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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

Wednesday Nights

Dinner menu is **Baked Chicken**. Sign up in the hall.

Coastal Jail Ministries

Tonight, in our evening worship service, Lorie Irish will share about the Transitional Ministry, part of Coastal Jail Ministries. Come hear about its successes in rebuilding broken lives in our community!

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **February 2**, 7:00 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Super Bowl Party

On Sunday, **February 5**, we will have a Super Bowl viewing party in the fellowship hall immediately following the evening service. Those planning to attend will need to be present for the evening service and students will need to have an adult present that will be responsible for them. Food that is low in nutritional value but high in tastiness will be provided. Please see Tim if you have any questions.

Palentines' Dinner



Thursday,
February 9, at
6:00 p.m., the
Young Adults
will meet for a
meal at a nice
restaurant.
Details to come.

Women of Light

A weekend conference for women here at the church is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **February 17 and 18**.

Save the dates! More info soon!



Worship Conference

On Sunday, **February 19th**, we will be hosting a worship conference to be led by Bosco Andama. Bosco is currently finish-

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This Week at FABC

Today

Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice	4:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

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

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

Isaiah 58:11

*Hymn #291

“Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Bobby DeLoach

Proverbs 25:13-19

* Hymn #334

“Be Thou My Vision”

Receiving of Tithes And

Offerings

Special Music

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Unintended Consequences & the Cure

2 Peter 1:9 & John 8:31-32, Antology #45

* Hymn, to right

“Doxology”

*All those who are able, please stand.

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #186

“The Church’s
One Foundation”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

Hymn #268

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn #177

“Thy Word Have I
Hid in My Heart”

Missionary Report

Lorie Irish

*Coastal Jail Ministries of Georgia
Transitional Ministry*

* Hymn, bulletin p. 9

“Doxology”

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

Unintended Consequences & the Cure

Antology #45

2 Peter 1:9 & John 8:31-32

Truth is the close agreement between a description of an object and what that object really is.

Truth and reality always go together.

One has said, "God's law has one loving intent: to lead us away from delusional thinking."

Psalm 119:127-128

Real freedom is the reward of living truthfully. The choice to live a lie, to live untruthfully, to live a delusion, brings us into bondage.

Galatians 5:1

John 8:36; Romans 8:17

It's both interesting and difficult to face that we have set up our lives in such a way that it has become necessary to hide much of it.

Eph 5:12; 2 Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 6:1-6 & 17-18

Keep this in mind: Whatever is hidden in our hearts has a way of forming who we are and our self-concept.

ing his Master of Divinity in Worship Leadership at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and will then return to serve in Uganda with Shannon Hurley and S.O.S. Ministries. Bosco will teach a joint Sunday School session on worship and then conduct the morning worship service and deliver our morning sermon. Please make plans to attend as this will be a fantastic opportunity to examine worship as conducted in the church.

Deacons' Retreat

Annual Deacons' Retreat is Friday and Saturday, **February 24 and 25**. Contact Bob, Tim, or any Deacon if you would like to get a topic on their agenda.

Bob and Faye Holsten have a long history with our church family. Bob was Associate and Interim Pastor here in the 1990s, and he and Faye served the Youth Ministry, as well. Faye is coping with cancer that is untreatable. She shares much of her journey on Facebook, and her posts are always an encouragement, as she is someone who knows God and experiences His continual presence with her. Here are some thoughts she has shared:

What is it like having cancer? Have you wondered? I believe nothing happens to us without a God given reason. Soon after I found out cancer was part of my life, I sat in the quietness of the night and wondered why me...especially at this time in my life?

As I meditated on His Word, it was as if God spoke quietly to my heart. "All of your life you have taught others how to know God and live for me. Now your assignment is to teach and show others how to die in Christ. It is part of the normal Christian life." So I accept this with God's gracious help and strength in the days ahead.

Your love and prayers have kept me focused on the task at hand. I don't want my posts just to be about me. I love life, my family, and friends. I love to see pictures of your grands, weddings, flowers, sunrises and sunsets.

The end of life takes preparation long before it happens.

