

Spreading

the

Good News

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What is the Gospel?

What is the Gospel? What does it mean?

Gospel literally means “good news.” It is from the Old English word *gōdspel*, which means “good story” or “good news.” When you have some news to share with someone, it is the story you tell them about what happened.

We have all shared both good news and bad news with friends and family and others from time to time. It is the telling about what happened. Something happened in the past, and now you are giving someone the news, good or bad.

We refer to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books are the telling of the story of Jesus Christ and all the things He did while He was here on earth. Mark begins his gospel with these words: **“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”**

Paul distills this good news down to a few verses in **1 Corinthians 15**, when he says that he declares the gospel unto them: **“how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”** That’s the gospel in a nutshell. It will

fit in a tweet!

When a New Testament scripture says, **“according to the scriptures,”** that is your clue to go find it in the Old Testament. When Paul refers to **“the scriptures,”** he means the Old Testament. There was no New Testament, so all these references, including when Jesus says **“it is written,”** are to the Old Testament.

Where does it say that Christ died for our sins in the Old Testament?

Isaiah 53:4–6, “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:10–11, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his

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NEW MEMBERS

Reece Hunter and Gavin Hauge Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

We were blessed at Shoal Creek to receive a new member by baptism on Sunday, May 10, 2026. **Sister Reece Hunter** requested baptism and a home in the church. We baptized her that same afternoon. She is the oldest daughter of Brother Daniel Hunter, pictured at left.



L-R: Daniel Hunter, Reece Hunter, with their pastor, Elder Glenn Ray

We pray that God will strengthen their faith as they seek to walk according to His Word, give them wisdom when they face difficult choices, courage when they feel pressured to compromise, peace when they feel uncertain or discouraged, and to remind them daily they are loved, chosen, and never alone.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

The following Sunday, May 17, 2026, we rejoiced again with the baptism of **Brother Gavin Hauge**, pictured at right.



L-R: Gavin Hauge, with his pastor, Elder Glenn Ray



Singing School Schedules

See below for dates and churches hosting singing school. The top schedule is taught by Elder Bryce Lowrance. You may visit his [website](#) for updates.



June 10-13 · [Radnor Primitive Baptist Church](#) Singing School (Nashville, TN)

June 25-27 · [Sulfur Springs Primitive Baptist Church](#) Singing School (MS)

July 9-11 · [Lexington Primitive Baptist Church](#) Singing School (KY)

July 24-25 · Midwest Singing School hosted at [New Liberty Primitive Baptist Church](#) (MO)

July 30-Aug 1 · Tuscaloosa Area Primitive Baptist Singing School hosted at [Tuscaloosa Primitive Baptist Church](#) (AL)

TBA · Pilgrim's Praise Singing School at [Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church](#) (MD)

TBA · [Fair Haven Primitive Baptist Church](#) (GA)

Other Singing Schools

June 14-19 · [Harmony Hill Singing School](#) (Azle, TX) – Various Instructors

June 18-20 · [Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church](#) Singing School (Lilburn, GA) – Bro. Matthew Arnold, Bro. Austin McCool, Sis. Julia McCool

TBA · [Old School Primitive Baptist Church](#) (Kennedale, TX) – Bro. Daniel Montgomery and others.

TBA · [Grace Primitive Baptist Church](#) (Pearl, MS) – Bro. Joey Lowrance

July 19-24 · [Harmony Plains Singing School](#) (Cone, TX) – Various Instructors

TBA · [Union Primitive Baptist Church](#) (McKenzie, TN) – Elder Gary Barrington

Sunday Meetings



Flat Shoals PBC
2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD,
STOCKBRIDGE, GA

WORSHIP: 2PM

JUN 7 - Eld Lloyd Wilkinson

JUN 14 - Eld Silas Ford

JUN 21 - Eld Kevin Kennedy

JUN 28 - Eld Coy Thomas



Nancy Creek PBC
1685 8TH STREET,
CHAMBLEE, GA

WORSHIP: 10:30AM

JUN 7 - Bro Jackson Walsh

JUN 14 - Eld Rodney Byrd

JUN 21 - Eld Roger Campbell

JUN 28 - Bro Mike Deas



Shoal Creek PBC
65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD,
MANSFIELD, GA

WORSHIP: 10:30AM

JUN 7 - Bro Mitch Bruce

JUN 14 - Eld Zack Guess

JUN 21 - Bro Mitch Bruce

JUN 28 - Eld Philip Green

Let Brotherly Love
Continue

Flat Shoals Primitive Baptist Church would like to share with the Atlanta Area Primitive Baptist Churches the experience we have enjoyed for the past **thirty-eight months**.

