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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

We read in scripture, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.” (Luke 18:27) The writer of the letter to the Hebrews wrote, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for him that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6) Putting those two biblical truths together we conclude that true faith in God believes God can do the impossible.

Since God can do the impossible, He can change me and He can change you. He can help us and heal us. He can use us and equip us. We learn in the Bible that for God nothing is impossible. He can speak the universe into existence. He can raise the dead, control nature, bring water from a rock, feed thousands with a little boy's lunch, shut lions' mouths, preserve men in the midst of fire and direct a fish to swallow a full-grown man. He can speak to the wind and sea and cause them to be calm or stormy. He can turn back the clock, make a lame man walk, or cause a greedy man to become generous.

Because with God all things are possible, think of the difference that can make in your life, your home, your church, and your ministry. If we are serious about wanting to know God more, then we have to become serious about what is on His mind and on His heart. If we talk about God's ability to do the impossible then we have to be willing to become the proof. This great truth compels us to love the unlovable, pray for the impossible, give praise in the midst of trouble and pain,

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...speak the truth even when it's unpopular and live differently than the world around us. We must care deeply and practically for the lost. We must fortify the moral and theological training of the succeeding generation. It is these truths that keep us from giving up, from turning back, from quitting, from retreating. Our God who can do the impossible, who can and does save sinners, who uses saved sinners to carry out His work in this world, it is He who also can and will keep us for all of eternity. Going forward, I pray we will know God

better as the One for whom nothing is impossible.

*Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26*

To God be all glory,  
Pastor Jim

**Note:** Some of the content of this article was written my friend, Pastor Hans Frei

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## Men's Ministry

This Spring, beginning in April, the men's ministry will be meeting twice per month to study the book, *The Man Code - 12 Essentials Every Man Needs to Know*.

The book is by Mark Henry, the Pastor of Revive Church in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Globally, Mark has shared the Gospel with over 5 million people, helped train over 50,000 pastors in expository preaching and partnered to establish over 100 churches in Africa.

The Man has 12 parts, each detailing a significant area of expertise to be developed by "Real Men."

Stay tuned for more information and our dates and times for the study.

Garry Harper

Amos Payton

James Postelnick



## 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. For May please bring in tee shirts, shorts or tank tops (not the skimpy ones) or socks.



# PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

## APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

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### The Importance of Getting the Gospel Right

While we talk about the gospel all the time it is easy to miss how important it is and how important it is to get it right. The Bible is a large book containing everything we need to know about our faith but just because we have presented some scripture does not mean that we have presented the Biblical Gospel. There is certain information that should be communicated to the hearer. When you read the sermons in the New Testament you will find this information is always present. Whether it is Peter or Paul the same facts about what happened at the cross and why are included.

The fullest presentation of the gospel is found in the first eleven chapters of the book of Romans. We should study those chapters carefully so that we have the most complete understanding of the gospel and can therefore tailor our presentation to suit the person or persons we are talking to and the situation in which we find ourselves. So, for example, Paul on Mars hill makes a presentation that is unique to the situation in which he finds himself. Every person you meet is an individual with a background and experiences that he or she alone has encountered, even identical twins have differences. Therefore what is best when you are trying to lead a person to Christ is to spend time asking questions and carefully listening to the answers. Then you can answer the questions in a way best suited for that individual. When you do this you are demonstrating the love of Jesus to that person. Just reciting some verses does not show that you care about that person.

The gospel is encapsulated for us in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-4 where the apostle Paul writes, *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.* Notice first of all that Paul emphasizes that the gospel is according to the scriptures. What we communicate to people is what the Bible says. We are not calling people to come to Christ based on any authority we have but rather on what God says in His Word. Thus the apostle says he delivered what he received, not what he came up with on his own. Second of all we must tell folks why Jesus died. Certainly we can expand the phrase died for our sins by pointing to the fact that we all do wrong and are therefore sinners. Any person who is honest will admit that all his or her actions were not always what he or she should have done. Pointing out that the wages of sin is death is helpful and consistent with Jesus having to die

for our sins. And of course for Jesus to have been able to pay for our sins He had to be perfect since the law requires a spotless sacrifice. The statement that He was buried points both to the fact that he was dead and to the necessity of resurrection. The resurrection proves that Jesus is alive and leads to the fact that as Christians we to will be alive with him throughout eternity. Paul says the gospel is of first importance because without it no one can be saved. And if you don't have the Biblical gospel you cannot lead a person to the saving knowledge of the Savior. Without out the gospel a life well led will get you eternity in Gehenna, the lake of fire. For as the scripture says, all our righteousness is as filthy rags.

It is important to realize that that vast majority of those who hear the gospel will reject it. As Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it." (Matt. 7:13) This should not discourage us because there are still many who will respond. But the fact that most reject Christ points to one other thing that must happen for a person to come to faith. We read in Ephesians chapter two that when we were dead in our trespasses and sins God made us alive. It is the presentation of the gospel and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that makes a person a Christian. But since we know that there are some who will come to Christ our job is to find them. Sometimes the person who comes to faith is the one you would expect to. Often people raised in church who have heard the gospel regularly do become believers. But sometimes it is the person we would think would never trust Christ who does so. That is why we should never discriminate between people in proclaiming the gospel.

