

The Trumpet

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



Pastor’s Pen

Words are powerful. They can build up or tear down a; they can put a smile on the face or a tear in the eye; they can encourage or discourage; they can help or they can hurt. By definition:

Word - a sound or series of sounds, or its representations in writing or printing that symbolizes and communicates a meaning.

The Bible has much to say about our words. *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”* **(Proverbs 25:11)**

Fitly – acceptable; suitable; competent; qualified; healthy

Solomon paints a beautiful word picture when he said a properly spoken word should be golden. The truth is not all of our words are fitly spoken; they’re not like apples of gold in settings of silver. When our words damage someone else we tend to make excuses. Someone might say something like, “I spoke without thinking”. Is that really true? Studies show we think five (5) times faster than we speak. So, the truth is we say what we intended to say. We might not have anticipated the hurt it would cause, but we said what we wanted to say. *“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man”.* **(Colossians 4:6)** There are some who say, I don’t have to worry about saying the wrong thing because I’m not a big talker. Let’s do some math. We know there are 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in a day. That equals 1440 minutes per day. Studies have shown the average person can speak

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250 words per minute. Assume you speak only 10% of the day, that’s 144 minutes per day. 144 minutes x 250 words/min. = 36,000 words/day. 36,000 words/day x 365 days/year = 13,140,000 words/year Assuming a 75-year lifespan minus the first 12 years (since no really cares what you have to say then) that leaves 63 years. 13,140,000 words/year x 63-year lifespan = 827,820,000 words spoken in a lifetime. Paraphrasing what Jesus said in Luke 12:3, we learn whether we speak our words in secret, whisper them in a closet, proclaim

them in open, or shout them from the housetop, we are accountable for every one of them. What do your words look like? How many of your 36,000 words per day are fitly spoken? Fitly spoken words are suitable, healthy, wisely offered, warmly tendered and well timed.

“Whoso offers praise glorifies me; and to him that orders his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.” (Psalms 50:23) Anyone in your life that you need to make things right with because the last words you had with them were not fitly spoken?

“Let no corrupt communication come out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim Gregory

FSBC Public Relations

The FSBC Public Relations Team is working in many areas to assist other church ministries and committees create increased awareness of their respective ministries, additionally to promote a greater recognition of our church family, church ministries and community outreach and finally, to provide increased understanding of the multiple opportunities to engage with each other for the glory of God.

The next significant churchwide event will be our Spring Revival. The revival theme is ***Christ-vs-Culture; Why you must choose***. The theme verse is, Joshua 24:15, *“If it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”* (Continued on page 5)

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 March please bring in combs and brushes.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

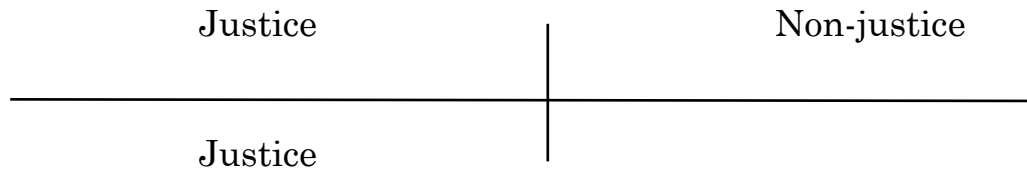
Is God Fair?

Conservative Christians are not universalists. That is they do not believe every person will go to heaven. Jesus said that the road to destruction is broad and many will find it. That means that the Lord is saving some people but not others. One question that has occurred to many is on what basis does the Lord save one person and not another. We all recognize that some will believe the Gospel when they hear it, usually not the first time it's proclaimed but eventually. If you have tried to evangelize though you have found that no matter what you say most people do not respond by trusting in Christ for their salvation. Certainly it is God who saves, we read in Ephesians chapter two Paul saying that when people were dead in their sin God made them alive. That is through the power of the Holy Spirit they were regenerated or born again (the other New Testament terms for being made alive). The two things required for a person to come to faith are the presentation of the Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. Yet there are many people throughout history who have been born, lived and died without even hearing the Gospel. There are so called churches today where people who attend never hear the Gospel. Does not the one triune God have the power to ensure that all people hear the truth about salvation? Of course He does. So how can it be fair for God to proclaim the Gospel to one person but not another? And how can it be fair to regenerate one person and not another?

