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Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

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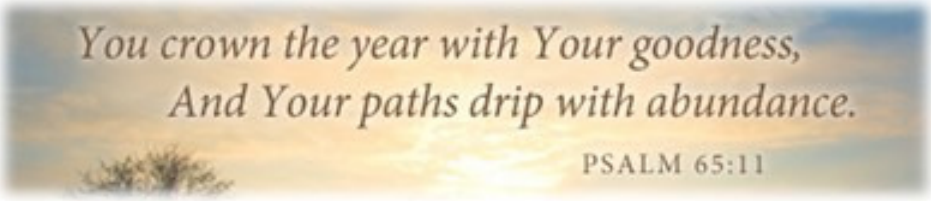
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The Word of Life

Message

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is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
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With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
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yet saints their watch are keeping;
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And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
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and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
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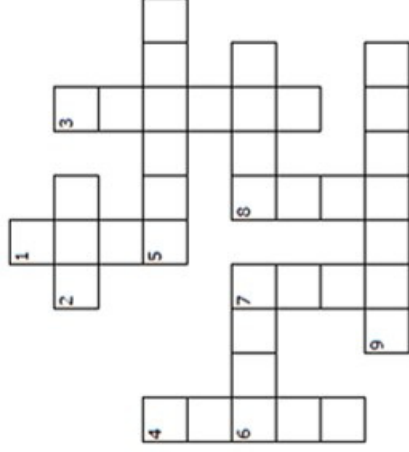


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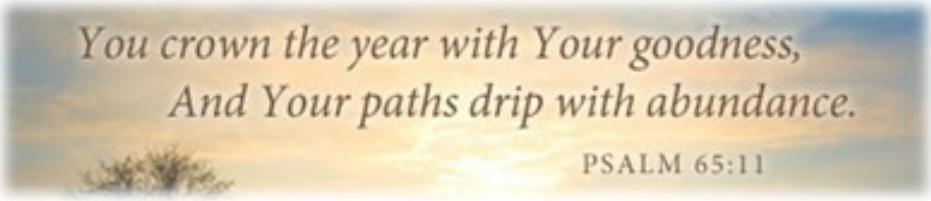
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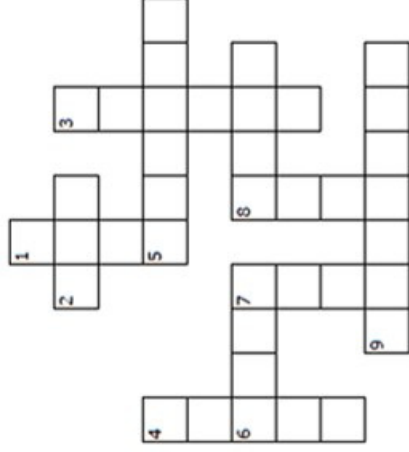


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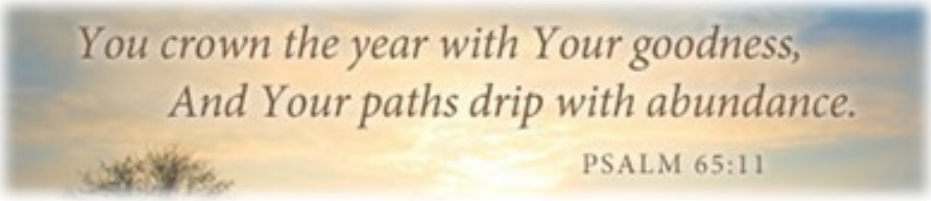
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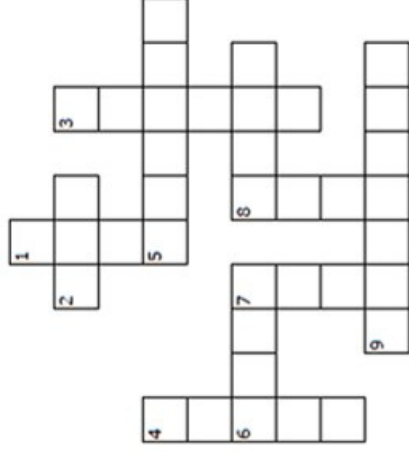


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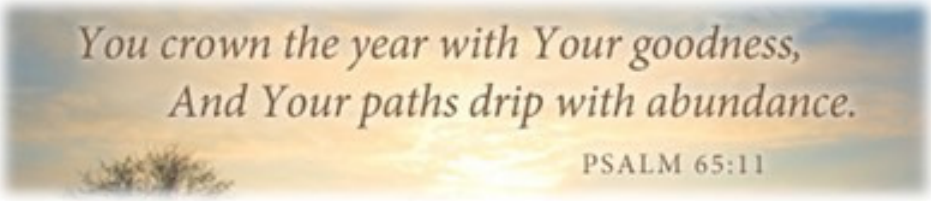
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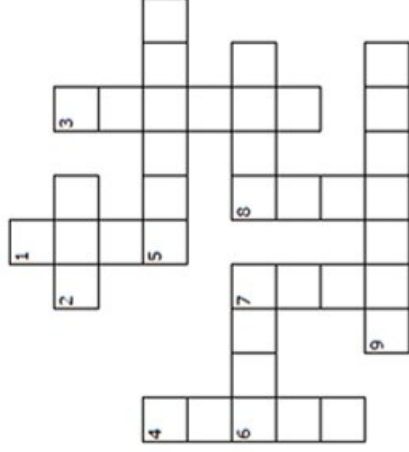


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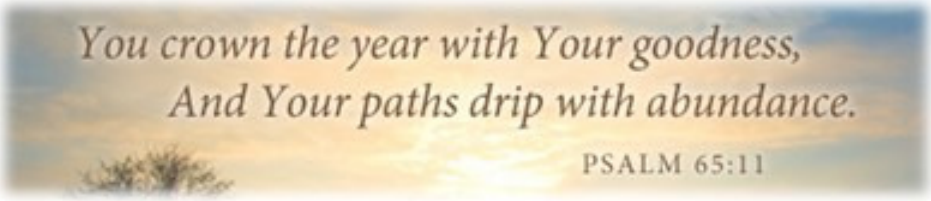
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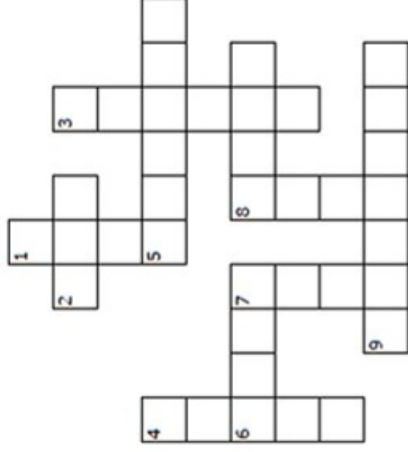


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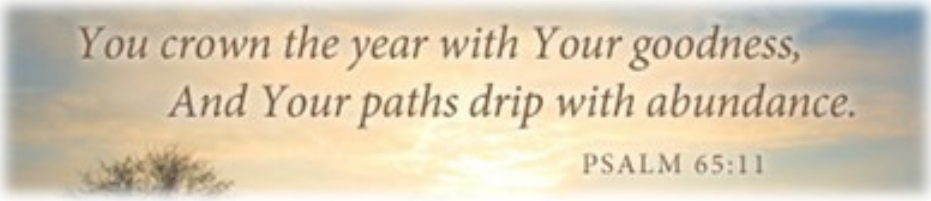
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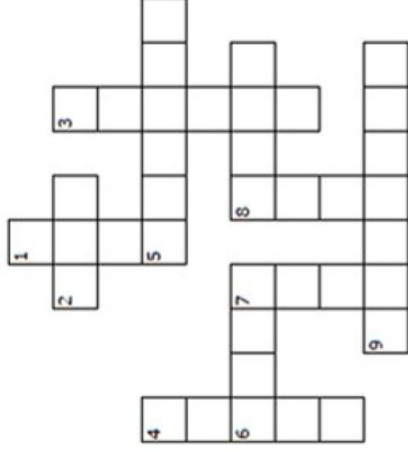


