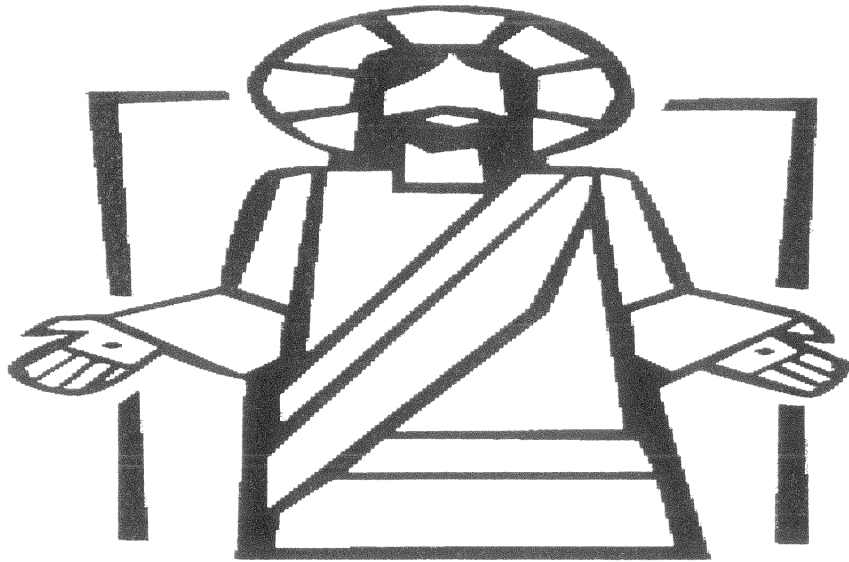


Happy Easter from Rivers of Life Outreach Ministry

Tributaries

April 2009

Easter Edition



I HAVE LOVED
YOU WITH AN
EVERLASTING

Love...

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Join us for a Special Prouction
ROL Youth Department Presents...

An Easter Drama

His Voice: Are You Listening?

A young lady learns the bliss of hearing God's voice and the despair of rejecting it...

Friday April 10th, 2009 / 7:00 PM

Rivers of Life Outreach Ministry

Written & Directed by Rev. Sherri Lynn Johnson
Performed by Rivers of Life Outreach Ministry Youth Group

The Youth Dept. will be sponsoring a bake sale immediately following the production. Join us in the Fellowship Hall where you'll find Cookies, Cakes, Pies & Homeade Easter Chocolates. (Complimentary Punch & Coffee will be served.)

ROL Youth Department is a ministry with Rivers of Life Outreach Ministry.
Questions or comments? E-mail us at riversoflife@roloutreach.com or 724-339-1135.

Rivers of Life Outreach Ministries

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Pastor Marvin E. Hill  
& Sister Diana Hill

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Weekly Services
Sunday Morning Service
and Children's Church

11:00 AM

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Community Youth Bible Study  
Tuesday 7:00 PM

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Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Radio Ministry  
"Living Waters"  
W.G.B.N. AM 1150  
Fridays 10:00 AM

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Transportation to weekly services
available upon request

We warmly welcome each worshiper here, members and nonmembers. May God's love be in us and around us so no one feels like a stranger and all know that they are children of our Creator.



Rivers of Life Outreach Ministry

***Pastor Marvin E. &
Sister Diana Hill***

Vision Statement

We exist as a New Testament church where the Word and the Supernatural work hand in hand; where ministries are birthed to address the needs of the community, and a place where the Body of Christ (locally and collectively) can be edified and strengthened. We are a multi-cultural fellowship called to exemplify the true Body of Christ.

Mission Statement

We are called to EVANGELISM:

To reach people of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds; from every economic level, and from every facet of society.

We are called to

TEACHING/INSTRUCTION:

To provide guidance, knowledge and tools for the development of each person's gift and ability.

We are called to

SERVICE:

To provide an avenue for each individual within the Body to fulfill their ministry to the fullest extent, exercising their God-given gifts and abilities.

Our motto is

TAKE IT TO THE STREETS!!

