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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

Exciting news! FSBC will host a spring bible conference beginning this month. The theme for our Bible Conference is **Christ –vs– Culture** and our theme verse is **Joshua 24:15**. The Lord has graciously allowed for us to host nationally known pastors as our conference speakers. These are men of character and integrity that preach the Word of God. They believe in the inerrancy and sufficiency of scripture. Let me introduce them to you.



Mike Stone is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Blackshear, GA, He is well known around the country for his powerful preaching and heart for evangelism. Mike has served the Georgia Baptist Convention as preaching conference president. He served on the SBC Executive Committee as both a member and chairman. Mike also served on the SBC Resolutions Committee.



Dr. Mike Spradlin, is President of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his MDiv and PhD from MABTS. Dr. Spradlin is chair of the Evangelism Department and a professor of Evangelism and Church History. Dr. Spradlin is well known for his energetic preaching. His versatile ministry background includes teaching, preaching, and many international and North American mission

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founder of Wilderness Adventures Ministries and New Horizon Home ministries in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Paul works diligently for the right to life of unborn babies. He is a prolific reader, dynamic preacher, and passionate about impacting culture with the gospel of Christ.

Dr. Scott Colter, is the Executive Director of the Conservative Baptist Network. He received his Advance MDiv from SWBTS and his PhD from Mid-America



BTS. Scott is the recipient of the Al and Beverly Fasol Preaching Award. He serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at MABTS. Scott is passionate about preaching God's inerrant and sufficient Word. He is a challenging and inspirational preacher.



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Mens Ministry

The Mens Ministry is off and running! So far we have met every month since the beginning of the year and have had great numbers every meeting. The men meet to have fellowship and a light meal, then close with a devotional based in a man's role in a Christ-centered life. We have had a few of our youth attend these meetings and are excited to see them experience Godly men in action. As the weather warms up, the men will start to focus on the needs of our congregation so please discuss needs with our Deacons or Pastor Jim so we can better prioritize where men are needed. We want to thank the men that have provided a fellowship theme and those that have given a devotional, but also challenge all other men than can fill either of these roles. Being a Biblical Man is not easy, but easy endeavors are rarely worthwhile. Garry Harper and Fernando Solis ministry leaders

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.



It simply is not personal.

By Sharayah and Scott Colter

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.” 2 Cor. 10:3

While the dawning of a new year brings fresh opportunities and the chance to begin again, some weights refuse to be shaken and tossed aside. For some, that means strained relationships did not mysteriously heal at the stroke of midnight on December 31. For others, difficulties that plagued 2021 remain stubbornly present in the new year.

Most Southern Baptists probably would have preferred if, at the drop of the Waterford Crystal ball in Times Square, 2022 began with no denominational strife, no discernable disagreements, and no public displays of conflict filling timelines and feeds.

And yet, while a new year has arrived, some old battles remain.

Southern Baptists have in 2022 many of the same legitimate struggles in need of solutions that we had in 2021. However, as we begin this new year, we would do well to remember that we live not in a utopia or the promised new heaven and new earth, but in a fallen world with a prowling enemy – and that that enemy is not one another.

According to Scripture, our enemy is the devil, our weapons are not fleshly, and our warfare is not carnal. While we have disagreements and even a persisting “battle for the Bible,” what we cast down are arguments and strongholds, not people.

You see, this is not personal.

As convictional Baptists submitting ourselves under the authority of the inerrant and sufficient scriptures, we are compelled to stand for those things which we profess to believe. At times, this compulsion places us at odds with the opinions of other people - even fellow Southern Baptists. The fleshly way would be to conflate that dissonance with being at odds with individuals themselves—to take up an offense, to engage in ad hominem attacks, to assign motives, to harbor a root of bitterness.

But that is not the biblical way.

Scripture calls us to “contend earnestly for the faith,” (Jude 1:3) to “cast down arguments” that set themselves up against the knowledge of God (2 Cor 10:5), and to “refute those who contradict” sound doctrine (Titus 1:9).

This we must do, and do in love, for both are the Christian duty. Christ, when rebuking the Pharisees, acted not in hate but in love. Despite culture’s misappropriation of tolerance as love, promoting truth is actually loving. Permitting error is not. We must reject the notion that to disagree with a person’s doctrine or theology is to dislike them, or worse yet, to hate them.

By way of example, this past summer, we sat in the Nashville convention center during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention as J.D. Greear adeptly handled the role of the chair and did so in a disarming fashion, even garnering laughs from the 15,000-person crowd. He is a likable man. Our disagreement with preaching that Scripture seems to “whisper about sexual sin,” among other issues, does not equate to disliking him. Remember, this is not personal.

Beth Moore, too, is a likable person. Her witty personality, charismatic speaking skills, and penchant for humor situate her as someone most people would enjoy inviting to dinner. Our disagreement with a shift toward women preaching in the local church is not personal.

Even our current SBC president for whom we did not vote has attributes we can and do appreciate. In fact, we have always remembered how he was first represented to us as a man who put aside his own hurt to care for his church members as they grieved the loss of their pastor’s wife - his wife. Our disagreement with a characterization of Critical Race Theory as a “[distraction from real injustice](#),” is not personal. Our grief over minimizing the sin of plagiarism is likewise not personal.

