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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

Have you ever noticed how impactful words are? You do not have to possess a post-graduate degree to realize words are powerful. Against the backdrop of this reality, the Psalmist said, *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”* **Psalm 19:14**

In previous Pastor's Pen articles, we looked at “profound” words, “fitly spoken” words, and the definition of the word “word”. Let's remember:

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

Profound words – words that do not mislead or misrepresent the facts.

Fitly spoken words – words that are acceptable; suitable; competent; qualified; healthy.

In this last article on the topic, I want to address “words rarely spoken”. I am talking about “quality” words. When I hear the word quality, I think of things that are:

Expensive. Saying the right thing at the right time will cost you time, demand your care, and call for your consideration.

Valuable. Quality words expand understanding, emphasize forgiveness, es-

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pouse acceptance, and encourage love.

Exceptional. Quality words are exceptional. They build up the down-trodden, bolster the weak, mend the broken-hearted and reinvigorate the weary.

Quality words are expensive, valuable, and exceptional. But mostly, quality words are powerful, comforting and beautiful. I once heard about a young girl, pregnant and abandoned by the boy who said he loved her. She

She sat crying in fear and loneliness; insecure and uncertain about the future. Can you see her? A friend takes her to a crisis pregnancy center. There a lady puts her arm around the girl and says, “Honey, let me tell you about someone who knows how to put the broken pieces of your life back together again...someone who understands your pain and cares for you. **His name is Jesus.** My friend, these are quality words!

How many times have you held on to a word that was a life preserver to which you clung in desperate seas? How many times have you been sustained by words that say, “Thank you” for being there when I needed someone? How many times have you been strengthened by words that in effect say, “I love you and I want you to know how special you are in my life”?

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

In Christian Love,

Pastor Jim Gregory

Children’s Ministries

Looking to what will happen this article reflects what we are planning.

Our children were able to sing praises to the Lord during our Bible Conference. It was beautiful. Thank you parents for practicing with your children. We thank the Lord for growing our kids ministry and we thank Him for providing our volunteers who love His little ones.

Jessica Nagel
Team Leader



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

Very God and Very Man

Very God and Very Man is the classic way of referring to the dual nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes people say fully God and fully man but whatever terminology one uses we are talking about the fact that Jesus was both God and man. The second person of the trinity took on human flesh in the womb of his human mother Mary, but trying to understand exactly how the two natures related to one another occupied the church for the first few centuries of the Christian era. There were no textbooks to reference and while scripture was available it did not have the centuries of study to help Christians that we have today to understand how the natures were incorporated into one being. And though all of the New Testament was written in the first century it was not available as a collection of books for considerable time. Even then since it was handwritten the Bible was bulky and unwieldy and there were no chapter or verse divisions to help locate passages. Though the New Testament was written in Greek Latin translations dominated the landscape in the western part of the Roman empire after the first couple of centuries and even the best had significant mistakes.

It would be safe to say that in the early church every possible error that could be made was made with respect to understanding the two natures of Christ. The Monophysites saw the two natures being joined into a single divine/human nature, a tertium quid (a third thing). Even today the “Coptic Christians” in Egypt hold this heresy. We should take a moment to say that similar to Roman Catholicism there are likely some in the Coptic church who are truly Christian. Anyone trusting in Christ alone for his or her salvation is a Christian. But neither the doctrine of the Coptic nor that of the Roman church can save anyone. Individuals in those churches who are truly Christian are saved in spite of their church’s doctrine.

In contrast to the Monophysites the Nestorians said that if there were two natures there must be two persons. It is more than a little ironic that Nestorius himself may not have held this heresy. It is not that the idea of two natures therefore two persons doesn’t make sense or that the idea of the two natures mixing is illogical. It is just that neither idea is what scripture teaches. Again we must ask does that mean that none of those who held one of those views was Christian. We just don’t know for sure. There is a difference between those who have heard the truth and rejected it and those who have not. This writer knew a woman a number of years ago who was raised Roman Catholic. When she was exposed to the true Gospel she embraced it and left the Roman church. She told me that she had thought the doctrine of the immaculate conception was that Jesus had been born sinless

rather than Mary as Rome teaches. That does not mean that the heretical teachings of the Monophysites, the Nestorians or the Roman Catholic & Coptic churches is acceptable or that the overwhelming majority of people in those churches are true believers. Just the opposite is true. We must always work for sound doctrine because error leads to further error. As far from the truth as the Roman Catholic Church was at the time of the Reformation it has moved even further into error. The immaculate conception of Mary was defined in 1854, the official proclamation of the infallibility of the Pope was declared in 1870 and the bodily assumption of Mary was defined in 1950.

