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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

Solomon offers words of caution and wisdom in Proverbs 18:19. Caution: because without carefully guarding what we say, great hurt can be caused; *a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city*. Wisdom: because once our lips have caused hurt, repairing the damage is a very difficult task; *their contentions are like the bars of a castle*. This means they are hard to get through. Hurtful words cause damage in relationships. They can divide a church, tear up a family, destroy a marriage, estrange a loved one, or ruin a friendship.

I once read a story about a father and a son who had harsh words one day. The contention between them was so intense the son left home. He never called or let his family know where he was. Soon he found himself living the life of a Hobo, travelling around the country by jumping from one freight train to another and begging for money. One day he tapped a fellow on the shoulder and said, “excuse me sir, do you have some spare change you can give me?” When the man turned to face him, the beggar realized he was staring into the face of his father. The father said to his son, “All I have is yours”. The son asked, “How is that possible; after all I said to you?” The father said, “Because I love you and all is forgiven”. Arm in arm they headed home.

In the above story, the key to the reconciliation between father and son was forgiveness, not “forgetness”. The truth is if forgiveness is tied to forgetting it will never happen. Simply put; we do not forget. So, forgiveness is all about prohibiting the transgression from controlling your mind, thoughts, emotions, and mood.

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Forgiveness is about placing more value on the relationship than the infraction. Our sin caused great contention between us and God. But, He placed a greater value on a relationship with us, so he dealt with the infraction and resolved the issue. He didn't forget our sins; he simply chose not to remember them. That means God's focus would be on forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, and restoration.

Solomon says hurt is real and fixing it is tough; albeit

not impossible. Within our churches, associations, families and friendships we need to choose not to remember the transgression against us but cherish the relationship that sustains us.

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In His Grip,

Pastor Jim

Hostess Committee Report

As our kitchen has been having a complete re-do things have been slow. Now that the work has been completed we are able to start re-stocking it. So many of you have graciously volunteered to take everything home, clean it thoroughly and store it until we were ready to bring everything back. I have started calling persons individually to return the items to the church, the timing based on what each one has.

Thanks to the untold hours that Pastor Jim put into the entire project we are now blessed with a commercial grade kitchen. I am trying to the best of my ability to arrange everything properly. So, please bear with me. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Carol Ellis

Hostess Committee Chairwoman.



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 July please bring in school supplies.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS • FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Federal Headship

Why is it that the death of one man, Jesus of Nazareth, can save so many? Why is it that Jesus did not have to come and die an additional time for each of His people? The answer lies in a principle that is established in Genesis and continues throughout the Bible. It is something that is at the core of rightly understanding redemption. We should be familiar with this principle because it is how we are governed in the United States. Our country is not a true democracy where every person votes on every issue, but a federal republic where representatives of the people vote. We first see federalism in Adam in the Garden of Eden. God created Adam without sin and put him in Eden. The Lord gave him everything he needed including a wife. Adam was commanded to do many things but the only thing he was commanded not to do was to eat of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. It was Eve who sinned first when she ate. And when she did so she fell. But when Adam ate the fruit he plunged all of humanity into darkness. As Paul wrote, *“As is Adam all die.”* Before Adam sinned he had both the ability to sin and the ability to not sin. When he ate of the fruit he lost the ability to not sin and gained the inability to not sin. Every parent knows this because every child sins. No matter how cute and cuddly children may seem every one of them sins. Their parents never have to teach them to sin because they inherited a sin nature from Adam. They sin because they are sinners, they do not become sinners when they sin. The only who has ever not been born a sinner was Jesus because He did not have a human father and thus did not inherit a sin nature. It was, therefore, in the Garden of Eden that the doctrine of federal headship was established. The supreme importance of all men falling in Adam is that if we can be lost in one man, we can be saved in one man. Hear that! Lost in Adam but saved in Jesus Christ. Let that truth sink deep into your hearts. Jesus did not have to come again and again to purchase each of His people. And that is because He was for believers our federal head as Adam had been for all of humanity. All those who only have Adam as their head get what only Adam can provide, death. Those who also have Jesus as their federal head receive what He provides, eternal life.

We see both positive and negative examples of federal headship in the Bible. Adam's fall was the great negative for all humanity. Christ's death was the perfect positive for all believers. What is important to recognize is that in God's economy one person can act for many. People tend to struggle with this idea. The objection raised is that we did not choose to have Adam act for us. And that claim is true, we did not. Neither you, I nor anyone else chose Adam as his or her representative. Nevertheless, since it was God that chose Adam, it was a perfect choice. You

may claim that you would have acted differently than Adam, but the truth is you would have done exactly what Adam did. Even as a redeemed believers who know that sin is wrong each of us still sins. And while some complain about being represented by Adam no one ever complains about being represented by Christ.

