



Mothers' Day ❖ May 13, 2018

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Announcements

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday, **May 16**, the menu is **Chicken Fingers**. Sign up in the hall, indicating how many meals you are purchasing. Also, indicate if any of them are for takeout.

Graduates

If you are graduating from high school or college, we would like to give you the appropriate recognition for this momentous occasion. Please submit a picture, school you are graduating from, any honors you have received, and your future plans to office@fabchurch.com.

VBS Tee Shirt Order

If you would like to order a leader's or student's tee shirt for VBS, please get a payment envelope from Angie Creech or Cindy Wise. Tee shirts are \$10 each. The leader's shirt is purple, and the student shirt is green. The design paint glows in the dark! We need your order no later than today, **May 13**.

VBS Supplies Needed

There is a list of items needed for our VBS this summer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please look and see if there is something you can provide, and mark it off. Thanks!

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This Week at FABC

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
No Choir Practice	
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Dinner: Chicken Fingers	5:45 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Awana Awards Program	7:00 p.m.

FABC Deacons

Shawn Champion	433-0098
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10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Chorus & Greeting

“He Is Exalted”

Words are on the back of the bulletin

* Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8

* Hymn #370

“Count Your Blessings”

Scripture Reading

Acts 13:42-52

Robert Holland

Special Music

Children's Choir

“A Mother's Day Prayer”

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn #475

“Redeemed”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Staring at a Coffin

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4, Ecclesiastes #26

* Hymn, to right

“Doxology”

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #198

“There Is Power in the Blood”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And Offerings

Hymn #70

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymn #40

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Let Go (of Bad Theology) & Let God

Ephesians 5:17-21, Ephesians #105

* Hymn, p. 7

“Jude 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

Staring at a Coffin

Ecclesiastes #26

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

Proverbs 22:1

One's reputation is more important than wealth

One option is to try and flee _____

The other option _____

Job 28:20-23

Life is limited by death.

Death is an _____

Death has an _____

The wise person sits at the _____

1. Schedule a
2. Find a quiet place that
3. Make a list of
4. Now visualize/imagine
5. Write down
6. Determine what would have

P.M. Notes

Let Go (of Bad Theology) & Let God

Ephesians #105

Ephesians 5:17-21

What are the results of being Spirit filled?

Colossians 3:16-17

Are all Christians Spirit filled?

Matthew 13:22-23

Doesn't a command imply that you either completely obey or completely disobey it?

Observations:

1. Christians obey some_____

2. Christians obey_____

3. The command "be"_____

4. In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul_____

5. Some commands are characteristically_____

6. _____

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Senior Saints

They will have lunch together on Tuesday, **May 15**, at the Crystal Beer Parlor. Sign the list in the hall and meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. to ride the bus.

Awana Awards

Our end of year Awana Awards ceremony is Wednesday, **May 16**, at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support these kids who are being recognized for their hard work! There is no prayer and Bible study.

A Touch of Hope

Join Pat Beatty in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **May 17**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to work on blankets for next year's round of displaced students!

After Church Fellowship

There is an After Church Fellowship following evening worship on Sunday, **May 20**. Please bring a snack or finger food to share. The Wises and Creeches are scheduled to serve.

Youth and Family Series

The Bible gives both parents and children specific commands about how they are to relate to one another in the family context. Often we assume we are keeping these commands when really we are just emulating the patterns of behavior we see demonstrated in our culture, in entertainment, among our friends, or in the way our parents raised us. We need to bring our practices and relationships under the light of scripture and ask, are we as students honoring our fathers and mothers, and are we as parents raising our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord while not provoking them to wrath? Join us on Wednesday, **May 23**, as we explore the parent/child relationship in scripture and seek to bring our homes into conformity with God's word. Dinner is at 6:00 with the seminar following.

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #52:

What is required in the first commandment?

Answer:

The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Scripture:

Joshua 24:15; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Deuteronomy 26:17; Psalm 29:2; Matthew 4:10.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **May 24**, at 6:30 p.m., at Clyde and Ceci Sheffields'.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, **May 28**, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Communion

We will celebrate Communion during evening worship on Sunday, **June 3**.

