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## Announcements

### Wednesday Night

Dinner is Chicken Parmesan. Please sign up in the hall.

### New Sunday School Classes

Today, **January 27**, we have two new Sunday School classes beginning. Tamera Smith will begin a study for women using the book, *Women Who Met the Master*, by Carolyn Culver. They meet in room 28.

Steve Posner will begin a study of the book of Hebrews. His class meets in the Youth House.

### Joy Class

Their next meeting is Tuesday morning, **January 29**, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited.

### Senior Saints' Bible Study

Thursday, **January 31**, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The Attributes of God study will begin the morning of **February 7**.

### Homeless Ministry

Tom Keller preaches and serves lunch at the Old Savannah City Mission on the first Saturday of each month. **February 2** is the next date. Contact Tom if you would like to help!

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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.
Easter Cantata Practice	4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Dinner: Chicken Parmesan	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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10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**\* Opening Chorus & Greeting**

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

*Words are on the back of the bulletin*

**\* Call to Worship**

John 3:16

**\* Hymn #449**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

Prayer of General Confession

*1 John 1:8-9*

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:1-10

Lance Ficek

Receiving of Tithes And

Offerings

**\* Hymn #256**

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Who Is Sosthenes?*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians #2*

**\* Hymn, to right**

*"Doxology"*

*Old Hundred tune*

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**\* Hymn #268**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And

Offerings

**Hymn #272**

*"The Solid Rock"*

**Hymn #488**

*"My Redeemer"*

Message

Tim Wade

*What We Do in Disunity*

*Various Scriptures; Church Unity #4*

**\* Hymn, bulletin p. 6**

*"Benediction"*

### **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.

## Who Is Sosthenes?

1 Corinthians #2

1 Corinthians 1:1-2

First, apostles were commissioned by Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Second, apostles were \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

Once the church of Christ was established and Christianity was given its initial presentation, the apostolic office faded from the scene along with the age of direct miracles.

There are several groups that claim or allege to have apostles among them, including Catholicism, Mormonism, and some Pentecostal groups

## **2 Corinthians 11:13-15**

Many commentators assume that Crispus and Sosthenes were distinct, two different people.

## **Acts 18**

Verse 17- *Then they all turned on Sosthenes*

Question: Who is "they?"

Answers:

#1-

#2-

#3-

The inclusion of Sosthenes as a co-sender of 1 Corinthians suggests that he was a very prominent believer and that his name carried weight in the church of Corinth.

Crispus is Latin cognomen (an extra personal name given to an ancient Roman citizen) meaning curly or quivering. Some suggest that it might have been considered an unsuitable name for the new convert.



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## **Youth Volleyball**

The Youth will have a volleyball gym night on Saturday, **February 2**, at 6:30 p.m.

## **Oyster Roasts Ahead**

Reserve February 7 and 8! Thursday, **February 7**, we will have a Men's Oyster Roast, and **February 8**, there is one for the whole church! Sign up sheets are in the hall.

## **Savannah Sacred Harp**

The Savannah Sacred Harp Singers will meet to sing on Saturday, **February 9**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the piano side overflow room. Loaner books are available, and it is a lot of fun! Talk to Dawn Stanford if you have questions.

## **Gideon Speaker**

A member of a local Gideon chapter will share briefly the ministry during morning worship on Sunday, **February 10**.

## **Communion**

We will celebrate communion together during evening worship on Sunday, **February 10**.

## **Palentine's Party**

The Young Adults will get together on Saturday, **February 16**, at 6:00 p.m. for food and fun activities. Talk to Tim if you are interested.

## **Senior Saints' Lunch**

On Tuesday, **February 19**, the Senior Saints will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m., travel by bus to Sweet Potatoes restaurant for lunch, then tour Byrd Cookie Company. The tour costs \$7.00. Sign the list in the hall by Monday, **February 11!**

## **Weekly Catechism Question**

### **Question #88:**

Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

### **Answer:**

No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life, perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but daily falls short of inward and outward perfection.

### **Scripture:**

Ecclesiastes 7:20; Genesis 6:5; 8:21; 1 John 1:8; James 3:2, 8; Romans 3:23; 7:15; Philippians 3:12

## **Young Adult Bible Study**

Thursday, **February 21**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

## **Deacons' Retreat**

The Deacons and pastors will have their annual planning retreat on **February 22 through 23**. If there is anything you would like them to discuss, please contact Jimmy Kicklighter or Bob Dimmitt.

