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Give—by meeting real needs in our community
Grow—by equipping people to become authentic
Christ followers
Go—by taking the gospel message to Brady and beyond

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Message from the Pastor: Unexpected treasures in Leviticus

by Pastor Jeff Quattlebaum

“I am going to do it this year, Pastor. I am actually going to make it a point to read the whole Bible and not miss any days,” Lilly told the pastor the first Sunday of the new year. Lilly, like most people, started off strong and made it through Genesis and got through Exodus; then she hit a wall. That wall is two books thick: Leviticus and Numbers. The majority of people will skip those two books and pick up reading again with Deuteronomy. Then the next wall appears: 1 Chronicles.

One of the questions that I have heard many times and I probably asked when I was younger about Leviticus is, “Why is Leviticus important?” Many people say, “Okay, I am going to do it. I am going to actually make it through this book, come heck or high water.” But they get bogged down, like trying to swim through a lake of molasses. They read about the sacrifices that are no longer offered, the priesthood that no longer exists, and all these laws that are hard to understand and even obey. Many believers ask, “What does this book even mean for today’s Jesus followers?”

The book of Leviticus is challenging. But consider this question from a friend of mine who pastors in East Texas: “What if, when we study/read the book of Leviticus, we see powerful/amazing truths about God and ourselves that will fundamentally affect the way we think and live?” What if we ask the Holy Spirit to show us how Jesus is exalted in this book?

In their book *Everyday Church Gospel Communities on Mission*, Tim Chester and Steve Timmis put it this way: “But fundamentally the book of Leviticus is about God creating a new society through his word, which is distinctive in every way. . . Leviticus is intended to create this distinctive people by shaping every aspect of life, individually and corporately.”¹

The theologian Allen P. Ross said, “Leviticus was and is one of the most important books in the Old Testament.”²

I would say to you that the book of Leviticus is important for five reasons:

- Leviticus describes the religious system of ancient Israel. If you want to understand how religion worked in ancient Israel, then you need to understand the book of Leviticus to some degree.
- Leviticus provides the theological foundation/footing for the atoning work of Jesus on the cross.
- Leviticus demonstrates how important holiness is to God. One of the underlying themes of the book of Leviticus is the idea of *holiness*. God is holy and expects His children to become holy as well.
- Leviticus is a record of the words of God in direct speech with Moses. The book states 38 times that the Lord spoke to Moses and/or Aaron. 18 times the book records that the Lord “commanded” Moses, Aaron, and the people.
- Writers of the New Testament many times allude to the contents of Leviticus. If modern Jesus followers are to understand how the people of Jesus’s time lived and practiced their religion, they should be familiar with the contents of the book of Leviticus.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When Paul wrote these words, the New Testament was not around. He was writing about all the Old Testament Scriptures—including Leviticus. So, all Scripture is not only inspired; all of it is also helpful and profitable. In the new covenant period the Old Testament ceremonial and civil laws are not law for us; our disobedience to individual laws is not punished as was the case in ancient Israel. However, they are profitable in that they teach us about God, His will, and how to live for Him in today’s world.³

On Sunday, March 13th, we will be starting a series over the book of Leviticus that I am really excited about. I hope and pray that as we go through this series, you won’t just roll your eyes and mutter under your breath, “Leviticus, that’s going to be really boring.” My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to see how Jesus is exalted and how we can grow as Disciples of Christ as we learn the applications that are in the book of Leviticus. So, my brothers and sisters, I leave you with this question as we open this series: Why wouldn’t present day followers of Jesus (you and I) be highly interested in a book so important in the ancient world and so much a part of the foundations of our faith?

Let us dive in.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

¹Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, *Everyday Church Gospel Communities On Mission* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 47-48

²Ross, Allen P. *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002), 15

³Guthrie, George H. *Read the Bible for Life: Your Guide to Understanding and Living God’s Word*. (Nashville: B&H, 2011), 95-108.

Children's Ministry on Easter Sunday: don't miss it!

by Marsha Gainer

Children's Ministry Team Lead

Spring is near and the Children's Team is very excited about the upcoming events.

