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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

### Dr. Paige Patterson to be Guest Speaker

Dr. Paige Patterson, a nationally acclaimed pastor and leader within the Southern Baptist Convention for decades, will be our guest speaker on Sunday morning, September 23, 2018. Despite his full schedule, Dr. Patterson has found time to pen numerous books and articles. These publications include commentaries on Song of Solomon, 1 Corinthians, Titus, 1 Peter, and most recently the volume on Revelation in *The New American Commentary Series*. He will be accompanied by his wife Dorothy Patterson, who is a nationally known speaker and the author of commentaries and monographs. Dorothy Patterson has been active in theological education for women, serving as professor of theology in women's studies at both Southeastern and Southwestern, but she sees her most critically important role as that of wife, mother, and grandmother. Paige and Dorothy have traveled to and ministered in more than 135 countries of the world, sharing Christ with various heads of state, including Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority and Menachem Begin of Israel.

Dr. Patterson has more than four decades of experience in educating pastors and missionaries. After almost 18 years as president of the Criswell College in Dallas, Patterson served for 11 years as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and then 15 years as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Paige Patterson is well known for his prominent role in the Conservative Resurgence of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) which started in 1979 with the election of Dr. Adrian Rogers as Convention President. At that time, the SBC, like many other mainstream denominations, was beginning to move away from its conservative roots in favor of a more liberal interpretation of scripture. This was particularly evident in our seminaries where the inerrancy of scripture was being challenged. Dr. Patterson, along with Dr. Vines,

Dr. Rodgers, Judge Pressler, and other great, notable men of God, fought the wave of liberal theology that was threatening to flood our convention. Bathed in prayer, these men developed and implemented a strategy that eventually turned the tide on the liberal takeover. Dr. Patterson was a key leader in the Conservative Resurgence movement. Southern Baptists elected him to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two terms (1998–2000). During those years, he appointed a committee to revise the Baptist Faith & Message, the confession most widely employed by Southern Baptists; and he presided over the historic session of the Convention in which this revised confession was adopted.

Following his call into the pastoral ministry, Dr. Patterson started preaching while still in his teens. After graduating from Hardin-Simmons University, Patterson completed the Master of Theology (Th.M.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

While studying at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Patterson was pastor of a multi-ethnic church. With street evangelist Leo Humphrey, he operated a coffeehouse in the famous French Quarter. There he shared the saving gospel of Christ with biker gangs, underworld figures, homosexuals, prostitutes, and runaway teenagers from across the United States.

Dr. Patterson has lectured and preached extensively at churches and seminaries around the world. He believes the Bible is the inspired word of God and the standard by which mankind should conduct their life. His style of preaching is text-driven. He mixes in with his biblical messages an element of humor and a dose of insightful illustrations. Dr. Patterson has a unique gift of making the scripture come alive with the love of God and the joy of the Lord. He is one of the most renowned theologians of our time.

It is rare indeed for a Pastor and Theologian of Dr. Patterson's acclaim, busy schedule, and world-wide speaking demands to visit our church. His appearance here will be a blessing you don't want to miss. All are invited to join us for this special praise and worship service. A love offering will be taken to provide an honorarium for Dr. and Mrs. Patterson.

For further details or any questions, please contact the church at **(208) 587-3828**.

*Mark your calendar now:*

Dr. Paige Patterson  
 September 23 @ 11:00 am  
 FSBC – Mountain Home

# Putting on the Full Armor of God

## Apologetics - From Bob Neubauer

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### Worship in Spirit and Truth

Why does Jesus say that the day is coming and now is when we will worship in spirit and truth? And what does it mean to worship in spirit and truth? Jesus is responding to the woman at the well, a Samaritan woman who had five husbands and was now living with a man who was not her husband. When Jesus asked her for a drink of water she wondered why a Jew would ask a Samaritan for anything. The Lord responds by telling her that if she knew the gift of God and who Jesus was she would ask and He would give her living water. After a couple of more exchanges Jesus says, "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

Worship in truth means a number of things. First, we must worship only the one triune God. There is only one God and care must therefore be taken not to turn the members of the Trinity into three Gods. But neither should we conflate the persons of the Trinity. The Son is not the Father nor the Spirit. Second, we must worship in the ways God has ordained. We are not free to either add or subtract elements of worship. The only way to do this is to make sure everything we do is found in Scripture. And conversely, we must do everything that is found in our Bibles. All of us have traditions in our worship and therefore we must make sure that those traditions are consistent with the teaching of the Word of God. Yet we must not turn our traditions into scripture, requiring others to do things the same way we do if they are to be regarded as Christians. The history of the church is full of believers worshiping differently than us, yet both we and they are part of the communion of the redeemed.

There are some things that are common to all Christians in worship, which because they are found in scripture should be a part of every church. The most important one is the preaching of the Word. It has been since Pentecost the centerpiece of worship in the church or at least it should have been. Part of the reason for the decline of the church in the middle ages was the relegating of preaching to a minor role in the service. Because of its doctrine of transubstantiation, the Roman Catholic church almost completely neglected this most central act of worship. And today much of the preaching that takes place has little to do with the teaching of scripture. A lack of Biblical preaching not only stifles the growth of the people of God, it leaves them unprepared to defend the faith to those who ask for a reason for the hope that lies within us.