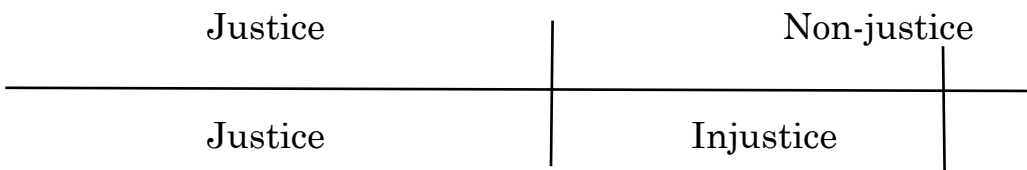
To answer the question we must first define what we mean by fair. Some words have just one or two meanings but others have many. Fair is one of the words that has lots of meanings. Now as is obvious we are not talking about fair skies, a fair ball in the game of baseball or even how you did on that test at school, just fair. Those words do not relate to what we are discussing. But there are a couple of meanings of the word fair that do. Permit me to get a one meaning by use of an illustration. Growing up my mother would often have a cake or a pie for dessert. And if either my brother or I got a bigger piece the other brother would say, "that's not fair," meaning it wasn't the same. So, do you believe that everyone is going to heaven? No, you don't. Do you believe that everyone is going to hell? Again, no you do not. So God is not being fair in the sense that everybody is getting the same thing with respect to salvation. Some are punished and some are not. The real meaning of fair in this discussion is whether or not God is just in doing what he does. Let's remember that we are all sinners and that the wages of sin is death. That means that when God punishes someone they are getting justice, in fact perfect justice. God knows everything we have every done and every thought we have every had. He knows not only when we have done wrong but when we have failed to do right. Suppose I were to rob a bank (hopefully I won't do that). And further suppose the police catch me and I am tried and convicted. Then the judge sentences me to twenty years in prison and asks

me if I have anything to say. “Yes, your honor I have a complaint. My complaint is that the sentence of twenty years you just gave me is a just sentence, that is exactly what I should have gotten.” How far is that going to get me with the judge?

Unlike the judge in the above illustration God’s justice is always perfect. We are all sinners deserving of eternity in the lake of fire. And if God punished every one of us all we could rightly say would be, “that’s just Lord, that is exactly what we deserve.” To help us understand our subject let’s set up a diagram. On one side we will put everything that falls into the category of justice and on the other everything that is outside the category of justice which we will call non-justice.

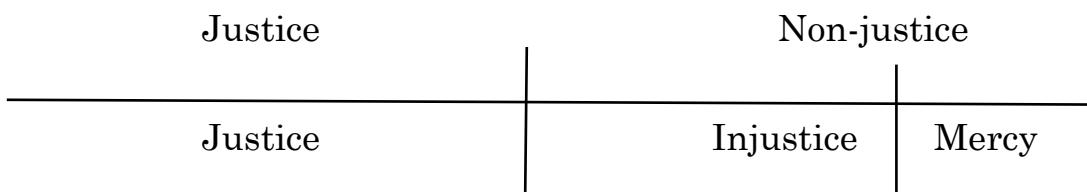


The only thing that falls under the category of justice is justice. But there are two things that come under the category of non-justice. The first is injustice. Is there injustice in God? May it never be is how the 1977 version of the New American Standard translates the Greek. The King James translators recognizing the strength of the Greek paraphrased it – God forbid! God never acts in injustice or un-righteously as many translations render the original language. So let’s add to our diagram:



But there is another way in which the Lord deals with people and it is in the category of non-justice, that is it is not under the category of justice but it is not injustice. And it is called Mercy!

So now our diagram looks like this:



So some people get justice from God and some people get mercy but no one ever gets injustice. Often believers think everyone is owed an opportunity to receive Jesus as their savior. Everyone for these folks at least deserves a chance. The reality is not even one of us deserves an opportunity. Every one of us is owed eternity in the lake of fire. When it truly hits home with us that the wages of sin is death, only then can we start to realize the depth of God’s mercy. He is truly righteous. He is perfectly just. But He is also compassionate. He is truly merciful and we should be truly grateful.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

