

The Beacon

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1



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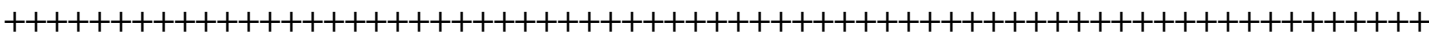
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PASTOR KEN, I HAVE A QUESTION.

WHY IS THE FIRST PART OF JOHN’S GOSPEL REFERRED TO AS “THE PROLOGUE?”

Great question. You’re referring to [John 1:1-18](#). Notice that the birth of Christ is not mentioned in these opening verses. Instead, John goes all the way back to the beginning of time with the emphasis on The Word (see verses 1 and 2). I’ve broken the text into sections so you can see how Christ, God’s Son, one with the Father, both human and divine, has been with us from the very beginning.

THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST

verse 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *2* He was in the beginning with God.

THE PREINCARNATE WORK OF THE SON OF GOD

verse 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being *4* in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. *5* The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

verse 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. *7* He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. *8* He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

JESUS CHRIST, THE TRUE LIGHT: REJECTED AND RECEIVED

verse 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. *10* He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. *11* He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. *12* But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, *13* who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

verse 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *15* (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

A HOLY HERITAGE

verse 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. *17* The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *18* No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Text: John 1:1-18, The “Prologue” (ESV)

Opening: Who is the “Word” (Greek = *logos*)?

What do we know about the *Word* from [verses 1-5](#)?

What do we know about the *Word* from [verses 10-18](#)?

What “*fails to comprehend the light*” in [verses 5, 10-11](#)?

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Key verse: (v. 5) A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not **overcome** it.

Word origin: Greek (*kata-lam-bano*)

Other English translations:

- (NIV) ---but the darkness has not **understood** it.
- (KJV) ---and the darkness **comprehended** it not.
- (NRSV) ---and the darkness did not **overcome** it.
- (GNB) ---and the darkness has **never put it out**.
- (NLT) ...and the darkness can never **extinguish** it.
- (NCV) ...and the darkness has not **overpowered** it.

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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

The **Women’s Meeting** will be Monday, Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Legacy Task Force will meet on Sept. 7th and 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Bus Trip to the Mountains is Saturday, Sept. 9th at 8:00 a.m. See Evangelism on Page 4.

Sunday School Kickoff is Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Please bring a breakfast food to share. Coffee, juice and milk is provided.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

St. James Church Car & Truck Show is Saturday, Sept. 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See more information of Page 4.

Homecoming is Sunday, Sept. 17th. Pastor Bob Alle will be our speaker.

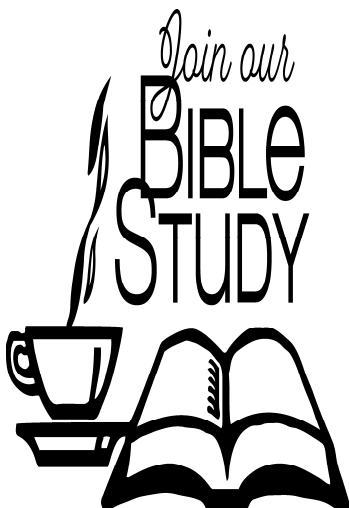
Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men’s Breakfast** will be on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

Parade of Tables is Saturday, Sept. 30th at 10:00 a.m. See more information on Page 5.

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BIBLE STUDY CLASSES



A weekly Bible Study Class is **every Tuesday night** in the Fellowship Building at 7:00 p.m. Each week we read, discuss, and pray on the readings for the upcoming Sunday Worship Service.

A weekly Bible Study is **every Thursday morning** with Pastor Ken at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

The Holy Spirit, working in and through God’s Word, opens our hearts and minds to better understand and more fully appreciate the proclamation of the Gospel on Sunday mornings.

Come join us! All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Debra Self, Amanda Young Valone
3. Tanya Stinson, Janey Link Thern
4. Scott Arney, Darby Crouch
5. Jerry Stikeleather
8. Tim Sipe
9. Lindsey Arney
10. Carolyn Travis
12. Andy Sipe
14. Gracie Elizabeth Sipe
16. William Stewart
17. Amber Beal
20. Barbara Smith
21. Robert Dixon
22. Wally Hill
23. Logan Devine, Luke Devine, Zachery Lowman
24. Dennis Craig, Ellen Miller
27. Johnny Sigmon

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Harvey Settlemyre
3. Victor Paquin
5. Stephanie Shook
7. Joy Sharpe
9. Anissa Laws, Wesley Stinson
13. Brenda Isenhour, Celia Reece
15. Susan Hullet
16. Twila Sipe
17. MacKenzie Lowman Jordan
25. Aiden Palmer
27. Sharon Ford, Zoie Miller
31. Jonathan Schmutz



3. Mr. & Mrs. Ben Young
14. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Devine
16. Mr. & Mrs. Chad Deal
17. Mr. & Mrs. John Schlie
20. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sharpe
21. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crouch
26. Mr. & Mrs. Luke Devine
27. Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Sipe

1. Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Sigmon
4. Mr. & Mrs. Wally Hill
8. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony O'Brien
9. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sipe
10. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Campbell
22. Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Miller
27. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saunders

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THE LAITY TEAM

Keeping with our Lord's calling and care for our members of St. James, a Laity Team will be checking on other members to see if they need anything. We are ALL in this together — One Body in Christ!

Call Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather (co-chairs) at any time to pray with and support our members with health issues and/or surgeries.

