



December 30, 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 Upcoming

On **January 2** no activities or services are planned. Meals, Awana, Youth, and services all resume on **January 9**.

Year End Contributions

In order to include more contributions to FABC on your 2018 report, you must turn it in to the office by **December 31**. Thank you for your generosity!

Daily Bible Readings

This year, the daily Bible readings from the church will be in chronological order. Brochures with the entire reading guide are tucked inside the bulletin, if you would like to use them.

New Year's Eve

We will have a Chicken Wing cookoff here at the church on Thursday, **December 31**, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded, including the coveted Championship Apron! If you don't want to bring wings, bring a side dish to go with!

Office Closed

The church office is closed Tuesday, **January 1**.

Senior Saints' Bible Study

Thursday, **January 3**, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week at FABC Today

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| 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 Wordship | 6:00 p.m. |

Monday

Chicken Wing Cookoff 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

No Services, Activities Scheduled

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

FABC Deacons

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Shawn Champion | 433-0098 |
| Ron Fowler | 901-409-8628 |
| Jimmy Kicklighter (CH) | 355-5616 |
| Jack Moore | 547-5000 |
| Joe Morris | 398-0125 |
| Jay Rowe | 547-5770 |
| John Sumner | 658-4186 |
| Michael Walker | 655-2497 |

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**

Titus 2:11-14

*** Hymn #209**

“Grace Greater than our Sin”

Prayer of General Confession

Psalms 103:8-14

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Acts 27:39-28:10

Chris Leverett

Receiving of Tithes And Offerings

*** Hymn #106**

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Message

Tom Keller

Redemption: Genesis to Revelation

*** Hymn, to right**

“Doxology”

Old Hundred tune

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*** Hymn #272**

“The Solid Rock”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And Offerings

Hymn #206

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Hymn #208

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

Hymn #127

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Message

Tom Keller

The Attributes of God

*** 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.

The Attributes of God

I. What is an Attribute?

II. Why should we study God's Attributes?

III. What are the Attributes?

IV. What are the relationships between each attribute? Simplicity.

Joy Class

The crafters will resume their meetings on Tuesday, **January 8**, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited!

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **January 10**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sheffield's.

Sacred Harp Singing

The next singing scheduled for the Savannah Sacred Harp Singers is Saturday, **January 12**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the piano side overflow room. Join them!

Congregational Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 13**. The time will be announced. One order of business is to affirm Tom Keller as an Elder. Please see the bottom of this page for more details.

Weekly Catechism Question

Question #84:

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

Answer:

The ninth commandment forbids whatever dishonors truth, or injures our own, or our neighbor's good name.

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:25; Psalm 15:3;
2 Corinthians 8:20, 21.