Sacred Harp Singing

The Savannah Sacred Harp Singers will meet on Saturday, **June 9**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Exact location to be determined, as the Fellowship Hall should be under renovation. Come on by to sing Christ-honoring four part acapella music for fun! Loaner books are available. Talk to Dawn Stanford if you have any questions.

Home Fellowships

Home Fellowships are scheduled for **June 10** and **September 16**. Please contact Dawn Stanford in the office if you would like to host a group!

Parent & Child Dedication

This annual event will take place on Sunday, June 17. Contact Cindy Wise if you plan to participate!

Dear Mothers,

May you revel in this most blessed designation not just today, but ever and always, remembering that it is through your pains and labors that the Lord saw fit to replicate his image upon the earth. It is a special task to which you have been called, and so today we seek to honor you, even as the first man honored the first mother. Martin Luther, reflecting upon Adam's bestowing of a name upon Eve wrote:

When Eve was brought unto Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called, her Eva--that is to say, the Mother of All. He did not style her wife, but simply mother--mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and the most precious ornament of woman.

Indeed, many of you within this body have worn that ornament well and are worthy of all the honor that we can feebly bestow, worthy to have your children rise up and call you blessed, worthy to hear the Lord himself declare your job, "Well done," and your race well run. For in bearing and raising children faithfully in accordance with the scriptures, you have rendered service to both God and man.

For those that are in the early stages of motherhood, with many of your labors and pains still ahead of you, I urge you to learn from the faithful example of those who have gone on before you. For those that are despairing due to multiple missteps or due to the present rebellion of those you have raised, take heart. The Lord is good and faithful. He is capable of filling up what we are lacking and turning the heart of even the most rebellious child. Prodigals do come home, do not cease to hope and to pray.

For those that are grieving because of an empty cradle, remember that Hannah likewise grieved, and the Lord gave heed to her prayers. But even if he does not grant you a child after the flesh, remember that the prophet Isaiah calls the barren woman to sing and to shout for joy, and promises the eunuch a name better than sons or daughters. You will have your reward, and in ages hence the grief you now feel will be swallowed up in joy.

Remember that motherhood is hard, whatever stage of it you find yourself in. That is why we must not do it alone. That is why God has placed us in community with one another. Share your burdens. Share your joys. Seek wise counsel. Encourage and uplift one another until the day in which we all attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Your labors are not in vain, dear mother; may you find in them the blessedness with which our God himself adorns them.

In Christ,

A grateful son

Music

Jude Doxology

Cam Huxford

Remember, Jesus brought you out of Egypt.
Remember, He has sought you as His people.
Remember, He has saved you from your sin.
Remember, remember Him.

Remember, Jesus brought you through the Red Sea.
Remember, mighty miracles that you have seen.
Remember, you were slaves and now are free.
Remember, that He is king.

To the only God, our savior, Jesus Christ.
Be glory, honor, power, and dominion.
Before all time, and now, and evermore!

Remember, Jesus reigns above the heavens.
He's coming, He is coming with his kingdom.
Do not forget, He is seated on the throne.
Remember what He has done.

To the only God, our savior, Jesus Christ.
Be glory, honor, power, and dominion.
Before all time, and now, and evermore. Amen

Save these Dates

for Children's & Youth Ministry Activities

May 16	Awana End of Year Program
May 23	Youth & Family: Honor Your Father and Mother
June 17	Parent/Child Dedication
June 18 † 22	VBS
June 24 † 29	D3 Camp
June 27 † Aug 8, Wednesdays	Music Camp: K-6 th grades
July 21 † 22	Youth Service Weekend
July 23 † 26	Children,s Camp: 3-6 th grades
August 15	Awana Begins!
August 25	Back to School Bash!

Articles

Nine Reasons You Should Fight for Your Marriage

Should you fight *for* your marriage? Is it worth the trouble? Simply, *yes*. Here are nine reasons why you should fight *for* your marriage.