On October 23, 2022, we announced we were without a pastor. Elder Silas Ford offered assistance by supplying our church with a list of Elders that we might call upon to come as visiting preachers to get us started. As the months moved forward, the list continued to grow and not one Elder, called upon, has not come. Each and every one of these pastors has aided our little congregation in receiving the blessings of the gospel teachings.

The group listed below have been very gracious with their God-given gift and time. We realize they have families and responsibilities to their own congregations, so we truly appreciate their large sacrifice to help us in our hour of need. We send our **Love** and **Thanks** to each of you!

Elder Silas Ford, Elder Coy Thomas, Elder Brad Hansard, Elder David Cawthon, Elder Kevin Kennedy, Elder Lloyd Wilkinson, Elder Marty Smith, Elder Dan Hall, Elder John Melvin, Elder David Smith, Elder Ken Still, Elder Randall Cagle, Elder Victor Halbgewachs, Elder Bryce Lowrance, Lic. Jonah Lowrance, Elder Daniel Wood, Elder Philip Dukes, Lic. Jackson Walsh, and Elder Jason Cawthon.

Again, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those who served and offered.

William E. Pearson, Jr.
Deacon, Flat Shoals PBC

OBITUARY



ELDER LASSERRE BRADLEY, JR.

Lasserre Bradley Jr., a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, pastor, and servant of God, passed peacefully into glory on May 9, 2026, at the age of 91. Born on May 6, 1935, in Lexington, Kentucky, into the family of Judge Lasserre and Mary Benton (Adair) Bradley, he then went on to run with patience, the race set before him. (**I Corinthians 9:24**).

A Man of Steadfast Faith

Reared in the shadow of the Great Depression and the Second World War, Lasserre's faith was not just a cultural inheritance, it was a settled, tested conviction that took root in boyhood and never wavered across nine decades of living. His ministry spanned an extraordinary sweep of American history, from people who remembered the horse-and-buggy era to children who have never known life without a smartphone. He remained the same man of faith throughout.

While still a teenager, with enough money for only the first broadcast, Lasserre preached into a radio microphone and began what would become the Baptist Bible Hour (BBH) broadcast, a ministry that continued uninterrupted for 73 years, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. At its peak the program went out on over 70 US stations and short-wave radio, which reached people around the world. For many years he preached live every Sunday night at 10:30 pm on WKRC in Cincinnati and later developed a daily broadcast which can still be heard weekdays across the country. He published the Baptist Witness, extending his written ministry alongside the radio broadcast.

At the age of 17 he became the pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church in the St. Bernard neighborhood of Cincinnati. The fact that such a young man became pastor of a large congregation caught the attention of Life Magazine, where the story was featured in the March 1953 issue. In 1958, he helped constitute Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church (CPBC), where he served faithfully for the rest of his ministry. In addition, he traveled the country extensively visiting among churches and filling speaking invitations.

He went on to preach thousands of sermons over the course of his life and career, pastor churches in Lexington, Central Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, perform hundreds of baptisms, marry numerous couples, provide comfort at the bedsides of the sick from every walk and stage of life, and preach untold number of funerals including his parents, siblings, baby daughter and granddaughter and soldiers from multiple wars.

Over the years he devoted himself increasingly to biblical counseling, looking to God's word for answers for all of life, sitting with people in their pain and pointing them to truth, a ministry that touched countless lives. Well into his 80's he served a ministry in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky assisting those with drug addictions and spent hours speaking at recovery centers, prisons, and meeting one-on-one with those recovering from addiction.

A Life of Service and Entrepreneurship

Lasserre was a man wired to build and to serve. As a bi-vocational pastor in his early ministry, he built a distinguished career in real estate, beginning by collecting rents in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood in Cincinnati and rising through the industry to become Vice President of Parchman & Oyler. He later acquired a franchise and founded Hometrend offices throughout Greater Cincinnati. He persevered through the interest rate spikes of the early 1980's, never abandoning his business or employees and fully repaying what he owed, a decision that cost him greatly but reflected the man he was. In 1988, when the market had recovered, he sold the company to pursue full-time ministry and biblical counseling.

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Prayer Requests

Brother Mac Aldrige - *brain tumor*

Sister Emily Bradley - *poor health*

Sister Aileen Hood - *breast cancer*

Pray for our churches without pastors

Pray for our nation and leaders

SAVE THE DATE



JUL 4 (Sat)
4th of July Meeting

Shoal Creek PBC

65 Shoal Creek Church Road,
Mansfield, GA

Worship: 10AM (lunch) and **afternoon**

NOV 19-21 (Thr-Sat)

2026 Preachers Meeting

Hosted by **Boiling Springs PBC**,
1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA

THEME: How Firm a Foundation

Meeting is open to all. Details to follow.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETINGS

Boiling Springs PBC

1200 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA

We meet every **Tuesday** at **6 PM** for our midweek meeting/Bible study.

