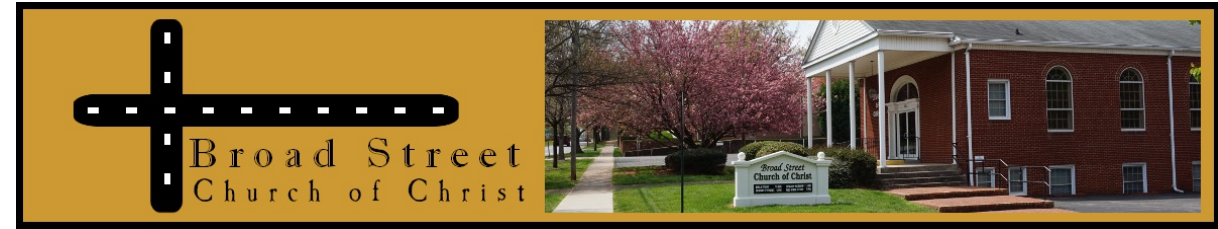


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An Ancient Book With a Relevant Message

Far too many people have the attitude that asks, “How can a book more than 1,900 years old have any relevance in my life?” It is true that parts of the Bible are more than 3,000 years old, but it is equally true that the nature of man has not changed. Our God is eternal, and the truth that His holiness is the standard for our holiness is found in both the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:16).

Jesus certainly did not see the message of the Old Testament as having nothing to do with the people of the first century. They could so easily have asked, “How could words spoken to men who lived 1,500 years ago have anything to do with our lives?” In Matthew chapter twenty-two, Jesus talked about the events at the burning bush. Read His words carefully. “Have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’”

Jesus looked at these words spoken at the burning bush and said that people who lived 1,500 years later and read these words would hear God speaking to them! It is foolish to think that because the words of the Bible are thousands of years old, they have nothing to do with us. The truth is that when we read these words spoken 3,500 years ago, God is still speaking to us!

This same truth is seen in Paul’s sermon at Antioch. Paul described how the Jews had heard Jesus speak to them, but they “did not know Him.” He then added, “. . .nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath” (Acts 13:27). When they read the ancient words of those prophets in the synagogues, they were reading words just as relevant as the words they actually heard when Jesus spoke them. All those things written have relevance today (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11).

The writer of Hebrews shows this same truth and affirms this in an amazing way. He quotes the words of Jeremiah about the new covenant God was planning to make with the Jews. It

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joe Burriss
Song Leader:	Lenny Freeze
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Scott Phillips
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Tom May
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Johnny Smith
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Guy Byrd
Nursery Attendant:	Traci Burriss

Building Lockup:	Tommy Smith
Announcements:	Tommy Smith
Door Greeters:	Tommy and Joan Smith
Count Contribution:	Johnny Smith, Guy Byrd
Prepare Lord's Table:	Joan Smith
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	Billy Ellenburg, Steve Mozer, Joshua Speer, Shawn Sharpe
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Bradley Speer

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
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was not to be the same ten commandment covenant He made with the Jews when they departed from Egypt (Deut. 4:13; Jer. 31:31-34). Those words from Jeremiah had been written at least 600 years prior to the writing of Hebrews. Look carefully at how God speaks of the relevancy of ancient words. "The Holy Spirit witnesses to us" (Heb. 10:15). One might think that reading Jeremiah was to hear what an ancient prophet spoke to others. Such could not be further from truth. To read the words of Jeremiah was to listen to the Holy Spirit of God speaking to us! They were written to the Jews, but they speak to us!

So, when you read the Bible, remember that God designed the book so that it speaks to all men—it speaks to us! Read it; listen to it; obey it! Eternity demands we do this. By Dan Jenkins

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Stacey Jordan, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Jo Anne Leake, Frank Shepherd, Wanda Elam and Roy Baldwin.

- Brian Lackey had surgery last week to cut out the area where the melanoma had been found. They are waiting to find out if the lymph nodes were affected.

- Volney Hughes, Janice Allen's father, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.

- Stacey Jordan is at Iredell Hospital room #428.

Upcoming Events:

Sep. 08: Book of the month fellowship (returns)! This week we will study chapter 7 of Stronger Than Ever. We will meet at 6:30 P.M.

Sep. 22: Book of the month fellowship will meet at 6:30 P.M.

Sep. 24: Highland Acres church of Christ will host a youth day. Registration and breakfast will begin at 9:30 A.M. For more information see the flyer!

Sermons:

A.M. - Opposing the Government - Romans 13:1-3;

P.M. - Studies in Samuel Part Eighteen - 2 Samuel 14:32-33