



# The Good News of First Presbyterian Church

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## The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

**G** Growing in Christ through *worship*.  
**R** Reaching out in *fellowship*.  
**A** Affirming faith through *discipleship*.  
**C** Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.  
**E** Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

### June Memory Verse

*"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;  
you made both summer and winter."*

*Psalms 74:17*

## New Pastor approved at Congregational Meeting on May 23, 2021



On May 23, 2021, the congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church approved the call of Rev. Bryan Kunz to be our next installed pastor. He will officially become our pastor July 1, but he and Pastor Tom Bower will be transitioning responsibilities throughout June. Pastor Tom's last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 27<sup>th</sup>.



## From the Pastor Nominating Committee



On May 23rd, our pastor candidate Rev. Bryan Kunz, and his wife Larissa, joined us in worship. Bryan preached about "What is True Mustard Seed-like Faith" and

answered questions from the congregation after the service. A Congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church was held in which the PNC moved to approve Bryan Kunz as our installed pastor. In a unanimous vote of 131 ballots, the congregation elected Bryan as our new Pastor. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the vote, and people got to meet Bryan and Larissa while enjoying coffee, tea, and donuts.

So, who is Bryan Kunz? Bryan Kunz was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He met his wife Larissa at Christian summer camps where they both worked. They were later married in 2013 and have a son Declan (3) and a daughter Esme (1). Pastor Bryan was previously employed as associate pastor at Harlem Reformed Church in Holland, MI. Larissa grew up in Canada, and works as a Pediatric Emergency Room Nurse at Mercy One in Des Moines.

We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to our church.



## Celebrate Pastor Rich's Ministry

# CELEBRATION

You are invited to join us in celebrating Pastor Rich King's ministry at First Presbyterian Church and beyond on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Center St. Marshalltown, IA. The celebration will be from 1:00PM – 4:00PM with the first half-hour being drive thru greetings in the parking lot. A receiving line in the church will begin at 1:30PM. The program will be at 3:30PM in the Sanctuary and will also be live streamed on the First Presbyterian Marshalltown Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/116655131691795/live/>

In preparation for this celebration a love offering is being collected. If you would like to participate, please write your check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Rich King" in the memo line by **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The gift will be presented to him during the program on June 6, 2021.

learn from all of these events. Yes, there have been struggles, inconveniences, even pain and grief. We recover and life moves on. And we want to move on as better people. We want to have grown from what has happened in our lives. Galatians 6: 9 comes to mind: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Second, we need to keep our focus. The coach tells his athletes, "Keep your eye on the ball." Sort out what is really important. For believers, the object of our focus is, of course, Jesus Christ. As Hebrews 12:2 puts it, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." It's easy to be glib about that and think pastors have to say such things.

But it's just plain good psychology for Christian and non-Christian alike to focus when things seem to be scattered and complicated and almost out-of-control. And we believe our focus is Christ and we do ask in complex circumstances, what would Jesus do? We even ask what would Jesus think? Proverbs 3 says, "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths."

---Rev. Tom Bower

## Words of Wisdom from Rev. Tom Bower



### "TOPSY-TURVY"

Someone said to me recently, "Aren't our lives sort of topsy-turvy right now?" I assumed he probably meant in our country (pandemic), in our town (tornado and derecho

cleanup and repair) and in our church (Facebook vs. in-person, new pastor coming).

Add to the list, funerals, baptisms, graduations, VBS around the corner, Pastor Rich's upcoming ministry celebration (June 6) and on and on. We certainly have no excuse to be bored!

Topsy-turvy means "upside down or utter confusion or disorder." I thought for a moment about what he said, and then I replied, "No, no, no, not topsy-turvy but busy, very busy, and FILLED WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES!"

Yes, it can be a challenge for us not to allow our busy-ness to become topsy-turvy. I'm talking about our activities in church, for sure, but also our personal lives in the community and in our families. How to do that? How to not be topsy-turvy? First, we need to discipline ourselves to ask what we can



**Rev. Bryan Kunz** will officially become our pastor on July 1, 2021. He and Pastor Tom will be together during the four Sundays of June, as follows:

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|---------|--|
| June 6  | Tom leads the service. Bryan preaches.                   |
| June 13 | Bryan leads the service. Tom preaches.                   |
| June 20 | Bryan leads and preaches.<br>(Tom out of town.)          |
| June 27 | Bryan leads the service. Tom preaches.<br>(final Sunday) |



## Congratulations 2021 Graduates

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2021. May God be with you in everything you do and bless you always.



**Johnny Ascher** graduated from Marshalltown Learning Academy. His plans include joining the Marines ROTC and later pursuing a culinary degree. His mother is Elizabeth Ascher. Johnny has been the King family's houseguest this spring.