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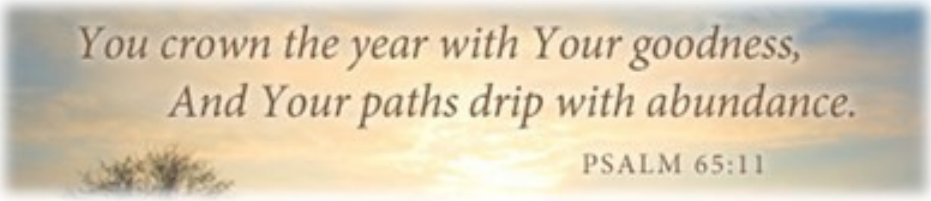
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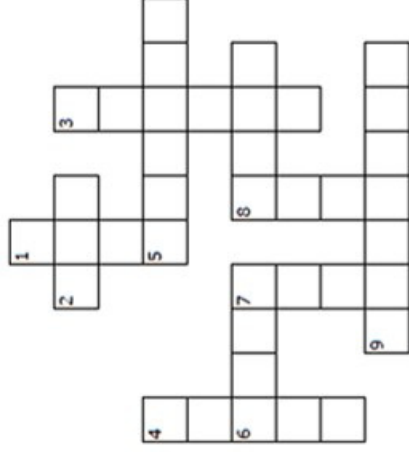


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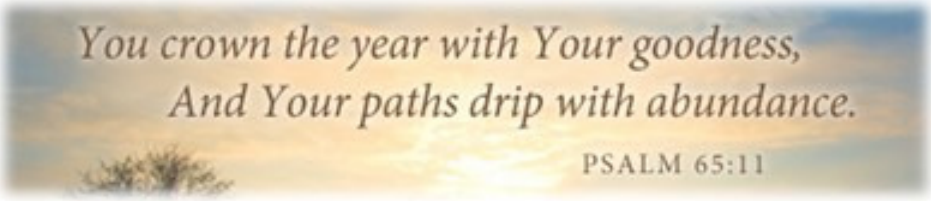
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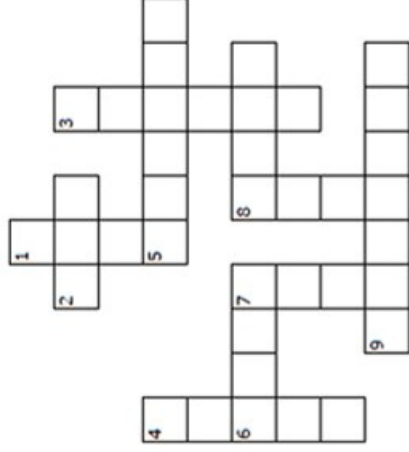


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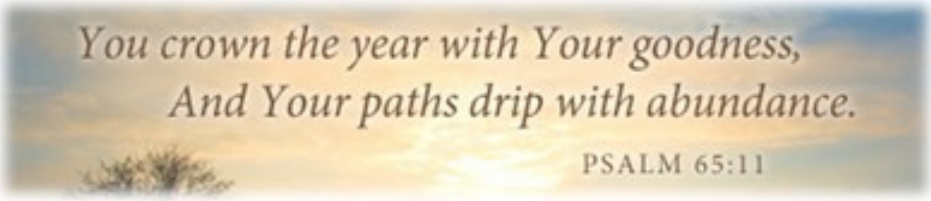
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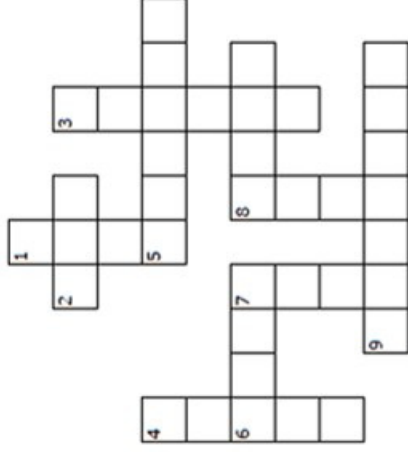


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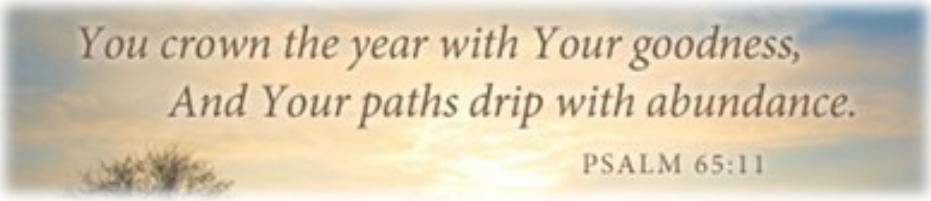
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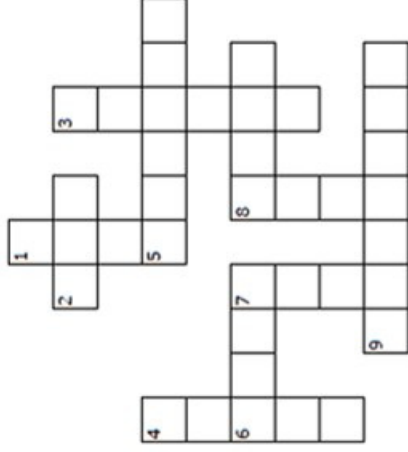


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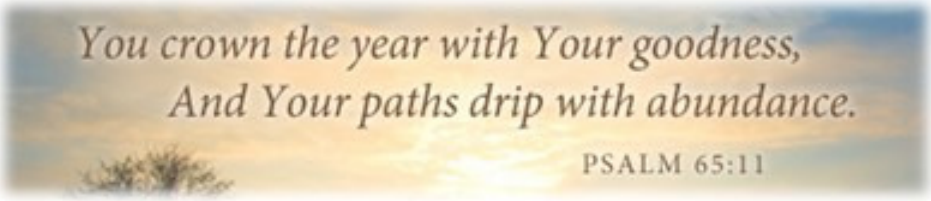
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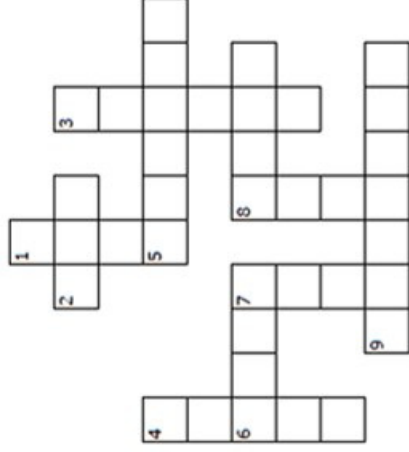


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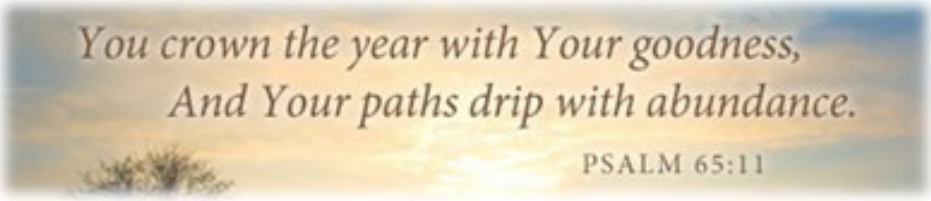
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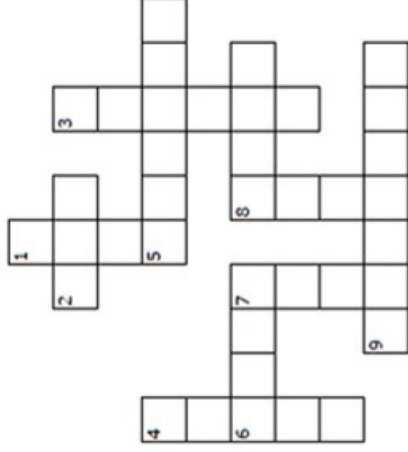


