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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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the BBC family for your faithfulness to God during this season of fear and sickness that we are in today with the global coronavirus pandemic. Once again God has blessed us with each other. You have been reaching out in many ways to check on each other and to show true Christlike love and concern for your church family. I want to encourage you to stay connected through Facebook Live and by phone calls, cards, and emails. Worship is so important for all of us to remain strong in the Lord. One of the greatest things we can do for each other during this time of social distancing is to pray!

The Church has been attacked by Satan from the very beginning. But we know that Jesus has said that hell will never overcome His Church and His children (*Matthew 16:18*). So I am calling on all believers and the BBC family to follow the examples of the early church and pray for God's deliverance and protection and for His will to be done.

I am reminded of how the Apostle Peter was put into prison and scheduled to be killed just as King Herod had already killed the Apostle James (*Acts 12:1-5*). But God intervened and set Peter free in a miraculous way that only the Lord could accomplish. Peter's testimony and only explanation was that, "*Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.*" (v. 11). As Peter departed the prison and approached the house where the Church was assembled, he found them praying together and in one accord for him (v. 12).

BBC, we all need to pray like we have never prayed before. I promise you that we will see how God works in mighty ways right now in our lives and in our church life. We will soon be back together physically and I believe that we will appreciate each other so much more, and will be even more grateful for God's provision, love, and strength.

I believe that we as Christians will all be stronger in our faith because of this season of trial. I also have faith that many will come to the Lord for salvation through this time of fear, doubt, and sickness. I can't wait to see how God uses His church here at BBC to be the light that shines His love brighter than ever.

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Upcoming Online and Virtual Events

April 5 Palm Sunday & Communion
April 10 Good Friday Service
April 12 Easter
April 27 Deacons' Meeting



"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"
(*I Corinthians 15:20*).

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The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid” (Psalm 27:1)?*

In just a few short weeks, the coronavirus pandemic has gone from something happening in far-away China or at least overseas to something that is in our own communities and affecting every aspect of our daily lives. For all the uncertainty, concern, and disruption that this situation poses, it does bring into clear relief the question, what is important in your life? What is your foundation? As believers in and followers of Jesus Christ, we are grounded and rooted in the firmest bedrock. It is always well with our souls because they belong to the Lord.

Psalm 27, authored by David, is a joyful and confident expression of faith, trust, and reliance in the Lord, even in the midst of unjust persecution and trial that lasted not just for days and weeks but months and years. David was able to rise above his circumstances not because of who he was but because of who God is.

When we don't know what will happen next and the path is dark, we need to remember that the Lord is our light. He will show us the way in this world and He is our ultimate destination for all eternity.

When we are concerned that we could lose the people, possessions, positions, and privileges that we value, we should recall that the Lord is our salvation. Everything that truly matters and is of permanent value is secure in our Father's hands.

When we are unable to take care of our own needs and when we are uncertain what to do next, we need to remember that the Lord is our strength. He is all-powerful, all-wise, and all-good. Nothing will happen that is not in His will. Nothing will stop His Gospel from going out or His Kingdom from growing.

And even when we fear that the hourly headlines of sickness and death will come into our homes and families, we absolutely must remember that there is nothing in this universe that can come between us and the love of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Not a vast army or an invisible virus can do anything to interrupt our salvation, our faith, or our fellowship with the God who created us, redeemed us, and has an everlasting destiny in store for us.

It will be Easter in a few short weeks. Jesus' followers were excited to celebrate His triumphal entry into Jerusalem and join in the warm fellowship of a Passover meal with their Teacher. But in the course of a few hours, their entire world was upended and shattered: Jesus had been unexpectedly arrested, unfairly tried, savagely beaten, horrifically crucified, and quickly buried in a borrowed tomb. The disciples' hopes, dreams, plans, and expectations died with Jesus. But on the first day of the week....

The same resurrection power that turned death into life is with us today through this crisis and every obstacle and difficulty that we have and will ever face. Be wise, be cautious and prudent, but never fear because we have saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives forever and ever.

“One Another” Scramble

Can you match these 20 descriptions of how believers should treat “one another” as followers of Christ?

Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Be hospitable to | A. through love |
| 2. Be kind to | B. in honor |
| 3. Be like-minded toward | C. even as Christ forgave you |
| 4. Bear the burdens of | D. in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs |
| 5. Bear with | E. lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin |
| 6. Comfort and edify | F. that there should be no schism in the body |
| 7. Consider | G. according to Christ Jesus |
| 8. Exhort daily | H. to stir up love and good works |
| 9. Fellowship with | I. just as you also are doing |
| 10. Forgive | J. just as Christ also received us |
| 11. Give preference to | K. in the fear of God |
| 12. Greet | L. if we walk in the light |
| 13. Have the same care for | M. tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you |
| 14. Love | N. as good stewards of the manifold grace of God |
| 15. Minister your gifts to | O. that you may be healed |
| 16. Pray for | P. fervently with a pure heart |
| 17. Receive | Q. fulfill the law of Christ |
| 18. Serve | R. without grumbling |
| 19. Speak to | S. with a holy kiss |
| 20. Submit to | T. with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering |

“One Another” Word Search

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

Word Bank: bear burdens, care for, comfort, consider, edify, exhort daily, fellowship with, forgive, give preference, greet, hospitable, kind, like-minded, love, minister gifts, pray for, receive, serve, speak to, submit to

April Birthdays

2 Rebecca Umstead
10 Alexis Connelly
13 Lacey Williams
15 Dot Fowler
23 Cortland "Pop" Moore
29 Zack Fedders



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 2019 finances.
- The Church approved a bypass motion to modify the Missions Support budget line item by decreasing support for Celestial Manna from \$100/month to \$0/month and increasing support for Hope Fellowship Church from \$100/month to \$200/month, all prorated as of Mar. 2020.

Report from the Emergency Business Meeting on Mar. 26:

- Per the April 2004 By-Law to Establish the Procedures of Emergency and Special Meetings, the Pastor and Deacons as a body unanimously determined on Mar. 26 that an emergency circumstance existed due to the global coronavirus pandemic and the related State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor of Maryland. Further to their determination, the Pastor and Deacons unanimously called for an emergency business meeting on Mar. 26 and assembled a quorum of nine Church officers and members by telephone conference.
- The Church approved a bypass motion to enact a By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions.
- A bypass motion was approved to create an Online Giving budget line item of \$500 under the Finance Cmte. to cover the costs of online giving transaction fees.
- A motion to cancel the April business meeting and defer the receipt of reports and motions until the May business meeting was passed.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Caudell
Jerry Neal
Joe Yates
John Dunn
Linda Roberts
Nick Cole
Ryan Saylor, heart issues
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Cortland Moore, Dot Fowler, Gene Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, June Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Margie Stream, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Dennis Oden, Gail Palestine, Joe Williams
Our missionary friends 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).

"One Another" Scramble Answers

1. R (I Peter 4:9); **2. M** (Ephesians 4:32); **3. G** (Romans 15:5); **4. Q** (Galatians 6:2); **5. T** (Ephesians 4:2); **6. I** (I Thessalonians 5:11); **7. H** (Hebrews 10:24); **8. E** (Hebrews 3:13); **9. L** (I John 1:7); **10. C** (Colossians 3:13); **11. B** (Romans 12:10); **12. S** (I Corinthians 16:20); **13. F** (I Corinthians 12:25); **14. P** (I Peter 1:22); **15. N** (I Peter 4:10); **16. O** (James 5:16); **17. J** (Romans 15:7); **18. A** (Galatians 5:13); **19. D** (Ephesians 5:19); **20. K** (Ephesians 5:21).

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

Schedule changes. Due to the global coronavirus pandemic, the following changes have been made to BBC's schedule of services, activities and fellowships:

Sunday worship (10:00 am) and Wednesday Bible Study and prayer meetings (7:00 pm) are being held online using Facebook Live. The Good Friday service on



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Apr. 12 will be live-streamed at 7:00 pm. All live-streamed services will be available for later viewing as well as posted on the BBC website.

Business, deacons', and committee meetings will be held virtually.

In-person activities and fellowships that are cancelled include: Choir practices and the Easter cantata; Bell Choir practices and the Palm Sunday performance; the Easter sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain; services at Glade Valley and Spring Arbor; Baptist Men and WMU meetings; and lunch with Watkins Cabinet.

The 2020 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting scheduled for Jun. 9-10 in Orlando, FL has been cancelled.

The Children's Ministry swim party originally scheduled for Mar. 14 is postponed until mid-May.

Online giving. In response to multiple requests, we have set up the ability to receive tithes and offerings online. Each gift requires a 2.85% transaction fee that givers can choose to cover if desired. A link is available on the top of the BBC website. Regular tithe and offering checks can continue to be sent to BBC at P.O. Box 69, Barnesville, MD 20838; please mark the envelopes with "giving" so they can be sent directly to the Church Treasurer.

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 2020 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will bless the North American Mission Board's thousands of 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. We have begun collecting offerings toward our 2020 goal of \$2,000. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.



