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The Trumpet

“The trumpet shall sound...and we shall be changed”
(I Corinthians 15:52)



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Pastor's Pen

Breaking News...

Dear Readers,

We trust all is well with you and your family today. We're reaching out to you, as a former member of First Southern Baptist Church here in Mountain Home, Idaho, to share some exciting news. Last month, our congregation approved a substantial remodeling project for the church.

Over the course of the past year, the Church Council began an intense evaluation of our ministries, our community and our Biblical mandate to be salt and light in the world. Over sixty years ago, our founding members made substantial sacrifices to establish our church in this community. They built a heritage of faithfulness that we strive to continue and build upon. We're writing to you because you helped build that heritage. Your faithfulness to God is something we will never forget.

Over the next few months, beginning in May of this year, we will launch a \$250,000 remodel of our sanctuary, foyer, education wing and parking lot. When we are finished, our foyer will be doubled in size and our sanctuary will be completely renovated. A new platform design will provide easier access and room for our growing choir and instrumentalists. We will add recessed lighting throughout, fully integrate and recess our audio/visual media, and then replace our ceiling with taped and textured drywall. Our current "swamp coolers" will all be removed as we are equipping the sanctuary with a new heating and air-condition system. We are also replacing our heating units in the education wing with new heat and air units that will serve individual classrooms providing substantial savings in our monthly utility bills. All block walls in the sanctuary, foyer and education wing will be covered with

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new dry wall and then all three areas will be re-carpeted and repainted. Finally, we will be repaving and striping our parking lot which will greatly improve access and safety for all our members.

On Sunday, April 14th, we asked our members to "Reignite Our Heritage" by making their 2019 annual pledges toward our new mortgage payment. Moving forward, we will approach our congregation at the end of each year to make their pledges for the coming year. We begin this project with a little over \$30,000 already in our building fund. Annual pledges will add to that fund and our monthly payments will be

drawn from that fund. We thank God that our current membership has pledged monthly giving well above our monthly mortgage so our building fund should continue to grow and enable us to eventually pay off our mortgage early.

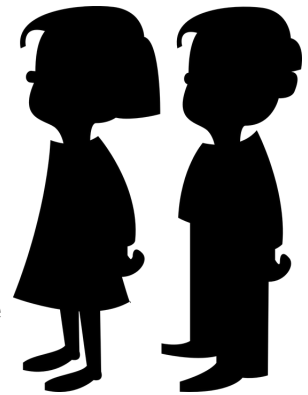
Would you like to help? We want you to have the opportunity to participate, once again, in the heritage of faithfulness you helped to build here. Your gift will be deposited in our building fund and reserved there to help supplement future payments and/or pay off our mortgage early. Please make your check payable to FSBC, but designate in the memo section "Building or Heritage Fund." We hope you can join us in our newly remodeled worship center soon. In any case, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in establishing our church and the ministries we provide here in Mountain Home, Idaho.

May God richly bless you!
FSBC Church Council

MDO News

A big shout out to our staff that made this year wonderful! We truly appreciate you all.

Registration has begun for Fall 2019. Packets are available in the hallway and online. If you bring in your paperwork by June 30th you will receive \$20 off of the registration fee. There will be an open house on Aug 15th to meet the teachers and MDO will start on Monday, August 19th.



If you have any questions about Mother's Day Out, please call Shannon at 208-590-6591 or the church office at 208-587-3828.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry formed by Franklin Graham that takes Christmas gifts and the Gospel to underprivileged children all over the world. We are collecting items to fill shoeboxes in November. Each month we will highlight a different item to bring in. But, please remember we will take all types of donations at any time! For June please bring in flip flops (one of the most requested items).



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

What Shall Separate Us?