1. God owns your marriage. Jesus said, “*What God has joined together, let not man separate*” (Mark 10:9). When at the altar you say “I do” to each other and make a marriage covenant together, you uncover God’s design for your life. In every wedding ceremony, the officiant asks if you will make a promise to live together in marriage. The vows may be worded a bit differently for each person, but in every case, you are pledging your love exclusively to this person for life. This is your choice.

God’s sovereign plan for your life is revealed as you make this freewill choice together. The covenant created on your wedding day stands. Jesus says that God keeps the authority exclusively for Himself for the dissolution of your marriage. What He put together through your individual choices, He expects not to be dissolved.

2. Remaining faithful to your wedding covenant imitates God. The Bible says that each person should strive to live like God. “*Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children*” (Eph 5:1). One of God’s primary and most treasured attributes is covenant faithfulness.

The OT term for covenant faithfulness combines several key values of love, faithfulness, mercy, grace, and kindness. God always lovingly remains faithful to His covenants. Promises that God makes, He never breaks. God acts for the benefit of the covenanted one without asking, “What’s in it for me?” God never looks for the simple way out. God chooses covenant fidelity and faithfulness over covenant dissolution or infidelity. In the Bible, insurmountable evidence points to God’s enduring faithfulness: consider God’s promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph; the infidelity and unfaithfulness of Israel; the beautiful love story of Ruth with Naomi and Boaz; Hosea’s marriage to Gomer, and others.

3. Christlike, sacrificial love toward your spouse obeys God. After the reminder that all Christians are to imitate God, Paul continues, “*And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma*” (Eph 5:2).

For the Christian, as we have received Christ’s love, we are to walk in it. To walk in love simply means to live lovingly as Christ in everything we do. How does Christ love? Christ’s love looks outward not inward. Christ’s love sacrifices willingly for God’s glory and the benefit of the other person. Christ’s love works even to its own harm.

Christ’s love moves toward the other person even when there is a cold response in return. Christ’s love stands ready to forgive. Christ’s love provides what is best to grow and flourish. Christ’s love sacrifices. This is the standard and goal for love in marriage.

4. Your marriage is an earthly picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church (Eph 5:23-33). Imperfect picture – you bet. Marriage perfection evades all of us. Therefore, an imperfect marriage or spouse fails as an excuse for lack of involvement in your marriage, or worse, for leaving your marriage.

Instead, the opposite is true. If you have an imperfect marriage, then sacrificial love and covenant faithfulness demonstrate the best picture of how Christ loves the church. Jesus married the church which is made up of sinners like you and your spouse. Yet, in spite of the ups and downs, sensitive and non-sensitive responses, good days and bad days, the selfishness and thoughtlessness, Christ still loves, forgives, remains sensitive, and endures. As you do the same, you provide a picture of the love between Christ and the church.

5. Your emotions fail you. Regardless of how you feel right now about your spouse and your marriage, what you know concerning God's desires for you is greater. As a Christian, God provides through the power of the Holy Spirit in you the ability to persevere. Our emotions often say, "I can't...!" or "I won't...!" or "Because you did, I will...!" Your emotions fail to point you toward truth, grace, and perseverance.

Instead, our emotions want us to take a break, demand fairness, be served rather than serve, get my own way just once, and the like. Your emotions want to just be happy, to not have to fight for marriage, for marriage to be simple, for your spouse to be what you want, for your spouse to change, etc.... Your emotions say, "My will be done!" instead of "God's will be done."

For all these reasons, emotions are to be considered but not followed. Your emotional upset serves as a warning light on the dashboard of a vehicle that lets you know something is not right, that something needs attention. Therefore, your emotions serve you to make positive changes in your marriage, not to provide you the motivation to give up on your marriage and on your spouse.

6. Incompatibility is an excuse, not a reason. Everyone's circumstances leading up to marriage are different, like the length of relationship, length of engagement, and marriage preparation. You date the salesman. Pre-marriage is not the same as post-marriage. What seemed cute often wears as real life together happens. Real pressures build. Disappointment happens. Circumstances change. New circumstances happen. Happiness seems to wane.

