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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

Homecoming!

Do you want us to invite anyone to our 50th Homecoming? Send names and addresses to dawn@fabchurch.com asap!

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **August 14**, 7:00 p.m.

Awana Begins this Wednesday!

Busses will run and we will serve Pizza and Salad for dinner. **Because we are ordering pizzas, you MUST sign the list in order to eat.** We do not want to over or under order. Thank you!

Morning Bible Study for Seniors

Thursday, **August 16**, 10:00 a.m.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **August 16**, 6:30 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday for kids is **August 19**.

Communion

We will celebrate Communion in the morning service on Sunday, **August 19**.

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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.
Adult Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth & Awana	6:30 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

FABC Deacons

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

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Chorus & Greeting
“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Words are on the back of the bulletin

* Call to Worship
Psalm 113:1-3

* Hymn #73
“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Scripture Reading
Acts 19:1-10
Napoleon Martin

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes and
Offerings

* Hymn #268
“How Firm a Foundation”

Message
Bob Dimmitt
We Need Our Nausea, Part 6
Ecclesiastes 4:8-11, Ecclesiastes #36

* Hymn, to right
“Doxology”
Old Hundred tune

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #393
“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

Mission Trip Report
Kathlyne Creech

Hymn #70
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Message
Bob Dimmitt
The Wedding Vows Were Wrong, Part 3
Ephesians 5:17-24, Ephesians #108

* Hymn, below
“Doxology”
Owens tune

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.

We Need Our Nausea, Part 6

Ecclesiastes #36

Ecclesiastes 4:8-11

Genesis 2:18

Loneliness it seems is deadly.

More & more doctors are believing less and less that loneliness is the result of depression but that loneliness leads to depression.

Keep in mind there is a difference between being alone and being lonely.

Today when we talk about home we mean just our 4 walls and our nuclear family. BUT, that's never been what home has meant to any humans before us.

Psalm 31:9-13

Psalm 68:4-6

The remedy for loneliness isn't _____

The cure for loneliness is _____

P.M. Notes

The Wedding Vows Were Wrong, Part 3
Ephesians #108
Ephesians 5:17-24

Submission represents an act of faith.

1 Peter 3:1-4

“voluntary selflessness”

1 Corinthians 11:3

Genesis 1:27

Galatians 3:26-29

Equality in personhood and distinction in function is _____

Greek word for *own* is “*idios*” which btw does not mean _____

Philippians 2:5-8

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A Touch of Hope

Join Pat Beatty here at the church on Thursday, **August 23**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to work on blankets for next year's round of displaced students!

Back to School Bash

Tim will have more information on this event later, but Save the Date of Saturday, **August 25**, for this annual event!

New Women's Study

During Sunday School, beginning **August 26**, in room 28, Tamera Smith will be leading a study of Abigail. There is no charge for the study book. Please sign the list in the hall so we will have enough books. You will need a 3-ring binder.

CMI Speaker

On Sunday morning and evening, **August 26**, Joel Tay of Creation Ministries International will be our guest. More info is on page 6.

Ice Cream Social

On Sunday evening, **August 26**, the Young Adults will serve ice cream and fixin's for a church-wide fellowship. We especially hope the folks involved in the church Prayer Partner program with adults and youth can chat with their partners. If you would like to become involved in this program, please see Tim!

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #65:

Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

Answer:

From the creation of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Scripture:

Genesis 2:3; John 20:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; Revelation 1:10.

*Dear Church
Family,*

*Thank you so much for
your continued prayers. I
wouldn't have made it
this far without y'all's continued support.*

*When discouraged, I will not only turn to
God's Word, but to my prayer warriors.*

*Thanks so much for MacArthur's Biblical
Doctrine. I will use it when questioning the
meaning of God's Word. Thanks for your
support and your continued support!*