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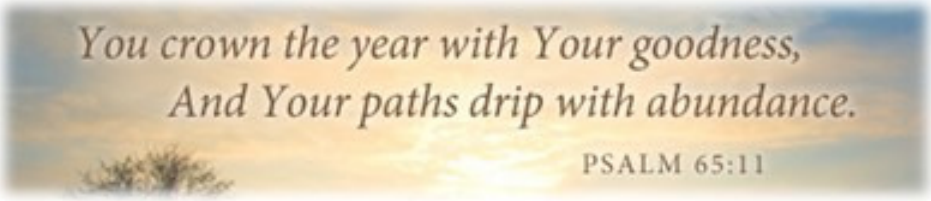
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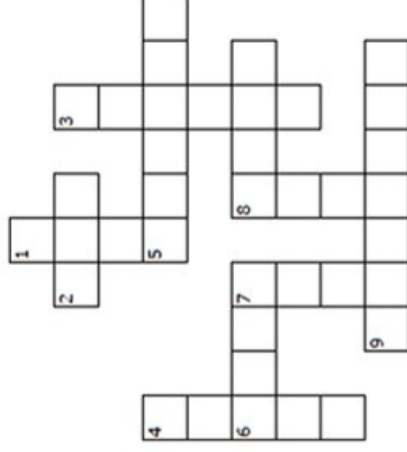


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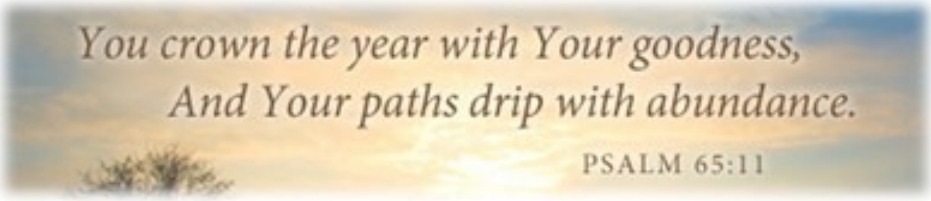
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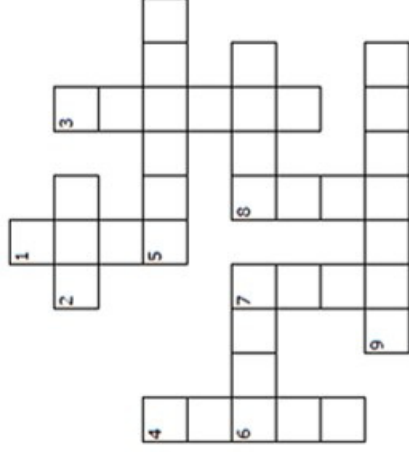


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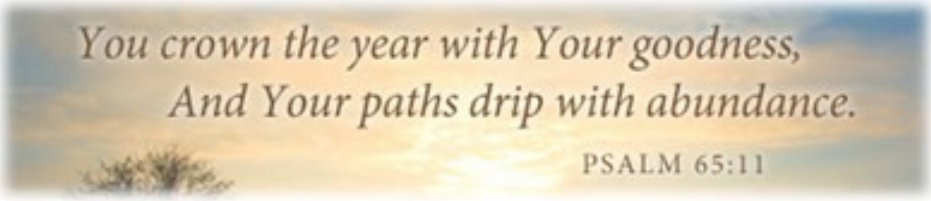
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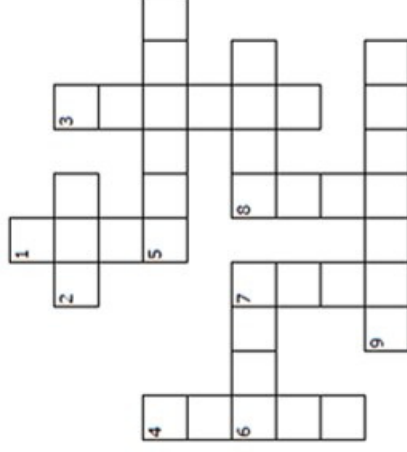


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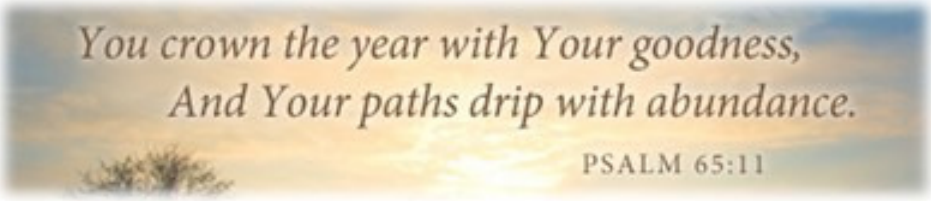
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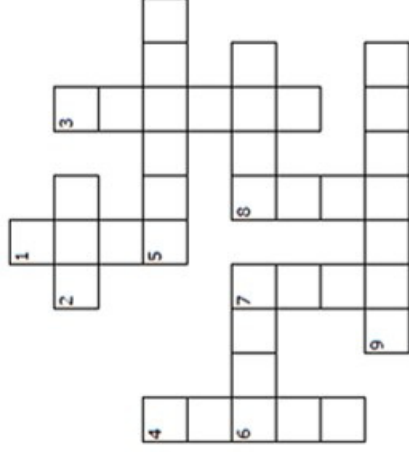


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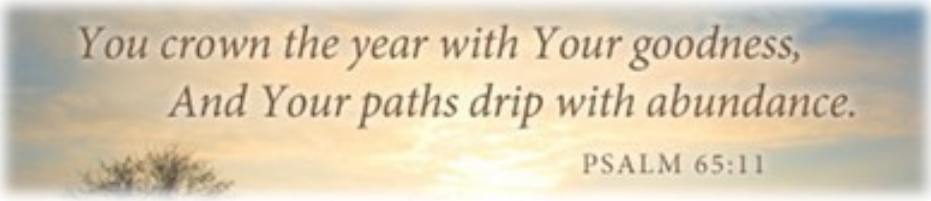
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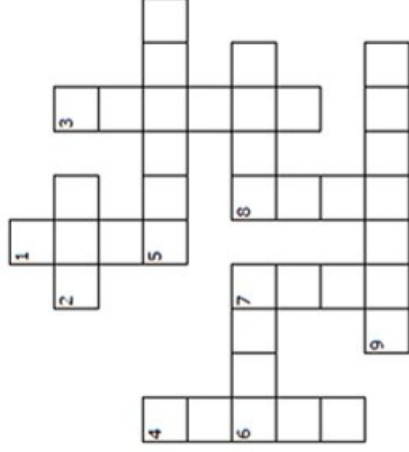


