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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

On Aug. 8, BBC provided school supplies to students from Pre-K to 12th Grade. More than 30 children from 13 families were gifted with a few essential items that will be useful in their classrooms.

It was an honor to take part in this event. I enjoyed getting to meet the parents who brought their children to our give-away. I was also blessed as the Pastor to see so many of our church members give of their time. We provided more than just backpacks and school supplies, as we also shared the Gospel with the families who came to see us.

Speaking of providing, the messages for the next several Sundays will focus on one of the names by which God is known. "Jehovah Jireh" is Hebrew for "The God Who Provides" or simply, "The Lord Provides". The term was used in *Genesis 22:8* when Abraham was being tested to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham said, "*God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son*".

The Bible tells of many ways in which God provided for His people. He provided in material ways such as food, water and clothing. He provided both seen and unseen protection from enemies. He provided peace and calmness during times of stress and anxiety. He provides eternal life to all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

What, how and when God provides is not always based on our needs. He provides wisdom, comfort, forgiveness, and peace in good times and bad times. The Apostle Paul wrote in *Philippians 4:19*, "*And my God will supply [provide for] every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*".

Reviewing mostly Old Testament accounts, we will examine how He provided for those He loved. We will not only examine what God provided then (and what He provides today), but we will also see how He provided and the timing of His provisions. As we go through this series, I would enjoy hearing how and when God provided for you. How has God showed up at just the right time and delivered just what you needed at that moment? Your testimonies give credibility to the words of *Psalm 23:1*, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want [be in need]*".

God Bless,



Pastor Kevin

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Upcoming Events

September 2 September Business Meeting
September 7 Labor Day
September 13 Choir Practices Resume
September 19 Baptist Men's Meeting; Poolesville Day
September 28 Deacons' Meeting



*"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers..."*
(Ephesians 4:11).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Some of the most familiar names in *Acts* and the other New Testament books are the apostles like Peter, John, and Paul. They were appointed as leaders of the Church directly by Jesus and became authors of the scriptures, top-level missionaries, and founders of congregations. Today, we study their biblical writings in Sunday School and hear their admonitions explained during Sunday sermons. We are familiar with how they preached and taught and shared the Gospel to the Jewish people and then expanded out to the Gentile peoples across the Roman Empire and beyond. Out of the many disciples (students and followers) Jesus had, the apostles were Jesus' especially chosen "*fishers of men*" (*Matthew 1:19*) who were "*given power*" (*Matthew 10:1*) and "*sent out*" by Him to preach the kingdom of heaven (*Matthew 10:5*).

Among Jesus' final words to His apostles were instructions to tell others--disciples--about Jesus, who would in turn also spread the Gospel message. The Great Commission in *Matthew 28:19* starts with a command for the apostles to go out and begin sharing with others: "...*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...*". The second half of the Great Commission then gave the first generation of disciples the same instruction to share with the next crop of believers: "...*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you*" (*Matthew 28:20*). Jesus repeated a similar command in *Acts 1:8*, instructing His apostles that, "...*you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*". But they wouldn't do it alone.

The pattern and expectation that apostles would make new disciples who would in turn reach new believers is quickly found in *Acts*. After the martyrdom of Stephen, Saul of Tarsus started arresting Christians and they began fleeing. "*At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles...Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word*". (*Acts 8:1,4*). The first missionaries and evangelists of the Jewish people were not the apostles, who stayed in the Jewish capital, it was the common Christian believers who told their countrymen about Jesus.

