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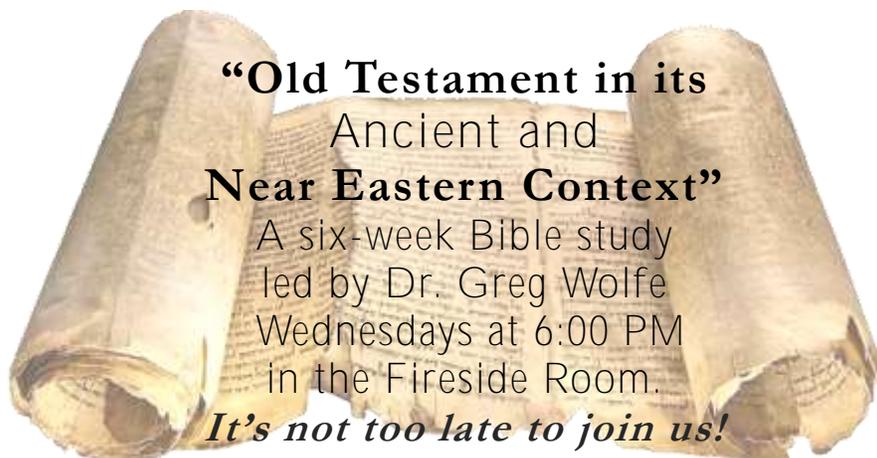


Sharing
the Lord's Supper
January 28
10:45 am

New Sermon Series on

THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS

January 7 through February 19



**“Old Testament in its
Ancient and
Near Eastern Context”**
A six-week Bible study
led by Dr. Greg Wolfe
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
in the Fireside Room.
It's not too late to join us!

2018 Offering
Envelopes
are now available for you
to pick up in the Atrium.



Rev. Micah Spicer, Senior Pastor



Monday, January 22 ~ Fireside Room

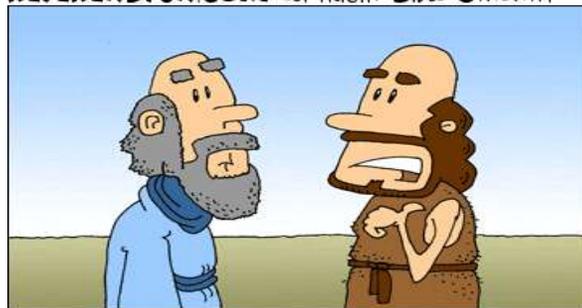
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The Bible, the sacred text for Christians, is a compilation of narratives, laws, poetry, and letters. The texts were gathered over hundreds, if not thousands, of years. When we consider these factors, as well as the fact that nothing new has been added to the biblical canon in nearly 2000 years, one might be shocked to realize just how relevant the Bible is. That relevance is what makes the Bible such a useful tool for Christians. First of all, the Bible points us towards God's saving grace through Jesus. Secondly, the Bible teaches us about how we should live in harmony with God and with others. And third, the Bible gives us an

opportunity to notice our shortcomings so that we can correct them.

Over the next couple of months, we are going to read the entire Letter to the *Galatians* and learn what God might be teaching us about Paul's letter written nearly 2000 years ago. What we will discover is that *Galatians* is strikingly relevant to our society in 2018. Themes such as the law and faith, the equality of all believers, and the responsibilities of freedom are obvious in *Galatians*. By taking the Apostle Paul and his Epistle seriously, God can use his transformative power to change our lives in 2018.



Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” *Proverbs 2:6*

The winter let-down...Christmas wrappings are hauled away, family has left to travel back to their homes, temperatures are dropping, and schedules are returning to normal routine. Following the hype and hubbub of the holiday season, the winter months can sometimes seem dreary. Between cold weather and lack of significant events, it's tempting to fall into apathy in any area of our lives, be it work or teaching or church. It is no wonder some animals hibernate through this time!

However, there are plenty of ways to celebrate this season and

remember God's blessings throughout it. I need to remember to take care of myself so that I can teach and take care of others. I need to take this time to focus on jump-starting, re-starting, or staying firm in my prayer life - daily going to God in worship. I need to pray for our children, their families and the lessons I teach on Sunday and Wednesday. I need to prepare my heart adequately and spend quality time finding new meaning in the stories I teach and the prayers I say. If I start feeling blue (or running out of lesson ideas,) I will take time to count my blessings. I will think about the

people around me, the country and the world with so much less, and be happy in what I have.

Appreciate the beauty of winter! It's never too early to think about summer activities...plow through winter by gearing up for Vacation Bible School, summer activities and more! I plan to brainstorm the blues away with a pen and a smile. All of the above are not really resolutions but things on my mind and in my heart. God is Good! Give him praise for creating such a variety of weather.

Remember to pray for the TBC children, their families and the volunteers that work with them!

Court Lewis *Interim Youth Minister*

New year, new semester, new goals. One of my strategies of teaching is to hold my students to high standards, ones I know they are capable of achieving. This January we are going to set the bar pretty high, and the Youth are going to need your help. I am going to ask them to retrain their hearts, by unlearning the violence that fills their lives and to re-learn what it means to have hope in Christ. We live in a violent world, and though violence has always plagued humanity, we live in a time where violence is consumed like air and water. Whether physical, mental, or emotional, our children are taught that violence is the only solution to all of life's problems. When was the last time you watched a television show that didn't rely on violence, or saw

public figures settle disagreements like civilized adults, instead of spewing violent and childish messages on T.V., Twitter, and social media? One of Aldo Leopold's greatest fears was that people would start thinking that produce comes from grocery stores, and just as many today think produce comes from groceries and money from ATMs, many think that the only solution to the world's problems is violence. We as a church must set ourselves apart, and if our Youth don't find another means to settle disputes, then sadly we will lose most of them to drugs, prison, and death.

