



Near Year's Day ❖ January 1, 2017

# Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

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*Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting*

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If you have any questions concerning the message from today, or are interested in obtaining information about church membership, please see the Pastor after the service, drop a note in the offering plate indicating your desire to talk with the Pastor, or call the church office.

## Announcements

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, **January 2**.

### Wednesday Nights

Awana, Youth, and Wednesday night meals resume **January 4!** Dinner menu is Spaghetti. Sign up in the hall.

### Wedding!

Members and regular attenders of Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church are cordially invited to the wedding and reception of Savannah Stanford to Napoleon Martin on Saturday, **January 7**, at 4:00 p.m. here at the church!

### Deacon Ordination

A Deacon Ordination for new incoming deacons will take place during the Evening Worship service of Sunday, **January 8**.

### Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **January 10**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **January 12**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sheffield's.

### Ladies' Sunday School

Tamera Smith will begin a new Bible study for women during the Sunday School time on Sunday, **January 15**. She will use the book *Protected by God's Providence: The Book of Esther*, by Carolyn Culver. Sign the list in

the hall if you would like to participate, so we get enough books.

### Quarterly Meeting

Our normal quarterly congregational meeting will be held in the afternoon of Sunday, **January 15**, and the time will be announced.

### After Church Fellowship

Our next Fellowship is after Evening Worship on **January 15**. Please bring a snack to share! Moores and Groovers are scheduled to serve.

### Men's Oyster Roast

Men's Oyster Roast is scheduled for Thursday, **January 26**, at 7:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to invite friends! There is a signup sheet in the hall.

### Youth Movie Night

A Youth Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, **January 28**, at 7:00 p.m. Details to come.

## FABC Deacons

Shawn Champion	433-0098
Bobby Deloach (CH)	667-8867
Mickey Fell	920-4557
Ron Fowler	901-409-8628
Jimmy Kicklighter	355-5616
Jack Moore	547-5000
Billy Morris, Sr.	398-1038
Joe Morris	398-0125
Steve Posner	704-5617
Kelly Stanford	441-2151
Michael Walker	655-2497
Ric Zittrouer	210-0344

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10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

\* Opening Chorus & Greeting  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*Words are on back of bulletin*

\* Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

\*Hymn #10

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Glen Martin

Matthew 2:1-11

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes And  
Offerings

\* Hymn #520

“Another Year is Dawning”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*7 Objectives of the Incarnation, Part 2*

*John 1:1-2, 14*

\* Hymn, below

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

# A.M. Notes

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## 7 Objectives of the Incarnation, Part 2

John 1:1-2, 14

1. The Earthly Objective
2. The Heavenly Objective
3. The Provision of a High Priest

**Heb 7:11-12 & Heb 7:23-27**

### 4. The Destruction \_\_\_\_\_

**Heb 2:14**

Don't confuse "death" with "the power of death."

### Keep in mind that:

1. The final authority of death \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deut 32:39; Rev 1:18**
2. Satan can only do that \_\_\_\_\_  
**Job 1:12; 2:6**
3. Jesus called him a \_\_\_\_\_
4. Satan uses the fear of death as a \_\_\_\_\_

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**Col 1:13; Eph 4:17-19**

5. We who trust in Jesus Christ have once and for all been \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 Cor 15:54-58**

## **Food for thought: In 1976 Francis Schaeffer released a book *How Should We Then Live? The Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture*.**

The main title of the book struck me as odd. It still does. It is correct, in terms of English usage, but I found it an odd way to ask the question. Then again, Schaeffer was odd. He famously dressed as if he had come down from the Swiss mountains in a previous century. In one sense he had. Francis Schaeffer and his wife, Edith, had founded and then directed L'Abri Fellowship, a ministry in the Swiss mountains, drawing disaffected and confused young people from around the world, mostly the United States, and presenting them with the gospel of Christ and, strangely and wonderfully enough, answering their questions with a rational and demonstrative apologetic for biblical Christianity. While other leaders were building the evangelical empire, the Schaeffers took in scores of long-haired and intellectually agitated young people, engaging their minds and interpreting the culture.

Schaeffer saw modern culture as overwhelmingly opposed to God and disintegrating, cut off from any ability to make transcendent judgments or truth claims. He saw the looming humanism as a direct challenge to Christianity.

My first reading of *How Should We Then Live?*, introduced me to the great collision of worldviews that became such a central interest and urgency of my life. On the one hand, I felt embarrassed that I had not recognized the problems with Lord Clark's (who produced a documentary series on Civilization during the same time Schaeffer wrote his book) storyline. On the other hand, I knew that I desperately wanted to understand the intersection of ideas, morality, art, culture, architecture, music, science, philosophy, and biblical Christianity.

Schaeffer did not tell the story perfectly. Some of his generalizations were too broad and some crucial details were missing. Later critics would target Francis Schaeffer as the architect of an unsustainable effort to rebuild evangelical Christianity in a recovery of Reformation theology and biblical authority.