- Easter Sunday (April 17) we will celebrate the Risen Lord with a morning of praise and fun. It will begin with a breakfast at 9:30 in the Family Life Center. The morning will include an Easter Egg Hunt, the Resurrection Story, games, and crafts. Children will be picked up at 12:00 p.m. Stuffed eggs will be needed.
- VBS material has been ordered and a sign-up sheet for the staff will be placed on the hall table.

Join with us in a joyous Children's Ministry!

Prayers of protection

by Karen Behrens, Music Team Lead

The last few years have taught me that we should pray a prayer of protection over ourselves and our family. Covid has changed all of our lives. Working in healthcare I see people that have neglected their health and well-being because they are afraid and they shut themselves in. They quit coming to church out of fear they will get sick. While I understand this when Covid was high, I can't understand why someone would not want to come back to church now. What is holding you back? I pray for protection over all of you. I pray that you pray over yourself and your family.

Lord, I come humbly before You as Your servant and thank You for keeping me safe from trouble. I pray for Your protection upon my health, my mind, my family, my finances, my emotions, and my reputation.

Thank You that you have made me to be righteous in Your eyes and You will protect me.

Isaiah 54:17 says

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

February Food Pantry

34 adults 65 and over
25 adults 64 and under
16 children 18 and under
75 individuals in all
40 families

Find your mission

Betty Smith, Missions Team Lead

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." v. 40

Thank you, FBC, for your generous and prompt response to the call for help for local homeless individuals during the recent cold spell. Betty delivered our donations to the Hunger Coalition site at the Methodist Church. She said the donation tub filled up several times. Thank you!

Easter is in April, and we will begin promoting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions this month. The Week of Prayer is March 6-12. The Missions Team is recommending a goal of \$2000. You will be receiving a prayer guide and more info in the coming weeks.

Please continue bringing your cards for the Brady hospital patients to the church office. Betty said a nurse at the ER told her she is the one to give the cards to the patients, and everyone really appreciates them. Also, remember Edith Slaughter and Amelia Britteon at Brady West with a card or note.

As you do spring cleaning, or finally get to that closet you haven't opened in a while, remember our ongoing project of donating clothing and household items to the Frank Banda Ministry on the border. Good, usable items can find a new home. The collection room is the first room on the left as you enter the Sunday School wing from the east side. Bobby Williams will be taking a load as soon as there's enough "stuff."

Thank you's

- The service to recognize and welcome Buddy Cox and Harold Underwood on Feb. 20 was a special time. Both men shared their stories of service to the Lord over many years in several churches. Quincy Ellis of Lohn Baptist Church spoke words of encouragement. Farion Morton, deacon chair, prayed. Bro. Jeff read Scripture. Thank you to the Hospitality Team for hosting the wonderful fellowship that followed. Buddy and Harold, we welcome and appreciate you.
- Thank you, Karen, for your beautiful solo of *The Lord's Prayer* on Feb. 20. And thank you to everyone on the praise team for leading us in worship every week. We don't take you for granted.
- Thanks to everyone who has provided a meal for our children on Wednesday nights. It's a small group, about 20 altogether (children and adults.) The meal can be very simple. If you would like to be responsible for a meal sometime this spring, please sign up. You will be blessed.
- Thank you, Pete Barrera, for cleaning the courtyard and entrances. Your work every week makes our building look like someone cares about it!
- And thank you to everyone who works behind the scenes in any way. You may not get or even want recognition—but this *thank you* is for you!

Welcome new member

by letter from N. Richland Hills

Baptist Church

William M. Bell

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March 2022 Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1

- March 1st – Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90
- March 2nd – Numbers 16-17
- March 3rd – Numbers 18-20
- March 4th – Numbers 21-22
- March 5th – Numbers 23-25

Week 2

- March 6th – Numbers 26-27
- March 7th – Numbers 28-30
- March 8th – Numbers 31-32
- March 9th – Numbers 33-34
- March 10th – Numbers 35-36
- March 11th – Deuteronomy 1-2
- March 12th – Deuteronomy 3-4

Week 3

- March 13th – Deuteronomy 5-7
- March 14th – Deuteronomy 8-10
- March 15th – Deuteronomy 11-13
- March 16th – Deuteronomy 14-16
- March 17th – Deuteronomy 17-20
- March 18th – Deuteronomy 21-23
- March 19th – Deuteronomy 24-27

