



Braddock Baptist Church

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Pastor's
CORDER NOTE

Happy July, Church!

June flew by so quickly that it may have been difficult to see all that God is doing at Braddock. We have had two baby dedications. Raya Riojas was born to Hector and Cristina who are very proud parents for the second time. And then there is Sapphira Lewis, born to Steve and Hillary, proud parents for the first time. Just in case you missed this one let me tell you again; Elaine Comer will now have a matching set of three girls and three boy grands with the addition of baby Corder. Becky and I will be joining the awesome grandparent club with this first "It's a Boy" baby of David and Stephanie while Elaine continues to rack them up at number six.

Also in June we announced the addition of three new folks to our congregation. We will vote to accept them as members at our next business meeting: Judith Kamga , JJ Engelbrecht and his fiancé Alyssa Hamilton. Each one has completed the "Discovering What We Believe" class.

We also had a fabulous Graduation Recognition and Breakfast which honored individuals who have stayed the course and received the crown for their respective achievements. Our annual picnic Sunday the 26th launched our "Impact Week" which started its first night on Monday the 27th. Eighteen people making up six teams (Terry Stockdale- great dinner!) went out and presented the gospel 15 times with a belief that one individual made a profession of faith and one rededication of their life to Christ. WOW!!!

After the teams returned to church, we joked that there were many "VBS presentations" made as well. If you were not part of the Impact week, you too should consider sharing your faith with those who God has brought into your path and share about the wonderful VBS that is coming up in July 11th - 15th , from 1:30 - 4:30 PM each day. The week will conclude with a wonderful Family Presentation and a dinner Friday night immediately following the day's activities. Stay tuned for more of what's happening around BBC.

Love you,
Pastor Timothy



Dear Braddockians,

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"

Romans 10: 14-15 (NAS)

I write to you after Day 2 of Impact Week at BBC! What an encouragement it is to get out of our comfort zone and see the Lord working as we go into the community! I have not seen so many beautiful feet at BBC as I have this week where 5 teams of 3 people went into the community to share the good news. 4 of those people were age 18 or younger. Many doors were opened, invitations given out , and conversations took place with the culmination of 5 individuals professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Now I was not present for any of those professions. However, I could sense those that were present witnessed how incredible God's power is in turning sinners to a Holy God. I could also see the joy of the Lord in those who obeyed God's call to bring the good news of the gospel to a lost and hopeless world. The fields are white and ready for harvest.

I share this with you because many times we cannot see the forest through the trees. We get our eyes fixed on ourselves, our

problems, our anxieties, our fears, our own self-righteousness, our lost sinful world and might even become discouraged. However, when we turn away from ourselves, our problems, our anxieties, our fears, our own self-righteousness, our lost sinful world and turn to the Lord we find not only repentance but freedom, rest, peace and all of the fruit from the Spirit-filled life. Look what the Lord says in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." That "exchanged life" is quite a deal. My old life for His New Life. Yes this is a message for the unsaved world; but more importantly it is a message for the child of God. I need rest, peace, and revival. To get that new life we need to come to Him daily. Have you met the God-Man today, the Lord Jesus Christ? If you find Him you will want to tell others about Him.

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news of good things! Good news is a scarce commodity today. You may have been unable to make this Impact Week at BBC but the Lord will give us many opportunities in the future to "go" into the harvest fields.

The Lord bless you.

*Mitch Bennett
and the Deacon Team*



Can you believe it's Summer already! In fact by the time you read this we will already be a few weeks into the summer season. Sadly if you are like me and really enjoy summer, you will probably agree that summer seemingly goes by very quickly and with it the benefit of long hours of light. All too soon the hours of light we enjoy now will give way to the hours of darkness in the seasons of fall and winter. Wow, does that sound too negative? Well cheer up! As believers in Jesus we should realize that our time here on earth and dealing with light and darkness, as with many other things we may feel as negative is but only a temporary time period for us to deal with. God's Word tells us that in our permanent home in Heaven there will be no darkness at all, only wonderful glorious light given off by God Himself. And even more wonderful, we can also experience this glorious light right here on planet earth --By daily reading and studying God's Word we can experience His glorious light all the time. Bible Study in Sunday School is another excellent way to open our hearts and receive the light that ever shines from our Heavenly Father. If you haven't already I strongly encourage you to join others in a Sunday School class. From nursery to older adult there is a place reserved just for you.