Camp Creek PBC

310 Camp Creek Rd SW, Lilburn, GA

The **1st** and **3rd** **Wednesdays** each month we have night service by Zoom at **7:15 PM**. To obtain the link please email pastor@campcreekchurch.org

Flat Shoals PBC

2052 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, GA

We will have our **Sunday** service at **2PM** until further notice. For more info: 770-262-9254

Forsyth PBC

6010 Shiloh Road, Alpharetta, GA

We have Bible Study via Zoom on **Wednesday** at **6:30PM**. Please text Sister Kathleen Heard at 270.535.9284 to join.

Mount Paran PBC

3749 Mount Paran Church Road, Social Circle, GA

We meet every **Wednesday** at **7 PM** for our Bible study in person and online via Zoom.

Rock Springs PBC

ZOOM Meeting ONLY

Worship at **7 PM** each **Thursday**. Send email to Elder Herb Newsome (hnews01@comcast.net) for the link.

Sandy Springs PBC

940 Mt Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA

Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7:45 PM** via Zoom. Text Bro. Lloyd Wilkinson 770.633.8420 to join.

Union PBC

335 Cox Road, Roswell, GA

We have Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7 PM**, also via Zoom. The **Preachers' Meeting** is via Zoom only the **second Sunday** each month at **7 PM**. Text Bro. Marty Smith 770.401.7982 to join.

Special Meetings

JUN 7 (Sun)

Athens Area Fellowship Meeting - 5900 Hwy 81, Loganville, GA
Elder Ernie Bryson and Brother Jonah Lowrance plan to be with us for the **Athens Area Fellowship Meeting. Worship: Sunday at 4PM.**

JUN 12-13 (Fri-Sat)

Dallas PBC - 224 Legion Road, Dallas, GA
Elder David Pyles (MS) plans to be with us for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Friday at 7PM** (refreshments following); and **Saturday at 10AM** (lunch) and **2PM.**

JUN 26-28 (Fri-Sun)

Mt Gilead PBC - 154 Mt Gilead Road, Tennille, GA
Elders John Melvin (GA) and Dickie Halbgewachs (TX) will be with us for our **Annual Meeting. Worship: Friday at 7:30PM** (supper 6PM); **Saturday at 10:30AM** (lunch), **1:30PM** and **5PM** singing and fellowship; and **Sunday at 10:30AM** (lunch).

JUN 28 (Sun)

Little River Monthly Mtg - 224 Legion Road, Dallas, GA
Dallas Church will host the meeting. **Worship: 4PM**

JUL 4 (Sat)

July 4th Meeting - Shoal Creek PBC, 65 Shoal Creek Church Road, Mansfield, GA
All are welcome to worship with us. **Worship: 10AM** (lunch) and **afternoon.**

JUL 11-12 (Sat-Sun)

2026 Southeast GA Fellowship Mtg - 2195 Old Jesup Rd, Brunswick, GA
Hosted by Zion PBC. **Worship: Saturday at 10AM** (lunch), and **afternoon; Sunday at 10:15AM** (lunch) and **Communion.** All are welcome to worship with us.

JUL 17-19 (Fri-Sun)

Oak Grove PBC - 1440 Birmingham Rd, Milton, GA
Elders Clayton Nowell and Kenneth Nowell will be with us for our **Summer Meeting. Worship: Friday at 7PM** (pizza before); **Saturday at 10:30AM** (lunch), and **afternoon; Sunday at 10:30AM, Communion,** and (lunch).

JUL 26 (Sun)

Little River Monthly Mtg - 335 Cox Road, Roswell, GA
Union Church will host the meeting. **Worship: 4PM**



Elder Lloyd Wilkinson

Pastor of Sandy Springs PBC

hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Paul probably had this scripture in mind when he said Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. But he also may have been thinking about **Psalm 22**, the Passover Lamb of **Exodus 12** (**1 Corinthians 5:7 ... Christ our passover is sacrificed for us**), and other prophecies in **Daniel** and **Zechariah**. Many will be justified, or declared just and righteous, by Jesus dying for their sins. ("**And he bare the sin of many.**") It really wouldn't be very good news if it had said, "he bare the sin of a few." This gospel or good news of the many was given to Abraham 2000 years before Jesus was born.

Galatians 3:8, "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be

blessed."

Genesis 12:3, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 22:18, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Many in all nations and families of the earth will be blessed. Jesus will die for their sins, and they will be blessed.

