



## The Living Branch Newsletter Logan Elm Baptist Church



September, 2020

““The secret *things belong* to the Lord our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.”

Deuteronomy 29:29, NJKV

These words spoken by the Lord God through His servant Moses were given to God’s people in the context of a long list of blessings that would come from their obedience to God’s law and an even longer list of curses that would be visited on them if they refused to obey. (Deuteronomy 28-29) But the verse is often used as a general truth: there are some things that are secret, known only to God, and there are things that are revealed which can be known by all who will invest the effort needed to *know* them. The Bible indicates that there may be certain things that are esoteric (intended only for a select group of people to know; see Amos 3:7), but whatever He has revealed in creation (Romans 1:18ff) and in His written Word is available to all who are willing to read, listen to, study, meditate on, submit to, obey and pass along to others.

There are undoubtedly myriads of things that are secret (known only to God) because He alone is omniscient. The Bible doesn’t tell us why God has chosen to keep some things secret from us. However, it should be obvious that we couldn’t handle it if He did reveal everything to us. We have enough trouble with all that He *has* revealed to us! There are numerous examples of this, such as: the presence of evil in the world, the doctrines of predestination and election, free will, and what the Bible has to say about the end-times (the rapture, the tribulation, the millennial age, etc.). Another example is the study that we’ve undertaken recently on Sunday evenings about *The Unseen Realm*. There are a number of things about the invisible world that God has chosen not to reveal. It isn’t wrong to speculate about those things, as long as we remember to distinguish between what is revelation and what is speculation. The purpose of this study is not to confuse, cause conflict, contribute to contention, or even fuel speculation. We believe the study will help us focus on the things that God has *revealed* in His Word, comparing Scripture with Scripture, so that we might study to show ourselves approved to God, and be thoroughly equipped for *every* good work. (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:17) We seek the benefit that comes from all of God’s inspired Word, (2 Timothy 3:16). May the Lord abundantly supply us with His guidance and grace to help us know Him and serve Him better!

Nine people completed the LEBC Orientation Course during the month of August. One of them is already a church member. Several of the others have now completed the requirements for church membership, including signing the Church Covenant, and will be presented to the church body this month for acceptance as our newest members. Praise the Lord! May He add many more to our church family.

Finally, you are probably aware by now that the church voted to approve the proposal by the elders to implement a process of pastoral transition. You’ll be hearing more from the elders soon about this process. In the meantime, please continue to pray for the Lord’s guidance and discernment with regard to the man that He is preparing to serve as our next full-time pastor. (Isn’t this exciting? I’m looking forward to what our Lord has planned for us.)

That in all things He (Christ) may have the preeminence (Col. 1:18),



[Sunday activities: prayer meeting, Room 202, 8:00-8:30AM; Bible study for all ages, 8:45-9:45AM; Morning service, 10:00; evening service, 5:45. Wednesday activities, 6:45PM]

- Sept. 6        *The Unseen Realm* study continues, 5:45PM (and each Sunday evening in Sept.)
- Sept. 7        Labor Day
- Sept. 8, 22    Elders (7:00AM) & Staff meetings (9:00AM)
- Sept. 13       John Clifton will preach in the morning service
- Sept. 19       Men's Breakfast and study, 7:30AM
- Sept. 20       Church business session (Nominating Committee report) in the evening service
- Sept. 27       Fellowship meal after the AM service; Lord's Supper during the evening service

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# rightnow MEDIA

Do you take advantage of the HUGE digital library that is available to you because you are affiliated with LEBC? If you do not yet have an account with Right Now Media you can sign up by texting the number (rather than the phone number) 41411. In the message line type the code RIGHTNOW LOGANELMBC. That's all there is to it – and it's free to you because LEBC is a member of Right Now media. You can even share this with your family and friends. Enjoy thousands of movies, Bible studies, conferences, children's programs, etc., and new titles are being added regularly. If you haven't done so lately, check it out – and pass it on!



