



May 7, 2017

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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 **Chicken & Dumplings!** Sign up in the hall.

Home Fellowships

These are scheduled for this evening. Hosts need only provide a venue and something to drink. You can get paper products from the kitchen. Guests, bring a snack to share! Home assignments are on pages 8-9. If you are not on a list, go where you will!

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **May 9**, 7:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **May 11**, 7:00 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Year End Awana Awards

Our annual Awana Awards program is on Wednesday, **May 17**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come support these young people as we recognize the hard work they have put in!

Summer Dates for Your Calendar!

VBS, Operation Arctic: June 19 - 23

Older Children's Camp: July 24 - 27

Music Camp: Wednesday Nights, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. begins June 28

This Week at FABC

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Home Fellowships	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Dinner - Chicken & Dumplings	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
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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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10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Chorus & Greeting
“Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”
Words and music are on page 4

* Call to Worship
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

* Hymn #500
“When the Roll Is Called Up
Yonder”

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Robert Holland
Ezekiel 13:3-14

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

* Hymn #498
“When We All Get to Heaven”

Message
Bob Dimmitt
*#4 What Happens Immediately After Death
(and How Do We Know)?
Romans 8:18-24*

* Hymn, below
“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

*All those who are
able, please stand.

A.M. Notes

#4 What Happens Immediately After Death (& *How Do We Know*)? Romans 8:18-24

Evolution implied that consciousness gradually emerged from matter as organisms became more complex, and thus it claimed to explain human mental and spiritual capacities without postulating a soul.

Matthew 17:1-4

Matthew 22:32

There are 13 different terms used in the bible for the unseen world. The first word/term is the Hebrew word Sheol, used 64 times in the O.T.

1. Sheol was the place that both the righteous and the unrighteous expected to go when they died. Psalm 89:46-48
2. Sheol was a place that was more dreadful for the unbeliever than for the believer. Job 24:19; Psalm 49:1-15
3. There are different _____
Deut 32:21-22
4. As to the direction of _____
Job 7:9; Job 21:13; Psalm 30:3; Proverbs 15:24; & Isaiah 14:9
5. Sheol was a place of consciousness.
Isaiah 14:9-10; Jonah 2:1-2
6. Sheol was not _____
Psalm 139:8; Job 26:5-6

Music

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

G D A



1. Blest be the tie that binds ____
2. When we a - sun - der part, ____
3. From sor - row, toil and pain, ____

G D A



our hearts in Chris - tian ____ love! ____
It gives us in - ward ____ pain; ____
And sin, we shall be ____ free; ____

G A D A/C# Bm



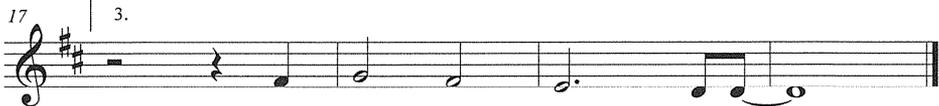
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred ____ minds ____ is
But we shall still be and joined in ____ heart, ____ And
And per - fect love and friend - ship ____ reigns ____ through

Em D A



like ____ to that ____ a - bove.
hope ____ to meet ____ a - gain.
all ____ e - ter - ni - ty.

Em D A D



Through all e - ter - ni - ty. ____

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Articles

“13 Reasons Why” Is Deceptive and Destructive

by Trevin Wax, May 1, 2017

I can't believe I'm writing this post.

First, because I am in no way recommending the new Netflix teen drama *13 Reasons Why*. From beginning to end, the show is saturated in sin, stark and unrelenting—incessant swearing, physical violence, sexual assault, drug use, alcohol abuse, stalking, voyeurism, pornography, bullying, sexual experimentation, rape, verbal abuse of the vilest variety, and a graphic depiction of suicide. “Trigger warnings” don't do the show justice. Please do not misconstrue my writing about this show as a recommendation for anyone—adult or child—to watch.

Second, because the subject of this show is painfully personal to me. My best friend growing up and next-door-neighbor for several years killed himself when we were 16. I say “killed himself” here because verbs like “took” or “ended” his life soften the blow in ways that do not do justice to the deed. There may be other places where I would write or speak with softer language, but not here, not when I want to warn about a show that depicts suicide in a destructive manner.

Teenage suicide is not a statistic to me. It isn't something that happened to an acquaintance once upon a time. I never joined in the superficial outpouring of grief for a “fallen classmate” the way some of the students do in *13 Reasons Why*. The emotions I feel after 20 years are still profound. My friend's decision snatched me out of the innocence of childhood and set me face-to-face with the dragon of death in all its ferociousness.