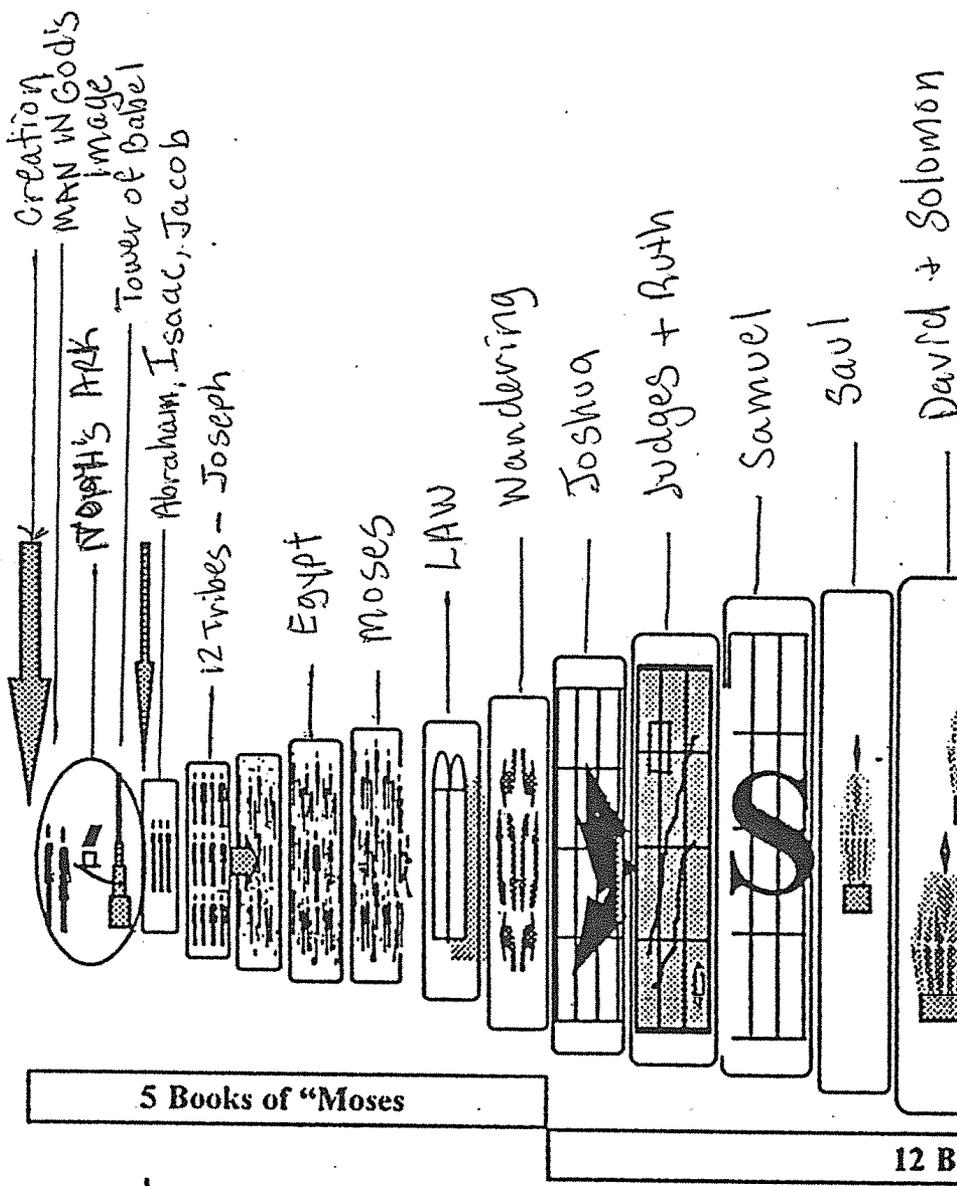
Josiah Fields would like to thank his FABC family for the love and support shown to him, and especially for the recent goodie box sent to him from the ladies' Joy Class!



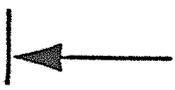
The elders of FABC would like to recommend that the congregation affirm Tom Keller to the position of elder at the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on January 13th. Tom has been faithfully serving as a minister to senior adults at Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church for the better part of a year, and has dedicated his life to his ministerial calling long before joining our church family. Since coming on staff at FABC, he has consistently demonstrated his character and his skillful handling of the Word of God. Tom has been examined by the elders, and we believe that he is qualified and suited for the role.

We understand that some of you may be wondering why this affirmation is necessary since Tom is already serving as a full-time minister of the church. We readily admit that ideally when a minister is hired by the church, the church should also be able to affirm that person as an elder. However, due to a confluence of factors at the time of Tom's hire including the church's transition to having elders, the special circumstances of Tom's hire, and the membership process having not yet been completed for Tom and his family, we could not immediately affirm Tom as an elder at the time of his hire. To be clear, this had nothing to do with any deficiencies on Tom's part, but with the protocol and precedents of our church, and a desire to not bypass the congregation at any step in this process. We would therefore rather be overly cautious than to leave any room for even the appearance of impropriety.