These experiences are not unique. There are people across the world with whom we can and do disagree on various matters - even passionately so. In the majority of instances, disagreement does not translate to dislike or disrespect, and even the few whom we may not appreciate or respect, these we do not hate but rather love with the love of Christ and include in our prayers. Paul demonstrates that no one is beyond the reach of the love of Christ and the redemptive power of His salvation. Those who oppose us earnestly - threatening us, following us surreptitiously, seeking our physical harm - become the focus of our continual, genuine prayers, and we desire for those individuals a miraculously transformative Damascus Road experience that can render former foes our greatest allies.

As Christians ordering our lives by the Word of God, we endeavor to be both “bold as a lion” (Prov. 28:1) and “kind and tenderhearted” (Eph. 4:32). By God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, these need not be mutually exclusive traits.

Many pine for a day when statesmanship returns to the Southern Baptist Convention. Many say they seek revival in our churches and charity in our conversations. We are among those who believe we can demonstrate “how pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (Psalm 133:1), as long as we establish that unity solely upon the inerrant, God-breathed truth of the sufficient Scripture.

Simultaneously, we must consider, “How can two walk together unless they are agreed” (Amos 3:3)? Baptists exist because an intentional decision was made 176 years ago to cooperate with others who shared in common biblical convictions and later codified them in the Baptist Faith and Message. Reducing the standard of cooperation to the lowest common denominator does not make Baptists inherently better, and advocating that we conserve Baptist distinctives does not by (continued on page 5)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

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| 1 | Awana Games & Bible Quiz |
| 2 | Palm Sunday |
| 2 | Potluck Fellowship (12:45 p.m.) |
| 3 | Church Council (6:30 p.m.) |
| 9 | Easter Sunday - Lord's Table |
| 11 | Deacon's Meeting (7:00 p.m.) |
| 21-23 | TVSBA Ladies Retreat |
| 23 | Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.) |
| 25 | Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.) |
| 30 | Potluck Fellowship (12:45 p.m.) |
| 31 | Spring Bible Conference - April 30 - May 3 |
| | April 30 – Sunday morning – 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. |
| | April 30 – Sunday evening – 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. |
| | May 1-3 – Mon. – Wed. evening – 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. |
| | May 2-3 – Tues. – Wed. ~ Ladies Only with Sharayah – 1:00 p.m. |

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default make Baptists unkind. As leaders within the Conservative Baptist Network, we desire to see the Southern Baptist Convention thriving and focused on fulfilling the Great Commission. We are committed to defending the ancient paths described in Scripture (Jer. 6:16) rather than the popular paths presented by current culture. In so doing, we desire to debate ideas and dialogue about issues. Some will persist in taking personal offense where none is intended, but in our eyes, contending for matters of doctrinal orthodoxy is the Christian's divine assignment.

It simply is not personal.

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Sunday School Snippets

What is Sunday School? Sunday School is not just for our children or youth. It is for all ages. Sunday School is open to everyone and is geared to help all of us learn from God's Word. It is life long, life giving and is about real life. It is connected to the source of life. It helps us to grow spiritually and also provides a sense of belonging and commitment to one another and the church. Attending a Sunday School class deepens our understanding of God's Holy Word.

We have been truly blessed to have a great team of teachers in our Sunday School. We also welcome 2 more teachers, Thomas and Codi Baszler, to our team. And we are also excited about having Garry Harper planning and conducting our Sunday School training program. The three main tasks of our Sunday School are to teach, reach, and minister to people. So, take advantage of the benefits of attending Sunday School. And invite someone you know to come with you.

Patrick Holt - Sunday School Director

Ushers Report

As head usher for our church I would like to personally thank the men who volunteer to serve. We recently had two new members join us as ushers, but we are short two men due to long term illness and need replacements. Pastor Jim has asked me to incorporate our teenage young men in this ministry. Any young men who are members of the church and are interested please contact me at dellis875@gmail.com or 208-590-3577. With a full complement of 16 men each man would only serve on one Sunday each month except for those months which have five Sundays. I ask for volunteers on 5th Sundays.

In God's will and prayer, Dave Ellis, head usher.



Four of our Awana Youth; Kent Clark, Grace Postelnick, Sophia Postelnick, and Rebekah Thayer travelled to Idaho Falls on March 3rd & 4th for a competition.

Sophia (7th grade) joined with a team from Twin Falls and won 1st place in her game competition. She also received 3rd place for her drawing entitled *Tsunami*. Kent, Grace and Rebekah got 3rd in their games (with Kuna Baptist Church).

Grace joined with Kuna for the Bible Quiz and won 1st place!

Stay tuned for our 3rd – 6th grade results next month.

Nicole Clark
Commander

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American Flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGwire, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to the men & women who died in the service. "Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:45 or the 11:00?"

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Em Busch
9 Debbie Blackstock
9 Jason Blair
11 Thomas Westcott
11 Amos Payton
11 Betty Finley
17 Hunter Sisson
18 Jessica Nagel



18 Ruth Collier
20 Mistee Kelley
22 Don Scheffler
26 Jessie Landers
27 Eva Baszler
28 Leo Solis
28 Codi Baszler
30 Addison Hare

1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom
14 Mark & Ruth Collier
5/2 Jason & Amber Blair



20 Doug & Doris Laffoon
25 Jason & Sarah Hare

Early May Birthdays

1 Colton White

2 Korralyn Simler