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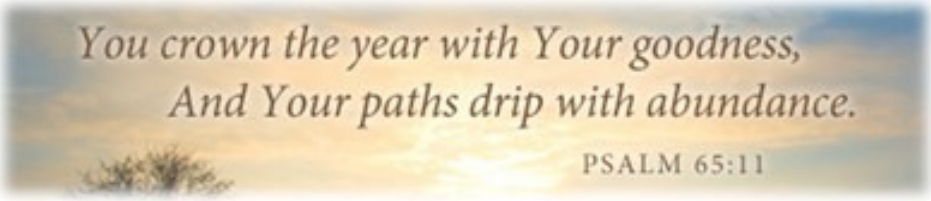
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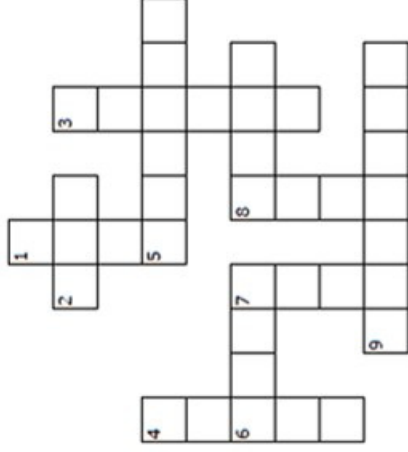


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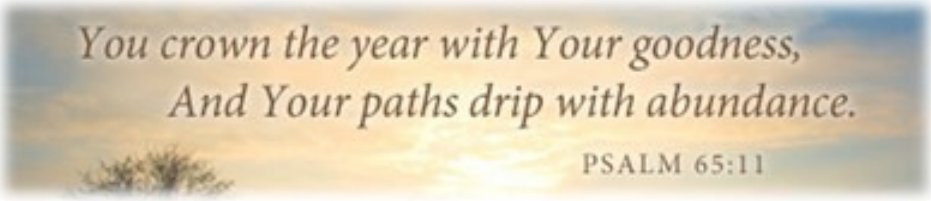
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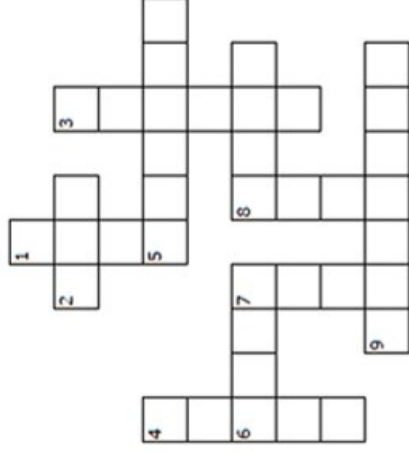


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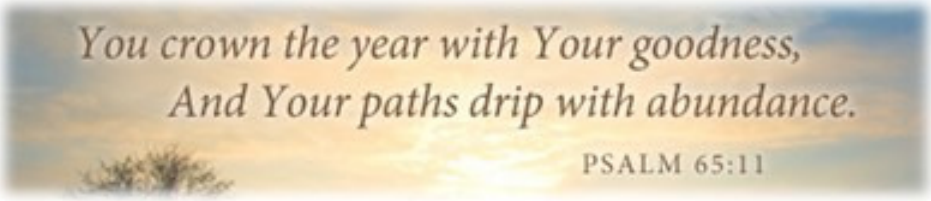
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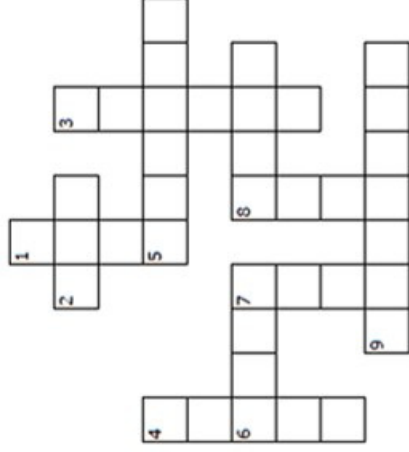


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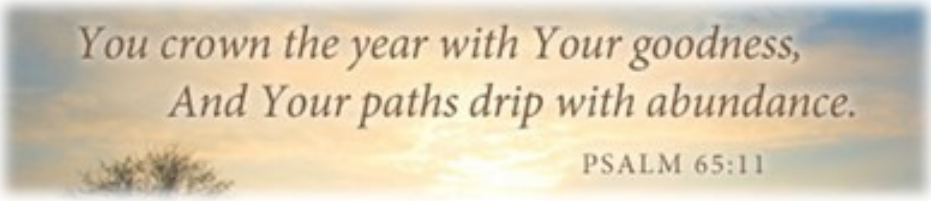
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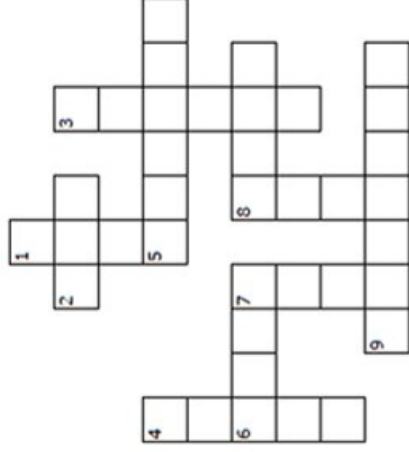


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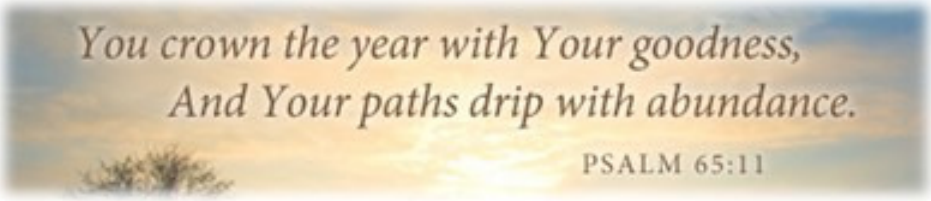
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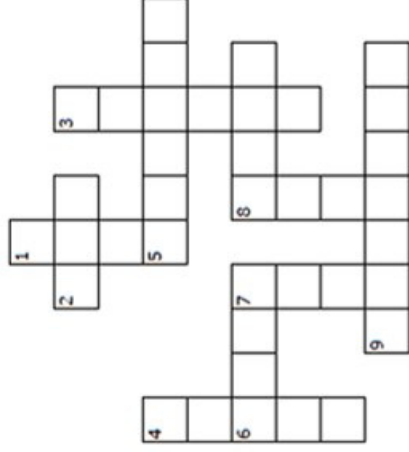


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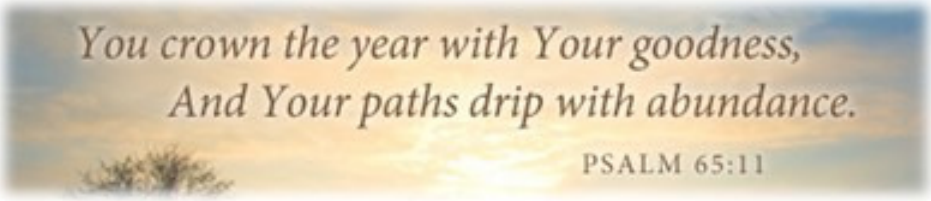
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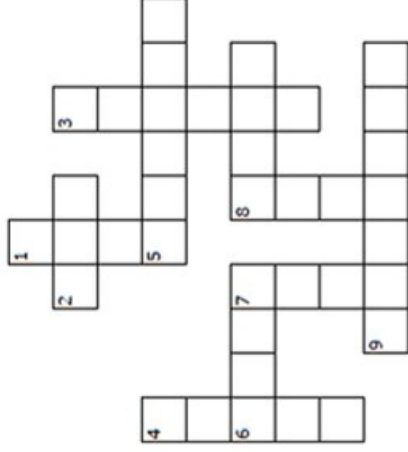


