

# The Trumpet

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



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## Pastor’s Pen

I ended last month’s Pastor’s Pen asking the question: are you a racehorse or a work horse when it comes to your Christian service? You’ve had a month to think about it. So, what’s your answer?

Because of my dad’s love for horses, we would tune in every year to watch the Kentucky Derby. That race is the first leg of the Triple Crown. As a young boy I heard stories about “Man of War”, proclaimed to be the greatest horse of all time. He was incredibly tall at over 16 hands, weighed over 1100 pounds, and ate over 12 quarts of oats every day. He dominated almost every race he was in. He won 20 out of 21 races and was named “Athlete of the Year” in 1920, sharing the honor with Babe Ruth. When he retired to stud, his lineage produced such notable horses like Triple Crown Winner War Admiral and Seabiscuit.

When I juxtapose the racehorse, Man of War with Silver, my dad’s bottle-fed work horse, I find an interesting lesson. There are many Christians that act like racehorses. After accepting the Lord Jesus as their Savior, they come out of the gate fast. They run a quick race, draw a lot of attention, garner tremendous applause, get a blanket of roses draped over them and get petted by countless fans. Then just as quick, like Man of War, their time to shine is gone and they retire to stud. On the other hand, from sunup to sundown, a plow horse walks the same furrows every day, plowing the same fields in the hot sun, with few water breaks and even less food. At night he is put in a barn if he’s lucky and at the end of his life, he might become glue, if I understand things correctly. There are many

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“work horse” Christians. Again, are you a racehorse or a work horse?

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*“Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

**Luke 9:62**

Standing on His promises,

Pastor Jim

## Finance Committee

We are pleased to report that the church finances are doing well. It is apparent from the amount of the offerings that our membership is tithing. We know from the Old Testament that this is giving that pleases our Lord. There is an Old Testament passage that best exemplifies the attitude believers should have with their giving. King David was not allowed to build the temple, but he was permitted to raise the money for its construction. He first gave all the gold and silver he could but then solicited the rest of the funds from the people. I Chronicles 29:5b-9 records their response. *“Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?” Then the rulers of the fathers' households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king's work, offered willingly; and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000*

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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 August please bring in school supplies.



# PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

## APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

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### The Sufficiency of Scripture

Right thinking Christians believe in the inerrancy of scripture. Every word authored by an Old Testament or New Testament writer is God-breathed (II Timothy 3:16) and therefore cannot contain error. To say that scripture contains error would be to say that God errs. While we do not have the original documents we do have everything that was written. Because the original documents were copied many times and widely distributed, because there was no central controlling authority dictating what the text should say and because scribes copied everything found in manuscripts (even nonsense statements) we know that we have everything that was written. There are some places where we are not sure which of the readings is the original, but they are not numerous and in every instance we have texts that we are certain of that give us the correct understanding of the subject under discussion. No valid argument disputing the above assertions can be made.

Today there are some who while saying that the scripture is inerrant deny that it is adequate. They actually say that God did not give us enough to order our lives as He wishes. But the scripture itself tells us that it is sufficient. II Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.* God's Word say that its very purpose is for a man to be adequate, that is to have what is needed to live a godly life. Of course the Bible doesn't tell you how to change a tire or bake a cake, but it was never designed to do those kinds of things. Even there though the Christian world view has us changing tires and baking cakes in a way that honors God. More importantly, the scripture is enough for everything we need to know both how God saves a people for His name and how we are to live our lives. If someone says they hold that *no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God*, that it is the only God-breathed communication from God we have, but then says that it is not enough then her or she is actually rejecting the Bible as being inerrant and infallible since the Bible tells us it is enough. *Sola scriptura* (scripture alone) is first and foremost a recognition that there is a limited amount of God-breathed revelation, and it is found in the Bible, and in the Bible alone. Nothing you say is true on matters of life and faith except as it comports with God's Word. Because we now live in a culture that is as pagan as that of the first century we see the Biblical world view being rejected by most people. But because deep down they know that God exists (Romans 1:18-19) and that the Christian understanding of life is the right one, they in their depravity try to find ways

to discredit God, His word and God's people.

One thing that we need to remember is that scripture is unique. While other writings such as the Book of Mormon or the Koran claim to be from God only the Christian scriptures are. And since God is all powerful (omnipotent), and since the scripture is God-breathed (II Timothy 3:16) and since God's intent is to provide His people with everything they need to live Godly lives (II Timothy 3:16-17) then it must be sufficient for believers. The all-wise, all knowing God could not by definition of who He is have failed to provide us with everything we need. Nothing that comes from outside of the Bible is God breathed and is therefore imperfect and inadequate for Christians. No philosophy of man can measure up to or even be worthy of comparison with what the Lord has given His people. We may never sit in judgment of what God has given us. Our thoughts, our philosophies are instead judged by the Word of God. You may say that we have to be able to evaluate the scripture by reason and logic. No we do not. When Adam sinned his fall not only affected his standing with God it rendered him unable to reason as he should. Apart from the regenerating grace of God no one can reason rightly about moral and ethical matters. Consider in this regard the Supreme court of the United States. On that court are nothing but very intelligent men and women. Yet, this court legalized abortion and homosexual marriage. The members of that court work hard to come to the right answers on many questions but in cases like those just cited are because of their moral depravity unable to see the obvious.