Later generations of evangelical scholars have accomplished far more than Francis Schaeffer in terms of academic scholarship and influence in many disciplines within the academy. **But Francis Schaeffer was both asking and answering the most urgent questions long before the renaissance of modern evangelical scholarship.**

Years before words like “worldviews” and “truth claims” entered the common evangelical vocabulary, Schaeffer was introducing the terms and stressing their importance. He knew that the great conflict of worldviews was underway, and he cared deeply about a generation of young people who were even then deciding between Christianity or intellectual revolution.

Schaeffer also believed that our worldview inevitably determines our moral judgments and understanding of reality. He was right when he challenged Lord Kenneth Clark to an intellectual duel, even if Lord Clark might scarcely have cared if Francis Schaeffer existed. Schaeffer did not set out to convince Lord Clark that he was wrong about the trajectory of civilization in the West; he wanted Christians to understand what was at stake.

Schaeffer was absolutely right when he began *How Should We Then Live?* with these words: “There is a flow to history and culture.” Yes, there is such a flow, and Christians had better know which way the culture is flowing.

**“People have presuppositions, and they will live more consistently on the basis of those presuppositions than even they themselves may realize,”** Schaeffer wrote, and he was talking this way when most evangelicals were unaware of the storm of worldviews that was coming. He perceived the presuppositions of the looming humanistic and secular worldview as showing up first in art and high culture. He was right. While most evangelicals were watching *Gunsmoke* and taking their kids to the newly opened Walt Disney World, Schaeffer was listening and watching as a new worldview was taking hold of the larger culture.

He was also right that the greatest threats to evangelical faithfulness were the promise of personal peace and affluence. He was prophetic in criticizing the Christian church for a legacy of racism and the abuse of economic abundance. He was right when he looked to developments like *Roe v. Wade* and knew that something seismic had shifted in the culture, and that bigger shocks were yet to come.

He was also asking precisely the right question: How *should* we then live? That question which troubled Schaeffer so much in 1976 troubles all of us now. **We are about to find out if Christians in this generation are going to believe and to live authentic biblical Christianity. How will we live now?**

*Edited and Adapted from Al Mohler*

### **Coastal Jail Ministry in Need of Your Help**

Our transitional ministry, which meets the practical and spiritual needs of those released from jail, is gravely underfunded.

More specifically we help ex-inmates get jobs, find places to live, get away from the influences that jailed them in the first place, get them involved in a solid, weekly Bible Study as well as getting them into good, solid churches, and we also provide free transportation to all of the afore-mentioned items. 300+ people in the last three years have found new lives and new hope through our Transitional Program.

Our funding goal for is \$46,000/year. Sadly, some of the churches that pledged to give have told us that they cannot, and we will soon be faced with difficult choices in the coming months if we are unable to reach that goal.

Please prayerfully consider making either a one-time or a recurring donation. You can find out how to make donations at <http://cjmg.org/donate>. Also, ask your friends who attend other churches find out if their church is involved in supporting this vital & only ministry of its kind here in Savannah. Please also keep us in your prayers as we desire to continue providing this wonderful ministry.

**A**dmitting our real motives of our anger exposes us...who wants others to know what we were thinking at that moment during that last argument? Our anger clearly communicates the following: I demand that you love me on my terms. I will prove that I am right at all costs. Proving that you are inexcusably and outrageously wrong is one way to prove that I'm right, and that I'm a victim of your ridiculous iniquity. I want to be in control. You should obey me, listen to me, and attend to my every want. How dare you cross MY almighty will?

**David Powlison, Good & Angry**

# Missionary of the Week

## Pascal & Becky Grenade Mauritius

Pascal and Becky Grenade are missionaries to the island of Mauritius, Pascal's home country. They are raising three young sons, Liam, Adrien, and Ashlen, who was born in October!

In November, Pascal led a camping trip with the young men from his church that focused on discipleship.

Pascal had three unchurched young men join his cycling group for a bike ride in November. It is a wonderful way to build relationships that can naturally lead to sharing Christ.

Pascal has had opportunity to preach in other churches around Mauritius and has noticed a lack of leadership and competent teachers. Prayers are needed for the building up in this area.

*Please pray for:*



1. Fruit among the young men of the church as a result of the camping trip.
2. Opportunities to share Christ among his bike riding friends. Agun, a young man who wants to join him was not allowed by his father this time, but another one, Adilen, was able. Pray for these two unbelievers.
3. Their church. They have had an emphasis on evangelism recently, and hope to see more professions of faith as God draws new souls to Himself. They are also developing a leadership training structure to equip the next generation of pastors, teachers, and leaders. Pray for wisdom in how to grow in the future. They are outgrowing their present building, and have a building fund going.
4. The state of the church in general in Mauritius. More solid leadership and teaching is needed in the church as a whole.
5. Adjusting to another new little one in the house.
6. Becky's involvement with the ladies' ministry.
7. Malini, a Muslim woman Becky has been reaching out to.

