

February 5, 2017



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## Announcements

### Wednesday Nights

Dinner menu is **Salisbury Steak**. Sign up in the hall.

### Super Bowl Party

Tonight, 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.

### Parentines' Dinner



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

### Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **February 16**, 7:00 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

### Women of Light



Our annual conference is **Friday, February 17 (6:00 - 9:00 pm)** and **Saturday February 18 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)**.

Speaker is Joan Ray of First Things First Ministries. Sign up!

### Worship Conference

Please see page 5 for details about our Worship Conference, to take place on Sunday, February 19!

### 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.

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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.
SuperBowl Viewing Party	7:15 p.m.

### Wednesday

Dinner - Salisbury Steak	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  
"Family of God"

*Words are on back of bulletin*

\* Call to Worship  
Matthew 24:14

\*Hymn, bulletin p. 6  
"Facing a Task Unfinished"

Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Justin Pinckney  
Proverbs 26:20-28

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes And  
Offerings

\* Hymn #423  
"We've a Story to Tell"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Embracing Our Identity: Where Do We Start?  
| John 3:2-3, Isaiah 66:1-2, Antology #46*

\* Hymn, to right  
"Doxology"

\*All those who are able, please stand.

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

\* Hymn #272  
"The Solid Rock"

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And  
Offerings

Hymn #416  
"So Send I You"

Hymn #440  
"I'll Go Where You Want  
Me to Go"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Conversion: A Crisis that Leads to a Process  
Ephesians 4:20-24, Ephesians #75*

\* Hymn, bulletin p. 7  
"Now Unto Him"

## 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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## Embracing Our Identity: Where Do We Start?

### Antology #46

1 John 3:2-3 & Isaiah 66:1-2

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **is where it begins.**

### Matthew 3:1-2

Repentance is to cease, in all matters of life, from being independent of God. It is nothing less than the complete relinquishing of one's right to one's self.

8 elements of repentance:

1. acknowledgment of the sin;
2. confession of the sin;
3. candidness \_\_\_\_\_
4. sorrow for the \_\_\_\_\_
5. full acceptance of the \_\_\_\_\_
6. apologies and \_\_\_\_\_
7. complete desire to never \_\_\_\_\_
8. total dependence on the \_\_\_\_\_

Repentance can't be made up or forced on anyone.

### 2 Corinthians 12:19-21

### Romans 14:7-10

Repentance is not a demonstration or performance ... it is not a matter of a commitment to some cause or great work, nor a matter of giving one's self to total sacrifice.

**Repentance is** refraining completely from depending in any way on one's own power or ability to come into favor with God

**Repentance is** turning completely from depending on oneself

**Repentance is** a surrender...

**It is** acknowledging that He is Lord of all, that He governs all things, and that unless He wills anything in our lives, it does not happen.

**Repentance is** to decide to see all of existence as God sees it.

**It is** to recognize that God is active and involved in everything, and to agree with how He sees and does all.

## P.M. Notes

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Conversion: A Crisis That Leads to a Process

Ephesians #75

Ephesians 4:20-24

Believers are new people in Christ, and so they can no longer live as pagans.

How do we do this?

*"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind"* - Eph 4:23.

Conversion is a crisis that leads to a process.

As the mind understands the truth of God's Word, it is gradually transformed by the Spirit, and this renewal leads to a changed life.

Dragon Skin - Receiving God's gift of salvation through Christ is a one-time event, but to become like Him often requires suffering and struggle. It involves putting off old sinful habits and replacing them with new godly ones.

What does the spirit of your mind mean?

It refers to the principle that \_\_\_\_\_

It is a lifelong process of renewal, you should be able to see the distinct difference between the old person that you were and the new person that you now are in Christ.

# WORSHIP

## Worship Conference

What is Worship? Why do we worship? How do we worship? Does worship consist primarily of singing, or is the preaching and fellowship that takes place at church also considered worship? What if I don't like or don't know the songs we are singing? All these questions and many more like them begin to bubble up to the surface of our minds when we start thinking about worship. The problem is that many of us fail to even think about it at all, and so we end up coming to church week after week, weakly mouthing the lyrics to songs we don't understand, forcing ourselves to stay awake through the sermon, and all the while wondering why it doesn't seem like God is active or present in our lives. Our personal failures and lack of any spiritual fervor in our lives can often be traced directly back to a faulty understanding and application of worship.