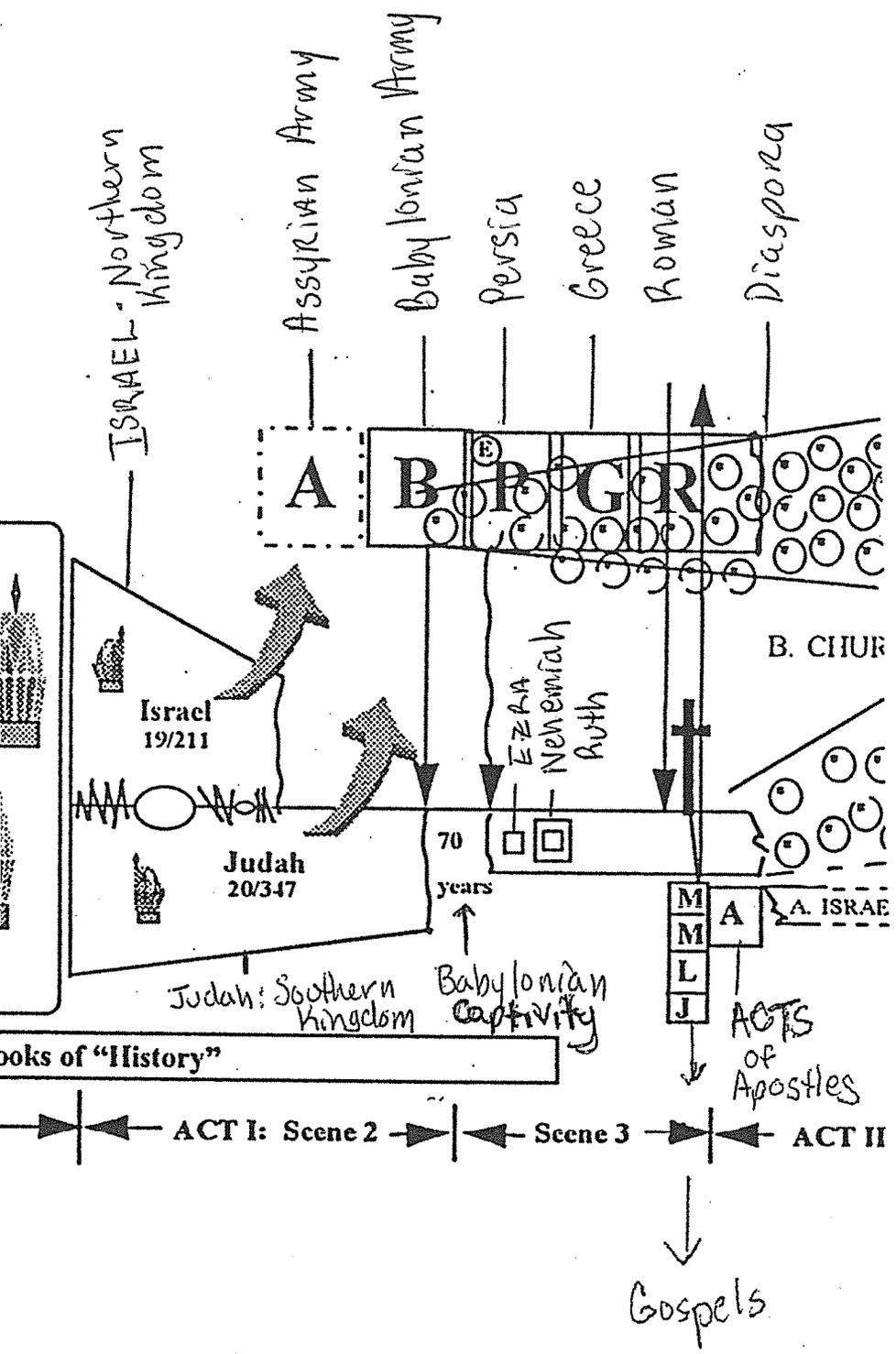
If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Bob, Steve, or Tim, or submit them via email to elders@fabchurch.com.



Prologue



ACT I: Scene 1



Articles

Should Students Be Exposed to Evidence Against Christianity?

by Sean McDowell

Sheltering students from beliefs contrary to Christianity is a big mistake. Let me say it again, to be sure it sinks in: *Sheltering students from arguments for other religions, or against Christianity, is a bad strategy for developing them as disciples in the faith.*

In his book *You Lost Me*, researcher David Kinnaman argues that “protecting” kids from opposing viewpoints is ultimately detrimental to their faith. Like “helicopter parents” who “hover” over their children to keep them from any conceivable danger, many young Christians feel that the church demonizes everything outside the church, fails to expose students to the complexities of the “real” world, and is too overprotective.