*In Christ,
Shelby Morris*



Trip to Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Tom Keller is putting together details for a trip to Kentucky from October 16 - 19. Travel would be via the church bus. Based on room prices for the moment, plan on \$150 per night per room (\$450 total, that can be split if you have a roommate), \$60 for park tickets for age 60 and over. Wheelchair, if needed, is \$10 for manual, and \$25 for electric. You also need to have money for meals. There is a nice buffet at the Ark Encounter. They plan to stop in Gatlinburg going up, and Nashville coming back, for dinner theaters. **You have until September 1 to sign up and pay a \$500 deposit.**

DOES GOD EXIST
 WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION WAS
 DARWIN RIGHT HOW CAN A LOVING GOD
 ALLOW SUFFERING AND DEATH WHAT ABOUT THE
 AGE OF THE EARTH DO DATING METHODS PROVE THE
 EARTH IS MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD WHO WAS CAIN'S WIFE
 HOW DID NOAH FIT ALL THE ANIMALS ON THE ARK WAS THERE
 REALLY A WORLD WIDE FLOOD DOES ANY REAL SCIENTIST
 BELIEVE IN CREATION ARE THERE REALLY MISSING
 LINKS CAN'T A DAY MEAN MILLIONS OF YEARS
 WHAT ABOUT NATURAL SELECTION WHERE DID
 THE RACES COME FROM WHAT ABOUT DISTANT
 STARLIGHT ARE UFOS
 REAL DID GOD USE
 EVOLUTION WHAT ABOUT
 THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN
 MONKEY AND HUMAN DNA
 WHAT ABOUT THE ICE AGE WERE
 ADAM AND EVE REAL PEOPLE
 WHO CARES WHAT I BELIEVE
 ABOUT ORIGINS DON'T
 FOSSILS TAKE MANY
 MILLIONS OF YEARS

ARE YOU READY



WITH ANSWERS?

Sunday August 26, 2018

10:30am Creation: Impacting our Culture

7:00pm The Truth About Dinosaurs

Joel Tay - CMI speaker

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From Cindy Wise, Children's Ministry Leader

2018 Children's Ministry Summer Activities are in the books and they could not have been executed without our wonderful servants who love the LORD and love children! They have been a blessing to me and to all of the families they served!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You are loved and appreciated!!

Answers in Genesis writes, "From both a biblical and statistical point of view, young people are a big deal! They are dearly cherished by our Lord and tend to be soft-hearted toward spiritual things. Researchers generally agree most people become Christians when they are children, so it's apparent this age group is a huge mission field! We want kids to hear and understand how they can receive eternal life through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus. VBS is a great way to introduce them to God!"

Vacation Bible School lasted "only" 3-4 hours for 5 days in June, but there were 6 people who worked MANY LONG hours for months preparing for that week and most while working full time jobs: Angela Creech, Jimmy Creech, Kaley Creech, Kathlyne Creech, Kirsten Jones, and Emily Wise. What a blessing they were, again, to me and the Children's Ministry!!! I truly appreciate their love for seeing the truths of God's word taught in such a fun and exciting environment!

An amazingly enthusiastic group of people including Janice and Jimmy Donaldson, Jessica Mobley, Dawn Stanford, Lauren and Addisyn Rowe, Charles Wise (as well as those mentioned before) decorated our fellowship hall, gym, upstairs, Sanctuary backdrop and other areas the day before VBS began. Their passion for children to hear and come to know God was evident in their hard and long work that day! And the sweet people who "colored" our posters during the previous months helped make our rooms and other areas look like authentic science labs!

The VBS leaders, teachers and helpers were beyond amazing: Kay Stanford, Linda Walker, Addisyn Rowe, Emma Best, Kathlyne Creech, Kirsten Jones, Evan Howard, Emily Wise, Lauren Rowe, Sona Bailey, Kaitlyn Rowe, Lisa Rowe, Linnea Posner, Tricia Sumner, Allie Mills, Elinor Morris, Jessica Dimmitt, Jessica Coleman, Tim Wade, Brock and Ian Schraeder, and Dawn Stanford. Also thanks to Eleanor Bowden, MaryAnn Tarver, Bobby Deloach, Savannah Martin, Julia Fields, Amy, Lilly, and Alden Horton for serving the days they were available that week! These precious people showed up early every morning and served the Lord with gladness, taught precious children the truths of scripture, helped them learn wonderful songs about God (the Father and the Son) and supervised exciting games.