## **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.**

# Benediction

1. May the peace of God our Heav-'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of  
2. May this peace which pass-es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which

Christ the ris - en Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the Spir - it keep our  
makes us what we are, And this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us

hearts and minds with - in His love. And to Him be praise for His  
one in spir - it and in heart.

glo - rious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n; We de -

clare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings!

# Articles

## Secular authority tells American evangelicals that the future is going to require “theological flexibility”

By Al Mohler-edited for space

In an article by Daniel Cox the headline is this, “Are White Evangelicals Sacrificing the Future in Search of the Past?”

The argument made by Daniel Cox is this: White evangelicals—churches and denominations—are losing young people in America because of a moral nostalgia; a moral nostalgia on questions like abortion, a moral nostalgia on questions such as sexuality and marriage. His argument is straightforward, and in that sense it's helpful because rarely do you see this kind of argument made so absolutely honestly and candidly, that makes it helpful. Why? Because as he argues, white evangelical Protestants, in his words, “may be neglecting their future. As a group, they're drifting further away—politically and culturally—from the American mainstream.”

Well there it is. Here we are being told that evangelicalism, conservative Christianity in America, evangelicals are moving further and further out of the American mainstream. Now, let's just correct that at that point to say, what's really happening is the American mainstream is moving. In so far as this argument makes its own case, it's not about evangelicals changing but rather evangelicals refusing to change with the larger culture.

Cox has been giving the matter a lot of thought, and he's been looking at the research and the literature. Rightly he goes back to the famous 1972 book by sociologist Dean Kelly, *Why Conservative Churches are Growing*, and his argument was because conservative churches hold to what he called a strict doctrine and by requiring persons to identify theologically, they required them to identify with the church in the way that Liberal Protestants maybe once did but no longer did. As Cox summarizes the argument, “Conservative churches that offered a rigorous theology were thriving, arguably because of it.” That is because of that rigorous theology, but he says everything is basically changed now. He says, “Over the [last] couple of decades, Americans have become far more accepting on [any number of moral issues]. Today, most Americans say same-sex relationships, premarital sex, living together before marriage, and having children out of wedlock are morally acceptable.” And, he says, “roughly three-quarters of the public has no moral qualms about divorce.”

Now I've written an entire book *We Cannot Be Silent* addressing those issues, and, of course, he's right. He's at least right in terms of the direction of the culture. He is arguing straightforwardly, that American society has changed, it has changed fundamentally, it has changed in moral judgment, and if conservative Protestant churches don't get with the program, we are simply going to get left behind.

Cox warns evangelicals that the great threat is what he calls, “generational turnover.” He goes on to say that “a chasm has emerged between the views of these young people and white evangelical Protestants.”

He cited a survey done by the organization PRRI that found “that 83 percent of [evangelicals] believe that sex is morally acceptable only between a [married] man and woman, but,” he says, “the view is held only by 30 percent of American young adults.”

It's just not the implication of his article that evangelicalism is going to have to change its moral worldview or be sidelined, it's explicit; he doesn't hem and haw, he makes the argument straightforwardly. In describing the predicament faced by evangelicals, he writes this, "Young white evangelicals are caught between their peers, who are predisposed to embrace cultural pluralism and express tolerance for different personal behaviors, and an evangelical tradition that staunchly resists changes in social, cultural and religious norms." He went on straightforwardly to call for what he termed, "theological flexibility," saying that this kind of theological flexibility is exactly what younger evangelicals want. He ended his article by saying, and I quote, "if white evangelical Protestants want to continue to be a home for younger Americans, they may have to reconsider what parts of Christianity are non-negotiable."

Well that's an important issue, an unavoidable issue, for any Christian church. We have to ask the question: Which parts of historic, traditional Christianity are nonnegotiable? And the biblical answer to that is that nothing is negotiable that touches upon the gospel of Jesus Christ, nothing is negotiable that points to the basic theological definition of biblical Christianity, nothing is negotiable that negotiates a way, what the Bible clearly reveals and makes clear concerning, yes, also morality.

