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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

Wow, God is so good! We are entering the final stages of a significant remodel project here at FSBC. The parking lot has been paved and striped. All parking spaces are now clearly marked. We have a new heating and air conditioning system in the Education Wing that allows for individual temperature control in each room. There is also a new heating and air conditioning system in the sanctuary. (No more swamp coolers anywhere on campus.) With the removal of the concrete block wall and the installation of a new glue-lam beam, the foyer has been more than doubled in size. The baptistry rooms and stage/platform have been completely redesigned and rebuilt. Also, the poles that stood for years in the sanctuary were removed following the installation of a new, structurally engineered, steel I-beam. The excitement and anticipation of our move back into the sanctuary is palpable, especially as we see the finish line just ahead.

Reigniting Our Heritage has been the overarching theme of our remodel project. Many current and former church members have stepped up to help underwrite the cost of this campaign with monthly pledges and/or lump sum gifts. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. If you have not joined us in this endeavor, please know it's never too late. All contributions are greatly appreciated (and tax deductible). As we near project completion, planning for a special rededication of the sanctuary is underway. The date for this special service is September 8th. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Watching God work in and through our church has yielded countless blessings

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and led to a culture of excitement and happiness. Most notably, we experience God's presence every time we come together for worship. Reflecting on this truth, I am reminded how marvelous and miraculous the moment was when the temple, built by King Solomon, was finally finished and God filled it with his glory. Scripture records in II Chronicles 5:13-14, *"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the*

*the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: **for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.**"*

In Christian Love,

Pastor Jim

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPETS

As we are going through the remodel project I'm so thankful for the dedication and faithfulness of our Sunday School teachers and helpers. When asked to do something out of the ordinary all I hear is yes, I can do that. What a blessing it is to have that sweet spirit of serving together in God's house. Thank you teachers and helpers. I'm encouraged also to know that we are looking to have more and more people to become participants in the Sunday School. Every month we have our teachers training meeting where we review how we are doing in meeting the 3 tasks of the Sunday School; reaching people, teaching people and ministering to people. Our Sunday School has Bible study for all ages, and you don't have to be a Bible scholar to participate. In fact, Sunday School is a place you can learn how to become a Christian and how you can be assured you will have a place in heaven once you leave this earth. It's also a place where Christians can learn how to grow in their relationship with Jesus. I don't know of a single time when I attended a Sunday School class that I didn't learn something from the Bible. So, join a Sunday School class if you haven't done so and if you are a member of a class, invite someone to come with you on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:45.

Patrick Holt - Sunday School Director

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 August please bring in School Supplies.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Who Raised Jesus?

As we have said before, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in history. His birth, His sinless life, His death on the cross and His burial are all critically important. But, without His resurrection they are not enough to bring about our salvation. Thus, Paul tells us that if Jesus is not raised we are of all men most to be pitied. It is interesting that Christ's resurrection is not actually described in scripture. The Gospel writers describe the empty tomb, but never actually show Jesus coming forth from it. The apocryphal gospels of the second and third century do show a resurrection, but the Bible itself does not go in for unnecessary sensationalism. This is remarkable in light of the extraordinary events we find throughout its pages. By contrast with the gnostic gospels the New Testament Gospels read like history, describing events as they happened but without the hype we find with the fraudulent writings of the Gnostics and other heretical writers.

Since Christ's resurrection is so significant it is important to know who raised Jesus. The answer to that question is that all three persons of the trinity raised Jesus. All of salvation is the work of the three persons of the Trinity. Neither the Father, nor the Son, nor the Spirit acts as a lone ranger. They are each involved in every work in perfect harmony with one another. In John 5:19 Jesus said: *"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does also in like manner."* As the body of Christ, the church should be seeking to emulate the harmonious working of the triune God.

Most of the New Testament texts that reference the raising of Jesus say that God raised Him. Contextually these verses are referring to the Father as the agent performing the action. Acts 2:22-24 reads, "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know – this man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held by its power."

