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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 am so excited to welcome everyone back to worship together in person again. There are so many distractions going on in our lives on a daily basis that we at times seem to just get lost in all of the issues that surround us. But Christ-like love always wins, always provides, and always brings blessings. So I want to challenge you to enjoy the time that God has given you. In *Psalm 46:10* God says, *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* But how do we actually do that in this stressful and topsy-turvy COVID-19 world, filled with fear, doubt, disappointment, sickness, and death? Prayer and faith in Jesus are the keys to happiness and blessings. The Lord's Prayer that we all learned as children has been very helpful to me on a daily basis. So, I would like to challenge you again to start out your day with the Lord in prayer. I recommend that you start out in a quiet place, just you and Jesus. Focus on your daily relationship with Jesus. Then from your heart say *Matthew 6:9-13*: *"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"*.

Yes, the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples can prepare our hearts for anything. But we can't just mouth the words over and over again, it has to come from our hearts. Only then will we see Jesus' love, mercy, grace, and power over evil poured out on our lives. I hope to see you all soon and again thank you for your love for God and each other.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- March 3** Business Meeting
- March 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- March 28** Palm Sunday
- March 29** Deacons' Meeting
- April 2** Good Friday Service



"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up..." (John 3:14).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Almost 1,500 years before Jesus died on the cross, the children of Israel were being bitten by fiery serpents in the wilderness, many of them suffering and even dying for their sin and rebellion against God. But even in that time of judgment, God provided a way for salvation. He instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All the Israelites had to do to survive the snakes' venom was look at the bronze serpent in the midst of their camp and they would live (*Numbers 21:8-9*).

So many centuries later, Jesus recounted that Old Testament story to Nicodemus, telling him that "...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (*John 3:14*). Just like their sinful ancestors, who received grace and mercy by trusting God's offer of forgiveness, the Jewish people gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover would look upon Jesus elevated upon another pole, the cross. The children of Israel's physical healing from snakebite was accomplished by nothing more than faith in Moses' instructions. In the first century and today, we receive spiritual salvation by trusting in Jesus' work on the cross.

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that no one could ascend to God except Him because He first descended from heaven. We are familiar with what we gained when Jesus came down to be lifted up, but let us also consider what Jesus freely surrendered to rescue us. Jesus gave up His glory (*John 17:5*). He dwelled with His Father in unapproachable light (*I Timothy 6:16*) but set aside His heavenly honor, power, riches, and angelic worship to live among us. Jesus made himself of no reputation (*Philippians 2:7*). He who sat at the right hand of the Power was content to be raised as a poor man in an unimportant village of a forgotten corner of a small country before He lived as an itinerant preacher, with no home of His own. Jesus submitted to worldly authority (*Matthew 17:27*). The King of Kings and Lord of Lords showed honor to ungodly rulers and respect for human customs. Jesus abstained from using His divine power (*John 5:19*). He voluntarily confined Himself to the limits of the human condition so that He could live among us as one of us. He experienced pain, deprivation, injustice, and temptation firsthand when He could have been rescued by a legion of angels at any time. Jesus was obedient unto death (*Hebrews 5:8*). He accepted His Father's will that He would sacrifice His sinless life for the lives of sinners. Jesus died on a cross (*Galatians 3:13*). He took on the curse of the law so we could receive the blessings of faith in His name.

As we remember Jesus' great humility and suffering during His life and ministry in the weeks leading up to Easter, it is even more important to recall that Jesus overcame and conquered all that sin, death, and Satan could muster. Jesus endured the cross, despised the shame, and laid hold of the joy set before Him (*Hebrews 12:2*). He is sitting again with His Father, waiting for us to join Him.

Old Testament Titles for Jesus #1 Scramble

Can you match each of these Old Testament titles for Jesus with the book they came from? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. anointed High Priest | A. Genesis |
| 2. anointed Son | B. Exodus |
| 3. brazen serpent | C. Leviticus |
| 4. Captain of the Lord's hosts | D. Numbers |
| 5. covenant-keeping God | E. Deuteronomy |
| 6. God of our fathers | F. Joshua |
| 7. God of our salvation | G. Judges |
| 8. God of providence | H. Ruth |
| 9. God of the cherubim | I. I Samuel |
| 10. great judge | J. II Samuel |
| 11. kinsman-redeemer | K. I Kings |
| 12. Lord God of Israel | L. II Kings |
| 13. Lord of heaven and earth | M. I Chronicles |
| 14. Messenger of the Lord | N. II Chronicles |
| 15. Passover Lamb | O. Ezra |
| 16. Prophet like Moses | P. Nehemiah |
| 17. risen and returning Redeemer | Q. Esther |
| 18. Seed of David | R. Job |
| 19. Seed of woman | S. Psalms |
| 20. wisdom of God | T. Proverbs |

