

The Trumpet

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



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Pastor's Pen

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... and you shall find rest unto your souls” **Matthew 11:28-29.** These comforting words from Jesus represent a tremendous shift in man's relationship with God when compared to the Old Testament.

The dispensation of the Old Covenant was that of distance. When God appeared, even to his servant Moses, He said, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5); and when He manifested himself upon Mt, Sinai, one of the first commands was to: set bounds about the mount so his chosen people couldn't touch it (Exodus 19: 12). In the sacred worship of the Tabernacle the thought of distance was prevalent. The masses of people did not enter the outer court, the priests were the only ones to go into the inner courts and the High Priest was the only one to enter the Holiest of Holy. He did that only once a year, following a specific ceremonial cleansing.

The lesson to be learned was that sin was so utterly offensive to God that it caused a chasm in our relationship with him. The divide was so wide that man could no longer come into his presence. But then Jesus

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came and everything changed. No longer was man commanded to go but, instead, compelled to come. The idea of distance was replaced with nearness. What sin divided, the cross united.

The love of God reached down to man in the incarnate deity of Jesus. Our stain of sin has been washed away by the blood of Christ. The cross has provided a bridge and now the joyful

proclamation of God is, "Come unto me...". The lesson is now that safety and refuge can be found in the presence of God. We come by the way of the cross, grow through sanctification, and draw near through experience. How great and marvelous are the works of our Heavenly Father! We are reminded, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have eternal life"* **John 3:16**.

May your heart will be filled with love, joy and praise for the blessing of Jesus Christ; through whom we have access to God.

In His Grip,

Pastor Jim

MDO News

Registration has begun for Fall 2022. 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 Thursday, August 18th to meet the teachers and MDO will start on Monday, August 22nd.



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

If you have any questions about Mother's Day Out, please call either 208-590-6591 or 208-587-3828 during office hours Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Nicole Clark - Director

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

The Already and Not Yet

In Romans chapter 8:29-30 we read *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.* We recognize that when we came to faith in Jesus Christ we were justified. That is the perfect righteousness of our Savior was imputed to us, reckoned to our account so that were we to stand before the Lord today we would be accepted because of the sinless life that Jesus lived, His death on the cross and His resurrection. But the text also says that we were (past tense) glorified. How is it that the scripture can speak of us as glorified when as believers we know we still sin? Remember that when we were justified we were saved from the penalty of sin (eternal damnation) and as we are sanctified we are saved from the power of sin (we no longer have a sin nature where everything we do is sin (Rom. 6:6) but glorification means we are saved from the presence of sin (glorified Christians can no longer sin). This text reflects what theologians call the already and not yet. That we will be glorified is so certain that the scripture can speak of it as something already accomplished. Understanding this truth can be of great help in reading the scripture. What may seem to be a conflict, an unsolvable conundrum, may instead be one of the times we are reading a text that is an already and not yet.

One question that needs to be addressed is how can God speak this way in our Bibles? Is God in fact lying to us? Of course not! Paul writes in Titus 1:2, *in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago.* We need to remember that God does not live in time, in a sense everything to Him is present at once. What God from all eternity determined will happen is more sure than tomorrow's sunrise. As Nebuchadnezzar learned, God does whatsoever pleases Him and there is no man who can stay His hand.

In Ephesians 1:7 we read, *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.* Yet in Ephesians 4:30 the scripture says, *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* So, we are already redeemed but there is still coming a day of redemption. We were redeemed when Christ suffered and died for the sins of His people, when Jesus cried out, *"It is finished."* That was almost two thousand years ago but none of us have seen the completion of our redemption.

We are already sanctified in Christ, I Corinthians 1:2 *To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling,*

with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours – but in I Thessalonians 5:23-24 we read, Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. This example is perhaps a little easier to understand. Every believer recognizes that he or she is undergoing sanctification. Though we by God's grace have been freed from the power of sin we nevertheless still sin. Every day by thought word and deed we fall short of the perfection the Lord requires. Yet we see progress toward our eventual glorification when we will never sin.