This summer quarter our young adults and adults are studying the Old Testament book of First Samuel to help in realizing and fulfilling the purpose for which God has for each of us. Do you know the purpose God has created you is to reflect His glory and

bring honor to Him?

Our youth continue in the Alpha Series. A series that holds group discussion as an important experience as they learn about God and salvation that comes from Jesus Christ alone. Many thought provoking questions are asked and discussed in this exciting series. This is a perfect type of learning to encourage inviting friends to join them.

In the preschool area so important in laying the foundation for learning about God, exciting hands-on activities are used to bring the Bible alive for these young ones. We are especially excited that we are in the process of creating a second class for preschool children due to the increased number of them attending. Yea God!

The children's department continues to expand the preschool learning by studying the Bible and it's wonderful stories by a more in depth way by showing them how to see what these stories mean to each of them as they continue to grow and learn what their life is really all about.

A big thank you to all the teachers and assistants who carry on this Sunday School ministry. Thank you for your continuing dedication.

As always if you have any questions concerning Sunday School please feel free to contact me.

Have an awesome and safe 4th of July Holiday!

GARY MOORE
Sunday School Director



In June 2016 the Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Men continued to serve and make additional plans to serve God and his people within BBC and the community. The BBC men sponsored and/or supported several advents and continued to be part of several in-house mission activities including maintaining the grounds of the church. We do thank all the BBC Men and Women for the many tasks of LOVE that are performed day after day in the name of Jesus Christ.

GRADUATES’ BREAKFAST

The BBC Men honored the 2016 Graduates and their families at the Springfield Hilton Hotel/Houlihan’s Restaurant June 12th. We had 7 graduates this year and 31 people attended the breakfast to support them. Honored were James Lewis who earned another Master’s Degree; two young men received a College Degree: William Bennett, Jean Jacques Engelbrecht; and four youth received a High School Diploma: Nathanael Bennett, Ian Lewis, Mikayla Robinson, and Ally Weaver. Each of the 2016 Graduates was given a gift card and a signed Graduation Card with encouraging words from the BBC Men.

CHURCH PICNIC

The BBC Men purchased the meat (bratwursts, hamburgers, and chicken patties), buns, and drinks. The grill was manned by Ceasar Quitoriano, Charlie Dimaculangan, and Mitch Bennett. We had a special treat from Ceasar who bought and grilled pork. It was very good and was the first meat we ran out of. Special thanks to Dr. Song who purchased all the hot dogs and buns. We had over a 100 people who attended. Chef Rick Rodriguez was not able to attend this year but the guys mentioned above did an excellent job in your absence. To all of the BBC men that helped with the picnic, thank you for your continued good service to the Lord at BBC

YARD SALE

The BBC Men annual YARD SALE will be held on Saturday July 9th. We will start accepting donations for the yard sale on Sunday July 3rd. We need many volunteers to help price and sort items in preparation for the yard sale. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Elaine Comer or Harry Finley and/or Barry Dunn if you need items picked up to bring to the church. The monthly BBC Men’s meeting will be held on Friday July 8th at 5:30 pm for the final staging of items for the Yard Sale. Pizza, salad, drinks, and dessert will be provided to all of the workers (Men, Women, and Youth). Please come back Saturday morning June 9th at 5:30 am to move items for the Yard Sale to the parking lot. Donuts and coffee and lunch will be provided for the workers. Unfortunately, I will be on a family Reunion Cruise and will not be in town this year to help with the Yard Sale nor the Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Men, please stay after worship on July 10th to help with the VBS setup. Lunch will be provided for all workers. See below for upcoming events:

July	NO Monthly Meeting
Fri 8th	Yard sale setup 5:30 pm (Pizza/Salad for Dinner)
Sat 9th	Yard sale setup 5:30 am (Coffee/Donuts/Bagels) Annual Yard Sale 7:00 am
Sun 10th	Vacation Bible School (VBS) set up (Lunch will be served to workers)
Monday - Friday, 11th - 15th	Vacation Bible School, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

AUGUST NO Monthly Meeting

God Loves You and So Do I! Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President, BBC Men

A NEW SONG by Elizabeth Philblad

The Marriage Covenant, Part 2

In this series on the “Marriage Covenant,” Part 1 revealed all involved must die to self-same as the sacrificial animal. A “cord of three strands” includes God, man, and woman. The man and woman as BAB (Born Again Believers) are united by faith in Christ Jesus.

What comprises union between a man and woman? At the foot of the Cross is where a Christian marriage covenant begins. Both man and woman are to be able to say, “I died at the cross to self, I choose not to live for myself but for you, my mate.” Now, there is to be new life exuding out of each and for each other. The covenant will lead to shared life and bearing “fruit” because of the covenant. God decreed “fruit” after its own kind whether beast or man. Today’s culture sadly views marriage similar to a purchase agreement with extended warranty...how I can protect myself! Marriage is two breathing souls coming together as one in covenant with their Creator, Elohim.

Solomon, in Proverbs 31, wrote of a virtuous woman. The wife is to uphold/support and encourage her husband. A husband needs to praise and be able to trust his wife. The husband is responsible for decisions and direction to be taken. You shall find in the Book of Ruth a very clear picture of Boaz, the husband and Ruth, the wife. Yahweh honored those who honor Him. Ruth presents a clear picture of redemption through marriage. Christ provides us a very objective presentation of marriage between the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus and us, the Church. Redemption is presented in O.T. and N.T. To grasp the N.T. with greater depth of understanding, we need to delve into the O.T. When there is covenant commitment, there is grace and power in the husband and wife. A couple does not want peaceful co-existence but God’s peace as the archway—the entrance to their hearts and home provided for them and their children.

Now, what is the husband’s responsibility to his wife? They are to protect and provide. We must not lose sight of the fact protection and provision is to be found in the natural. As head of the marriage covenant, the husband is to be leading spiritually. Christ is the head of the church and man is head of his household accountable to Christ. As Christ loves His Bride, the church, so the husband is to love and cherish his wife.

God created the moon with highly reflective material to reflect the brilliance of the sun. The wife is to reflect the radiant qualities of her husband and vice versa. Marriage is one-hundred per cent participation from the husband and wife for the betterment of the covenant relationship. Remember when either the husband or wife is not necessarily reflecting desirable qualities, the other covenant partner must strive to avoid being unkind, impatient, critical, etc. You do not want to broach the matter as if “fixing” the family car. You want to pray and permit God’s healing grace be ministered to your mate. The commitment to the marriage covenant releases God’s grace, not only on the couple but a most definite ripple effect upon the children and beyond!

Because of the marriage covenant--commitment, there is to be no illicit relationships occurring. Genesis 4:1 “Adam ‘knew’ Eve and she conceived Cain.” God’s ultimate purpose for marriage was for “knowing,” for the

sake of procreation. God wants to have fellowship with us, His created beings. Scripture clearly supports this aspect of the sanctified marriage relationship is not to be violated nor perverted by man. Genesis 20: Abraham was trying to save his own life by passing Sarah off as his sister which had “some” truth in it. Abimelech came back with a rebuttal when he discovered indeed Abraham and Sarah were under covenant. I Peter 3:7 focuses on the couple having a joint inheritance.