That the average believers were on the front lines of sharing the Gospel in the first century A.D. wasn't an accident. In the Apostle Peter's first epistle, he addressed the "...*pilgrims of the Dispersion...*"--those same scattered believers spread across the Roman Empire (*I Peter 1:1*). He told them that, "...*you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...*" (*I Peter 2:9*). Peter emphasized the personal need for the Corinthians to act: you are chosen, you may proclaim, you were called, not just the apostles. Paul agreed, explaining to the Christians in Corinth that, "*God...has given us the ministry of reconciliation...Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us...*" (*II Corinthians 5:18,20*). An ambassador is a personal representative of a king or president, much more than a worker or a messenger. Paul

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Kingdom Leaders Scramble

Can you match these 20 kingdom leaders with the locations where they served? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Ananias | A. Samaria |
| 2. Apollos | B. Asia |
| 3. Aquila | C. Damascus |
| 4. Barnabas | D. Corinth |
| 5. Epaphras | E. Philippi |
| 6. John | F. Iconium |
| 7. John the Baptist | G. Cyprus |
| 8. Luke | H. Thessalonica |
| 9. Mark | I. Judea |
| 10. Paul | J. Antioch |
| 11. Peter | K. Jerusalem |
| 12. Philip | L. Macedonia |
| 13. Phoebe | M. Ephesus |
| 14. Priscilla | N. Gaza |
| 15. Silas | O. Caesarea |
| 16. Simeon | P. Syria |
| 17. Sopater | Q. Cenchrae |
| 18. Stephen | R. Colosse |
| 19. Timothy | S. Rome |
| 20. Titus | T. Crete |

Kingdom Leaders Word Search

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

Word Bank: Ananias, Apollos, Aquila, Barnabas, Epaphras, John, John the Baptist, Luke, Mark, Paul, Peter, Philip, Phoebe, Priscilla, Silas, Simeon, Sopater, Stephen, Timothy, Titus

September Birthdays

- 3 Megan Fedders McAleer
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Nita Roff



Prayer Concerns

Members: Gary Cooley, health

Family and Friends: Former pastor Danny Moore, recovering from back surgery; Marina Rodriguez, recovering from gall bladder surgery; Jerry Neal, recovering from heart surgery; Jonathan Chandan's father Dennis, recovering from heart surgery, Allison Runkles, sister-in-law of Stephanie Runkles, dementia; Jody Reed, cousin of Janna Williams, for leg strength and walking capabilities; Morgan and Dade Pumphrey, Will Pumphrey's daughters; Joe Yates' niece Cyndi, for her eyesight; the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Barbara Swank; Bob Runkles; Eddie & Pauline Fowler; John & Joyce Dunn; Kitty Cooley; Mary Yates; Ralph Cooley; Shirley Yates

Cancer patients: Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Patti DeArcangelis, friend of Bill Williams

Missions: Dr. Ron Blankenship and MBA leaders; BCM/D Executive Director Tom Stolle and staff; NAMB and IMB missionaries; church planters in MD/DE; MBA-sponsored Nepalese church plant Christ Vision International Church in Rockville, MD



*"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).*

Kingdom Leaders Scramble Answers

- 1. C (Acts 9:10); 2. M (Acts 18:24); 3. P (Acts 18:18);
- 4. F (Acts 14:3); 5. R (Colossians 4:12); 6. A (Acts 8:25);
- 7. I (Luke 3:3); 8. S (II Timothy 4:11); 9. G (Acts 15:39);
- 10. L (Acts 16:10); 11. O (Acts 10:24); 12. N (Acts 8:35);
- 13. Q (Romans 16:1); 14. D (Romans 16:3); 15. E (Acts 16:25);
- 16. J (Acts 13:1); 17. B (Acts 20:4); 18. K (Acts 6:8);
- 19. H (I Thessalonians 3:2); 20. T (Titus 1:5).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved a joint motion providing the Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2026-2028 term.
- The Pastor announced the appointment of a Select Committee on Nominations to nominate candidates for Church officer and committee positions for the 2026-2028 term: Noah Arthur, David Bennett, Jan Burdette, Lee Michael, and Nita Roff.
- The Church approved the following members to serve on the Worship Cmte. for the remainder of the 2024-2026 term: Jan Burdette as Chairman, vice Luke Fedders, resigned; and Tom Roff as Audio-Visual Technician, vice Luke Fedders, resigned.
- Motions to send letters of membership transfer for Claude & Donna Belcher to First Baptist Church of Damascus were adopted.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Pastor and Deacons will recommend that 42 inactive members be dismissed from church membership for one or more of the reasons described in Article II, Section 1 of the Church Constitution.