Week 4

- March 20th – Deuteronomy 28-29
- March 21st – Deuteronomy 30-31
- March 22nd – Deut. 32-34; Ps. 91
- March 23rd – Joshua 1-4
- March 24th – Joshua 5-8
- March 25th – Joshua 9-11
- March 26th – Joshua 12-15

Week 5

- March 27th – Joshua 16-18
- March 28th – Joshua 19-21
- March 29th – Joshua 22-24
- March 30th – Judges 1-2
- March 31st – Judges 3-5

Memory Verse(s) for March 2022:

Before I was afflicted I went
astray, but now I keep your
word. You are good, and you
do what is good; teach me
your statutes
Psalm 119:67-68 (CSB)

March radio spots

Becky Martin 28-4
Bro. Jeff 7-11
Laurie Morton 14-18
Jason Behrens 21-25
Bobbie Williams 28-1

Deacons on call in March

Jim Smith 597-0740 or 456-4920
Jerry Caraway 792-8671

March birthdays

3-1 Jackie Behrens
3-4 Darlene Friar, Becky Mar-
tin, Joy Jennings
3-5 Wanda Burns
3-12 Bobbie Williams
3-16 Joel Jennings
3-22 Jeanine Willis
3-26 Misty Quattlebaum
3-27 Bobby Williams

March events

3- 6-12 Week of Prayer for North
American Missions
3-7 LIBA breakfast, Down Home
Country Cooking, 8:30
3-11 Food Pantry food distribution,
9:00-11:00
3-20 Church Council, 4:00
3-27 Business meeting 5:00



The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

- Bro. Jeff Quattlebaum, Misty, Regan, and Sam
 - our church staff and pre-school
 - everyone suffering from health issues, and all health care workers
 - our members in care facilities and our home-bound members
 - the lost and unchurched in our community
 - Brady children & youth
 - McKenna Brandenberger on mission
- Wyatt & Francisca Anderson
Marshall Armstrong
Hannah Artinger
Pete and Oralia Barrera

Holden Bedwell
Randy and Carol Bedwell
Jeanagayle Behrens
Amelia Britteon
Bill and Wanda Burns
Sherry Cox
Charlie and Maria Garcia
Randi Lee Green
Tony, Janis, & Holly Groves
Roy and Janet Guthrie
Kim Hendley
Ronnie & Kay Holloway
Trey Holtzclaw
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Leslie Jones
Bobby and Colleen Laman
Terry Lange
Janie Lowery
James Mallow
Erika Moore
Louise Morrow

Lois Patton
Kobi Penz
Carole Ramsey
Vincent and Karen Perez
James and Norma Ridout
Carlton Rizer
Tristan Rodriguez
Kelly Rushfeldt
Ashlee Shaw
Edith Slaughter
Betty Smith
Blandi Thomas
Jack and Susan Turk
Misty Urban
Sherry Vensen
Linda Wall
Bobby and Bobbie Williams

In military:
Jon Bradshaw
Brandon Haymon

David Hernandez
Jose Lopez
Moses Marmolejo
Jennifer McAnally
Concho Moore
Brandon Pfannenstiel
Jace Telford
Joseph Telford
Jonathan Torres
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

We pray for comfort and guidance for the families of Makie Jo Walters, Julia DuPriest, Harold Byler, and Jerry Betsill.

First Baptist Church Brady, Texas

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Before I was afflicted
I went astray, but
now I keep your word.
You are good, and you
do what is good; teach
me your statutes.
Psalm 119:67-68
(CSB)

Godly Impressions Preschool: Bugs! And more bugs!

~March at Godly Impressions~

Theme: Bugs

Verse: "Under his wings you will find refuge"

Psalm 91:4

Color: Green

Shape: Trapezoid

Letters: X -Z

Spring is already around the corner! The kids and all of the teachers are ready for more sunshine and warmer weather, minus the bugs, even though it's our theme this month. We are also very excited to welcome Olga Kirklin to the Godly Impressions staff.

Blessings to all,
Meredith Navarette, Director



A word from Annie Armstrong:

"The future lies all before us...shall it only be a slight advance upon what we usually do? Ought it not to be a bound, a leap forward, to altitudes of endeavor and success undreamed of before?"

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO are used to support more than 2,200 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

FBC goal this year: \$2000