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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

A professional boxer was converted to Christ. He felt it was wrong to continue hitting people but only knew boxing as a profession. So, he sought counsel of the deacons at his local Baptist church. After explaining his dilemma, one of the deacons responded, “I don't see why you can't continue. The bible says that it's better to give than to receive.” I am sure you got the humor there, but the sad truth is there are many folks that take scripture out of context; especially when it is self-serving.

In his book, *Your Father Loves You*, James Packer says, “We cannot arrive at a true understanding of God's Word by detaching texts from their contexts to find personal meaning in them...”. When we look at the 21st century church, there is strong evidence that scripture text is being detached from context to justify sinful behavior. Modern society mocks the truth and exalts the lie. We have come to the place where right is classified as wrong and wrong as right. Today many believe that there are no moral absolutes. How many times have we heard it said, "What's right for you may not be right for me."; "If it feels good do it."; "if it makes you happy then it must be right". It appears the prevailing mind-set is nothing is right or wrong, there are just different opinions. All of this falls under the heading of “moral relativism”, meaning that there is no absolute truth; you are entitled to your truth and I am entitled to mine!

It is mind boggling witness how far away from God's word we have moved as a nation, considering America was founded on biblical principles of right and wrong. James Madison, the 4th President of the United States said this, "We stake the fu-

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ture of this country on our ability to govern ourselves under the principles of the Ten Commandments." At the time of America's birth, the thought of being a moral, civil, and caring nation of people was inextricably tethered to God's holy word. Today, the Bible is misquoted, misinterpreted, misunderstood and misrepresented. And this is within the Christian community. Outside that community, the Bible is despised, denigrated and demeaned. The most significant reason behind the treatment of God's word is that folks

inside and outside the evangelical communities no longer believe in the relevance of scripture. In other words, the Bible is outdated, impactable, and simply not applicable to modern man. I would suggest the opposite is true. I believe the one true God of all creation, the one who is the same throughout all eternity, has given us his precious, infallible, and inerrant word. I further believe that God's word is applicable for every generation.

On Sunday, April 2nd, I will begin a series of messages on the Ten Commandments. We will look at each commandment individually. My goal is to show you their relevance for our day, and that they are still applicable standards for modern man. Please plan to join us for this sermon series. Our worship time begins every Sunday morning at 11:00.

The sum of thy word is truth; and every one of thy righteous ordinances endures forever.

Ps 119:160

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim

Usher Report

The following men are serving as ushers in our church – Thomas Westcott, Vincent Brooks, Mark Barnes, Landon Puckett, Eric Grohs, Daniel Hicks, John Crowe, Don Scheffler, Wayne Clark, Cliff Hare and Dave Ellis. Their faithful service is greatly appreciated.

Pete Berry
Head Usher



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.



Putting on the Full Armor of God

Apologetics - From Bob Neubauer

The Upper Room

The night before His death, the Lord Jesus and His disciples met to celebrate the Passover. God had commanded His people to remember the exodus with wine and unleavened bread and ever since the Jewish people had celebrated their deliverance from the Egyptians. But now Jesus would bring a new and greater meaning to that feast. Unlike every other person who has ever lived He was innocent. But it was just hours before our Savior would be killed. And while He would suffer great physical punishment on the cross, Jesus was not the only person in history to suffer crucifixion. There were in fact two others meeting that fate at the same time as our Lord. Yet His suffering was far beyond that which any other person has ever experienced because the Father laid on Him the sins of His people. It was that prospect that caused Jesus to ask if there was any other way. Since none of us is innocent, we cannot begin to imagine how difficult that was. Jesus was fully God, but He was also fully man. He not only had a human body, soul and mind, He also had a human will. This was demonstrated when He said, "not my will, but Thine." His divine will was in perfect accord with that of the Father and could never have made that statement. Yet in His true humanity he could struggle with the prospect of suffering the punishment for the sins of His people, but without sin. How great the love of Jesus for His people must have been. Because of that love he left heaven where He had been for all eternity and took on a body that He will have for eternity. And He did that for those who were his enemies. As John W. Peterson wrote in his most famous cantata, there is no greater love, nor could there be!

There have been many great traitors in history. We think of Benedict Arnold during the American revolution. To call someone a Benedict Arnold is a severe indictment. During the English reformation, William Tyndale, the greatest translator of the Bible into English, was betrayed by Henry Phillips. Phillips had been Tyndale's dinner guest and was one of a few who were privileged to look at Tyndale's books and papers. In May of 1535 Phillips lured Tyndale away from the safety of his quarters into the arms of soldiers. Tyndale was executed on October 6, 1536 by strangulation and then his body was burned. No doubt Phillips will suffer greatly in Hell for what he did. But both Benedict Arnold's and Henry Phillips treason pale by comparison with that of Judas Iscariot. Though what Judas did was foreordained by God, though it was necessary to achieve our salvation, it will bring for him greater punishment than for any-

one else in Hell. As Jesus said, “For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born” (Mark 14:21).

Certainly, the enemies of our Lord believed they were doing right. In fact, they were committing the greatest act of evil in history. Yet, this was all done according to God’s plan. God used the evil intent of their hearts to accomplish His purposes. Consider what Peter said in his Pentecost sermon, “*Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you know, this man delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death*” (Acts 2:22-23).

