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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

When you were in school, like every other student, you had a favorite subject. Besides lunch and recess, which ranks number one on everybody's list; what was your favorite? For me, I enjoyed math and science. Learning has always been fun. I would like to think I'm open minded enough to continue learning something new every day. While I enjoyed school, my least favorite class was history. I had better things to do with my time than learn names and dates; about eras, periods and people. I didn't see the relevance because it was all about the past and I was concerned about the present and the future. So, I endured history and put in enough effort to maintain my grade point average.

One day, not long after God called me to be preach, I read Ezra 3:11-13,  
*“... And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people...”*

This is a scene where the older men are looking at the building of the new temple and are moved to tears. They were going back in time to when they worshipped in the first temple before it was destroyed. In their minds-eye, they were reliving his-

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tory. The young men were shouting for joy because of the excitement having a place to worship; the same event, laying the foundation of the Lord's house, yielded two different responses. Not much has changed. Younger folks look through eyes that see today and dream of the future. Older folks look through eyes that see today and remember the way things used to be. For one group it's all about writing history; for the other group it's all about reliving the history they wrote. Both positions are vital to generational health. There is

value in encouraging our youth to forge new paths and conquer new frontiers. There is also wisdom in knowing our history and redeeming our past.

If we are going to be the God-blessed nation tomorrow that were yesterday, we need to look at the foundation that was laid. For some it will cause weeping, for others it elicits shouting. For all it is a sobering reminder that regardless of what we hear proclaimed publicly, America is a Christian Nation! Did you know this was declared by our U.S. Supreme Court in 1892? Look it up. As the younger generation says, “goog it”. (For those of who are in the know...that means google it.)

Happy in His Service,  
Pastor Jim

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## Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out is a ministry of FSBC that provides preschool care with a Christian emphasis to children ages 18 months to 6 years old. This ministry provides an excellent opportunity for both in-reach and outreach efforts. It is our prayer that every child will go home having heard about Jesus and having experienced His love through the actions of the staff. We are open Mon – Thurs from 8:30 – 2:30 and offer discounts for church members and regular attendees. We also offer a multi-child family discount, and a refer a friend discount. If you have questions about the program or would like more information, please speak to either Nicole Clark who serves as the Director or Shannon Crowe, the Assistant Director. We would love to have the word spread in the community about our program!



Shannon Crowe

## 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 October please pick up and finish filling boxes.



# Putting on the Full Armor of God

## Apologetics - From Bob Neubauer

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### The Early Church

Christians have always exhibited characteristics and behavior that come from who we are as believers in Jesus Christ. This was no less true in the early church than it is today. For example, the early church took the command to care for the poor very seriously. While most Christians were themselves poor, they did everything possible to help those who were even worse off. They would fast one or more days a week and take the money they saved to buy food for the utterly destitute. Some even sold themselves into indentured servitude to raise money to feed the poor. The heritage of giving that we have comes from the first Christians. Even in a society that rejects many Christian values we still find that people do what they can to help others.

However, one thing that the early church had that has been lost to society as a whole is the value of human life. Christians in the early church fought against the taking of human life just as believers do today. There is an extant record of a Roman soldier writing to his wife. Having learned she was expecting a child he said that if it was a boy that was wonderful, but if it was a girl his wife was to put that child out for the wild animals to eat. This kind of evil was as repugnant to the first believers as it would be for us. This year the number of abortions since Roe v Wade will exceed sixty million in the United States. The worldwide number in that same time frame is more than 1.75 billion. Adolf Hitler was responsible for the death of six million Jews in World War II. We often hear people railing against his evil acts while at the same time either ignoring the fact that we have killed ten times that number or even giving approval to abortion. We murder the most defenseless members of society. No words are adequate to express the horror of what we as a nation have allowed to happen.

The first Christians did not have systematic theologies to help them know the faith. They started from ground zero to try and understand who Jesus was and what He had done for them. It took centuries to come to a full understanding of the person and work of Christ. So, we must be careful not to criticize them for having less than perfect theology. Jesus is unique. There has never been anyone else who was a god/man. Try to imagine how hard it was to understand the relationship between the two natures of Christ. What we got was an incredible number of errors, probably every possible error. Those errors are still found today; there is nothing new under the sun. Arius denied the full deity of Christ saying that there was a time when He was not. Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses also deny that Jesus is God in the same sense as the Father. Under the influence of

Greek philosophy, the Gnostics denied the humanity of Christ. Some today deny that Jesus ever existed. And when in the Christmas hymn *Away in a Manger* we read and accept the phrase, “no crying He makes,” we are also denying the full humanity of Jesus (all babies cry). Jesus was fully God and fully man, the two natures conjoined but not commingled in one person. Do we understand how that can be? Not fully. We can state it correctly and believe it without fully comprehending it. We are finite beings, God is infinite. While we can comprehend truths like the trinity or the deity of Christ sufficiently, we cannot understand them exhaustively.