Part of the reality of the Christian life is that we are never entirely free from sin. No matter how hard we try, no matter how much we persevere we fail not only to meet God's requirement of absolute perfection but even our own much lower standards. We must and do admit that we deserve eternal punishment in the lake of fire along with the rest of mankind. And this would be for our many sins after we came to faith as well as those we committed before we embraced Christ. Any just court could rightly convict us and sentence us to eternal damnation. Yet, we know that the Lord is not going to mete out that punishment upon us. God's extension of mercy to us was not predicated on our good behavior either before or after we came to faith. Mercy is never deserved, never owed. Justice is deserved. Justice is owed, never mercy. That does not mean we are free to sin all we want. A person who has professed faith but continues to live like he or she did before that profession has not tasted the grace of God. For the regenerated heart desires to please God. Yes, we fall short, but our failings are what rightly distress us. How we long for that day when we no longer sin, when we are no longer tempted to sin. After telling us in Romans 5:20 that *where sin increased grace abounded all the more* Paul asks the question, *are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?* Whether you translate the next phrase as *May it never be* or *by no means* or in the words of the King James *God forbid* the Bible tells us the idea of sinning so there will be more grace is one that is foreign to the Christian. True believers desire to obey God, not disobey.

But since we all sin why does not our sin break our relationship with God? Not only the Roman Catholic Church but a number of protestant churches say that we can lose our salvation and wind up in Hell. Rome distinguishes between mortal sins in which our justification is lost and venial sins which though bad are not fatal. While scripture does see some sins as more serious than others (causing harm to a child for example), all sin is deserving of Hell. The reason a Christian will not suffer eternal punishment is that our sins were laid on Christ. He already suffered the punishment we were due when our sins were imputed to Him on the cross. Though Jesus never sinned our sins were credited to Him. This is the real reason we do not lose our justification when we sin. The criticism of this idea offered by Rome in the 16th century and still offered today stems from a denial of the sufficiency of Christ's work to accomplish its purposes, from a desire to have man in control of his destiny and from Rome wanting to control its members. But Jesus said, *"All that the Father gives to Me will*

come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out" (John 6:37). Our Savior continued in verses 38 & 39, *"For I have come down from Heaven not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day"*. You and I can and do fail to accomplish things we have proposed to do. But Jesus never fails!

In the eighth chapter of Romans Paul lists those things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Life and death cannot separate us, nor can angels or principalities. Angels here would be fallen angels since obviously the angels in heaven would not attempt to separate us from God. Paul tells that things present, all the difficulties and problems we face, are also unable. Neither can any future experience break the bond we have with the Lord. The powers that cannot produce a split between God and His people are the powers of darkness. No matter what extreme condition we encounter (height and depth), we belong to God. No created thing and that includes ourselves, can bring about the loss of salvation. This is because God's love is not one dependent on circumstances. He loved us when we were sinners alienated from Him. He loved us when we hated Him. The Father sent the Son to die for us because of His love for us. Because of the great love with which He loved us He made us alive together with Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:4-5). He has seated us in the heavenly places with the Lord Jesus (Eph.2:6). He has changed the disposition of our hearts so that we now love Him. We are neither willing nor able to break the eternal bond we have with our Lord.

What do we say then about those who have professed Christ as Savior and have now fallen away? We answer that these were never born again. There have always been those who profess faith but were never regenerated. Sometimes they will come to light while they are alive, sometimes not. But, there are those to whom Jesus will say on the judgment day, "I never knew you." Though they had professed faith, though they had done good things in the name of Christ they were not true believers. Notice that with these they say their salvation is predicated on their good deeds, not on the mercy and grace of God.