Perhaps the classic example of federal headship in the Old Testament is Achan. In Joshua chapter seven we read that the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban when Achan took some of those things. And the text tells us that the Lord's anger burned against the sons of Israel. Just one man sinned but his sin meant that the entire nation had sinned. Wow! That should get your attention. These verses tell us that your secret sin and my secret sin matters. To bring it home to our current situation, could it be that so much of what is wrong in our country is because of what is wrong in the church? Rather than blame the ills of society on all the sinners, perhaps it is the failure of God's people to obey Him that is the cause. We cannot know that for certain, but we can say that what is wrong in the community of believers comes from our failures, not those of all the reprobates. It matters when Christians do not obey God's commands. We are not talking about a true believer losing his or her salvation. We are addressing sanctification not justification. Our disobedience affects us in the here and now. Also, we are not talking about sins committed in ignorance but rather those committed against known commands. Achan knew that he should not take things under the ban, but deliberately took them anyway. That he knew it was wrong is demonstrated by the fact that the goods were buried beside his tent. His actions cost Israel defeat in battle, it cost Achan his life and it cost the lives of Achan's family.

One mistake frequently made is to refer to Jesus as the second Adam, that is the second federal head. The scripture never refers to the Lord as the second Adam, but as the last Adam. If you call Jesus the second Adam you open the possibility of a third. This writer, in fact, heard a man claim to be the third Adam. Around the turn of the century one religious program on television showed this individual making that assertion. Jesus, as we read in I Corinthians 15:45, was the last Adam. He is the head of a new race of beings, all those who come to faith in Him.

What we need to focus on as believers is our security in Christ. The tendency when we sin is to worry that our failing will mean the loss of our salvation. But while our sins are important and are not to be trivialized they do not cause us to lose our justification. That is because when Jesus as our federal head offered Himself on the cross of calvary He secured for all those found in Him our eternal salvation. Shall we not express our gratitude for what Christ has done for us by our faithful living for Him?

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 3 Ladies' Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Sunday School Resumes (9:30 a.m.)
- 10 Ladies' Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)
- 14 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 17 Ladies' Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)
- 19-24 TVSBA Youth Camp
- 24 Ladies' Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)
- 28 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 30 TVSBA Executive Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- 31 Ladies' Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)

Loving and Just

The God we worship is not unidimensional. That is, He is not defined by a single attribute. Certainly, He is loving. You and I would not be believers if He were not. God loved you from all eternity with a love that has saved you. That is why the Father sent the Son to die. But He is also just. When the Lord Jesus returns He will reward His servants. And He will also punish those who did not believe. That is because He is just. Christ led a sinless life which was offered on the cross of Calvary to pay for sin. He could not just forgive sin, it had to be paid for. Either it was paid for by Jesus or it will be paid for by unrepentant sinners. Therefore, if you are a Christian you should be grateful and rejoice that your sin debt was paid.

Public Relations Committee

Our team of 3 has not been able to meet for many reasons, but we collaborate on Facebook Announcements, and website updates on a regular basis. This last quarter has challenged us to use our church Facebook page to post announcement videos and keep our church family engaged and updated. That resulted in the announcement loop that shows before and after each Sunday Morning service. Our website now has Video Sermons posted every week thanks to Dan Williams' help, and we've livestreamed the Morning Worship service through our Facebook page each Sunday during the shut-down. We invite anyone to join our team who has a passion for social media promotions and graphic and artistic talent. Contact Sarah Gregory or Patrick Holt (Nominating Committee Chairman) if you are interested. For every Committee and Ministry in the church, please let us know how we can help promote any upcoming event.



To God's Glory,
Sarah Gregory, PR Chairman

The Importance of Defining Things Correctly

When we are incautious in our definitions of the truths of scripture it may give the enemy of our faith a point to attack. One example would be to allow the wrong definition of miracles. Miracles are supernatural events that require the suspension of the natural order and they are physical. Jesus turning water into wine is a miracle. We could wait for eternity to see water become wine, but unless God acts to make it happen we will have nothing but water. Our culture often refers to exceptional events as miracles. When we allow that definition to stand unchallenged it lets true miracles be thought of as events that while unexpected and highly unusual still as actions that do not require God to intervene supernaturally. Our fallen culture is constantly challenging our faith. we need both to be alert to those attacks and we need to be prepared to respond.

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Victor Nostrom
5 Shilo Nagel
6 Bob Pursell
9 Courtney Lahtinen
10 Sharon Siebenberg
12 Tyrone Parsons
12 Rose Hare
17 Uriah Clark
18 Larry Sears
18 Wayne Clark



Happy Birthday

18 Karen Williams
21 Jessica Stokes
22 Raymond Tucker
24 Jerimyn Stokes
26 Julie Harper
28 Sarah Hare
28 Donald McCall
28 Jeannie Zarych
29 Jonni Clark

23 Jake & Michelle Sisson
8/3 Clifford & Rose Hare
8/3 Daryl & Cookie Lyerla

30 Steve & Diane Noland
8/4 Don & Flo Scheffler
8/7 John & Seven Sanders



Early August Birthdays

8/5 Rose Pursell

8/5 Tara Henry