Union with God is sanctified in a marriage covenant. Union with God is also typified in other significant relationships foreordained by God. God is the husband to “His” people—you and me. Yahweh-God made covenant with the Israelites on Mt. Sinai. Of course, they violated the covenant with idolatry and spiritual fornication by unfaithfulness to the covenant. Jeremiah 31:31, 32 verified the violation of the covenant made on Mt. Sinai but prophesied the second covenant which would be ushered in by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Hosea, too, is in agreement with Jeremiah’s proclamation to the Israelites. Hosea married Gomer. She was an adulteress. She desecrated her marriage covenant with Hosea. Hosea 2:19, 20 does declare the restoration of the marriage covenant between Yahweh and the Israelites. This betrothal will happen because of Yahweh’s righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, compassion, and faithfulness. “Then, you will know the LORD.” (Hosea 2:20 b) The Israelites will come to “know” the LORD with a new depth of intimacy never fathomed previously. The new covenant will take place not by sacrifice of animals but by the shed blood of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

In a covenant representational of God, there needs to be oneness with the Spirit of God. A mutual marriage commitment represents purity and holiness. An uncommitted relationship outside the boundaries of the marriage covenant can lead to personal, self-gratification called fornication. This “knowing” is in direct violation of God’s pre-determined marriage covenant precepts. To have oneness with the Spirit of God has the direct purpose of redemption. Without true commitment to God, there never is the manifestation of unity, oneness with God.

Our life’s goal is to be committed to God. From knowledge and implementation of commitment, come eternal life, divine life, and the life of God which is then shared with the believer. This knowledge is not to be perceived as the intellectual basis. It requires unreserved intimacy and devotion to God. This leads to purity and revelation of the true character of the individual. If these values are not present, we have a counterfeit relationship with God and marriage covenant.

Some of the God-given benefits for a marriage committed to God are: the marriage works, the home glorifies God, and the children are happy and secure.

P.S. Let us remember July Fourth and every day to be in prayerful thanksgiving for the faithful, persevering military personnel and their families. (Psalms 91) Also, II Chronicles 7:14 “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (RSB-Revised Standard Bible)

FAN THE FLAMES

Thoughts from the New Intern, JJ Engelbrecht

June has been quite a journey, huh? I don’t know what you all have been through; whether it’s kids getting out of school or possibly summer plans getting sorted out finally. But let me tell you a little about my 1st month as an intern for Braddock Baptist Church!

In the process of interviewing to be an intern I also took the time to go to the Discover Class offered by the church. There I learned what Braddock believes and my fiancé (Alyssa) and I agreed with what we heard in the class and were recently announced as members of the church! We’re happy to be part of the church family now!

Some of the projects that I’ve been assigned range from developing ideas for sermon series all the way to teaching VBS songs. That’s not all I am doing however, I’m also being trained in the ministerial art of servanthood which

means taking out the trash, cutting the grass, and being available for whom-ever, whenever, and for whatever. Pastor Timothy is no hypocrite in his teaching me servanthood. Braddock family, your pastor is truly a servant at heart.

Aside from learning about ministry and developing myself through pastor’s mentoring, I’ve also had the opportunity to attend a plethora of events! Not even two weeks ago I went up to Lancaster, PA with Pastor Timothy’s brother (the guy who yelled a lot when he preached) and his son to see Samson at the Sight & Sound theatre! Not only that, I was even blessed to run the sounds for TJ High School’s baccalaureate service! Braddock is a special place and I’m blessed to be the intern in this church family! My fiancé and I are thankful for a church family near us because we don’t live near our families. And last, but not least, we are thankful for the food... all of the food!

