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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 observe Memorial Day, my heart is burdened for our great country. While the USA is still the land of the free and we are so blessed by God to live in America where we can worship Jesus freely, scenes of hatred, violence, and death are everywhere. This nation that we love is angry, hurting, and confused. It needs our prayers and our Christian witness of love, grace, and mercy. There is still time for us as a country to come back to God, repent of our sinfulness and pride (*II Chronicles 7:14*), and to honor and exalt Him. Jesus is the Lord of Lord and King of Kings and there shall be no other gods before Him (*Exodus 20:3*). It will take all Christians to join together in prayer and to stand up for what we know is good, true, and righteous before our nation can be healed. As John Adams wrote in 1798, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other".

The powerful patriotic song "America the Beautiful" composed by Katharine Lee Bates (1859–1929) does more than inspire us to celebrate our great nation. It also encourages us to pray for it. Each stanza is filled with pleas for God's grace, God's healing, and God's guidance so that we love each other unconditionally, govern our own passions and pride with truth and justice, and have an attitude of forgiveness and acceptance for everyone. Of special relevance these days are these words Bates wrote more than a century ago: *America! America! / God mend thine every flaw, / Confirm thy soul in self-control, / Thy liberty in law!*

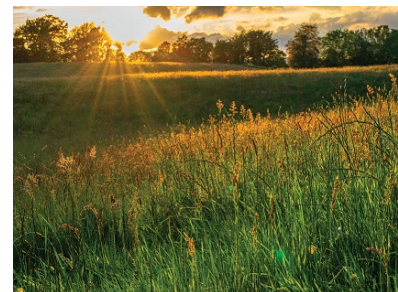
As we remember those military men and women from our nation's founding to today who gave the last full measure of devotion for their countrymen's freedom and democracy, we know that Jesus gave an even greater sacrifice for an even greater good (*Romans 5:7-8*). Through His death and through His life we are freed from the shackles of sin and suffering. Pray for our country to again be one nation under God. It's never too late to pray and to live a godly life that demonstrates the love of Jesus to our neighbors and communities.

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Upcoming Events

June 1 Business Meeting
June 5 Church Picnic
June 18 Baptist Men's Meeting; Fishing at Neals' Pond; Baby Shower
June 19 Father's Day
June 20 Deacons' Meeting



"Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake" (Psalm 31:16).

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the reasons I enjoy visiting Smith Mountain Lake near Roanoke, Virginia (besides catching the largest fish) is because it is a beautiful body of water, surrounded in many places by rocky cliffs, forests, and farmland. But every time our fishing boat moves with any speed, we create a wake that eventually splashes onto the shore. Jet skis and bass boats going at higher speeds create larger waves that rock our boat and crash even more strongly onto the shore. Little by little, wave by wave, the unprotected shoreline is eroded. The never-ceasing water dissolves the soil, loosens the rocks, and carves away the land until it collapses or crumbles. Eventually, whole hillsides are washed away, trees whose roots have nothing to hold onto fall into the lake, and even whole islands are lost beneath the waters. That is why every property owner around the lake is required to install riprap--rock or other hard material--to take the pounding blows of the waves and currents so that the land behind the riprap is protected. In those places where riprap is installed, the shoreline is preserved, but in undeveloped areas, it is common to see the signs of erosion and damage: dead trees laying in the water and muddy flats that benefit neither fish nor land-dwellers.

Erosion is also a concern for Christians. As individual followers of Jesus and as a congregation of believers, we too must guard against drifting away from the course the Lord has set for us. In *Acts*, the Apostle Paul built up the church at Ephesus into a strong witness for Christ and lead them through temptation and persecution. Before he left the Ephesians, Paul warned them in *Acts 20:32* to guard the truth against "*savage wolves*" that would distract, distort, and deceive them using the "*word of His grace, which is able to build you up*". We need to abide both in the Word of God and with the God of the Word so that that we do not one day worship without conviction, fellowship without discipleship, or minister without relationship.