Therefore, on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be joined by Bosco Andama who will be teaching us and leading our worship in order to provide us with a biblically founded understanding of worship. Bosco will be teaching a joint Sunday School session in the sanctuary at 9:30. You will not want to miss this fantastic opportunity to bring your whole family under a thoroughly biblical explanation of worship. At 10:30, Bosco will lead worship for us and then deliver our Sunday morning sermon. Bosco is uniquely qualified to speak on this topic as he is finishing up his Master of Divinity in Worship Leadership at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and upon completion, will be rejoining Shannon Hurley with Sufficiency of Scripture Ministries in Uganda. Please make plans to attend both Sunday School and the Worship Service. You are more than welcome to invite any friends that you would like and bring any questions regarding worship that you may have for Bosco. This conference should be both spiritually edifying and practically useful as we strive to enrich worship at church and in our daily lives.

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 DIMMITT OR MATT COLEMAN FOR TICKETS.

## Facing A Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission the same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition to Thee we yield our powers

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us from lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us to labour for Thy sake

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We go to all the world  
His kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

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# All of Life is Repentance

By Rev. Tim Keller

Martin Luther opened the Reformation by nailing “The Ninety-Five Theses” to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral. The very first of the theses was: “Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ...willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance”. Luther seems to be saying Christians will never be making much progress. But of course that wasn't Luther's point at all. He was saying that repentance is the way we make progress in the Christian life. Indeed, pervasive, all-of-life-repentance is the best sign that we are growing deeply and rapidly into the character of Jesus.

**The transformation of repentance** - It is important to consider how the gospel affects and transforms the act of repentance. In “religion” the purpose of repentance is basically to keep God happy so he will continue to bless you and answer your prayers. This means that “religious repentance” is a) selfish, b) self-righteous, c) and bitter all the way to the bottom. But in the gospel the purpose of repentance is to repeatedly tap into the joy of our union with Christ in order to weaken our need to do anything contrary to God's heart.

**“Religious” repentance is selfish** - In religion we only are sorry for sin because of its consequences to us. It will bring us punishment and we want to avoid that. So we repent. But the gospel tells us that sin can't ultimately bring us into condemnation (Rom 8:1). Its heinousness is therefore what it does to God—it displeases and dishonors him. Thus in religion, repentance is self-centered; the gospel makes it God-centered. In religion we are mainly sorry for the consequences of sin, but in the gospel we are sorry for the sin itself.

**Furthermore, “religious” repentance is self-righteous.** - Repentance can easily become a form of “atoning” for the sin. Religious repentance often becomes a form of self-flagellation in which we convince God (and ourselves) that we are so truly miserable and regretful that we deserve to be forgiven. In the gospel, however, we know that Jesus suffered and was miserable for our sin. We do not have to make ourselves suffer in order to merit forgiveness. We simply receive the forgiveness earned by Christ. (1 John 1:8) says that God forgives us because he is “just”. That is a remarkable statement. It would be unjust of God to ever deny us forgiveness, because Jesus earned our acceptance! In religion we earn our forgiveness with our repentance, but in the gospel we just receive it.

**Last, religious repentance is—bitter all the way down.** - “In religion our only hope is to live a good enough life for God to bless us. Therefore every instance of sin and repentance is traumatic, unnatural, and horribly threatening. Only under great duress does a religious person admit they have sinned—because their only hope is their moral goodness. But in the gospel the knowledge of our acceptance in Christ makes it easier to admit we are flawed (because we know we won't be cast off if we confess the true depths of our sinfulness.) Our hope is in Christ's righteousness, not our own—so it is not so traumatic to admit our weaknesses and lapses. In religion we repent less and less often. But the more accepted and loved in the gospel we feel the more and more often we will be repenting. Of course there is always some bitterness in any repentance, in the gospel there is though ultimately, a sweetness. This creates a radical new dynamic for personal growth. The more you see your own flaws and sins, the more precious, electrifying, and amazing God's grace appears to you. But on the other hand, the more aware you are of God's grace and acceptance in Christ, the more you are able you are to drop your denials and self-defenses and admit the true dimensions of your sin. The sin under all other sins is a lack of joy in Christ.

**The disciplines of gospel-repentance** - If you clearly understand these two different ways to go about repentance, then (and only then!) you can profit greatly from a regular and exacting discipline of self-examination and repentance. In a January 9, 1738, letter to a friend, George Whitefield laid out an order for regular repentance. (He ordinarily did his inventory at night.) He wrote: "God give me a deep humility and a burning love, a well-guided zeal and a single eye, and then let men and devils do their worst!" Here is one way to use this order in gospel-grounded repentance.

**Deep humility (vs. pride)** *Have I looked down on anyone? Have I been too stung by criticism? Have I felt snubbed and ignored?*

Repent like this: Consider the free grace of Jesus until I sense:

decreasing disdain (since I am a sinner too).

decreasing pain over criticism (since I should not value human approval over God's love.) In light of his grace I can let go of the need to keep up a good image—it is too great a burden and now unnecessary. Consider free grace until I experience grateful, restful joy.

