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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

As we continue to be safe and practice social distancing, I wanted to share some great news from the Bible. Sometimes I believe we just need to go deeper into God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to encourage us, rebuke us, and remind us who Jesus really is. He is our Savior and Lord, Redeemer, Son of God, and great High Priest. In *John 14:27*, we are told clearly where our peace comes from, Jesus Himself. "*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid*". God's Word is alive and reaches out to us every day in different ways.

I want to share with you several blessings from God that we all have been given as believers. It is so important in times of hardship, loneliness, and fear that we go deeper into God's Word and to allow it to speak to us. So, take courage today and read these blessings from your loving Father in heaven, God Almighty. We have been given:

- An unquestioned acceptance (*Ephesians 1:6*).
- An inheritance that can never be lost (*I Peter 1:3-5*).
- A deliverance that can never be excelled (*II Corinthians 1:10*).
- An unlimited grace (*II Corinthians 12:9*).
- A never-disappointing hope (*Hebrews 6:18-19*).
- An undiminished joy (*John 15:11*).
- An irreversible nearness to God (*Ephesians 2:13*).
- An untarnished righteousness (*II Corinthians 5:21*).
- An un-cancelable salvation (*Hebrews 5:9*).
- A peace that can never be taken away (*John 14:27*).

Peace is not possible in this evil world without Jesus. But it is possible in our hearts because God has given us acceptance, inheritance, deliverance, grace, hope, joy, nearness, righteousness, and salvation. And I say AMEN! We will be worshipping together again soon, church. Meantime, go deeper into God's Word and be encouraged today. YOU ARE LOVED.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Online and Virtual Events

- May 4** Virtual Business Meeting
- May 7** National Day of Prayer
- May 10** Mother's Day
- May 18** Virtual Deacons' Meeting
- May 25** Memorial Day



"He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge..."
(Psalm 91:4).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It's been six long weeks since normal, more than the biblical 40 days and 40 nights for trials and adversity. Whether we're dealing with a global crisis like coronavirus that has affected everyone, or it's a personal crisis that only afflicts you, we always have a choice to turn closer to God or to distance ourselves. Jonah tried to run away from God when faced with a situation he wanted to avoid, but he found out the hard way that was not the solution to his problem (*Jonah 1:3-4*). We have the same choice before us, not only now, but throughout our lives. In the face of difficulties, we will choose to draw closer to God or distance ourselves from Him? We can struggle in our own strength against the world or we can gain strength from God that overcomes the world. Ask yourself these questions:

Has your faith increased? Are you depending on God to take care of what you can't fix in your own strength and wisdom? Are you believing that God will guide your path when you don't know what's around the next corner? God is always faithful to take care of the things that we don't see, know about, or understand. He cares about our individual problems and provides for entire peoples and nations. We can be confident in knowing that God is in control. *"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (*Lamentations 3:22-23*).

Are you praying more? In this time of staying away from other people, we can still freely draw closer to God and talk to Him. We certainly have more to talk to Him about. Instead of being fearful and letting stress gnaw at our spirits, we can turn over our burdens and concerns to a loving God who cares for us. The Apostle Paul taught believers to always communicate with God, sharing all aspects of our lives and issues with Him. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God..."* (*Philippians 4:6*).

Are you trusting God more? Are the promises of scripture becoming more alive and meaningful to you? When we see that the guarantees and comforts of this world can easily be taken away or undone, the permanence of God's truths shine brighter. We can find stability and peace knowing that our eternal destiny is assured and that regardless of the storms of this life, we are anchored into a secure harbor. *"O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You"* (*Psalms 84:12*)!

Are you relying on Him more? Is your attitude and perspective being shaped by the latest news headlines or are you allowing God to determine what is important and how you react? We can grow despondent and bitter over the negative aspects of this pandemic or we can look for the good. Yes, we can't join together in regular worship right now but there are so many opportunities to share the Gospel and reach out in ministry. BBC is blessing hundreds more people now online than we'd ever hope to reach in our own rural neighborhood. All of us can do something to participate in the Kingdom work, even if we're stuck at home. But it first starts with being in tune and in fellowship with Christ. *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing"* (*John 15:5*).