Trying to understand the trinity is equally as difficult as understanding the dual nature of Christ. How can God be both three and one at the same time? This has often been labeled a contradiction. If God were three and one in the same way then that would be a valid charge. But God is one in essence and three in person, which is not a contradiction. He is one what and three who’s. If we were to say that God is one in essence and three in essence (one what and three what’s) we would have a contradiction. Or if we were to say that God is three in person and one in person (three who’s and one who) we would violate the law of non-contradiction. Please know that while for purposes relating to salvation the second and third persons of the trinity take a lesser role, they are not inherently lesser. Since all three persons fully partake of the divine nature they must be equal.

So, were errors made which still persist to this day? For sure. Lutherans believe in baptismal regeneration. While this is partly because Luther was unwilling to change, the belief itself began in the early church. Many in the early church delayed baptism until near the end of life because they believed if you sinned after baptism you would permanently lose your salvation. Another continuing erroneous practice that began in the early church is infant baptism. Its retention was one great weakness of the Reformation. This tradition had been institutionalized in the church for more than one thousand years. The baptismal roles were the tax rolls because the church was a state church. No doubt it was necessary to have this “magisterial reformation” or there would have been no reformation because the state would not have allowed the spread of the Gospel, but the result today in Europe is a dead church. Baptizing infants does not make Christians. But, Baptists must also be careful because going forward at an alter call does not make Christians. Only the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit in conjunction with the preaching of the Gospel produces believers. We must let the early Christians be who they were recognizing that they were true believers despite having imperfect theology. None of us has a perfect understanding of the faith either and must therefore hope that future generations will be as gracious to us as we should be to the early Christians.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 6 TVSBA Annual Meeting
- 7 Pot Luck – OCC Packing Party (12:30 p.m.)
- 7 Discipleship Training Starts (5:30 p.m.)
- 9 Nominating Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 10 Men’s Ministry Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 17 Maintenance Committee (7:30 p.m.)
- 18-19 UISBC Annual Meeting
- 20 All Church Workday – Fall Cleanup (8:00 a.m.)
- 20 Baby Showers Grohs & Tippery (2:00 p.m.)
- 23 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 26 Child Care Workers Bonfire (5:30 p.m.)
- 28 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 31 Trunk or Treat – No Awana – No Prayer Meeting

### Intercession

What does it mean to intercede? Often believers talk about intercessory prayer. Usually what they mean by this is praying earnestly for someone or something. But the word intercede means to take the place of someone. So, we read in Romans 8:26-27, *“In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the heart knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”* And in Romans 8:34 the scripture says, *“who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, it is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”* All Christians still sin and so when the Devil accuses us before the Father the Son intercedes for us, because He took our place, He took our sin. If you intercede for someone who is sick, you ask God to give you their sickness. This is something that is extremely difficult to do. There is a huge difference between saying the words and actually meaning them, and if you do God may well put their sickness on you. Has anyone ever truly interceded for someone else? Most likely, yes, but this is a rare thing.

## Youth Report

The youth of First Southern Baptist of Mountain Home have been active this year. We started out the year with a Fast Food Feast and Cookie Share in February, baking and distributing cookies to many of our church members. In between these stops we would stop the van and chow down on French fries, burgers and dessert.

We had three young men that traveled to Burley to attend Ski and Share. During the youth rally we had a band that led in worship. Paul Thompson, the pastor from Twin Falls, spoke challenging all of us. On Saturday we traveled to Pomerell Ski Resort and had a great time skiing and snowboarding.

During Harvest North America we had a large youth event. We played several crazy strenuous games and ate Pizza. Afterwards the Harvest team shared their testimonies.

Starting in June we had 4 car washes to help raise money for Sonfest. We would like to thank each of you who trusted your car to our youth. And we thank you for your much-needed donations.

In July we had a ski and water party at CJ Strike. We had a BBQ and all the goodies that go along with it. Then the youth were towed across the water where they all had a great time.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> we traveled to a youth rally in Ogden where we worshiped and were challenged from the word by Ryan Young, who ministers all over the US. There were several youth from Idaho and Utah that were either saved or who rededicated their lives to Christ. That Saturday we went to Lagoon which has many roller coasters and rides. We had a blast.

In Sunday school we just finished studying end times in the book of Revelation. We believe the youth were challenged to be ready for the second coming. We have just begun studying the life of Christ in the Gospel of John. Pray for the youth as they are facing challenges to their faith our generation has not had to deal with. Tragically, a young lady who attended a couple of our functions committed suicide in August. Several of our youth are having a struggle dealing with that. We ask for prayer for a couple of the teens who attend and have not yet given their lives to the Lord. We are reviewing the Four Spiritual Laws so the teens can know they are saved and be enabled to share their faith.



Steve and Diane Noland

## Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Jim Clark  
3 Patrick Johnston  
5 Stacy Swenson  
8 Dan Hazelbaker  
12 Jonathan Sanchez

16 Chris Boesl  
16 Sarah Gregory  
19 Pam Hodge  
27 Sylvia Landers  
29 Isaiah Grohs



*Happy Birthday*

16 Donald & Rebecca McCall  
25 Dan & Martha Hazelbaker  
27 Daniel & Karen Williams

29 Pete & Margaret Berry  
29 Mike & Sai Crouse



## First Week November Birthdays

2 Ted Solum  
4 Gail Hancock

7 Mason Hall