To the extent that mankind's behavior is consistent with how God has told us to live it is good. But as we survey the current state of our nation and the entire world we find the conduct of most people to be dominated by sinful acts. Sadly, this sometimes includes Christians who look to something other than the scripture to determine their beliefs. Mankind is fallen and therefore any ethical or moral system contrived by men falls short of the mark because it is formed by men who are tainted by sin and thus do not measure up to God's standard. Their conclusions therefore must be rejected by God's people.

We as the people of God may not allow ourselves to be influenced by let alone embrace the secular world view. It is a view informed by Satan and his minions. It is a world view that rejects what God has given us in the Bible as being enough for Christians. There are today a significant number of professing believers who say that the Bible is not enough, that we must look to critical race theory and other philosophies. Those that do that put themselves at odds with almighty God. Some of them will no doubt be found to not be true Christians and will suffer eternal punishment in Gehenna, the lake of fire. Others who are Christians will suffer a loss of reward. They will not hear Jesus say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." May we instead recognize that our God has given us everything we need to live God honoring lives.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 1 First Night of Awana (6:00 p.m.)**
- 2 Gregory-Perkins Wedding (4:00 p.m.)**
- 6 Labor Day - No MDO - Offices Closed**
- 8 Awana (6:00 p.m.)**
- 11 Air Force Appreciation Day**
- 13 Deacons Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**
- 14 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)**
- 15 Awana (6:00 p.m.)**
- 22 Awana (6:00 p.m.)**
- 28 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (6:00 p.m.)**
- 29 Awana (6:00 p.m.)**

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*talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron. Whoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly. Verses 10-14 put everything into the right perspective for all of us. So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You."*

Bob Neubauer, chairman

## Children's Ministries

September begins a new year in the Children's Ministry classes. Everyone will be moving up a class depending on their age/grade. Teachers getting new students is always exciting; we've had a boom in the number of children attending Sunday School and Nursery/Children's Church this summer. Our nursery had eight children in attendance one Sunday and our Youth Sunday School class had 11 teens.

We've had some one-time visitors and a few children who have been faithfully attending without their parents.

We are so thankful for the children who have invited those kids. Also we are truly grateful for the teachers who are doing a great job teaching, engaging and loving these kids. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Ring and Nicole/Jim & Shannon/John for ministering to those special children.



With more children coming to church, we need additional teachers/volunteers. Our most needed positions are K-2 Sunday School Teacher, Teacher/Helper for Children's Church and Nursery Workers. PLEASE if God is nudging you even a little to help serve in the ministry department, please see Patrick Holt for Sunday School, Jessica Nagel for Children's Church or Shannon Crowe for Nursery.

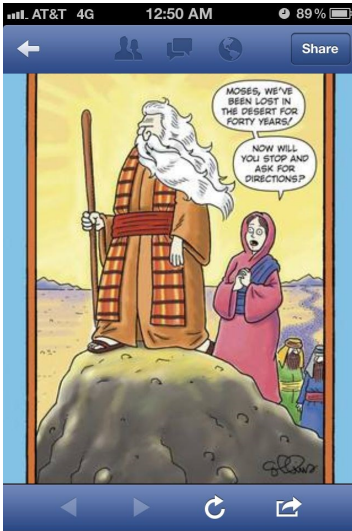
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## Early Childhood Ministry

The purpose of the Early Childhood Ministry is to provide care for ages newborn through prekindergarten during the worship service. We have recently seen an increase in the number of children that are being placed in our care. That is deserving of a praise certainly, but it also means we need more volunteers also. Our largest number of students has been 8 to 10, and we were able to cover that with our usual number of 2 volunteers, but those were all ages 2 to prekindergarten. If a younger child attends, that will not be possible. Would you prayerfully consider joining our team of dedicated volunteers? One Sunday a month would be such a blessing. Please contact me at 208 -599-3511 if you feel led to volunteer.

Shannon Crowe

## Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 John Harper  
4 Allen Keillor  
9 Bob Neubauer  
13 Katie Blalock  
15 Anna Sisson  
22 Carol Ellis



*Happy Birthday*

24 Keith Sisson  
26 Hannah Brown  
28 Dan Kephart IV  
28 Adeline Bates  
29 Harold Southwick

2 Jonathan & Sarah Sanchez  
4 Garry & Julie Harper

25 Larry & Liz Sears



## Early October Birthdays

2 Jim Clark

4 Jane Jacome