

THE BAPTIST MESSENGER

February 2018



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. –John 1:1

What a profound and tantalizing statement. This sentence is dripping with meaning and nuance and possibility. Bask in all of this majestic mystery around the divination of “Word.” God has communicated. God is communication. To know God is to know what He has spoken. He spoke, and the universe and everything that is, was created. He spoke and prophets revealed the nature and purpose of God to His people. He spoke and He affirmed His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. He speaks the Word which we have in written form and all of our lives in practice and faith are defined and guided and illuminated.

As we pour over this idea of “Word” we see it goes deeper than just the words themselves. The actual words are symbols that create a way for one to communicate with another. They are markings on a paper or sounds escaping our lips. “Word” is the meaning behind the words. It is the idea that is being communicated. It is the reality which the markings and sounds point us to behold. The Word that was in the beginning and was with God and is God Himself, is not mere markings and sounds. The Word is reality itself. The Word is the weight of truth which the markings and sound try to convey.

From the mountain of proper Theology and the light of the unobstructed Sun and the breeze of Holy Wind, to the valley of the dust of the Earth in which we trod shall we now consider. If God deems to reveal Himself in the realm of communication, then how might that impact our use and view of communication amongst ourselves? These ideas- God’s Word and our words- must have relationship because from the mountain of Theology rains down truth into our dust, and the Sun lights our way, and the Holy Wind freshens the air around us. The implications of our use of words would be difficult to contain in one tiny expression of words such as this. But let me begin the journey with one thought: our words can create like the Word does create. While ours and His are similar in function, they are as different as can be in scope and weight. His Word lasts forever. Heaven and Earth may pass away, but not one Word from God. Our words are as fleeting as the conversation. They are as temporal and finite as we are. But, as God creates planets with His Word, we create ideas and images that may last beyond the hearing of our words.

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Building Community in Christ...

Reaching Communities for Christ . . .

Across the Street & Around the World

Sunday Services:

Traditional Service: 8:30 am

Education Hour: 9:45 am

Contemporary Service: 11:00 am

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COMING EVENTS

- *Saturday, February 3, 9:30 am: Women's Ministry Meeting
- *Sunday, February 4, 6:30 pm: Invitation to Prayer
- *Thursday, February 8, 9:30 am: Grapevine Ministry
- *Saturday, February 10, 8:30 am: Men's & Women's Ministry Breakfast Together
- *Sunday, February 18, 6:30 pm: Invitation to Prayer
- *Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am: Grapevine Ministry
- *Tuesday, February 27, 12:00 pm: J.O.Y. Luncheon

Messenger Schedule Change

After this edition, the Baptist Messenger schedule will be changed to a quarterly printing. The next Messenger will be printed for April 2018. All pertinent calendar items, and information regarding scheduled events will be readily available on the church website (fbcmh.org).

We will continue a weekly email with announcements. Please be sure we have your current email. These will also be available to pick up in the sanctuary on Sundays.



Led by Reverend Eric Hoheisel from the ABCNJ.

Topic: Getting Off the Merry-Go-Round to Encounter God

Where: First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly

When: Friday, March 16, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm *and*
Saturday, March 17, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Everyone is invited to attend.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth News

Please pray for your student ministry team to stay focused on our mission. Our mission is to help students grow in intimacy with God, understand & follow His desires for their lives, as we help each other on the journey.

The first month of 2018 has been very exciting for the student ministry. Our new format of Youth Group on Sunday evenings has already helped students attend, build relationships and hear God's Word. A student this month communicated that they never understood their purpose was to be serving God where had them today. They understood service and commitment to God as something in the future when they get older. It was a joy to see them realize they have a part in is church today and looking to live for Christ now.

Thank you for being a part of the First Baptist family and praying for us.

God bless you. As always...