Returning to the final celebration of the Passover by the Lord Jesus let us consider the Savior’s words, “*This do in remembrance of Me.*” The word ‘remember’ in Greek is not just a recollection of events. It is not just a mental act. Remember is an active word. When the thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him, he was not just asking the Savior to recall who he was. In fact, Christ’s remembrance of the thief meant his salvation. And our remembrance when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper is not simply an act of recollection, but a celebration of our salvation. His sacrifice secured our salvation; it purchased eternal life for each of us and all of us. It is no wonder that Christians throughout the millennia have seen the Supper as both a duty and a great privilege. Whenever a church celebrates the Supper it should be the goal of every member to be present. The attitude, “it’s just the Lord’s Supper,” should never be ours.

No doubt the apostles present at the first celebration of the Supper did not comprehend the enormity of what was taking place. When the Children of Israel celebrated the original supper, it was the prelude to their escape from bondage in Egypt. And the celebration of the Supper by the apostles with the Lord Jesus was also a prelude to an escape from bondage for us. But our escape is from the bondage of sin. Our lives typologically are like those of Israel in the wilderness. And like Israel we are journeying to the promised land. But, as in all the types in scripture the New Covenant fulfillment is infinitely greater than that of the Old Covenant. For when we enter our promised land there will be no need to conquer as the Jewish people were required to do. Instead we will enter our eternal rest. There will be no more striving with sin for we will no longer be able to sin. Our fellowship will no longer have the limitations we now experience. We will be in the presence of our Savior for not just a short time like his disciples, but for eternity. What a glorious day that will be!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 1-2 Ladies' Retreat
- 3 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 4 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 8 Easter Eggstravaganza (10:30 a.m.)
- 9 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 10 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 17 Offices Closed
- 19 Maintenance Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 22 All Church Workday (8:00 a.m.)
- 22 Ladies' Movie Night (6:00 p.m.)
- 23 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 25 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 30 Benevolence Fund Offering
- 30 5th Sunday Sing at University Baptist (6:00 p.m.)

Love Your Enemies

The scripture commands us to love our enemies. What does this mean and how are we to do it? Love in the scripture always results in an action to benefit someone else regardless of the cost to ourselves. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son; His love for us resulted in an action that will benefit us for all eternity. Jesus told us how to love our enemies when He said, *But I say to you who hear, love your enemies do good to those who hate you* (Luke 6:27). One thing it does not mean is that we are to feel that our enemies are wonderful people. Another thing to remember is that the love of our enemies is not the same as the love of our friends. They are still our enemies, so we do not extend trust to them as we would a friend.



We have been truly blessed in our Awana Ministry this year. We have 12 faithful leaders and many drop by volunteers! We are running around 40 clubbers each night.

We just finished our competition season. It is so wonderful to see our clubbers recite verses, enjoy the games and use their talents for the Lord!

On Saturday, February 11th we had four T&T clubbers participate in the Bible Quiz. This is a competition with other churches in the Treasure Valley where they are quizzed on what they have learned this year. They are asked multiple questions like: recite all the books of the New Testament, what was Timothy mother's name, recite 1 Timothy 4:12, what did God create on each day of creation. These are only a few of the questions that they are asked and know! Kent Clark, Madison Spencer, and Eliena Svancara and Rebekah Thayer all went to the competition.

Two youth went to Kuna and Meridian on March 3rd and 4th for their competitions. Makayla Clark our High School clubber got 2nd place in Games, 3rd in the poetry competition and 2nd for her short story. Zachary Thayer our Junior High clubber got 1st in Games and performed the Star-Spangled Banner on the clarinet.

We took the Sparks (K-2nd grade) and T&T (3rd – 6th grade) to Kuna on Saturday, March 18th for their games competition. The Sparks who went down are: Ayden Davis, Roy Lundberg, Ashton Perchit, and Roman Solis they combined with a team from Grace Baptist of Emmett and got 3rd place.

Our T&T'ers who went were: Kent Clark, and Rebekah Thayer. They combined with Grace Baptist as well and received 3rd place.

It is hard to believe there is only 1 ½ months left of Awana! It is never too late to join or invite friends! Don't forget to come out and cheer our clubbers at the Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on May 17th.

Nicole Clark, Commander

Recent information on New Testament manuscripts

We have written that we have 5839 New Testament manuscripts. But, seventeen more manuscripts have been discovered by The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts bringing the total to 5856. While only sixty-one of these are of the entire New Testament and some are very short, the average New Testament manuscript is over 450 pages. All the extant manuscripts together contain about 2.6 million pages of text. In addition, there are approximately 20,000 manuscripts in Latin and other languages. CSNTM, started by Dr. Daniel Wallace, has as its goal to take high quality digital photographs of all extant manuscripts and has completed about 13% of the work as of 2016.

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
2. Local area network in Australia, the LAN down under.
3. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
4. Police were called to a day care where a three year old was resisting a rest.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Tyler Keith
 2 Jessica Lundberg
 3 Rich Lundberg
 5 Daniel Puckett
 6 Byron Puckett
 8 Greg Tenhagen
 9 Jason Blair
 11 Thomas Westcott
 14 Lauren Johnston
 14 Travis Johnston
 15 Hailee Lewis



16 Stephanie Osgood
 18 Jessica Nagel
 20 Mistee Kelley
 21 Nathan Lewis
 22 Don Scheffler
 24 Jenna Crowe
 26 Jessie Landers
 26 Pam Anderson
 26 Randi Tenhagen
 28 Leo Solis
 30 Addison Hare

25 Jason & Sarah Hare



*If you do not see your name here and would like to:
 please contact the church office at 587-3828 and let us know your birthday
 and/or anniversary.*