Before long, couples begin to think that they are incompatible. Often the thinking goes like this, "Since God wants everyone to be happy, and we seem so incompatible, the best thing we could do for each other is just leave our marriage." This is an excuse on multiple levels.

To do what God forbids is *never good* for you or your spouse. Compatibility and incompatibility are empty categories. All you need to remain in marriage is a spouse. With hard work, using the resources God provides for you, you can persevere. Strive for friendship. Spend time together. When you embrace God's purpose for marriage and for your individual sanctification, you will find that you are compatible because pursuing God's purpose as one flesh means you are compatible.

7. When a marriage fails, no one wins. In the moment of marriage frustration, struggle, and dysfunction, it is understandable to believe that another spouse would be better. You may not want to win personally, per se, but you can't stand to think your spouse will win.

Reality is this: a new marriage does not make life any easier or better for anyone. It takes energy to be divorced. Divorce adds more pain on top of your initial pain. Divorce dishonors God. Divorce discourages God's people. Divorce distorts the picture of Christ and the church. Divorce complicates the lives of those you love – especially your chil-

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dren and extended family. Divorce minimizes God's grace, forgiveness, and power in your life. Divorce does change things, but leaves no winners, only waves of hurting people.

8. Imperfect marriages benefit you and your family. You may be wondering, “How is this true?” This is true because God uses pressure-filled circumstances in our lives to help grow us into Christlikeness. In God’s providential control of your life, He utilizes pressure in His plan to help you change, mature, and strengthen (Rom 8:28-29; James 1:2-18).

As you turn to Him in humility, prayer, and repentance, He uses His Word, His people, and your circumstances to transform you into a better person. Therefore, when you embrace your marriage struggles and see them as sanctification builders, growth opportunities, and part of God's gracious plan for you, your attitude will change. Instead of complaining and living with constant despair, you build contentment, begin to welcome the challenges, and recognize God's provisions in the midst of the struggle.

God provides grace, the power of the Spirit, the presence of Christ, the encouragement of His people, and the promises in His Word to help you. As you persevere, you grow, your family benefits, you demonstrate the covenant faithfulness of God, and help other people who observe the process.

9. You have hope in Christ. As children of God, God is working in you both. If your spouse does not have a relationship with Christ, you can still rest in the fact that God is working in you and your circumstance. For the latter case, possibly God will use your faithfulness to help your spouse become a follower of Him. If the former, you can have confidence in truth.

“Being confident of this very thing, He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). Here, Paul identifies the good work God has begun in them, He will complete.

This is true not just in the kindness of the Philippians to Paul; this is true in all those who follow Christ. In a different letter, Paul writes, *“You are His workmanship”* (Eph 2:10). God is at work in you. God is at work in your situation. Whatever you believe and see is going on in your situation today is not the totality of the story. God’s work is greater than what you can see. Do not be weary in well doing (Gal 6:9). God is with you and for you.

Fight.

Fight that is, *for* your marriage, not *with* your spouse.

If you are in the midst of struggle, get help. Ask your pastor. Contact a biblical counselor. Talk with a trusted friend. Work on your walk with Christ that is, your daily relationship with Christ. Pray. Get started fighting *for* your marriage. ❖

A true opium of the people is a belief in nothingness after death—the huge solace of thinking that for our betrayals, greed, cowardice, and murders, we are not going to be judged.

Thus, since God does exist, atheism can be seen as a psychological escape mechanism to avoid taking ultimate responsibility for one’s own life.

Polish Nobel Laureate Czeslaw Milosz

Secular authority tells American evangelicals that the future is going to require “theological flexibility”

By Al Mohler-edited for space

In an article by Daniel Cox the headline is this, “Are White Evangelicals Sacrificing the Future in Search of the Past?”