Contact roster. During this time that we are physically apart, an online contact information roster for the BBC family to reach out to each other with phone calls, emails, and cards has been made available online. An email was sent out on Mar. 26 to view, add, or update your contact information for sharing with members of the BBC mailing list.

The Pastor's Spotlight, continued

God spoke this promise in *II Chronicles 7:14*: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land". Pray that as we repent and confess our trespasses so that as He forgives our sins and cleanses our hearts that He will also restore the health and safety of our world.

Church, please join me in worship each Sunday and for Bible study and prayer on Wednesdays through the live-streaming on Facebook. Let's continue to worship Jesus together in our spirits until we are blessed to come together physically in safety and health once again. Please remember, if anyone needs anything, please contact me or your deacons. We are here for you to pray and to help with any of your needs if at all possible. You are not alone, you are loved! We are family.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



10 Ways Coronavirus Can Change Your Life for the Better

A Note from Dr. Ron Blankenship, Director of Missions, Montgomery Baptist Association

The coronavirus has thrown us for a loop and made us wonder if any good can come of it. Paul the Apostle said, *"All things work together for good, for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:28) Can God really take tragedies and turn them into good? What about tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and now this terrible coronavirus? God really does bring good from devastation and catastrophes. God is still sovereign. God is still active among us. God wants to bring change in us to transform us closer into His image. How?

1. Renewed Prayer Life

We need to pray for God to contain and stop the virus, to heal the sick. Pray for this crisis to bring us closer to God. Praise God for who He is and that He is good even when much around us is bad. Read Psalm 16:10-11.

2. A Slower, More Peaceful Pace of Life

Our lives can become so busy that sometimes it takes a major crisis to slow us down and live more calmly for a while. Get some more sleep. Read some good books. Watch some good TV programs. Cook a meal at home. Read Psalm 15.

3. Increased family life.

Eat meals together with loved ones. Catch up on each other's life. Quarantine can make us notice each other more and really listen to what is going on in the lives of our family. Share some good stories. If you have a dog, realize he or she loves you being at home more. Read Ephesians 5:19-21.

4. Greater Empathy and Patience

Often, we panic and blame others in a crisis. A worldwide pandemic emergency is inconvenient. We respond to crises differently. Empathy means we try to see the world through someone else's eyes. Patience means we let other people process these hard times at their own pace. Read Colossians 3:12-13.

5. Enjoy Time at Home

Health professionals warn us to stay out of public places because of the spread of coronavirus. Reduce our times of travel and enjoy more time at home. As one person said, "This is the first time in history we can save the world by sitting in front of a television and just staying home." Read Genesis 2:15.

6. Develop New Outdoor Habits

Take a walk or a bike ride around your neighborhood. Walk your dog. Sit on your patio and drink some coffee. Living among nature reminds us of God the Creator who made everything out of nothing, shines his light to push back the chaos of evil, and sustains His creation. Read Proverbs 3:5-8.

7. Adjusted Financial Priorities

Crashing stock markets and vanishing retirement funds can cause fear and anxiety as we watch the economy decline. We must realize that only God ultimately is our true security.

Learn to live more simply. Emphasize the spiritual over the material. Reduce your dependence on things physically and emotionally and realize we must have faith in God. After all, He owns everything anyway and can take care of all your needs.

8. Opportunities to Catch Up

Organize old pictures into a photography book. Declutter and clean up your house. Do some painting and remodeling on your home. Spend time calling old friends and catching up. Organize your books, papers, and whatever. Read Ephesians 5:15-17.

9. Personal Growth

During this change of pace, focus on some personal growth areas. Read and study some field you do not have a degree. Take care of yourself. Work on your inner fears and replace them with faith. Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:30-34.

10. Redefine Relationships

Use your time to browse Facebook with on your computer or smart phone. Technology can be our friend to talk with persons from throughout your life who you have not seen in years. The internet helps us to become friendly with the whole world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions more than if we emphasize only worshiping only in one location. We still need fellowship, but since almost all churches are closing and live streaming, we are able to reach thousands more in Christ's name. We also are reminded that the church is not the building, but the church merely meets in a building. Read Galatians 5:22-26.

Indeed, we must be concerned about germs and social contact. At least for now social distancing physically is advised by medical experts on infectious diseases. But in the Spirit of Jesus Christ we can connect wherever we are. These new perspectives and practices can continue long after the coronavirus had ended. God is always our source of protection, strength, and peace during unfamiliar and fearful times.

(Note: Parts of the above were borrowed from an article written by Sue Schlesman)