Why write about *13 Reasons Why* then? Because several readers asked me to address it, and my middle-school son had friends who were talking about it at school and church. As a writer and a pastor, I feel compelled to step into this space and to issue the strongest warning I can muster about this series. There is a reason why New Zealand has banned anyone younger than 18 from watching the show without a parent, and why Canadian schools are banning students from even *discussing* the show.

13 Reasons Why is deceptive and destructive.

A Story Arc Toward Suicide

To be fair, it is clear that the people who made this series wanted to convince teenage viewers that actions have consequences, that bullying can hurt others and lead to despair. The show wants people to take certain sins seriously: the objectification of young women, the invasion of privacy, sexual assault and the temptation to cover it up, as well as failing to believe the victim of rape. In order to heighten the seriousness of these sins, *13 Reasons Why* shocks the viewer with its gruesome display of high school depravity, and the many forms of guilt and shame that arise in a social media-saturated, sexual revolution-fueled society. When the show delves occasionally into sermonizing, it becomes clear that the writers want young viewers to treat others with respect.

But it is also clear, at least to me and to a growing number of psychologists and mental health experts, that *13 Reasons Why* will lead to more suicide, not less. Already, we are hearing warnings from various experts on teen suicide, and we are likely to see a rash of suicide attempts throughout the country.

I am not surprised. *13 Reasons Why* is a hopeless show whose story arc climaxes with suicide. Viewers who resonate with the main character, Hannah, will imagine their own journey as moving inexorably to the grave, enticed by a fantasy of revenge against those who've disappointed them. In trying to fight bullying, this show lifts up suicide. It gives the main character a noble way out, a martyrdom of sorts, a tragic but glamorous finale (displayed in graphic detail) that goes against virtually every best practice for addressing suicide responsibly.

I cannot overstate how destructive this message is.

I cannot overstate how enticing it will be for those who are bullied to imagine a scenario in which they can turn the tables and emotionally *destroy* their classmates. Most people think that *13 Reasons Why* is about a group of teenagers, who in their selfish actions and inaction, are responsible for killing a fragile young girl. No. This is a show about how a girl, beyond the grave, kills her classmates. It is not only about physical suicide, but also about emotional murder. Hannah's revenge has a deadening effect on everyone left behind, even those who, while morally reprehensible, are hardly guilty for her ultimate action.

G. K. Chesterton once remarked that suicide is “the ultimate and absolute evil, the refusal to take an interest in existence; the refusal to take the oath of loyalty to life. The man who kills a man, kills a man. The man who kills himself, kills all men; as far as he is concerned he wipes out the world.” I've always believed that Chesterton's remark on suicide is unfair and exaggerated, since most suicides come at the end of significant mental anguish and unrelenting despair, not as a rebellious decision to refuse to see the good in the world.

But after watching *13 Reasons Why*, I see Chesterton's point, because this particular suicide is indeed a “wiping out” of the people who caused her pain. He was wrong to generalize all suicide in this way, but *13 Reasons Why* is also wrong to give the impression that teen suicide is driven by a revenge fantasy. It is rare that the emotional desire for revenge drives suicidal thoughts, and to portray suicide in this way is deceptive and dangerous.

Suicide in a Toxic Culture of Shame

Furthermore, despite the show's intent to raise awareness of how bullying may affect students, many of the self-destructive choices that set the course for this culture of despair are never questioned. It's as if the show's producers think we can have all the perceived benefits of the sexual revolution (which blesses any kind of consensual sexual activity) *without* this leading to the objectification of women. Or as if we can have drugs and alcohol as a mainstay of the teenage years *without* creating the atmosphere for car accidents, beatings, and rape to flourish in the drunken darkness.

And what about the young girls in our society who *have* made bad choices on social media or with their friends, whose regrets are at least in part due to their own sinful choices? What do you do when the bullies and haters are, in part, *right* about the reputation of the girl they mock? Are the guilty girls not worthy of love? Megan Basham writes:

Throughout, the story takes pains to emphasize that Hannah's reputation as the school slut is wholly manufactured. But what if it wasn't? What if, as a lonely, hurting girl, she'd actually done some of the things that sully her reputation? Would her suicide be less tragic? Would she be less deserving of . . . love and friendship? By consistently underlining Hannah's virginity and victimhood, 13 Reasons Why seems to suggest she would.

A Godless World

The outlook of *13 Reasons Why* is bleak, even with its moralizing tone. Viewers find nothing transcendent. Nothing outside this present world. No appeal to what is true, good, and beautiful, but merely “my truth” or “your truth” in terms of convenience.

