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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

Hello Christian Family,

I have shared with you all from time to time that I pray for you individually and as a church family consistently. Today I am transcribing my prayer so I can share it with you in the course of time. I am not sure when this Pastor's Pen article will appear in the Trumpet. You should know, as I pen this edition, I am enjoying the early signs of spring against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains. There is still a crispness in the evening air and an early morning chill. (At least that is what I am told. As you know, my tolerance to the cold allows me to be less impacted by the chill than most others.) The changing seasons remind me of the steady hand and loving heart of God. As the last days of winter give way to the early days of spring, I am reminded that our Lord oversees and orchestrates the changing seasons of our life. Life-altering events or daily challenges and circumstances can change our prayer requests in an instant. While I may not know your specific request, I know our Heavenly Father does. Today I am interceding on your behalf as I hold you up before our Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father, I bring my Christian brothers and sisters before you in prayer. In this day of ongoing care for our families, the safeguard of our ministries, the changing Covid adaptation requirements, I ask you to grant my church family your peace that passes all understanding. Inherent in the daily demands of our time, effort, resources and energy is both physical and spiritual fatigue and exhaustion. I ask you, God, to energize and revitalize

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each one with your power, presence and comfort. May the joy of the Lord be their strength today. I pray this in Jesus' name, amen. *"... for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

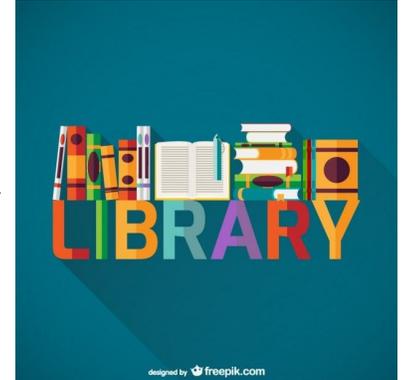
Nehemiah 8:10

Standing on His promises,

Pastor Jim Gregory

Library Report

There is one word more important than any other in interpreting scripture correctly. That word is context. There is the immediate context of a verse that must be considered. But in itself that is insufficient. If you pull a single verse out of the surrounding context of other verses you may get a correct interpretation or you may not. Here is a verse to demonstrate the correctness of that statement. *“If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”* That is a very scary verse if it is read by itself. Go to I Corinthians 15:19 and read the verse and its surrounding context and see what it actually means.



The aspect of context in the previous paragraph was its literary context. We rightly consider verses, chapters and entire books to understand a text. We even must consider any passage in light of the entire Bible. Any interpretation that contradicts what scripture as a whole teaches is incorrect because since God is the ultimate author He never sets one verse against everything else He has given us. The other context we need to look at is the historical context of a verse, text or book. The New Testament was written almost 2000 years ago and the Old Testament well before that. The scriptures were written to peoples, churches and individuals and their meaning is what they would have meant to the original recipients. Today our courts require a very narrow definition and application of statutes but in scripture the law has many and varied applications. Jesus was able to sum up all of the law in just two commandments, love God and love your neighbor. We must not apply twenty first century understanding of law to what we read in the Bible. When in the New Testament we see the Gospel going to all men we need to understand that in contrast to the salvific message going to just the Jewish people.

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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 June please bring in flip flops (one of our most requested items).



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Jesus's View of Scripture

We believe that Jesus of Nazareth was God, and we believe that everything God says is true. Our Lord's view of Scripture is therefore of primary importance for our view of scripture. Remember that when Jesus makes any reference to the scripture He was speaking of what we call the Old Testament (or Tanakh) because the New Testament would not even begin to be written until a few decades after His death. In our day, sadly, the Old Testament is an unknown book to many Christians except for the stories we learned in Sunday School. Rarely, do many pastors teach more than an occasional sermon out of the largest portion of God's word. In a lot of seminaries the Old Testament is dismissed by most professors. Many of the books in Christian bookstores have heretical views of its contents which means they are dangerous places for believers. Today many Christians buy their books online and the same warning applies. Online providers like bookstores are more interested in making sales than they are in the orthodoxy of what they sell.

Consider the well-known story of our Lord after His resurrection when he joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus. After asking them some questions the text says, *Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.* How we all long to have heard Jesus teach about Himself! The thing to notice is that He was teaching out of the only scripture they had, the Tanakh. It is key to recognize that the Lord is treating the Old Testament as God's word which in its entirety is proclaiming truth about Him. Also, notice that there is no questioning of what Jesus said by the two disciples.

In John 10:35 Jesus in dealing with the Jews makes a remark which is ancillary to the argument He is making but which demonstrates His view of God's word when He says, *and the Scripture cannot be broken.* This shows Christ's view of the integrity of the Bible. Terms that we use such as inerrant and infallible come out of what our Lord says here. The constant questioning of especially the Old Testament that we hear from what calls itself scholarship today is in stark contrast with the view of our Savior. Even when He is not making explicit statements like the one in John He uses the text to refute the enemies of the faith.