What we must recognize in this context and in this incredibly explicit argument is that the Christian faith is not a matter of theological flexibility, Christian doctrine is not a matter of theological negotiation. Here's the basic dividing line, it's a dividing line between those who believe that God has spoken in his Word and those who believe that God's Word is merely a record or a reflection of human thinking about God. **If the Bible is merely a collection of ancient Hebrew and Christian writings then we can negotiate at will, we can be almost infinitely flexible in our theology, but if the Bible is the revealed Word of God, then it is not given to us for our flexibility or for our negotiation but rather for our study, for our obedience.**

We should note that we are not guaranteed a future of traction and influence and authority in American society, that's not a part of the promise of the gospel. It may well be that the dire warnings offered in this article come true, that evangelical Christians or anyone holding to biblical Christianity is simply going to lose out in the great cultural shift taking place in our times.

The call for theological flexibility are actually a call to abandon the gospel and to abandon biblical authority. ❖

**C**hristianity is not only intellectual...Christianity is being born again on the basis of the finished work of Christ, His substitutionary death in real history. Christianity is the reality of communion with God in the present life; it is the understanding that there is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; it is the understanding that there is the moment-by-moment empowering of the Holy Spirit. Christianity is the understanding that the fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." It is the understanding that the fruit of the Spirit is meant to mean something real to all Christians. It is understanding that prayer is real and not just a devotional exercise. God means for us to affirm life and not negate life. May God show us the living balance and help us to live, by His grace, in that balance.

**Francis Schaeffer**

# Spiritual ADD

By Joseph R. Dodson

I struggle with Attention Deficit Disorder, and I regularly get so distracted that I lose my stuff. For instance, I was recently lining up to board a flight when I noticed I no longer had my carry-on. It had the souvenirs I had purchased for my children, my laptop, and my personal journal. If I went to look for the bag, I'd likely miss my flight. While debating what to do, I thought of the time I left my passport in a taxi in Greece; and the time I left my wallet in a bagel shop in Queens; and the time in Houston when I drove away from Target with my groceries still in the shopping cart.

This would not be the first flight I'd miss because I got distracted. I once had to cancel a speaking engagement because I was so preoccupied watching football on an airport TV that I failed to realize my plane had already loaded, left, and landed (it was a short flight).

Without further contemplation, I bolted back to the airport stores I had visited, darting in and out of shops to no avail. Then I came to a coffee stand and found a security guard rifling through my bag. I guess in my enthusiasm for a great cup of coffee I had left my other valuables behind.

Sometimes my spiritual ADD is just as bad. I'm mortified by how quickly and often I get distracted by things other than God's kingdom. Jesus' rhetorical question in Matthew 16:26 strikes me to the core:

*And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?*

A carry-on bag is one thing, but what if I get so preoccupied pursuing career goals, watching college football, and sipping craft coffee that I lose track of what I did with my soul? As a Greek professor, I cannot help but wonder what the author means when he uses the word "soul" (Greek: *psychē*). Among other options, this word can refer to (1) physical life, (2) personal identity, or (3) the spiritual seat and center of our life that relates to God.

The first meaning makes sense. Just prior to this verse, Jesus predicts his suffering and death in Jerusalem (Matt 16:21). He was about to lose his physical life in order to gain salvation for the world. This stands in direct contrast to the man in Luke 12:16-21, who was caught up in pursuing treasures for himself. In response to this man, God said:

*'You fool! This very night your life (psychē) will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'*

Whereas Jesus spent his life getting ready to die for others, this fool lost his life getting ready to live. I do not want to be like that guy.

Nor do I want to become so distracted that I lose my personal identity—who I am, whose I am, and why he has me here (the second meaning of *psychē*). In the context of Matthew 16, this interpretation works as well. In 16:13-19 Jesus asks the disciples how the world identifies him, and Peter correctly professes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Consequently, Jesus identifies Peter as the rock upon whom the Lord would build his church. Peter, however, almost instantly forgets himself by rebuking his very own master (16:22). Rather than responding like the rock Jesus called him to be, Peter crumbles under the weight of his own agenda. Most importantly, I do not want to lose my spiritual life—the part of me that knows and relates to God. **I don't want my**

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**heart to die, my mind to wither, or my soul to rot.** Although all three meanings of “soul” work, this third one is arguably the most precise for Matthew 16:26. It is intended to remind us of the last temptation Jesus faces in Matthew 4:8-10:

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him shall you serve.’”*

Jesus does not get distracted—he turns down Satan’s offer of the world, and reminds us that our life, our soul, is for worshiping and serving the Lord alone. By his example, Jesus encourages us to ignore distractions and hold on to the valuable and possessions of his Father’s kingdom. ❖

## **Sanitization or Sanctification?**

By Bob DeWaay edited for space

It seems that more and more churches are departing from Bible teaching and instead institute various programs for better living. It should be noted that these programs do not sanctify, they only sanitize. Let me explain that idea and show from Scripture that this is the case. Keep in mind that it is possible to use human wisdom and good advice programs in order to help people achieve better living.

