

The Trumpet

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



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Pastor’s Pen

“... And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people...” **Ezra 3:11-13**

This is a scene where the older men are looking at the building of the new temple and were moved to tears. They are going back in time; to the time when they worshipped in the first temple, before it was destroyed. In their minds eye, they were reliving history. The young men were shouting for joy because of the excitement of having a place to worship. Interesting and informative that the same event, laying the foundation of the Lord’s house, yielded two different responses. Not much has changed. Younger folks look through eyes that see today and dream of the future. Older folks look through eyes that see today and remember the way things used to be. For one group it’s all about writing history; for the other group it’s all about reliving the history they wrote. Both positions are vital to generational health. There is value in encouraging our youth to forge new paths and conquer new frontiers. There is also wisdom in knowing our history and redeeming our past.



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Memorial Day is an appropriate time for both young and old to stand together remembering the price paid for freedom. If we are going to be a nation blessed by God in the tomorrows ahead of us, we must recall and remember the God-centered nation of the yesterdays behind us. For some it will cause weeping, from others we will hear shouting. For all, looking at a nation that has God as our foundation, compass, and pilot will be a reminder that regardless of what we hear

proclaimed publicly, America can be healed and restored to the Christian nation it was declared to be in 1892 by our U.S. Supreme Court.

Happy in His Service,

Pastor Jim

Women's Ministry

Women's ministry held our first fellowship event in February with Karen Williams teaching a watercolor class. Although we didn't know we would be saying goodbye to her shortly after, God did, and in His kindness allowed her to share her talents with us one more time. Not only that, but He did also so with a great turn out! We had 26 women of all ages attend, it was a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and creativity. We have been truly blessed by Karen sharing her gifts so generously, and we will miss her greatly!



This summer we plan to do another Bible study with the calendar verses and questions, using the same approach as the study used in the spring. We also have another fellowship event planned for June 18th with a bread theme. Be on the lookout for announcements with more details for both of these events.

It is our desire in women's ministry to minister to and love one another well, and don't want to miss opportunities the Lord may have for us to do so. If there are any ministry needs that you are aware of that we can fill or would like to suggest, please contact Violet Solis or Sarah Gregory.

Violet Solis

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 May please bring in tee shirts, shorts, tank tops or socks.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Trinitarian Heresies

Many have fallen into heresy regarding their understanding of who God is. This has been true since the start of Christianity and is still true today (at one time Benny Hinn said there were nine members of the trinity). In fact, most of today's heretical groups are simply modern versions of ancient errors. Sometimes there is some variation in the details of the heresy and the names are not the same, but the basic error has not changed.

We need to start with a clear understanding of who God is. There is only one God, but that one God is triune. That God is triune was not clearly known in the Old Testament. While there are allusions to the trinity no Old Testament Jew would have understood the triunity of God. As has been well said the trinity was revealed between the Old and New Testaments in the incarnation of Jesus. We see all three persons of the Trinity at the baptism of the Lord Jesus. The Father speaks from Heaven, the Son is baptized and the Holy Spirit descends as a dove. Christians, despite the claims of the modalists, do not believe in three Gods. Within the one being of God are three co-equal, co-eternal persons. It is true that for the purpose of redemption the Son and Spirit have lesser roles (this is known as the economic trinity). But since there is only one God and because each member of the trinity partakes fully of the one divine nature then each of the persons must be fully God and therefore equal. There is only one being of God, but there are three persons. This is difficult for us to understand because with us one being equals one person. But with the Trinity we are dealing with something that is unique; therefore attempts at analogy always fail, that is there can be nothing with which we can compare the one triune God. We must also not confuse the persons of the Trinity. The Father is not the Son nor is He the Spirit. And the Son and Spirit are each distinct. The Father sent the Son and the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

In Mormonism the Father and the Son are two different beings. The Father has a body and produced the Son by having relations with Mary. This belief alone puts the LDS church outside of orthodoxy; no person holding these doctrines can be a Christian. Note that what Mormonism has in common with other heretical movements is the denial of the eternality of the second person of the trinity. The Way International was a cult that said Jesus was the son of God but that He was not God. Unlike Mormonism it did not have a second generation leader to continue the movement and so dissolved after the death of its founder, Victor Paul Wierwille in 1985. We should say that there are a few remaining members of the cult

but the organization as a whole is no longer viable.

All heresies deny one or more of the three essential truths about the trinity.

1. There is only one God – monotheism
2. There are three divine persons.
3. The three persons are co-equal and co-eternal.

The denial of monotheism results in polytheism (Mormonism is the most polytheistic religion). And unlike Christianity God in the Mormon faith is mutable. He was a man on another planet who became god and so in like manner we too may become gods. The truth is that while we were made in the image of God we are and will always be dependent beings. The one triune God is self-existent and in need of nothing.

The denial of the three persons leads to modalism. Modalism asserts that god exists in three modes but is only one person. Taken seriously it has Jesus praying to himself in the garden. The doctrine of the trinity does not say there are three beings of God and one being of God. That is not what has been taught since the start of the faith. There is one being, one *what*, and three persons, three *who's*. One being and three beings would be a contradiction while one being and three persons (though difficult to understand) is not.