Dear Church Family,
Marriage is a sacred institution. It was given to us by God as a gracious gift that preceded the fall. In many ways marriage is the only thing we have retained from Eden, and therefore is something to be celebrated and cherished. Furthermore, while marriage is a covenant between two people and the Lord, it by necessity involves more than just the husband and wife and the children their union produces. Marriage is a living parable of the relationship between Christ and his church. It shows the world the reality of the relationship we as believers share with our Lord. Each marriage therefore is a vital part of the work and mission of the church, which in turns means that the church is to be a vital part of each marriage that joins its members.

We are blessed to have two newlywed couples that are part of our church family. **Napoleon and Savannah Martin**, and **Aujawan and Jamiyah Hymon**. This is a time of great excitement and joy for these young couples, but it can also be a challenging time as couples learn to adjust to sharing their lives with one another and applying biblical principles within their marriage. That difficulty can often be compounded when the church fails to do a good job of serving the newlyweds. To that end, I would like to offer some practical advice about how the church can love and serve these couples during the first year of their marriage:

- Pray for them regularly – We do not want to take this for granted, because it is the primary way in which we can have real and significant impact in the lives of other people. Pray for their health, that their bills would be paid, for wis-

dom in the midst of difficulty, and that they would follow the biblical expectations for husbands and wives with joy. Make it a point to pray for these couples regularly.

- Befriend them – Transitioning from singleness to marriage is difficult because it means a certain degree of independence will be lost. While they will enjoy growing more deeply in love with one another, there will also be a sense of loneliness as they have less and less time to spend with friends and former acquaintances. This is where the church can step in with real and substantive relationships. Be willing to listen to them and encourage them. Be a source of accountability to them and direct them to Christ and one another. However, be mindful of their time. They need time to themselves. They need date nights. They need babysitters. Be willing to afford them that time to themselves (and even your babysitting services when needed) even as you seek to provide them with meaningful friendship. It is a fine line to walk, but one that we can walk with discernment and discretion.
- Invite them into your home – It is hard for love and friendship to grow if the only time we ever spend with someone is the minutes before or after a worship service. The home is the place in which intimacy can be developed. In this way too the newlyweds can see and interact with those who have been married for decades, those who have been married a short while, and those who are single. We need and can benefit from people in each category. We have much to learn from one another, and this can best be accomplished in hospitable environments

where we can be open an honest with one another. Understand too that you don't have to have marriage or singleness all figured out in order to be hospitable. It may be helpful for these couples to see examples of marriages that have weathered storms as well as relationships that are in the midst of the storm, but still clinging to Christ. Invite them in, for your good and for theirs.

- Be cautious with advice – I know that you have a treasure trove of wisdom to share with young married couples, so do I, and they need that advice, but maybe not all at once. We don't need to demand that they immediately fall into habits that it has taken us decades to develop in our own marriages; we shouldn't expect them to read every book that has revolutionized a marriage in our church. The advice may be sound, and the books may be good, but they can only process so much at one time, their primary task is to grow in their love for one another and in their dependence on and love of Christ. As you interact with them, be willing to ask more than you instruct, and make sure that you have followed the steps listed above before you begin to open the fire hydrant of your vast repositories of wisdom.

As we strive to actually be the body of Christ it will require us to get into the nitty gritty of people's lives, and within a marriage there is a lot of nitty gritty. Where difficulty is to be found, there is room for grace to abound, let us therefore be gracious and loving to these new couples. Let us also strive to love and serve those in our church who have been married for a long time, or who have never been married at all. We all need

prayer, we all need friends who will point us to Christ, we all need accountability, we all need to be welcomed into homes, we all need biblically sound advice. In short, we all need the church. Let's seek to be the church to one another and in particular the Martins and the Hymons.

Tim Wade

The Danger of Entertaining Lies

It would be convenient if Satan would show up as a talking snake. Then, we could run away screaming or call animal control. Perhaps, the bravest of us would grab a stick and whack him until he left. We know a talking snake is not to be trusted. But, though murderous deceit is still his tactic, Satan's approach has changed since his day in the garden with Eve. We are told that he disguises himself as an angel of light. And, terrifyingly, he comes to us as an agent of reason.