**Drew King** graduated from Marshalltown High School. He plans to attend the John Deere Tech program through Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar. His

parents are Rich & Valerie King.

### Congratulations to our college graduates:

**Mindy Allenstein**, granddaughter of Linda and the late Roger Allen, who graduated from Ohio University with a Master of Science in Athletic Training.

**Nicholas Cooper**, who graduated from NYU Tisch School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama.

**Ellen Podhajsky**, who graduated from Baylor University with a Master of Arts degree in Spanish Linguistics.

**Austin Tullis**, who graduated from the University of Iowa in December 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Physiology.

**Samuel Turner**, who graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Management Information Systems.

**Peter Wilkinson**, who graduated in December 2020 from DMACC with an Associate of Arts degree.

**Deb Williams**, who graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

## Valerie King Resigns as Director of Choirs

To the Administration and Personnel Committee, The Worship and Music Committee, and the Board of Session of First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown:

I write this letter as notice of my resignation as Director of Choirs of First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown effective June 1, 2021. It is appropriate, as it will give space to the new pastor to set his own worship style. It will also allow Rich and me to visit friends in other congregations on Sundays, as Rich will no longer be committed here each week.

We wholeheartedly support the selection of the new pastor, Rev. Bryan Kunz, Larissa, and their children. We pray that you will embrace them as you did us many years ago.

---In His Love,  
Valerie King

## Missions News



The Mission and Evangelism Committee met via Zoom on May 5th, 2021, at 7:30pm.

The M&E Committee met and discussed plans for guest speaker Pastor Bill Wilson. We also discussed the upcoming clothing drive for Orphan Grain Train and reviewed correspondence on the ministries of Jennifer Davis and Jill Podhajsky.

The committee also evaluated a list of potential upcoming projects.

Hat's off to Jill Podhajsky, as she had raised \$1,275 of her \$1,500 goal, with an additional commitment from the Global Team of \$5,000, toward funding a new school building for Jonathan's House. She is hoping to make the donation by the end of the school year. Great job, Jill!

*"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."* - Psalm 37:5

---Amy Drummer



## A week of tributes to Dad



To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father's Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

"The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature."  
—Antoine F. Prévost

"To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world." —Unknown

"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows."  
—Richelle E. Goodrich

"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love." —Unknown

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one."  
—Linda Poindexter

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there." —Max Lucado

"I love my father as the stars. He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart." —Terri Guillemets



## No boundaries

Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's or [our] country's border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do.

—Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is the Way*

## Circle News

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet on **Thursday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Lower Lounge. They will discuss Study Lesson 3, Jesus' Last Week.

**Sarah Circle** will not meet in June.



**Flapjacks** will have their first get together on **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in the Lower Lounge. They will be deciding on the best meeting time for the future.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Event



The children were so happy to see each other, return their fish banks, and have some fun in the parking lot on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They threw water balloons

at the wall and used chalk to trace the outlines and make pictures. They also worked on a special gift for Pastor Rich's ministry celebration. On the way home one youngster told his dad it "was the best day of [his] life!"

## Financial Report for APRIL

APRIL 2021	Actual
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$26,176.00</b>
Budget	32,071.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$25,113.00)</b>
Budget	(34,447.00)
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$111,147.00</b>
Budget	136,057.00
Difference	(24,910.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$114,793.00)</b>
Budget	(148,601.00)
Difference	33,808.00



Be sure to keep your pledge up to date by mailing your donations to First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Center St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.



## Altar Flowers



The altar flower sign-up is underway. Please call or email the church office to request a date to sponsor flowers for the 2021 year. Most summer Sundays are still available.



What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up, brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown

## Orphan Grain Train Clothing Drive Ends Soon



The Missions Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive for Orphan Grain Train, a Christian charity with a branch in Clemons. OGT's mission statement reads: *In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.*

The last day to bring your clean boxed or bagged clothing items is **Sunday, May 30**. They will be collected after worship in the Gathering Place.



## Sunday School



In May, Sunday school children learned about Paul and the amazing transformation God made in his life. They also learned about Jesus' Ascension, the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and had a Zoom meeting. Thank you to **Wynona & Steve Anderson, Matt Broshar, and Terri Rottink** for recording video lessons in May. The CE Committee determined there will be no Sunday school this summer in order to allow for ample fellowship time if we are able to safely resume it. We are planning a return to "normal" Sunday school, pandemic allowing, in the fall.

## Vacation Bible School



This summer Vacation Bible School will be a one day-all day event on July 23, 2021 at Grimes Farm. **God is Great** is our theme.

Lots of fun outdoor activities are being planned for preschoolers – 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and older children and youth can participate in the fun by being helpers. Many adult volunteers will be needed for this fun, Spirit-filled event.

