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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

July was a fun month for all of us. The month started out with our Vacation Bible School week. I would like to thank everyone that participated this year in our VBS. One of the things that I was so grateful for was how everyone worked together with Christlike unity as we shared the great news of the Gospel of Jesus with the children and the adults.

Another reason that July was fun was that Cindy and I were able to get away for some rest. We would like to say thank you to everyone the filled in at BBC while we were on vacation. We spent a week in the New England area. We drove to Massachusetts and Maine, where we saw so many beautiful lighthouses and watermen working night and day to catch fish and lobsters. Boy, the lobsters were fresh from the sea and taken right from the boat to our plates. As I watched how hard the watermen worked and how determined and focused they were to bring in their catches, I thought of Jesus' words to His disciples, and to you and me: *"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow Me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him"* (Matthew 4:18-22).

Jesus is still calling you and me today to be fishers of men for His glory. That is why I am so excited about our baptism service scheduled for Sunday, Jul. 30. I know that the BBC has been faithful to Jesus' calling on us to go and share the gospel with the lost and hurting people in our community.

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Upcoming Events

- August 2** Business Meeting
- August 12** Museum of the Bible Field Trip
- August 17** MBA Tent at Montgomery County Fair
- August 19** Baptist Men's Breakfast
- August 28** Deacons' Meeting



"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves"
(Matthew 7:15).

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The well-known opening verse of *John* describes Jesus Christ as the Word: “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*” (*John 1:1*). Various Bible commentaries have explained why “Word” was a useful metaphor to describe Jesus based on Greek philosophy, but there are even better reasons going back to the Old Testament to use “Word” to explain who the Son of God was. The link between the Old and New Testaments is found in *John 1:14*: “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory...*”. The idea that the Jesus, the Word, made the invisible God visible and tangible to mankind is found in the lives of Abram, Samuel, and Jeremiah. All three men had personal interactions with God as the “word of the Lord”.

In *Genesis 15*, God interacted with Abram to fulfill His covenant promise, and was described as “*the word of the Lord*”: “*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying...*” (*Genesis 15:1*). The interesting part of the encounter was that the Word was (a) visible and (b) spoke. The verse does not say that Abram merely heard a voice, but that he saw and recognized “*the word of the Lord*” as God. Abram’s response in *Genesis 15:2* indicates that he recognized the Word of *Genesis 15:1* as his God: “*But Abram said, ‘Lord God...’*”. The Word=God link repeats the pattern of personal interaction with Abram in *Genesis 15:4* and *v. 6*, where “*the word of the Lord*” approached and spoke to Abram directly, who identified the speaking Word as Lord.

The prophet Samuel at a young age had a personal introduction to God as a visible Word in *I Samuel 3*. Verse 1, like *Genesis 15*, associated the “*word of the Lord*” with something visible: “*...the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there were not many visions.*” *I Samuel 3:7* indicated that before his encounter with the Word, Samuel was not personally familiar with the Lord: “*(Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him)*”. *I Samuel 3:10* then described a physical encounter between God--already identified previously as the *Word*--and Samuel: “*Now the Lord came and stood and called...*”. *I Samuel 3:21* repeated the theme of Samuel’s personal acquaintance with the Lord through a visible Word: “*Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord*”.

The prophet Jeremiah also described his first meeting with the Lord as a physical encounter with the “*word of the Lord*”, One who spoke to him and touched him. Jeremiah described his commissioning as a prophet by God as a personal interaction: “*Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying...*” (*Jeremiah 1:4*). In case there was any doubt, Jeremiah elaborated on his encounter with God, describing Him as having a physical body and able to touch him. “*Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth...*” (*Jeremiah 1:9*).