When the father of lies has come to tempt me, instead of immediately banishing him with truth, I have often invited him in, asked him to sit on my couch and engaged in chats with him to hear his perspective.

Christ did not enter into conversation with Satan when he was tempted in the desert. Instead, he responded, "It is written..." Yet, God's Word isn't always my first response. I have often asked to hear more of what Satan has to say. I have mulled his words over in my mind and considered them in my heart.

Satan spoke the first lie in human history, "You will not certainly die. He knows that if you eat it you will be like him, knowing good and evil." What Satan said is not completely untrue, but it is the truth *twisted*. Yes, Eve would be like God in that she would know good and evil. She would remember what it was to be wholly good and she would watch sin

mangle her innocence as she converted to a child of wrath. She would feel evil seize her heart and separate her from God's holy presence. And, she would certainly die.

One of the oldest lies in my life has been, "*Be less of what you are. Be more of what you aren't.*"

On one hand, it's true. I need to decrease. I need to triumph over sin. I need to be less selfish, prideful, fearful and overall, less sinful. I need to be less of the old creature ruled by flesh enslaved to sin.

Here's why that lie was so convincing to me for so long. Satan doesn't always slither in, hissing out hate. Instead, he takes what's true and twists it slightly, posing as a voice of reason and sense.

"Be more of what you aren't."

Not "*be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" (Romans 12:2).

Not "*grow up into the stature of the fullness Christ*" (Ephesians 4:13).

Not "*consider yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ*" (Romans 6:11).

Not "*put off the old self and put on the new self, which, in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth*" (Ephesians 4:24).

Not "*walk in love as Christ loved you and gave himself up for you*" (Ephesians 5:2).

Not "*forget what lies behind and reach forward to what lies ahead*" (Philippians 3:13-14).

No, the lie preoccupied me and I spent a lot of valuable time striving to be the best version of myself I could imagine. The goal was to become my idea of the perfect helpmate for my husband and my idea of a better woman. This arbitrary standard opened me up for every manner of comparison, self-condemnation and discouragement. Satan's manipulation

sent me on a fool's errand, chasing the phantom of what a ministry wife and woman should be.

Satan will always ask us to consider ourselves instead of Christ. "Eve, consider how you can be like God..." "Tish be more of what you aren't, and less of what you are..."

Satan hates that we are one with Christ and, though he cannot make it untrue, he will try to divorce us from our identities in Jesus. In Christ, we have everything we need for life and godliness. As we clumsily and, at times, inconsistently work out our faith into action, there is His grace, power, peace, strength, hope, patience and steadfast love to sustain us and compel us forward.

What lies are you entertaining? How are you considering your weakness, needs and desires over considering the goodness and sufficiency of Christ in your life and ministry?

Would you take the time to identify the lies you believe? Let's kick Satan off our couches. He is an uninvited guest of which our slain Savior's blood gives us victory and the power to stand firm against.

By Tish Hedger: Tish is a counselor at Emmaus Counseling in Kansas City.

Perspective: The fact that God ordained our days for us give meaning to every day, not just the special or exciting days of our lives. Every day is important for us because it is a day ordained by God. If we are bored with life there is something wrong with our concept of God and His involvement in our daily lives. Even the most dull and tedious days of our lives are ordained by God and ought to be used by us to glorify Him.

This realization, that God has planned our days for us, should not lead us to a fatalistic acceptance of the status quo. If we have opportunity to improve our situation in a way that will honor God, we should do so. There is a delicate balance between godly efforts to improve our situation and godly acceptance of those situations that cannot be changed by us. For most there are many adverse details of our lives that will not be changed regardless of our efforts or our prayers. They are simply part of God's plan for us. Take comfort in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

J.I Packer/Jerry Bridges (edited)

Self-knowledge is both a simple gift and a hard-won achievement. It's very difficult to see our motives and even harder to see them for what they are. Though this is generally true it is particularly true when we get angry. Part of the problem comes because our anger feels so "righteous"—bad anger is very self-righteous. Our passionate desire to think well of ourselves, to assert and defend ourselves continually, gets in the way of seeing and facing our motives. This is where we must ask ourselves searching questions so we can uncover expectations that underlie our anger. The right questions will reveal our heart—what we crave, what we trust, what we hate, and what we love. Often our anger not only says we are going astray but who it is that is the center of our universe.

