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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 Night

This week's menu features **Beef Stew!** Please sign the list in the hall if you are joining us.

Directory Entries

Check your directory entry and notify Dawn if it needs correction.

Quarterly Meeting

Our next regular Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for tonight, Sunday, **October 21**, at 5:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **October 25**, 6:30 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Missionary Visit

Pascal Grenade will be here and sharing in the morning service of **October 28**.

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	4:00 p.m.
Congregational Mtg.	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Dinner - Beef Stew	5:45 p.m.
Youth & Awana	6:30 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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FERGUSON AVENUE
1968 *50th* Homecoming 2018
BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, Nov. 10
Fish Fry 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Montgomery Athletic Assoc.

Sunday, Nov. 11
Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Covered Dish Lunch 12:00 p.m.
Ferguson Ave. Baptist Church

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FABC Deacons

Shawn Champion	433-0098
Mickey Fell	920-4557
Ron Fowler	901-409-8628
Jimmy Kicklighter (CH)	355-5616
Jack Moore	547-5000
Billy Morris, Sr.	398-1038
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
“Majesty”

Words are on the back of the bulletin

* Call to Worship
Psalm 76:1-2

* Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-7
“Psalm 76: God, Thou Art
Renowned in Judah”

Prayer of General Confession
Hebrews 4:14-16

Special Music

Scripture Reading
Acts 22:30-23:11
Tim Wade

Receiving of Tithes and
Offerings

* Hymn #70
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Message
Bob Dimmitt

*The Tension Between Observation & Faith
Ecclesiastes 8:10-17, Ecclesiastes #45*

* Hymn, to right
“Doxology”
Old Hundred tune

* All those who are able, please stand.

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn #257
“’Tis So Sweet to
Trust in Jesus”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

Hymn #36
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our
God”

Hymn #206
“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Hymn #475
“Redeemed”

Message
Bob Dimmitt

*Proskollao
Ephesians 5:28-33, Ephesians #114*

* Hymn, bulletin p. 5
“Now Unto Him”

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings
flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

A.M. Notes

The Tension Between Observation & Faith

Ecclesiastes #45

Ecclesiastes 8:10-17

Traditional wisdom teaches that there is a time and a place for judgment and justice, but what we observe often contradicts this and we see justice endlessly delayed.

1945 - Abba Kovner united 50 survivors who had cheated death in ghettos and concentration camps, and called them *Nakam*, meaning Avengers.

Delayed judgment at any level encourages evil, locally and cosmically.

Joy= refers to the reality, the experience and manifestation of joy and gladness. It refers to a celebration

Solomon is guilty of hubris

2 Peter 2:4-13

Where does the Gospel come into play with all this?

Our theology-averse age has lost sight of divine vengeance.

Christ's effective death for sinners does not cancel future judgment.

P.M. Notes

Proskollao
Ephesians #114
Ephesians 5:28-33

“Ought” conveys the basic meaning of owing a debt or having a strong obligation

“For” is a strategic term of explanation.

“Nourishes” means to nourish up to maturity

“thalpo” = to cherish with a tender love and care.

The husband is the provider, the protector and the preserver.

“Leave” speaks of the shift of the husband's loyalty and devotion from his parents to his spouse.

The marriage tie takes precedence over every other human relationship and for this reason is to be regarded as inviolable.

“Joined” or proskollao literally means to glue one thing to another

Oxytocin and Vasopressin

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Coastal Jail Ministries
of Georgia
2018 Banquet



Monday, November 5, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Grace Church of the Islands
6901 Concord Road
Savannah, GA 31410

See Bob Dimmitt or Matt
Coleman if you would
like tickets!

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #73:

What is required in the sixth commandment?

Answer:

The sixth commandment requires all lawful efforts to preserve our own life and the life of others.

Scripture:

Ephesians 5:29, 30; Psalm 82:3, 4;
Proverbs 24:11, 12; Acts 16:28.



By God's design, we (Christians) belong to one another. For that reason, not only our gifts but also our joys and our sufferings are meant to be lived out in fellowship with other believers. And, God intends for us to experience His comfort primarily in the fellowship of other believers.

Now Unto Him

Now unto Him who is able
To keep you from falling
And to make you stand in His presence
Blameless and with great joy.
To the only God our Savior,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be the glory and the majesty,
Dominion and authority,
Both now and ever. Amen!

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Music

Psalms 76 God, Thou Art Renowned in Judah

Steven R. Robertson

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F Dm Gm C F Dm

God, Thou art re - nowned in Ju - dah, Thy great name in
 Lord, Thy splen - dor is ma - jes - tic; Moun - tains form Thy
 Let us make and keep our pledg - es To Je - ho - vah,

Gm C F F Cm Gm C F Dm

Is - ra - el. Thou hast pitched Thy tent in Sa - lem, High on Zi - on,
 tri - umph - train. All the en - e - mies are plun - dered, Noth - ing of the
 King most high. Let us bring our trib - ute to Thee, Let us by Thy

Gm C F Am Dm Gm C

Thou ___ dost dwell. Thou ___ ar - row the by
 foe ___ re - mains. At Thy art
 grace ___ draw nigh. Thou art feared

F Dm C sus C F/A Gm
 11 Shield and sword no more.
 Horse and rid - er lay still.
 Em - per - ors ___ be - fore ___ These bow.