## Operation Christmas Child

We are still doing OCC shoe boxes. Packing party will be in November. In need of school supplies, stuffed animals, socks, shirts, personal care items, small toys, and wash rags. We have toothbrushes donated by Dr Guter.

Thanks to everyone for your help.



## Child Training Class



Anyone who is interested in serving in the nursery or Sunday School and hasn't taken the Child Training Class, please contact Bill Gibson at [billgibson414@gmail.com](mailto:billgibson414@gmail.com) He can connect you for that class.

Serving and caring for these children is an honor and blessing. Don't miss out on the joy and rewarding service it brings.

In His Grace,  
Denise



CHOIR PRACTICE  
**RESUMES**

Attention all Choir members:  
Choir practice resumes September 13, after the evening service



**CHURCH LIBRARY**  
*News*

### Fall Reading!

Come by our library for a book or two.

Grab a blankey, your water bottle, and find your favorite reading nook! Inside or outside, both will bring enjoyment. 😊

We have several new fiction books, new children's books, and the movie

*The Overcomer.*

Hope you stop by and take advantage of our library!



Summer is Ending~  
Fall is Coming -  
2020 will come to Pass!

### Let's Pray

*Do those words frighten you? Do you find that you love talking to God when it is just you and Him, but the thought of praying amongst others makes you uncomfortable?*

*I have shared your fear and still prefer small settings. When God called me to this ministry, He called me out of my comfort zone. I have been and still am on a quest of how to be a person of prayer. I have several good books on prayer and am always drawn to get another one. Yet, I have found that praying the prayers of the Bible draw me to Him the most. When we "Delight ourselves in the LORD" (Ps. 37:4), He calls us to a higher way of thinking. We no longer "think of what others think." In giving ourselves to His delight we are able to praise and honor Him in our prayers.*

- *"Who is like you among the gods, O LORD - glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?" Exodus 15:11*
- *"Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD! For though I was poor and needy, You rescued me from my oppressors." Jeremiah 20:13*
- *"All glory to the only Wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen."  
Romans 16:27*
- *"Praise the LORD! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns!" Revelation 19:1,6*

*Let's pray together. Let's delight in our Heavenly Father together. Let's leave our human heart behind and reach for something beyond ourselves. Claim the promise of James 4:8,  
"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."*

*In Christ,  
Becky, Kim, Denise  
2 Cor. 13:14*

### LADIES

*We would like to have a time of prayer together while being apart. We are designating Thursday, Sept. 24, 1:30-2:30, as a purposeful prayer time. Please, pray when you can, for as long as you can. We may not be together physically, but we can be of one Spirit as we bring our hearts, praise, and petitions to our Heavenly Father.*



## Kitchen Angels



We hope everyone enjoyed the socials every Sunday during July and August. It is what we felt comfortable with during the current pandemic.

After the council meeting, we have decided to try carry-ins again beginning Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> after the morning service. We will just do as we have in the past where each family just brings whatever they would like to bring. Whether it is a main dish, soup, salad, dessert. This has worked out well. All we ask is that if anyone has a fever, cough or been exposed to Covid-19 that you do not participate.

The next carry-in will be October 18<sup>th</sup> after the morning service, and the Thanksgiving meal will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for these 3 Sundays.

We will be having a “Volunteer’s Appreciation Meal” at the Country Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a teacher, substitute, committee member of any committee, kitchen angel, or volunteer of any kind, you are invited. We will be posting a notice around October 1<sup>st</sup> to RSVP because they are limited to 50-55 person capacity due to COVID-19. Please put this on your calendar so that when the notice is posted you can respond right away. We could always use more Kitchen Angels. Please contact me if you are willing to be added to the list for the 2020-2021 year.

Karen Clark, Kitchen Angel Coordinator



Praise the Lord, Eva Steinhauser has volunteered to be the teacher for the 1 and 2 year olds. Krista Forte will be an alternate teacher. Cora Wilson and Lisa Herron have also volunteered to be helpers.