“From A Biblical Point of View”
by James Lewis

The state of local, national and world events now swirling around us can certainly be overwhelming. This often makes it tempting to focus on the state of the world and to conclude that things have never been worse, and will likely not get any better. In every area; from crime and its questionable consequences; to politics and judicial decisions and the often ungodly social changes they generate; to terrorism and international conflicts and the sufferings they cause, it is easy to conclude - from a human point of view - that things are bad in unprecedented ways and proportions. Through it all, however, it's important to instead view life from a biblical point of view. It is key to remember that, as bad as things appear to be, God has seen it all before. More significantly, He is able to, and does, address these and many other life challenges far better than all of us put together. I believe that Ecclesiastes 1:9 states it best: “What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun (NIV).

In June, our nation was rocked by yet another mass killing; to date the worse of its kind in our nation's history. This national blow was quickly followed by another horrific act of international terror that took dozens of innocent lives in Turkey. During the past few years, Americans have also suffered from a government at odds with itself; it is hard to envision how the executive and the legislative branches could work less well with one another. We've also seen public battles being waged within the branches themselves. In late June, the world watched in stunned silence as what many thought impossible actually happened: The citizens of Great Britain voted for their country to separate from the European Union. They did so in the face of its leaders' warnings of dire economic and other consequences that would result from such a move. Within our own nation, many continue to wonder aloud how a person with no political experience and many apparent (and not insignificant) flaws could win out over 16 other candidates from a major political party and wind up as his party's presumptive nominee for President of the United States.

Many have concluded that, world-wide, there's something of a revolution – or perhaps, a rebellion – taking place. Populations, they say, are tired of the “elite” in power among us either making the same bad and often selfishly motivated decisions that adversely impact the majority of us and/or telling us what we should think, feel, believe, and do. They feel that our leaders are failing to lead as they should, and that they consequently no longer deserve to be followed. In response, the voters and the governed are rejecting their leaders' ideas, their messages, their directions, and even the leaders themselves. It appears that we are now instead favoring those who appear to be the least like the elite we have come to so deeply distrust.

Of course, if we are viewing all of these matters exclusively through our own eyes, then the above reactions and angry declarations of independence would seem quite logical. “Out with the old, in with the new,” is the mantra of our times, even if the “new” isn't really new at all, or if it comes with massive amounts of baggage containing some known and some unknown badness. But let's look at all of this from a biblical point of view. What's really going on here? What is it all about? And why couldn't we see it all coming?

The truth is that we really could have seen it all coming. In fact, we could and should have seen it coming a mile away, because it has all happened before. Remember your Sunday School lessons about Samuel? If so, raise your hand (no, it's o.k., I can't really see you). In the book of 1 Samuel , we see that the Israelites rejected God's wisdom and leadership and, by extension, God Himself. Back when ancient Israel was first established, it was a true nation under God. The Israelites recognized and treated God as their king, and had absolutely no needs that God did not satisfy. We read how, notwithstanding God's faithfulness, the Israelites longed to be like the other nations of the world and to have a king rule over them. But how is it that a people, who first placed their faith, trust and confidence in the Lord, could stray so far as to believe that a man – any man – could be more loving, trustworthy and faithful than God Himself? Did the Lord somehow let them down? Did He callously rule over them and treat them with cruelty and disdain? Did he suddenly forsake them and heap abuses upon their heads?

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The answer is a resounding “no” to all of these questions. But the reasons that men turned from God to place their trust in themselves are as simple as they are sad. The genesis of their decision to place their trust in man was their own fallibility, selfishness and pride. After Moses and Joshua, the

era of the judges began, wherein which the Lord raised a succession of leaders to militarily protect Israel from her enemies and to keep her spiritually protected and on the right path. Note that these Judges were only necessary because the Israelites ignored God's commandments and the urgings of Joshua who, before he died, pleaded with Israel to continue trusting in God and obeying His commands. Judges 21:25 tells us that, no sooner had Joshua passed, than the people of Israel began to ignore the Lord and His law, and to do“...as they saw fit.” The consequences of their idolatry, immorality and disobedience was as immediate as it was clear. They no longer enjoyed the absolute safety and security that they had when they truly lived as a nation under God. They no longer enjoyed the total peace and prosperity that they did when they lived in obedience to Him. God's favor left them when they declared and demonstrated that they would prefer to be independent of God and under the rule of man. Ultimately, the unthinkable occurred as Jerusalem was eventually conquered by Babylon.

