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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

Caesar Milan, a noted preacher from Geneva, was visiting London and gathered with a group of others to hear a young lady play the piano and sing. She was very gifted, and the audience was extremely pleased with her. After the performance, Pastor Milan approached the young lady and said, “As I listened to you, I thought how tremendously the cause of Christ would be benefited if your talents were dedicated to his cause.”

The young lady was offended at this intrusion and told Milan so. She said, “That is a subject I don’t care to have discussed here this evening.” Taken aback, Pastor Milan apologized, stating he meant no offense. But, he added that he would continue to pray that God’s spirit would convict her, and that God would accept her if she came to Him, just as she was.

That night the young lady could not sleep. The words of the preacher kept going through her mind. Finally, at two o’clock in the morning, she got out of bed, took a pencil and paper, and with tears in her eyes and with a broken heart, Charlotte Elliot wrote the words to the song we still sing today: “Just as I am, without one plea/But that Thy blood was shed for me/And that thou biddest me come to Thee/O Lamb of God, I come! I come!” The year was 1822.

Perhaps no other song has been sung more during “altar calls” than this

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song. The message still resonates as loud and clear today as it did almost 200 years ago; Jesus wants you to come to him...just as you are! He is not concerned about our past because there is nothing good enough in it to earn our way into heaven. Neither is there anything bad enough in it to keep us out of heaven. If we meet Christ at the cross in confession and contrition, and ask Him for forgiveness and salvation, he will give us eternal life.

We come to Jesus just as we are!

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...” (Titus 3:5)

Happy in His service,

Pastor Jim

Source: James Carter, Following Jesus. Nashville: Broadman, 1977, pp.53-54

Awana Snippets

Awana has been running smoothly with 40-50 attendees each week. On March 6th and 7th the youth were able to head to Boise for their competitions. We had 4 Trek (Manuelito Brooks, Kent Clark, Korra Simler, and Rebekah Thayer) and 3 Journey (Omaya Simler, Roland Simler, and Zach Thayer) students compete in the games and each group came in second place! Kent Clark and Roland Simler also entered a Lego sculpture that won 1st place in its division. The youth and chaperones (Vincent Brooks, Nicole Clark, John Crowe, and Shannon Crowe) had a great weekend and were able to listen to a wonderful speaker encourage the youth to be on fire for Christ!

The End of Year Awards Ceremony will be May 6th at 6pm, I invite you all to come out and see how hard these clubbers have worked this year.

God Bless,

Nicole Clark
Awana Commander

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 April please bring in small toys.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

The Sufficiency of the Resurrection

What was accomplished at the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Was it merely that our Lord's human body was no longer dead in the grave? Or was it in fact the proof and assurance that we who trust in Christ will also be resurrected? The answers to those questions lie in scripture. In Romans chapter ten we read the following: But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, f resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." According to these verses belief in the Resurrection is essential for our salvation. Notice that these words apply to everyone. It does not matter if you are a Jew or a Greek (gentile), if you believe in Jesus you will be saved. The word "saved" can refer to our justification, our sanctification, our glorification or the overall work of salvation which takes from when we are dead in sin to where we are at home in glory with Christ. Here it is the overall work.

It was not enough for the second person of the Trinity to become incarnate. It was not enough for Him to live a sinless life. It was not even enough for Jesus to die on the cross and be buried. Our Lord had to be resurrected from the grave. In First Corinthians 15 the apostle Paul gives an extended argument for the importance of the resurrection. He begins the chapter with a brief overview of the Gospel – the death; burial and resurrection of Christ as given to us in scripture. All of this was confirmed by many who saw the Lord after His resurrection including more than five hundred brethren at one time. The importance of the resurrection is that without it we are still in our sins and as Paul tells us *of all men most to be pitied* - if Jesus was not raised. Therefore, since He was raised we are of all men the most blessed.

There is according to the God breathed Word no other name under heaven by which anyone is saved. This truth is what lies behind the need for evangelism. There are some who say you can be saved without encountering the Gospel, that any faith move in whatever religion is sufficient for God to accept you. This is inclusivism - a belief now held by virtually all Roman Catholics and some professing

protestants. Unlike pluralists who say, in effect, all roads lead to heaven, inclusivists tell us that only Jesus saves but you do not have to know about Jesus or believe in Him for your deliverance. That would mean Jesus did not have to tell us to go into all the world and make disciples, we could just rely on the propensity in mankind to have faith in “something” and all will be well. This is nonsense. True Christians have always recognized the need to proclaim Christ in all nations at all times. The Gospel and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit are the means God uses to bring people to faith. This was true at Pentecost and it is true today. Nothing else is needed and nothing else is enough to save.

