

The Trumpet

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



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Pastor's Pen

I well remember my first day of wrestling practice as a freshman in high school. It became abundantly clear that there were two groups of wrestlers in the Mat Room. Group #1 was those that took the sport seriously and wanted to be champions. they were the first one's on the mat and the last one's off. They worked harder, sweat more, were not concerned about risky moves, didn't let injury stop them, and pushed themselves to get better at each practice. Group #2 was individuals who were simply happy to be on the team. They barely put in any effort during practice. They complained the room was too hot and practice was too hard. They wouldn't run the miles needed for conditioning. They didn't want to sweat off any pounds. They were afraid of getting hurt, and if they did get hurt, sat out practice and refused to wrestle in actual competition. They were happy to put on the singlet and then sit on the bench.

It occurs to me there are many Christians that fall into group #2. They are happy to “put on Christ” as long as they can stay on the bench. They love to say they are a Christian; they just don't want to prove in on the mat. And yet, it is only on the mat of temptation that you learn, “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (**Philippians 4:13**). It is only on the mat of sorrow that you are taught “*...weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning*” (**Psalms 30:5**). It is only on the mat of brokenness that

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you learn that the words of Jesus resonate, “*Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden I will give you rest*” (**Matthew 11:28**). The point is: until you spend time on the mat of challenge, suffering, sorrow, struggle and sadness you can never experience the satisfaction of victory, the exhilaration of conquest, the peace of comfort, or the reward of joy.

The sideline is no place for the Christian. We are to

be actively engaged in the arena of life, letting our light shine for Jesus. Heroes of the faith have done it and we are called to carry the baton and finish our race. *“Therefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”* **(Hebrews 12:1)**

Champions are crowned on the mat, but they are made in the mat room.

In Christian love,

Pastor Jim

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee of FSBC for 2021 consists of Sarah Gregory, Michele Ring, and Joy Harwood. We each have particular skills with regard to writing, graphics, and social media that make a well-rounded team. If any event coming up requires internal notice or community wide notice, please fill out the Graphic Design Request 4 – 6 weeks in advance and we will do our best to advertise it professionally. (Request can be obtained by contacting Sarah Gregory or Nicole Clark).

Our current means of communication to the community is through our website: mountainhomebaptist.com, our church Facebook page at First Southern Baptist of Mountain Home, and tri-fold flyers given to the Chamber of commerce and distributed to new residents in Mountain Home and the Air Force Base. We also provide the small signs posted on the corners of the church property.

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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 February please bring in combs and brushes.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Essentials of the Faith - Old Covenant & New Covenant

There are many covenants in scripture but certainly two of the most important are the Old and New Covenants. While both are important, and both have many things in common they not of equal importance. The book of Hebrews is devoted to showing that while the Old Covenant was good the New Covenant is better. One reason the New Covenant is better is that the Old Covenant was corporately only for the Jewish people. Though there are individual exceptions – Rahab the harlot and Ruth the Moabitess – no other people group (like the Egyptians or the Amalekites) was part of that covenant. By contrast the New Testament is for the entire world regardless of ethnicity. But even that is not the most important difference between the two covenants. The biggest and most important difference is that while not everyone in the old covenant was saved everyone in the new covenant is. Sure there are lots of other dissimilarities, but this is by far the most critical. And the ramifications are enormous.

As Baptists we recognize that one reason we do not baptize infants is that not all children will come to faith. Many denominations do and in fact the majority of Christians in history have. One of the reasons so many have is that all Christian parents have an enormous concern with where their children will spend eternity and want to do everything they can to ensure their salvation. We see baptism as the ordinance that recognizes something that has happened, pedobaptists (those that believe in infant baptism) see baptism as placing the children of believers in the covenant. But the new covenant is the covenant in Christ's blood and therefore everyone in it must have been purchased by His blood. While it is true that many baptized infants will come to faith many will not. There is no instance of infant baptism in the New Testament. Pedobaptists will point to the baptisms where whole groups of people are baptized and claim that children were included, but the text never says there were children. Take for example the case of Cornelius. In Act chapter 10 we read that as Peter was preaching to Cornelius and his household the Holy Spirit fell on them as He had on the day of Pentecost. Pedobaptists will claim that there must have been children present. But in chapter 11 Peter relates what happened and says this in verse 17, *"Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"* Notice that the gift of the Spirit was given on Pentecost after people believed and Peter is appealing to the apostles and brethren in Jerusalem that they should accept Cornelius and those with him on the same basis, that is after they believed.