## Summer Camp

Resident summer camp will be offered this summer at Lakeshore Center on Okoboji. **Carissa King** will be a counselor there this summer! If you are interested, please visit the camp website <https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org> and click on the summer camp tab. Camp can be a powerful experience in faith formation. Because of this, the CE committee has scholarships available to all children. Brochures are also available in the narthex. **Please see Michelle** before registering so your scholarship can be applied.



## God Sightings

God is active everywhere, every day. Where have you seen him?

- Lilacs
- Pretty blue flower in bouquet
- Kids cheering on their teammates
- A good night's sleep
- A "normal" graduation ceremony
- The rain
- Talking with a friend
- A baby squirrel
- Improved grades



## You're invited!

You are invited to a graduation open house in honor of Drew King and Johnny Ascher, 2021 graduates of Marshalltown High School, on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The party is at the King home, 1831 Prairie Ave.



**Wynona Anderson** for trimming the bushes and tidying up the plantings around the church.

**Pastor Tom Bower** for mowing the grass when Debbie was sick.

**Steve Anderson** for repairing the lighting failure in the sanctuary.

Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of May: **Matt Broshar, Sue Bryant, Mercedes Love, and Bert Tice.**



**Thank you to Valerie King** for serving faithfully as Director of Choirs at First Presbyterian Church for the last 15 years. Thank you for using your talents to God's glory. May you be blessed as richly as you have blessed us. You will be missed.

## That you may live

During the pandemic, I've worshiped online with several congregations. The web address for one ends ".net/live." As I navigate to this site, I tend to read the adjective form "live," as in "livestream." One Sunday, however, the verb form, as in "Worship and live," popped into my mind. I had almost slept in and skipped that morning's service. But as I worshiped with others, albeit remotely, my spirit indeed felt increasingly alive. That whole day I felt I was *living* more fully because I'd been inspired by God's Word in sermon and song and shared in praising God with others. Worship reminds us there is something — Someone — greater than ourselves. Worship opens us to new ways of living.

Moses, after he had passed along God's gift of the Ten Commandments, including the rule to keep the Sabbath day holy through rest and worship, told the people, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 5:33, NIV).

We too worship God regularly — so that we may more fully live.

—Heidi Hyland Mann







The **Emergency Food Box** would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Please note that we will **return to our regular hours** of service starting May 3, 1:30 - 4:30, Monday through

Thursday. We will not be open on Fridays.

We are currently in need of the following food items: **canned fruits, canned vegetables, cereals, canned soups, peanut butter.** Please no glass containers. (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.)

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) any weekday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box*. Our mailing address is: *EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158*. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

**We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy Staron, (641) 752-4868.**

## MAY SESSION ACTIONS



The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown met in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom, May 18, 2021.

Moderator Rev. Tom Bower opened the Session meeting at 7:00 p.m. Pat Hemming presented the devotions and prayer.

There was a quorum in attendance.

**Motion prevailed** to approve the April 20, 2021, Session minutes.

**PNC report:** Terry Buzbee reported several members of the PNC were present for the Commission on Ministry (COM) meeting and they were pleased with how well the candidate did. The COM approved Rev. Bryan Kunz and the terms of his call. The next step is the congregation's approval on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Terry and Pastor Tom walked Session through the congregational meeting process and conducted a test poll of the Zoom system to be sure it

would allow people attending the congregational meeting via Zoom to vote. There was also a discussion of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> reception and what new CDC guidelines meant for masks, donuts, and children. If the congregation approves the call of Rev. Kunz his target start date will be July 1. Pastor Tom is ready to help with a smooth transition.

Staff reports were presented.

**Finances:** Matt Broshar presented the financials noting we are still below the budget but are meeting expenses. April giving was weak and dropped below the previous year giving. Our fund balance is still strong, however, and May has started strong.

**Finance/Stewardship:** Ron Kauffman reported the committee has not met.

**Mission/Evangelism:** Case Hegeman reported the committee had Bill Wilson, who does ministry to the homeless in NYC, here May 10. They are also conducting a clothing drive with Orphan Grain Train in May.

**Worship & Music:** Wynona Anderson reported 71 people took communion on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a link failure in the sanctuary lighting control box, but it has been fixed.

**Christian Ed:** Angie Pietig reported that graduates will be honored on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school teachers will be needed in the fall, and Sunday school may look a little different.

**A & P:** Terry Buzbee reported the committee met with Matt Broshar to get a better understanding of the roles of the financial secretary, bookkeeper, and treasurer. They are looking at budget guidelines and the possibility of reinstating a joint budget committee.

**Membership & Involvement:** No report

**Property:** Pat Hemming reported committee has decided to go with Heart of Iowa for phone and internet. The elevator sump pump has been working.