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Thank You

For kindness shown through the way you cared...
 For thoughtfulness and the blessings shared...
 Thank you & God Bless You.

Thank you for the memorial gift for Jeff Smyre's funeral,
 your thoughts and prayers, and lunch provided for the family.
 Lina, Greg & Everett Draughan

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Some gifts you hold in your hand...Others you hold in your heart. So grateful for you and all that you do.

Blessings and Love, Molly

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Church Family: We would like to thank you for your continued support of The Corner Table. As our number of guests that come through our door continues to grow, your donation helps us meet the need of those individuals by providing a warm meal.

Blessings, The Corner Table

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Fall is on its way and hopefully so are cooler days. We have several events coming up that we hope you will participate in and enjoy.

On Saturday, September 9th we are heading to the mountains. We plan to stop and see the Frescos in Glendale Springs, and West Jefferson, then to Jefferson to have lunch at Winners Circle Restaurant. We plan to visit the Ashe County Cheese Factory and Store, and other local sites. We will leave the church around 8:00 am. Cost of the trip is \$35.00. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the church. See Margie Moose, Tanya Stinson , or any member of the E-team for more information. All money is due by Sunday, September 3rd. (Trip may be cancelled if too few sign up to go.)

The first Sunday in October, (October 1st), is our Heritage Day celebration at Haas Cemetery. We plan to hold a service there and also a service at the church for those who desire to stay indoors. There will be a cookout after the service in the church fellowship building. Those who attended the Haas service in the past said it was a very meaningful and inspiring service. The men of St. James have greatly improved the grounds for easier access. Please plan to attend one of these two services and enjoy the food and fellowship that follows. Both services begin at 10:30am.

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The **St. James Church Car & Truck Show** will be on Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The rain date will be September 23rd.

Registration is \$15.00. To pre-register, please contact Randy Cline (828) 234-7952 or Jeff Sigmon (828) 640-3304.



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Trunk or Treat will be Oct 28th starting at 6:30 pm. We will have food, games and a petting zoo. We are asking for everyone able to participate have their cars set up by 6:30. Anyone wishing to donate candy please leave it on the table outside the secretary’s office.

Our annual **Church Bazaar** will be November 18th. We will be selling homemade BBQ plates, chicken pies, cakes, pies, cookies and other goodies.

Wreaths Across America is the 16th of December. Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath is asked to fill out the form in the Narthex and give it to Erica Paquin or Robin Sigmon.

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PLEASE NOTE: The church secretary has new office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TWILA SIPE will be at Abernethy Laurels for the next 4 weeks if you would like to visit or send a card. The address is 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658. Her room telephone number is 828-464-8260.

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As we age, we notice occasional memory lapses and brain fogs. A friend recently reminded me that when you leave a doctor’s office, nail salon, grocery store or any place, look for your cellphone BEFORE you leave. (Apparently she had just forgotten hers somewhere like I have done several times.) I replied “anytime I go anywhere and when getting in/out of my car, I repeat ‘pocketbook, keys, cellphone’”. It has helped! The rug in the photo placed right outside of your door is a good reminder also. -Susan Hullet

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IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER: Labor Day—Sept. 4 Natl Grandparents Day—Sept. 10
Patriot Day—Sept. 11 First Day of Autumn—Sept. 23



PARADE OF TABLES

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

HOSTED BY

St. James Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER **30** 10:00 AM

1942 ST JAMES CH RD NEWTON, NC 28658

About the tickets

Tickets are monetary donations accepted for reserved seating. Each ticket covers entry into the event and includes a brunch buffet, live musical entertainment and a ballot to vote for their favorite table. The winning table host will receive a prize. Each host will receive 7 tickets to sell to your family and friends. Table Host will be responsible for keeping up with donations and turning them in to Lori or Sherrie at the church office. All proceeds will go towards our Playground Fund.

Guidelines for decorating and hosting a table

1. Each table will seat 8 people and must be set with 8 place settings. The round tables are 5ft diameter. A white plastic tablecloth will be provided, however, you may use a different table covering, appropriately sized, that better supports your table theme.
2. Each host is responsible for decorating the table in a festive theme of their choosing. Be as creative and elaborate as you would like. The sky's the limit.
3. Centerpieces should not be too large and obtrusive where your guest will not be able to see across the room and the stage area of entertainment.
4. Each table host is responsible for providing one brunch item for the buffet. Examples: quiche, casseroles, fruit, muffins, etc.
5. No electricity will be provided for the tables but you can utilize battery operated candles and lights. Please avoid regular candles that can cause a fire hazard.
6. Please utilize the Parade of Tables check off list attached to prepare your table setup. We will provide clear plastic plates for serving the meal, that will overlay your place setting. This will help eliminate plate clean up. Your utensils and glassware should be the only part you will need to clean up.
7. Decorating times: Friday, September 29th and Saturday, Sept 30th - 8:00 am to 9:30am All setup and decorating must be completed by 9:45am on Saturday, September 30th. If you need access to the Fellowship building on Friday please schedule with Lori 828-320-1922
8. There will be a preview of tables from 10 AM to 10:30AM. This is when voting for best table will take place. Each host is required to arrive no later than 9:45 AM, September 30th, to welcome your guests.
9. Each host will be responsible for completely clearing their table at the end of the event - packing up and removing all table settings and decorations. However, we ask that you do not begin any clean up until we adjourn the program.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS AT ST. JAMES



Spotted during Church
Lorelai looks right at home in
the strong arms of Jonathan.

On Sunday, August 27th, Carter Max Jordan received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. He is the son of Mackenzie and Dalton Jordan. Welcome!!