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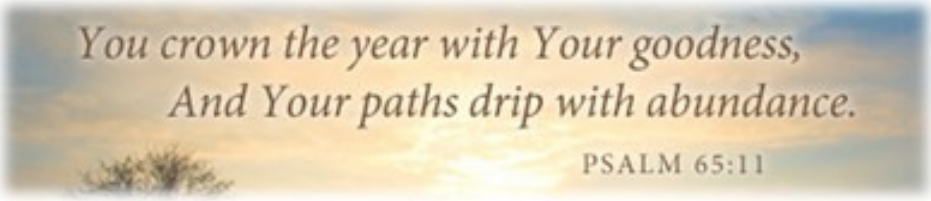
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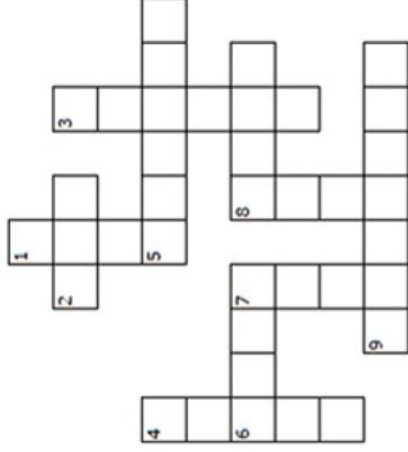


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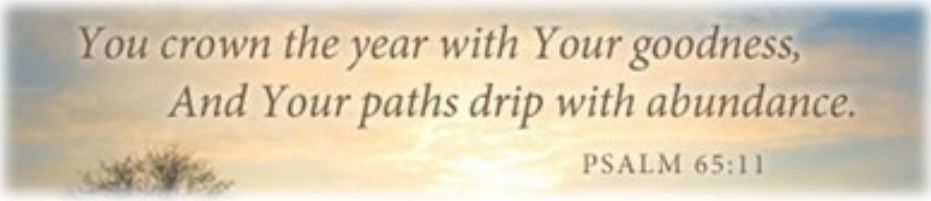
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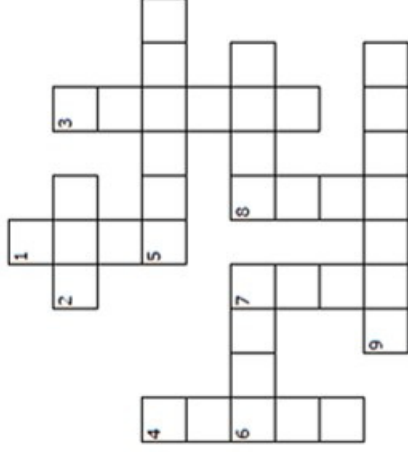


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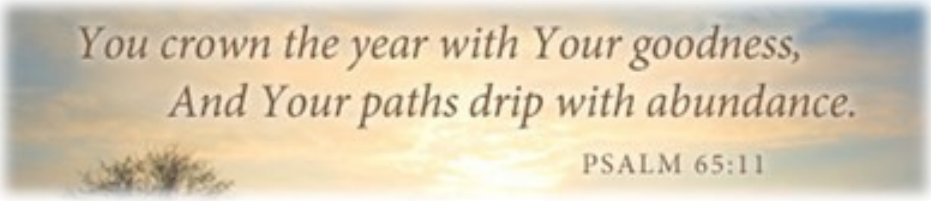
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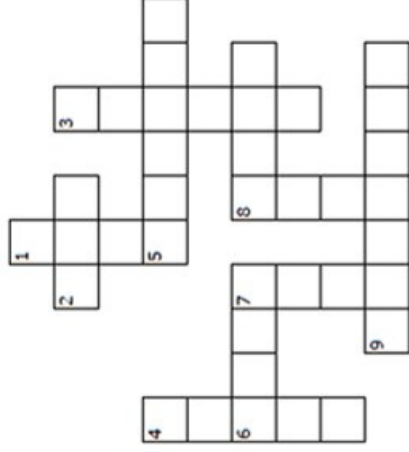


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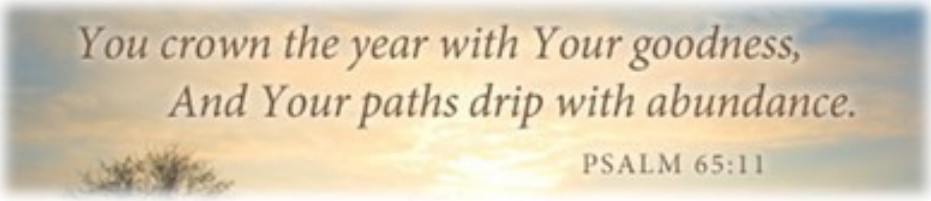
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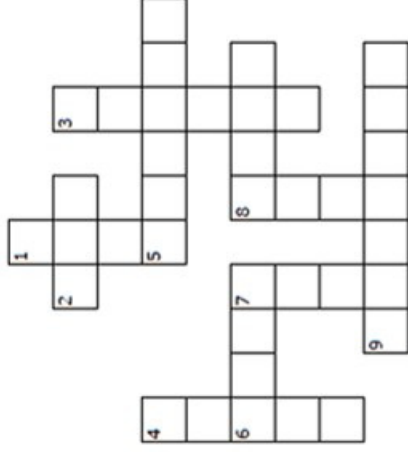


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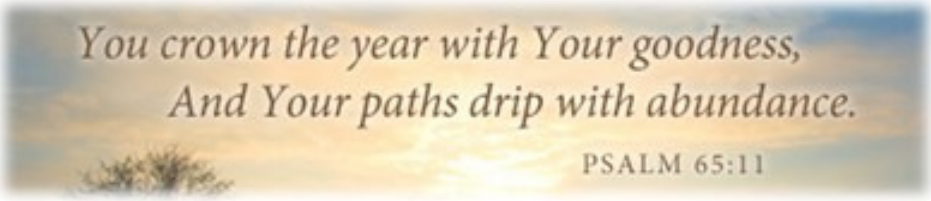
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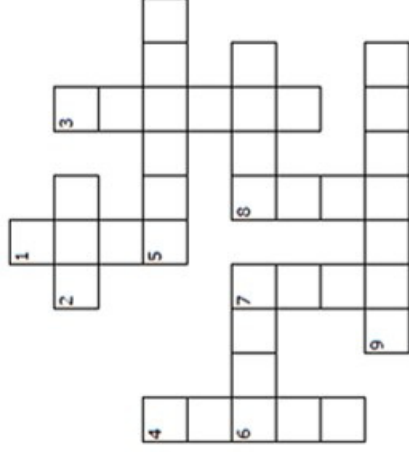


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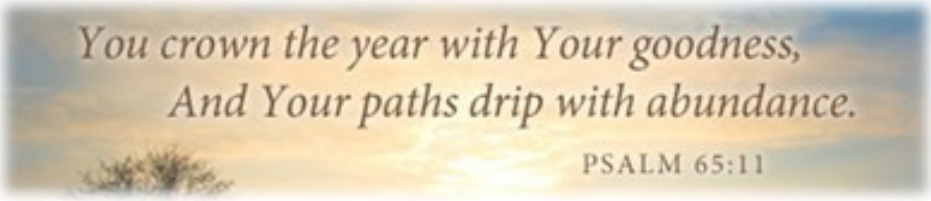
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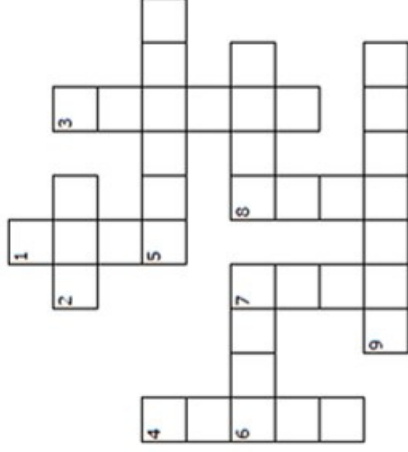