It is possible to get an alcoholic sober, an abusive husband to be considerate and caring, a compulsive gambler to quit, a person driven to make money at the expense of family to change priorities, and to help an unhappy person become happy. All of this can be done without any special work of grace, without any work of God. In fact, it can be done without religion at all.

There was once a debate between two college professors, one an atheist and the other a Christian. Toward the end of the debate the atheist made an interesting statement. He said, “You do not need a god or religion to have a good, happy life. I have been happily married for many years, have wonderful children and grandchildren, live a moral life, and could not ask for anything more from life. I do not need religion and neither do you.” Sadly, many Christians have so redefined Christianity that they would not know how to respond to such a statement. It is true that many people lead happy, relatively moral lives without God. But what they cannot obtain is right standing before the Holy God who created the universe.

When Christianity is reduced to a “better-living-through-religion” program it does not offer anything that some atheists (like the one in that debate) already have. It is telling when churches fill up their docket with seminars designed to help people solve life problems through general revelation. General revelation is available to all through the normal means of knowing. All societies have their own aphorisms which they pass along—their collective “good advice.”

Two key differences differentiate good advice from the commands of Scripture: **1)** Good advice is never binding and can be safely (from an eternal perspective) ignored. **2)** Good advice is not sanctifying. The atheist with a nice family and a happy life is clearly not sanctified. The term “sanctification” means to be made holy. Holiness cannot be gleaned from general revelation. So those helped by good advice drawn from human wisdom may be sanitized, but unless they repent and believe the gospel they will never

be sanctified. Sanctification comes through redemption and the means of grace. Paul wrote: “*But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord"*” (1Corinthians 1:30-31).

Many churches simply have given up salvation and sanctification and settled for sanitization—clean and happy “Christian” living without regard to holiness in the sight of God. Paul discusses this in Colossians:

*If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” (which all refer to things destined to perish with use) in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.* (Colossians 2:20-23)

The cleaned up sinner is still “fleshly” because the only alternative to the flesh is the Spirit, and people do not receive the Spirit by works of law:

*This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?* (Galatians 3:2-3)

There is no definite article with “law” in the Greek; Paul is speaking of “works of law.” Whether the Mosaic Law or any other, people do not receive the Holy Spirit by works of law. Anyone without the Holy Spirit is unsaved and unsanctified (see Romans 8:4-8).

Anyone without the Spirit is motivated by the flesh (1John 2:16, 17). A person may be able to change his lusts (i.e., from the lust of the flesh to the boastful pride of life) through human wisdom dispensed through a program, but no one can escape the lusts of the world by any means except for a work of grace through the gospel. The law can restrain evil, but it cannot produce holiness. We do not escape from worldly corruption by any means other than the promises of God found in Scripture:

*For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust* (2 Peter 1:4).

So why have so many churches filled their sermons and programs with ideas gleaned through general revelation that amount to good advice? The answer is found most likely in their constituency. Clear teaching of the word of God will sanctify those who are truly saved. Jesus prayed: “*Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth*” (John 17:17). That means that God does a work of grace on the inside that changes the motivations of the heart, not just certain behaviors (Hebrews 4:12). The behavior does change, objectively, because the Bible contains instruction in godly living that should be taught with the binding authority of God. These instructions are commands, not good advice. They cannot safely be ignored. But the good news is that God’s grace comes to us through His word, enabling and motivating us to obey Him.

A church becomes filled with unsaved people when “better living through Jesus” teachings and programs become the norm rather than gospel preaching and Bible teaching. The people are there to find the sort of life the atheist bragged about having. They may get a nice, happy life through human wisdom dispensed in the name of Christianity.

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But holiness is what such persons cannot find through human wisdom. Holiness comes from a work of grace, not a decision to change some things for the better. **Sinners lacking the gospel but sanitized through a church program may end up in a worse condition than before.** If, in the name of Christianity, the drunkenness or marriage problems go away, those who benefited may think they are saved when, in fact, they are lost. False assurance is dangerous and if not remedied will lead to eternal damnation.