A second practice that is common to all sound churches is prayer. Prayer, like

preaching, has been part of the church since Pentecost. It is difficult to turn a page in the New Testament without finding some reference to it. The Lord Jesus, though He was God incarnate, prayed regularly and often. If we wonder why our lives are not filled with blessing, if we wonder why the church as a whole is weak, if we wonder why there is so much evil in the world then we must look to a lack of prayer as one of the principal reasons. If nothing else, prayer aligns our thinking and our worship with what God wants for us. It reminds us that nothing we have is by our own hand but through the love and mercy that God extends to His people.

A third element of worship in every church is music. The scripture says, "*Come before His presence with singing.*" Praising our Lord through our singing prepares our hearts to receive from God's Word. Why do we sing before the sermon rather than after? When the worker comes in from the field he first feeds his master then he in turn is fed. So, when we come to worship after our week of work we first praise the Lord and are in turn fed from His Word. There have been many types of hymns and songs in church history. No single style can be said to be the only way to worship, but all of our music must be God honoring.

The fourth component of worship is giving. We have nothing that we did not receive from God (I Chronicles 29:14) and we show our recognition of that when we give. Paul tells us that, "*Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*" When an offering is taken we should be anxious to offer our gifts to the Lord. Nothing we give can compare with what God has given us.

What does it mean to worship in spirit? In the Old Testament there were specific physical places for worship. Whether it was the tabernacle or the temple the Jews were commanded to worship in that particular place. Jesus tells the woman at the well that it is on Mount Zion in Jerusalem that God is to be worshiped not on Mount Gerizim where the Samaritans worshiped. But Jesus goes further when He tells her, "*But an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.*" No longer is there a specific place where God is to be worshiped as there was under the Old Covenant. Everything has changed because Jesus has come. He is now the basis for our worship. Since He is God Jesus can and does determine how and where He is to be worshiped. It is not wrong to have church buildings where the people of God gather for corporate worship for we are in fact commanded to come together to worship. But, our worship is not restricted to church buildings. We may offer worship in a church or in our homes or wherever we are. Our entire lives are to be an act of worship. Our worship is our expression of love for the God who has saved us and is due to Him alone. May we ever praise His name.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 2 Sunday School Blastoff
- 2 TVSBA Prayer Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- 3 Labor Day – Offices Closed
- 8 Air Force Appreciation Day
- 9 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 9 Launch Pad Pow Wow (5:30 p.m.)
- 15 TVSBA Host Beth Moore Simulcast
- 23 **Dr. Paige Patterson (11:00 a.m.)**
- 23 **Dr Paige Patterson TVSBA Calvary Baptist Boise (6:00 p.m.)**
- 24 Church Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 25 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)
- 28-29 Awana Ministry Conference
- 30 Benevolence Fund Offering
- 30 5th Sunday Sing

### The Difficulty of Forgiving

The scripture commands us to forgive one another just as Christ has forgiven us. This is not an easy command to obey. Because we are fallen creatures our focus is on ourselves. Though we are redeemed we still sin and must wait for eternity before we are entirely free of wrong actions, thoughts and feelings. Nevertheless, we are still accountable for how we treat our fellow believers and those outside the faith as well. We can of course treat others rightly regardless of how we feel. And if we will remember how much God has forgiven us then we can at least in measure learn over time to forgive others from the heart.

### 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 September please bring in reusable plastic containers, cups, bowls & water bottles.



## Nursery and Extended Care Ministry

The Nursery and Extended Care Ministry is still averaging 6-8 children during the 9:30am session and about 10-12 during the 11:00am session. We lost 4 workers at the beginning of the year and will see another 2-3 leave in the next few months, this is the time for PCS's. We are currently understaffed and some of our workers are working multiple Sunday's in a row. The yearly Ministry Survey went out and I'm hoping more people have volunteered to work in the nursery.



The new sign in system that was implemented a few months ago has been working out wonderfully. No complaints and lost items!

Please pray that GOD will send us new families to grow the church and more willing workers for the Nursery and Extended Care Ministry. We thank Him for the new families that have joined our church in the past few months. 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

## Meet Your Deacons - Steve Noland

Steve and Diane Noland began attending First Baptist Church in January 2001 at that time they lived in Grand View where Steve worked for Idaho Power @ CJ Strike Dam. After several years of commuting to Mountain Home for church, Steve received a job transfer and worked at the Bennett Mountain and Danskin Mountain power plants before retiring in March of 2017.

Diane has taught piano for 30 years. They have three children that are all married and live in Meridian and Kuna. Steve and Diane enjoy fishing, gardening, bee keeping, and being with family. Serving the Lord here at FSBC is a blessing to them where they are teaching the youth in Sunday School, involved in music and where Steve is a Deacon.



## Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. A guy goes into a lawyer's office and asks the lawyer: "Excuse me, how much do you charge?" The lawyer responds, "I charge \$1,000 dollars to answer three questions." The client says, "That's pretty expensive, isn't it?" "Yes. What's your third question?"
2. What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor? "Make me one with everything."
3. Why aren't Koalas actual bears? Because they don't meet the koalafications.
4. I don't enjoy computer jokes. Not one bit.

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

8 Tammy Sanders  
 9 Bill McCormack  
 9 Bob Neubauer  
 11 Cookie Lyerla  
 12 Devin Osgood  
 13 Kaitie Blalock  
 15 Anna Sisson



*Happy Birthday*

18 David Tippery  
 22 Carol Ellis  
 23 Logan Case  
 24 Keith Sisson  
 27 William Puckett  
 29 Harold Southwick

2 Alex & Sara Sanchez  
 4 Garry & Julie Harper

21 Genesis & Jessica Stokes  
 25 Larry & Elizabeth Sears



## First Week October Birthdays

2 Jim Clark  
 3 Patrick Johnston

5 Stacy Swenson