To discover more about our ministry, please join us at one of our services or visit our website at:

www.roloutreach.com

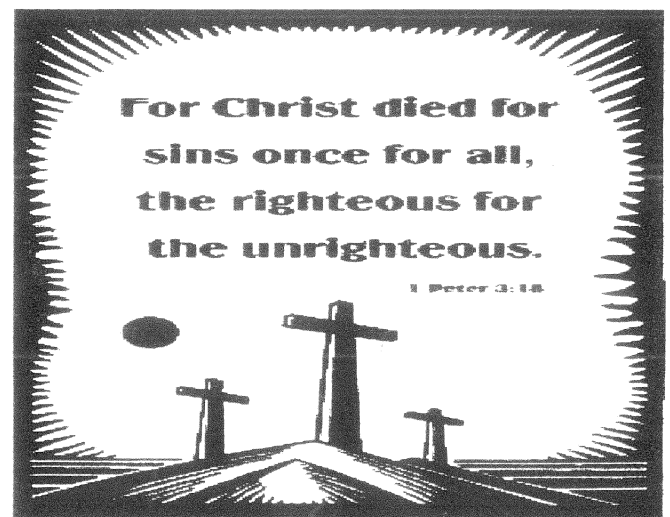
Welcome to Our Special Easter Edition of the Trib!

You may notice a couple regular articles, such as, "From the Pastor's Desk" & "Livin' Right," are absent from this edition of Tributaries. Not to worry, they'll be back next month! We wanted to focus on Easter & the Youth Department, since they are putting on a special production for Good Friday.

Inside this edition you will find testimonies and special accomplishments from the youth department.

You will also find much information about the most important event in history: *The Resurrection of our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ!*

So read on and we hope you enjoy this special edition of Tributaries...



A Prayer for Easter

Lord, Thank you for spending 33 years with us: for announcing Love from the high heavens; for introducing Love in an obscure manger setting; for living Love in a family framework; for sharing Love with the poor and deprived and diseased; for showing Love to the unlovable and unloving; for letting little children feel Love in your arms; for suffering on a cross because of Love; for loosing Love upon the world to take up residence in us; for your Love that will not let us go. Amen.

—Forrest Nees





"encouraging young people to Live Right"



In the last edition of the Trib., Sister Sherri began an article entitled, "The Scream," The conclusion of that article will run in the next issue. This month we will be featuring some testimonies and accomplishments from the members of the youth department. Read on to see what God is doing in our young people's lives.

When asked what they would like to thank God for, here's how they responded...

Marissa Jean Key said, "Helping me notice the things that are no good for my life. Although it's not easy giving those things up He's giving me patience and friends to help me let those things go more easily. Amen, Jesus!"

Chelsea Johnson said, "He lead me to church & helped get me involved by not only singing in my church choir, but letting Marissa key bring me to Rivers of Life to become involved as well."

Jatara McGee said, "God continues to bless me in all that I do. He has given me the strength to make it through and the encouragement to never give up. He is bringing me closer to Him through the Rivers of Life Ministry as well as my own church Gospelite Outreach Ministry."

Chanessa Schuler thanks God for giving her a job at PNC Park, making more than she did at Wendy's!

A Star in the Making!



Morgan McDonald just performed in her first high school musical, "The Sound of Music." She was unforgettable in her first role as a novice (nun)! She says, "I would like to thank all my fans for coming out to support me. LOL!"

Morgan plans to join a summer theater group. So watch for her upcoming play details. Her roles in these plays, as well as youth group productions, are great experience for her plans. She aspires to be an actress after graduating from Point Park College in Pittsburgh. You go, girl!!

Honorable Mention

Sierra Storrs was honored for working hard in her class. She moved from special needs math class to regular math! Sierra attends H.D. Berkey. She's in 5th grade.

Victoria McDonald made Honor Roll for the both grading periods this year. She recently qualified for Honors Chem next school year. She is currently a junior attending Lenape Technical School in the Allied Health Program. Victoria plans to pursue a career in Psychology or Sports medicine.



Lindsay Rae McDonald made Honor Roll for the 2nd grading period in a row. Her GPA was 92.917! Lindsay attends Evangel Heights Christian Academy. She's in 6th grade.