F C F/A Bb F/C C F
 14 none ___ can con - quer; Let the vic - ring forth.
 fore ___ Thy an - ger; Who can thwart Thy ho - ly will?
 we ___ are wel - comed, With Thy fa - vor, we are crowned.

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Articles

How Do We Speak Truth in A Distracted Age?

By Sean McDowell

How do we communicate the truth of the gospel in a world that is increasingly secular and distracted? If this question has gone through your mind, then you need to get a copy of the recent book *Disruptive Witness*, by Alan Noble.

Noble sees two large trends that make sharing the gospel difficult today:

- (1) Modern technology that offers endless distractions and gratifying activities, and
- (2) Secularism, which eradicates the sense of transcendence in daily life. As a result of these cultural two forces, Noble says:

“When we speak of Christianity we cannot assume that our hearers understand the faith as anything other than another personal preference in an ocean of cultural preferences” (p. 2).

Distractions and Secularism

How does the endless sea of distractions affect us? Noble makes a few helpful points. For one, it makes us mentally fatigued. We become addicted to novelty, and like other addictions, it drains our energy. We become worn out by continually seeking new experiences.

Second, we become cognitively overwhelmed. We begin to wonder, “With boundless intellectual options, can truth really be known with any degree of confidence?”

Noble is careful to define our “secular age” not merely in intellectual terms (that is, a worldview in tension with Christianity), but as a lived reality in a world with endless live options for belief. In the past, people traditionally kept the beliefs of their parents or community, but today people are expected to discover their own authentic truth, and many will change their beliefs over time. Professor Noble explains:

“At the heart of the secular age is the individual in their effort to create and project their identity in a chaotic and hostile world. For Christians this means that open dialogue about the merits and truth of the Christian faith can all too easily be interpreted by our hearers as reasons why they should choose to add Christianity to their identity. And then reasoning about faith becomes futile, because their objections to Christianity are not so much logical as existential: the faith (if properly described) simply does not fit with their conception of themselves and so they may reply, ‘Christianity just isn’t my thing.’”

As a result, says Noble, people are more concerned with how Christianity fits with their “authentic identity,” or improves their quality of life, than whether or not the historical evidence supports the resurrection of Jesus.

Communicating the Gospel in a Secular Age

One of my favorite parts of the book is that Noble does not give grandiose advice

about transforming culture. In fact, some may accuse him of having a fatalistic view of culture when he says, “There is no reasonable, society-wide solution.” But I think his point is to get Christians to reflect on how to respond on three levels: (1) personal, (2) church, and (3) cultural participation.

Essentially, Noble says we ought to resist not only the secular message of our times, but the trivializing mediums by which we speak, write, and visually depict our faith. Our goal should not be merely to draw attention to the Christian faith for that is to play into the seductive lure of modern technology that trivializes the message of Christ. **Rather, the goal is to disrupt people and to haunt them with transcendence.**

For instance, we could have a rodeo at church, but according to Noble, while this may *impress* people, it would not *disturb* them from their distracted slumber. And neither does a T-Shirt with a creative Christian slogan. **Christians need to think more creatively and deeply about ways to unsettle people from their secular assumptions.**

Noble offers some suggestions for how to do this in his book. Given how important it is that we effectively speak truth in our secular age, I hope you not be too distracted to get a copy, read it, and discuss it with a friend. ❖



The Bible is God’s book, it is a revelation of God, and our thinking must always start with God. Much of the trouble in the church today is due to the fact that we are so subjective, so interested in ourselves, so egocentric . . . Having forgotten God, and having become so interested in ourselves, we become miserable and wretched, and spend our time in “shallows and in miseries.” The message of the Bible from beginning to end is designed to bring us back to God, to humble us before God, and to enable us to see our true relationship to Him. That is the great theme of this Epistle; it holds us face to face with God, and what God is, and what God has done; it emphasizes throughout the glory and greatness of God—God the Eternal One, God the everlasting, God over all—and the indescribable glory of God.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

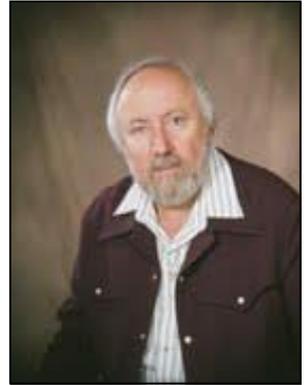
My experience is not what makes redemption real—redemption *is* reality. Redemption has no real meaning for me until it is worked out through my conscious life. When I am born again, the Spirit of God takes me beyond myself and my experiences, and identifies me with Jesus Christ. If I am left only with my personal experiences, I am left with something not produced by redemption. **But experiences produced by redemption prove themselves by leading me beyond myself, to the point of no longer paying any attention to experiences as the basis of reality.** Instead, I see that only the reality itself produced the experiences. My experiences are not worth anything unless they keep me at the Source of truth—Jesus Christ.