The Pew Perspective, continued

saw everyday Christians just as fully empowered and responsible to share the Gospel as himself. He used "we" and "us" to show that the work of sharing the Gospel belonged to all Christians. Paul in *Ephesians 6:20* referred to himself as "...an ambassador in chains...", using the same description for himself as he gave to other Christian believers.

There are no more apostles here in the 21st century. We never knew Jesus face to face, we don't write new letters to be added to the Bible, and we don't have the miraculous gifts of healing like the apostles did. But we do have the same calling to share the Gospel that they did, to tell others about Jesus' love for them and how that they can receive the gift of salvation through faith in Christ and repentance for sin that only He can forgive. We are empowered by the same Holy Spirit that the apostles had to guide and direct them in following Christ. We are therefore "... no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles" (*Ephesians 2:20*). We are to continue the apostles' mission—Jesus' Great Commission—as this generation's ambassadors and fishermen.

News You Can Use

School supply give-away. Our second annual school supply give-away on Saturday, Aug. 8 blessed over 30 local children from 13 families from Poolesville, Dickerson, Boyds, and Clarksburg. The event was a good opportunity to meet

Ann Bennett and Bill Caudell sharing the Gospel through a craft activity

new families in our community, introduce ourselves and our church to them, and share the love of Jesus.

Thank you to all our volunteers who staffed the different stations and provided a friendly, Christian witness to the families and children that attended. In addition to the school supplies, the kids also enjoyed snow cones and the moon bounce. We were also able to pray with and hand out tracts and Bibles to the families.



Pastor Kevin Cullins and Noah Arthur welcoming a family

Fall revival services. The 91st Montgomery Baptist Association (MBA) Annual Meeting will be held at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This year's meeting will feature keynote addresses by NAMB missionary Rev. Colin Pugh. Following the annual



meeting, the MBA will kick off four nights of church revitalization, renewal, and revival services starting at 7:00 pm from Oct. 19 to 21. Each evening will offer a unique experience with different worship teams and testimonies. Revival speakers include BCM/D pastors Jeremy Dickson on Oct. 19 and Jaime Caldwell on Oct. 20, as well as MBA preachers Ron Blankenship and Gayle Clifton on Oct. 21.

Church picnic, take two. After a stormy postponement in June, this Sunday, Aug. 30 is our second attempt to hold the annual church picnic after the worship service. Danny Howe from Hughesville Baptist Church will play his guitar and sing during the morning service. Afterwards, BBC is providing the main meal (Mission BBQ) and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. In the event of poor weather, we will use the Fellowship Hall.

Poolesville Day. On Saturday, Sep. 19, BBC will participate in the Poolesville Day festivities with a tent on Fisher Ave. Our goals in taking part are, like with the school supply give-away in August, to engage with our neighbors, share our Christian love for them, and introduce them to Jesus. The celebrations run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for early morning set-up, late afternoon take-down, and manning the tent throughout the day. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to take a shift for several hours.

Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware. The annual State Missions offering—rebranded this year as the Compassionate Ministry Offering—is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. BBC's goal is \$500; donations will be collected through the end of September. Donations will be used to strengthen BCM/D churches' ministries that care for the vulnerable and marginalized, organized around five focus areas: disaster relief, abuse prevention, disability ministry, evangelism, and poverty assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions. You can contribute by designating your check or using the envelopes provided in the pew.



Apparel order. In addition to a range of BBC shirts that were ordered, a select number of additional shirts will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. All the apparel will be ready for pick-up in time for Poolesville Day.

COTCD Cartoon