We are already saved in Christ, Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God* but then Romans 5:9 says, *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.* We have been raised with Christ, Ephesians 2:6 *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus* but not yet raised, I Corinthians 15:52 *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

All these great truths should impact us in a positive way. We can live our lives knowing that what Jesus Christ did for us will see us at home in glory. This means that we can go about serving our God with confidence. Was the work of our Lord sufficient to accomplish its intended purpose? Yes, indeed! As Gerhardus Vos believed - we live in the present age, the age now, and await the age to come. There is a tension between what we have experienced which is short of what we long for and that day when we will be glorified. If we look back to the time before Christ's first coming believers had a comparable experience in looking ahead to the coming of the Messiah. Was it certain that He would come? Could they live in light of that assurance? Yes and yes to both questions. That was for them an already and not yet, The parallel with Christians looking for Christ's second coming is unmistakable.

The entire Bible is given us to explain the covenant of redemption made in eternity between the member of the Godhead. The Covenant of Redemption is a covenant made between the God the Father and God the Son in eternity past in which the Father agrees to give the Son a people to be his own and the Son, in turn, agrees to redeem this people so given to him and to serve as their prophet, priest and king. And the Spirit agreed to apply that that work of redemption to God's people. We live in that time between the coming of the Son and the outpouring of the Spirit awaiting the great resurrection that will come at the end of this age. Focus on what God has given you to do, secure in what has not yet come.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 5 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 6 Bible Recap Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 7 Deacons Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 9 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 14-15 SBC National Meeting - Anaheim, California
- 16 Women's Bible Study
- 18 Women's Fellowship Bread Making (10:00 a.m.)
- 19 Father's Day
- 26 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 27 Bible Recap Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Library Report

Come check out our commentaries and study books. We are always taking donated books. If you need to do some research, office hours are a good time to do so. We appreciate your involvement and input with book requests.

When you have a book you want to take home there is a wooden box with blank cards inside. Just write the date, your name, title of book and author on the card. In order for books to be available for others it is preferable to limit check out time to four weeks.

Have a fun summer!

Raedena Brooks

Librarian





We are so thankful that we were able to complete the club year! We had our Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on May 11th. The following clubbers received awards:

Cubbies:

Bodin Byrem, Shilo Nagel & TimberLynn Bartholomew

Sparks:

Book 1 – Ronin Byrem, Roman Grohs, Wesley Harman, Clara Harman, Gavriel Nagel, & Alice Williams

Frequent Flyer Extra Credit – Gavriel Nagel

Book 2 – AJ Bonilla, Wesley Moore, Leo Solis & Emma Westall

Book 3 – Annabelle Brooks – with the Frequent Flyer extra credit

T&T:

Book 1 – Molly Allen, Isaiah Grohs, & Elaina Harman

Book 2 – Gracie Allen, Elijah Grohs, & Michelle Hampton

Trek:

Book 4 – Roman Solis

Journey (9-12th grades):

Book 6 – Kent Clark & Rebekah Thayer; Book 7 Rebekah Thayer

Book 9 & 10 – Zachary Thayer.

Zachary has received that highest award Awana gives out. The Citation Award is for all 10 books in grades 3 – 12. Zachary has memorized over 550 verses, read and summarized all 66 book of the Bible and has been faithful in attending the Awana ministry at First Southern. We pray that he continues to walk with God as he goes on to college at ISU.

Awana pre-registration will be on Wednesday, August 24th from 6 – 7 p.m.

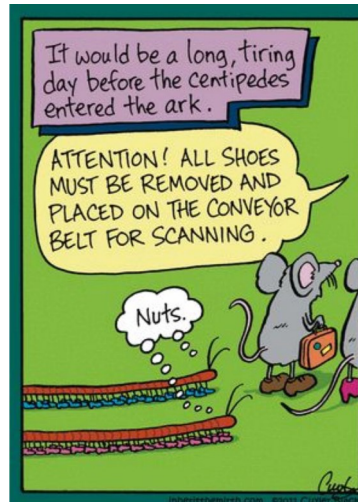
Thank you and God Bless,

Nicole Clark

Awana Commander

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Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Roman Solis
- 4 Steve Noland
- 5 Rae Ann Stoecker
- 6 Sai Crouse
- 12 John Ring
- 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
- 12 Richard & Rita Kanady
- 12 James & Sarah Gregory



- 15 Lendell & Agnes Simler
- 25 Eric & Jessica Nagel

Early July Birthdays

- 3 Victor Nostrom
- 3 Kim Juris

- 5 Shilo Nagel