God receives a single mention, and the Catholic Church is described with swearing. Beyond this, there is no beyond. There is only this world. There is only the immediate horizon. No one wrestles with heaven or hell—not even the pale secularized hope of “being in a better place.” The world of *13 Reasons Why* is utterly godless, from start to finish, which is why it is also hopeless.

None of the students can find a place for their sins to be atoned for, even though the confession of sin and the desire for relief from guilt comes into view again and again.

On the passing around of explicit photos, “we are all guilty,” Hannah says. “We all look.”

On the supposed decency of the “good kids,” Clay says, “maybe there are no good kids.”

On regret for doing wrong and trying to avoid the consequences, “Someone has to know what we did.”

The teens in *13 Reasons Why* are plagued by guilt, and not just because of one girl's suicide, but also because of the toxicity of a culture that ignores injustice and buries shame under layers of self-preservation. Guilt turns into internal bleeding that pools underneath the skin, with no release until several of the main characters make decisions that lead to *literal* bloodshed. The wages of sin is death.

13 Reasons Why compounds a problem it is trying to fix, perhaps because it has no eternal solution to offer. For those who have entertained thoughts of suicide or who have friends who know the darkness of this despair, hope remains. But it will not be found on Netflix.

The Church's Challenge

The challenge for Christians is to take a good look at the message we promote and the culture we create.

Will we be faithful to provide a countervailing message—that our sins are indeed real and that we are indeed guilty, but also that Christ is precious and that his blood was shed so that his life can be ours?

Will the church be an oasis of faith, hope, and love in a world of doubt, despair, and hatred?

In an increasingly judgmental world of social media abuse and bullying, can the church be the place where grace is extended?

Grace—that crazy, powerful, table-turning undeserved favor from God that wins the battle against guilt and shame. Grace, greater than all our sin, even suicide.

Because of grace, there is always hope.

Home Fellowships



Eleanor Bowden

613 Early Street

Pam Anderson

Annette Berry

Anna Betz

John Earl & Carolyn Blanton

Eugene & Laura Britton

Diamond Call

Sue Crews

Bobby Deloach

Jan Deloach

Kim Eriksen

Howard & Lynn Ernst

Libby Evans

Virginia Flowers

Ray & Jeanie Groover

Jerramie & Rebekah Helmick

Geri Hendrix

Wendell & Melissa Hill

Bethany Humphrey

Charles & Betty Hurndon

Wuan & Myri Hymon

Steve & Lesia Jackson

Larry & Michelle Jones

Mat & Hannah Joy

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter

Harris Lane

Christine Noha

Wayne & Laurie Noha

Barbara Rahn

Margaret Ellen Rahn

Arthur & Jeanette Salter

Jack & Ronna Sherrod

Claude & Susan Su

Ray & Sandra Thomas

Jimmy & Janice Donaldson

7 Myrtle Walk

Bill & Sona Bailey

Shawn Champion

Anthony & Heather Clark

Gwen Connelly

Jimmy & Angela Creech

Bob & Cindy Dimmitt

Jessica Dimmitt

Danny & Janet Edwards

Ron & Mary Ann Fowler

Nick Herring

Beth Holland

Robert & Jill Holland

Shelmagene Lewis

Jim & Glenda Lutton

Glen & Donna Martin

Barbara Mason

Dean & Beverley McCraw

Elizabeth McVey

Richard Mills

Billy & Suzan Morris

Mike & Elinor Morris

Aileen Pinckney

Brittany Pinckney

Justin & Alex Pinckney

Steve & Linnea Posner

Danny & Kamee Roberson

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John & Pam Humphrey
Timmy & Cathy Lane
Samp & Beth Lewis
Napoleon & Savannah Martin
Barbara McCall
Jack & Connie Moore
Alex & Nicole Morris
Cole Morris
Joe & Patricia Morris
Mike & Gena Russell
Peggy Russell
Clyde & CeCi Sheffield
Jason Sheffield
Jay & Tamera Smith
Kay Stanford
Kelly & Dawn Stanford
Everett & Mary Ann Tarver
Michael & Tricia Torrance
Gene Turner
Jay & Andrea Turner
Billy & Brenda Waters
John & Diana Watkins
Charles & Cindy Wise
Emily Wise

Missionary of the Week

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry International Pakistan & Russia (Tyumen)

For many years, we have been supporting jail chaplains working in several different countries. We just received a summary report from one field which contained this testimony of a prisoner who was ministered to by one of “our” chaplains. **The full report is on our missionary bulletin board.**



I'm Muslim, married with 3 sons. I worked for a plastic furniture company. My colleague and I were dealers; delivering goods and receiving the funds. When we saw money in thousands on a daily basis that we had to hand over to the cashier, we thought they earn a lot and pay very low. One day my colleague and I decided not to turn in the money but to make up a story instead. I was not a good man. I drank, beat my wife and now I was headed to prison for fraud.