Why is the resurrection so important? Listen to the Apostle Paul when he says: *and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins* (I Corinthians 15:17). This means the death of Christ in and of itself was not enough to pay for our sins. Certainly, His death was required. And it was when Jesus was on the Cross that our sins were reckoned to Him. But if our Lord was still in the tomb we would be as bound for the lake of fire as any unbeliever. This establishes the necessity of the Resurrection. The question then becomes one of the sufficiency of the Resurrection.

Beginning two verses later the apostle answers that question. ²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. Verse twenty-two is used by universalists in an attempt to prove that everyone will be saved. What is actually being taught is that all those born in Adam die. We were all born dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). But only those who were born again in Christ are made alive. The first ‘all’ refers to those in Adam, which is everyone but the second ‘all’ describes those made alive in Christ - which is the few that find eternal life.

The glorious news for every Christian is that all that the Lord did for our salvation actually accomplished His intended purpose. From all eternity God planned all that was necessary for Him to have a people for His name. The second person of the trinity had to be born of a woman, the divine nature joined with a human nature in one person, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus had to live a sinless life, any failure on His part would have meant that He could not be the spotless lamb. In addition to not sinning He had to achieve positive righteousness, so the Bible tells us He went about doing good. While all our righteousness was filthy rags His was perfect. He had to die on the cross of Calvary. On that cross our sins were laid on him (He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him II Corinthians 5:21). And then after His death He had to be resurrected. And He was!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

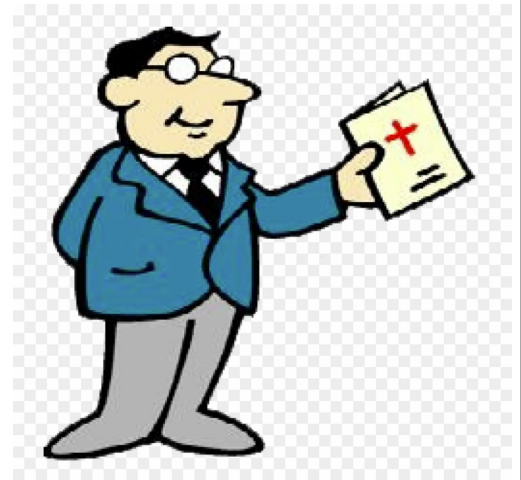
- 3 Egg Packing Party (6:00 p.m.)
- 4 Easter Eggstravaganza
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 6 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 7 Ladies' Leadership Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 12 Lord's Supper
- 14 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 26 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 28 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)

Usher Report

We are currently still short two men to serve as church ushers. Any man who may be interested in this service opportunity and is a member of First Southern Baptist Church please contact Dave Ellis any Sunday or call 208-590-3577. If we get two more men to volunteer, we will be in a onetime per month schedule. It takes four men each Sunday, with four volunteers for months that have five Sundays. Please pray about this and let me know.

I recently asked to have the book, "*Serving as a Church Usher*" ordered. When they arrive, I will distribute them to interested parties for perusal. This book is a Christian guide for ushers.

Dave Ellis, Head Usher



SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPETS

What is the purpose of the Sunday School? At our teachers meeting we discussed what should be our purpose statement. We had lots of great suggestions and we settled on the following:

Sunday School is the foundational strategy for leading people to faith in the Lord Jesus and for building Great Commission Christians through open Bible study groups that invite people to discover the truths of God's Word and connect with others through fellowship and ministry.

Now that is a mouthful, however if you break it down, it makes a lot of sense. The Sunday School ministry's strategic plan is leading people to faith in Jesus. No other ministry or committee in the church has that as their foundational strategy. Great Commission Christians are people who obey what Jesus said in Matthew 28: 18-20. We all have the responsibility of sharing the Gospel message.

Also, as we meet on Sunday mornings, in our study time, we discover truths of God's Word together and grow relationships with one another that last forever. It's a great way to study and learn how to increase our knowledge and our faith in God.

The Sunday School teachers also developed a Scripture theme for our Sunday School ministry.

Hebrews 10:24 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Is the day of His return drawing near? You can count on it. Just take a step back and look what is going on in the world. Now ask, what am I supposed to be doing in these last days? That is why we gather together and study God's Word. Not only because He said to do it, but also because we are His people and we desire to be around the family of God.

So, if you are able, come join with us on Sunday mornings as we join our hearts in prayer and study of God's message to us, the Holy Bible.

Lord bless,
Brother Patrick



Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner

When I was
young I was
scared of the
dark. Now
when I see
my electric bill
I am scared
of the lights.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Matthew Henry
9 Debbie Blackstock
9 Jason Blair
11 Thomas Wescott
17 Hunter Sisson
18 Jessica Nagel



Happy Birthday

20 Mistee Kelly
22 Don Scheffler
24 Alex Harwood
26 Jessie Landers
28 Carolyn Medina
30 Addison Hare

1 Victor Nostrom & Samantha Simler
25 Jason & Sarah Hare

7 Dan & Sarah Kephart



Early May Birthdays

5/2 Korra Simler