When we had our Sunday school meeting it was suggested that each month, the substitute for their class teach either the last Sunday or the Sunday that would work for the teacher and substitute. Teachers do need breaks and be able to attend a regular adult class. So, I am asking that teachers and substitutes (all classes, children & adult) work out a plan so they can have those breaks. This will also prepare the substitute to feel more comfortable teaching on a more regular basis.

The best attendance since we returned to Sunday school has been 79. If you do not attend every Sunday, please try your best to do so. There are 120 names on the roster, so if everyone made an extra effort to regularly attend we could easily go above 100. So I am personally setting that goal beginning this next quarter.

There will be a Sunday after each quarter where we will be recognizing those who have perfect attendance.

Karen Clark, Sunday School Director

Greetings all from your Trustee chairman,

“What is a Trustee?” you might ask. Is he a power hungry, bossy, nose-y busybody? Well, one would hope not and I trust that I (or we) are not perceived that way because of all the “dictates” and reminders that have been doled out over the years. The responsibility of Trustees is defined in this way: **“They shall hold in trust the property of the church”**. While there may be legal ramifications of this terminology, on the operational side, we become caretakers or stewards with a goal of keeping the facility in good repair, maintaining a good appearance, providing for the needs of the staff and comfort and safety of all as much as we are able. Through all of this, operating expense needs to be considered and so, there has to be reasonable control of the cost of utilities. Therefore, my brethren & sistern, with staff consideration and approval, a number of “restrictions” have to be issued in the name of good stewardship and due to experience.

A case in point, you who need to make use of the kitchen may have noticed the doors are locked. What you might not have noticed, the keys are hung at “adult height” next to each door. The obvious reason is to keep unsupervised children out of the kitchen to prevent them from doing things like standing on the bottom shelf of the freezer to reach the popsicles, dabbling in the ice machine, or turning on the gas controls to the stove burners or just playing in the kitchen. (experiences) Then, and most important, are safety considerations. And that’s all I have to say about that.

I seldom receive feedback from teachers or leaders concerning needs for classrooms. (whiteboards, bulletin boards, furnishings, etc.) Please don’t hesitate to ask. With the painting of some classrooms, some of these aids have not been re-installed.

All classrooms will soon have 2-way radios which will serve as our PA system. Currently they are set to channel 1 and as well as being able to get announcements, they can legitimately be used to request assistance. Typically, someone on the security team will monitor these. Teachers, please turn on the 2-way’s and then off at the end of class. Also, with reference to the classroom doors, the practice I encourage, is to leave them open during the cooling season (controls humidity) and closed during the heating season (conserves heat).

Speaking of heat, a new heating and cooling system has been installed recently in the Ed building. The old one failed at 26 years of age.

The current priority project is the facelift of the fellowship hall which is now down to the installation of the wainscot. This will put the chair rail at the proper height. The wall has already been painted by an outside contractor. Work in classroom 109 will follow in due course. Several weeks back the area was characterized by a very strong “fishy” smell which was due to deterioration of the plastic trim due to moisture. The paneling will have to be removed, source of moisture determined, and the wall cleaned up and sealed.

Drawing to a close, I want to renew the appeal for someone who may be interested in assuming the maintenance position. There is a learning curve with regard to knowing the facility, but otherwise, a mechanical aptitude is a must. Male or female, I might mention.

There’s more but to keep this report to one page, I’ll close at this point. Stay tuned for the exciting continuation.