Biblical Symbols Scramble

Can you match these 20 symbols with their biblical meanings? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. beast | A. Kingdom |
| 2. cornerstone | B. human frailty |
| 3. crown | C. repentance |
| 4. dry bones | D. authority |
| 5. field | E. resurrection |
| 6. fire | F. Holy Spirit |
| 7. lamb | G. rewards |
| 8. lamp | H. ministers |
| 9. large fish | I. Satan |
| 10. leaven | J. Israel |
| 11. locusts | K. sin |
| 12. purple | L. believers |
| 13. roaring lion | M. Antichrist |
| 14. sackcloth | N. Bible |
| 15. salt | O. royalty |
| 16. signet ring | P. judgment |
| 17. stars | Q. Christ |
| 18. waterless clouds | R. apostates |
| 19. white hair | S. wisdom |
| 20. withered grass | T. innocent sacrifice |

Biblical Symbols Word Search

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

Word Bank: beast, cornerstone, crown, dry bones, field, fire, lamb, lamp, large fish, leaven, locusts, purple, roaring lion, sackcloth, salt, signet ring, stars, waterless clouds, white hair, withered grass

May Birthdays

12 Lara Saylor
14 John Beach
15 Eddie Fowler
24 Nick Cole, Bobbi Comert,
Wade Williams
28 Paul Foster
30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



Prayer Concerns

Bill Caudell
Jerry Neal
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).*

Biblical Symbols Scramble Answers

1. M (Revelation 13:1); **2. Q** (I Peter 2:6); **3. G**
(Revelation 4:4); **4. J** (Ezekiel 37:1-2); **5. A** (Matthew
13:3-30); **6. F** (Acts 2:3); **7. T** (Exodus 12:7); **8. N** (Psalm
119:105); **9. E** (Jonah 1-2); **10. K** (Matthew 16:6); **11. P**
(Joel 1:4); **12. O** (Mark 15:17); **13. I** (I Peter 5:8); **15. L**
(Matthew 5:13); **16. C** (Psalm 69:11); **16. D** (Genesis
41:42); **17. H** (Revelation 1:20); **18. R** (Jude 12); **19. S**
(Daniel 7:9); **20. B** (Psalm 90:5-6).

Business Meeting Briefs

Note: The regular monthly April business meeting was cancelled at the emergency business meeting held on Mar. 26, 2020. Reports for March and April will be received at the May business meeting.

Expected at the May 2020 Business Meeting:

- The May business meeting will be held by teleconference on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm. Members may email the Church Office to receive instructions to participate in the call.
- Under the provisions of the March 2020 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions, on April 27, 2020, the Pastor and Deacons set the date of the May 2020 business meeting for May 4, 2020.
- The Worship Cmte. will offer a motion to create a Video Upgrade budget line item of \$1,850 to cover the costs of upgrading video equipment needed for improved live-streaming quality and stability.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

Kingdom work continues. Depending on conditions and guidance from public health officials, we are anticipating that we may be able to resume in-person services and activities at BBC about mid-June. Vacation Bible School, traditionally held in early July, is now scheduled for Aug. 17-21. If you are looking for a way to share a talent or participate in the Gospel work you read about below, please contact the Church Office.

Fellowship. Meals are being delivered to our seniors and shut-ins every week. Thank you to all those who have contributed dishes. Special thanks to Dickerson Market and Michelle Fowler who have generously donated meals. Appreciation is given to Lisa Fedders who is sending out greeting cards each week as part of the Card Ministry. The Deacons have begun contacting families to ask for any prayer requests or individual needs the Church can help with.

Discipleship. Doug Heimlich (row 2, left) and Zack Fedders (row 4, right) both led the children's story for Sunday morning worship. Ed Williams (row 1, right) read scripture for Wednesday night Bible study.

Worship. On Easter, Gary Cooley (row 4, left) sang a solo and Rev. Michael Mattar (row 5) from the Montgomery Baptist Association delivered an online greeting and prayer for BBC. Noah Arthur recently sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" for us all the way from the African nation of Ghana. Jan Burdette (row 1, left) has been playing a hymn for each Sunday service from her piano at home. David Bennett (row 2, right) and the other deacons pray the morning prayer and lead in the Lord's Prayer on Sundays.

Ministry. Gary Burdette and Dan Yates continue weekly Food Ministry pickups and deliver the groceries to WUMCO in Poolesville. On May 1, Gary and Dan delivered 18 boxes of supplies. Even though we can't safely open our own food shed, supplies are still reaching local families in need.

Evangelism. Pastor Danny's (row 3) online Sunday services and Wednesday night Bible studies are reaching over 500 hits a week on Facebook, which includes families at home and groups of seniors at nursing homes. Since the coronavirus shutdown began, five people have placed faith in Christ through watching our online messages. For those without Internet access, Luke Fedders has downloaded the videos onto a laptop computer that can be delivered to people's homes. Please contact the Church office to borrow the laptop and watch the sermon and Bible study videos.

Online giving. Tithes and offerings can now be given 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 report. BBC collected 87% (\$1,740) of its 2020 goal of \$2,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Forty-three percent came from individual gifts and 57% came from the church budget line item for Cooperative Program offerings. Thank you for your generosity to support our missionaries spreading the Gospel in North America.