Certainly, the true believer has good deeds. They are not, however, the basis of his or her salvation but the result that always comes from the regenerated heart. The reason the Lord gives us assurance of our salvation is so that we may serve Him without constant fear that we might lose what we have. It is so our attention, our focus can be on serving Him rather than on ourselves. Jesus laid down His life for His sheep. He will never lose even one of them.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 3 Church Council (6:00 p.m.)
- 5 Ladies' Leadership Team Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- 10 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 10 -11 SBA Annual Convention - Birmingham Alabama
- 10 -15 TVSBA Children's Camp
- 23 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 25 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
- 30 Benevolence Fund Offering
- 30 5th Sunday Sing

Library Report

How have books changed your life? Probably there have been positive and negative differences depending on what you have been reading. Reading affects us to a greater extent than visual media like television or movies or audio media like radio. This is at least in part because books go into greater depth than is possible with the other media. Can you imagine how long a program would be if it covered everything you can find in a four-hundred-page book? It was written literature that drove the Reformation that released God's people from their bondage to Roman Catholicism. It was the invention of the printing press in the 15th century that enabled the reformers of the next century to reach millions for Christ. John Wycliff in the 14th century was teaching the same things as the reformers of the 16th but everything had to be hand copied greatly limiting the number of people that could be reached. Yet you can put yourself under the same handicap as those that lived before the printing press if you do not read and read extensively.

What then should we be reading? First and most we should read the Bible. In early America the Bible was the book that was at the center of learning in our schools. Since the opposite is true today we must spend more time at home reading scripture. The Bible contains everything we need for our lives as Christians. But, there are many subjects scripture does not address, and we must therefore look to other literature for help. Do read old books, that is books written in other centuries, because they will give you a perspective you cannot find in contemporary writing. But whatever you do, if you want to maximize your influence for Jesus Christ, read, read and read some more.



A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made this year's Awana club so special and such a great success. The clubbers all worked really hard and did a fantastic job. Here are those that finished a book this year:

Cubbies (3-4-year olds) HoneyComb Book Award:

AJ Bonilla	Cameron Case	Wesley Moore
Annabelle Brooks	Jonah Bunnis	
Annabelle Nordin	Maiah Velasco	

Sparks (K-2nd grade):

Book 1 Ribbon:

Molly Allen	Callandor Farnham	Kyle Hutton
Starr Ashabranner	Cortana Farnham	Cloey Kirklan
Briella Bonilla	Elijah Grohs	Noah Nordin
Trystan Case	Isaiah Grohs	Heather Osgood
Aurora Farnham	Addison Hare	Michael Pierce

Book 2 Ribbon:

Austin Case	Elijah Grohs	David Lahtinen
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Book 3/Sparky Plaque:

Elliot Hutton	Brayden Nordin
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3rd – 12th grades:

Book 1/Alpha Award:

Gracie Allen	Conner Nordin
Destiney Gibson	Mikey Nordin

Book 2/Excellence Award:

Natilyn Barth	Alex Harwood	Devin Osgood
Andrew Gibson	Johnny Harwood	Korralyn Simler

Book 3/Challenge Award:	Andrew Gibson & Omayya Simler
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Book 4/Timothy Award:	Rebekah Thayer
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Book 5/Milestone Award:	Kent Clark
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Book 7:	William Gibson & Zachary Thayer
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See you all on at our Open House/Registration on Wednesday, August 21st from 6-7pm.

Nicole Clark; Awana Commander

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. Knock Knock Who's there? Sam & Janet. Sam & Janet who? Sam & Janet evening you may find a stranger.
2. What is the resemblance between a red apple and a green apple? They're both red except for the green one.
3. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
4. The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club. But I'd never met herbivore.
5. They told me I had Type A blood. But it was a Type-O.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Steve Noland
5 Ray Ann Stoecker
6 Sai Crouse
10 Jon Harwood
12 John Ring
13 Marian Mitchell

13 Shannon Crowe
15 Mike Crouse
17 Janet Nesbitt
19 Martha Hazelbaker
20 Makayla Clark
20 Madi Barnes



Happy Birthday

2 Harold & Sue Southwick
9 Jon & Joy Harwood
12 James & Sarah Gregory

15 Lendell & Agnes Simler
25 Eric & Jessica Nagel



First Week July Birthdays

3 Victor Nostrom
6 Bob Purcell

5 Shilo Nagel