Christ teaches there is another way - a way of truth and life. Instead of killing or enslaving our enemies, we are shown how

enemies are best-eliminated when they become our friends. So, for the next several weeks the Youth will learn how to have faith, to practice faith, and to imagine alternatives to violence. If you have lessons, stories and/or ideas about overcoming violence that you think the Youth would benefit from hearing, we would love to have you come and share them. Even if you can't attend on a Wednesday night, we can record you! Violence only flourishes when we as a community turn our backs and let it flourish. Let's work together to help our Youth stand up and overcome violence. Let's tell them about and show them how Christ gave us an alternative. Let's be a community that destroys violence with love and hope.

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

Our new year has begun! Another Look Sunday School class has started a new Bible Study this month to kick off the new year. We are calling it "A Comparative Study of the Synoptic Gospels."

Many of you may be familiar with books that are typically called 'gospel parallels.' These are texts that place Matthew, Mark, and Luke side-by-side to compare how each author shares the gospel story. We are using a gospel parallel by B.H. Throckmorton in our new study. It is easily purchased on Amazon or other online book sellers. I think our new class will allow us insight and understanding into the story of Jesus, which in turn will enrich all of us.

If you don't have a Sunday School class, feel free to join Another Look on Sundays at 9:30 am.

David Roberson

Minister of Music

Well, the first Courier since Christmas! Thanks to the Sanctuary Choir, the Handbell Choir, our accompanists, and other vocalists who worked so hard to provide TBC music for the Christmas season. They all did a marvelous job! I'm so lucky to work with such talented folks.

I also want to thank a group of people who have a big hand in making our Christmas special. Every first Sunday of Advent we walk into a beautifully decorated church which helps us celebrate the Christmas season. It doesn't happen by magic. For the last few years I've been on the decorating committee. My wife is on the committee and they said they needed someone to climb the ladder. I have nothing to do with the design and do nothing other than what I'm told to do! So, even though I'm on the committee, I don't take any credit for anything. But I do want to take a minute to thank the folks who deserve the credit. Lynn Roberson, Jan Holbrook Betty Bates, Mary Miller, Jan Lampkin, Jennifer Spence, Cissy Bishop, Chris Jones were all involved in the decorating, some are on the committee, some aren't. It was beautiful and helped us celebrate the season more fully. Please thank them!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

5:00 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:30 AM Deacons Retreat, FSR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 6:00 PM Business Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Lifeline Screening
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Missions & Music
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

5:00 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Lord's Supper
 4:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy to the family of **Debbie Burden**; and the family of **Dr. Perry McLimore**.

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been received:

in memory of TC Terry by Louise Hartsough, Lee & Bettie Kincaid; *in memory of Timothy Pate and John Shutt* by Doris Smith; *in memory of Corlean Hammond* by Matthew Layman, Nancy O'Bryan, Lois More, Frank & Darla Grove, Frank Maffia; *in memory of Jim Gordon* by Craig Miller; *in memory of H.M. & Zula Watters* by Nancy Warner; *in honor of Charles & Ann Newton* by Christopher Woolery; *in honor of John & Jan Lampkin* by the Isotopers RC Club; *in honor of their Teachers* by the New Millennium Class; *in memory of Al Lovan* by Lena Lovan.

THANK YOU

Thank you for continuing to welcome me each day I show up to work out. I am so grateful for your willingness to allow me to use your facility. You have all become great friends, and having access has made such a difference over the years.

Best regards, Larry Beisel

The Library Committee gratefully thanks the 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Class (Jenny Lewis, teacher) for their generous donation of three new children's books and also to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yaun for their donation of twenty new books for adults. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

PRESCHOOL PRAISE**January 14**

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

January 21

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

ATRIUM SOCIAL**January 14:**

Another Look

January 21:

New Millennium

DEACON INFORMATION**January 14**

Pat Settle, Bill Genet

Hope and Harvest Team

Cherri Lolley, Hawes Mercer

January 21

Debby Smith, Lee Kincaid

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Cissy Bishop

OUR RECORDS

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
S.S. / Worship	126 / 172	167 / 209	127/181/28	106/163/227	122 / 153
Total Offering	\$12,629	\$11,103	\$20,822	\$16,824	\$11,920
Capital Fund	\$200	\$10	0	\$40	0
Memorials	\$45	\$75	\$300	\$100	\$120
T-Y Gift to God	0	0	\$10,334	\$400	0
Other Funds	\$3,299	\$2,185	\$2,213	\$2,660	\$31,58
General Fund	\$9,085	\$8,833	\$7,975	\$13,624	\$8,642
Weekly Needs	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720

BAPTIST CENTER FOOD NEEDS

The food pantry at the Baptist Center is in need of canned meats, stews, mac & cheese, peanut butter, complete pizza dinners (with meat), and basically any shelf stable proteins. You may bring your donations to either the Baptist Center on Lancaster Avenue or to the Baptist Building on Scherm Road. Call 270-485-6253 for the Baptist Center hours.