David Powlison, Good & Angry

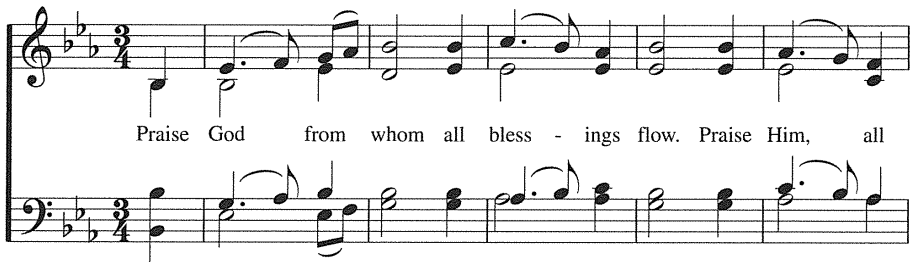
COASTAL JAIL MINISTRIES OF GEORGIA'S
2017 "JAIL BREAK" GOLF TOURNAMENT

AT THE CLUB AT SAVANNAH HARBOR
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

8 A.M. SHOTGUN START ❖ 4-MAN SCRAMBLE
\$125 PER PLAYER (OR \$400 PER 4-MAN TEAM) INCLUDES:
GREEN FEES, CART, RANGE BALLS, 1 RAFFLE TICKET PER PLAYER,
AND CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST

MANY GENEROUS PRIZES HAVE BEEN DONATED, BUT THE BEST IS KNOWING THAT YOU WILL HELP 80% OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT GO THROUGH OUR PROGRAM NEVER TO GO BACK TO JAIL AGAIN. SEE BOB DIMMIIT OR MATT COLEMAN FOR TICKETS.

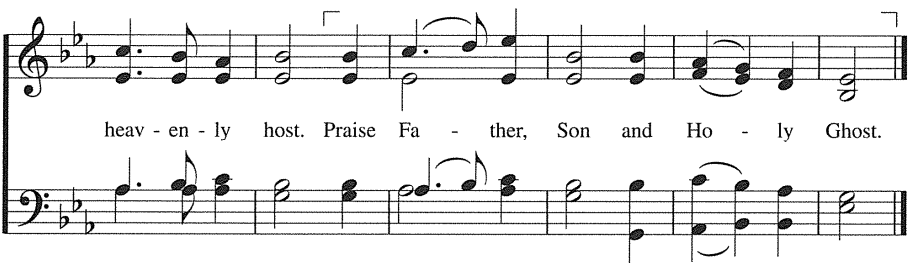
Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove, ye



heav - en - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Jimmy Owens; arr. Mark Rice

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Missionary of the Week

Wilfred & Carol Matham ICBM - South Africa



Wilfred and Carol Matham are serving as teachers and servants to the students at the International College of Bible and Missions (ICBM) in Ansfre, South Africa. Recently, Wilfred has taught Intermediate Greek, History of Missions, and Systematic Theology. The school needs to renew its accreditation in 2017. Marital counseling is also a big part of Wilfred and Carol's ministry. They are active in the Bosmont Evangelical Bible Church. The Mathams also take the students at ICBM on mission trips throughout the year. Contact Wilfred or

Carol at matham.icbm@telkomsa.net.

From their most recent report:

Praise:

- 1) For God's grace enabling us to serve in several ministries (local church, Bible college, and Missions Board).
- 2) For our supporters whose love gifts allow Wilfred to "freely give" his services to the College and to Missions.
- 3) For successful completion of two modules in our church-based Bible training program (JBI)

Petition:

- 1) Pray for the 18 new members recently baptized, that they will grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth;
- 2) Pray for success for ICBM in reaccreditation for 2017 and beyond
- 3) A spiritual awakening in South Africa

My 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.