**Burning love (vs. indifference)** *Have I spoken or thought unkindly of anyone? Am I justifying myself by caricaturing (in my mind) someone else? Have I been impatient and irritable? Have I been self-absorbed and indifferent and inattentive to people?*

Repent like this: Consider the free grace of Jesus until there is:

no coldness or unkindness (think of the sacrificial love of Christ for you).

no impatience (think of his patience with you).

no indifference. Consider free grace until I show warmth and affection. God was infinitely patient and attentive to me, out of grace.

**Wise courage (vs. anxiety)** *Have I avoided people or tasks that I know I should face? Have I been anxious and worried? Have I failed to be circumspect or have I been rash and impulsive?*

Repent like this: Consider the free grace of Jesus until there is:

no cowardly avoidance of hard things (since Jesus faced evil for me).

no anxious or rash behavior (since Jesus' death proves God cares and will watch over me). It takes pride to be anxious - I am not wise enough to know how my life should go. Consider free grace until I experience calm thoughtfulness and strategic boldness.

**Godly motivations (a "single eye")** *Am I doing what I am doing for God's glory and the good of others or am I being driven by fears, need for approval, love of comfort and ease, need for control, hunger for acclaim and power, or the "fear of man?" Am I looking at anyone with envy? Am I giving in to any of even the first motions of lust or gluttony? Am I spending my time on urgent things rather than important things because of these inordinate desires?*

Repent like this: How does Jesus provide for me what I am looking for in these other things?

Pray:—"O Lord Jesus, make me happy enough in you to avoid sin and wise enough in you to avoid danger, that I may always do what is right in your sight, in your name I pray, Amen."

**R**emember that Satan is the enemy of believers AND the enemy of unbelievers, for he desires to keep them in a state of blindness; he works at keeping them captive to do his will in order to prevent them from coming to a knowledge of the truth. That is why we are not called to abuse, insult, or condemn people no matter what they believe or how they live. This is true even if they abuse, insult, and misrepresent or curse us. Rather we are to pray for them, think about them with respect, and speak of and to them with words that are gracious. The unbeliever is hostage to the enemy of our soul. Our desire? To help release those who are captives, share the Gospel.

## Missionary of the Week

Bill & Pam Maxey  
Seamen for Christ - Savannah



Bill and Pam Maxey are missionaries to the many sailors who come through the ports in Savannah. Bill has distributed Bibles and literature to the men in their native language as well as had an opportunity to share the gospel with a great number of people. Please pray that the Lord will use Bill and the distribution of the New Testament to bring many men to Christ through the conviction of His Word.

From their latest prayer letter, “We want to thank the Lord for His faithful provision for this ministry to the seamen in the Port of Savannah for thirty-four years. God’s Word has been sown around the world and we know that it will always accomplish all that He desires for it to. May He be glorified with a large harvest of souls.”

If you would like to contact Bill, you can email him at: [sfcmainsav@msn.com](mailto:sfcmainsav@msn.com).

*Please pray for:*

1. Safety in the ports.
2. Plenty of literature to be available for the different languages these sailors speak.
3. Fruit from the Bible studies and the friendship ministries.
4. Safety as sailors are transported throughout the city, being helped with errands and whatnot.
5. The witness of sailors on board who are Christians. Pray they would be encouraged by Bill and Pam to be good ambassadors for Christ to their crewmates.

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**

## 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  
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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

**S**elf-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

February 2017

	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



## Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God.

## FABCYouth Note

Parents, remember, if you plan for your 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend D3 camp this summer, please fill out the registration form and submit it to Tim. If you have any questions, please see Tim.

**Y**ou will never really enjoy other people, you will never have stable emotions, you will never lead a life of godly contentment, and you will never conquer jealousy and love others as you should until you thank God for making you the way He did. This is not the same as loving yourself, loving yourself only leads to being pre-occupied with yourself, leaving no room for others or true happiness.

*Jerry Bridges (edited)*

**A**n American pastor once said during a European conference, "The Gospel came to the Greeks and the Greeks turned it into a philosophy...the Romans turned it into a system...Europeans turned it into a culture...and the Americans turned it into a business."

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

## 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.

Dawn Stanford, Haley Bull,  
Napoleon & Savannah Martin

## Nursery February 12

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

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## Ushers February 5

10:30 A.M.

Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore,  
Kelly Stanford, John Sumner

6:00 P.M.

Ron Fowler, Dean McCraw

## Ushers February 12

10:30 A.M.

Michael Walker, Billy Waters,  
Buddy Bacon, Johnny Bridges

6:00 P.M.

Cole Morris, Joe Morris

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## Sunday Greeters - February 5

Becky Hendricks, Ceci Sheffield

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## February Lock-Up Deacons

Joe Morris, Steve Posner