

The Trumpet

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



Pastor's Pen

In his book, *Escape to God*, Pastor Jim Hohnberger argues that Satan uses "busyness" as his main tool to destroy the influence and effectiveness of a Christian. Pastor Hohnberger contends that Satan knows the best way to neutralize the family is to keep them busy. Following are some excerpts from the chapter entitled, "A Life of Simplicity". Much like C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*, it is told from the perspective of Satan rallying his troops to do battle against Christians. I think you will find them both insightful and thought provoking...

“You can't prevent them from holding their doctrines and saying their prayers. We can concede them their prayers, their doctrines and their churchgoing if we can control their time. How do we do this? Simple; Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent a number of schemes to occupy their minds. Encourage them to spend, spend and spend and then work, work, work to pay for it. Teach them that happiness comes from things, induce husbands to work 8, 10, 12 hours a day, six to seven days a week. Make them work two jobs if necessary. Make it appear a necessity for the wives to work. Over stimulate their minds so they cannot hear Jesus whispering to their conscience. Bombard their senses with music playing. Make sure bad news hits them every day, wherever they turn. Corrupt the moral fabric of their marriages and their young people by placing sensual images that invite impure thoughts on billboards, in movies, newspapers or magazine covers, and on television. Use TV talk shows to parade the most deviant members of society through their living rooms. Have them dwell on the trash,

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trivia and trouble of the world. Fill their homes with computers and send them out on an electronic highway where we control most of the exits. Make sure everyone has a pager [cell phones], even children. Fill their days with phone calls. Overwhelm the children with activities... stress them out... send them to preschool and early childhood programs. Get the children away from their parents' influences so by the time they are teenagers, they have nothing in common with Mom and Dad". I can imagine Satan holding a staff meeting each

morning and giving the aforementioned instructions to his helpers. Current trends indicate the strategy has been successful. Family values are shifting, divorce rates are climbing, and parent/child relationships are fracturing; church attendance is waning, and tithing is on the decline. The common denominator to all this is excessively busy lifestyles. What is the solution?

"Be still, and know that I am God ..." (Ps. 46: 10)

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim Gregory

Personnel Committee Update

The Personnel Committee will begin meeting again in late March of 2018. As we approach the remainder of this new year, the committee will be selecting a new chairperson and continuing its work on revising the church staff policy manual and merging that document and the Mother's Day Out staff manual so that the church has one, unified, policy manual for employees and volunteers of the church.

Anyone who has interest in serving on the Personnel Committee through the rest of 2018 should contact Pastor Gregory or Garry Harper. The time commitment to serve on the committee this year will likely require about 10 total hours spread over the coming 10 months.

Thank you!
Garry Harper

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

The Importance of Inerrancy

Throughout the history of the Christian Church believers have held to the inerrancy of the scriptures. But since the so-called enlightenment that belief has been called into question. Mostly this has come from those outside of the faith, but today there are professing believers who also question the accuracy of the Bible. In addition to individuals, churches and even entire denominations have said that God's Word is not entirely trustworthy. Those denominations (except for the Southern Baptist denomination) have all begun a downward spiral that has led to spiritual disaster.

In order to respond to the charges that are leveled we must begin by defining terms. What is inerrancy; and what is the difference between inerrancy and infallibility? Inerrancy says that the original documents do not affirm anything that is contrary to fact. Infallibility is an even stronger statement which says not only is there no error, there was never any possibility of error. It is, however, the term inerrancy that has been the battleground for the fight. We are not saying that there are not texts that are difficult to reconcile. God has put enough difficulty into the scripture that when the vulture comes to the text he finds what he is looking for. But, those with a heart after God will go deeper and find the truth.

Part of the problem is that the scriptures were written in a culture that was vastly different from ours. Remember that everything was written to believers who lived at least two thousand years ago and had to be meaningful to and understood by them. Here is an example of what we mean. We read in Leviticus that believers are not to eat animals that chew the cud. One of the examples given is the rabbit (Lev. 11:6). By today's standard of chewing the cud the rabbit would fail the test. But people living when that text was written did not have the technical knowledge we now have. And if you have ever looked at a rabbit eating it sure looks like it chews the cud, which is what the original readers of the text would have understood. This is why it is important understand Biblical times in order to correctly interpret the Bible. The context of every verse is not just its literary context, but its historical context as well. The enemies of the faith are not going to do the work to rightly interpret the scripture, so we must.

How about the differences we see in the Gospels where the account in one Gospel includes information that another does not? This is just like when we tell a story. We include or exclude parts of the story depending on who we are telling the story to and how much time we have to tell the story. Matthew's Gospel was written to the Jews, Marks to the Romans and Luke's to the Greeks. Each author had a lim-

ited amount of space to tell the story and so included what he felt was most important to his readers. And when carefully examined there is no conflict in the various accounts.

Another thing the critics point to is Jesus' statement that the mustard seed is the smallest seed (Mark 4:30-32). The critics correctly say that the mustard seed is not the smallest seed on earth. The smallest seed is that of a particular variety of orchid. But the mustard seed is the smallest seed found in garden variety plants in Israel. Mark's audience consisted of farmers, fishermen and tradesmen who probably would not have known about nor would have been concerned about orchids. Also, the mustard seed was the smallest seed allowed in Jewish law; that is, it was kosher. We know this from the Jewish oral tradition, the Mishnah. *Mishnah 3.2. Cucumbers and cucumber-melons do not constitute kil'ayim one with the other. R. Judah said they do constitute kil'ayim. Garden-lettuce and wild lettuce, or endives and wild endives, or leek and wild leek, or coriander and wild coriander, or mustard and Egyptian mustard, or the Egyptian and the bitter-apple, beans and in carob-shaped pods do not constitute kil'ayim one with the other.* Jesus is shown not only to be correct about the mustard seed, but to be a skilled communicator to first century Jewish people.

The above examples demonstrate that what seem to be conflicts or errors in the text are when carefully and fairly studied are actually not contradictions or inconsistencies. There is a book by the late Gleason Archer titled the ***Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*** which provides answers for many of the alleged errors in the text. If when we find a difficulty with the text we do the necessary work not only will we resolve the problem our faith will be strengthened.

If the Bible were not inerrant we could not have confidence in proclaiming the Gospel to unbelievers. How could we speak of an all-powerful, infallible God if He was unable to accurately communicate His truth? We would not only be saying that the Word of God errs, we would be saying that God errs. How could we trust the promises of God if He was unable to give us an inerrant Bible? Textual critics work hard to resolve differences between manuscripts to get us to the original text. In like manner, we should be willing to do the necessary work to resolve so-called conflicts in the text.

Jesus treated the scripture as inerrant and since we believe in and trust Him we should also. If we trust Jesus for our salvation, we must trust His Word. II Timothy 3:16 reads in many translations, "*All scripture is inspired by God,*" but the word translated inspired is a Greek word that is a combination of the word for God and the word for breath. The NIV translates the text, *all scripture is God breathed* and the ESV translates it, *all scripture is breathed out by God.*" So, we know that the God breathed Word of God cannot be anything but inerrant.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 2-4 **Ski & Share**
- 2-3 **Awana Expedition**
- 4-10 **Annie Armstrong Offering Week of Prayer**
- 8 **Roadshow Concert**
- 9 **Awana Games Practice (6:30 p.m.)**
- 10 **Awana Games & Sparks-a-Rama**
- 11 **Daylight Savings Time Begins – Potluck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)**
- 11-14 **RTN/HNA Revival**
- 14 **Potluck Fellowship after Revival – No Awana**
- 16-17 **Men’s Mini-Retreat**
- 19 **Sunday School Teachers’ Training (6:30 p.m.)**
- 20 **Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)**
- 20 **Men’s Ministry Meeting (7:30 p.m.)**
- 23 **Egg Packing Party**
- 24 **Easter Eggstravaganza**
- 26-30 **Spring Break – No MDO – No Awana – No Prayer Meeting**
- 30 **Good Friday**

Hostess Committee

Our Hostess Committee is blessed with several highly organized, selfless volunteers who work really well as a team. Our primary responsibility is the once a month potluck after Sunday Service. However, we also provide service for funeral dinners, finger food socials for special occasions, and any other times that food and fellowship are needed. Our ladies go above and beyond, but, so do quite a few other men and women who volunteer to help set up, clean up, tear down needed tables and chairs. Jim almost always vacuums the entire fellowship hall after each potluck!! What a blessing!

We request that you put your name on each individual piece of your dish so we are sure to return them to you. Also, we ask that you bring your food fully prepared and ready to serve. We have a small kitchen, and need the room for our team. Also, we have only 2 ovens, and they must be available to keep hot dishes at a safe warming temperature. I have a request if you want to donate something, food or otherwise, for general kitchen use, please put your name on it and note that it is for the hostess committee rather than another group in the church. If you put items in the refrigerator in the kitchen, please include your name and the date so we know if it can be safely used. You are welcome to contact me with suggestions for improvements.

Carol Ellis

The Daily Miracles of Worship

Ephesians 5:18b – 19 (KJV) “but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”

It's easy to overlook some daily miracles in our lives as believers. One of those miracles is the powerful effect of corporate worship. When we sing, worship and pray together, we have the miraculous opportunity to join our heart, soul and mind to those we call brothers and sisters in Christ. When we sing, our individual voices meld together to make harmonies that are impossible to achieve on our own. When we praise the Lord together, our thoughts are made open to others in ways that cheer on the faithful and encourage the weary.



The Lord inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). It is His presence that unites us; it is His presence that motivates our love for one another; it is in His presence that our joy is made complete.

The quality of our praise is important. We should not bring strange offerings to the Lord. The Bible tells us that Abel brought a superior offering to God as opposed to Cain who decided to choose his own sacrifice despite being specifically instructed to bring a blood sacrifice. In the same way, we must ensure that our sacrifice of praise in the house of God is worthy of His presence. There are many popular songs making their way into Christian worship services everywhere. But do some of these songs strike you as a “strange sacrifice?” If the songs find no basis in Scripture or become popular merely because of their pleasing melodies and repetitions, the feelings generated will not be from the presence of God but, instead, from hyper-emotional and humanistic sensitivities.

The Apostle encourages us to first be filled (individually) with God's Spirit before we begin our praise and, only then, should we focus our corporate worship on psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Our worship must be saturated in the Word of God which is why our Family Prayer time includes the reading of Scripture.

Garry Harper – Music Director

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
2. How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
3. Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
4. Hospitality makes your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.
5. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Trystan Case
4 Sam Artz
11 Nicole Clark
11 Genesis Stokes
20 Rose Lindsey



Happy Birthday

21 Joy Harwood
22 Austin Case
25 Johnny Harwood
27 James Gregory
28 Manuelito Brooks

26 David & Heather Tippery



First Week April Birthdays

2 Jessica Lundberg

3 Rich Lundberg