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Elias & Your Youth Team

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Growth Group

Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am, Room 215

8th-12th Grade Retreat @ Spruce Lake

Meet at the church: Friday, Feb. 2 at 4:00 pm

Returning: Sunday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 pm

Jr. & Sr. High to Keswick

Meet at the church: T

Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 pm



Timothy Christian Academy

1341 Woodlane Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060

Pre-school - 8th grade

Registering for Fall 2018

Tours of the school can be scheduled by contacting the school at 609-261-9578 or info@tcaschool.com to confirm your attendance.



Adult Christian Education

**THE
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Gospel Project

Adult Christian Education

A study on

Jesus the Savior and Jesus the Risen King

Education Hour @ 9:45 am

Adults –in room 201

***The Gospel Project series systematically links
Old Testament teaching with New Testament teaching
through age appropriate materials to facilitate family discussions
during the week between children,
youth, and adults.***

Check this series out – and be blessed!



On Saturday, January 13, our men met for breakfast. John Caffee led the discussion on the meekness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our next breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 am. This will be our second annual breakfast meeting for all men and women of our church. You are invited and encouraged to attend. We will have a special guest speaker – Rev. Ned Flexer, former interim pastor at our church.

Men – start planning to join us at our next annual Men's Conference at Sandy Cove in Maryland in October. More information will be available later this spring.

John Caffee, on behalf of the Men's Ministry Team

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Our words create good relationship or bad between us. Our words create bonds to draw us closer together, or barriers to drive us apart. Let your words; the markings you scratch on paper and the sounds bounding from your lips, create life and love and goodness. I am trying to evaluate the usefulness of these words, and so here is a little test. If you are reading this article and other parts of our Messenger, please send me a little text or email. Your response will let me know these words are being seen. Simply write Holy Wind to my phone 609-500-7054, or to my email pastorscott@fbcmh.org and I'll know. Thank you.

God Bless You,

Pastor Scott



Missions

Update on the Doyles (A reprint from the bulletin of January 28th)

“Hope all is well. I just wanted to let you know that I recently received a call to work as the Transitional Pastor at the Berlin Baptist Church in Berlin, NJ. Thanks for all of your prayers for our family. We continue to live in Haddon Heights and Sarah and Andrew will finish out the year at Haddon Heights H.S. Sarah is recovering well from her fall.

Please keep my father Joseph Doyle in your prayers as he is going in on Feb. 5th to Deborah Hospital to have some tests done in preparation for a valve replacement to his heart.

Thanks again. In Christ, Dwayne and Janet”

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### Congratulations to Anthony Peña Elizabeth on their recent marriage.



Anthony and Elizabeth were married on January 13. Anthony and Elizabeth serve in the greater Trenton, NJ area through American Baptist World Evangelism.

We pray the Lord will bless Anthony and Elizabeth and their ministry.

### College and Career/Singles and Couples

Mondays, 7:00 pm, Room 207, facilitated by Anthony Peña

*Women's Ministry  
Of  
First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly*



**Recap**

Sixty ladies, including teens, attended our Sweet Life Café on January 20. There was great fellowship as well as fabulous food!

The sanctuary was transformed into a café style venue, with tables that sat 4 each. The ladies shared that being in smaller groups was more physically and socially comfortable for sharing and getting to know others in the group better.

Sessions included: Life is sweet when...

- \* We trust God
- \* We are nourished by Jesus
- \* We serve others
- \* We make time for friends
- \* We savor time with God
- \* We share it with others.

Thank you to Marcia Dreyer and her team for a most successful and spiritually growth oriented event!

**COMING EVENTS:**

Women's Ministry Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 3 @ 9:30 am

Men's & Women's Ministry **Breakfast Together:** Saturday, Feb. 10 @ 8:30 am  
All men & women are invited.

**Ladies' Annual Tea:** April 21<sup>st</sup> mark your calendars now!



**J.O.Y. Luncheon**

**Tuesday February, 27 at 12 noon**

Bring a dish to share and join us.  
There's room at the table for YOU!

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