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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

FSBC of Mountain Home extends to all a heartfelt invitation to our April 11-14 Spring Revival. Distinguished and nationally known pastors like Dr. Lee Brand, Vice President and Dean of Seminary and Professor in Practical Theology, *Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary*; Dr. Chuck Kelley, immediate past President, *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*; Dr. Mike Spradlin, President, *Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary*; and others will be our guest speakers. A tremendous blessing awaits you as they speak to the theme, ***Unlocking Prison Doors***.

Without question, we are facing unprecedented times in our city, Treasure Valley, state, and country that have brought about isolation, fear, frustration, anxiety, uncertainty, and a real sense of powerlessness. There are personal, political, social, and religious issues that leave us feeling imprisoned with no hope for escape. Understanding that Satan loves to push both the saint and the sinner into prison cells of hopelessness, our revival meetings will be about the victory we have in Jesus as God unlocks those prison doors and sets us free.

All of our special guest speakers are incredible men of God with decades of experience. They have preached the precious gospel nation-wide and around the world. This is a rare opportunity that God is providing for Mountain

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Home, the Treasure Valley and the UISBC to bring their lost friends and family to loving church where the gospel of salvation will be preached. We believe God is going to a mighty work of revival in the hearts and life of His children as well as bringing lost sinners to faith in Jesus Christ. ***Unlocking Prison Doors*** is about sharing the liberating message that freedom only comes through Jesus Christ.

Each session will include two of our outstanding speakers. During the 4-day Revival, each speaker will be on the program twice. The meeting times are as follows:

1. Sunday, April 11th @ 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
2. Mon. – Wed., April 12-14, @ 6:30 p.m. (music/worship beginning at 6:15)
3. Infant and childcare through 8 y/o, will be provided for each service.

Everyone reading this is our invited guest...please don't miss this blessing!

In Christian Love,

Pastor Jim



Awana is our mid-week ministry for ages 2 years old – 12th grade. Our goal at Awana is that every child will come to know, love and serve Christ. We accomplish this by teaching Bible lessons, having the clubbers memorize Scripture and having fun! We have been running in person all year and

are looking forward to finishing the year strong. We currently average 35 clubbers per night and would love to have even more! If you have any questions, please call the Awana Commander; Nicole Clark; at 208-587-9482.

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

I AM THE RESURRECTION

Whenever we study scripture we need to do so in great detail carefully considering what it says. While we certainly need to understand the overall picture of what is being said we also need to be sure not to miss important understandings by moving too quickly through a text. Let's look at an incident that takes place not long before our Savior's death. Jesus delayed coming to Bethany after he heard that Lazarus was sick. Scripture says that our Lord deliberately waited to come until after Lazarus had died. Naturally, when He arrived Lazarus's sisters were terribly upset. Grief is normal for all of us. Our greatest enemy is death, and we recognize that truth emotionally even when we don't understand that is what we are feeling. In John 11:15 Jesus tells His disciples that He is glad that He had not been there (when Lazarus was dying) so that they might believe. By the time Jesus does arrive Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. The significance of Christ's delay was that there was a belief held by the Jews (not supported by scripture) that the soul remained with the body for three days after death. And because Lazarus had been in the tomb four days there could be no question that he was truly dead. Hearing of the Lord's coming Martha comes to meet him while Mary remained in the house. Martha berates Jesus for not having come sooner because if He had come right away her brother would not have died.

Like Martha we may find ourselves in a situation where we do not understand what is happening because we do not see the bigger picture. We often only see a small portion of what God is doing and may therefore be critical of Him. Part of the problem for us is that we will often not get to see and understand what our Lord is doing until eternity. This is why we need not only to trust that God has everything in control but that He has a purpose for everything. When Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery he did not understand why. But as time went on even through his imprisonment the Lord revealed to him the reason for everything. Thus he was able to say to his brothers many years later, "*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*"

When Jesus tells her that her brother will rise again Martha responds by expressing her belief that Lazarus will rise in the resurrection at the end of time. The Lord's reply is one that has been quoted millions of times and rightfully so, "*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?*" Jesus is saying that the resurrection is not a "what" but a "who". We trust not so much that our resurrection is coming (though we do trust in that truth), but that Jesus is coming again. For our resurrection does not depend on an event but on our Savior who will bring it about. When our trust is in Christ our resurrection is more sure than the sunrise.

The sunrise is not guaranteed for in fact the entire universe will be recreated when Jesus comes again which means the sun we see now, and our planet will no longer exist. And even now the sunrise depends on Jesus since He is the nuclear glue who holds and sustains the entire universe (Col 1:17 *He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together*).

It is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone that we have life eternal. Both our physical life and our eternal life depend completely on Him. We all recognize that except for believers alive when Christ returns everyone will experience physical death. Despite the efforts of modern science the death rate remains the same, one death for every life. Physicians are fighting a delaying action, so the best doctors in the world can only help keep you alive for a little longer. The day of your death, ordained by God from all eternity, will come. But for the Christian our physical death means that we will be with the Lord because He has conquered death.