Jaymes Brunson, a senior at Valley High School, was inducted into the National Honor Society. Jaymes is a senior at Valley High School. We will have an in depth interview with a lot more about him in our next issue!

**GOOD, BETTER, BEST,
NEVER LET IT REST,
UNTIL YOUR
GOOD IS BETTER,
AND YOUR BETTER BEST!**

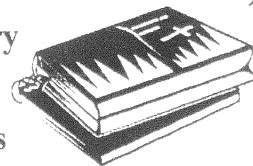
Community Youth Bible Study

WHERE? ROL Outreach Ministry

WHEN? Tuesdays @ 7PM

See Miss Sherri or one of the teens

If you're interested in attending!



**CHECK OUT THE LIVIN' RIGHT WEBSITE ~
www.livinright.org**

Read the biographies of our youth pastor, Sister Sherri Lynn Johnson, and the rest of the Livin' Right Crew. Check out the tools to help you walk out your Christian life. The articles, videos & links to other websites can really help you LIVE RIGHT!

Christian Symbols

Cross of Triumph

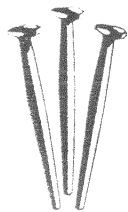
Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.



Lily

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb

decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



Nails

Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three

because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.



The Legend of the Dogwood

There's a legend that the dogwood was once the size of the oak and other forest trees. It was so strong

and firm that it was chosen as the timber for Christ's cross. This greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed the tree's regret and told it:

"Because of your sorrow for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. It shall be slender, bent and twisted. Its blossoms shall form a cross – two long and two short petals. And at the outer edge of each petal will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. In the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns. And all who see it will remember"

There's something better coming

This season of Easter is a special time for Christians to celebrate the ultimate reason for our hope: Christ is risen, and invites us to rise with him to new life.

Easter is an invitation to try again with God's help to break that addiction we had given up all hope of ever breaking.

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is a chance to work at renewing the marriage we had given up all hope of ever saving.

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors who, in our busyness, we neglect.

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion.

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith.

There's something better coming. ...

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint."

There's something better coming!

—Homiletics

*For God so loved
the world that he gave
his only begotten Son.*

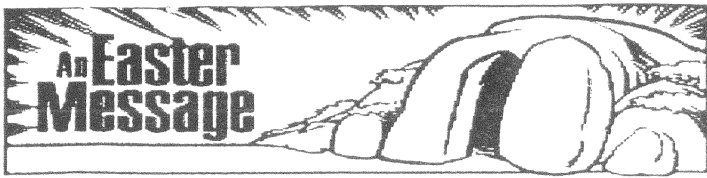
John 3:16, KJV



AN EASTER CAROL

TOMB, THOU SHALT NOT HOLD HIM LONGER;
DEATH IS STRONG, BUT LIFE IS STRONGER;
STRONGER THAN THE DARK, THE LIGHT;
STRONGER THAN THE WRONG, THE RIGHT;
FAITH AND HOPE TRIUMPHANT SAY,
CHRIST WILL RISE ON EASTER DAY.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS



The Romans sent a message; God sent one, too!

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36).

That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!



There's More!

On the first Easter morning, three women found an empty tomb. The discovery left them trembling and afraid. They didn't know there was more — a resurrected Lord.

Later that day, the risen Jesus appeared. As happy as the disciples were about this miracle, they didn't yet know there was more — a gift of the Holy Spirit that would make their joy complete.

Early Christians in Corinth were so delighted by the gift of baptism that they could scarcely imagine there was more — the resurrection of the body to eternal life.

As great as Easter is, it's only the "first fruits" of what lies ahead. Celebrate the fact that Christ is risen, but remember that the best is yet to come!



History's darkest day and brightest day

A professor once asked a young man studying for the ministry what the cross of Christ meant to him. The student said, "Well, the cruel death of God's Son, Jesus, was the most soul-shocking event imaginable. What could have been more heartless and evil than the crucifixion of Christ, the most holy person who ever lived? That had to be the darkest day in human history.

