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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

The following devotional was written by John Harper, Garry Harper's brother. John is a published author and a prolific writer. His devotionals are poignant, accurate, and informative. He often takes the reader on a deep-dive into scripture. It might be easier to stay on the surface, but in this devotional, we are challenged to consider what it means to lift up holy hands in praise to our Lord. As you read on, I pray you will be as blessed by it as I was when I first read it.

*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

### *Psalms 134:2*

Lord- It is common for us to raise our arms and lift our hands-we do it routinely, even instinctively. We raise our hands to change a light bulb; to climb out of a ditch; to reach into the cupboard for food; to allow our doctor to examine our health; to point out the way to a traveler or to signal a taxi; to even lift a load to a higher place for safe storage. In all these ways, O Lord Christ Jesus, You have demonstrated the meaningful functionality of our arms lifted and hands raised - to light the way in the dark world and to rescue another; to enable fitness for service; to guide and assist; to beseech and pray for favor; and to provide security. Clearly, You have blessed us with the obvious means for goodness sake. How much more do we need to be shown? Surely lifting our hands is the natural impulse of raising our hearts in devotion and

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exclusive adulation. We once felt self-conscious about be aroused to worship with such enthusiasm; perhaps it seemed too pious or superficial. **But now we understand what it is to sincerely let our hands rise up with our heart to give You the worthy offerings of praise. And in doing it we now know and sense how delighted You are to pour the sweet honeys of redeeming joy into our souls. It is a sovereign blessing, like when**

You lifted up Your hands and blessed all those gathered as You ascended into the Father's presence. We pray now, in this hour, that each time we rise in devotion, we also raise our hands- receptively, honorably and boldly - all in the spirit of our great gratitude for Your many graces. Amen.

There is nothing for me to add. So, allow me to restate, "But now we understand what it is to sincerely let our hands rise up with our heart to give You the worthy offerings of praise". Praise be to God, great things he has done.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Jim Gregory



Awana is our mid-week ministry for ages 2 years old – 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

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#### **Lessons From The Resurrection**

There are a number of things to be learned from the resurrection of our Lord. The first and most important is of course that our salvation was obtained when Jesus rose from the dead. His sinless life though critical would not have been enough to redeem us. All the humiliation He experienced before the crucifixion was something He had to go through yet was insufficient for anyone to obtain eternal life. Even Christ's death on the cross, the imputation of our sin to Him and His righteousness to us was not all that was needed. The three days he spent in the tomb were also a vital part of what happened. But without the resurrection all of those things would not have saved even one person. As the apostle Paul said if Christ is not raised we are of all men the most to be pitied.

Next, the resurrection is proof that we too will be raised. That is why our Lord's resurrection is called "first fruits." I Cor. 15:20 *But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.* First fruits means there will be more to come. We can live our lives with confidence knowing that whatever happens we are assured that when we die our souls will go to heaven. We remember that the apostle Paul was torn between wanting to go and be with the Lord and staying here to meet the needs of the saints.

One of the many errors the Roman Catholic church makes is an over concentration on the incarnation. In a debate in 2005 Roman Catholic apologist William Rutland said, "The Roman Catholic Church is all about the incarnation." Many Protestants do not realize that we have inherited some of that emphasis - the result of which has us celebrating Christmas as a more important holiday than Easter. If you doubt that ask yourself for which holiday do we send the most cards and for which do we give presents? Some of our Christmas hymns see Christ's birth as the culmination of our salvation. "Joy to the world the Lord has come, Let earth receive her King." No one will receive Christ as King apart from the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Spirit plus the presentation of the Gospel are necessary for everyone's salvation. At His birth Jesus had not lived a sinless life and had not offered that life on the cross for the sins of His people. The hymn implies that unregenerate people should just welcome their Savior. Of course, we should as believers rejoice in our Lord's birth but we should not elevate His birth above His life, his death and His resurrection.

The verses that most emphasize the significance of the resurrection are found in I Corinthians 15. All preaching is in vain (as is our faith) if Christ has not been raised (verse 14). Since Jesus is the first fruits then if He has not been raised

there is no resurrection from the dead. Then all we would have to look forward to is our death. That is what today's secular culture teaches - that this life is all we have. Do whatever you want, live life to its fullest because when you die there is nothing. But since Jesus was raised then what we do matters greatly. As the late R. C. Sproul was famous for saying, "Right now counts forever."

Consider I Corinthians 15:21-22 *For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.* (Born again & regeneration are the other New Testament terms describing the same supernatural event that every believer has experienced). When Adam sinned he plunged the human race into to sin and death. And since it was by a man that death came then it must also be by a man that we are made alive. While the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament merely covered our sins what they did do was paint a picture of what Jesus would accomplish - remember that each animal had to be without spot or blemish. Jesus lived a sinless life so His offering on Calvary was without spot or blemish. Rom 6:5 tells us that Christ was raised and we will be also! *For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.* Scripture gives us the order of our resurrection. I Cor.15:23 *But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.* I Thess.16-17 tells us that the dead in Christ will rise first and then the believers who are alive at Christs coming will follow.

Tangentially, we should mention that universalists will try to use verse 22 to prove that everyone will be saved. What the verse is actually teaching is that everyone who is in Adam will die (and that is all of us) while everyone who is in Christ (all believers) will be made alive. Of course this erroneous interpretation was disproved by our Lord when He told us that the road to destruction is broad and many go therein.

