

EBC NEWS



Join us for Sunday
worship services at
8:00am and 11:00am.



GOT NEWS?

We hope that you are enjoying the newsletter and it is fulfilling you inspirationally and resourcefully. EBC News welcomes you and wants to publish your newsworthy articles, including spiritual messages, poems and information. **The deadline for our October newsletter submittals is Wednesday, September 23rd.** Please e-mail submissions to either Sis. Joyce Bargeman at joycebargeman@hotmail.com or Sis. Karen Shields at kds921@hotmail.com.

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COOKOUT

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) sponsored a cookout on August 14th at EBC. The cookout featured fellowship, games and great food!



Byron J. Day, Pastor

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

THE BLOOD *Submitted by Min. Keith Watkins*

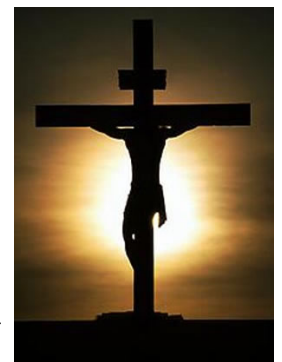
One night in a church service a young woman felt the tug of God at her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had a very rough past, including alcohol, drugs and prostitution. But the change in her was evident. As time went on she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry, teaching young children.

It was not very long until this faithful young woman had caught the eye and heart of the Pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans. This is when the problems began.

You see, about one half of the church did not think that a woman with a past such as hers was suitable for a Pastor's son. The church began to argue and fight about the matter, so they decided to have a meeting. As the people made their arguments and tensions increased, the meeting got completely out of hand.

The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past. As she began to cry, the Pastor's son stood to speak. He could not bear the pain it was causing his wife-to-be. He stated, "My fiancée's past is not what's on trial here. What you are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus to wash away sin. Today you have put the blood of Jesus on trial. So, does it wash away sin or not?"

The whole church began to weep as they realized that they had been slandering the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness is a foundation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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OUR MISSION

The Mission of Emmanuel Baptist Church is to corporately and publicly worship, praise, glorify and give thanks to the Trinity God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; to minister the Word of God to believers; to promote fellowship among the body of Christ; to promote evangelism at home and abroad, and to reach out to minister to the needs of the local community and the world.

THE BLOOD *(cont'd)*

If the blood of Jesus does not cleanse the other person completely, then it cannot cleanse us completely. If that is the case, then we are all in a lot of trouble. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

*"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22*

Announcements



Sept. 4th—8th Annual YAM Crabfeast, Grasonville, MD

Sept. 11th—New Members Class, EBC, Laurel, MD

Sept. 18th—EBC Fall Picnic, Vansville State Park, Beltsville, MD



Did You Know?

Laurel High School is the oldest school in the Prince George's County Public Schools system. Founded in 1899 with an enrollment of 59 students and four teachers, the original school building is now the Phelps Community Center in Laurel. The cupola on top was used during WWII as a Civil Defense Aircraft Spotting Station for identifying enemy aircraft. The original building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. In 1965, the school moved to a larger building at 8000 Cherry Lane in Laurel and annexed an adjacent elementary school shortly thereafter.



Today, Laurel High School enrolls roughly 1,990 students in grades 9 through 12. The school mascot is the Spartan, and the school colors are blue and gold. Laurel High's student newspaper, *The Shield*, established in the 1995–1996 school year, has won awards from the American Scholastic Press Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Principal Dwayne Jones is a former Laurel High student and was a member of the last Laurel High basketball team to win a state title.



The Bible Versus Your Cell Phone

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?
What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
What if we used it when we traveled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?
This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?



Oh, and one more thing.
Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.
Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?' And no dropped calls!

What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!