Oswald Chambers

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

“Fundamentals of the Faith” - Room 27:
Matt Coleman

“Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt

Evangelism video series - Youth House:
Steve Posner

*Protected by God's Providence: The Book of
Esther*- Organ Side Overflow Room:
Tamera Smith (Women's Class)

Students & Children

Babies - Room 3: Kay Stanford &
Saundra Bridges

1s & 2s - Room 24: Michael & Ruth
Kleinpeter/Danny & Kamee
Roberson

3s & 4s - Room 25: Emily Wise & Susan
Su

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

Self-pity is the response of pride to suffering. Self-pity does not look like pride because it appears so needy. However, the desire of those who pity themselves is not for others to see them as helpless, but as heroes. The need self-pity feels does not come from a sense of unworthiness, but from a sense of unrecognized worthiness. This is called the response of unapplauded pride.

John Piper (edited)

Bible Reading Schedule

January/February 2017

	29	Proverbs 29 & Psalm 73
	30	Proverbs 30 & Psalm 74-75
	31	Proverbs 31 & Ps. 76-77
	1	Proverbs 1 & Psalm 78
	2	Proverbs 2 & Psalm 79-80
	3	Proverbs 3 & Psalm 81-83
	4	Proverbs 4 & Psalm 84-86
	5	Proverbs 5 & Psalm 87-88
	6	Proverbs 6 & Psalm 89
	7	Proverbs 7 & Psalm 90-91
	8	Proverbs 8 & Psalm 92-94
	9	Proverbs 9 & Psalm 95-98
	10	Proverbs 10 & Psalm 99-101
	11	Proverbs 11 & Psalm 102
	12	Proverbs 12 & Psalm 103
	13	Proverbs 13 & Psalm 104
	14	Proverbs 14 & Psalm 105
	15	Proverbs 15 & Psalm 106
	16	Proverbs 16 & Psalm 107
	17	Proverbs 17 & Ps. 108-109
	18	Proverbs 18 & Ps. 110-114
	19	Proverbs 19 & Ps. 115-116
	20	Proverbs 20 & Ps. 117-118
	21	Proverbs 21 & Ps. 119:1-32
	22	Proverbs 22 & Ps. 119:33-64
	23	Prov. 23 & Ps. 119:65-104
	24	Prov. 24 & Ps. 119:105-144
	25	Prov. 25 & Ps. 119:145-176
	26	Proverbs 26 & Ps. 120-125
	27	Proverbs 27 & Ps. 126-131
	28	Proverbs 28 & Ps. 132-135



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.

Why is there suffering? Make a quick read of the Bible and you'll find at least 5 major explanations for suffering:

- Suffering comes from God as a punishment against sin.
- Suffering is the result of human beings sinning against other human beings. God allows us to make choices and we are able make them even if they are damaging to ourselves and/or others.
- Suffering is redemptive. Suffering exists in order for God to bring about a good that would not have been possible without evil.
- Suffering is a test of faith.
- Suffering at times is mysterious. Many times God doesn't give us the exact reason we suffer but expects us to trust Him.

Some will argue that these are contradictory, but it seems that this is not really the case. It's more that one simply doesn't like the Bible's explanations.

Nursery January 29

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Susan Su, Kay Stanford,
Emily Wise

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Krista Welch, Jan Deloach/
Angie & Kathyne Creech

6:00 P.M.

Charles & Cindy Wise,
Dawn Stanford

Nursery February 5

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.

Gena Russell, Haley Bull,
Napoleon & Savannah Martin

Ushers January 29

10:30 A.M.

Buddy Bacon, Johnny Bridges,
Jimmy Kicklighter, Mike Morris
6:00 P.M.

Michael Torrance, Jimmy Donaldson

Ushers February 5

10:30 A.M.

Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore,
Kelly Stanford, John Sumner
6:00 P.M.

Ron Fowler, Dean McCraw

Sunday Greeters - January 29

Janice Donaldson, Leasa Brown

January Lock-Up Deacons

Ron Fowler, Jimmy Kicklighter,
Jack Moore

February Lock-Up Deacons

Joe Morris, Steve Posner