Throughout the New Testament when the gospel is presented we find that the resurrection is a vital part. I Cor. 15:3-4 *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.* And Peter in the first New Testament sermon Acts 2:24 *But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.* Again and again New Testament sermons include the resurrection. May all of us in a time when evil fills the news every day, when Christians are persecuted and killed, where the Christian faith is denigrated, where are beliefs are ridiculed and where Christ's name is blasphemed look the surety of our Lord's resurrection knowing that we too will be raised. Amen and Amen!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 3 Potluck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 4 Bible Recap Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 10 Palm Sunday
- 11 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 20 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 17 Lord's Supper
- 24 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 25 Bible Recap Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 4/29-5/1 Ladies Retreat

### The Name of God

The Hebrew language is a language without vowels. The most important four consonants in Hebrew are known as the tetragrammaton YHWH. There is agreement among scholars that the word with vowels is Yahweh, the name of the one true God. Yahweh is the personal name of God and is found in the Old Testament more than 6300 times. In most translations Yahweh is rendered in small caps as LORD. Many Christians are familiar with God's name but what most do not know is that Jah is a shorted form of the Lord's name, what can be thought of as His intimate personal name. Every time we sing Hallelujah we include that wonderful name in our praise.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPETS

I heard that a preacher of a very large church told his congregation that if anyone must choose between attending the worship service or Sunday school he would much rather they attend Sunday school.

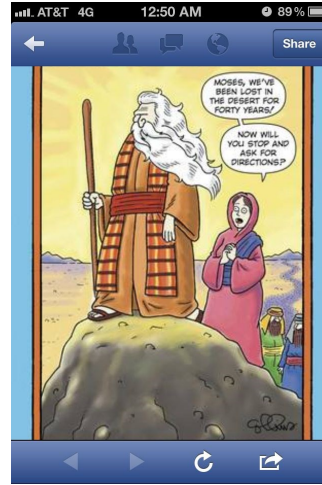
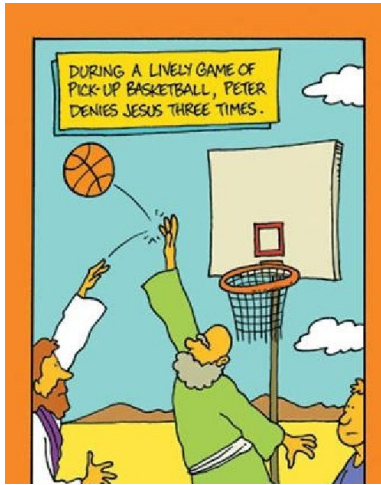
So what are the benefits of Sunday School? Here are a few:

1. Sunday School provides a structure for teaching God's Word. A systematic teaching of the Scriptures – not just preaching (Acts 5:42) needs to occur through all age levels. Children, youth and adults need opportunities for discovery, review, and interaction as they study God's principles. Sunday school meets those needs!
2. Sunday School mobilizes and trains laity for leadership. It's difficult to say who benefits more, the teacher or the student. The teachers bible knowledge and care grows...his or her life is changed...a stretching occurs as leadership skills are developed. Students learn and are challenged, but how much more is that true in the life of the teacher.
3. The Sunday School is discipleship. Every shepherd/teacher must have a desire to see each student in his/her flock have a spiritual life change. Since discipleship is "*teaching to obey all I have commanded you*" (Matt. 28:20), it's not merely teaching facts, but teaching obedience. While there are many types of discipleship (one on one, small group, etc.) Sunday School is entry-level group discipleship.
4. Sunday School is organized to reach, teach and minister to people of all ages. People from all walks of life can attend along with their entire family. Church members, non-church members, Christians and non-Christians, no matter your circumstance in life, all are welcome to come and learn about our awesome God. Where the pastor may find it very difficult to know all the needs of the congregation, Sunday School teachers know when someone is absent or hurting and can express love and care personally as part of the ministering task of the Sunday School.
5. Sunday School is an outreach tool of the church. Sunday School is a ministry which totally supports the church mission, the church vision and the church priorities. What is the church mission? The mission of First Southern Baptist Church in Mountain Home, Idaho, is to love God, to love others, and to magnify the name of Jesus Christ. The vision of our church is to glorify our God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to edify believers, and to make true disciples throughout all the nations by means of missionary activity and support. Our church main priorities are: 1. Exalt our Savior – (worship God in spirit and truth). 2. Equip the Saints – (teach and preach God's Word without compromise). 3. Evangelize the Sinner – (show the way to eternal life through Jesus Christ).

So, I encourage all of you, who are not presently attending a Sunday school class to start attending. You will be blessed and you will also be a blessing to us as we study and learn together from God's Word

Brother Patrick

## Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Em Busch
- 9 Debbie Blackstock
- 9 Jason Blair
- 11 Thomas Westcott
- 11 Amos Payton
- 11 Betty Finley
- 12 Bodin Byrem



- 17 Hunter Sisson
- 18 Jessica Nagel
- 20 Mistee Kelley
- 22 Don Scheffler
- 26 Jessie Landers
- 28 Leo Solis
- 30 Addison Hare

- 1 Victor Nostrom & Samantha Simler
- 20 Doug & Doris Laffoon



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

## Early May Birthdays

- 2 Korralyn Simler