Overprotecting kids encourages them to wonder whether there actually are good arguments against the faith. And when they do encounter evidence against Christianity, which is inevitable today, many wonder—*what else have you not told me? Are you too insecure in your own faith to speak truth?* **Overprotection undermines trust.** And as a result, many kids disengage the church, as Kinnaman notes.

Inoculation Theory-

What can we do? There is something we can learn from inoculation theory, which says that people who are gradually exposed to opposing viewpoints are better prepared to answer such challenges in the long run. Like a vaccination, which exposes an individual to a milder version of a virus so he or she can develop immunity, exposing students to counterarguments helps them develop intellectual resistance to future, more persuasive ideas.

Consider a classic study by the late sociologist William McGuire. He took four separate groups of students and presented them with the counterintuitive idea that brushing your teeth is unhealthy. They each read a fabricated article, which was full of “scientific” arguments against the validity of brushing your teeth and then were assessed afterwards.

The first group was simply told that they would be given an article to read defending a particular viewpoint. The second group had their existing belief (that brushing your teeth is good) reinforced before reading the article. The third group was warned that they were about to read an article that would challenge their existing beliefs. The final group was presented with an abbreviated version of the argument as well as arguments against it. Which group had the most and least change?

Quite expectedly, group *four* (which received an advance summary and refutation of the article) had the least change in their beliefs. Unexpectedly, though, group *two* (who had their prior beliefs merely reinforced before reading the article) had the most change. This group was not only the most persuaded by the arguments against brushing your teeth, they also felt the most deceived when they were exposed to counterarguments against their prior beliefs.

How Does This Apply to Teaching Youth Today?

Here's the bottom line: If we merely present students with the biblical position on an issue, without offering reasons for that view, as well as exposing them to counterarguments against it, we are setting them up for failure when they encounter thoughtful opposition. And we risk losing their trust.

But if we present them with the biblical view on an issue, and also expose them to counter perspectives in a fair and incremental manner, they will have a much better chance of hanging on to their faith when challenges arise.

There are many ways this can be done. As a part-time high school teacher, I aim to inoculate my students for the intellectual challenges they will inevitably face in college and beyond. They need to learn that Christians have nothing to fear engaging opposing viewpoints and that Christianity can hold its own in the arena of ideas.

Specifically, I have taken students through *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins (after going through *Christian Apologetics* by Doug Groothuis). I regularly have them read articles from skeptics, watch videos that challenge their prior beliefs, and sometimes I bring in guests with opposing views. I annually take high school students on an apologetics mission trip to places like Berkeley, where they hear lectures from leading atheists and skeptics. In my experience, these types of activities serve to strengthen their faith.

If we want young people to have a vibrant and lasting faith, we must expose them to opposing viewpoints early in their intellectual development. And we must present those views fairly and accurately. This will help us gain credibility in the eyes of our students, and it will also help inoculate them from future, more articulate challenges.

If Christianity is really true, what are we afraid of? ❖



Unpopular but necessary thought: If you are blessed to have a good, faithful minister of the word he has spent a good deal of time this week preparing to minister that word to you this coming Lord's Day. So here's a question for anyone who professes to take their faith seriously: what preparations are you making to be ready to be ministered to? Or is Sunday worship just an afterthought, the thing that takes up Sunday but that really is not a focus at all of your attention? Will you be tired from all the "fun" you have on Saturday? Will you be bleary eyed and fuzzy brained from too little sleep? Mind taken up with the movie you saw? No Word having been read, no prayer engaged in? Well, God, being so gracious, often blesses us despite all of that, but oh, how different it would be if we prepared! What a blessing it would be for your pastor if you arrived for services prepared and expectant, with an obedient heart and a ready mind! And how much your own soul needs that time after a week of warfare with the world! Just some thoughts as we head toward the Lord's Day.