Also consider the case of the Philippian jailer. In Acts 16 he is told to believe and

be baptized he and his household. Pedobaptists say that because the jailer believed his whole household was baptized. This claim is not just of infant baptism but of household baptism. But notice in verse 32 the apostle and the other Christians spoke the word of the Lord not just to the jailer but to his household. Then in verse 34 we are told that the whole household rejoiced. That means they had all been converted because unbelievers do not rejoice about the good news of the gospel. Paul did not then baptized unbelievers but those who had come to faith. There is absolutely no indication in the text that there are any infants present.

Pedobaptists assert that baptism is the sign of the New Covenant but there is nothing in scripture to support that claim. Rather the sign of the New Covenant is the circumcision of the heart. That is unlike the Old Covenant where the sign of the covenant was external (circumcision) the sign of the New Covenant is internal (regeneration). We recognize an individual has become a Christian because of the changed life. It was common in the Old Covenant for someone to be a member of the covenant and yet not go to heaven when he or she died. One place in scripture that tells us that not every Jew was a believer is Romans 9:6-8 *But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.*

In Hebrews chapter 8: 8-11 we have the New Testament support for the assertion that every person in the New Covenant is a believer in Jesus Christ. Quoting from Jeremiah 31:31-34 it reads: *For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will effect a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not care for them, says the Lord. for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. and they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'know the Lord,' for all will know me, from the least to the greatest of them."* It is critical to notice that all within the covenant know God, as the text say from the least to the greatest. Here is the contrast between the two covenants. Certainly, there were many within the Old covenant who were true believers. We have a list of some of them in Hebrews 11. But all in the New Covenant are saints. And that is the chief reason the New Covenant is better. Thereby the work of Jesus Christ is shown to be sufficient to accomplish its purposes. Jesus never fails. As New Testament believers let us rest in that truth.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 2 Women's Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)
- 3 Women's Bible Study (10:00 a.m.)
- 3 Awana (6:00 p.m.)
- 8 Deacon's Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 14 Inviting Guests to the Revival (5:30 p.m.)
- 16 Women's Ministry Team Meeting
- 22-25 Spring Break No Awana - No MDO
- 28 Revival Speaker Video (5:30 p.m.)
- 30 Sunday School Teacher Training (6:00 p.m.)

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Internally, the Trumpet is our best means of communication. Bob Neubauer designs and publishes this each month, with help from Sharon Siebenberg, Karen Williams and Tina Holt in folding and mailing. If you have a particular talent in the area of graphics, social media, or have questions or ideas, please let Sarah know.

We will have extra invitations and posters all over the community for the upcoming revival available soon.

Prayerfully, our walk with God is the best PR we have. Romans 1:8 – “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.”

Sarah Gregory, chairwoman



Music Ministry

Should “modern” churches fully embrace “contemporary Christian music?” In 1992, Dr. Calvin Johansson published his first book, *Discipling Music Ministry*. Now in its fourth printing, Dr. Johansson’s approach to finding a biblical balance in selecting music and songs for public worship remains a must read. Dr. Donald P. Hustad of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary wrote, “Calvin Johansson is a prophet with an important message for pastors, worship leaders, and church musicians of our day.”

Some of “Christian Music’s” contemporary artists likely think of their work as creative expressions of man’s desire to experience God. They may even consider their embrace of pop music a modern “Renaissance.” Dr. Johansson argues, however, that the Renaissance period, 15th, and 16th Centuries, was an explosion of secular humanism. As the protestant reformation grew within the same era, church music discarded Gregorian chants and embraced the major and minor scales we still use in Western music. That’s right, Amazing Grace is written in G Major while Jehovah Jireh is in E minor. The musical scale so familiar today was once thought a scandalous departure from “true religion.”

With scholarly rigor, Dr. Johansson unveils the centuries-long tendency of humanism to crowd God and God-awareness out of church music while supplanting it with toe-tapping, body moving rhythms of pop music which do not disciple believers but rather make them more susceptible to selfish impulses. When someone complains the music at church doesn’t “move me,” it may be a completely honest observation. The question is, should it?

Garry Harper



Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is in need of two more members. This committee is designed to assist the Pastor and FSBC in all matters related to personnel selection, management and administration. You must be a church member to be a part of the Personnel Committee. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Nagel or a member of the nominating committee, Patrick Holt, Shannon Crowe, Sarah Gregory or Eric Nagel.

Jessica Nagel
Chairwoman



Joke of the Month



(Comedy) Corner

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Ruth Heinen
 7 Meghan Byrem
 9 Aurora Farnham
 11 Nicole Clark
 16 Cameron Lord
 18 Bunni Farnham
 20 Rose Lindsay



21 Joy Harwood
 25 Jonny Harwood
 27 James Gregory
 28 Manuelito Brooks
 28 Louise Carrol
 31 Brandi Parks

1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed and would like to have it included please contact Nicole Clark at the church office.