When Jesus is tempted in the wilderness by the Devil what does He do? He uses scripture to counter what Satan says. He can only do that if He believes it to be the word of God. As a side note also pay attention to the difference between how Jesus uses the word and how the prince of darkness does. It is important not only to know that the Bible is God-breathed but to interpret and use it correctly. The grammatical historical method of interpretation which considers not only the

meaning of words and sentence structure, but the historical setting enables us to have a right understanding of the text. Allowing our emotions to determine meaning is a sure way to misunderstand the Bible. The meaning of any text is what it meant to those to whom it was written. How would the Jewish people have seen salvation going to the gentiles? We are so used to the good news being for everyone that we find it hard to understand their reaction. But if you had only known as they had that God was just saving Jews you would have had a reaction similar to theirs. We need to put ourselves in that context to rightly understand the scriptures.

One example of our Lord using the scriptures comes near the end of his ministry when he cleansed the temple of the money changers. Matt 21:13 And He said to them, "*It is written, 'My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer'; but you are making it a Robbers' Den.*" Of course we need to be careful to make sure we both understand the text correctly and apply it rightly. When Jesus used the word of God He always did so perfectly. Nevertheless, just because we are not God and therefore not perfect does not mean that we should be so fearful of making a mistake that we never use the scripture.

In Luke 11:51 Jesus says, *from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.* He demonstrates that He believed Abel to be a real person which is another proof that Christ believed the Old Testament was true. The Lord quoted from fourteen of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament which He could not do if He did not recognize them as inerrant scripture. Another demonstration that Jesus believed the Old Testament to be God's word is in John 5:39 when He says, *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me* (John 5:39). The Jews of course used all of the scriptures they had and were devout in studying them all which means Jesus's statement covered all of the OT. Also, Jesus recognized the two main divisions of the Old Testament, the law and the prophets. Matthew 5:17 "*Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.*" And in Luke 24:44-46 He references the Psalms identifying the third division of the Old Testament.

There is no clearer text reflecting our Savior's supreme confidence in God's word than Matt 5:18 "*For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.* Since the Lord of Glory believed that the scriptures are the word of God we should as well. For scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are binding on every believer. While we must be careful to interpret them correctly we must once we have done that work submit our lives to the one and living God by obeying what He tells us in the Bible.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 6 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 8 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 14-16 SBC National Meeting—Nashville, Tenn.
- 14-18 TVSBA Kids Camp
- 20 Father's Day
- 27 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

MDO News

A big shout out to our staff that made this year wonderful! We truly appreciate you all.

Registration has begun for Fall 2021. Packets are available in the hallway and online. If you bring in your paperwork by June 30th you will receive \$15 off of the registration fee. There will be an open house on Aug 19th to meet the teachers and MDO will start on Monday, August 23rd.

We are also currently hiring! If you or someone you know has been called to serve with children have them bring their resume to the church office.

If you have any questions about Mother's Day Out, please call Shannon at 208-590-6591 or the church office at 208-587-3828.

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What does all that have to do with the library. The scholars that write the commentaries you will find at First Southern have the knowledge and background to do the work of interpretation that most of us cannot. Be encouraged therefore, to take advantage of the many resources available to you and correctly increase you knowledge and application of God's word. As the scripture says, *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect* (Romans 12:2).



We are so thankful that we were able to complete the club year! We had our Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on May 12th. The following clubbers received awards:

Cubbies:

Bodin Byrem, Roman Grohs, Gavriel Nagel, Caleb Parks, Zeke Prow, and Alice Williams

Sparks:

Book 1 – Ronin Byrem, Curtis Combs, Olivia Davis, Whitney Pendelton, and Emma Westall

Book 2 – Briella Bonilla, Annabelle Brooks, Cortana Farnham, Isaiah Grohs , and Michael Pierce

Book 3 – Abigail Moore & Addison Hare

T&T:

Book 1 – Avery Blair, Torin Byrem, Elijah Grohs, and Michelle Hampton

Book 3 – Alex Harwood

Journey (9-12th grades):

Book 5 – Rebekah Thayer. Book 8 – Zachary Thayer.

If your clubber still needs to say sections, they can throughout the summer by calling myself or seeing a leader on Sundays.

Awana pre-registration will be on Wednesday, August 25th from 6 – 7 p.m.

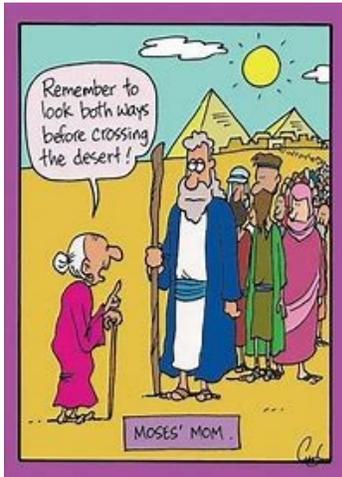
Thank you and God Bless,

Nicole Clark

Awana Commander

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Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Steve Noland
5 Rae Ann Stoecker
6 Sai Crouse
10 Jon Harwood
12 John Ring
13 Marian Mitchell
13 Shannon Crowe



Happy Birthday

15 Mike Crouse
17 Janet Nesbitt
18 Jenise Zachary
19 Martha Hazelbaker
20 Makayla Clark
20 Madi Barnes

2 Harold & Sue Southwick
9 Jon & Joy Harwood
12 James & Sarah Gregory



15 Lendell & Agnes Simler
25 Eric & Jessica Nagel

Early July Birthdays

3 Victor Nostrom

5 Shilo Nagel