**M**y experience is not what makes redemption real—redemption *is* reality. Redemption has no real meaning for me until it is worked out through my conscious life. When I am born again, the Spirit of God takes me beyond myself and my experiences, and identifies me with Jesus Christ. If I am left only with my personal experiences, I am left with something not produced by redemption. **But experiences produced by redemption prove themselves by leading me beyond myself, to the point of no longer paying any attention to experiences as the basis of reality.** Instead, I see that only the reality itself produced the experiences. My experiences are not worth anything unless they keep me at the Source of truth—Jesus Christ.

# Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

## Adult

“Fundamentals of the Faith” - Room 27:  
Matt Coleman  
“Chronological Survey of the Bible” -  
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt  
“Biblical Theology” - Youth House: Steve  
Posner

## Students & Children

Babies - Room 3: Kay Stanford &  
Saundra Bridges  
1s & 2s - Room 24: Michael & Ruth Klein-  
peter  
3s & 4s - Room 25: Emily Wise & Susan  
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Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade - Room  
200: Jimmy & Angie Creech  
3rd-6th Grade Boys - Room 202: Ric  
Zittrouer & Richie Mills  
3rd-6th Grade Girls - Room 204: Kelly  
Zittrouer & Mary Ann Fowler  
Youth Guys - Room 206: Tim Wade,  
Bobby Deloach, & Nick Herring  
Youth Girls - Room 207: Sona Bailey,  
Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade

**W**hat Christians think: We do not love our neighbors because they are Christians. We love them because God made them in His image. And, because He is precious to us, they who bear His image have value as well. The fact that a (every) person is an image-bearer of God gives each human immeasurable worth. No matter what race or nationality, no matter what abilities we may or may not possess, the indelible stamp of the creator is on each of us.

The tongue is literally the only part of the human body that never gets tired.

# Bible Reading Schedule

January 2017

	1	Proverbs 1 & Psalm 1-4
	2	Proverbs 2 & Psalm 5-9
	3	Proverbs 3 & Psalm 10-12
	4	Proverbs 4 & Psalm 13-17
	5	Proverbs 5 & Psalm 18
	6	Proverbs 6 & Psalm 19-21
	7	Proverbs 7 & Psalm 22-24
	8	Proverbs 8 & Psalm 25-27
	9	Proverbs 9 & Psalm 28-30
	10	Proverbs 10 & Psalm 31-32
	11	Proverbs 11 & Psalm 33-34
	12	Proverbs 12 & Psalm 35-36
	13	Proverbs 13 & Psalm 37
	14	Proverbs 14 & Psalm 38-39
	15	Proverbs 15 & Psalm 40-42
	16	Proverbs 16 & Psalm 43-44
	17	Proverbs 17 & Psalm 45-47
	18	Proverbs 18 & Psalm 48-49
	19	Proverbs 19 & Psalm 50-51
	20	Proverbs 20 & Psalm 52-55
	21	Proverbs 21 & Psalm 56-58
	22	Proverbs 22 & Psalm 59-61
	23	Proverbs 23 & Psalm 62-65
	24	Proverbs 24 & Psalm 66-67
	25	Proverbs 25 & Psalm 68
	26	Proverbs 26 & Psalm 69
	27	Proverbs 27 & Psalm 70-71
	28	Proverbs 28 & Psalm 72
	29	Proverbs 29 & Psalm 73
	30	Proverbs 30 & Psalm 74-75
	31	Proverbs 31 & Ps. 76-77



## I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that man can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Today

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday

Dinner - Spaghetti 5:45 p.m.  
Youth & Awana 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## A Touch of Hope



Next Sunday,  
**January 8**, the school bus  
banks will be in your Sun-  
day School classrooms to  
take contributions for A  
Touch of Hope, our  
church's ministry to local  
displaced school children.

## Nursery January 1

10:30 A.M.

### Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Lauren Wade,  
Kaitlyn Rowe

### Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Lisa & Lauren Rowe/  
Mike & Elinor Morris

6:00 P.M.

No Evening Service

## Nursery January 8

10:30 A.M.

### Babies:

Shelma Lewis, Jeanie Groover,  
Linda Walker

### Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/  
Steve & Linnea Posner

6:00 P.M.

Sona Bailey, Cindy Dimmitt,  
Shawn Champion

## Ushers January 1

10:30 A.M.

Jack Moore, John Sumner,  
Michael Walker, Billy Waters

6:00 P.M.

No Evening Service

## Ushers January 8

10:30 A.M.

Mike Morris, Kelly Stanford,  
Buddy Bacon, Jimmy Kicklighter

6:00 P.M.

Dean McCraw, Cole Morris

## Sunday Greeters - January 1

Jeanie Groover, Janice Donaldson

## January Lock-Up Deacons

Ron Fowler, Jimmy Kicklighter,  
Jack Moore