Bringing the stories of Abram, Samuel, and Jeremiah together, the Old Testament teaches that God, as the Word, can be a physical being who can speak, touch, be seen, and interact with people in a material sense. Yet we also know that God the Father cannot be seen by mortal man: “*...for no*

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Sayings from the Bible Scramble

Many common sayings we use today are actually from the Bible. Can you match all 20 sayings with their missing word? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. ____ of my eye | A. birdie |
| 2. a drop in the ____ | B. platter |
| 3. a little ____ told me | C. bucket |
| 4. as old as ____ | D. letter |
| 5. at the ____ hour | E. matter |
| 6. fly in the ____ | F. apple |
| 7. follow the ____ of the law | G. Methuselah |
| 8. go the ____ mile | H. mighty |
| 9. head on a ____ | I. ointment |
| 10. how the ____ have fallen | J. extra |
| 11. it’s better to give than ____ | K. powers |
| 12. like a ____ in sheep’s clothing | L. words |
| 13. nothing but skin and ____ | M. writing |
| 14. put ____ in one’s mouth | N. wolf |
| 15. sour ____ | O. straight |
| 16. stay on the ____ and narrow | P. eleventh |
| 17. the ____ is on the wall | Q. grapes |
| 18. the ____ that be | R. bones |
| 19. the root of the ____ | S. hands |
| 20. wash my ____ of the matter | T. receive |

Sayings from the Bible Word Search

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

Word Bank: apple, birdie, bones, bucket, eleventh, extra, grapes, hands, letter, matter, Methuselah, mighty, ointment, platter, powers, receive, straight, wolf, words, writing

August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal
11 Rick Thomas
16 Stephanie Runkles
17 Pauline Fowler
20 Bill Williams
25 Jim Gong
26 Lee Michael
28 Ann Bennett
30 Matthew Cole
31 Bob Runkles



Prayer Concerns

Members: Joe & Mary Yates, health
Family and Friends: Rev. Michael Mattar, recovering from heart surgery; Angela Wagner, cousin of Tina Appleton, ALS and dementia; the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.; the staff and students of Monocacy Elementary School
Seniors: Arlene Luhn; Betty James; Cortland "Pop" Moore; Dot Fowler; Eddie Fowler; Janet Magruder; Margie Stream; Ollie Baumbaugh; Ralph Cooley; Rebecca Umstead
Cancer patients: Billy Appleton; Jack Cooley, bone cancer; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Kitty Cooley
Missions: NAMB and IMB missionaries; church planters in MD/DE; King of Glory Church in Pakistan; 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).

The Pew Perspective, continued

man shall see Me, and live..." (Exodus 33:20), which John acknowledged in John 1:18: "No one has seen God at any time". What better way to show New Testament believers that Jesus was the visible, accessible, and physical God we could see and hear and touch than by identifying Him as the "word of the Lord" of the Old Testament in John 1:18: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory..."? Jesus Himself affirmed that truth to Philip in John 14:9: "...He who has seen Me has seen the Father...". Knowing the Old Testament roots of New Testament concepts helps us understand "...the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God" (Romans 11:33)!

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:

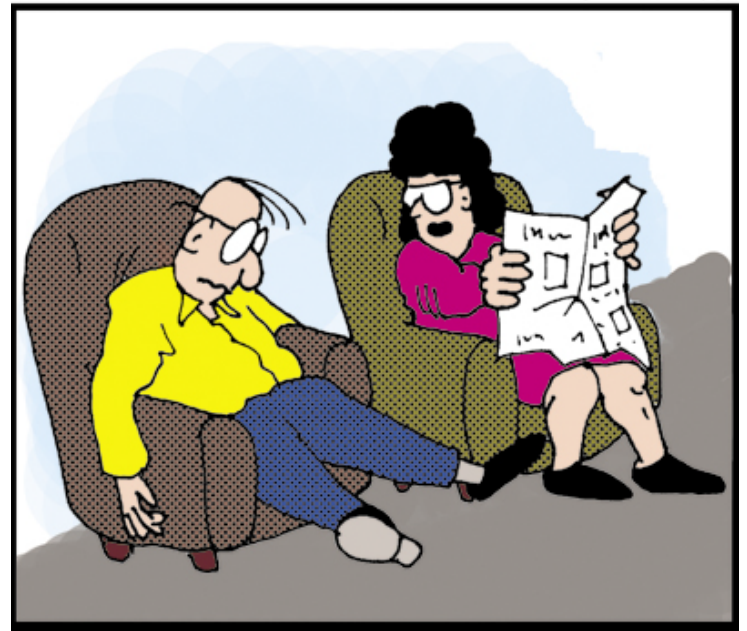
- No new business was presented at the July business meeting.

