



December 9, 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 Night

This Wednesday night, **December 12**, is our Christmas Banquet. There are no other activities scheduled that night. The feasting begins at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up! If you plan to bring friends with you, make sure you add them to your count. Delicious menu of Prime Rib and all the fixings for a price of only \$7 per adult, \$4 per child from 4 to 12, and no family pays over \$25.

Welcome to Rabbi Stewart Winograd!

Rabbi Winograd is the director of Reach Initiative International, a worldwide organization that serves the needs of Holocaust survivors, the poor in Israel, and those seeking to learn more about Yeshua the Messiah. He will share God's word and more about Reach's work in Israel, Belarus, and India, in our Morning Worship service.

Called Congregational Meeting

There is a called congregational meeting this afternoon, Sunday, **December 9**, at 5:45 p.m. to vote for new deacons. The nominees are Joe Morris and Jay Rowe.

Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, please contact Janice Donaldson in the office.

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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	4:00 p.m.
Christmas Choir Practice	4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Christmas Banquet 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

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**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Words are on the back of the bulletin

*** Call to Worship**

Luke 2:13-14

*** Hymn #83**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer of General Confession

Romans 4:3-8

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Acts 26:19-32

Mike Russell

Receiving of Tithes And

Offerings

*** Hymn #89**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*** Hymn #95**

*“While Shepherds Watched
Their Flock”*

Message

Rabbi Stewart Winograd

*The Role of the Church in the
End Time Revival of Israel*

*** Hymn, to right**

“Doxology”

Old Hundred tune

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*** Hymn #10**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer

Missionary Report

Jerry Fields

Receiving of Tithes And

Offerings

Hymn #94

“What Child Is This?”

Hymn #98

*“I Heard the Bells On
Christmas Day”*

Message

Tim Wade

*Generations of a King
Ruth 4:18-21, Ruth #11*

*** 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.

Generations of a King

Ruth 4:18-21

1. Practice humility – God blesses the humble

- Perez – Born out of an incestuous, illicit, duplicitous, union
- Rahab (Salmon) – A foreign prostitute who entrusted herself to the Lord and his people
- David – A young boy and humble shepherd, not even considered worthy to be brought before Samuel by his father

2. Pursue righteousness - God exalts the righteous

- Nahshon was considered a prince among the people of Judah, his son married Rahab
- Boaz is listed in the 7th position in the genealogy

3. Patiently wait on the Lord – God keeps his promises

- God preserved the kingly line of Judah and established his chosen king to rule over his people, whose house and throne would be established forever with the coming of the Messiah.
- None who trusted their cause to the Lord were disappointed

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Joy Ladies' Christmas Party

They will have a get-together at the home of Jeanie Groover, 100 West Gazebo Lane, Tuesday, **December 11**, at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited. Contact Jeanie if you have any questions.

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **December 11**, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Saints

Just a reminder of their weekly visitation ministry on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. There is Bible Study Thursday, **December 13**, at 10:00 a.m.

A Touch of Hope

Pat Beatty needs some help with A Touch of Hope on two days coming up:

Monday, December 17, 11—2

Tuesday, December 18, 10—until done

She needs help packing fruit and other items into students' bags. She also needs help loading the blankets and delivering them. If you can help in any capacity, even for a little while, please contact Pat at 596-6922.

We can rest confident in the fact that nothing will happen to us in this world apart from the gracious will of a sovereign God. Nothing.

David Platt

Atrue 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

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #82:

Which is the ninth commandment?

Answer:

The ninth commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Scripture:

Exodus 20:16



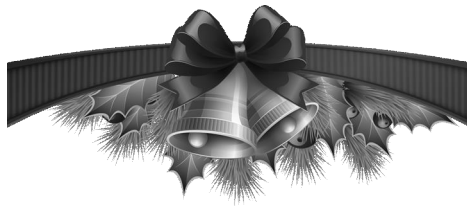
Annual Christmas Banquet

**Wednesday,
December 12**

7:00 p.m.

Menu will include
Prime Rib, Barbecue,
Ham, Vegetables and
Desserts.

\$7.00 per adult,
\$4.00 per child over 3,
and no family need pay
over \$25!



Upcoming Seasonal Events

Tuesday, December 11

Joy Ladies Christmas Party
Jeanie Groover's House * 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Christmas Banquet
Fellowship Hall & Gym * 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14

Senior Saints' Christmas Party * Meet at church at 4:30 p.m.
Young Adults' Christmas Party * 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17

Youth Caroling * 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Senior Saints' Tour of Christmas Lights

Sunday, December 23

Adult Choir Cantata: "The Glory of Christmas"
Sanctuary * 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service
Sanctuary * 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Activities
Fellowship Hall * Details TBA

Articles

Bedtime Theology: Having Spiritual Conversations with Your Kids

By Timothy Fox

When my son William was three years old, he had a bedtime ritual. My wife and I tucked him in, we said our prayers, and then I had to lay next to him, holding his hand until he fell asleep. It was sweet and I loved that my boy enjoyed my company, but some nights it would take up to an hour until he was finally asleep. So occasionally I would try to talk him into letting me go:

Me: "Can daddy go now? I've been here a while and I have work to do."