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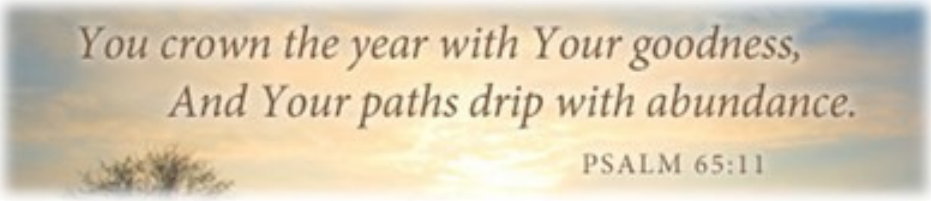
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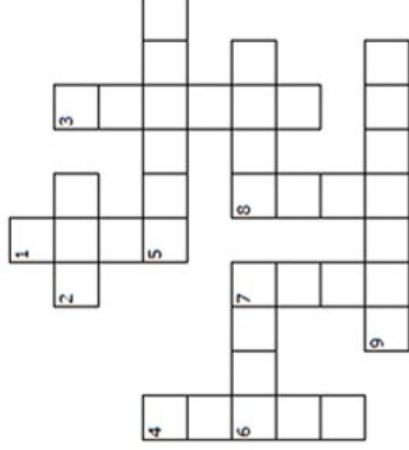


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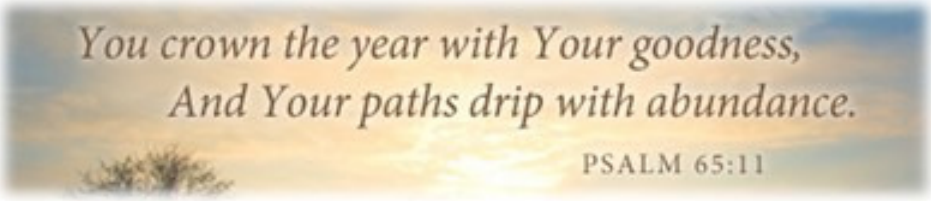
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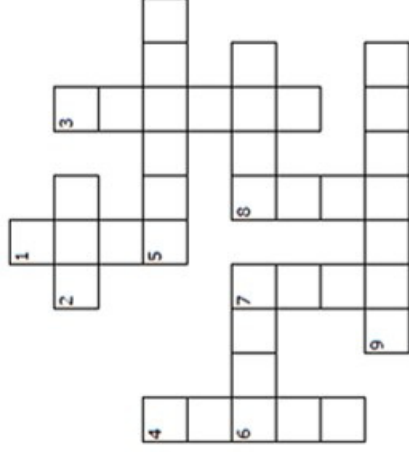


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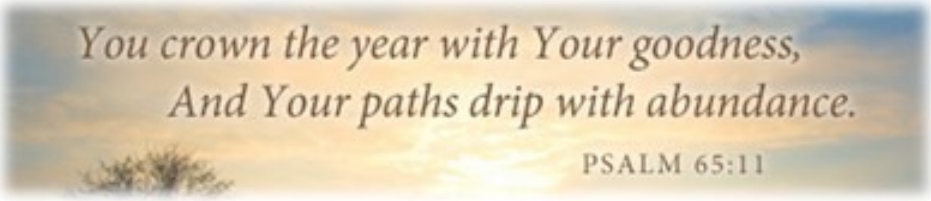
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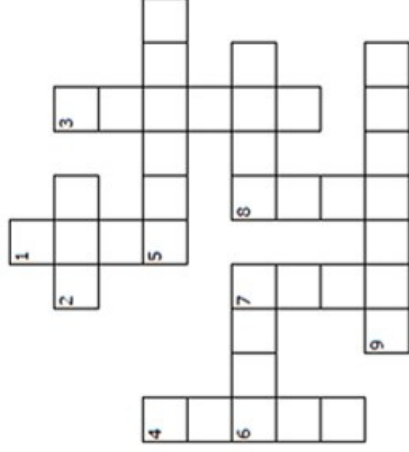


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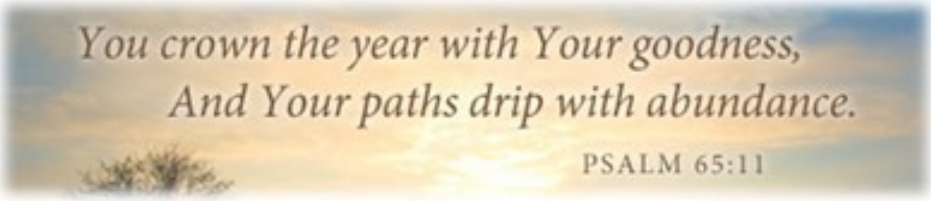
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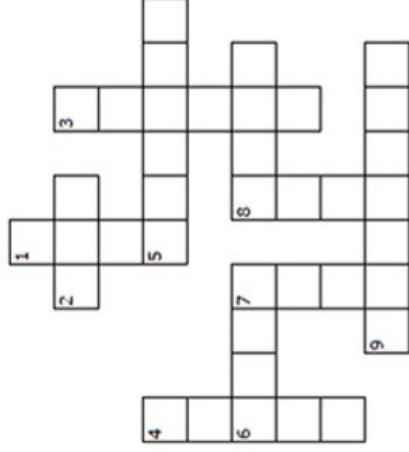


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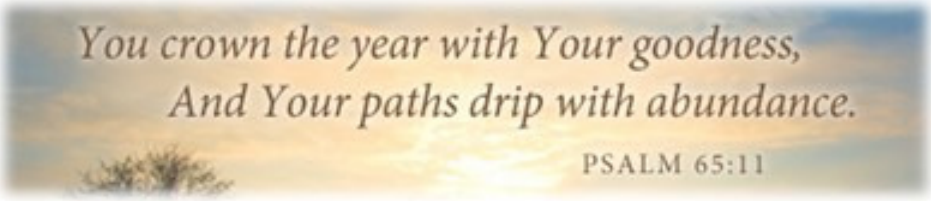
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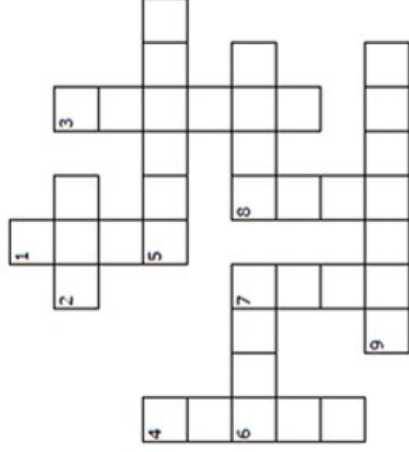


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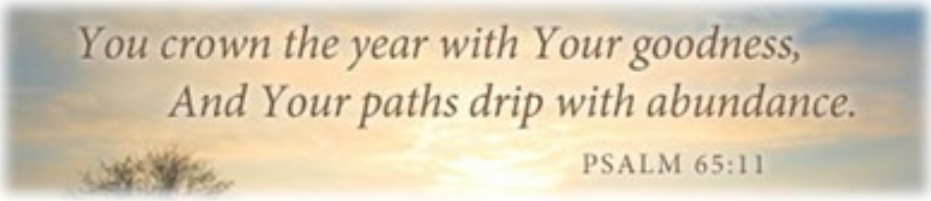
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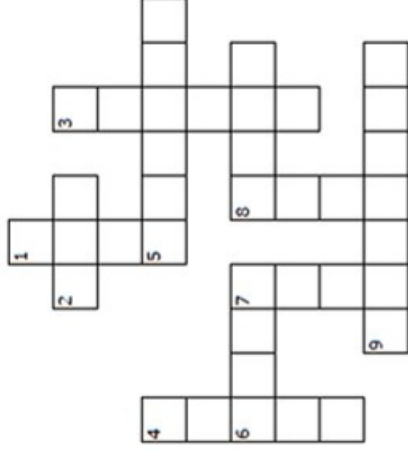


