

### Our Mission

*Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.  
We worship the Lord,  
Reach out to Sinners,  
Teach Believers,  
Care for the Needy, and  
Encourage Each Other in the*

### CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School - Sunday 9:30am  
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 am  
Prayer & Bible Study - Wednesday  
7:30pm

### [EVENTS FOR MAY 2019](#)

Sunday, 12th — *Mother's Day*

Monday, 13th — *Ministry Team  
Meeting, 7:30pm*

Saturday, 18th — *Celebrating Our  
Pastor; Levi's Restaurant, 6410  
Coventry Way, Clinton, MD; Donation:  
\$25 Per Person; \$15 Children 12 &  
Under; Live Music will be played for  
your enjoyment.*

Tuesday, 21st—Sunday, 26th —  
*Philadelphia-Baltimore Annual  
Conference at the Bethesda North  
Marriott Hotel and Conference  
Center; 5701 Marinelli Road,  
Bethesda, MD 20852*

Monday, 27th — *Memorial Day*

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup>

Please don't worry about anything;  
But pray and ask God for everything  
you need. Always giving thanks and  
He'll give you peace for your heart  
and mind.

And the peace of God  
which surpasses all your understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
in Christ Jesus the Lord.  
(Adapted from *Philippians 4:6,7*  
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)

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*Share your plans with the Lord and you  
will succeed. Proverb 16:3 (CEV)*

# Beware! A Donkey is Talking to You

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*A Compassionate Ministry*

## A Donkey is Talking to You??

1. If a donkey is talking to you. You may be practicing the doctrine of Balaam.
2. *Balaam's doctrine is accepting payment in exchange for participating in wickedness.*
3. The Story of Balaam and the Donkey. Numbers 22:1-35, NIV
  - a. Balak, the king of Moab, wanted to hire Balaam, the prophet, to curse Israel.
  - b. God told Balaam, "Don't go."
  - c. Balak offer Balaam wealth.
  - d. Balaam tried to get the wealth and maintain his integrity. However, God was angry.
4. God is angry with those who practice the doctrine of Balaam.
  - a. A donkey to rebuke and restrain their madness. *2 Peter 2:15-16*
  - b. Woe to them! *Jude 11*
  - c. Fight against them with sword of His mouth. *Rev. 2:12-17*



## OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

<sup>21</sup>Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. <sup>22</sup>But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. <sup>23</sup>When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road. ....<sup>28</sup>Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times? *Numbers 22:21-28, NIV*

## *Don't Practice Balaam's Doctrine*

<sup>15</sup>They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. <sup>16</sup>But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet's madness. *2 Peter 2:15-16, NIV*

<sup>11</sup>Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. *Jude 11, NIV*

*Our Prayer is that  
You Receive God's Peace  
through*

**P – Powerful Preaching  
E – Excellent Teaching  
A – Awesome Praise and  
Worship  
C – Creative Ministry  
E – Engage, Exciting and  
Effervescent Fellowship.**

## What did Pastor Gaskin Preach About?

No matter how much "the Balaks" of this world offer you in exchange for helping them in their wickedness, don't let your greed lead you astray. Maintain your integrity. Those saints who practice the doctrine of Balaam will feel the wrath of God. God will send a donkey to rebuke and restrain them. He will curse them and the wealth Balak promised will not materialize. He will fight them with the "sword of His month." His prophets will denounce them and expose their wickedness for the whole world to see. We need another letter from Birmingham Jail to remind us we serve the Compassionate One. When sheep act like goats, God becomes angry.

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE**

1. Repent if you are practicing the doctrine of Balaam.
2. Pray for Christians who have forsaken social justice for wealth.