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| 3-4 | Awana Expedition |
| 5 | Potluck Fellowship (12:45 p.m.) |
| 5-12 | Annie Armstrong Week of prayer |
| 7 | Ladies Bible Study (10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) |
| 11 | Maintenance Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m.) |
| 12 | Daylight Savings Time Starts |
| 14 | Ladies Bible Study (10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) |
| 14 | Deacons Meeting (7:00 p.m.) |
| 16 | Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.) |
| 21 | Ladies Bible Study (10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) |
| 23 | Winter Jam (6:00 p.m.) |
| 28 | Ladies Bible Study (10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.) |
| 28 | Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.) |
| 27-31 | Spring Break No Awana - No MDO |

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It will be our privilege to host nationally known special speakers from around the country. Mark your calendar now for this special worship event: April 30th - May 3rd. There will be five sessions with two speakers at each session - Two on Sunday morning and two on Sunday through Wednesday evening.

Our speakers include Mike Stone from Georgia; Dr. Mike Spradlin, President of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary; Paul Thompson from Twin Falls; and Dr. Scott Coulter, Executive Director of the Conservative Baptist Network. Scott's wife, Sharayah is an accomplished conservative journalist, political analyst and Right to Life advocate. She will be speaking to the women at midday events on Tuesday and Wednesday. Her topic will be Adversity and there will be a Q & A session as well. This will be a tremendous blessing for the ladies.

Next Month's Trumpet will have more details and articles by some of the speakers to whet your appetite. Again, mark your calendars now. You do not want to miss this special worship event! The PR Team is blessed to serve our church family for the advancement of all FSBC ministries.

Sarah Gregory, Chairman

The Power of Spontaneous Music

The word, “music” occurs 91 times in Scripture (NKJV). It should be no surprise at all that it appears 55 times in the Psalms. It is interesting, however, that it appears only twice in the entire New Testament. It appears once in Revelation 18 where the fall of Babylon includes the description that music will never again be heard in its streets. The only other time “music” appears in the New Testament is when the prodigal son finally returns home. The father throws a feast for his lost son but the older son is out in the field when he hears the music of celebration and dancing. Somehow the music tugged at his heart because he heard it from the outside.

Although the word, “music,” only appears twice in the New Testament, we know there are several examples of the disciples and Jesus singing “hymns” and “songs.” Matthew’s gospel records that Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn following the Lord’s Supper before retiring to the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed in agony while his disciples slept. Paul and Silas sang hymns from their prison cell just before God shook the place with an earthquake that broke their shackles of iron. Paul admonished the believers in Ephesus and in Colossi to “speak to one another in songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in their hearts to the Lord.”

When we sing, the songs we sing lead us to those places and times in our lives that carry the memories of deliverance and comfort. Our singing affects everyone around us as we “let faith arise in our soul.” Music is healing and comforting – the very reason King Saul craved the peace he felt when David played his harp. We need music and we definitely need each other to tap into the power of spontaneous music.

Garry Harper

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee worked hard last year to get the Personnel Manual Updated. Since then we have been quiet and not active. But just recently we have selected a new chairmen, Amos Payton. We look forward to his leadership in the upcoming year.

Jessica Nagel

Hostess Committee

After a God-blessed Thanksgiving Banquet, we, the Hostess Committee, decided to take a break until the Feb 5th potluck. As I was ill, Tina Holt and Michele Ring stepped into my place. With the help of our other members, they held a very successful dinner. As always, we thank all of the church family who provided a bounty of good food. Please remember to label Every piece of your dish, and come with your contribution ready to serve.

Thank you all for coming and fellowshiping with us!

Carol Ellis

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. An impoverished old man applied for membership in a wealthy church. The pastor tried to put him off with all kinds of evasive remarks. The old man became aware that he was not welcome there and finally told the pastor that he would pray about it. After several days he returned. "Well," asked the pastor, "Did the Lord give you a message?" "Yes Sir, He did" was the old man's answer. "He told me it wasn't any use. He said, "I've been trying to get in that same church myself for ten years and they won't let me in either."
2. Little boy's prayer. "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Ruth Heinen
9 Aurora Farnham
10 Elayne Baszler
11 Nicole Clark
12 Esli Walsh
17 Blake Rosenbaum



18 Bunni Farnham
27 James Gregory
27 Fernando Solis
28 Manuelito Brooks
28 Louise Carrol
28 Tasha White

3/5 Garry & Betty Finley



4/1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed and would like to have it included please contact Nicole Clark at the church office.