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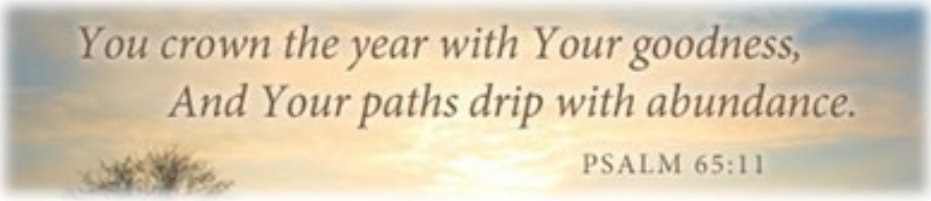
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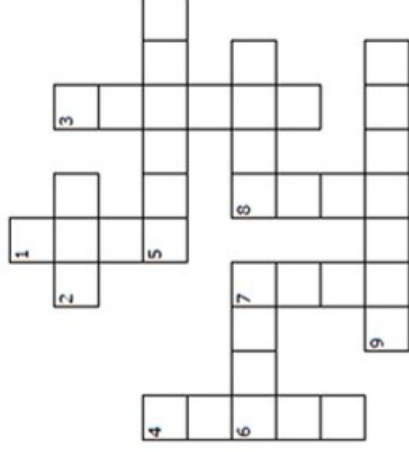


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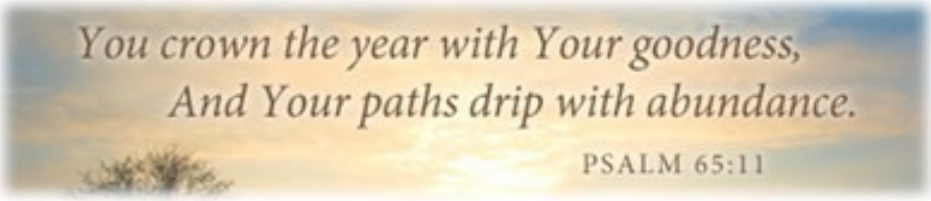
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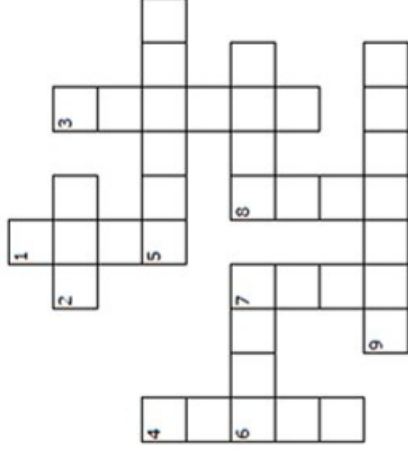


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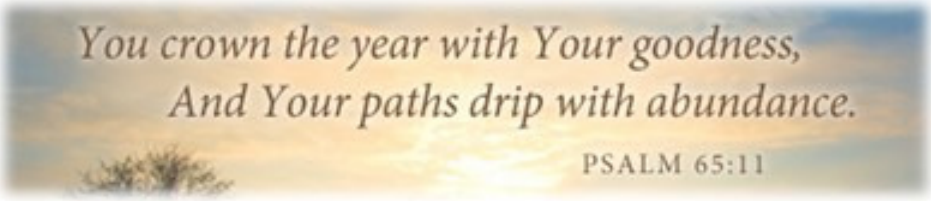
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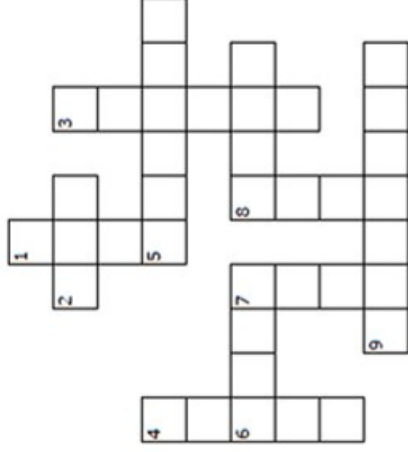


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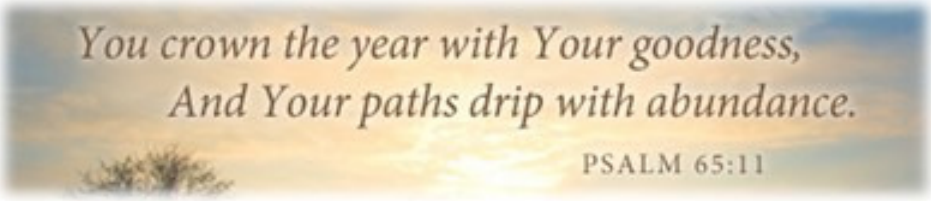
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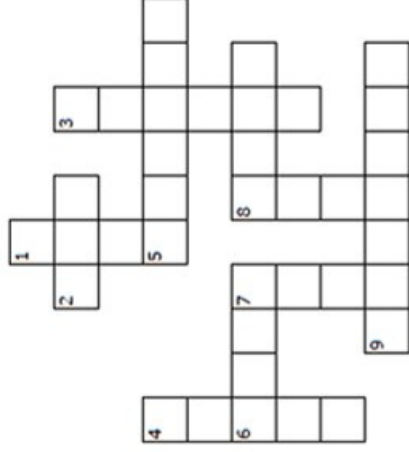


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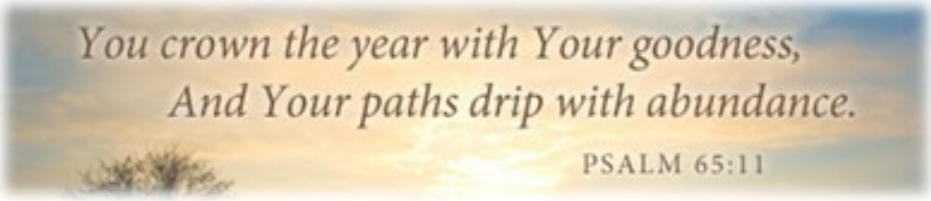
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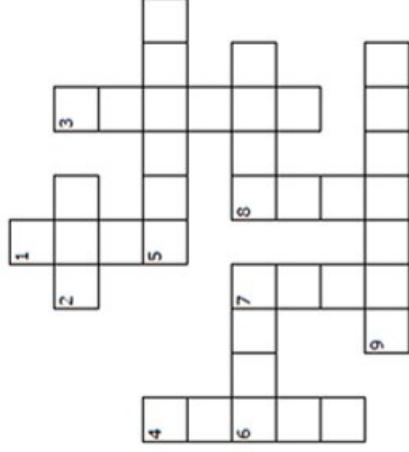


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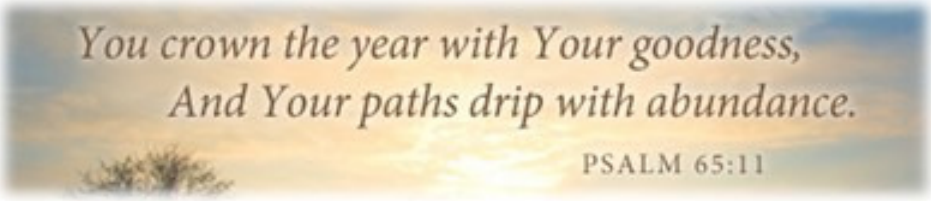
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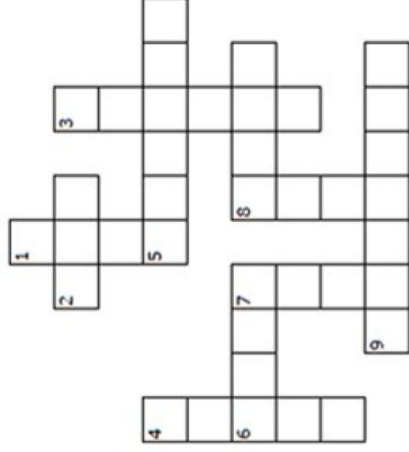