In addition to the Father the Son also raised Himself. In John 10:18 Jesus said speaking of His life, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." God the Father gave God the Son the

both to lay His life down and take it up again. Perhaps even clearer is John 2:19, Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” And in verse 21 John tells us that Jesus was speaking of His body. How was Jesus’ raising of Himself different from His raising of the ruler’s daughter or the raising of the son of the widow of Nain or His raising of Lazarus? First, the other raisings were only temporary. Those three died again, Jesus never will. Second, the other three raisings did not remove the sting of death, but that of Jesus did.

Can we also say that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead? Yes, though the texts that teach this are not quite as clear as those that teach that the Father raised Jesus and that Jesus raised Himself. Of course, it is not conceivable that two members of the Trinity acted apart from the third member. The three members of the one triune God always act together to accomplish anything. Romans 8:11 reads, *But, if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.* Since it is the Holy Spirit that brings about our regeneration then we can infer that this text is telling us that the Spirit raised Jesus. Romans 6:4 says, *therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.* Many would see the phrase ‘the glory of the Father’ as referring to the Holy Spirit.

Why is important to know who raised Jesus? It is because the entire New Testament, the whole thrust of what it teaches, is bound up with the resurrection. If Christ was not born in Bethlehem, there could be no resurrection. If He did not live a sinless life then there would be no importance to the resurrection. If on the cross He was just suffering and dying, but not doing so for our sins then the resurrection would be meaningless. But if He did not rise from the dead then nothing else would matter. Everything Jesus did, everything He said has purpose only in light of the resurrection. The Father did not send the Son except to accomplish the redemption of His people - all those who have been given to the Son by the Father (John 6:37-40).

Was there any other way for God to save His people? In the garden Jesus prayed asking if there was another, but then answered His own question, “Nevertheless, not My will but Thine.” For the second person of the trinity to ask that question says that His human nature was confronting for the first time the full import of what was going to happen the next day. Your sin and mine was laid on Him. This is why we can and must say that this was the greatest expression of love that could ever be. There have been many throughout history who have experienced physical death to save another’s life. But Jesus did so much more. II Corinthians 5:21 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

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| 2-4 | Sonfest |
| 4 | Remodel Update Meeting (5:30 p.m.) |
| 5 | Church Council (6:00 p.m.) |
| 6 | Awana Leaders Meeting (6:00 p.m.) |
| 12 | Deacons Meeting (7:00 p.m.) |
| 15 | MDO Open House (10 - 12 a.m.) |
| 19 | MDO Starts |
| 21 | Awana Open House (6 - 7 p.m.) |
| 25 | Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.) |
| 27 | Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.) |
| 28 | Awana Starts (6:00p.m.) |

NOMINATING NEWS

My how time flies. The Nominating Committee is hard at work on updating the Ministry Opportunity Survey which we plan on distributing to the church body in August. Even if you are presently serving or don't plan to serve, it would help the committee tremendously if you take a few minutes and fill one out. This will help reduce the number of phone calls and contacts we have to make in order to provide everyone in our church an opportunity to serve. Also, as a reminder, the new year begins on January 1st instead of September 1st. This gives plenty of time for committees and ministries to meet and be ready for the new year. The Nominating Committee will present the final report, to be voted on by the church, at the October 2019 business meeting. Questions can be addressed to any member of the committee. Committee members are as follows:

Patrick Holt – Chairman
 Sharon Siebenberg
 Shannon Crowe
 Sarah Gregory
 Eric Nagel



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Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. What did the peanut say to the elephant? Nothing, peanuts don't talk.
2. What do you call a dear with no eyes? I have no I dear.
3. Why was the cat afraid of the tree. Because of its bark.
4. Why are there no mice on the moon? Because it is not made of cheese and does not have an atmosphere.
5. It was raining hard. One fellow said, "Boy, It's really coming down out there." The other guy said, "Never saw it go up, did you?"

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Rose Purcell
5 Heather Eddy
17 Jessica Carty
23 Sarah Sanchez

25 Mary Grohs
26 Rebecca McCall
27 Travis Wise
30 Seven Sanders



Happy Birthday

3 Clifford & Rose Hare
3 Daryl & Cookie Lyerla
4 Don & Flo Scheffler
7 John & Seven Sanders

19 John & Michele Ring
24 Patrick & Tina Holt
27 Travis & Karen Wise
31 Jim & Nicole Clark



9/2 Johnathan & Sarah Sanchez

9/4 Garry & Julie Harper