William: "But then I'll be all alone."

Proverbs 22:6 time. I always try to teach my son a little theology whenever I can in a way that he understands. And as we had been reading through William Lane Craig's children's series, "What is God Like?" together, I had a perfect opportunity:

Me: "You're never alone. God is always with you."

Boom. Omnipresence. God is everywhere, and so He's always with us. I was pretty proud of myself. But when has a child ever been satisfied after you've answered just *one* question?

W: "But I can't see him."

An understandable response from a child. William could see mommy, daddy, and the rest of his family. But if we can't see God, how do we know He's real? I certainly didn't want my boy to think God was just an imaginary friend, so I responded with the topic of the first book in Dr. Craig's series:

Me: "That's because God is spirit."

You can't see God since He is spirit. A person without a body. (Actually three persons, but William wasn't ready for the Trinity yet.) And this directly relates to God's omnipresence: God is both everywhere and yet nowhere in particular since He is spirit. He isn't "tied" to any one location in space since He isn't physical.

W: "Oh. Who is God?"

What a question! How do I explain the Almighty God to a child? I did my best:

Me: "God is the one who created the whole world. He's always with you because He loves you. So can daddy go now?"

W: (pauses) "No, I want you to stay."

So what's the moral of this story? That I'm such a wonderful, spiritual father? No, but I'm trying. Here are a few things I hope this short conversation illustrates:

- 1. It isn't hard to begin conversations about God with our children.** They're always asking questions so find a way to steer your discussions to spiritual matters. And make the most of it. Children are naturally inquisitive so use that as an opportunity to pour biblical truth into them.
- 2. Don't underestimate your kids.** They grasp a lot more than we give them credit for. Challenge them. And if they don't get things immediately, that's okay. Keep at it. They will with time. Also, children have *amazing* memories. You never know when they'll repeat something you've said - good or bad. Even when it seems like they aren't listening, they are. Always.
- 3. Know your stuff.** You are the first - and most important - teacher that your child has. But you can't teach your children about God if you don't know about God. I was able to answer the questions my son asked because we had been reading through a children's book series about the attributes of God. Like 1 Peter 3:15 commands, we must always be ready to answer questions about our faith, especially when they come from our own children. ❖

How important is regular church attendance?

The unbelieving world would likely scoff at such a question: *How important is regular church attendance?* "Going to church each Sunday is about as important as scrubbing the baseboards in my closet every week," an unchurched person might remark. And to an unbeliever, that makes sense. Weekly church attendance won't be a priority to anyone who does not love Christ.

But for believers, the children of God who have had their hard hearts completely changed, the regular meeting of the Lord's people for the purpose of worshipping Christ & fellowshiping with each other should be something that they desire. Unfortunately, due to a variety of different practical, philosophical, & cultural trends & rationales, regular church attendance isn't a priority for some professing Christians.

The following is a helpful excerpt from a pamphlet written by Pastor Earl Blackburn entitled, "**Church Attendance: Is It Important?**" I pray we will all possess gratefulness & love for our local body of believers & be deliberate & faithful in our commitment to the Lord through the church.

Being faithful & consistent in attending a true church of Jesus Christ & worshipping God is extremely important; more important than you may realize. Irregularity & unfaithfulness in attending church conveys a certain message & produces definite short-term & far-reaching effects. Failure to assemble yourself with the Lord's people at Sunday meetings of worship, unless you are sick or legitimately hindered:

1. Reveals a cold heart and lack of fervent love to Christ who instituted local churches. (Revelation 2:4 & 3:20)

2. It shows disregard for the apostolic example and command of God's holy Word. (Acts 2:41ff; Hebrews 10:25)
3. It robs you of blessing and help for the days ahead.
4. It cheats the brethren of blessings and help they would receive from your mutual ministry to them (1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 10:24), "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."
5. It grieves the Holy Spirit who dwells in each believer individually, and in the church as a whole.
6. It grieves the Elders who oversee you and minister the Word of God to you. (Hebrews 13:7 & 17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
7. It can influence others, by your poor example, to become unfaithful, lazy, indifferent and selfish. (Many young Christians have said, "Brother or Sister So-and-So do not come regularly, why should I?") You are a letter known and read by all men. (2 Corinthians 3:2-2)
8. It discourages brethren in the body with whom you are joined.
9. It is a poor testimony to unbelievers who see your inconsistency. (John 13:35; 1 John 3:13-14)
10. It demonstrates your lack of vision for the future of that particular church of Jesus Christ in which you are a member. (Jeremiah 29:10-11)
11. It makes you a covenant-breaker in your commitment to God and to the church where you are a member.
12. It is a dreadful and empty step toward backsliding and apostasy (study Hebrews 10:25 in its context of verses 19-39). ❖

Something to consider: We are, no doubt, all familiar with the statement, "Your actions speak so loud that I can't hear a word you are saying." There is a LOT of truth in this statement. Yet, how often do we consider that the opposite is often more applicable: "The way in which you speak makes it impossible to hear your words or appreciate your actions."

