



May 20, 2018

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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

Wednesday, **May 23**, the menu is **Chicken Tetrazzini**. Sign up in the hall, indicating how many meals you are purchasing. Also, indicate if any of them are for takeout.

Graduates Honored

Please note pages 9 through 13 for our list of graduates! We will honor them tonight, and an after church fellowship will follow the service. Bring a snack or finger food to share, and be sure to congratulate these young men and women for their accomplishments!

New Morning Bible Study

Tom Keller will begin a Bible study and prayer meeting each Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, beginning on Thursday, **May 24**. There will be a 30-minute Bible study, followed by a 30-minute prayer time, followed by a covered dish Fellowship. Tom will provide the meat and drink. Please bring a vegetable or dessert. Tom is happy to answer any questions you may have. If you are free, make plans to attend!

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.
Choir Practice	4:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
After Church Fellowship	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

FABC Deacons

Shawn Champion	433-0098
Jimmy Creech	414-8841
Mickey Fell	920-4557
Ron Fowler	901-409-8628
Jimmy Kicklighter (CH)	355-5616
Jack Moore	547-5000
Billy Morris, Sr.	398-1038
Steve Posner	704-5617
Kelly Stanford	441-2151
John Sumner	658-4186
Michael Walker	655-2497
Ric Zittrouer	210-0344

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 125:1-2

* Hymn #10

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Scripture Reading

Acts 14:1-18

Justin Pinckney

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn #291

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Feeling Nostalgic?

Ecclesiastes 7:5-10, Ecclesiastes #27

* Hymn, to right

“Doxology”

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #517

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And Offerings

Graduate Recognition

Hymn #255

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymn #512

“Saved by Grace”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*The Wedding Vows Were Wrong
Ephesians 5:17-24, Ephesians #106*

* 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

Feeling Nostalgic?

Ecclesiastes #27

Ecclesiastes 7:5-10

If we allow it, a wise person's rebuke will accomplish far more in our lives than will the flattery of fools.

Psalm 141:5

Adversity and prosperity offer many temptations to abandon a wise lifestyle and to live like a fool.

Wisdom doesn't come packaged in stainless steel—it can rust. It can be corrupted.

James 1:13-15

Phil 1:6

C.S. Lewis (*The Weight of Glory*) said that nostalgia is the special emotion of longing and it is always bittersweet.

You think you're longing for the past, but the past was never as good as your mind is telling you it was.

Ecc 3:11

Wise people who understand how God has made us to long _____ and _____ don't look backward when they get _____. They allow the _____ to point _____.

P.M. Notes

The Wedding Vows Were Wrong

Ephesians #106

Ephesians 5:17-24

Submit (be subject) submission, is a complex concept which needs to be defined by the context in which it is used.

Subjecting one's self to another is the opposite of self assertion, the opposite of an independent, autocratic spirit. It is the desire to get along with one another, being satisfied with less than one's due, a sweet reasonableness of attitude.

In the context of marriage "*hupotasso*" does not mean that (the wife) is commanded

In all of these verses in Ephesians 5, submission represents an act of faith.

There is a danger in submitting to others—they_____

Standing alone, this verse seems arbitrary and unfair. But it does not stand alone. No verse of Scripture stands alone.

If we have any desire at all to be part of a solution to the issues surrounding us today, we must do so out of an understanding of what God has revealed about the heart of the problem. We must go back to the cause of all human strife.

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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 or 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.

Office Closed

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

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **May 31**, at 6:30 p.m., at Clyde and Ceci Sheffields'. This has been moved from May 24.

New Service Times

Beginning in June, our Sunday evening worship time will move to 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Harp Singing

The Savannah Sacred Harp Singers will meet on Saturday, **June 2**, 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.

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #53:

What is forbidden in the first commandment?

Answer:

The first commandment forbids us to deny or not to worship and glorify the true God as God and our God; and to give that worship and glory to any other, which is due unto him alone.

Scripture:

Joshua 24:27; Romans 1:20-21;
Psalm 14:1

Communion

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

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!

