WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Announcements

- Business Meeting tonight 6:00: We'll be discussing this year's budget and nominating committee report.
- Carroll County Tobacco Festival: Our association is handing out free Bibles every day here. Whites Run is signed up to pass out Bibles on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please let Pastor Eric know if you can help.
- Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?. Everyone is invited.
 Food is provided, but you can bring whatever you wish.
 Consider this as you invite people to church, you can bring them to experience fellowship with us.
- **Bible Study, Sunday 6:00 PM:** Go deeper into God's Word and refuel for the coming week.
- WRBA Association Annual Meeting: October 13-14.

The Lamb of God, John 1:19-37.

Who was John the Baptist?

- Who was John?
 - He was a prophet from the line of priests whose job it was to teach the people of Israel the law of God. See Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-80; regarding his birth and lineage.
 - He preached in the wilderness around the Jordan river baptizing people for repentance.
 - o He is mentioned in all four Gospels and the book of Acts.
- Why was he necessary?

- He fulfilled the role prophesied to precede the Messiah. John
 1:23 from Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 11:14 from Malachi 4:5.
- He was a prophet: The General purpose of prophets was to call God's people back to covenant faithfulness — to call for repentance.
- o To link Jesus to Old Testament orthodoxy and tradition.
- o To establish another witness to Jesus' claims. John 5:30-47.

Why did he call Jesus the Lamb of God?

- Biblical lamb imagery:
 - Used to convey gentleness, dependence, or innocence: Isaiah
 53:7, 65:25, 11:6; Jeremiah 51:40; Luke 10:3; Acts 8:32; 1 Peter
 1:19.
 - Used in sacrifice to make atonement: Genesis 22:7, 13; Exodus 12; John 18:28; Leviticus 1:4; Exodus 29:38-46. Compare John 19:36 to Exodus 12:46.
- The Lamb of God
 - Lamb imagery is clearly used for Jesus here, John 1:29, 36; and elsewhere, 1 Corinthians 5:7; Acts 8:32; 2 Peter 1:9; Revelation 5:6 (28 times total in Revelation).
 - Jesus fulfills key Old Testament passages featuring the sacrifice of a lamb, Genesis 22; Isaiah 53; Exodus 12.
 - John clearly intends to connect Jesus to a sacrifice for sins atonement.

What does that mean to us?

- He is the lamb of God. He laid down his life for the sins of all who will believe.
- Jesus has provided all that is necessary for salvation. We need only have faith in Him, and such faith will reveal itself in repentance and good works.

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