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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

In Bible times, the Egyptian pharaoh was the most powerful man in the world. As portrayed by Yul Brynner in the 1956 movie *The Ten Commandments*, Pharaoh's word was law: "So let it be written, so let it be done"! But when the Lord had Moses tell Pharaoh to "Let my people go", God overturned Pharaoh's world until God's Word was fulfilled. God's Word can create anything or turn any situation around (*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*). He made Israel a free nation when freedom was humanly impossible, just as easily as He called the universe into existence out of nothingness. "God...gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (*Romans 4:17*). So as we go through this evil world, we need to focus on God's Word and better understand that God's Holy Word is alive and has the power to move and pierce our own hearts as well as change the entire world.

The God who hung the stars and set the planets in motion knows our every thought and motive. Believers, He will change our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit when we experience Him through the reading of His Word. "For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (*Hebrews 4:12*). When we get into the Word and God's Word gets into us through study, prayer, and obedience, the Holy Spirit illuminates the reader's heart with His truth and power. The Word of God will show us who we are and who Jesus is. Seeing the difference will humble us to our knees with awe and reverent fear for the glory of God. His love, grace, and mercy that redeems sinners and sets them on paths of righteousness and purpose is the good news of the Gospel that we need to share with others. I want to encourage you to read God's Holy Word today and be ready to be changed, challenged, and rewarded. To God be the glory!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- July 1** Business Meeting
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 18** Baptist Men's Meeting
- July 27** Deacons' Meeting



"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:25).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

You've probably heard the term "fig leaf" before, some sort of effort to hide a flaw or problem. The term comes Adam & Eve's attempt to use fig leaves to hide their nakedness (*Genesis 3:7*). After sinning and losing their spiritual innocence, Adam & Eve were embarrassed of themselves, each other, and that God would see them. Their solution was to sew fig leaves together to hide their nakedness. The fact that they still felt the need to hide showed how inadequate their coverings were. When God confronted Adam & Eve about their sin, He could have justly punished them for their willful disobedience. Instead, in His grace and mercy, He provided for their needs. God was the first tailor, using the skins of animals to cover Adam & Eve. "*Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them*" (*Genesis 3:21*). Indeed, that was the first example of atonement, where God accepted the shedding of innocent blood to deal with and take care of someone else's sin problem. By the death of innocent animals God covered up the nakedness of Adam & Eve when they couldn't.

Another powerful example of atonement is in *Genesis 22*, when God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as a test of faith and obedience. God spared Isaac at the last moment by providing an animal substitute. Abraham was diligent in making all the necessary preparations and assembling all the materials for the sacrifice except one--the lamb. Both Abraham and Isaac showed remarkable faith; Abraham for believing in God's promises of an heir and Isaac for allowing his father to bind him upon the altar. Throughout the ordeal, Abraham trusted in God: "*And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering'*" (*Genesis 22:8*). Isaac foreshadowed Christ on the cross as an innocent son obedient to his father's command that he give up his life as a sacrifice. The delivery of the ram in the thicket (*Genesis 22:13*) must have been a miracle. If the ram were there before the sacrifice started, either Abraham or Isaac would have surely seen and heard it. But God's amazing provision that saved another man from certain death inspired Abraham to call the place "The-Lord-Will-Provide" (*Genesis 22:14*). Just as in *Genesis 3*, God dealt with and provided for man's needs by offering up a substitute sacrifice.

Jesus taught His disciples the same Old Testament principle that salvation was based on the shedding of blood for the remission (forgiveness, payment, atonement) of sin (*Matthew 26:28*). As Paul put it, "...the wages of sin are death..." (*Romans 6:23*). When Adam & Eve sinned, animals' lives were required. When Abraham needed to sacrifice, either Isaac or the ram had to die. When it comes to our own sin, our offenses against God's holiness means our lives are forfeit. But because God accepts Jesus' death on the cross and the shedding of His blood as acceptable payment for sin, the good news in the second half of *Romans 6:23* is that God offers us eternal life as a free gift. Just as Abraham and Isaac had faith in God's provision, trusting in Jesus clothes us in His righteousness. As the Lord cleanses us from the penalty of sin and transforms us from allowing sin to have power in our lives, we no longer need to be ashamed as Adam & Eve were with their fig leaf coverings. We will wear His white garments (*Revelation 3:18*) as we walk in His paths.

