoicing in hope; ____ in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer

10) I am Alpha and ____, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord

11) Man shall not live by ____ alone

14) The spirit indeed is willing, but the ____ is weak

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OBITUARY

SANDRA LOUISE WILKINSON



Sandra Louise Wilkinson, 83, of Loganville, Georgia, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Saturday, July 4th, 2026, after a short battle with cancer. She was born to Larry Allen and Sadie Green Wilkinson of Decatur, Georgia, on March 7th, 1943.

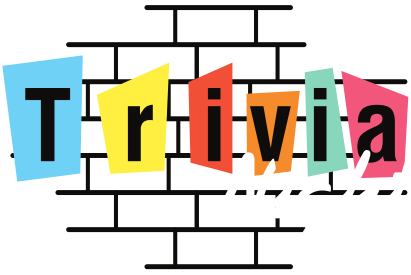
Sandra grew up in Decatur, GA, and graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1961. After graduating, for a short time, she worked at Woolworth on Broad St., Atlanta. Later, she began her career with DeKalb County Government in Decatur. After 34 years at the county, she retired in 1998 to take care of her mother, and shortly after moved to Loganville to be closer to family. In her retirement, after her mother passed away, she worked part time at the Hallmark Card Shop in Snellville and Stone Mountain for 8 years.

She was a loyal member of Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church for 63 years and was strong in her faith. She was also a lover of Sacred Harp singing. You could always find her singing alto at a singing.

She was fortunate to enjoy a long retirement - she enjoyed traveling and went on several extensive trips with Christian Tours over the years. In recent years, she enjoyed going to trivia, music bingo, going to weekly lunches with "the Lunch Crew" ladies, and occasional outings with her friends from Hallmark. She frequently joked with her close family that her schedule was "packed". She loved her family immensely. She recently made the comment that her Lord Jesus Christ had guided her through her entire life and blessed her far beyond measure. She had a heart of gold and a gentle and generous spirit that will truly be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; several aunts and uncles; and brother-in-law, Tom Hanson. She is survived by her sister, Carol W. Hanson of Grayson; niece, Leslie Hanson (Heather Willett) of Tucker; nephew, Russ Hanson of Grayson; her two cat companions, Zoe and Zac; several cousins and special friends. A very special thank you to close cousin, Brenda Leavelle, for her constant support and loyalty to our family throughout Sandra's illness.







1) How old was Joseph when his brethren sold him into slavery?
A. 69 B. 23 C. 17 D. 90

2) Who suggested that Joseph interpret the dreams of Pharaoh?
A. Potiphar B. The butler C. Judah D. The baker

3) What are the names of Joseph's two sons?
A. John and Mark B. Cain and Abel C. Ephraim and Manasseh D. Dan and Naphtali

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Prayer Requests

Brother Mac Aldrige - *brain tumor*

Sister Aileen Hood - *breast cancer*

Pray for our churches without pastors

Pray for our nation and leaders

SAVE THE DATE

SEP 17-20 (Thr-Sun)
100th Anniversary - Bethany PBC,
5101 Old Atlanta Rd, Suwanee, GA
Worship: Thursday 7PM
Friday 10:30AM, 2PM, and **7PM**
Saturday 10:30AM, 2PM
Sunday 10:30AM
If you have specific memories or photos of Bethany Church, we'd love to hear from you via email at silas_ford@yahoo.com.

NOV 19-21 (Thr-Sat)
2026 Preachers Meeting
Hosted by **Boiling Springs PBC**,
1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA
THEME: How Firm a Foundation
Meeting is open to all. Details to follow.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETINGS

Boiling Springs PBC
1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA
We meet every **Tuesday** at **6 PM** for our midweek meeting/Bible study.

Camp Creek PBC
310 Camp Creek Rd SW, Lilburn, GA
The **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** each month we have night service by Zoom at **7:15 PM**. To obtain the link please email pastor@campcreekchurch.org

Forsyth PBC
6010 Shiloh Road, Alpharetta, GA
We have Bible Study via Zoom on **Wednesday** at **6:30PM**. Please text Sister Kathleen Heard at 270.535.9284 to join.

Mount Paran PBC
3749 Mount Paran Church Road, Social Circle, GA
We meet every **Wednesday** at **7 PM** for our Bible study in person and online via Zoom.

Rock Springs PBC
ZOOM Meeting ONLY
Worship at **7 PM** each **Thursday**. Email Elder Herb Newsome (hnews01@comcast.net) for the link.

Sandy Springs PBC
940 Mt Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA
Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7:45 PM** via Zoom. Text Bro. Lloyd Wilkinson 770.633.8420 to join.

Tallapoosa PBC
1021 Tyus Carrollton Road, Carrollton, GA
Eld Asa Moseley, III, fills a standing appointment on the 4th Sunday each month.
We have lunch on the last Sunday of each month.

Union PBC
335 Cox Road, Roswell, GA
We have Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7 PM**, also via Zoom. The **Preachers' Meeting** is via Zoom only the **second Sunday** each month at **7 PM**.
Text Bro. Marty Smith 770.401.7982 to join.

Special Meetings

AUG 7-8 (Fri-Sat)
Tallapoosa PBC - 1021 Tyus Carrollton Road, Carrollton, GA
Elder Victor Halbgewachs will be with us Friday for our **Annual Meeting**. Elders David Smith, Glenn Ray, and Jonathan Mooney will be with us Saturday. **Worship: Friday 7PM** (ice cream 6PM); **Saturday 10:30AM** (lunch) and **Communion.**

AUG 13-15 (Thr-Sat)
Little River August Meeting - 174 Fields McGhee Road, Canton, GA
Shoal Creek PBC is hosting the **Little River August Meeting.**
Worship: Thursday 7PM (dinner 6PM)**; Friday 10AM** (lunch), **afternoon,** and **7PM** (dinner 6PM)**;** and **Saturday 10AM** (lunch)**,** and **afternoon.**
We invite all to come worship with us.

AUG 23 (Sun)
Little River Monthly Mtg - 1200 Birmingham Road, Milton, GA
Boiling Springs Church will host the meeting. **Worship: 4PM**

AUG 23 (Sun)
Tallapoosa PBC - 1021 Tyus Carrollton Road**,** Carrollton, GA
Elder David Smith will be with us. **Worship: Sunday 10:30AM.**

AUG 30 (Sun)
Oak Grove PBC - 1440 Birmingham Road, Milton, GA
Elder Ron Crocker will be with us. **Worship: Sunday 10:30AM**

AUG 30 (Sun)
Rome-Midway PBC - 5615 Martha Berry Hwy, Armuchee, GA
Elder Brad Hansard will be with us. **Worship: Sunday 10:30AM**

AUG 30 (Sun)
Tallapoosa PBC - 1021 Tyus Carrollton Road, Carrollton, GA
Elder Joseph Hayes will be with us. **Worship: Sunday 10:30AM** (lunch).

SEP 4-5 (Fri-Sat)
Mount Paran PBC - 3749 Mt Paran Church Road, Social Circle, GA
Elder Dolph Painter will be with us for our **Fall Meeting**. **Worship: Friday 7PM** (6PM Supper), **Saturday 10AM** (lunch) and **1:30PM**

SEP 6 (Sun)
Athens-Area Fellowship Meeting - 5900 GA Hwy 81**,** Loganville, GA
Shiloh Church will host the **Athens-Area Fellowship Meeting.**
Elder Philip Dukes (AL) with be the guest preacher. **Worship: Sunday 4PM**

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1) C (Gen 37:2); 2) B (Gen 41:12-13); 3) C (Gen 41:51-52);