Old Testament Titles for Jesus #1 Word Search

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

Word Bank: anointed Son, brazen serpent, captain, cherubim, covenant-keeping, fathers, great judge, heaven and earth, High Priest, Israel, kinsman, messenger, Passover Lamb, prophet, providence, Redeemer, salvation, Seed of David, Seed of woman, wisdom

March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich, Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 24 Janice Cole



Business Meeting Briefs

- Note: The regular monthly February business meeting was cancelled by the Pastor and Deacons on Jan. 23, 2021 under the provisions of the Mar. 2020 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions. Reports for February will be received at the March business meeting.

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- A motion will be made to nominate Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael to serve as messengers to the 2021 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting being held in Nashville, TN from June 15-16.
- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2020 finances.

Prayer Concerns

Nick Cole
Sam & Robin Berry at the passing of her mother the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot Fowler, Gene Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Ollie Baumbaugh, Linda Roberts, Margie Stream, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Sam Berry, prostate cancer; Gail Palestine; Joe Williams; Bob & Stephanie Runkles' granddaughter, Amathy, breast cancer
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).

Old Testament Titles for Jesus #1 Scramble Answers

1. C (Lev. 8:7-9); 2. S (Ps. 2:7); 3. D (Num. 24:17); 4. F (Josh. 5:14); 5. P (Neh. 1:5); 6. N (II Chron. 20:6); 7. M (I Chron. 16:35); 8. Q (Esther); 9. L (II Kings 19:15); 10. I (I Sam. 2:10); 11. H (Ruth 2:1); 12. K (I Kings 8:15,26); 13. O (Ezra 1:2); 14. G (Judg. 2:1); 15. B (Exod. 12:3); 16. E (Deut. 18:15); 17. R (Job 19:25); 18. J (II Sam. 7:13); 19. A (Gen. 3:15); 20. T (Prov. 8).

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I know you're a new Christian, and gave up drinking Rodney, but a tithe consists of one tenth, not two fifths!"

News You Can Use

In-person services are back! BBC will restart in-person services on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Sunday schedule will be the same as when we last met in December, with Sunday School at 8:30 am and two worship services, one at 9:15 am and the second at 10:45 am that is streamed online. Both services will have the same format, music, readings, and sermon. Online streaming of the Adult I Sunday School class by Zoom and 10:45 am service on Facebook Live will continue so you can worship virtually. Emails have been sent out with further details and instructions. Please contact Pastor Danny Moore with any questions or concerns.

150th anniversary shirts. As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations in 2021, commemorative embroidered polo shirts will be sold. Pre-order requests are needed immediately. We will order as a group to take advantage of the cost and shipping savings of a single large order. If you are

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interested in purchasing shirts, please contact the Church Office with your name and number of each style and size shirt you want. Options available are: S, M, L, XL @ \$21.95; 2XL @ \$24.45; 3XL @ \$25.45; Women's: S, M, L @ \$21.95.

Daylight savings time begins Mar. 14. Set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on Saturday, Mar. 13.

Easter services. The 2021 celebration of Jesus' resurrection will start on Palm Sunday, Mar. 28. A Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm on Apr. 2. On Apr. 4, Easter Sunday, special music will be presented. Plans for a BBC-only sunrise service are being discussed; stay tuned for specifics.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The 2021 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is Mar. 7-14. This year's theme is "The Mission Moves Forward" based on *I Corinthians 15:58*: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain".

The SBC's national goal is \$70 million; BBC's is \$2,000. Every dollar given goes to train and resource thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States and Canada.

The offering was started in 1895 by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and the WMU's first national executive leader. Generations of Southern Baptists have given over \$1 billion to the cause since then. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this vital missions effort.



Row 1: Adult Sunday School by Zoom; Row 2: Bill Caudell and Ann Bennett (left and right) sharing the Children's Story, Barbara Swank (middle) singing with Jan Burdette on piano; Row 3: Pastor Danny preaching; Row 4: Deacons David Bennett and Joe Yates (left and right) praying and Lee Michael (middle) reading from *Hebrews* for the Wed. Night Bible study
Row 5: sister church in Pakistan watching BBC Facebook Live worship service