"On the other hand, one has to consider what happened on the Sunday after his death on Friday. It is quite clear from eye-witness accounts that he arose from the dead and was recognized by his friends as the one they had called Lord. The Resurrection was such a soul-stirring and momentous event that the first Easter Sunday had to be the brightest and most joyous day in the history of the world."

When he had finished, the professor said to him, "That is an excellent interpretation of the meaning of the cross. It was indeed a dark and hideous day when Christ was crucified. Yet that cross took on the symbol of salvation and hope when God raised Christ from the dead. Yes, Christians could say it was the brightest day in history."



HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

*Join us at one of our services and
see how we can help you develop
your Christian walk. Here's a
list of some of our ministries.
And there's more to come!*

Children's Ministry To teach children about God, Jesus, and the Bible. to train the children according to Biblical ethics and values; to give them happy, peaceful and pleasing memories of church that will cause them to continue throughout their teen and adult life; to use Biblical lessons as a means of changing their lives and ultimately the lives of thier families; to give the children a haven where they feel special and loved.

Youth Ministry This youth group exists to create a godly atmosphere where young people can be comfortable; necessary for their spiritual growth in Christ to identify their God-given gifts and abilities; and to give them the opportunity to flourish in service to God.

"M3" Mighty Men in the Making To reach young men ages 12-21 with the truth and love of Christ by providing mentoring, education, and promoting spritual growth.

"Wellspring" Women's Ministry To provide a forum where women's needs and concerns can be addressed by the "Living Word of God"; to create an enviroment of openness, regardless of marital status; ethnic or cultural background; to empower women to be victorious and useful presently and in the future.

Hospitality Ministry This ministry in our church is used to tend to the hospitality & pulpit needs of the church. A big part of our Hospitality/Pulpit Ministry is the *Interfaith Hospitality Network*. This network supports homeless families who spend one week a monthly staying at our church.

Music Ministry To provide an atmosphere in which the Father will be pleased to inhabit; to cause the worshipper to move beyond the "Sunday Morning" experience to a lifestyle of Praise and Worship; to minister in the Spirit that so lives will be changed through salvation, healing, deliverance and encouragement.

Christian Counseling Services To use Christian counseling as a vital tool in ministering to those deeply hurting; to be a voice of reasoning in their struggle to overcome; to give people a helping hand in rising above their problems and circumstances.

STAFF LISTING

Jonathan Adams	Media Ministry/ Webmaster
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MINISTRY

Are you trying to work through some issues that seem a little too big to handle on your own? Do you ever feel like you could use some personal spiritual guidance? Whether you are working on issues from your past or present, we may be able to help. Here at Rivers of Life we have a Christian counselor on staff. **Minister Robert Waterloo** is certified through the *American Association of Christian Counselors*. He has years of experience in many areas of ministry, from leading adult Sunday school classes to being on worship teams, as well as being the Head Usher here at R.O.L. If you feel like you could benefit from personal, Christian based counseling, please feel free to contact the church office at (724) 339-1135. Minister Waterloo would be happy to help you!