A Touch of Hope

Join Pat Beatty in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **June 21**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to work on blankets for next year's round of displaced students!

Many Christians are thrown into prisons; we (here in America) build our own prison, walling ourselves in with our material possessions and boxing up our hearts with our greed. Eventually we can barely feel our faith anymore, while our persecuted brothers and sisters have only their faith to feel.

Special Called Congregational Meeting for Elder Election and Membership Affirmation

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, there will be a special called congregational meeting for the purpose of affirming new candidates for membership and holding a vote to elect Steve Posner to the office of elder. Steve was nominated for the office of elder by several members of the congregation and he has been vetted by the pastors and deacons. Therefore, according to the process enumerated in our church's bylaws, the pastors/elders are enthusiastically recommending Steve for affirmation by the congregation to the office of elder.

Steve has been teaching at the church for several years and has had ample opportunity to demonstrate his character, his love for God's word, and his love for the church. Steve's election to the position of elder will provide added accountability, insight, and leadership alongside those already serving as pastors. As a church, we have been preparing to make this move for 14 years, and the opportunity is now here to bring ourselves into greater conformity with the biblical model of church leadership.

While the pastors want the congregation to be free to vote your conscience in the upcoming congregational meeting, we are convinced that the election of Steve to the office of elder is good and necessary for the continued development of our church. Therefore, if you have any hesitation in affirming Steve to this new position of leadership within the church, we would ask that you address your concerns with the pastors or with Steve prior to the congregational meeting. If there are indeed disqualifying factors, they ought to be addressed, and if there are not, Steve should be affirmed. Please remember that disagreements on secondary issues and personality differences are not disqualifying factors. Nor are we looking for someone who demonstrates perfection in every category, rather we are seeking to elect a man who meets the standards of qualification, realizing where he has room to grow in his own life and striving to grow in grace as we all are, while humbly seeking counsel and direction in God's word. Again, we are confident that Steve meets these criteria. We look forward to serving alongside Steve for the good of the church and for the advance of the kingdom of Christ.

Bob Dimmitt

Tim Wade

Faith is understood in different ways in our culture today. One popular misconception of faith is that it has nothing (or very little) to do with reason or logic. Faith is seen as not something you seek to provide evidence for or view rationally; you are simply to accept it. This kind of faith sits well in our culture as it praises personal preferences. If faith is not grounded in reason, logic and historic realities, it is simply a personal preference. Thus many believe that faith and blind faith; are the same thing.

The Bible, however, never asks for blind faith, it calls for a reasoned faith. This kind of faith is honest about questions and even personal doubts and looks for real answers. It seeks the best possible explanation and then commits to the truth.

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 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-6th grades

July 21 † 22

Youth Service Weekend

July 23 † 26

Children,s Camp: 3-6th grades

August 15

Awana Begins!

August 25

Back to School Bash!

Articles

Face to Face with Death

By Mike Emlet

On January 9, 2018, I came face to face with death. Not my own, but the death of my 87 year-old mother-in-law, Virginia Wilson. She had suffered a debilitating stroke in August 2016 leaving the right side of her body paralyzed and her speech slurred. She found it hard to accept her diminished condition. Yet her love for God and for her family continued to shine through the cracks in the earthen vessel that was her body.

A few days before Christmas, her condition rapidly deteriorated. She became more confused, less responsive, and more agitated. A medical evaluation revealed a new, significant stroke, along with other complications. She would not recover. This once vital woman literally shrank daily before our eyes. Over one particular 24-hour period she seemed to age ten years. Her appearance changed from frail but with both feet in this world, to failing with one foot here and the other in the water, ready to cross the Jordan. It was beyond painful to watch. It was excruciating, especially for my wife. Dying is ugly. Death is awful.