In prison, one day I was sitting in a sad mood when a Christian man said our Pastor is here and will see you. I don't know why I went. I forgot that I hate Christians just like other Muslims. The man was preaching on John 8:32-36 “And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free...” I shouted at him but he was calm and treated me very patiently. I was frustrated when I went back to my cell and said I would not see him again but two days later he was back and I was with the others to hear him. After some time I could not stop myself to confess that I love Him Who died for me, whose love is for me and who always cares for me. Now I know the truth and I feel bad for my past. Chaplain Shakeel is helping me to grow in my faith and to become a strong believer so I can be strong with my family and share the Lord with them. I believe God will teach me. I plan to go into prison work when I get out in a short time.

Please pray for:

1. The boldness and safety of these chaplains in this country hostile to Christianity.
2. The inmates' willingness to meet with these chaplains.
3. This particular inmate to follow through to work with others in the prison.
4. God's provision for this man's family, and that they would come to know Christ through his testimony

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

- “Revelation” - Organ Side Overflow
Room: Matt Coleman
- “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
- The Gospel & Personal Evangelism* - Youth
House: Steve Posner

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, Donna Martin
- 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, Amy
Horton
- Youth Guys - Room 206: Tim Wade,
Bobby Deloach, & Nick Herring
- Youth Girls - Room 207: Sona Bailey,
Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade

Bible Reading Schedule

May 2017

	1	John 1-2
	2	John 3-4
	3	John 5-6
	4	John 7-8
	5	John 9-10
	6	John 11-12
	7	John 13-15
	8	John 16-18
	9	John 19-21
	10	Acts 1-3
	11	Acts 4-5
	12	Acts 6-8
	13	Acts 9-10
	14	Acts 11-13
	15	Acts 14-16
	16	Acts 17-19
	17	Acts 20-21
	18	Acts 22-24
	19	Acts 25-26
	20	Acts 27-28
	21	Eccl. 1 & Colossians 1
	22	Eccl. 2 & Colossians 2
	23	Eccl. 3 & Colossians 3
	24	Eccl. 4 & Colossians 4
	25	Eccl. 5 & Philippians 1
	26	Eccl. 6 & Philippians 2
	27	Eccl. 7 & Philippians 3
	28	Eccl. 8 & Philippians 4
	29	Eccl. 9 & Ephesians 1
	30	Eccl. 10 & Ephesians 2
	31	Eccl. 11 & Ephesians 3





VBS Volunteers Needed!

Our VBS this year, Operation Arctic, will take place June 19 - 23! We are lining up the helpers we need, and we want to put you to work! Talk to Angie Creech, Cindy Wise, or Janice Donaldson, and let them know where you would like to serve. Note that if you will be working directly with children, you must have taken the Reducing the Risk class. Thanks in advance for your prayers and help!

A Touch of Hope



Today, May 7, the school bus banks are in your Sunday School classrooms to take contributions for A Touch of Hope, our church's ministry to local displaced school children.

Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from www.fabchurch.com/sermons

For Hearing Impaired

If you have difficulties hearing, we have listening aid devices available. Ask any of the ushers, or the technician in the sound booth, if you are in need of one of these devices.

Nursery May 7

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Lauren Wade

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Lisa & Addisyn Rowe/

Mike & Elinor Morris

6:00 P.M.

No Evening Service

Nursery May 14

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Shelma Lewis, Jeanie Groover.

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/

Steve & Linnea Posner.

6:00 P.M.

Sona Bailey, Cindy Dimmitt/
Shawn Champion, Linda Walker

Ushers May 7

10:30 A.M.

Jack Moore, Danny Roberson,

John Sumner, Michael Walker

6:00 P.M.

No Evening Service

Ushers May 14

10:30 A.M.

Billy Waters, Buddy Bacon,
Reggie Brown, Jimmy Kicklighter

6:00 P.M.

Jimmy Donaldson, Ron Fowler

Sunday Greeters - May 7

Mary Fowler, Jeanie Groover

May Lock-Up Deacons

Bobby DeLoach, Mickey Fell