The argument made by Daniel Cox is this: White evangelicals — churches and denominations — are losing young people in America because of a moral nostalgia; a moral nostalgia on questions like abortion, a moral nostalgia on questions such as sexuality and marriage. His argument is straightforward, and in that sense it's helpful because rarely do you see this kind of argument made so absolutely honestly and candidly, that makes it helpful. Why? Because as he argues, white evangelical Protestants, in his words, “may be neglecting their future. As a group, they're drifting further away — politically and culturally — from the American mainstream.”

Well there it is. Here we are being told that evangelicalism, conservative Christianity in America, evangelicals are moving further and further out of the American mainstream. Now, let's just correct that at that point to say, what's really happening is the American mainstream is moving. In so far as this argument makes its own case, it's not about evangelicals changing but rather evangelicals refusing to change with the larger culture.

Cox has been giving the matter a lot of thought, and he's been looking at the research and the literature. Rightly he goes back to the famous 1972 book by sociologist Dean Kelly, *Why Conservative Churches are Growing*, and his argument was because conservative churches hold to what he called a strict doctrine and by requiring persons to identify theologically, they required them to identify with the church in the way that Liberal Protestants maybe once did but no longer did. As Cox summarizes the argument, “Conservative churches that offered a rigorous theology were thriving, arguably because of it.”

That is because of that rigorous theology, but he says everything is basically changed now. He says, “Over the [last] couple of decades, Americans have become far more accepting on [any number of moral issues]. Today, most Americans say same-sex relationships, premarital sex, living together before marriage, and having children out of wedlock are morally acceptable.”

And, he says, “roughly three-quarters of the public has no moral qualms about divorce.”

Now I've written an entire book *We Cannot Be Silent* addressing those issues, and, of course, he's right. He's at least right in terms of the direction of the culture. He is arguing straightforwardly, that American society has changed, it has changed fundamentally, it has changed in moral judgment, and if conservative Protestant churches don't get with the program, we are simply going to get left behind.

Cox warns evangelicals that the great threat is what he calls, “generational turnover.” He goes on to say that “a chasm has emerged between the views of these young people and white evangelical Protestants.”

He cited a survey done by the organization PRRI that found “that 83 percent of [evangelicals] believe that sex is morally acceptable only between a [married] man and woman, but,” he says, “the view is held only by 30 percent of American young adults.”

It's just not the implication of his article that evangelicalism is going to have to change its moral worldview or be sidelined, it's explicit; he doesn't hem and haw, he makes the

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argument straightforwardly. In describing the predicament faced by evangelicals, he writes this, “Young white evangelicals are caught between their peers, who are predisposed to embrace cultural pluralism and express tolerance for different personal behaviors, and an evangelical tradition that staunchly resists changes in social, cultural and religious norms.”

He went on straightforwardly to call for what he termed, “theological flexibility,” saying that this kind of theological flexibility is exactly what younger evangelicals want. He ended his article by saying, and I quote, “if white evangelical Protestants want to continue to be a home for younger Americans, they may have to reconsider what parts of Christianity are non-negotiable.”

Well that's an important issue, an unavoidable issue, for any Christian church. **We have to ask the question: Which parts of historic, traditional Christianity are nonnegotiable? And the biblical answer to that is that nothing is negotiable that touches upon the gospel of Jesus Christ, nothing is negotiable that points to the basic theological definition of biblical Christianity, nothing is negotiable that negotiates a way, what the Bible clearly reveals and makes clear concerning, yes, also morality.**

What we must recognize in this context and in this incredibly explicit argument is that the Christian faith is not a matter of theological flexibility, Christian doctrine is not a matter of theological negotiation. Here's the basic dividing line, it's a dividing line between those who believe that God has spoken in his Word and those who believe that God's Word is merely a record or a reflection of human thinking about God. **If the Bible is merely a collection of ancient Hebrew and Christian writings then we can negotiate at will, we can be almost infinitely flexible in our theology, but if the Bible is the revealed Word of God, then it is not given to us for our flexibility or for our negotiation but rather for our study, for our obedience.**

We should note that we are not guaranteed a future of traction and influence and authority in American society, that's not a part of the promise of the gospel. It may well be that the dire warnings offered in this article come true, that evangelical Christians or anyone holding to biblical Christianity is simply going to lose out in the great cultural shift taking place in our times.