In *Ephesians 6*, Paul followed up with the Ephesian church on the need to defend against spiritual compromise and weakness by putting on the whole armor of God. All but one of the pieces are defensive, designed to protect the vulnerable parts of the body from outside weapons and attacks. Just like the lakeshore protected by riprap, our job as believers is to stay put, to not give up when spiritual attacks, distractions, and temptations pound on us like crashing waves. Those pieces of armor are associated with positive spiritual qualities: girding the belt of truth prepares us for spiritual battle, the breastplate of righteousness defends our heart and the core of our being so that our holiness before God is preserved. Standing firm in the confidence of the gospel is like a pair of cleats that dig into the ground. Our faith in God is like a shield that defends us against temptation and doubt. The helmet of salvation gives us assurance of God's promises against doubt and confusion.

The one offensive weapon Paul listed is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, that allows us to repel the advances of our enemy and to defeat any scheme made against us. Just like the riprap around the lake, we will be protected and endure against the swirling tides and currents of the world around us when we hold fast to the truth.

Biblical Adversaries Scramble

Can you match these 20 biblical characters with their adversaries or opponents? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abel | A. Caesar |
| 2. Ananias | B. Saul |
| 3. Daniel | C. Goliath |
| 4. David | D. Jannes and Jambres |
| 5. Elijah | E. Haman |
| 6. Esther | F. Gomer |
| 7. Eve | G. Darius |
| 8. Gideon | H. Herod |
| 9. Hagar | I. Herodias |
| 10. Hosea | J. serpent |
| 11. Jacob | K. Potiphar's wife |
| 12. Jesus | L. Midianites |
| 13. Job | M. Laban |
| 14. John the Baptist | N. Delilah |
| 15. Joseph | O. Cain |
| 16. Magi | P. Judas |
| 17. Moses | Q. Jezebel |
| 18. Paul | R. Sarah |
| 19. Rachel | S. Esau |
| 20. Samson | T. Eliphaz |

Biblical Adversaries Word Search

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

Word Bank: Caesar, Cain, Darius, Delilah, Eliphaz, Esau, Goliath, Gomer, Haman, Herod, Herodias, Jannes and Jambres, Jezebel, Judas, Laban, Midianites, Mrs. Potiphar, Sarah, Saul, serpent

June Birthdays

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- 8** Lisa Fedders
- 9** David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10** Noah Arthur, Gary Burdette
- 11** Jan Burdette
- 14** Marty Woods
- 23** Bill Appleton
- 26** Tim Conklin
- 27** Danny Moore, Sandra Oden
- 29** Elsie Leibrand



Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Joe Zetts; Mitch Nikirk, Mary Ann Luhn's friend recovering from shoulder surgery; Lori Hash and Kasi Stears, motorcycle accident; Mr. and Mrs. Nestor, friends of Mary Ann Luhn; Jesse Lee Appleton, preparing to be a blood marrow donor; Betty James, Cindy Moore's mother; Stephanie Runkles, back pain; the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot Fowler, Eddie Fowler, Gene Bennett, Janet Magruder, Linda Roberts, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Blake Stevens, 13-year-old with cancer; Bill Appleton, leukemia; Kitty Cooley

Missions: NAMB and IMB missionaries; all the church planters in MD/DE; MBA-sponsored church plant Hope Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA



*"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 May:

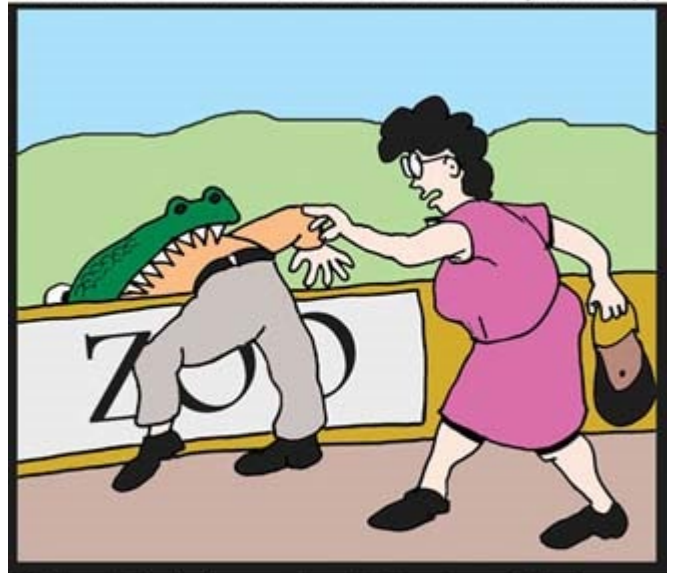
- No new business was presented at the May business meeting.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

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

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"For Pete's sake Eli... just let go of the Chicken leg!"

