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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

Mountain Home Air Force base is home to the F-15 Strike Eagles. Active duty air- men are assigned here to provide mission support. Theses military personnel, to- gether with their families, come from all around the country. Some of them are looking for a church home and visit us in their search. Consequently, one of the many benefits of ministering in a military community is that the local churches are blessed with visitors almost every week. We are blessed when they choose our church to be there church-home away from home. As I get to know the visitors, it always interesting to learn what filters they use to make their decision. The re- sponses are as varied as the church-choice they ultimately make. For many it's all about what the church has to offer them in the way of programs. I well remember the day when the determining factor was simply: Does the church believe in bibli- cal inerrancy, and does the Pastor preach from the Holy Bible only?

Times have changed. Arthur Boers in *The Other Side*, May/June 1989 said, “I of- ten visit newcomers in town and find them to be church shopping. They want to know what they can get out of church. Churches are one more consumer commodi- ty. Worship services are not a place for us to serve God and neighbor but a place where people expect to purchase the best: Inspiring worship, good music, moving sermons, quality child care. As if we buy God and not vice versa.” We are a con- sumer driven society. Consequently, Boers’ statement of “buying” God is reveal- ing. Is it possible that Christians have forgotten the price God paid for our re- demption? Can it be that we are more focused on programs than the precious

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blood of Jesus Christ? Is Calvary a fading reflection in the heart and mind of the Believer? Dorothy Sayers said, “It is amazing to me that man reacts in horror when a cat kills a bird, but can hear week after week how mankind killed the son of God and remain un- moved”.

I realize there are many filters through which we strain our decision to select the right church. There is nothing wrong with being careful and calculated in this

all-important decision. After all, we are warned to be cautious of false teaching and wolves in sheep's clothing. My point is, make your first filter this one: Does the church teach, preach, and practice the word of God? If the answer is "no" then it doesn't matter how entertaining the music, how many programs, how fancy the building, or how "good" it makes you feel. A biblical church is God honoring, bible preaching, and Christ centered.

*"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ..." I Peter 1:18-19*

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Jim Gregory



We just finished our competition season and I wanted to give you an update. On Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> we had three 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 I 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, Conner Nordin, and Rebekah Thayer all went to the competition and received 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Six youth went to Meridian on March 2-3 for their competitions. Makayla Clark and Natilyn Barth our High School clubbers got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Games. Natilyn won 1<sup>st</sup> place for her chalk drawing in 2-D art and Makayla received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Black and White Photography. Mikey Nordin, Omayya Simler, Roland Simler and Zachary Thayer our Junior High clubbers got 3<sup>rd</sup> in their game competition. We took the Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and T&T (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) to Kuna on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for their games competition. The Sparks who went (continued on page 5)

### 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

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### He is Risen

In a day when our nation has moved far from its roots; in a day when much of the professing church has lost its way, we need again to hear the message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is without question the single most important event in history since without it there would be no hope for anyone on the judgment day. The apostle Paul affirms the critical importance of the resurrection in I Corinthians 15:12-22. He tells us that some in the church were saying that there is no resurrection of the dead, which is the conclusion of society today. We are told to live life with great gusto because this is all there is. The testimony of the scripture is utterly opposed to that idea. Everything we do matters and there is coming a day of judgement when all will be held accountable for their deeds. Paul writes that if there is no resurrection of the dead then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ is not raised then nothing a Christian says, does or believes matters.

In verse 17 the apostle tells us that if Christ has not been raised our faith is worthless and we are still in our sins. Jesus was born without a sin nature and He lived a life without sin. He was crucified, died for our sins and was buried. Critically important as those things are, they are insufficient for our salvation. Jesus had to be resurrected. His resurrection was not only His triumph over death, it was ours. If Jesus was not resurrected, then those who died in Christ have perished. What use would it have been for Christians throughout the ages to have trusted Christ if He was not raised? None! As Paul says, we would then of all men be the most to be pitied. This is what our culture tells us today. We are accused of believing in myths, stories fabricated by the apostles. Not only are we seen to be wasting our time, we are denigrated as fools. But Paul does not leave us there. He proclaims that Christ has been risen from the dead! Christ is the first fruits of those who sleep. All believers who have died and all those who will yet die will be raised!

How can it be that the resurrection of one man will so affect believers? It is by the principle of federal headship. *For since by a man came death, the apostle writes, by a man came the resurrection.* When Adam sinned all of those in Adam sinned; so that every person with a human father was born a sinner. All parents know this. No parent yet had to teach their child to do wrong. Kids inherently know how to sin. Some may protest that a child's sin comes from ignorance. Of course, ignorance may be involved, but the claim that it is merely ignorance is disproved by the tenacity with which children cling to their sin. If it was only ignorance, then all the parent would have to do is correct the child and the child would never re-

peat that mistake. Yet all the time we hear mothers saying to their children, “If I’ve told you once, I’ve told you a thousand times not to do that.”

By the same principle, federal headship, all of those in Christ were made alive! Jesus did not have to come and die for you and then have to come and die for the next person and so on. He died as the scripture says, *once for all*. Jesus is, as the Bible tells us, the last Adam (I Corinthians 15:45). He is the Federal head of a new race, the race of the redeemed. Universalists try to use the text in I Corinthians to say that everyone is going to heaven (*so as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive*). But, since other texts tell us that many will suffer eternal punishment (*broad is the way to destruction and many there be than go therein*), this cannot be the correct interpretation of I Corinthians 15. All those in Adam die, this is everyone – all those in Christ are made alive, this is all believers.

Jesus does not lose even one of those who belong to Him. In John 6:37-40 He said, “*All that the Father gives to me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that of all He has given me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I myself will raise him up on the last day.*” What a glorious promise from our Lord! It is the resurrection of Christ that provides the assurance that His statements are true, that none of us will be lost and that our Lord will raise us up on the last day. No celebration of Christ’s resurrection can ever be too joyous, too filled with gratitude or too exuberant. As wonderful as it is to celebrate His birth at Christmas, it is even more so to celebrate His resurrection. As the hymn says, “Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er His foes.” Death, the last enemy, has been conquered. Though we still sorrow when our loved ones die, we have a hope that is surer than the sunrise. The great desire of Christians throughout the ages has been for the return of Jesus Christ. One of the crowns of reward (the crown of righteousness) is given for those who long for His appearing (II Timothy 4:8), which is virtually all believers. It is the resurrection of Christ that guarantees His return.

Yet more than anything, belief in the resurrection is essential for our salvation. We read in Romans 10:9, “*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*” The resurrection is not a truth of secondary importance, rather it is at the core of the faith. When the cry of Hosanna was heard on Christ’s entry into Jerusalem it was a call by the people for Jesus to save them from their Roman oppressors. But, what they got a week later was deliverance from sin and death, what they got was eternal salvation. May we ever praise His name!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 1 Easter Sunday – The Lord’s Supper
- 3 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 6-8 Ladies Retreat
- 10 Nominating Committee (6:30 p.m.)
- 13 Men’s Movie Fellowship (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 18 Maintenance Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 21 All Church Workday (8:00 a.m.)
- 22 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 23 Sunday School Teacher Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 25 Men’s Ministry Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 29 Benevolence Fund Offering (11:00 a.m.)
- 29 5th Sunday Sing– New Covenant Church (6:00 p.m.)

### Usher Ministry

I am very thankful for the men in our church who are serving as ushers. Three more names have been added to our team and we are very thankful for them since we will be losing two of our ushers shortly. The requirements for being an usher are: 1. That they are a member of our church and 2. That they observe the dress code, which includes not wearing shorts or sandals. You would be asked to serve about once a month. If you are interested in becoming an usher please check with me and I will be happy to get you started.

Pete Berry, Head Usher

(Awana continued from page 2) went down are: Austin Case, David & William Lahtinen, Sam Pierce and Cayd Winters. We combined with clubbers from 2 other churches and won 1<sup>st</sup> place!

Our T&T'ers who went were: Brogan Bolthouse, Manuelito Brooks, Kent Clark, Alex & Johnny Harwood, Korra Simler, Rebekah Thayer, and Zane Winters. They were joined by a church in its first year of Awana and won 1<sup>st</sup> place as well.

A big thank you to John Crowe for coaching, and Caleb Bolthouse and McKayla Clark for volunteering to help.

Nicole Clark, Commander

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

Why do we place such a high priority on studying the Bible? You can think of many reasons such as the Bible is God's message to us, we study the Bible to get closer to God, God actually tells us to obey His Word. Below I have listed a couple of reasons you might not have thought of right away:

We study the Bible for our spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth is the process of becoming more and more like Jesus. When we place our faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit begins the process of making us more like Him, conforming us to His image. It's best described in 2 Peter 1:3-8, which tells us that by God's power we have "everything we need" to live lives of godliness, which is the goal of spiritual growth. Notice that what we need comes "through our knowledge of Him," which is the key to obtaining everything we need. Our knowledge of Him comes from the Word, given to us for our edification and growth.

We also study the Bible to increase our spiritual discernment.

It is certainly not wrong to possess knowledge or have an education, and it is not wrong to use reason and logic to solve problems. However, spiritual discernment cannot be attained that way. It must be given by the revelation of Jesus Christ to the believer, and then developed by way of training in righteousness (Hebrews: 5:14) and prayer (Philippians 1:9). Hebrews 5:11-14 shows how spiritual discernment is developed. The writer speaks to those who had become "dull of hearing," meaning they had fallen out of practice discerning spiritually. The writer of Hebrews tells them that everyone who lives on "milk" (rather than the "solid food" desired by the mature) is unskilled in the word of righteousness; however, the mature Christian has been "trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil." The keys, according to this passage, are becoming skilled in the Word of God (by which we define righteousness) and "constant practice" (through which we gain experience).

The Sunday School/Bible Study classes are geared to help you in your spiritual growth and spiritual discernment. Thank God, we are so blessed to have faithful teachers in our church that work hard to provide Bible study classes that bring us closer to knowing Jesus and living Christ centered lives. So, let's fill their classroom seats every Sunday. See you in Sunday School.

Lord bless,  
Brother Patrick

## Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.
2. When tempted to fight fire with fire remember that the fire company usually uses water.
3. Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
4. We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
5. How does Moses make his tea. Hebrews it.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Jessica Lundberg  
 3 Rich Lundberg  
 5 Daniel Puckett  
 6 Byron Puckett  
 9 Jason Blair  
 11 Thomas Wescott  
 14 Lauren Johnston  
 14 Travis Johnston  
 16 Stephanie Osgood  
 17 Hunter Sisson



*Happy Birthday*

17 Alex Hall  
 18 Jessica Nagel  
 20 Mistee Kelley  
 22 Don Scheffler  
 24 Alex Harwood  
 24 Jenna Crowe  
 26 Jessie Landers  
 26 Pam Anderson  
 30 Addison Hare

25 Jason & Sara Hare  
 5/2 Jason & Amber Blair



## First Week May Birthdays

2 Korralyn Simler

7 Rachel Hall