The calls for theological flexibility are actually a call to abandon the gospel and to abandon biblical authority. ❖

Math Not Bigotry

Christians are often accused of bigotry because we think that 90% of the world is wrong about their religion. But it's not bigotry—it's just math.

Some religions teach Jesus as the Son of God and others deny it. Is it not clear that somebody is right and somebody is wrong? There is simply no getting around that.

The great monotheistic faiths understand God as a distinct, individual person, whereas some Eastern religions see God as the impersonal sum of everything all put together. If there is a God, both of these notions cannot be true about Him at the same time. Clearly massive numbers of people are mistaken on one side of this issue or the other.

When anyone dies, they might go to heaven, or they might go to hell, or they might be reincarnated, or they might disappear into nothing at all. But even a child can see they cannot do them all at the same time. Multitudes, the majority even, must be mistaken. Again, that's not bigotry. It's simple math.

Gregory Koukl, *The Story of Reality*

Missionary of the Week

Mario & Elizabeta Kushner Croatia

We have just begun supporting Mario and Elizabeta. Mario was a student at the seminary where Kris Brackett teaches. This is their April newsletter:



Mario interpreting for Paul Washer during his visit last year.

We have moved to Virovitica! The Lord has answered prayers and we are finally here. We have actually moved two months ago, but the last of our possessions have been moved only a week ago (the weather was so bad that we had to postpone the move a few times). After sending out our last Chronicle at the beginning of February, we found an old house which the very next day proved to be not suitable to live in. So, we decided to quickly find something decent and we ended up in a small apartment. It's a 5x5 m (15x15 ft) studio apartment in a small house. Some would say it's too small, but we say it's cozy. Sure, it has its limitations, but at least it's clean, dry, and warm—which is what we could get used to (after renting old houses and heating with wet wood).

A downside of such a small dwelling place is that most of our belongings are scattered in 3 different storage places (across two counties), not including the apartment. However, we were able to use some of our furniture to create a comfortable prayer room/office on the church premises. In it we have started a Wednesday evening Bible study/prayer meeting, and I use it as my office/study (since I can't fit my books in the apartment, and it's impossible to have peace and privacy in such a confined space—every appliance makes too much noise).

Besides working in my new office/ study, I spend a lot of my time visiting the saints and just walking around the town, praying and trying to meet new people with which I could share the Gospel. A big challenge before us is making friends as we are both complete strangers here. However, the people of Virovitica are all very kind and warm (unlike other towns in which we lived), and we expect no trouble in making new friends.

If you remember, I already wrote how this whole county is very poor. So, it is relatively easy to turn conversations in the direction of spiritual things—when we say that we've just moved here, people wonder what made us do such a thing (as many are moving out of the town). So we say that we came to minister to the small Baptist Church and that piques their interest some more.

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Our landlords are apparently very religious Catholics. They occasionally host the local priest for lunch and I even once saw that they received a letter from a cardinal or a bishop (I can't remember which was it; I just glanced at the envelope, as we share a mailbox). They have another renter, who lives below us. His name is Boris and we rarely see him since he leaves for work around 5am and spends his days in coffee places when he is not working; on the weekends he visits his parents in another town.

Since we moved, we have had a few new visitors to our Sunday services — Nikolina, Dinko, and Miroslav. Nikolina is a student and she actually lives in another town, but comes to the church meetings whenever she visits her friend Mateja whose grandma is a member of the church. Both Mateja (who comes to all Sunday services and even Wednesday Bible studies) and her friend Nikolina sound like they are very close to becoming believers. Mateja has had a serious car accident but is recovering very well. Also, her parents (who both are regular unsaved visitors) recently got divorced. As you can see, they need our prayers.

Dinko is deeply immersed in New Age but seems to be very open to talk to me and even to read the Bible together.