The craft and science times were exciting and to say the least! Michelle Leverett and Kaley Creech were newbies but did a fantastic job teaching science truths and guiding the time travelers in fun crafts correlating with the lessons they were learning each day! And many thanks to those who stayed at the conclusion of VBS to help take down decorations for Sunday activities.

Last but definitely not least, I am so thankful to all those who contributed to VBS by purchasing a long list of needed supplies and snacks! What a blessing to know so many people had a part in VBS even before we began teaching the children! Also, if you helped us with VBS and your name is not listed above, please forgive me and please remind me of your service as I would never intentionally leave off anyone who serves in this ministry!

We are still thanking God for the children who were here and the truths they heard. I would ask that you continue to pray for these precious children: that the truths they learned would remind them of God's goodness to His children and they'd set their hope and trust in Christ if they haven't already; that God would turn their hearts away from sin that will ever be before them; that they may desire Him with all their heart, soul and mind; and for them to have a strong faith in God that will let them run with perseverance the race marked out for them.

Children's Camp at Epworth this year was magnificent!! Many thanks to the wonderful counselors, Kathlyne Creech, Elinor Morris, Janice Donaldson, Emily Wise, Shawn Champion, Robert Holland (also our fantastic bus driver), Richie Mills and Tim Wade, who left their families and jobs to serve and minister to our children in various functions and did so with excellence! Their rewards will be great in heaven!! Bro. Bob read a condensed version of John Bunyan's *Holy War*, explained the allegory after each session and had a Q&A time lasting several hours to conclude his teaching for camp. A big thanks to John Earl Blanton for printing *Holy War* posters from bunyanministries.org! They were incredible and helped the campers (and leaders) visualize what Bunyan was writing about in his book. Lastly, thank you, FABC, for investing in these children's lives with your financial support.

The Lord granted our requests and gave us near perfect weather, precious campers, delicious food, and at least a few hours rest each night. Thank you to those who prayed so earnestly for us!! We appreciate you and thank God for you!!

Children's Summer Music Camp. What a joy to hear God-honoring songs coming from 3 to 11 year olds singing their hearts out every Wednesday night this summer! Dawn Stanford has given of her time and talent again this summer and I am truly thankful for her passing along her love of God through music to our children! Also, thanks to Angela Creech for preparing and serving snacks each week and to Savannah Martin, Jordan Keller, Emily Wise and Kirsten Jones for assisting the children in making the craft of the week.

A Special thanks to our faithful nursery workers who served each Wednesday night this summer!! Many kindly served a week or two but Shelma Lewis and Linda Walker served every week because they "love those babies!" Thank you dearly, ladies!!

I am thankful for all the ways we were able to teach the children about who God is and what He says to His children in His word and pray it was cemented in their hearts that they will know and trust Him alone and live for Him all their lives.

Senior Saints' Activities in September

The Senior Saints will have a low country boil at the home of Ron and Mary Fowler the evening of Saturday, **September 8**, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The monthly lunches will resume with a trip to the Mighty 8th Museum in Pooler that will include lunch and a tour, on Tuesday, **September 18**. Mark your calendars, and sign up sheets will be up soon.

Articles

Food for Thought: Woman Realizes That She's Been Accidentally Abusing Her Husband This Whole Time

(An honest, open story from a young woman about her marriage.) - anonymous

My “Aha Moment” happened because of a package of hamburger meat. I asked my husband to stop by the store to pick up a few things for dinner, and when he got home, he plopped the bag on the counter. I started pulling things out of the bag, and realized he'd gotten the 70/30 hamburger meat—which means it's 70% lean and 30% fat.

I asked, “What's this?” “Hamburger meat,” he replied, slightly confused. “You didn't get the right kind,” I said. “I didn't?” He replied with his brow furrowed. “Was there some other brand you wanted or something?” “No. You're missing the point,” I said. “You got the 70/30. I always get at least the 80/20.” He laughed. “Oh. That's all? I thought I'd really messed up or something.”