Before this fall, Israel more or less obeyed the judges, whom God raised up to free Israel and to essentially save her from herself. But it seemed that, the moment the judges died, Israel would spiritually disintegrate again. The Prophet Samuel was the last great judge whom God raised up, and he is also renowned as the prophet who anointed Saul and David; the first two kings of Israel. What is key is that Samuel's need to anoint them as king stemmed from man's fallibility, selfishness and pride. We learn from 1 Samuel 8:3 that Samuel's sons did not follow Samuel's ways. Instead, they turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. And so, because God's people did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn ways, after nearly 400 years of alternately obeying, then ignoring a succession of judges that God raised up for them, Israel doubled down on its disobedience and rejected God altogether as their King. They demanded instead that a mere man serve in that capacity.

So, what's the biblical point of view here? It is, quite simply, that when those whom God raises up to lead fail in that leadership; when they selfishly and pridefully follow after their own ways, they do so to the enormous detriment of God's people. Pride, in particular, truly does come before a fall, and when it is God's man or woman who falls, they inevitably take many others down with them. This is true for national leaders, for local leaders and for church leaders alike. The wave of discontent that is sweeping nearly every nation and institution can be directly traced to the failure of Godly leadership. The teaching points to address these challenges are:

- (1) All of God's people must fervently pray for the election or appointment of truly Godly leaders
- (2) All Godly leaders must unselfishly and humbly seek God's leadership in everything that they do, and must also consistently gird themselves with the whole armor that God provides
- (3) All of God's people must unceasingly lift up their national, local and church leaders in fervent prayer

Viewing these matters from a biblical point of view tell us that what is now occurring is not new, and more importantly, that God has already provided us with the prescription for effectively addressing it all. I urge and pray that all of us will more consistently follow God's prescription. By doing so, we will begin to see real healings occur and victories achieved in every area of our nation, to include in our churches.



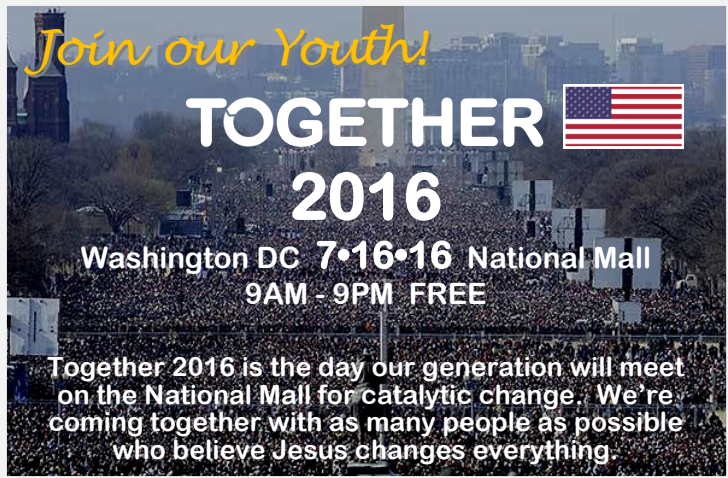
“Our great power is from God, not from ourselves.” 2 Corinthians 4:7 Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love and power. I believe that these have provided us with the volunteers we need for this year's VBS. Many children have already been registered and registrations are still coming in. **JOIN US** July 11- 15 1:30 to 4:30 as the crew take the children to different cave setting stations. Meet Sal the salamander, Mawtha the moth, Radar the bat, Olivia the owl and Ray the glow worm. These bible buddies will help the children to remember the key Bible Points, Bible Story and Key Verse. Get your cave exploration gear in order to join the fun at Cave Quest VBS 2016.

