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114.99± Acres, Barbour County, Alabama

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50.92± Acres, Bullock County, Alabama

Located on County Road 19 with electricity and county water available. Wooded tract has paved road frontage with potential home sites, planted loblolly pines and mixed hardwoods with stream. Great hunting potential! L-1700443 • \$115,000



386± Acres, Coffee County, Alabama

Frontage on Highway 141 a few miles north of Danleys Crossroads. Potential home sites with electricity and county water available. This is managed property with rich row cropland, planted pines (loblolly and longleaf) and hardwood bottoms along spring-fed streams. Excellent hunting with abundant wildlife! L-1600819 • \$636,900



80± Acres, Covington County, Alabama

Located on Old Boggy Road, includes recently remodeled three-bedroom, one-bath, brick home, and *MUCH MORE!* Electricity and county water are available. There is substantial road frontage, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Approximately 70 acres are planted in longleaf pines with excellent hunting potential. L-1700487 • \$250,000



80± Acres, Covington County, Alabama -

OUTDOOR PARADISE! Electricity, county water, several potential home sites, and a great pond site. Offers frontage on Old Boggy Road and on Lightwood Knot Creek. Property includes 30± acres in 100± year old hardwoods and majestic cypress trees plus 50± acres in planted longleaf pines. *Hunting should be great on this tract!* L-1700380 • \$174,000



571.6± Acres, Pike County, Alabama

HUNTING AND FISHING PARADISE! This outdoor retreat has it all and includes a three-bedroom, 2-½ bath, two-story modern log home, 25± acre managed trophy bass lake, two-story boat house, food plot openings, and well-maintained interior roads. Diverse habitat includes mixed mature timber, beautiful hardwood bottoms, and planted loblolly pines. L-1000365 • \$1,650,000



34.04± Acres, Pike County, Alabama

This property has beautiful potential home sites, a possible pond site, and producing pecan trees. It is fenced and could be used for cattle or horses. Poultry houses may also be an option on this tract. It is located on Highway 125 in the Tarentum Community. L-1400772 • \$91,500



33.82± Acres, Pike County, Alabama

Move-in ready four-bedroom, three-bath home has spacious open floor plan. Located on County Road 3329 and features a two-car garage and large enclosed shop building. The garage offers a bathroom, office, kitchen, and dining area. *Enjoy country living with over 30 acres of open land. Could be used for horses, cattle, row crops, poultry houses and more!* L-1600845 • \$295,000



5± Acres, Pike County, Alabama

Relax and enjoy quiet country living! Home has open floor plan, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, large shade trees, and much more! Great opportunity for vegetable garden, fruit trees, horses, cattle, and more! Located on County Road 4418. L-1600419 • \$98,500



4.5± Acres, Pike County, Alabama

Located on Highway 125, this home has four bedrooms, 2-½ baths, open floor plan, and separate formal living room. The kitchen offers stainless steel appliances and plenty of cabinet space. Property includes a 24' x 45' workshop/storage building, a huge garden area, and producing pecan and fig trees! L-1700241 • \$160,000



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LAST REQUEST

Mary Clancy goes up to Father McGuire after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?" She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night." The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?" She says, "That he did, Father." The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary? "

She says, "He said, 'Please Mary, put down that d\$7# gun.' "

BROKEN

The next time you're feeling broken or in despair, remember this.

In Japanese culture, when an object is broken it is often repaired by bonding the pieces back together with gold. The flaw then becomes a unique part of the piece's past that only adds to its beautiful story. The broken pieces of your life make you who you are. And that is more valuable than anything in the world.

Elizabeth Edwards said it best, "She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails."

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"What's going on here!" bellowed the officer.

"It's like this officer," winked Danny.

"I am on my way to confession and I'm a little short of material."

A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewelry store. "Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch, and we forget about this?"

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Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

Note: The power of peace, love, joy, and forgiveness works in you. Apply yourself, and open your heart for the power of God to work His will in you. God really loves you, so love your brother as yourself."