**Church Reopening:** Don Feld reported social distancing had been removed from the center section of the sanctuary but remains in place in other areas at this time.

**Other:** Pastor Tom reported Nancy is unsure whether she can return to work June 1.

Ashley Johnson will present the devotions for the June 2021 Session meeting.

**Motion prevailed** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed at 7:57 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Tom Bower and the group repeated the "Lord's Prayer."

Newsletter deadline with **JULY 2021** information is due **Sunday, June 20, 2021** for anyone wanting to submit an article.



*Members in mission making a difference.*  
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**Reminder:**

June 14 – Flag Day

**June 15 - Session**

June 20 – Father's Day





## June 2021 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lauren Mosher	3 Ruth Feld	4 Ralph Bender Diane Broshar Reena Pearson	5 Diane Starn
6	7 Rich Daniels	8	9 Kathe Fulk Kurt Lynch	10 Mary Hemming	11 Stan Van Wyk Michelle Wilkinson	12 Ryan Jensen
13 Doris Strand	14 Larry Erion	15 Nolan Bartlett Ashley Hala Anastasia King	16 Marylou Beckman	17	18 Craig Henze	19 Dennis Ostrem
20 Rhoda Bender Saxon Hancock	21 Brecken Payne	22	23 Linda Allen Lynn Jensen Moyra Severa Lucas Thiessen	24 Anna Randall	25 Roger Anders Kallen Flack Rod Plavets	26 Cathy Pearson
27	28	29 Jacob Thiessen Austin Tullis	30 Steven Broshar Zachary Broshar			

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
<b>Worship Leader...</b>				
<b>Greeters.....</b>				
<b>Fellowship Hosts...</b>				
<b>Cup Washers.....</b>				
<b>Nursery.....</b>				
		No greeters, fellowship hosts, cup washers, or nursery at this time due to covid-19.		
				&
<b>Deacons.....</b>	Barb McBride & Marge Wolfe	Paul & Karin Podhajsky	Pat & Nancy Kremer	Keith & Diane Oleson
<b>Donuts .....</b>	No Donuts	No Donuts	No Donuts	No Donuts
<b>Flowers .....</b>	Lynn & Connie Jensen	Lee & Michelle Wilkinson		Pat & Nancy Kremer
<b>Ushers .....</b>	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY
<b>Team Captain</b>	<b>Terry Buzbee</b> Harlan Quick Larry Schrum Don Turbiville	<b>Brenda Severson</b> Stan & Nancy VanWyk Barb Vovos	<b>Roger &amp; Karen Schoell</b> Pat & Mary Hemming Karin Podhajsky Paul Podhajsky	<b>Dick &amp; Barb McBride</b> Doug & Karen Bacon
<b>Usher Alternates in alphabetical (9:00 a.m. – All Year)</b>	Bonnie Bradbury Roger Bristley Doug Butler Jim Grimmus	Craig Henze Pat Kremer Dennis Ostrem Tracy Ostrem	LaVern Paul Harlan Quick Jerry Schaudt Brenda Severson	Don Smith Yasuyo Smith Barb Vovos

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>5:45p CE</b> <b>Committee/VBS - LL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7:00p Property Meeting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 1:00 p Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Dr. Richard King	<b>7</b> <b>6:30p W &amp; M Meeting – Zoom</b> <b>7:30p Missions Meeting - Zoom</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 a Worship - online & in person	<b>14</b>  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 pm Session</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1:30 pm Elizabeth Circle – Lower Lounge</b>  2:00p First Pres serves at House of Compassion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 a Worship – online & in person  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 a Worship – online & in person Pastor Tom's last Sunday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
						



## Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

*Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.*



- You can hold but not touch this. \_\_\_\_\_
- Before using this, you must break it. \_\_\_\_\_
- This falls without getting hurt. \_\_\_\_\_
- This gets bigger the more you take away. \_\_\_\_\_
- This has an eye but cannot see. \_\_\_\_\_

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the \_\_\_\_.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit  
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun



## A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:

"As a father has \_\_\_\_\_ on his children, so the  
LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on those who fear him."

*Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.*

- |                             |                         |   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S   | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O   |
| • Solomon = O               | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I              | • John the Baptist = N  |   |
| • Jesus = C                 | • Jacob and Esau = A    |   |

- God:** "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." C
- Adam:** God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. \_\_\_\_\_
- Noah:** His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. \_\_\_\_\_
- Abraham:** God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaac:** His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. \_\_\_\_\_
- Laban:** He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacob:** Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. \_\_\_\_\_
- Saul:** His son was David's best friend. \_\_\_\_\_
- David:** He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. \_\_\_\_\_
- Zechariah:** His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: compassion