In my fantasies, I see myself aging gracefully, sitting in my favorite chair, a source of wisdom and wit to my extended family and friends until my dying day. and then, full of years, with a sound mind and a (slightly) more frail body, I just slip away one night into Jesus' arms. I realize that some people have that experience and it is a gracious and merciful decline when the Lord gives it. But such a decline is not the norm. More often the decline is either sudden and violent—a stroke or a terrible fall—or agonizingly relentless: a gradual loss of hearing, sight, taste, smell, mental acuity, ability to walk, even to eat.

There are no good deaths. Death is the enemy every person faces. To borrow a phrase from Stephanie Hubach it is a “normal part of living in an abnormal world,” a world broken and twisted by humanity’s fall into sin. Death is a wretched and pitiless enemy without mercy.

But death doesn’t get the final word. Our triune God does. The Son of God donned flesh and blood, died an agonizing death on the cross, and was raised to new life by the Father through the power of the Spirit so that this enemy might be ultimately defeated. Paul puts it this way as he speaks of the resurrection in **1 Corinthians 15:53-57**:

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are no good deaths. But there are good reasons for hope when believers in Christ come face to face with death. Jesus entered death’s gaping maw and rose triumphant from the grave. What was true of him will be true of those united to him by faith (Rom 6:5; Rom 8:31-39). Death was not the end of the story for him. Nor is it for believers in Christ . . . including Ginny Wilson.

Graduates

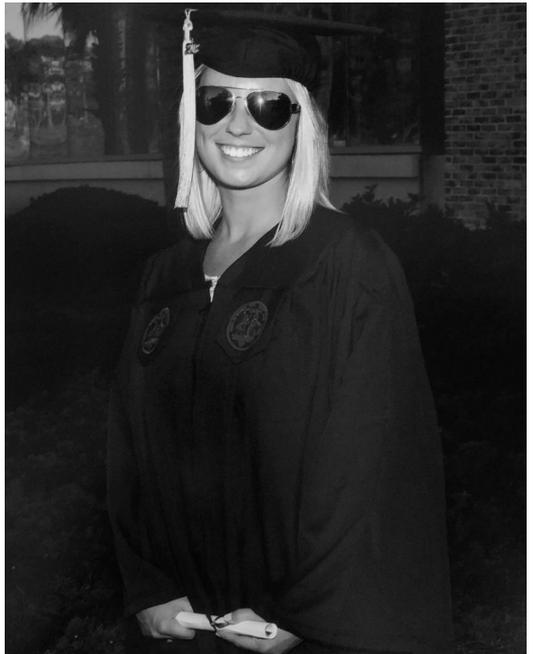
Shelby Morris

Shelby has completed her Master of Arts in English from The University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has been accepted into Samford University Law School for the fall.



Brittany Pinckney

Brittany graduated from the University of South Carolina Beaufort with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management. Her career goal is to go into Human Resources. She has already interned at a recruiting firm this past spring in Bluffton, South Carolina, and in Savannah, and she is currently in the process of jump starting her career as a Recruiter.



Courtney Welch

Courtney graduated from Boyce College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She majored in Education and minored in English as a Second Language. After returning from a mission trip to Russia, she will finish planning her wedding to Taylor Pelton, after which she will be moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, to begin her student teaching at Intermountain Christian School.



Kirsten Jones

Kirsten is graduating from High School having completed her coursework through homeschooling. She has been accepted to Boyce College in Louisville, Kentucky, and will begin attending in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in teacher education.

Rebecca Keller

Rebecca is graduating from Calvary Day School and plans to attend Augusta University in the fall, where she will be pursuing a degree through the Medical College of Georgia to work as a Physician's Assistant before later pursuing a medical specialty.





Cam Mills

Cam will be finishing his High School certification later this summer and plans to pursue a vocational degree from one of the local technical schools.

Reggie Leonard Plummer

Reggie completed his course of study at the Georgia Preparatory Academy in the fall semester of 2017. He plans to work at the Pink House over the course of the summer before enrolling at West Georgia College in Carrolton, Georgia.