~Chaddwick Crews

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NEW LISTING



This unique country home is a beautiful gem sitting on 6 acres with 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Large country kitchen with bar, tons of storage, large upstairs den. Room for the entire family with 3184 sq ft. A place you would love to call home.
14622 Hwy 51 • MLS 20171497
Call Bonnie 334.791.1020 to see this charmer.

BEAUTIFUL UPDATES

This wonderful home has many updates with new paint throughout and updated bath. The home offers a large den and roomy kitchen with tons of storage. The formal dining could also be used as an office.
141 Kings Court • MLS 20170742 • \$107,000

KEY LOCATION



Spacious, cared for, and loaded with features, this great home is just waiting for your family. Brick hearth fireplace in the living room! Stainless steel range with double oven.
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If your looking for a great home on a corner lot at an affordable price, don't miss this one! Enjoy summer afternoons on the shady covered patio, and stay warm in the wintertime in the spacious living room.
114 McSwean Drive • MLS 20170257 \$74,900

REDUCED PRICE FOR YOU



This home is great for first time home buyer. Also includes a large sun room, RV parking and much more. Tons of possibilities. Wonderful location, close to park and lake.
194 Valley View • MLS 20162102 • \$69,900

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If your looking for an affordable, move-in ready home on a large lot in the Skippersville School District, take a closer look at this one! This great 3 bed room home features central heating and cooling and a separate laundry room. Outside boasts 2 covered porches, 2 storage buildings, and a 2 car carport.
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This home has been beautifully updated, with granite counter tops, lighting, wood floors, updated master bath, plus much more.
768 Willow Oaks Drive
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SWEET COTTAGE



WHAT A CUTE COTTAGE! Adorable, well maintained, full of character and charm. Cozy wood burning fireplace in the spacious living area. Improvements and updates include carpet, security system, storage shed and a VERY LARGE DECK.
181 Houston Street • MLS 20162093
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LOVELY LOCATION



Wonderful home with great decks for outdoor entertaining and relaxation this Spring and Summer. The large lot will be wonderful for Fall football games and cookouts. Home has 4 Bedrooms, 2 full baths, Living Room, & Separate Den with wood burning fireplace.
247 Briarcliff Rd • MLS 20170656 \$153,800



PIKE COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 3RD THRU OCT 7TH

The Troy Shrine Club again is sponsoring the Pike County Fair with the dates being October 3rd thru October 7th of this year. This year we have the same promoter, "Modern Midway" who was a great hit with every one last year with a larger midway and some new bigger and better rides.

Working with our local 4H and FFA clubs we are having a fantastic poultry display on Tuesday night and on Thursday night we having the showing and judging of the Pigs, which the members of these two clubs have been working on most of this year. You who have been to our Fair know that we sell armbands for \$25 which allows whoever buys one to ride any or all of the rides all night.

PRESALE OF ARMBANDS AND PLENTY OF FUN AHEAD

This year, with the help of our fair promoter the presale price for an armband is \$20.00 which is good for one night, all night of the Fair; this is a \$5.00 savings.

These presale armband coupons are available starting September 16th ending October 2nd at:
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Our fair promoter is again offering a 2 for 1 armband ticket which will be good only for Wednesday night's show October 5th. These tickets will be available from the same businesses as above.

In addition, this is a County Fair and with that is something for everyone. We have displays of crafts, paintings, baked, canned goods, etc. We have a great Cattle barn and each year we look forward to having a great selection of Animals, i.e.; Cattle, Horses, Mules, Pigs, Rabbits Poultry, etc. The rules for this section are the same as the rules for Creative Living section.

For anyone planning on entering items for judging in the Creative Living Section of our Fair should have their items delivered to the Pike County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 30th, 2015 from 1 to 5 pm and Sunday, October 1st, 2015 from 1 to 5 pm. **No Entries will be accepted after these hours.** Judging will take place October 2nd.