Miroslav presents himself as a born-again believer (he even works for an organization which reads the Bible with prison inmates), but in a conversation with me he expressed his concern about how most of Christianity is “infected with the doctrine of the Trinity.” I guess he is an Adventist or something similar.

Another news is that a church from the US has contacted us with a desire to regularly send some financial support for my ministry. In addition to what we will receive from our church and a church very close to ours (not just geographically), I will be receiving an amount almost as high as the national minimum wage.

Please pray for:

- salvation of our landlords Blaženka and Damir
- salvation of our neighbour Boris
- salvation of our (regular) visitors Dinko, Miroslav, Nikolina, Mateja and her parents (Željko and Anita)
- the growth of the faithful saints of BCVT
- the physical health of the saints of BCVT
- the financial needs for the building renovation
- Elizabeta and me—for protection, direction, holiness, maturity, wisdom, and patience
- finances for my full-time ministry

Serving Christ by ministering to His Church —

— Mario and Elizabeta Kushner

If there is no God and we live in a strictly material, evolving universe, violence and suffering are just a part of the natural world with no inherent morality attached to them. In this case violence would not be evil; it would simply be a part of the evolutionary process. Without God compassion for others is nothing but chemical changes in the brain. Suffering is meaningless, violence is meaningless. There is no such thing as good or evil.

Bob Dimmitt

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

- “Revelation” - Organ Side Overflow
Room: Matt Coleman
- “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
- “The Gospel of Luke” - Youth House:
Steve Posner
- “1 John: *Before the Mirror of God’s Word*” -
Room 28: Jennifer Smith, Women’s
Class

Students & Children

- Babies - Room 3: Kay Stanford & Sandra
Bridges
- 1s & 2s - Room 24: Michael & Ruth Klein-
peter/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: Mary
Ann Fowler, Amy Horton
- Youth Guys - Room 206: Tim Wade,
Bobby DeLoach
- 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

May 2018

	1 James 2-5
	2 1 Peter 1-3
	3 1 Peter 4-5 & 2 Peter 1-2
	4 2 Peter 3 & 1 John 1-3
	5 1 John 4-5 & James 2
	6 James 3-5 & 1 Peter 1
	7 1 Peter 2-5
	8 2 Peter 1-3 & 1 John 1
	9 1 John 2-4
	10 1 John 5 & James 1-3
	11 James 4-5 & 1 Peter 1-2
	12 1 Peter 3-5 & 2 Peter 1
	13 2 Peter 2-3 & 1 John 1-2
	14 1 John 3-5 & James 1
	15 James 2-5
	16 1 Peter 1-3
	17 1 Peter 4-5 & 2 John & 3
	18 2 Peter 1-3 & Jude
	19 Revelation 1-4
	20 Revelation 5-9
	21 Revelation 10-14
	22 Revelation 15-18
	23 Revelation 19-22
	24 Revelation 1-4
	25 Revelation 5-9
	26 Revelation 10-14
	27 Revelation 15-18
	28 Revelation 19-22
	29 Colossians
	30 Colossians
	31 Colossians



He Is Exalted

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted,
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.



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Nursery May 13

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Donna Martin, Kirsten Jones

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/
Aaron Waite, Linnea Posner

6:00 P.M.

Sona Bailey, Cindy Dimmitt/
Linda Walker, Shawn Champion

Nursery May 20

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Mary Fowler, Kay Stanford

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter/
Mike & Elinor Morris

6:00 P.M.

Janice Donaldson, Ceci Sheffield/
Sharon Boaen, Kathlyne Creech

Ushers May 13

10:30 A.M.

John Sumner, Michael Walker,
Billy Waters, Jimmy Creech

6:00 P.M.

John Sumner, Ron Fowler

Ushers May 20

10:30 A.M.

Johnny Bridges, Reggie Brown,
Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore

6:00 P.M.

Dean McCraw, Cole Morris

Sunday Greeters - May 13

Janice Donaldson, Leasa Brown

May Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore, Billy Morris, Sr.