That's how it started. I launched into him. I berated him for not being smarter. Why would he not get the more healthy option? Did he even read the labels? Why can't I trust him? Do I need to spell out every little thing for him in minute detail so he gets it right? Also, and the thing I was probably most offended by, why wasn't he more observant? How could he not have noticed over the years what I always get? Does he not pay attention to anything I do?

As he sat there, bearing the brunt of my righteous indignation and muttering responses like, “I never noticed,” “I really don't think it's that big of a deal,” and “I'll get it right next time,” I saw his face gradually take on an expression that I'd seen on him a lot in recent years. It was a combination of resignation and demoralization. Then it hit me. “Why am I doing this? I'm not his mom.”

I suddenly felt terrible and embarrassed for myself. He was right. It really wasn't anything to get bent out of shape over. There I was doing just that. Over a silly package of hamburger meat that he dutifully picked up from the grocery store just like I asked. If I had specific requirements, I should have been clearer. I didn't know how to gracefully extract myself from the conversation without coming across like I have some kind of split personality, so I just mumbled something like, “Yeah. I guess we'll make do with this. I'm going to start dinner.” He seemed relieved it was over and he left the kitchen.

Then I sat there and thought long and hard about what I'd just done. What I'd been doing to him for years, probably. The “hamburger meat moment,” as I've come to call it, certainly wasn't the first time I scolded him for not doing something the way I thought it should be done. He was always putting something away in the wrong place. Or leaving something out. Or neglecting to do something altogether. And I was always right there to point it out to him.

Why do I do that? How does it benefit me to constantly belittle my husband? The man that I've taken as my partner in life. The father of my children. The guy I want to have by my side as I grow old. Why do I do what women are so often accused of, and try to change the way he does every little thing? Do I feel like I'm accomplishing something? Clearly not if I feel I have to keep doing it. The instances in which he does something differently, does it mean he's wrong? When did “my way” become “the only way?” When did it become okay to constantly correct him and lecture him and point

out every little thing I didn't like as if he were making some kind of mistake? And how does it benefit him? Does it make him think, "Wow! I'm sure glad she was there to set me straight?" I highly doubt it. He probably feels like I'm harping on him for no reason whatsoever. I'm pretty sure it makes him think his best approach in regards to me is to either stop doing things around the house, or avoid me altogether.

Cases in point. I recently found a shard of glass on the kitchen floor. I asked him what happened. He said he broke a glass the night before. When I asked why he didn't tell me, he said, "I just cleaned it up and threw it away because I didn't want you to have a conniption fit over it." So it got to the point where he felt it was a better idea—or just plain easier—to cover things up than admit he made a human error. What kind of environment have I created where he feels he's not allowed to make mistakes? Broken glass, a common mistake that anyone could have made. But he was right. Regarding the glass, I not only pointed out his clumsiness for breaking it, but also due to the shard I found, his sad attempt at cleaning it up.

I know what he's thinking, "this thing that has you so upset is a small detail, a matter of opinion, or a preference, I don't see why you're making it such a big deal." But from my end I came to interpret it over time that he didn't care about my happiness or trying to do things the way I think they should be done. I came to view it like "this guy just doesn't get it."

I started thinking about what I'd observed with my friends' relationships, and things my girlfriends would complain about regarding their husbands, and I realized that I wasn't alone. Somehow, too many women have fallen into the belief that Wife Always Knows Best. There's even a phrase to reinforce it: "Happy wife, happy life."

It's an easy stereotype to buy into. Look at the media. Movies, TV, advertisements—they're all filled with images of hapless husbands and clever wives. He can't cook. He can't take care of the kids. If you send him out to get three things, he'll come back with two—and they'll both be wrong. What this constant nagging and harping does is send a message to our husbands that says "we don't respect you. We don't think you're smart enough to do things right. We expect you to mess up, and when you do, you'll be called out on it swiftly and without reservation." Given this kind of negative reinforcement over time, he feels like nothing he can do is right (in your eyes). If he's confident with himself and who he is, he'll come to resent you. If he's at all unsure about himself, he'll start to believe you, and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Neither one is a desirable, beneficial outcome to you, him or the marriage.