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Friday Night: Again Johnny Barron and the Waterfall Children Band.

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All of this entertainment is included in the entry fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 11 with gates opening each night at 6 p.m.

I'm asking you all to put these dates of October 3rd thru October 7th on your calendar and come out and join us at the Pike County Fair. A good time to be had for all ages.

Visit our website: www.pikecountyfair.net and [facebook page](#).

Homer Homann, President, Troy Shrine Club

NOTE: Imitation crab can be substituted for crab meat in all recipes below.

CRAB DELIGHTS

Ingredients

- 1 (6 ounce) can crab meat, drained
- 5 ounces sharp processed cheese spread
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 pinch garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 6 English muffins, split in half



Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
In a medium-size mixing bowl, combine crabmeat, cheese spread, butter or margarine, mayonnaise, garlic salt, and parsley. Mix well, and spread on English muffins. Cut the muffins into quarters and arrange them on a cookie sheet.
Bake at 400 degrees F for 15 minutes. Broil the muffins for the last minute to get them toasted.

CRAB QUICHE

Ingredients

- 1 (9 inch) deep dish frozen pie crust
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 dashes hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco(TM)), or to taste
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) package imitation crabmeat, flaked
- 1 green onion, chopped



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bake the pie crust for about 10 minutes, until just starting to brown. Remove from the oven, and allow to cool. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Stir in shredded cheese, onion and imitation crab. Pour into the pie shell. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, then turn off the oven, but leave the door closed. Leave quiche in the oven for an additional 20 to 30 minutes until firm. This will give it a smoother texture.

CRAB ALFREDO

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces dried fettucine
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- salt and black pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 (4 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces crabmeat, flaked



Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain. Keep warm and covered.
2. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the minced garlic and cook until garlic releases its aroma, about 2 minutes, being careful not to let the garlic brown. Stir in the flour, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper. Reduce heat, and cook, stirring constantly for about 2 minutes. Add the half-and-half and stir over medium

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heat until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

3. Add the cream cheese and Parmesan cheese to the sauce and stir until cheeses melt and mixture is smooth. Mix in the crabmeat and continue cooking until crabmeat is heated through, about 3 minutes.

4. Divide the fettucine between 2 plates or bowls and top with the crab sauce.

CRAB MORNAV

Ingredients

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen puff pastry shells
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1 jar (6 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 6 green onions, sliced
- 1 Jar (4 ounces) diced pimientos, drained
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 cans (6 ounces each) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley



Directions

1. Bake pastry shells according to package directions. Meanwhile, place butter in a 2-qt. microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 20-30 seconds or until melted. Add the mushrooms, onions and pimientos. Cover and cook on high for 2-3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender.

2. Combine flour and milk until smooth; gradually stir into the vegetable mixture. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 2-3 minutes or until thickened, stirring often. Add the cheese, crab, salt and cayenne.
3. Cook, covered, on high for 30-60 seconds or until the cheese is melted. Spoon into the pastry shells; sprinkle with parsley. Yield: 6 servings.

CRAB SALAD

Ingredients

- 8 ounces imitation crabmeat
- 8 ounces fat free cream cheese
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup celery, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup green onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Directions

Blend cream cheese, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Chop crab meat into bite size pieces. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Serve cold.

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A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew pictures. Occasionally, she would walk around the room to see each child's work. "What are you drawing?" she asked one little girl who was working diligently at her desk. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." The little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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According to some investigations, the tribal name Alabama must be sought in the Choctaw tongue, as it is not uncommon for tribes to accept a name given them by a neighboring tribe. Inquiry among the early Indians themselves appears to have yielded no information about the meaning of the word. The Rev. Allen Wright, a Choctaw scholar, translated the name as thicket clearers, compounded of Alba meaning "a thick or mass vegetation," and amo meaning "to clear, to collect, to gather up." Updated: April 14, 2010
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The "Dictionary" defines friendship as a person whom one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection, typically exclusive of sexual or family relations. A person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard.