Dr. James White

Missionary of the Week

John & Gail Conner
Camino Global - Tulsa, OK



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. Since May John has been interim preacher at Tulsa Bible Church. They have now called a new senior pastor, who began in October.

Please pray for:

1. Continued growth within the Spanish speaking churches in the U.S.
2. Fruit from John's time as interim preacher at Tulsa Bible Church.
3. Gustavo Rodriguez, for whom John asked for prayer before. John has been discipling him, and he has moved back to Mexico City with his son, where he sells insurance. His wife is still in the States a little longer, and this is difficult. Pray for their transition and for Gustavo to find a good church.
4. Alex, a young man from Colombia that John met at church. They discovered they had a mutual friend. Alex is studying English and is interested in further Biblical training. Emilio C. is a Hispanic pastor in Tulsa with whom John is developing a relationship. Pray for John to have more relationships and training opportunities with other Hispanic pastors.
5. Guillermo M. who lives in Guatemala. He is interested in bi-vocational ministries. John is working with him remotely via the internet, with the help of Camino Global.
6. Initiatives developed with the Director of Hispanic Ministries of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Camino Global gave input and presented tools that Camino is developing to aid churches ministering to Hispanics.
7. In November, John went to a missions conference at John Brown University in Arkansas. Pray the Lord will send many on the mission field.

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 price of refusing to forgive is high. Unforgiveness produces hatred, bitterness, animosity, anger, and retribution. It not only clogs up the arteries but also the courts with thousands of vengeful lawsuits. Refusing to forgive imprisons people in their past. Unforgiving people keep their pain alive by constantly picking at the open wounds and keeping it from healing. Bitterness takes root in their hearts and defiles them (Heb. 12:15). Anger rages out of control and negative emotions run unchecked. Life is filled with turmoil and strife instead of joy and peace.

John MacArthur

Bible Reading Schedule

January 2019

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| | 1 | Genesis 1-3 |
| | 2 | Genesis 4-7 |
| | 3 | Genesis 8-11 |
| | 4 | Job 1-5 |
| | 5 | Job 6-9 |
| | 6 | Job 10-13 |
| | 7 | Job 14-16 |
| | 8 | Job 17-20 |
| | 9 | Job 21-23 |
| | 10 | Job 24-28 |
| | 11 | Job 29-31 |
| | 12 | Job 32-34 |
| | 13 | Job 35-37 |
| | 14 | Job 38-39 |
| | 15 | Job 40-42 |
| | 16 | Genesis 12-15 |
| | 17 | Genesis 16-18 |
| | 18 | Genesis 19-21 |
| | 19 | Genesis 22-24 |
| | 20 | Genesis 25-26 |
| | 21 | Genesis 27-29 |
| | 22 | Genesis 30-31 |
| | 23 | Genesis 32-34 |
| | 24 | Genesis 35-37 |
| | 25 | Genesis 38-40 |
| | 26 | Genesis 41-42 |
| | 27 | Genesis 43-45 |
| | 28 | Genesis 46-47 |
| | 29 | Genesis 48-50 |
| | 30 | Exodus 1-3 |
| | 31 | Exodus 4-6 |



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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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 December 30

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Susan Su, Kay Stanford

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Barbara Mason, Anna Wedincamp/
Jan DeLoach, Lynn Ernst

6:00 P.M.

Charles & Cindy Wise, Dawn Stanford

Nursery January 6

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Lauren Wade

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Ashley Strickland, Jordan Keller/
Emily Wise, Lilly Horton, Allie Mills

6:00 P.M.

Gena Russell, Haley Bull,
Napoleon & Savannah Martin

Ushers December 30

10:30 A.M.

Jack Moore, Ron Fowler,
Danny Roberson, Kelly Stanford

6:00 P.M.

Ron Fowler, Cole Morris

Ushers January 6

10:30 A.M.

Johnny Bridges, Reggie Brown,
Ron Fowler, Jimmy Kicklighter

6:00 P.M.

Jimmy Donaldson, Dean McCraw

Sunday Greeters - December 30

Ceci Sheffield, Lisa Rowe

December Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore, Billy Morris, Sr.

January Lock-Up Deacons

Shawn Champion, Ron Fowler