Martha affirmed that she believed that Jesus is the Christ, truly a wonderful statement of her faith. While she probably did not understand all the ramifications of what she said her conviction was sufficient for her salvation. Martha called for her sister Mary who also said to the Lord that if He had been there her brother would not have died. Her statement and her tears moved Jesus deeply and when he came to the tomb He wept. Even though He knew He was about to raise Lazarus He demonstrated both His true humanity and His compassion. Though Jesus was God in flesh, though His deity was joined with His flesh it was not mixed or mingled with His flesh, nor on the other hand was it separated. As the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. said, Jesus was one person with two natures, without mixture, without confusion, without division and without separation; each nature retaining its own attributes. Those truths were demonstrated at the raising of Lazarus. Christ's power and omniscience were shown in the resuscitation of His friend and His humanity in His tears.

In an extended argument Paul in I Corinthians 15 demonstrates the critical importance of the resurrection. It was not enough for Jesus to become a man, lead a sinless life and die on the cross of Calvary. He had to show that He had paid the price of sin and thereby conquered death by being raised from the dead. Unlike Lazarus who was resuscitated not resurrected and did die again, our Savior and Lord was raised from the dead and now lives forever. It was His resurrection that proved that all those who are in Christ will also be resurrected to life eternal. Eternal life is not just eternal existence. Every human being will exist forever. The reprobates will experience eternal death, separated from each other and from God while the righteous will have life eternal separated from sin and death living a life of eternal joy. May we ever praise the name of our Lord, Savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 4 Easter
- 4 The Lord's Supper
- 5 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 11-14 Unlocking Prison Doors 2021 Spring Revival
(Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.)
(Monday - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.)**
- 19 Deacon's Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 20 Nominating Committee Meeting
- 25 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

Usher Ministry

The Usher ministry is still short enough men to serve. We currently need five more men to come forward. The only requirement to fill an ushers duty is to be a member of First Southern Baptist Church.

With the upcoming revival we need two ushers per session. I currently have four that have committed to serve. Any male member who will be willing to serve as an usher can contact me in person on Sundays, by phone (208-590-3577) or by email at dellis875@gmail.com. With a full complement of 16 men you will only serve on one Sunday a month. When there are 5 Sundays I will ask for volunteers of those in attendance.

Dave Ellis, Head Usher



SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPETS

Wonderful things happen in Sunday School. Sunday School can touch the lives of everyone, from the youngest children to the very senior adults. Our church is so blessed to have Sunday School teachers who totally commit themselves to making every Sunday special. They tirelessly pray and prepare lessons each week to share with their class members. In this article I want to focus on the children.



Whoever welcomes children, welcomes Jesus:

Matt: 18:1-5 Jesus himself said that those who become like children are among the greatest in heaven, and one of the greatest gifts of being a SS teacher is to be among children, and to learn firsthand what Jesus meant when he said this. **WHOEVER WELCOMES CHILDREN WELCOMES JESUS.** Jesus obviously greatly valued children, and ministry to children.

Mark 10:13-16. “People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.* And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.” Once again, Jesus shows his love for children and the importance of children in our society. He models how children are to be treated by embracing them and blessing them. As volunteers in children's ministry, teachers have the opportunity to do as Jesus did, and to embrace children and bless them as he commanded. So, why should anyone become a teacher? Teachers have an opportunity to directly impact a child's life, and to set him or her on a trajectory of following Christ. Teachers get to pray with the kids, introduce them to Jesus and get a front row seat to watching a child's life change forever as they follow Christ.

Teaching in any capacity requires a great deal of commitment. For many people especially children, church is the only place they hear of Jesus. We tend to believe that children at church are also being led spiritually at home, but often this is not the case. As a result we should view each child who walks through the door as a child who has never heard the Gospel before.

I encourage you to take every opportunity to pray for our teachers and the children they teach. Let us not hinder, in any way, the little ones coming and learning about Jesus.

Brother Patrick. Sunday School Director

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



**WHY COULDN'T THE
PONY SING A LULLABY?**

She was a little horse.

Parade

**Why do bees
have sticky hair?**

**Because they use
honeycombs.**

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

9 Debbie Blackstock
9 Jason Blair
11 Thomas Westcott
17 Hunter Sisson
18 Jessica Nagel
20 Mistee Kelley



Happy Birthday

22 Don Scheffler
24 Alex Harwood
24 Bodin Byrem
26 Jessie Landers
28 Carolyn Medina
30 Addison Hare

1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom
7 Dan & Sarah Kephart



25 Jason & Sarah Hare
5/2 Jason & Amber Blair

Early May Birthdays

2 Korralyn Simler

4 Zarek Bellantoni