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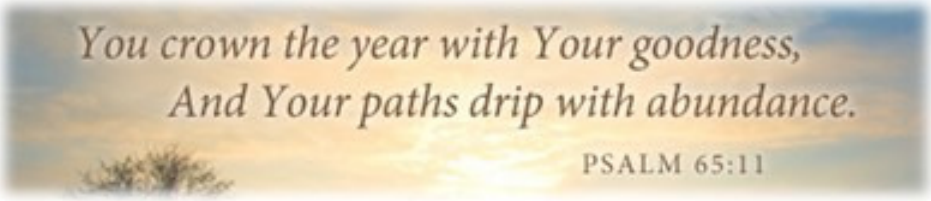
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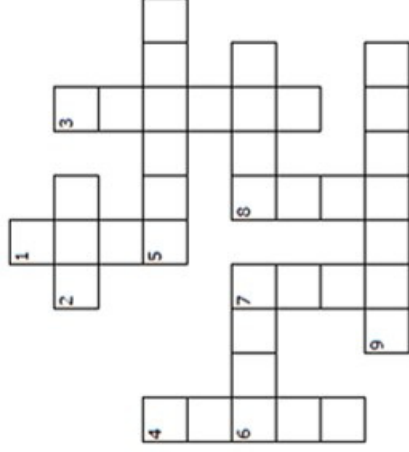


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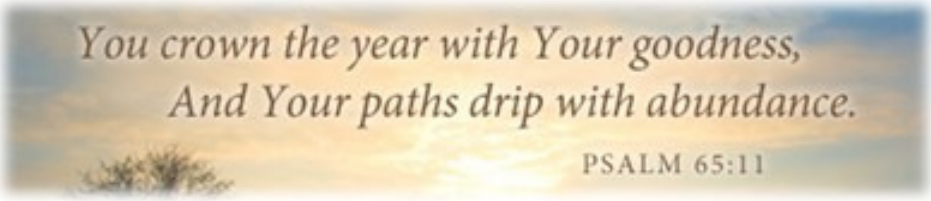
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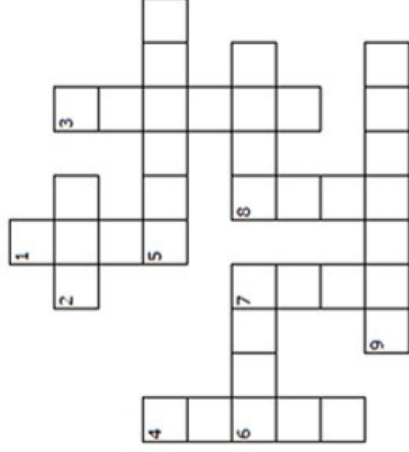


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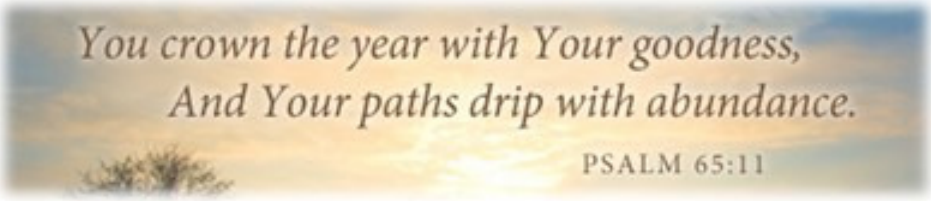
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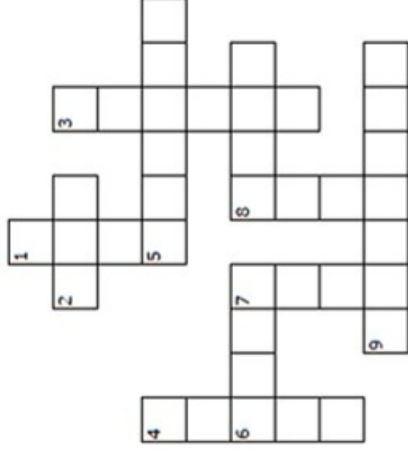


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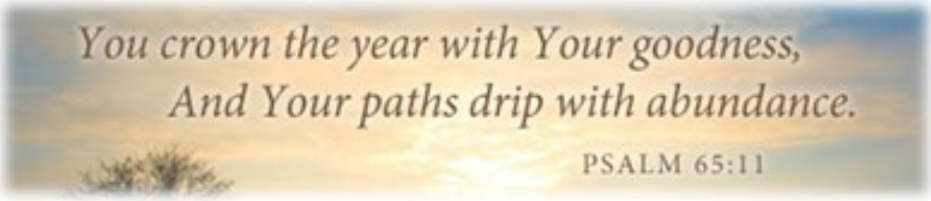
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hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!” [...] ¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *The Church's One Foundation* ~ No. 321

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Sortie* ~ Cesar Franck

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Please stay after worship and join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall next to the Sanctuary. All are welcome!



**Dinner Out at Napoli
Thursday, July 23rd at 5pm**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Join
us for food, fellowship and fun!**

**6pm Concert in Lincoln Park
afterwords**

Prayer List ~ *Please keep these friends and family members in prayer.*

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Phil Smith	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	Chase Ewoldt
Sally Belloli	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Renee Ensell
Ken Stebbins	Punkie & Craig Sinesiou	Kim Whitney
Judi Blair	John & Rachel Wheaton	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Bruce Levine
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Julie Barnes
Don Caldwell	Scott Zink	Deena Neff

*Please let the office know who should be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help!*

Church Calendar for the week of 7/12/26

- Sunday – July 12 10am Worship ~ Rev. Marilyn Hale
- Saturday – July 18 10am Volunteering at Harvest Field until 4pm
- Sunday – July 19 10am Worship ~ New Members Joining

 **Birthdays**

- 12 Karen Bowersox
15 Teddy McClellan

 **Anniversaries**

- 14 Cindy & John Thompson
17 Bryan & Molly Petryszak

Volunteer Opportunity
Harvest Field Café
(soup kitchen type work)
Saturday, July 18th
10am – 4pm, 2hr time slots
Sign-up Sheet in
Fellowship Hall





Game Night
Wednesday, July 22nd at 6pm

Bring a game to play and a snack to share, if you'd like. All are invited to join the fun!



Interfaith Community of Olean

Annual Picnic



Friday, July 24th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

At Bethany Lutheran Pavilion, 6 Leo Moss Drive

Bring a drink and a dish to share.

All are welcome. Spread the word!

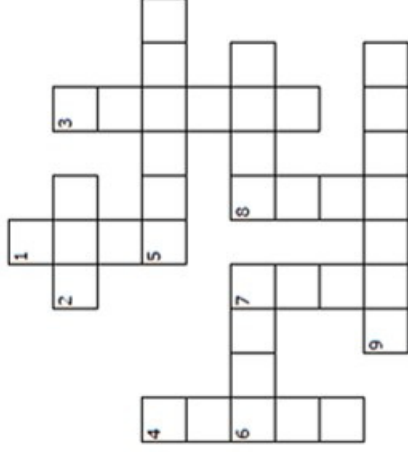


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PLANTS SCORCH FARMER THORNS
 CROP WITHER BIRDS ROOT
 CHOKO SOIL FELL PARABLE
 SCATTER SEED GREW ROCKY
 SHALLOW GOOD SOW PATH

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a
 Based on Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

- To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- Not deep

DOWN

- The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- Covered with stones
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow



PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY