

The Trumpet

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



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Pastor's Pen

When asked about their fondest memories, most folks mention their mom in some fashion. Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her own mother so dearly that she suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

When we recall the sacrifices, our mothers have made for our happiness, we are touched deeply by their undying love. A few minutes of reflection and our hearts are warmed with how they doctored our bumps and scrapes, dried our tear-filled eyes, brought a smile to our face, prepared our favorite food, made us feel special for no apparent reason, and encouraged us when someone else had hurt our feelings. They always seemed to marinade the right measurements of humor, counsel, discipline, and compassion in unequalled love. When others gave up on us or said we wouldn't amount to much, it was our mothers who believed in us. Their encouragement became our catalyst to achieve new heights and conquer new fron-

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tiers. Consider the following examples:

Although teachers and kids at school thought him a dunce, Thomas Edison's mother believed in him. She began teaching him at home, allowing him to work on science experiments in the basement. As a great American inventor, Thomas is credited with inventing the light bulb. Abraham Lincoln's mother had a powerful lasting impact on him. Not only did she teach young Abe to read, she also went to great lengths to obtain

books for him, she encouraged him to rise above the family poverty, As President of the United States, Lincoln stated, "all that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother."

The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of freedom and hope to millions who visit New York Harbor each year. Did you know that Lady Liberty is the image of the sculptor's own mother? When Fredric Bartholdi needed a heroic figure for his masterpiece, he chose his very own mother. Now her face graces the skyline of New York City. Her torch shines brightly, reminding us that a mother's influence is lasting and unequaled.

Many are the attributes of a loving mother. In extolling the virtuous women, Solomon reminds us, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband does also, and he praises her." (Prov. 31:28)

In Christian Love,

Pastor Jim

Note: Some of the foregoing taken from *Pulpit Helps* and *Brian's Lines*

Nursery & Extended Care Ministry

The Nursery and Extended Care Ministry numbers have declined since last year. We average 6-8 children during the 9:30am session and roughly 10-20 during the 11:00am session, due to PCS's. We have lost 4 workers already this year. Since we will lose another 4-5 gone by the end of the year we will need more workers. Currently our volunteers still only have to work once a month and I pray we can continue that rotation.

We also implemented a new sign in system that makes it easier for parents and workers. No more passing out and collecting ID bracelets. We have moved on to a sticker system which is helpful for the workers, especially for our children who

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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 or tank tops (not skimpy ones) or socks.



Putting on the Full Armor of God

Apologetics - From Bob Neubauer

The Gospel

Most of us know that the word gospel means “good news.” We frequently hear that word bandied about, yet often it is done without reference to its New Testament meaning. Since its proclamation is the means God uses to save His people, it is very important that we know its Biblical meaning. To appreciate the “good news” we must first understand the “bad news” because the good news is good news in light of the bad news. This takes us back to the Garden of Eden and the fall. God told Adam and Eve that they might eat the fruit of any tree in the Garden save one, and that if they did eat of that tree they would die (Genesis (2:16-17)). When Adam ate the fruit, he plunged not only himself but all of his progeny into sin and death. The result as Paul says is that we are dead in our trespasses and sins. That death affects our entire persons, there is no island of goodness or righteousness in any of us. While we are not as bad as we could be (even Hitler could have killed more people) we are as bad off as we could be for we are utterly cut off from God. There is no goodness in us, thus, we read, all our righteousness is as filthy rags. We are helpless, not only unable but unwilling to save ourselves. Moreover, every sin we commit is done freely, out of our own volition. God never compels us to sin, we do so willingly. All we can look forward to is eternal suffering for our sins. No picture could be bleaker than that one. Left to our own devices we would all spend eternity in the lake of fire.

God would have been perfectly just to have left us in our sin, to have saved no one, to have punished us all. When the judge sentences the thief to twenty years in jail for his crime it is hardly a valid complaint to call that a just sentence. Every person who goes to Hell gets exactly what he or she deserves. And even more than that, everyone who goes to the lake of fire gets what he wants because the unregenerate heart never desires God. God is just and every person punished in Hell will experience that justice forever. But, God is also merciful. Mercy is the idea of God taking pity on us, pity on people who deserve His wrath. God’s pity is not a passive pity, but an active one. In light of His pity God extended His grace by sending His son, the second person of the Trinity, to live as a man. At Christmas we celebrate God entering His own creation when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, truly a wondrous event. It is scarcely a surprise that the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men with whom He is pleased.”

Because He did not have a human Father, Jesus was born without a sin nature. He then lived a life in which not only did He not sin, He achieved positive right-

eousness. His death on the cross not only removed our sin it gave us His righteousness. We are actually far better off than Adam was before he sinned, having the righteousness of God for our own.

In order to draw His people from the world God has commanded us to preach the Gospel to all men. The “all” is people without distinction. We take the Gospel to all nations, to rich and poor, to those of high estate and low estate, to those of reputation and to those without, to men and women and to every race. The people of God are not of just one nation, as it was in the Old Testament, but of all nations.