Did my husband do the same to me? Just as I'm sure there are women who don't ever do this kind of thing to their husbands, I'm sure there are men who do it to their wives. But I don't think of it as a typical male characteristic. As I sat and thought about it, I realized my husband didn't display the same behavior toward me. I even thought about some of the times I really did make mistakes. The time I backed into the gate and scratched the car? He never said a word about it. The time I was making dinner, got distracted by a call from my mom, and burned it to cinders? He just said, "We can just order a pizza." "Accidents happen," was his only response. I shuddered to think what I would have said had the shoe been on the other foot and he'd made those mistakes.

So is he just a better person than me? Why doesn't he bite my head off when I don't do things the way he likes? I'd be a fool to think it doesn't happen, and yet I don't remember him ever calling me out on it. It doesn't seem he's as intent as changing the way I do things. But why?

Maybe I should take what he's always said at face value. The fact that these little things "really don't matter that much to him" is not a sign that he's lazy, or that he's

incapable of learning, or that he just doesn't care about what I want. Maybe to him, the small details are not that important in his mind—and justifiably so. They're not the kinds of things to start fights over. They're not the kinds of things he needs to change about me. He's just not as concerned with some of the minutia as I am. It's why he doesn't freak out when he's on the other side of the fence.

The bottom line in all this is that I chose this man as my partner. He's not my servant. He's not my employee. He's not my child. I didn't think he was stupid when I married him—otherwise I wouldn't have. He doesn't need to be reprimanded by me because I don't like the way he does some things.

When I got to that point mentally, it then made me start thinking about all the good things about him. He's intelligent. He's a good person. He's devoted. He's awesome with the kids. And he does always help around the house. (Just not always to my liking!) Even more, not only does he refrain from giving me grief when I make mistakes or do things differently than him, he's always been very agreeable to my way of doing things. Instead of focusing on those wonderful things, I just harped on the negative.

If we keep attempting to make our husbands feel small, or foolish, or inept because they occasionally mess up, then eventually they're going to stop trying to do things. Or worse yet, they'll actually come to believe those labels are true.

In my case it's my husband of 12+ years I'm talking about. The same man who thanklessly changed my car tire in the rain. The guy who taught our kids to ride bikes. The person who stayed with me at the hospital all night when my mom was sick. The man who has always worked hard to make a decent living and support his family.

He's a good man who does a lot for me, and doesn't deserve to be harassed over little things that really don't matter in the grand scheme of things. Since my revelation, I try to catch myself when I start to nag. I'm not always 100% consistent, but I know I've gotten a lot better. I've seen that one little change make a big improvement in our relationship. Things seem more relaxed. We seem to be getting along better. It think we're both starting to see each other more as trusted partners, not adversarial opponents at odds with each other in our day-to-day existence. I've even come to accept that sometimes his way of doing things may be better!

It takes two to make a partnership. No one is always right and no one is always wrong. You're not always going to see eye-to-eye on every little thing. It doesn't make you smarter, or superior, or more right to point out every little thing he does that's not to your liking. Ladies, remember, it's just hamburger meat. ❖

Is My Child a Christian?

By Pastor Brian Croft

As parents, we all wrestle with how to answer this question, and I've found there are usually two extremes that need to be avoided. The first is made worse by a lack of discernment shown in many churches when they routinely extend altar calls to 4- or 5-year-olds, ask them to raise their hands if they love Jesus, and then baptize them as converted followers of Christ.

The second is often a reaction against the carelessness of the first. This extreme prevents both parents and also pastors from being willing to affirm a child's conversion until they are adults, independent of their parent's authority and care. While reluctance on both counts is somewhat warranted, I believe a middle ground must be approached

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in order to discern clear biblical evidence that a child, teenager, or young adult has become a new creature in Christ.

Five Evidences

Admitting the obvious—that we are not God and cannot see the heart—I maintain certain evidence can help us discern the legitimacy of child or teenager’s profession of faith. In the spirit of Jonathan Edwards’s 5 signs of true conversion, here are 5 evidences I often use as a template when dealing with this difficult issue.