Obtaining friends Proverbs says: A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Also, Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family. (MSG)

How we define friendship will determine the type friend we will be to someone else. Someone may describe or categorize a friend as: a Confidant (someone we can trust with secrets or private matters, prayer-partner), or a Comrade (companion who shares one's activities, working together to achieve a common goal "co-worker) and Constituent (a member of the same group or party, a part of, or component of a whole, society, etc.)

Friendship is one of those areas in life we are told to be careful who we select. Being a man I like organizing things in little boxes. When I think about Confidant, Comrade, and Constituent, we must discern each of them, failing to do so will cause some heartache and pain. When it comes to sharing your secrets, you wouldn't want to share them with a Comrade or Constituent.

Jesus said: Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what

his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Now Jesus would certainly be the friend no one can live life without! He promises to never abandon us, and there is nothing that can ever separate His love from us,

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If you find someone who makes you smile, who checks up on you often to see if you're okay, who watches out for you and wants the very best for you, don't let them go. Keep them close and don't take them for granted. People like that are hard to find.

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A father texts his son: "My dear son, today is a day you will treasure for all the days of your life. My best love and good wishes. Your Father."
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Ephesians 2;1-10 says: And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made

us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. But God!! I am so thankful that the Word of God is so clear in its words But God!! Not only does it say it but He performs it. He says in 2 Chronicles 16; 9: For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. One other version says that "... the LORD moves to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His." The Lord is looking for someone to support He is looking for those on the verge. He is ready at any minute to show Himself mighty and strong. So when you find yourself on the verge just remember But God !!

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Dad was angry when he saw that his son scored a zero in math.

"Son, can you explain this to me?"

"Well dad, the teacher didn't have any stars left to give me, so she gave me a moon!"

Man 1: "Today Facebook saved my life."
Man 2: "How?"
Man 1: "It reminded me about my wife's birthday!"

I DIDN'T KNOW

One morning, a Mom was lecturing her seven year old about an untruth he told her.

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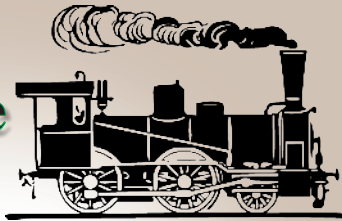
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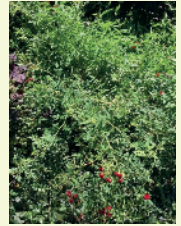
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Reading about how certain weeds like dandelions, purslane, and a few others can be used for nutritious salad ingredients is surprising and fascinating. **But only use weeds that have never been sprayed with any chemicals.** I always think of Peter Rabbit's farmer, chopping them up for compost right in the flower beds. Doing that gives a certain satisfaction for revenge! Be sure to look up information through well-researched horticultural science sites such as al.edu, ga.edu or fl.edu. There is plenty of misleading misinformation in .com sites to confuse. The Fall Master Gardener course began in Coffee County in late August, and will continue through November, 2017. If you missed this chance to take the course, the next one to be held in the wiregrass area will be in Houston County, starting in early January through March, 2018. Call the Houston County Extension office at 334-794-4108 for more specific information.

There will be a "Lunch and Learn" on Plant Propagation for the home gardener on Sept. 20th from 12 PM to 1 PM at the Dale County Extension Office, 202 S. Hwy 231, Ozark, AL. Bring your bag lunch, drinks will be provided.