Our "speaking" is very often more damaging to us than we fathom. Yet, we excuse ourselves with statements such as, "I tell it like it is," or, "I believe that I should say what I think." In all truth, people aren't able to hear what we are saying because they pick up on our "spirit" when we open our mouths. What's more, they avoid conversing with us because they don't want to be around divisive conversation any more than they want to be around divisive actions.

Pastor Moses Toole

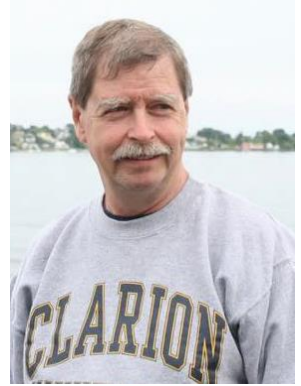
Missionary of the Week

Jerry Fields
RCE - Spain

Jerry has been busy working remotely for the Evangelical Christian Academy. He plans to return to Spain on January 6. Julia will remain here in Savannah and continue studies at Georgia Southern. Josiah is still studying at Liberty University. So this will be another time of adjustment for the whole family!

Jerry will share the latest with us in our Evening Worship service today.

From an email I received this week, here are some prayer points, with a praise at the end, from Jerry:



1. Next Friday, Dec. 14th, will be our Christmas Chapel during the day and then our Christmas Concert during the evening with a social afterwards. Both events are open to the general public and are evangelistic outreaches. Pray that the gospel will be clearly communicated and that God will prepare the hearts of those that attend.
2. A group of 10 students and teachers will be going on a mission trip to Senegal West Africa the last week of Jan. to help a local orphanage. The team will be offering support to the missionaries who run the orphanage, teaching Bible studies, ministering to street children, doing outreach activities in a nearby village, and hosting a carnival for the 150+ who live at the orphanage.
3. Pray that the students can raise the remaining financial need to cover their costs. If you would like to help, you can give through PayPal at donations@ecaspain.com (not tax-deductible)
4. Pray for my kids, Josiah and Julia. Praise for the end of Julia's 1st semester in college and for how fast she has learned to do things in the US.
5. Pray that I can find housing in Spain soon. I will be staying in a guest house till I can rent a new place.
6. Praise for a safe trip to Connecticut and back during Thanksgiving week.

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.

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
- “First Songs of Christmas” - Room 28:
Tamera 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: 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

The Bible never asks for blind faith, it calls for a reasoned faith. Remember that 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.

The tongue is literally the only part of the human body that never gets tired.

Bible Reading Schedule

December 2018

	1	2 Corinthians 9-11
	2	2 Corin. 12 - Galatians 2
	3	Galatians 3-6
	4	1 Thessalonians
	5	2 Thessalonians
	6	1 Timothy 1-4
	7	1 Timothy 5-6
	8	2 Timothy (1-4)
	9	Titus & Philemon
	10	Hebrews 1-5
	11	Hebrews 6-9
	12	Hebrews 10-11
	13	Hebrews 12-13
	14	James
	15	1 Peter
	16	2 Peter
	17	1 John
	18	2 Jn., 3 Jn., Jude, & Rev 1
	19	Revelation 2-5
	20	Revelation 6-10
	21	Revelation 11-15
	22	Revelation 16-18
	23	Revelation 19-22
	24	Luke 1-2
	25	Luke 3-5
	26	Luke 6-8
	27	Luke 9-11
	28	Luke 12-14
	29	Luke 15-18
	30	Luke 19-20
	31	Luke 21-22



O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;

O come ye,

O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!



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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 December 9

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Tricia Morris, Beth Lewis

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/
Aaron Waite, Linnea Posner

6:00 P.M.

Sona Bailey, Cindy Dimmitt,
Janice Donaldson

Nursery December 16

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Mary Fowler, Kay Stanford,
Pam Sarhan

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter/
Mike & Elinor Morris

6:00 P.M.

Shawn Champion, Ceci Sheffield,
Sharon Boaen, Amy Keller

Ushers December 9

10:30 A.M.

Jimmy Kicklighter, Jack Moore,
Mike Morris, Danny Roberson

6:00 P.M.

Cole Morris, Kelly Stanford

Ushers December 16

10:30 A.M.

Ron Fowler, John Sumner,
Michael Walker, Billy Waters

6:00 P.M.

Ron Fowler, John Sumner

Sunday Greeters - December 9

Becky Hendricks, Ceci Sheffield

December Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore, Billy Morris, Sr.