Submitted by Bill Snyder, Trustee Chairman

## Birthdays

**Scott Cavanaugh-Sept. 1**  
**Blake Wiley-Sept. 1**  
**Tom Kuhlwein-Sept. 3**  
**Eli Steinhausser-Sept. 7**  
**Maggie VanDette-Sept. 8**  
**Kinzie Stewart-Sept. 11**  
**Simon Kuhlwein-Sept. 12**  
**Charles Schall-Sept. 12**  
**Levi DeLong-Sept. 15**  
**Stephanie Graf-Sept. 16**  
**Elsa Steinhausser-Sept. 16**  
**Charlene Basham-Sept. 17**  
**Lucy Graf-Sept. 18**  
**Bev Currence-Sept. 23**  
**Emily Mitchell-Sept. 28**

## Anniversaries

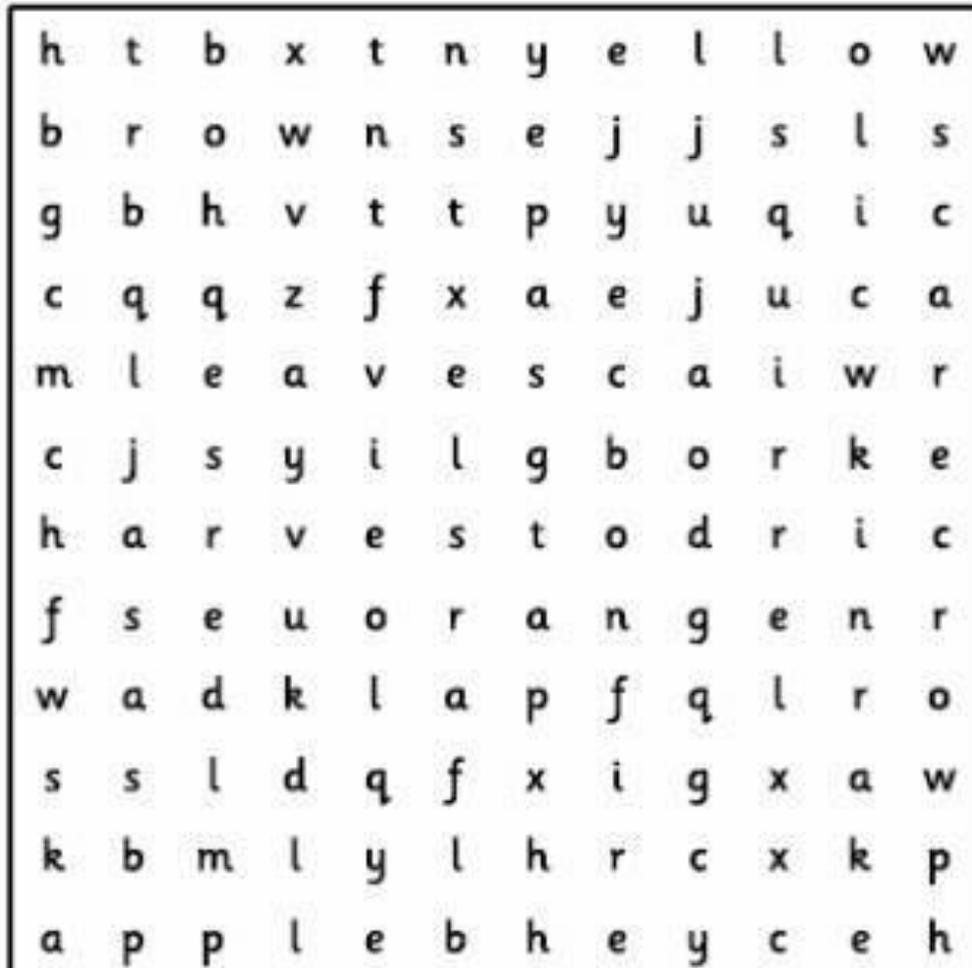
**Bill & Lore Snyder-Sept. 3**  
**Jim & Betty Smith-Sept. 4**  
**Scott & Jill Cavanaugh-Sept. 6**  
**Dave & Becky Cavanaugh-Sept. 8**  
**Mike & Julie Heidish-Sept. 28**



# Autumn Word Search



Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?



rake

scarecrow

brown

yellow

squirrel

leaves

apple

red

bonfire

harvest

fall

pear

orange

acom