Biblical Garments Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 biblical characters with their correct garment? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Achan | A. used fig leaves to hide their sin |
| 2. Adam & Eve | B. coat made brothers jealous |
| 3. Ahijah | C. mocked Jesus with a gorgeous robe |
| 4. Boaz | D. gave David a robe of friendship |
| 5. David | E. tore her multicolored robe after Ammon's attack |
| 6. Eleazar | F. requested his cloak in prison |
| 7. God | G. cut Saul's robe as he slept |
| 8. Hannah | H. stole a Babylonian garment and brought sin to Israel |
| 9. Herod | I. made Samuel a coat every year |
| 10. Jesus | J. covered Ruth with a garment |
| 11. John the Baptist | K. soldiers gambled for His seamless tunic |
| 12. Jonathan | L. clothed by father in best robe |
| 13. Joseph | M. tore off Joseph's coat as he fled |
| 14. Paul | N. ripped Jeroboam's garment 12 ways |
| 15. Peter | O. wore a fisherman's coat |
| 16. Potiphar's wife | P. received Aaron's high priestly garments |
| 17. prodigal son | Q. clothed Adam & Eve with skins |
| 18. Roman soldiers | R. were clothed with white robes |
| 19. Tamar | S. mocked Jesus with a scarlet robe |
| 20. Tribulation martyrs | T. wore camel hair in the desert |

Biblical Garments Word Search

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

Word Bank: Achan, Adam & Eve, Ahijah, Boaz, David, Eleazar, God, Hannah, Herod, Jesus, John the Baptist, Jonathan, Joseph, Mrs. Potiphar, Paul, Peter, prodigal son, soldiers, Tamar, Tribulation martyrs

July Birthdays

11 Megan Malik
12 Maggie Leibrand
14 Penny Barton
23 Mary Yates
26 Joe Yates, Aleena Malik
28 Jackie Cole



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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

- No new business was presented at the June business meeting.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2020-2022 term.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



How pastors know it's time for a study on prayer . . .

Biblical Garments Scramble Answers

1. H (Joshua 7:21); **2. A** (Genesis 3:7); **3. N** (I Kings 11:29-31); **4. J** (Ruth 3:9); **5. G** (I Samuel 24:11); **6. P** (Numbers 20:28); **7. Q** (Genesis 3:21); **8. I** (I Samuel 2:19); **9. C** (Luke 23:11); **10. K** (John 19:23); **11. T** (Matthew 3:4); **12. D** (I Samuel 18:4); **13. B** (Genesis 27:3, 31-32); **14. F** (II Timothy 4:13); **15. O** (John 21:7); **16. M** (Genesis 39:12); **17. L** (Luke 15:22); **18. S** (Matthew 27:28); **19. E** (II Samuel 13:18-19); **20. R** (Revelation 6:9-11).

News You Can Use

Summer plans. As we resume in-person worship on Jun. 28 at the regular time of 10:45 am, live-streaming of the full service will continue. Please review and follow the guidance sent out by email and letter regarding our new health and safety procedures. Self-serve communion will be held on Sunday, Jul. 5. In-person monthly business meetings begin again on Jul. 1 and regular Wednesday night Bible study will resume on Jul. 8 at 7:00 pm with a look at the New Testament book of *Hebrews*. We are planning to hold an outdoor churchwide fellowship in August. Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event in late August.

Congratulations. Ryan Saylor graduated from the University of Maryland Global Campus with a bachelor's degree in business with a minor in political science. He plans to pursue a second bachelor's degree majoring in political science.

Kingdom work continues. We are very excited that Montgomery County has joined the rest of Maryland in allowing for expanded in-person worship so that we can come together again on Sunday, Jun. 28. In the last month, despite the coronavirus restrictions, we continued to live out the Great Commission while we remained physically apart but still connected through the Holy Spirit:

Fellowship. The Baptist Men (row 6) met again for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer for the first time on Jun. 6. They, along with Barbara Swank (row 2, right) and Ashlinn and Janice Cole (row 3, left) are just a few of those in the BBC family who have participated in the "We Are the Church" video.

Discipleship. Megan Fedders (row 4, right), and Cindy Moore, (row 5, right) each led the children's story for Sunday morning worship.

Worship. Sam Berry played "Do Lord Remember Me" on his guitar (row 2, left). Deacons Luke Fedders (row 1, left) and Joe Yates (row 4, left) led prayers and responsive readings. Noah Arthur sang "Sheltered in the Rock of Ages" (row 5, left). Aleena and Zain Malik (row 3, right) sang "My God Is So Big".

Ministry. Pastor Danny Moore, the Deacons, Tina Appleton, and many others have been working to get the church building ready for in-person services again. Pastor Danny (row 1, right) recorded a video explaining our new health and safety procedures for the Jun. 28 service.

Evangelism. Despite the hardships and inconveniences of the last several months, and continuing in to the future, the coronavirus pandemic has made us more flexible in our scheduling, more creative in our thinking, and more dependent upon God for His guidance, provision, and protection. As we go into the summer months that allow for partial re-opening, we will use the best of both in-person and virtual communication, participation, and interaction to expand our reach so that many can come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