Biblical Adversaries Scramble Answers

1. **O** (Genesis 4:8); 2. **B** (Acts 9:13); 3. **G** (Daniel 6:16);
4. **C** (I Samuel 17); 5. **Q** (I Kings 19:2); 6. **E** (Esther 7:6);
7. **J** (Genesis 3:1); 8. **L** (Judges 6:11); 9. **R** (Genesis 21:10);
10. **F** (Hosea 1:2); 11. **S** (Genesis 27:41); 12. **P** (Luke 22:48);
13. **T** (Job 42:7); 14. **I** (Mark 6:24); 15. **K** (Genesis 39:19);
16. **H** (Matthew 2:12); 17. **D** (II Timothy 3:8);
18. **A** (Acts 27:24); 19. **M** (Genesis 31:34); 20. **N** (Judges 16:6).

News You Can Use

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Spark Studios", which will be held Jul. 11-15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The VBS Scripture is *Ephesians 2:10*. Online registration will be available by mid-June at barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs; watch for announcements by email and on Facebook. Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. We have classes for kids from three-year-olds to high school and for adults.



Write to Billy Appleton. Billy Appleton is now in residence at Johns Hopkins University Hospital for his leukemia treatments, where he will be a bone marrow transplant recipient. Tina is also there to help care for Billy over the coming weeks and months. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement and let them know that you are praying for them, you can mail them at: Billy & Tina Appleton/301 North Broadway, Room 409/ Baltimore, MD 21231-1101.

Thank you. Your donations through BBC allowed us provide breakfast for 200 men at the Rockville homeless shelter in May. Special appreciation goes to Lisa Fedders for organizing this outreach opportunity.

Church picnic. Gather with us for our annual church picnic on the grounds on Sunday, Jun. 5 after the worship service. BBC is providing fried chicken and sides.

Baby shower. New BBC member Cheyanne Gregory and her husband Scott are looking forward to having their first child—a boy, due on Jul. 22. Barnesville Baptist is holding a baby shower for Cheyanne on Saturday, Jun. 18 at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Cheyanne is registered at babylist.com. Bring a package of diapers for a raffle to win a gift basket. Contact Doris Kiser (301-706-4886) with any questions.

June fishing. On Saturday, Jun. 18 at 11:00 am, the children will enjoy a fishing trip at the Neals' pond at 21511 Peach Tree Road. Everyone should bring their own fishing rod and bait.

SBC annual meeting. Southern Baptists are gathering in Anaheim, CA on Jun. 14-15 for the 2022 annual meeting, where messengers will vote for a new convention president and set the course of the SBC for the coming year. Even though BBC is not sending messengers this year, there is much to pray about, including responding to sexual abuse. You can follow along with news from the convention through the Baptist Press (baptistpress.com).



Row 1: Bill Caudell teaching the kids the importance of saying "thank you"; Billy & Tina Appleton beginning Billy's journey to recovery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore; Ann Bennett playing on the bell tree; Row 2: Barbara Swank singing refrains about service; Karen Hazzard singing a Mother's Day solo; Megan and Aleena Malik singing "Father I Adore You"; Row 3: Pastor Danny Moore preaching; Mary Yates was recognized for her service to the Poolesville Friendly Thrift Shop on May 1; Lee Michael delivering the morning announcements; Row 4: Pastor Danny and Deacons Luke Fedders, Joe Yates, David Bennett, and Lee Michael serving communion; Row 5: Joe Yates opening the service; Jan Burdette on the piano; Ed Williams leading the offering