The denial of the equality of the persons leads to subordinationism as is found in the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Way International. The Way said Jesus is the son of god but not God. The Witnesses say Jesus is Michael the archangel. They also say that the Holy Spirit is an impersonal force. They are what is called henotheists. This is the belief that there is one primary God while there are also lesser gods. Clearly the scripture teaches there is only one God. Deuteronomy 6:4, *Hear O Israel: the Lord thy God is one Lord*. Other Old Testament texts teaching that there is only one God - Deut. 32:39, II Sam. 7:2, I Kings 8:60, Psalm 86:10, etc. One of many New Testament text is I Cor. 5-6 *For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him*. The heresy of denying the eternality of the persons resulted in the first ecumenical church council at Nicaea in 325 ad which resulted in the Nicene creed.

Throughout church history many have denied the Trinity but we as Christians must not only believe in the Trinity we must love the one triune God. For it is He who has loved us from all eternity. The Father loved us and sent the Son. The Son left heaven and for all eternity took on a human body. And it is the Spirit who when we were dead in our trespasses and sins made us alive. May our love for Him be reflected in our lives.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

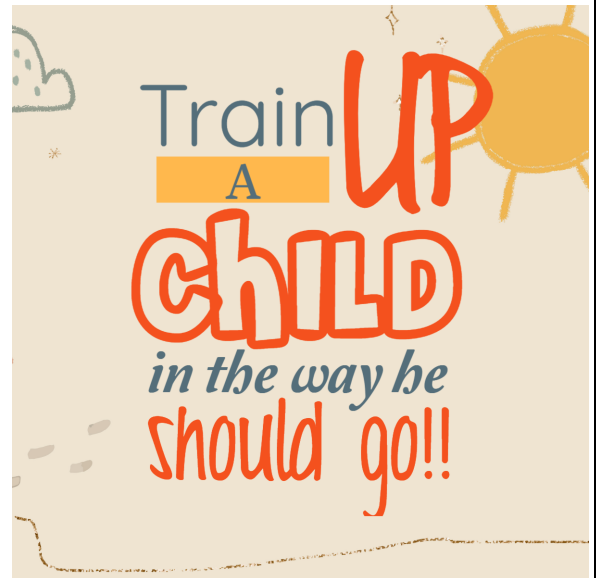
- 2 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 3 Women's Ministry Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 11 Awana Awards (6:00 p.m.)
- 16 Bible Recap Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 19 Last Day MDO
- 26 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 27 Mountain Home High School Graduation
- 29 Benevolence Fund Offering
- 30 Memorial Day - Offices Closed
- 31 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)

Be Still My Soul

The first lines of one of the great hymns of the faith say, *Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side*. Truer words have never been spoken. In times where so many things seem in disorder, in times where Christians are persecuted for even mentioning the Savior's name, in times where evil is promoted as good we need to remember that God is on our side. Despite appearances God is working all things for good for those who are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28). We must rest in that great truth and as the song tells us be patient, for our Lord has a timing for everything. The apostle Peter wrote that with the Lord a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day, meaning that He is not operating on time as we do but has from all eternity determined what He will accomplish. Believers must remember that whatever we suffer is God ordained for a good purpose and that in the end we will be with Him in glory forever. Those that harm Christians will in eternity suffer just punishment while we rejoice. Comfort yourselves with these words.

Children's Ministries

The Children's Ministry isn't doing much these days. It's surviving, but not really growing. The number of children in our program fluctuates as military families continue to PCS in and out of Mountain Home. Our Children's Ministry needs a Children's Pastor, or other individual that is certified and without a doubt, called by GOD to lead and grow the children of our church. We don't just want to see an increase in our classroom numbers, we want to see spiritual growth in our children as well. We know most of that growth should be coming from parents at home. But we do have a few children whose parents don't attend our church. So we need a strong leader that will water the seeds our leaders plant, so that GOD can do the growing in these young lives, especially those who get no spiritual guidance at home.



Please continue to be in prayer that GOD will show us His Will concerning the children of FSBC of Mountain Home.

Jessica Nagel, a servant of the Most High

Maintenance Committee



SPRING is here!

We are looking for volunteers to help with lawn and grounds care. Please contact John Ring to sign up.

We have added a shelf to the closet that stores our round tables. This was requested by the hostess committee to have a place for their purses during pot luck.

For our committee purpose statement we chose a verse to highlight the concept of excellence in what we do; "study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that need not be ashamed.....(rightly dividing the word of truth.) 2 Timothy 2:15

Thomas Westcott, maintenance committee chairman.

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. Q: What do you get if you cross a parrot with a shark?
A: A bird that will talk your ear off.
2. Q: What does a cat say when somebody steps on his tail?
A. Me-ow!
3. Q. What do you call a pig who know karate?
A. A porkchop!
4. Did you hear the one about the mathematician whose afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.
5. Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Korralyn Simler
8 Chip Brigham
10 Violet Solis
13 Kathleen Keillor
14 Eric Nagel
15 Clifford Hare
15 Kathy Boothe
17 Raedena Brooks
19 John Crowe



20 Tina Holt
21 Dave Ellis
22 Jason Hare
22 Daryl Lyerla
23 Flo Scheffler
24 Aline Bates
25 Priscilla Sisson
31 Wesley Phillips

2 Jason & Amber Blair
18 Wayne & Patti Clark
28 Don & Janet Nesbitt



29 Dave & Carol Ellis
6/2 Harold & Sue Southwick

Early June Birthdays

6/2 Roman Solis
6/4 Steve Noland

6/5 Rae Ann Stoecker
6/6 Sai Crouse