The good advice approach assumes that humans possess the motivation and ability they need; that they simply need instruction on how to put what they already have to work. The real situation is that we are sinners without hope and without God in the world (Ephesians 2:12). We do not have an engineering problem; we have a spiritual one. That spiritual problem is remedied by what God does by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8)—not what we do through human wisdom. The Bible tells us to “*pursue*” sanctification, because without it we will never see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). Only sanctification through the blood of Jesus makes us fit to see the Lord. Sanitization through good advice cannot do that. ❖

## **The Big Misconception Evangelical Parents Tell Themselves**

by Mark Harper

Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

We have heard it preached from the pulpit for years. “If you are a good parent and train up your kids in the Christian faith they will not leave the faith.”

I’ve preached it from the pulpit and chances are that you have too. **The problem is this doesn’t work.** Many children of good Christian parents choose to leave the Christian faith every year. When this happens parents tend to blame themselves. “What did I do wrong?” Sometimes parents blame the church and sometimes parents get really mad at God.

Here is the problem. We have taken this scripture out of context. We have misused it to say something that it does not say. Proverbs 22:6 is a parenting scripture. It’s not a scripture about salvation. The scripture is simply saying that through consistent discipline you can train your children to behave.

Herein lies the problem. **Salvation does not come through obeying the rules.** It comes by grace through faith. If your good works cannot save you, then your good parenting cannot save your kids. You can be the best parent in the world and make all the right choices, but you cannot save your child from hell. **Only Christ can do that.**

One problem is that we mix the scriptures on evangelism and parenting and we tend to think they are the same when it comes to children. You can make your child clean her room or do her homework, but you cannot make her have a relationship with Christ.

That is something she has to choose to do because she loves Jesus.

**Please don’t misunderstand me.** You have a lot of influence over your children and God wants you to influence your kids for Christ just like He wants you to influence your neighbors for Christ. You cannot make your kids love Jesus, but there are things you can do as a parent that will cause your kids to run to God and there are things that will cause your kids to run from God.

If you are a hypocrite – you act one way at church and another way at home, your kids won't believe you when you talk to them about Jesus. Another reason that kids leave the church is legalism. Many church kids grow up thinking that they can never measure up. Their parents are inflexible. They live by a list of do's and don'ts. These parents tend to freak out when their kids sin as if they have never sinned. The concept of grace never seems to enter the conversation.

So, are there things I can do to lead my child to Christ? Absolutely.

Take a look at what God said to the Israelites concerning the Passover lamb in Exodus, Chapter 12. I am choosing this story because it has nothing to do with a child's behavior and everything to do with salvation.

*“Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household... Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs... Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ Then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped.”*

Notice that God instructed the children of Israel to select a lamb four days ahead of the Passover and to bring the lamb into their home. I believe God did this so the family and the children would become attached to the lamb before the slaughter. He wanted them to feel the emotion when they sacrificed the lamb. Just a little bit of the pain that it cost the Father to sacrifice His Son. This was not a pretty picture. Perhaps the kids were crying when the lambs were slaughtered. Then they had to take the blood of their lamb and smear it on the doorpost of their house.

The children of Israel could not save their own kids. They needed the power of God to save their children. The powerful Egyptian armies were the ones that were crying in the morning as the Israelites were saved by the blood of the Lamb.

### **Here are six things we can learn from Exodus, Chapter 12:**

1. God did not intend to protect the kids from the emotion of this event. In fact, He wanted them to experience the pain of loss.
2. For kids to have an understanding of the grace of God, they need to have an understanding of the price that Jesus paid for their sin.
3. The Lord wants us to preach the deep things of the Word to our kids. Don't hold anything back.
4. Parenting and discipleship are two different things.
5. When God does supernatural stuff it makes a powerful impact on our kids.
6. As parents we are very dependent on the Holy Spirit to lead our kids to Christ.

It's hard, because we are not in control. **The good news is that we don't have to do it by ourselves.** ❖

# Missionary of the Week

## Ralph & Elaine Elliott Cru - Turkey

Ralph and Elaine's outreach efforts in the last 17 years have been directed to the business community of Istanbul, Turkey. Here is their latest prayer letter from January 17:



Dear Friends,

Elaine and I, and our daughter Jacqueline, are back in Turkey after our six-month time in the States. We really enjoyed our visit these past months with ministry partners, family, and friends. We were encouraged on so many levels with what God is doing in peoples' lives in the States.

We hope sharing what God is doing in Turkey was also an encouragement to those we saw and met with. We truly cannot be here helping to build God's kingdom in Turkey without those of you who "have our back" as we minister.