1. Growing affection and need for Jesus and the gospel.
2. Heightened understanding of the truths of Scripture.
3. Increased kindness and selflessness toward siblings.
4. Greater awareness of and distaste for sin.
5. Noticeable desire to obey parents.

In my experience as a parent and pastor, I’ve realized age isn’t the most important gauge in determining true conversion. Instead, it’s generally wise to look for these evidences in an age-appropriate manner. For example, a 16-year-old will articulate his understanding of the gospel differently—and more fully—than a 10-year-old. The same may be said of a child’s desire to obey their parents or display a selfless spirit toward their siblings. As children age, these things will begin to look different, and our expectations should follow suit.

Nevertheless, visible fruit must be present in some way, and I’d strongly discourage anyone from affirming a child’s conversion without *some* kind of tangible evidence apart from a verbal profession. On the flip side, though, I’d caution parents and pastors from falling into the trap of demanding more from a child than can be reasonably expected and observed.

Five Questions

Here are five questions to consider when looking for the above evidences and evaluating the spiritual condition of a child:

1. Does my child appear to truly love Jesus, or is he or she just telling me they do because I said so?

Children will often do what we tell them to do, believe what we tell them to believe, and say what we tell them to say. When it comes to saying, “I believe in Jesus,” parents can manipulate a response even with the best of intentions. Instead of coaxing the right words, however, we should look for genuine affection for Jesus within the child and, as best we can, ascertain if this affection finds its root in what he’s done to save them from their sins through his death and resurrection.

2. Does my child independently seek to know God’s Word?

I’ve read God’s Word with my kids before they could read themselves. What caught my eye, though, is when my oldest daughter began to read and seek to understand its truth apart from my prodding. She would read Scripture on her own and then ask me questions. These behaviors revealed what my wife and I identified as a genuine desire to know God’s Word better—independent of either of us.

3. Does my child demonstrate greater understanding of deep spiritual truths?

A helpful confirmation that my oldest son had been converted happened about one year after the fact. While reflecting on finishing the Book of James in our Wednesday evening Bible study, my son shared he was sad to miss the final week since it was going to be an overview of the book. I asked why he was sad, given that he'd been there throughout the entire book, and he replied, "I feel like I remember the last three chapters of James well, but I don't remember much about the first two." I then realized we had started James 3 soon after we felt our son was converted.

The word "awakening" is a helpful way to understand conversion not just in adults, but in kids, too. Consider whether your child appears to understand truths about God, the gospel, and the Bible better than before. Have you noticed a spiritual awakening?

4. Is my child demonstrating spiritual fruit contrary to his personality?

It's common to mistake spiritual fruit with positive aspects of a child's personality. We need to know, then, the different personality traits in each child before we can discern true spiritual fruit. Example: my son is an extrovert, loves people, and has always loved those in our church. Therefore, love for the local church, although a fruit of conversion, wasn't the best place to discern my son's conversion since he's naturally wired to love people anyway. My oldest daughter, however, didn't naturally love people the same way—something that noticeably changed after her conversion. In short, it's important to honestly assess your child's personality and look for evidences of *supernatural* fruit that would appear contrary to it.

5. Is there independent remorse for daily sins?

My wife and I found it helpful to look for our child's burden over their sin *apart* from any discipline, correction, or punishment. A parent can make a child feel "convicted" for sins, but that doesn't necessarily mean God by his Spirit has brought the conviction. **Look for moments when your child hurts a sibling with their words and goes to apologize on his own. Look for your child to come and confess a lie to you before you catch him**—for no other (apparent) reason than that his own heart and conscience were convicted by the Spirit.

I realize this is tricky ground. As a parent and pastor, all of the above must be applied on a case-by-case basis. Though many of us may be in different places on the spectrum, we must nonetheless endeavor to avoid the extremes on either side. Find a nice seat in the middle as a starting point, and from there be wise, assess honestly, and pray that the merciful God who regenerates adults, teenagers, and children alike will give you much discernment, patience, and grace. ❖

There should be something about Christians (us) that the world can't quite understand. I don't mean that people would think of us as strange or weird but that they would certainly see something different about us.

