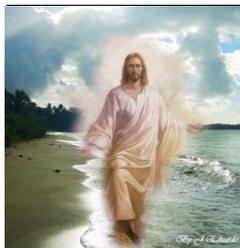


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

A Word From Pastor...



"{33} Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" {34} "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" {35} "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" {36} Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." {37} "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." {38} "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him." – John 18:33-38 NIV

Dearly Beloved,

In the song "The Voice of Truth", Casting Crowns sings "out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the Voice of Truth!" We have many voices speaking into our lives: from TV programs, from radio stations, from internet sites and bloggers, from newspapers and periodicals, from talk show hosts to family, friends and co-workers. They are trying to tell us the truth; they are trying to say, "This is the way, go in it!"

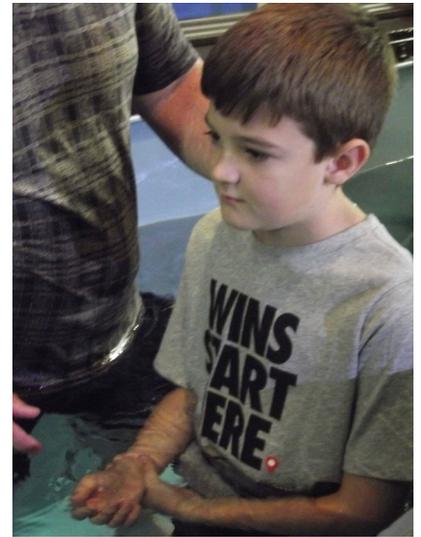
When Jesus was brought before Pilate to be tried for His claim to truth that He (Jesus) was King of the Jews, He admitted to Pilate that He was a King (37). He shared that His kingdom was not of this world, but from another place (36). That's why His servants did not try to prevent His arrest (36), though we know that Jesus had to prevent Peter from interfering with His arrest by healing the soldier's ear that Peter had cut off! Jesus declared that He was born to testify to the truth. In essence, Jesus is declaring that He is the Voice of Truth, that He is the King of Truth!

Jesus' next statement in 18:37 significantly stands out to me: "Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me! Jesus insists that there is a side called truth and He implies there is another side that is false: claims of religious truth that are lies; claims about the way of salvation that are untrue; claims about where we came from that are deceptive; claims stating that there will not be eternal punishment that are false.

Jesus states that everyone on the side of truth listens to Him! They recognize that He is the Voice of Truth, that He is the King of Truth! They believe His messages are right, true, and authoritative! They believe His counsel is wise. They believe His teaching brings life and blessing and transformation! They believe that living out His advice in life brings healing and spiritual character and maturity! Out of all the voices speaking into their lives, those who are on the side of truth listen for Jesus' voice to guide them and direct them. They look to the Living Word and to His written word (Bible) to instruct and counsel them. They ask: "what does Jesus and His written word have to say on that topic?" They seek to listen and learn from Him and to live according to it. I encourage you to daily read His Word and listen for His voice to impact your life!

*Shepherding you in Jesus' love,
Lance*

Pastor Lance baptized 7 people on August 19, 2018, during Sunday's service. The service was followed by a potluck and BBQ. The children had lots of fun on an inflatable waterslide.



MOMS' CORNER

The Joy of Dinnertime (It's Possible)

I love to cook, and for the past 10 years I've cultivated a business by writing recipes and meal plans for busy families like mine. Recently, I found myself in the kitchen on a Saturday afternoon enjoying putting together a delicious meal of salmon on the grill, pasta salad full of summer veggies, and a blueberry crisp. My daughter and son-in-law came to enjoy the meal with us, and afterward we all raved about the meal. I truly relish those moments in the kitchen when I have time to breathe and take joy in the art of cooking.

To be honest, I don't always feel passionate about making weeknight dinners. Last summer I was in the depths of writing my new cookbook *[Eat At Home Tonight](#)*, and I cooked hundreds of test recipes. Some of it was fun, and the whole family enjoyed recipe testing with me. But the sheer volume of dinners was exhausting. I was burned out.

You don't need to have written a cookbook to understand the feeling of burnout that comes from making dinner. Every. Single. Night.

There are many times in my life that I did not feel passionate about scrounging in the kitchen to conjure up a meal out of (almost) nothing for our family. Looking back, I'm glad I didn't give up. I'm glad I didn't stop cooking because of the lack of passion I felt about making spaghetti for four kids and a hungry husband.

What I found passion in was what those dinners led to in the long run: spending time with my family, building strong bonds with my children, and having great talks with my husband (even if it is over washing dishes or chopping onions). By making dinner most every night for the last 30 years, I've been able to carve a sacred space out of our busy lives so we can reconnect, share life and enjoy the company of others.

If you're stuck in a rut, remember that passion ebbs and flows. If you're feeling burned out, take a break! Let the kids fend for themselves with cereal for a few nights (they'll be fine). If you're feeling bored with the task, maybe mix it up. Try a new recipe. Maybe your spouse or kids can get involved too!