The Claybank Master Gardeners will meet at Hoppergrass Restaurant on Thursday Sept. 21st at 11:00 AM. We welcome newcomers, and love to share gardening information and opportunities to get involved. Look for more information about the Fall Plant Sale to be held the 2nd weekend in October. Let us know if you have plants to share for the Fall Sale. Call the

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2. Sorry, officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must've been going about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
5. Are you Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
7. You're not going to check the trunk, are you?
8. I pay your salary!
9. Gee, officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
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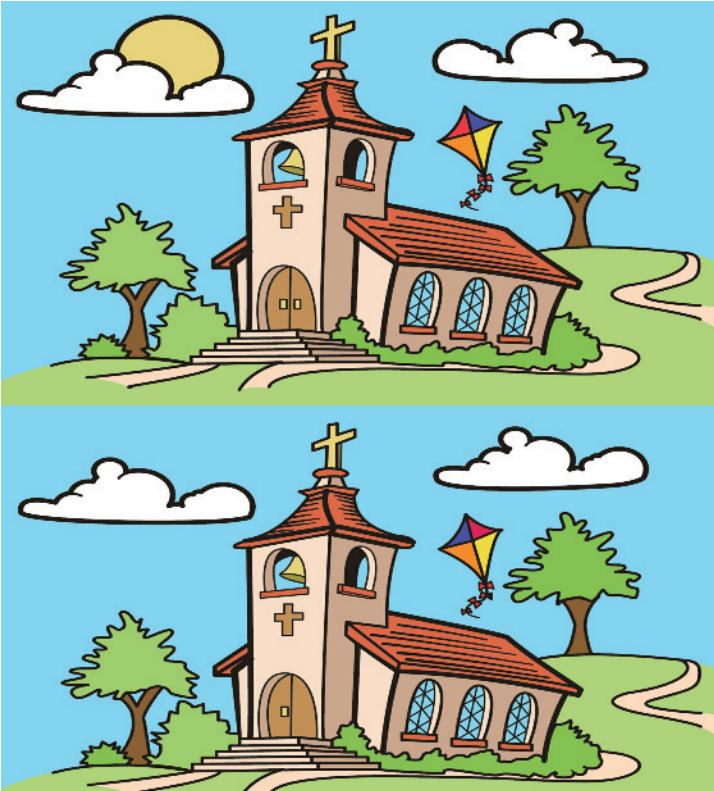
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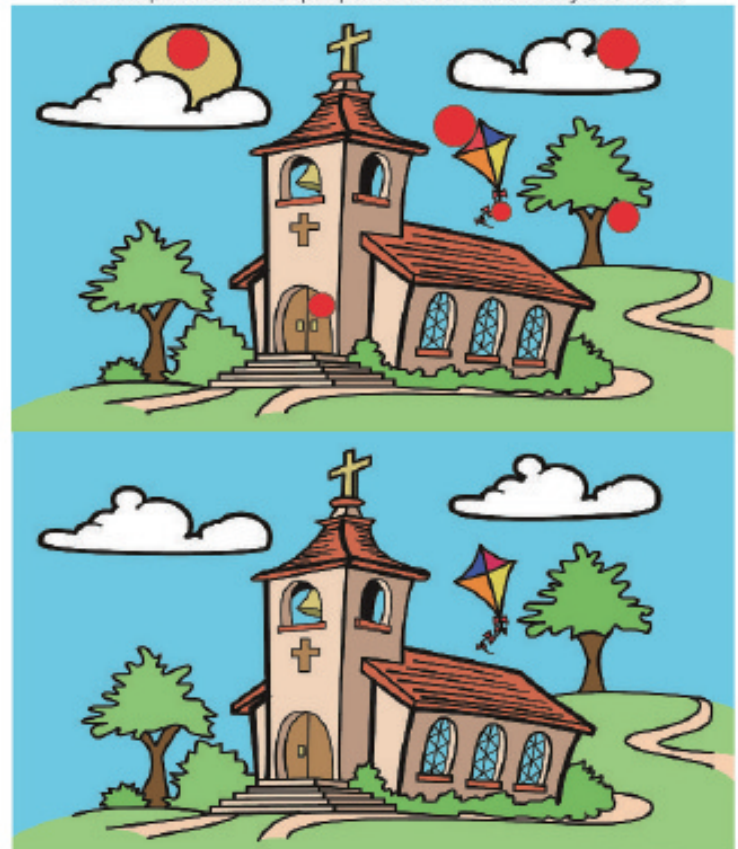
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