Elaine and I were also thankful to God that our youngest daughter Lauren found a ministry and academic environment that she liked with the Word of Life Bible Institute in upstate New York. We were happy for her and this decision also gave us peace of mind as we headed back to Turkey. Our daughter Jacqueline will work among young people at two different (Cru) conferences in Turkey and Spain before heading to do a Texas A&M semester abroad in Australia. Christopher is finishing his last semester at Georgia Tech and Caroline is deciding what her next step will be after a wonderful year of ministry with us here in Turkey.

Elaine and I did not have much time to rest after returning to Turkey since right away we were off to recruit more laborers for the ministry in Turkey. The ministry in Turkey sponsored both of us and two other coworkers to recruit at two different regional conferences. I am presently in Chang Mai, Thailand hoping to share the vision for Turkey with almost 1,000 staff gathered here from the largest country in the world.

Elaine will leave with another coworker in a few days to go to another large region, which includes the large sending countries of the Philippines and Indonesia. Elaine and her friend have the same purpose – to raise up international laborers for the work in Turkey from these countries that have a lot of resources.

We presently have 60 full-time laborers in the Leader Impact work in Turkey, but we are trusting God to raise up 100 workers (or more) to make a difference in our country – through their physical presence, through their prayers, and through their personal ministries. Leader Impact is presently in 7 cities, but we hope to expand to 7 new cities. Would you join us in prayer for God to be at work and raise up more laborers for the harvest in Turkey (Matthew 9:36–38)?

Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership! Blessings in the New Year!  
*Ralph and Elaine*

## Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

### Adult

“Revelation” - Organ Side Overflow  
 Room: Matt Coleman  
 “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -  
 Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt  
 “Hebrews” - Youth House: Steve Posner.  
*Women Who Met the Master* - Room 28:  
 Tamera Smith. Women’s Class.

### Students & Children

Babies - Room 3: Kay Stanford & Sandra Bridges  
 1s & 2s - Room 24: Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter/ 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: 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

**T**here 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**

## Bible Reading Schedule

January/February 2019

	27	Genesis 43-45
	28	Genesis 46-47
	29	Genesis 48-50
	30	Exodus 1-3
	31	Exodus 4-6
	1	Exodus 7-9
	2	Exodus 10-12
	3	Exodus 13-15
	4	Exodus 16-18
	5	Exodus 19-21
	6	Exodus 22-24
	7	Exodus 25-27
	8	Exodus 28-29
	9	Exodus 30-32
	10	Exodus 33-35
	11	Exodus 36-38
	12	Exodus 39-40
	13	Leviticus 1-4
	14	Leviticus 5-7
	15	Leviticus 8-10
	16	Leviticus 11-13
	17	Leviticus 14-15
	18	Leviticus 16-18
	19	Leviticus 19-21
	20	Leviticus 22-23
	21	Leviticus 24-25
	22	Leviticus 26-27
	23	Numbers 1-2
	24	Numbers 3-4
	25	Numbers 5-6
	26	Numbers 7



## **I Sing The Mighty Power Of God**

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey.

**T**he God of Scripture is extraordinary when compared to other so called gods: Only the God of the Bible is entirely personal and unlimited at the same time. He communes with people on a level they can understand, and yet He is the One who created all matter, energy, and time. They do not control Him. He does not subject Himself to the scrutiny of human hands and eyes seeking proof of His existence through observation and measurement, but He reveals Himself to the humble, who seek Him with their whole heart. His existence is not explained. We must come to Him believing simply as a child. He is Lord over all He has made, and there is nothing which has come into existence apart from His creative act.

**From Assumptions that Affect Our Lives by Christian Overman**

Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from

**[www.fabchurch.com/sermons](http://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 January 27**

**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

## **Nursery February 3**

**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

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## **Ushers January 27**

**10:30 A.M.**

Johnny Bridges, Reggie Brown,  
Kelly Stanford, Jimmy Kicklighter  
**6:00 P.M.**

Kelly Stanford, Jay Rowe

## **Ushers February 3**

**10:30 A.M.**

Bucky Lanier, Jack Moore,  
Mike Morris, Danny Roberson  
**6:00 P.M.**

Jimmy Donaldson, Dean McCraw

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## **Sunday Greeters - January 27**

Mary Fowler, Janice Donaldson

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## **January Lock-Up Deacons**

Shawn Champion, Ron Fowler

## **February Lock-Up Deacons**

Jimmy Kicklighter, Jack Moore