So, when Paul declares the gospel that Jesus died for OUR sins, he is referring to many people in all nations and families of the earth. **Matthew** puts it this way in **chapter 1, verse 21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."**

When Paul says that Christ died for OUR sins, Matthew says that those are "HIS PEOPLE." Many people! John expands on this in **Revelation 5:9, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"** Christ died for our sins, and those people Jesus died for come from every family, every language, every ethnicity, and every nation on earth. That's a lot of people!

What is the Gospel?

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That's really good news!

So, who are these people from every nation and family on earth? They are the people that God chose from before the world began. **Ephesians 1:4-7, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"**

God chose many, many people from every nation, every family, every ethnicity, and every language on the earth for Jesus to bleed and die and redeem and forgive them of their sins, so they could be adopted into the family of God and live with Jesus forever.

Now, that's some good news!!!

May the Lord Bless You All.



ELDER LASSERE BRADLEY, JR. OBITUARY

He was a devoted citizen of his adopted home, Cincinnati, which he loved deeply: its skyline, its river, its architecture, its history, and its people. For decades, he delighted in offering historical tours of the city to friends and family. Upon stepping down as a full-time pastor, in recognition of his life of service in the city and of its people, Mayor John Cranley proclaimed October 16, 2021, Lasserre Bradley, Jr. Day in Cincinnati.

Family

In 1964, Lasserre married Emily Jane Messer, the love of his life. He later recounted the moment he first noticed her when a group was sled riding: “the moon was shining down and her blue eyes sparkled on that snowy night.” They were married for nearly 62 years. Emily was his steady companion through the demands of ministry, the years of business, and every season of life that followed. She tirelessly organized and ran the administration of the BBH ministry and faithfully served their family and church in ways that freed him to the study God’s word and ministering to the saints through preaching and biblical counseling. Together they raised three children and built a family that grew to 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren (with 3 more currently on the way), a legacy he treasured above all earthly achievements. One of his and Emily’s greatest joys as grandparents was to have the family gather and sing hymns together.

As a father, he was intentional, present, and formative. He took his children and later his grandchildren on preaching trips across the country, pointing out the beauty of the landscape and interesting characteristics of towns all along the way. He always found ways for the kids to have fun, locating fishing spots, stopping at go-kart tracks as well as hiking trails and caves, creating adventures at every mile. He had a deep and abiding love for God’s creation, the woods, the trees, the smallest details of the natural world, and shared that wonder freely with his children and grandchildren on long hikes in the woods around his home and travels across the country. He gave wise counsel through every season of adulthood, never overbearing. He kept a busy schedule but was always available and ready to offer his insights when asked.

Character and Legacy

He had a particular love for the elderly, with deep respect for those whose character had been tested and proven over a long arc of time. He also had a distinct interest in and care for young children. He was always ready to hold a baby and kept doing so up until his last few days of life. He had a way of connecting to teenagers and young adults that set them at ease and made them feel noticed. As a minister, Lasserre was always available to counsel and encourage younger ministers from around the country. He was a trusted confidant to many. Anyone knew they were going to receive wise counsel based on scripture and not his own opinion. In October 2025 at a minister’s meeting, he stated at the age of 90 that he “loved the work of the ministry.” He loved God and His people and maintained a sincere heart for the lost.

Lasserre faced many trials across his long life, including the loss of his and Emily’s first-born baby daughter, the loss of close friendships, prostate cancer, open heart surgery, impaired vision, neuropathy, and the physical challenges of his final years. He faced every one of them with grace and courage. He did not grow bitter about difficult circumstances. He did not retaliate when he was criticized. He turned the other cheek as an active, costly, faith-driven choice. He held his convictions with quiet certainty and his relationships with steadfast loyalty. In his final years, though physically challenged, he remained marked by an ultimate optimism and a confident view of what awaited him in glory, still praising his Lord and taking every opportunity to speak of his Saviour and the work of salvation.

Among the verses that anchored his faith, drove his optimism, and kept him focused on trusting God: **Jeremiah 33:3** *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

Hebrews 4:15-16 *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he*

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did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

He Is Survived By

His beloved wife, Emily Jane (Messer) Bradley; his three children, Leanna Tomlinson (Lyle), Peggy Stewart (Mike), and Lasserre Bradley III (Marsha), and their families including 21 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren; his siblings including his brother Dennis Bradley, Sisters Linda Lord and Judy Mahan, and his dear niece, Tara Cook, who so faithfully served him and his wife in recent years, along with many other beloved nieces and nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Judge Lasserre and Mary (Adair) Bradley, siblings Dale Thomas, David Bradley, Lois Akins, and Jo Cecil Cook, and infant daughter Elizabeth Bradley.

Lasserre Bradley, Jr. did not set out to be an example. He set out to be faithful to Jesus, his Lord and Saviour, and His Word. The example is what faithfulness looks like after 91 years of consistent, costly, joyful service.