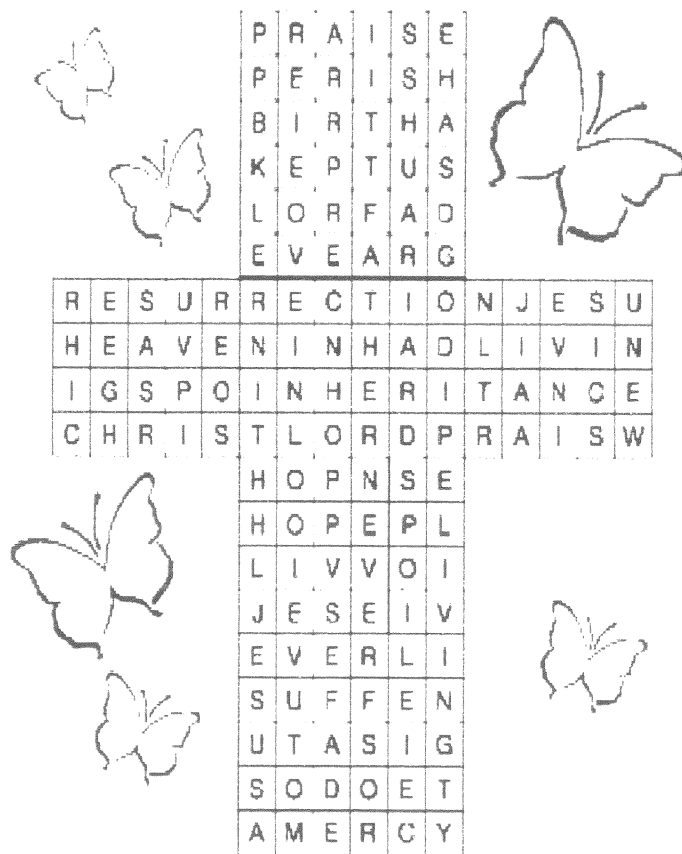




OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son, Jesus, as our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — kept in heaven for you."



Bible Quiz

A New Testament book contains the following words spoken to a crowd: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." Who said those words?

A. Paul

B. Peter

C. John

D. Luke

"This Jesus
God raised up,
and of that all
of us are
witnesses."

(ANSWER: B (See Acts 2:32, NRSV))

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody could do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Truthful Answer

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In graphic detail she described how the assaulted man was left helpless beside the road. Then she asked the class, "If you came upon a wounded man lying by the road and he had blood all over him, what would you do?"

A dainty girl spoke first, "I think," she said with a wince, "that I'd probably throw up."

God is Awake

A mother and her 4-year-old daughter were preparing for bed one night. The child was afraid of the dark, and on this occasion the mother, alone with the child, felt fearful herself. When the light was turned off, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Is the moon God's light?" she asked her mom. "Yes," replied the mother. "Will God put out his light and go to sleep?" asked the girl.

"No, dear. God never goes to sleep."

Then, out of the simplicity of a child's faith, the girl said something that reassured the fearful mother. "Well, as long as God is awake, there's no sense in all of us staying awake."

The pair slept well that night —

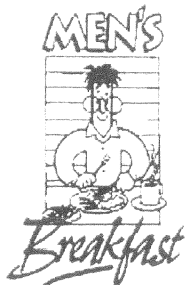
and for the many nights that followed.



Looking Ahead

Men and Boys of all ages

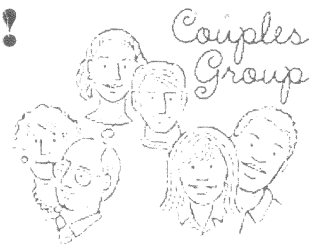
Come Join us for food, fun & Fellowship! We meet at 9:00 AM at Denny's in New Kensington the 2nd Saturday of each month. For more info see Br. Joe Cintron



NEW This Month!

We will begin a new Couples Fellowship.

Our first gathering will be Saturday April 25, 2009 In the Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM Join us for our first meeting!



Wellspring Women's Fellowship has returned!

The first meeting is scheduled for Friday May 1st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be watching "Not Easily Broken"

A TD Jakes production

Come help us plan NEW, EXCITING EVENTS!

Special Dates

- Passion/Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009
- Holy Week, April 5-11, 2009
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009
- Good Friday, April 10, 2009
- Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009
- Easter Day, April 12, 2009
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 09
- Christian Family Week, May 4-10, 2009
- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2009
- Mother's Day, May 10, 2009
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2009
- Ascension of the Lord, May 21, 2009
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2009
- Pentecost, May 31, 2009



WANTS YOU!

Do you have an idea for a story, a poem, a testimony or a suggestion? We want to hear from you! Send an email to camimcd@msn.com, see me at

church, or give me a call at (724) 845-6773. Then watch for your contribution in an upcoming issue of the Trib. Thanks! Sis. Cami

Next Issue

In our next edition of the Trib we will be focusing on Mother's and Father's Day. If you'd like to pay tribute to your mother & father with a few words in the newsletter, please submit it to me at church, or via email at camimcd@msn.com. Thank You!



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