We have just been through the celebration of our Lord's death, burial and resurrection which again reminds us of what our Savior suffered that we might have eternal life. All of your sin and my sin was imputed to Him, the only person who never sinned. This is what His struggle was about in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though His physical death was painful He is not the only person to have gone through crucifixion. But no other person suffered what he did for sin.

We await eternity to even begin to comprehend the immensity of what Jesus experienced. One thing His death did was to demonstrate the depth of His love for us. He was not dying for good people but for sinners who deserved eternal death.

Jesus lived a life without sin. Evil men crucified the Lord of Glory. He was buried but on the third day He arose from the grave. While we worship on Sunday every week there is that special day, resurrection Sunday when our attention to what happened is even stronger. When you have opportunity share with those who are outside the faith that Jesus lived that perfect life, died on a cross for sinners, was buried and rose again. There is no greater joy for us as Christians than being used by God in bringing a person to saving faith.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

### April

- 1 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 6 Awana T & T Bible Quiz and Game Day
- 7 Potluck Fellowship (12:45 p.m.)
- 9 Ladies' Ministry Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 9 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 19-21 TVSBA Ladies Retreat
- 28 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 30 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)

### May

- 4 Women's Event
- 5 Potluck Fellowship (12:45 p.m.)
- 8 Awana Awards (6:00 p.m.)
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Last Day of MDO
- 24 Mtn. Home High School Graduation
- 27 Memorial Day - Offices Closed
- 28 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)



Five of our Awana Youth; Kent Clark, Elijah Grohs, Grace Postelnick, Sophia Postelnick, and Rebekah Thayer traveled to Kuna on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for a competition.

Sophia and Elijah received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their game competition. Elijah also performed a piano solo.

Kent, Grace, and Rebekah got 3<sup>rd</sup> in their games. Grace joined with Kuna for the Bible Quiz.

Stay tuned for our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade results next issue.

Nicole Clark  
Commander

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

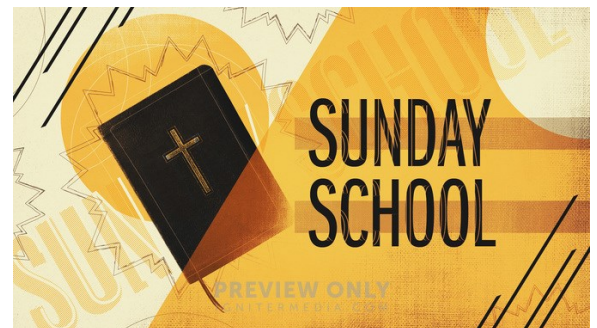
What if our church did not have Sunday School? What would be lacking in our church? What if you had never attended Sunday School as a child or a teen when growing up? If you had never attended Sunday School how would that have affected your spiritual condition? What blessings would you have missed all those years?

So, why is Sunday School important? Here are a few reasons:

1. Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge. Peter tells us in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5 to add knowledge to our faith. We never stop learning from the Bible and Sunday School is a tremendous help in our learning process.
2. Sunday School assists in your spiritual growth. Spiritual growth works best in a small group Bible study. That's Sunday School.
3. Sunday School provides a place to belong and to build relationships. It has been said if you want to get to know the church, join the Sunday School. That is where you meet people, share life's challenges, and you become part of the group.
4. Sunday School gives you opportunities so serve and minister together. You learn how you can contact unchurched or lost prospects which gives you opportunities to share your faith. It also provides opportunities to minister to class or church members who may have needs.
5. Sunday School is a place for the whole family. Your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

God has blessed our church with talented and faithful Bible teachers and they are teaching God's Word to students from all age groups; from pre-school to senior adults. Let's take full advantage of this and join a Sunday School class. If you're already attending a class, invite someone to come with you so they too can enjoy the blessings of attending Sunday School.

See you in Sunday School,  
Patrick Holt



### A Note of Sadness and Joy

Former Pastor of First Southern Baptist Church Dale Freeman graduated to heaven on January 17, 2024. Pastor Dale ministered here from October 1973 to February 1976. Please continue to lift up his family in prayer.

## 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 & May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### April

9 Debbie Blackstock  
9 Jason Blair  
11 Amos Payton  
11 Betty Finley  
18 Jessica Nagel  
18 Ruth Collier  
20 Mistee Kelley



*Happy Birthday*

22 Symmetry Farnham  
22 Don Scheffler  
25 Kylie Yandon  
27 Eva Baszler  
28 Leo Solis  
28 Codi Baszler  
30 Addison Hare

### May

8 Chip Brigham  
10 Violet Solis  
13 Kathleen Keillor  
14 Nova Farnham  
14 Eric Nagel  
15 Kathy Boothe  
15 Cliff Hare  
17 Raedena Brooks  
19 John Crowe  
20 Tina Holt

21 Dave Ellis  
22 Daryl Lyerla  
22 Jason Hare  
23 Flo Scheffler  
29 Donica Harper  
31 Wesley Phillips  
31 Thomas Baszler  
6/2 Roman Solis  
6/4 Steve Noland  
6/6 Sai Crouse

1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom  
14 Mark & Ruth Collier  
5/2 Jason & Amber Blair  
5/28 Don & Janet Nesbitt



20 Doug & Doris Laffoon  
25 Jason & Sarah Hare  
5/18 Wayne & Patti Clark  
5/29 Dave & Carol Ellis