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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The Pastor's Spotlight

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this'" (John 11:25-26)?

Jesus, long before His final trip to Jerusalem, often told the disciples about His death by proclaiming that He was the great I Am. In *John 6:48-51*, Jesus stated, *"I am the bread of life...the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world"*. Indeed, Jesus' body was bruised and broken for our sins. Again, Jesus explained, *"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"*, foreshadowing that He would not be with His followers always (*John 9:5*). Later, Jesus said, *"I am the good Shepherd [who] gives His life for the sheep"*, predicting His sacrifice on the cross (*John 10:11*). Each one of these I Am statements tells of Jesus' love and care for us all. When we call on the Lord Jesus in faith and repentance, He responds, 'I am all that you will ever need'.

As we celebrate Easter, the I Am statement that I love the most is, *"...I am the resurrection and the life..."*. I can't help but think that when Jesus said those awesome words the disciples probably just stared, not fully understanding all that He was saying. It was only a short time later that the true meaning of Jesus' words became real to them. Jesus' message of hope, peace, and joy was lived out in His sacrifice on the cross when He gave His life for us all as the perfect Lamb that God the Father would accept for our sins. Easter is the foundation of our faith because Jesus' resurrection means that He was victorious over Satan, sin, and death. All of Jesus' promises and claims became real and tangible on Easter.

My prayer for us all here at BBC is that we never forget what Jesus did for us that first Easter. As we love and honor our Risen Savior, let us all live each day so that Jesus is pleased with our worship and service to Him.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

April 1 Easter: Sunrise Service and Cantata
April 4 Business Meeting
April 8 Easter Bell Choir Concert
April 20 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
April 22 Children's Ministry Meeting
April 27 Bible Bingo Youth Event
April 28 Baptist Men's Breakfast, Church Clean-Up Day



"...Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe"
(*John 20:27*).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The ninth of the top 10 BBC distinctives—the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that define BBC’s character—is tithing. An Old Testament requirement, tithing, or giving 10 percent of one’s income to the Lord, is now a New Testament principle where we recognize that 100% of our time, talent, and treasure belong to God. We are stewards of the gifts He has bestowed: our very lives as well as the opportunities, skills, and resources that He has given us to earn money and accomplish goals. As a congregation, we are blessed with faithful givers who know from experience that they cannot outgive God. I believe that there are three major reasons why tithing is key to making BBC all that God wants us to be.

First, because we tithe, we can focus on growing. When we use our resources to improve and expand our facilities, it’s not so we can admire a pretty building, it’s so that we can reach more people with the Gospel. *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33)*. Be it the new parking lot or the new church minivan, we’re making room for all those Christ has called. We spend in faith, but we spend responsibly. We set priorities, follow a budget, and entrust responsible officers to carry out the work of the church.

Second, because we tithe, we can focus on giving. We can be proud of the fact that between a third and two-fifths of the tithes and offerings we receive each year leave BBC to further evangelism and bless others through the Cooperative Program, direct support to missionaries, benevolence, and outreach activities like VBS and the Food Ministry. There are many churches who are barely able to pay the minister and keep the lights on. We are blessed to be free of major debt, able to compensate our staff well, and pay our bills in full and on time. *“...For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38)*.

Third, because we tithe, we can focus on serving. God doesn’t need our money but He does want our hearts. As *Matthew 6:21* says, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”*. When we faithfully support the ministries of the church, we allow people to opportunities to grow closer to God as they serve His Kingdom with their spiritual gifts and talents. *“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel” (I Corinthians 14:12)*. It would be hard for our choir members and musicians to lead us in worship and praise without paying for the song books, hymnals, and instruments they need. What would our VBS and Sunday School teachers do without the Bibles and instructional materials needed to teach God’s Word to children and adults alike? And our Food Ministry would never be able to support the dozens of families we help each month without the building and vehicles and the electricity and gasoline they require.

In *Malachi 3:10*, God challenged us to test His response to our faithful and generous tithing, promising to *“...pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it”*. From what I have seen and experienced at BBC, there is no reason to be surprised that we have enjoyed both faithful givers and God’s favor and support over the years.

Biblical Journeys Scramble

Can you match these 20 sets of people with the journeys they made? Answers are on the bottom of page 4, column 2.

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| 1. Abraham | A. Joppa to Caesarea |
| 2. Barnabas | B. Jerusalem to Antioch |
| 3. Elijah | C. Pamphylia to Jerusalem |
| 4. Israel | D. Jerusalem to Rome |
| 5. John Mark | E. Samaria to Gaza |
| 6. Joseph | F. Jerusalem to Damascus |
| 7. Lot | G. Midian to Egypt |
| 8. the Magi | H. Egypt to Canaan |
| 9. Mary & Joseph | I. Mt. Ararat to Babel |
| 10. Moses | J. Ur to Canaan |
| 11. Naaman | K. Sodom to Zoar |
| 12. Nehemiah | L. Haran to Canaan |
| 13. Noah’s family | M. Canaan to Egypt |
| 14. Paul | N. Cherith to Mt. Carmel |
| 15. Peter | O. Ramah to Bethlehem |
| 16. Philip | P. Syria to Samaria |
| 17. Rebekah | Q. Nazareth to Bethlehem |
| 18. Ruth | R. Persia to Bethlehem |
| 19. Samuel | S. Babylon to Jerusalem |
| 20. Saul | T. Moab to Bethlehem |

Biblical Journeys Word Search

G B C A E S A R E A B B B R
N A Z A R E T H B A B E L T
V A Q K Z S A N P S T M P Q
Q P N V J M U P A H O Y T M
L A T T A E O C L A G D B K
B P I R I J R E S E N N O L
H A L L G O H U A A R A R M
T S B E Y E C N S R M Z C G
I A A Y M H N H A A A A L M
R I I M L R P A N I L R D D
E S Y R A O A M R Q D E A W
H R T N Y R N C A A G I M T
C E Y B K S I T T P H N M R
Z P Y T Z J M A Q R B P Z D