The Gospel is defined for us in I Corinthians 15:1-4: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, as that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures (followed by a list of Christ’s post resurrection appearances). Pay attention to the fact that Paul twice uses the phrase, ‘according to the scriptures’ for many ‘gospels’ have been offered that are not according to the scriptures. If you go through the sermons in the book of Acts you will find these elements of the Gospel in each of them. Of course, this is a very condensed form of the Good News, which is explained in great detail in the first eleven chapters of the book of Romans. In order for the Gospel to result in the salvation of anyone there are two things required. First, the Gospel must be presented. The most common ways for this to happen are with an oral presentation (a pastor in a sermon, a Sunday School teacher in a lesson, a missionary and individual witnessing) or by reading it in the Bible. However, by itself the presentation of the Gospel is not enough. The Holy Spirit must regenerate the individual who has heard the Gospel. As the Baptist Faith and Message says, “Regeneration precedes faith.” Whether we call it regeneration, or the new birth or being made alive or having our heart of stone replaced by a heart of flesh we are talking about something only the Spirit can do. But we must always remember that the Spirit does not regenerate anyone apart from the presentation of the Gospel.

You and I cannot regenerate anyone. What we can do and must do is present the Gospel. Any Christian can learn the basic elements of the Gospel. Certainly, we want to understand and be sensitive to a person’s background which will influence how we proclaim God’s truth, but it will not change the Gospel. A person who has received any other gospel, someone who has not trusted in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for his or her salvation is not a Christian. If we will learn the Gospel and proclaim it to unbelievers we will see people come to saving faith. Nothing you ever do will be more meaningful than to be used by God in leading someone to Christ, for it is something that you will rejoice in now and throughout eternity.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 5 TVSBA Rally in the Valley Youth Event
- 6 Potluck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 8 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 8 Ladies LLT Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 12 Ladies Craft Day
- 13 Mothers Day
- 16 Awana Awards Night (6:00 p.m.)
- 17 MDO Completion Ceremony (6:00 p.m.)
- 21 Sunday School Teachers Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 28 Memorial Day – Offices Closed

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have allergies since each sticker not only lists each child's allergies but the parents cell numbers in case they need to be contacted.

Please pray that GOD will send us new families to grow the church and more willing workers for the Nursery and Extended Care Ministry. As always, our vision is to ensure that your children learn the love of Christ in a caring and safe environment and we pray that our volunteers can teach and show that each and every Sunday.

Jessica Nagel, Nursery and Extended Care Leader

Sound Bite Theology

One of the more frustrating things these days is listening to news that consists primarily of sound bites. Reporters constantly pull phrases out of a presentation and present them independent of their context. Sadly, sometimes Christians do the same thing with the scripture. They take a phrase out its context, assume its meaning and present it as the teaching of the Bible. The most important thing in correctly interpreting God's Word is context. And in the case of the Bible this means both its literary and its historical context. Always remember that the meaning of any text is what it meant to the first century believers. Read the text that comes before each verse and the text that comes after. Consider what those who first read the text would have understood. Otherwise you may be guilty of sound bite theology.

Women's Ministry

What unites us as the women of First Southern Baptist Church? It's more than the darling valentine wreaths we made at our February craft day, more than the secret sister birthday gifts and cards, more than our ladies choir during our revival and more than our pot luck socials in our homes. The humbling love and grace of Jesus is the only gift powerful enough to unite a bunch of active women!

Under the great leadership of Shea Hicks and Sarah Gregory we studied Priscilla Shirers "Armor of God" and are now meeting Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study - we finish in time for choir practice at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events: Saturday, May 12th all FSBC women are invited to attend craft fellowship to make a Mother's Day item. This is an evening event. Check the bulletin for details. On June 9th at 2:00 p.m. we are thrilled to have a double baby shower for Jessica Nagel and Amanda Case - please join us. Other upcoming activities include a progressive dinner in July and an in-house retreat August 24th – 25th (sleep in your own bed).

Please call me with any questions. We love to pray for each other, reach out to the sick or lonely and grow in the Spirit through reading God's Word together.

Doreen Solum – Women's Ministry Director

Maintenance Committee

The Maintenance Committee sponsored an all church work day Saturday April 21, 2018. We had a good turnout which enabled us to complete many tasks. The front lawn was mowed for the first time this year and an extensive makeover was started on the flower bed outside the front door. We do ask that you assist us by keeping the little children away from the flower bed during this project. The trees along third and fifteenth streets were trimmed removing low hanging and dead branches. The tumbleweeds that were stacked next to the community church were removed. The carpets in the library, one children's classroom and one third of the library were shampooed. It took extra effort to clean the heavily soiled area around the serving tables for our monthly pot luck dinners. Thanks to all who came out and made this a successful work day.



Dave Ellis, Maintenance Committee Chairman

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but has to check when you say the paint is wet?
2. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
3. Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Some have no imagination at all.
4. I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
5. When chemists die they barium.
6. I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Korralyn Simler
7 Rachell Hall
14 Eric Nagel
15 Clifford Hare
17 Raedena Brooks
19 John Crowe
19 Sabrina Puckett
20 Tina Holt



Happy Birthday

21 Zellie Hicks
21 Kristen Sheppard
21 Dave Ellis
22 Daryl Lyeria
22 Jason Hare
23 Flo Scheffler
24 Heather Tippery
31 Marcia Berkompas

2 Jason & Amber Blair
8 Adam & Amanda Case
18 Wayne & Patti Clark

28 Don Janet Nesbitt
29 Dave & Carol Ellis
6/2 Harold & Sue Southwick



First Week June Birthdays

2 Colton Sheppard
4 Steve Noland

6 Sai Crouse