Consider how papal infallibility is intertwined with Christ being fully man. Honorius was Pope from October 27, 625 until his death October 12, 638. In his correspondence with Sergius I patriarch of Constantinople Honorius embraced Monothelitism, the teaching that Jesus had only one will. This has been denied by both Protestants and Roman Catholics because in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed “not my will but Thine.” The divine will of Christ cannot be different than that of the Father and the Spirit. Therefore our Lord’s prayer must reflect His human will. For Jesus to be very man His human nature must have everything a man has, a body, a soul and a will. After his death Honorius was anathematized. For centuries every man who became Pope had to denounce Honorius. Yet Rome will say that Honorius was not writing *ex cathedra*, that is from the chair of Peter, when in fact he obviously was.

One of the less well known heresies is Apollinarianism. Apollinaris of Laodicea who died about 390 said that Jesus had a human body and a sensitive human soul but that He had a divine mind and not a human rational mind, the divine logos taking the place of the human mind. The reason that this heresy like the others is so important is that only someone who was fully human could pay the price for our sin. The Old Testament sacrifices only covered sin temporarily which is why the work of the priest was never done. Hebrews 9:11-12 says, *But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.* In the first centuries of the Christian era many of the Christological errors the church had to deal with were denials of the humanity of the Lord Jesus. Particularly Gnosticism which saw the physical as evil and the spiritual as good was the chief enemy of true Christianity. Today what we deal with most often is the rejection of His divinity. It is important that we rightly understand and worship Jesus Christ, very God and very man, because the God/man is the only one who can and does save. Understand who it is you worship and proclaim Him and Him alone, for Jesus is our only hope.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

4/30-5/3	Bible Conference
9	Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
14	Mothers Day
17	Awana Awards (6:00 p.m.)
18	Last Day MDO
25	All Church Sing (6:30 p.m.)
29	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
30	Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)

Maintenance Committee Report

April 15, 2023: Church Work Day. A lot of good work (inside and out) was accomplished by the men, women, youth and children of FSBC. **Outside:** the parking area was cleaned up of debris from this past winter, one of the trees removed from the front berm, roses were trimmed, and flower beds were tidied up. Several repairs were made around the church campus: which included the church sign, playground equipment and the maintenance building itself. **Inside:** walls were scrubbed, whiteboards and windows were cleaned, a lot of dusting and removing of spider webs, and time was put in to de-clutter the nursery. New kicks plates were added to the Sanctuary doors (up front), there were a few insulation repairs, and the urinal was removed from the Boys Bathroom in the Education Wing. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a very productive and positive day. God has truly blessed our church body with talented, willing, and caring people.



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Women's Ministry



We've had great participation in many aspects of Women's ministry these last few months: The 7-week Bible Study from First John was enjoyed by 20 to 25 of our own ladies who could choose to attending in the morning or evening session; our Meals coordinator is Rebecca Martinez and she organized freezer meals and fresh meals for 4 or 5 different people who were unable to

cook for themselves due to illness;

We conducted a virtual baby shower for Karen Williams, who moved to Montana last year; We had the opportunity to financially support Stephanie Walsh and her mom who lives in the Philippines, raising \$556 for food and gospel outreach to the children and families on the small island of Leyte; And by the time you read this we will be about to enjoy 2 special events during our Spring Bible Conference with Sharayah Colter speaking to us about How God uses Struggle and Trials and a Q & A session.

Our ministry is called Women-In-Touch. We have a closed-group Facebook page with ongoing announcements and opportunities. We want to include every woman in the church. If you are not a part of that, please contact Violet or Sarah to be added. If you don't have Facebook it ok, we also send emails to keep you updated.

Our next few months include a Book Club, every 2nd Tuesday of each month reading Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life, By Donald Whitney. The first one was April 10th. God is faithful and gracious in all of our fellowship and fills our activity with joy.

Sarah Gregory

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If you feel led or have a special talent (construction, lawn/yard care, etc.) please consider joining the Maintenance Committee. You can either contact the church office, Jim Clark, or Richard Kanady if you'd like to learn more or join the committee.

Jim Clark
Chairman



Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



A fellow went to the doctor who told him that he had a bad illness and only a year to live.

So he decided to talk to his pastor.

After the man explained his situation, he asked his Pastor if there was anything he could do.

"What you should do is go out and buy a late '70 or early '80 model Dodge Pickup," said the Pastor.

"Then go get married to the meanest, ugliest woman you can find, and buy yourselves an old house trailer in the panhandle of Oklahoma."

The fellow asked, "Will this help me live longer?"

"No," said the pastor, "but it will make what time you do have seem like forever."

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Colton White
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 Daryl Lyerla
22 Jason Hare
23 Flo Scheffler
24 Aline Bates
25 Priscilla Sisson
31 Thomas Baszler
31 Wesley Phillips

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



29 Dave & Carol Ellis
6/4 Brent & Julie Miller

Early June Birthdays

6/2 Roman Solis
6/4 Steve Noland

6/5 Rae Ann Stoecker
6/6 Sai Crouse