Instead we kind of blend in. There's nothing different about us. We are conditioned to think, talk and believe in the way the culture encourages us to think, talk, and believe, but we forget that our culture isn't a Biblical one.

As Christians we ought to feel some discontentment here. We ought to feel like this world is not our home. YET many of us do feel at home here, at home in our world and comfortable in what we have.

The Martyr's Oath

Missionary of the Week

Bill & Pam Maxey
Seamen for Christ - Savannah



Bill and Pam Maxey have been 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."

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 and other ministry volunteers to be good ambassadors for Christ to their crewmates.
6. Due to illness, Bill's activity in the ports of late have been greatly curtailed. Please pray for his health and well being.

There is infinitely more evil in the least sin, than there is in the greatest misery and/or affliction that you can ever possibly experience; yes, in fact, there is more evil in the least or smallest sin than there is in all the troubles that have ever been experienced by the world, even more than all the miseries and torments of hell itself...the least or smallest sin can only be washed away and removed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thomas Brooks

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

- “Revelation” - Organ Side Overflow
Room: Matt Coleman
- “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
- “Church History” - 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 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: Mary Ann Fowler, Amy Horton
- Youth Guys - Room 206: Tim Wade, Bobby DeLoach
- Youth Girls - Room 207: Sona Bailey, Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade

Levels of punishment in Hell:

- Acts 1:25:*
Judas is said to be in “his own place.”
- Matt 23:15:*
Pharisee’s converts were said to be “twice the sons of Hell” as their mentors.
- Matt 11:23-24:*
Some will suffer more than those from Sodom.
- Luke 12:42-48:*
Some receive few blows while some will suffer many.
- Note that the degree of punishment is not based on how much or what kind of sin you committed, but the appraisal is based on how much truth had been revealed to you.**

Bible Reading Schedule

August 2018

	1	I Samuel 9-12
	2	I Samuel 13-15
	3	I Samuel 16-18
	4	I Samuel 19-22
	5	I Samuel 23-25
	6	I Samuel 26-30
	7	I Samuel 31 - 2 Samuel 3
	8	2 Samuel 4-7
	9	2 Samuel 8-12
	10	2 Samuel 13-14
	11	2 Samuel 15-17
	12	2 Samuel 18-20
	13	2 Samuel 21-22
	14	2 Samuel 23-24
	15	Gal. 1-3
	16	Gal. 4-6
	17	Eph. 1-4:16
	18	Eph. 4:17-6
	19	Philippians
	20	Colossians
	21	I Thessalonians
	22	2 Thessalonians & Philemon
	23	I Timothy 1-5
	24	I Timothy 6 - 2 Timothy 3
	25	2 Timothy 4 - Titus 3
	26	Philippians
	27	Colossians
	28	I Thessalonians
	29	2 Thessalonians & Philemon
	30	I Timothy 1-5
	31	I Timothy 6 - 2 Timothy 3 15



How Majestic Is Your Name

- Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
- Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
- Lord, we praise Your Name,
- Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace, mighty God.
- Lord God Almighty.

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Nursery August 12

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Donna Martin, Kirsten Jones

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/
Aaron Waite, Linnea Posner

7:00 P.M.

Sona Bailey, Cindy Dimmitt,
Shawn Champion

Nursery August 19

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Mary Fowler, Kay Stanford

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter/
Mike & Elinor Morris

7:00 P.M.

Janice Donaldson, Ceci Sheffield,
Sharon Boaen, Kathlyne Creech

Ushers August 12

10:30 A.M.

Jimmy Kicklighter, Bucky Lanier,
Jack Moore, Mike Morris

7:00 P.M.

Dean McCraw, Cole Morris

Ushers August 19

10:30 A.M.

Jimmy Creech, Danny Roberson,
Kelly Stanford, John Sumner

7:00 P.M.

Kelly Stanford, John Sumner

Sunday Greeters - August 12

Ceci Sheffield, Lisa Rowe

August Lock-Up Deacons

John Sumner, Michael Walker