Word Bank: Antioch, Ararat, Babel, Babylon, Bethlehem, Caesarea, Canaan, Carmel, Cherith, Damascus, Egypt, Haran, Jerusalem, Joppa, Midian, Nazareth, Pamphylia, Persia, Ramah, Samaria, Sodom, Syria

April Birthdays

- 1 Jo Blalock
- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 10 Alexis Connelly
- 13 Lacey Williams
- 15 Dot Fowler
- 29 Zack Fedders



Prayer Concerns

All those recovering from the flu and colds

Ashlinn Cole

the family of Flora Gilliam at her passing

Kitty Cooley

Nancy Taylor

Nick Cole

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Gene & Patty Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet

Magruder, Jo Blalock, June Luhn, Arlene Luhn, Margie

Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner,

Rebecca Umstead, Vivian Neal, Amy Rogers' mother,

June (Cole) Houseknecht

Cancer patients: Pauline Fowler, Cathy Mallory, David

Fogle, Donald Jericho, Dorothy Tubbe, Gail Palestine,

Phil Brudner, Presley Musser, Charlie Driver, Cathy

Rockenhauser

Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres

(Guatemala) and Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras)



*"The LORD is righteous in
all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
The LORD is near to all who
call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in
truth.
He will fulfill the desire of
those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry
and save them"
(Psalm 145:17-19).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:

- The Church voted to approve the Select Committee on Auditing's report on the 2017 finances.
- The Church approved the Education Cmte.-sponsored by-law to create the offices of Youth Ministry Coordinator and Children's Ministry Coordinator.
- The Education Cmte.'s motion to create a Children's Ministry budget line item of \$1,000 was passed.
- The Church approved the nominations of Lisa Fedders to serve as Youth Ministry Coordinator and Tina Appleton to serve as as Children's Ministry Coordinator for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term.

Expected at the April Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no new motions ready for action at the April business meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

Easter services. The 2018 celebration of Jesus' resurrection started with a Good Friday service on Mar. 30 that featured a dramatic reading of *Matthew 27:11-31* by Roy Leibrand as Jesus, Joe Yates as Pontius Pilate, Ann Bennett as Pilate's wife, Larry Michael as the crowd, and Lee Michael narrating. Ralph Cooley and David Bennett read scripture, Cris and Michaela Driver sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and Leslie Foster sang "Via Dolorosa".

On Apr. 1, Easter Sunday, the day will begin with a community sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain at 6:15 am, where Pastor Danny will preach and Lee Michael will read *Mark 16:1-7*. For later risers, the Choir will perform its Easter Cantata: "Calvary's Love" at 10:45 am, directed by Paul Foster, Jan Burdette as pianist, soloist Gary Cooley singing "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go", and Bill Caudell as narrator.

On Sunday, Apr. 8, the Bell Choir will perform during the morning worship service.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North

America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2018 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will bless the North American Mission Board's 5,000+ missionaries not only with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. So far, we have collected 23% (\$460) of our 2018 goal of \$2,000. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.



Improvements. On Thursday, Apr. 26, the main parking lot on the west side of the church will be resurfaced with new gravel. The new parking lot on the east side of the church will be available if people need to visit on that day. The sanctuary will be repainted beginning Monday, May 14. Choir practice will not be held on Tuesday, May 15, and the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May 16. The sanctuary will be ready for worship by the next Sunday.

Planning meeting. The Children's Ministry will be hosting a lunch after the service on Sunday, Apr. 22 to meet with Children's Ministry Coordinator Tina Appleton and discuss plans and activities for the rest of the year. Any parents or guardians with children from pre-K up to 5th Grade are encouraged to attend.

Spring revival. Rev. Michael Mattar, Sr. will be our guest preacher over the weekend of May 4-6. On Friday, May 4, the revival service will begin at 7:00 pm; the BBC Choir will sing. On Saturday, May 5, we will begin with a 10:00 am fellowship breakfast followed by worship and preaching at 10:30 am. After lunch at noon, the Damascus Road Trio will perform a Southern Gospel concert at 1:00 pm. Rev. Mattar will also preach during the regular Sunday service on May 6.

Church clean-up day. On Saturday, Apr. 28 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.

April youth event. Everyone is invited to a night of Bible Bingo on Friday, Apr. 27 starting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be prizes! We will serve pizza, dessert, and drinks. Please RSVP to Lisa Fedders by Sunday, Apr. 22.

2018-2020 directory being prepared. The new edition of the church directory will be finalized shortly after the end of April. See Lee Michael to get your pictures taken and submit any changes to your contact information. After April, the next scheduled directory update is planned for October—don't delay!

Biblical Journeys Scramble Answers

1. J (*Genesis 12:1-9*); **2. B** (*Acts 11:19-26*); **3. N** (*I Kings 17-18*); **4. H** (*Exodus-Joshua*); **5. C** (*Acts 13:13*); **6. M** (*Genesis 37*); **7. K** (*Genesis 19*); **8. R** (*Matthew 2:1-12*); **9. Q** (*Luke 2:4*); **10. G** (*Exodus 3-4*); **11. P** (*II Kings 5*); **12. S** (*Nehemiah 1-2*); **13. I** (*Genesis 11:1-9*); **14. D** (*Acts 21-28*); **15. A** (*Acts 10*); **16. E** (*Acts 8:26*); **17. L** (*Genesis 24*); **18. T** (*Ruth 1*); **19. O** (*I Samuel 16*); **20. F** (*Acts 9*).