Sara Perry, VBS Director

Our great power is from God not from ourselves! 2Cor. 4:7



Jesus gives us His power!



miHi youth will be joining Christians from all over our nation to stand together at the National Mall on July 16. Please plan on joining us all day. Lunch will be provided. For details and more information, contact Cristina Riojas.



JULY

Birthdays

1	Elliot Lee Williams	19	Loretta Freeman Sarah Weaver
2	Kate Partlow Patricia Riley	20	Faly Raharinaivo
4	Dorothy M. Campbell	21	Mikayla Robinson
8	Janett Smith	22	Gary Carr
13	Jo Weaver	23	David Waters, Jr. John-alan Short
15	Jean Massie	26	Roxana Roman
16	Gary Lee Esther Ramirez	29	Daveda Raharinaivo
18	Jean Reeder	31	Audrey Pearson

Anniversaries

6	Luz & Jim Jondrow
27	Irma & Edd Dunn
30	Beverly & Rick Rodriguez
31	David and Stephanie Corder



Happy Birthday
America!

JULY 2016

Something good to know...!

GENESIS and the Composition of Ancient Written Chinese

by Pierre Dimaculangan

The ability to write means the ability to make record of history and the documentation of culture in civilization. For the Chinese, a highly developed and sophisticated form of writing emerged from the very first dynasty dating back between 2700-2500 BC. The written Chinese language is very unique. According to author Chan Kei Thong "... it is the only script that has been in continuous use since its inception, between 3,500, to 5,000 years ago. Second, it is pictographic and ideographic rather than phonetic. Third, it allows Chinese everywhere –more than 1 billion people, accounting for almost one-fourth of the world’s population –to communicate using a single recognizable written form even though they may speak one of many different dialects.” (Chan, 2009). The ability for a Chinese character to retain its meaning for thousands of years is quite impressive. Although the method and style in which it is written has changed, the very essence of the word remains the same for the meaning is depicted in every component of the character. This is how ancient texts can still be read and studied in modern times.

Since 1979, author Ethel R. Nelson and C.H. Kang have published books on the analysis of Chinese characters and a possible connection it may have to the stories and concepts written in the book of Genesis. It may seem very far-fetched and highly unlikely but Nelson and Kang have presented a case worthy of attention and cautious consideration. According to them, several Chinese characters and how they are composed depict the story of Genesis –the story of the Garden of Eden and the fall of man in particular. Here are some examples of characters they have presented that appear to refer to the world’s origin story according to the book of Genesis:

To create 造 = dust/earth 土 + mouth [breath of] 口 + became alive 乚 + walked 辶
Genesis 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Garden 園 = from dust/ earth 土 + and breath of mouth 口 + came a man 人 + and from his side came a woman 女 (abbreviated in word) + in an enclosure 口
Genesis 2:8 “The Lord God planted a garden eastward of Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.” Genesis 2:21 “So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.”

To Forbid 禁 = two trees 林 + reveal/ revelation 示
Genesis 2:9b “In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” Genesis 2:16-17 “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”



Devil 鬼 = there moved 乚 + in a garden 田 + a person 儿 + secretly/ stealthily 厶
Genesis 3:1 “Now the serpent (devil) was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

Tempter 魔 = the devil 鬼 + moved 乚 + undercover 广 + (amongst) two trees 林
Genesis 3:2-5 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die for God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Covet, Desire 婪 = before two trees 林 + was a woman 女
Genesis 3:6 “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

Punishment 刑 = a sword 刂 + behind two 二 + person(s) 儿
Genesis 3:24 “So He drove out the man; and he placed a cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

(Big) Boat 船 = eight 八 + mouths/people 口 + in a vessel 舟
Genesis 7:13 “And on the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service 11am	4  Independence Day	5 Properties Committee Meeting, 7pm	6 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30pm Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal	7	8 4pm Exercise	9 ESL 10 am - 12 noon  Annual Yard Sale
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Featured Bridge: BROOKLYN BRIDGE in New York, NY. Taken during the Independence Day Fireworks