Expected at the August Business Meeting:

- The Pastor & Deacons will offer a motion to accept the membership application of Zain Malik, pending baptism on Jul. 30.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Don't worry about it Eli. Next time just remember to turn off your lapel mike in the restroom."

Sayings from the Bible Scramble Answers

1. **F** (Deuteronomy 32:10); 2. **C** (Isaiah 40:15); 3. **A** (Ecclesiastes 10:20); 4. **G** (Genesis 5:25-27); 5. **P** (Matthew 20:6); 6. **I** (Ecclesiastes 10:1); 7. **D** (II Corinthians 3:6); 8. **J** (Matthew 5:41); 9. **B** (Mark 6:25); 10. **H** (II Samuel 1:25); 11. **T** (Acts 20:35); 12. **N** (Matthew 7:15); 13. **R** (Job 19:20); 14. **L** (II Samuel 14:3); 15. **Q** (Ezekiel 18:2); 16. **O** (Matthew 7:14); 17. **M** (Daniel 5:5-6); 18. **K** (Romans 13:11); 19. **E** (Job 19:28); 20. **S** (Matthew 27:24).

News You Can Use

VBS 2023. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's "Twists and Turns" Vacation Bible School on Jul. 10-14. VBS 2023 was a good time of teaching the Gospel and fellowship with new and old friends. Fun was had by all as students enjoyed times of worship, Bible study, crafts, recreation, and snacks. This year's VBS offering, which as of publication was \$2,025, will again be sent to the King of Glory Church in Pakistan to buy school supplies for the children. We appreciate everyone who volunteered

to make this year's VBS a blessing to so many children and their families.

Next year's VBS theme will take us to the seashore with "Breaker Rock Beach".



Row 1: Harper Ahalt and a fishy friend; younger kids in a contest; the older kids' class saying hello; Row 2: Pastor Danny showing off some new dance moves; Zain Malik lifting off in the bounce house; kids enjoying time on the playset; Row 3: VBS is a place to make friends; Megan McCall leading the children in the motions to the VBS theme song; Ralph Cooley showing VBS is for kids of all ages.

Seniors' lunch. Two dozen seniors enjoyed a noontime meal of roast beef and a fun time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 18 during our seniors' appreciation luncheon. We thank the Lord for those who have done and are doing so much in BBC's ministry.



Museum trip. BBC is hosting a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC on Saturday, Aug. 12. Round-trip transportation from BBC will be available, departing at 8:45 am. Purchase your tickets ahead of time online at museumofthebible.org. An early dinner will be held at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge in Rockville following the museum visit. RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 30.



Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pastor Danny is in the middle of a teaching series on the New Testament epistle of *I Peter* on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Now is a great time to join this Bible study, either in-person or online.



Prayer requests. The worship bulletin is updated weekly with prayer requests for BBC members, family, and friends. Please contact Pastor Danny or the Church Office by Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to have your request included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Prayer requests can also be emailed out to the BBC email list for more timely needs.

County fair outreach. On Thursday, Aug. 17, BBC will man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please see Pastor Danny to participate in this outreach. Contacts with people at the county fair have led to salvation decisions and baptisms, so this is a great opportunity to reach many people with the Gospel by passing out water, candy, New Testaments, and tracts.

Choir update. Choir practices resume on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 12:15 pm, after the morning worship service. If you would like to participate in the worship service by singing, please contact Choir Director Nita Roff to sign up. Thanks to all who have been contributing to the Sunday services with their solos, duets, and other special music.