Oswald Chambers

Missionary of the Week

Arnold Fruchtenbaum Ariel Ministries

Ariel Ministries was created by Arnold to evangelize and disciple Jewish brethren through Bible, theology and solid doctrine. Over the years, Ariel Ministries has spread their Messianic Centers throughout various cities in the U.S., Canada, and Israel. Missionary, Bible and Prophetic Conferences are held in churches and schools all over the U.S. and the world where the focus is understanding the Word from a Jewish perspective. Camp Shoshanah is a learning facility that Ariel Ministries runs as a Bible training and discipleship program taught from a Jewish perspective for Jewish and Gentile believers. They are still building needed facilities for this school. For more information, visit their website at: www.ariel.org.



Praise Reports

- For a very successful ministry in England and Hungary
- For the completion of the DVD series "Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum's Historical Geographical Israel Study Tour"
- For Amanda's care for Mary Ann
- For the 50th anniversary of our marriage on June 29th

Prayer Requests

- For the Camp Shoshanah program and for full attendance
- For Mary Ann's health and her ability to attend camp this summer
- For the second stage of putting together the manuscript on the book of Acts
- For the late summer/early fall itinerary in Germany, Italy, and the Czech Republic

Ariel Home Office Prayer Requests

- Prayer for Jonathan and Anne Croudace and their family as they transition from San Antonio to Camp.
- Pray for safe travels for everyone attending or working at Camp this year. May it be a time for God to work mightily in the hearts of all.
- Pray for each person at the home office as we touch lives through phone calls, emails, and in person. Pray that we show God's love and be able to minister to their needs.
- Continue to pray that we are good financial stewards of the resources He provides through donations and our online store.

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
- “The Power of Words” - Room 28: Tamera 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: John & Pam Humphrey
- 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, Shawn Champion
- Youth Girls - Room 207: Sona Bailey, Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade

As difficult as it is to trust God in adversity, there are other times when it may be even more difficult to trust Him; such as when circumstances are going well. During times of prosperity we are prone to put our trust in those blessings or in ourselves as the providers of those blessings. At these moments we show our trust by acknowledging God as the provider of those blessings. It is the Lord that provides the regular paycheck, and the full refrigerator. We should express heartfelt acknowledgment and genuine gratitude to God in our prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

Bible Reading Schedule

October 2018

	1	Romans 8-10
	2	Romans 11-13
	3	Romans 14-16
	4	1 Corinthians 1-5
	5	1 Corinthians 6-9
	6	1 Corinthians 10-12
	7	1 Corinthians 13-15
	8	1 Corin. 16 & 2 Corin. 1-4
	9	2 Corinthians 5-9
	10	2 Corinthians 10-13
	11	Galatians 1-3
	12	Galatians 4-6
	13	Ephesians 1-4:16
	14	Ephesians 4:17-6
	15	Philippians
	16	Colossians
	17	1 Thessalonians
	18	2 Thess. & Philemon
	19	1 Timothy 1-5
	20	1 Tim. 6 & 2 Tim. 1-3
	21	2 Timothy 4 & Titus 1-3
	22	John 1-3
	23	John 4-5
	24	John 6
	25	John 7-8
	26	John 9-10
	27	John 11-12
	28	John 13-15
	29	John 16-18
	30	John 19-21
	31	Hebrews 1-5



Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory, power
and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His
own,
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name
of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Je-
sus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus, who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings.

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)

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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 October 21

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Mary Ann Fowler, Kay Stanford,
Pam Sarhan

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter/
Mike & Elinor Morris

6:00 P.M.

Janice Donaldson, Ceci Sheffield,
Sharon Boaen, Amy Keller

Nursery October 28

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Shelma Lewis, Jeanie Groover,
Linda Walker

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Lisa & Addisyn Rowe/
Lauren Rowe, Myri Hymon

6:00 P.M.

Heather Schraeder, Tricia Sumner,
Bethany Humphrey

Ushers October 21

10:30 A.M.

John Sumner, Michael Walker,
Billy Waters, Johnny Bridges

6:00 P.M.

Jay Rowe, John Sumner

Ushers October 28

10:30 A.M.

Reggie Brown, Jimmy Kicklighter,
Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore

6:00 P.M.

Jimmy Donaldson, Ron Fowler

Sunday Greeters - October 21

Leasa Brown, Becky Hendricks

October Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore, Mickey Fell,
Kelly Stanford