Above all, remind yourself *why* you cook to begin with. You might not be passionate about putting food in the slow cooker. Few people are. That's OK! But gathering your family around the dinner table night after night will give you memories and bonds that will last a lifetime. I still make dinner at about 6 o'clock every night. Now that two of my children are married, one is in college and the youngest is nearly 16, many nights it's just my husband, Jim, and I. That said, we're frequently (and happily) surprised when one of our older kids or kids-in-law stops by for a bite to eat.

For the days I don't feel like making dinner, I think about the joy it brings me to have my kids coming around to spend time (and have a little something to eat).

<https://blog.mops.org/joy-dinnertime-possible/>

WHAT'S COOKING?

Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

INGREDIENTS

WHISK TOGETHER AND SET ASIDE

2 cups [all-purpose flour](#)
1 teaspoon [baking soda](#)
1 teaspoon [baking powder](#)
1 teaspoon [kosher salt](#)

CREAM WET INGREDIENTS

1 cup [unsalted butter](#), softened
1 cup [sugar](#)
1 cup [dark brown sugar](#), firmly packed
2 large [eggs](#)
2 teaspoons [vanilla](#)

STIR IN

3 cups quick [oats](#) (not instant)
1 ½ cups [raisins](#)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Whisk dry ingredients; set aside.
3. Combine wet ingredients with a hand mixer on low.
4. To cream, increase speed to high and beat until fluffy and the color lightens.
5. Stir the flour mixture into the creamed mixture until no flour is visible.
6. (Over mixing develops the gluten, making a tough cookie.) Now add the oats and raisins; stir to incorporate.
7. Fill a #40 cookie scoop and press against side of bowl, pulling up to level dough (to measure 2 tablespoons of dough).
8. Drop 2-inches apart onto baking sheet sprayed with nonstick spray.
9. Bake 11-13 minutes (on center rack), until golden, but still moist beneath, cracks on top.

Remove from oven; let cookies sit on baking sheet for 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool.

<https://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/oatmeal-raisin-cookies-35813>

Message from ABEC President and CEO Valoria L. Cheek, ESQ.

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria—a Category 4 hurricane—made landfall on Puerto Rico, soaking the island with 30 hours of driving rain and 150-mph winds. Just two weeks before, Hurricane Irma had left a trail of devastation. The worst natural disaster in the island’s history, the effects of the two hurricanes were truly catastrophic. Early estimates suggested a death toll in the range of 134, but researchers now believe that as many as 4600 deaths may be directly or indirectly related to the hurricanes.

ABEC has 12 loans there, and we were deeply concerned about our churches and their congregations. Rev. Yamina Apolinaris was able to fill me in about damage to the churches and communities. There was, as reported: no water, no gasoline, no food, no electricity, impassable roads. And for some people, no homes.

I decided to travel there in November, to offer support, to see for myself, to hear the stories, and to get information that would allow us to make a decision about how to best help our churches. I wanted the churches, the leaders, the pastors, to know that I came to hear from them.

One by one, they spoke. They told me about trying to do ministry in an environment where there’s no water, no gasoline, little food, no cell service, cash only, no electricity—no luz. They told me about members who no longer had home, no longer had jobs. They told me of damage to buildings, of trying to get resources, of putting in claims with insurance companies in order to begin repairs. They talked about the choices they had been making to use church resources to help people, not just their own congregants, but other residents of the surrounding communities. And they talked about the choice between paying the pastor a salary and paying their monthly loan payment.

At times I could hardly keep from crying.

They were gracious. They understood that ABEC could not simply stop receiving payments.

As we talked and shared, one word kept coming up: luz—light. They were not talking about electricity. They were talking about the light of the world: Jesus. Their strong faith was evident even in the midst of their devastation. The hurricanes did not make them doubt that the One Who Is Light still sees them and holds them close and loves them beyond measure.

As we traversed the island, I experienced firsthand the people’s continuing struggle to recover. Everyone I met, both clergy and lay, showed a kind of graciousness in the wake of destruction that made me ashamed for the times I’d complained about minor inconveniences. Courageous people. People taking what little they had to share with someone else.

You are invited to help, too. The American Baptist Home Mission Society’s (ABHMS) Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Initiative offers U.S. mainland churches the opportunity to connect and express solidarity with churches of Iglesias Bautistas De Puerto Rico.

Your investments help too. With your investment, we can make loans available to churches in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and ABEC can assist churches recover from disasters. The minimum initial investment amount is only \$100.

Please go to www.myabec.org for more information.

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Happy Birthday & *Anniversaries* to the above listed. We pray your day is blessed!

SEPTEMBER 2018

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Jim Steiner Retirement Service, 7pm @ Summit Church Boise								Autumn begins
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