Kaitlyn Rowe

Kaitlyn is graduating from The Habersham School. While at The Habersham School, Kaitlyn served as Parliamentarian of the House Leadership System and also earned Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. Kaitlyn will be attending Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, in the fall, where she plans to major in Psychology with a minor in Latin.



KeiAysha Seabrain

KeiAysha will be graduating with honors from Jenkins High School. This fall, she will be enrolling at Georgia Southern University in order to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Mary Taylor

Mary will be graduating from Jenkins High School. This fall, she will be enrolling at Ogeechee Technical College where she will be pursuing a career as a veterinary technician.



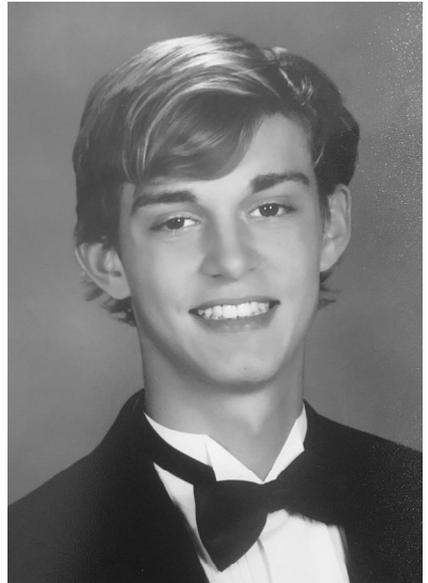


Savannah Ward

Savannah is graduating from Georgia Cyber Academy. This summer, she will start taking online classes through South University as she begins to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Fetzer Noah Zittrouer

Noah is a graduate of Savannah Arts Academy where he was a Communications major. In the fall he is attending Georgia Film Academy which is an extension of the technical college here in Savannah, and will provide an invaluable internship within the film industry.



Missionary of the Week

John & Gail Conner
Camino Global - Oklahoma



John and Gail ministered at the Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA) in Guatemala for almost ten years. They have relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to continue serving among Spanish churches there. John is now working with current SETECA supporters to help continue to fund needed projects at the seminary. John has also had opportunity to preach in a few Hispanic churches in Oklahoma, and is working to disciple two men. He is also doing extensive travel, and will attend the Camino field conference in Detroit in June.

Please pray for:

1. Continued growth within the Spanish speaking churches in the U.S.
2. Well qualified teachers to be raised up to work in churches. John is evaluating several programs where he can help in the training process of future church leaders.
3. Memo Perez and Gustave Rodriguez, the two men John is working with to disciple them. They are studying Philippians and memorizing scripture together. Gustavo broke his ankle in December, and it is still healing, but has generated a financial need for his family, as well.
4. Gail, as she completes an eleven month course to become a surgical technologist. Pray for her stamina, good health and continued good learning. She has really had to adjust to the technology needed to take the course.
5. John is on Facebook, and he is posting three times a week as part of a study in Proverbs, "Less Is More—Reading Proverbs Slowly". If you are on Facebook, check out his page.

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



There are people (many maybe most) who view religion quite passively. They carry on with their lives, assuming that if God wants to get their attention, it is up to Him to do it effectively enough so that they don’t have to put any effort in. Yet God has commanded all people to seek Him and to repent.

—Isaiah 55:6-7 & Acts 17:30

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 John
	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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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 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 Boanen, Kathylyne Creech

Nursery May 27

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Shelma Lewis, Jeanie Groover

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Lisa & Addisyn Rowe/

Kaitlyn & Lauren Rowe, Myri Hymon

6:00 P.M.

Heather & Jim Schraeder/

Tricia Sumner, Bethany Humphrey

Ushers May 20

10:30 A.M.

Johnny Bridges, Reggie Brown,

Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore

6:00 P.M.

Dean McCraw, Cole Morris

Ushers May 27

10:30 A.M.

Jimmy Kicklighter, Mike Morris,

Danny Roberson, Kelly Stanford

6:00 P.M.

Joe Morris, Kelly Stanford

Sunday Greeters - May 20

Becky Hendricks, Ceci Sheffield

May Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore, Billy Morris, Sr.