



September 22, 2019

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ❖ Savannah, Georgia 31406

Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting

Announcements

Wednesday Night

Supper is **Taco Bar**. Sign up in the hall!

Home Fellowships

These are scheduled tonight at 6:00 p.m.. Assignments are on page 12 and 13 Please bring a snack to share. Hosts, please provide drinks. You may get paper goods from the church kitchen if you need them.

Senior Adult Bible Study

Thursday **September 26**, 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying *The Life of Paul*.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **September 26**, 6:30 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Baby Shower

Ladies, you are all invited to a baby shower for Stacey Kelly on Friday, **September 27**. Stacey is registered online at www.babylist.com/baby-reg-stacey-kelly

Youth & Family Series: What Is Truth?

*Tim Wade has planned another Youth & Family Series forum for Saturday, **September 28**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.:*

In 1970, Johnny Cash declared, "The lonely voice of youth cries, "What is truth?" and he warned, "You better help the voice of youth find 'What is truth.'" In the intervening half century, it would appear that his warning has gone unheeded. The question, "What is truth?" is no longer asked. It has instead been replaced by the question, "Is there truth?" which is accompanied by a resigned indifference to the answer.

In 2016, the Oxford English Dictionary made "Post-Truth" their word of the year, and many have pointed out that we now are living in a post-truth culture in which facts, scientific realities about the beginning of life, gender, and identity, and

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Welcome and Announcements

*** Opening Chorus & Greeting**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Words are on the back of the bulletin

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 147:1-5

*** Hymn #13**

*“Praise Ye the Lord,
the Almighty”*

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

1 Kings 8:46-51a

Special Music

“Love Grew Where the Blood Fell”

Solo: Shawn Champion

Words to follow along on p. 4

Scripture Reading

Exodus 23:1-19

Steve Jackson

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

*** Hymn #116**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Freedom & Bondage

1 Corinthians 6:12-17, 1 Corinthians #31

*** Hymn, to right**

“Doxology”

Old Hundred tune

6:00 p.m.

Home Fellowships

Assignments are on pages

12 and 13.

Bring your Bibles!

Also, bring a snack to share.

Hosts, provide drinks.

*If your name is not on the list, pick
the home you want to visit.*

*Tell Dawn in the office so you won't
be left off next time!*

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

Freedom & Bondage

1 Corinthians #31

1 Corinthians 6:12-17

The Body is not spiritually irrelevant, the body is the sphere of worship—a place for God's presence to be revealed.

“The Desire for Autonomy” Psychology Today 2012

If we feel coerced by even an internal pressure like guilt or shame—to say nothing of external pressures like other people—our feeling of autonomy vanishes.

“The absolute autonomy of the self is being enforced by the absolute authority of the state to limit my absolute autonomy.” Tom Gilson

True freedom does not come from permission to do everything but from not being enslaved by anything.

What is eschatological hope?

John Piper: “Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass.”

Without hope we have to make the most of today: grabbing and getting and experiencing as much as possible in a maddening attempt to be satisfied in the here-and-now.

I am free from anxiety and _____

I am free from the pressure to grab _____

I am free from the uncertainty _____

I am free from pursuing self _____

I am free from _____ 3

A.M. Notes Supplemental

The biblical story can be told as a reflection on two Greek words: *kyriotes* and *autonomia*. The first means ‘lordship’ and refers to God’s right to rule; the second means ‘living by one’s own laws’ and describes man’s effort to live independently of God. From Genesis to Revelation, the story of the Bible is one of God’s assertion of his lordship – his ‘right to rule’ – over all the universe but more specifically over human beings, and of humans’ counter-assertion of their right to live apart from God’s rule. Genesis 3:1-7 describes humankind’s decisive rejection of God’s right to rule and thus the initial expression of human autonomy, while the rest of the Bible describes the disastrous consequences of that action and God’s program of redemption to bring humans back under his acknowledged rule, forgiven and willingly submitting to him.

Terry Chrisope, Professor of History at Missouri Baptist University

Love Grew Where The Blood Fell

See my Jesus on the cross, the people crying;
Looking on, a man would think it tragedy;
But what this world could not see
Was when they nailed Him to that tree,
It would break the chains of sin's captivity!

Love grew where blood fell;
Flow'rs of hope sprang up for men in misery;
Sin died where the blood fell;
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me!

Thorns of violence and hate were growing wildly;
And the sorrow they had caused was plain to see;
But when that blood came streaming down that cross
Where my Jesus bled and died,
It started blossoms of forgiveness growing free!

His love grew where blood fell;
Flow'rs of hope sprang up for men in misery;
Yes, sin died where the blood fell;
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me!
There our sin died where the blood fell;
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me!
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me!
It covered me!

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truth telling have become so inconsequential that it is difficult to know what truth is and if it is even important anymore. In the coming years, further assaults on truth will include deep-fake videos which will undermine the old adage, “seeing is believing.”

So, what are we to do as we attempt to raise our children in this post-truth culture? How can we instill a Christian worldview when the very foundations of logic and reality are constantly assailed? What do we become when truth is not simply misunderstood, but intentionally discarded? Join us on Saturday, **September 28**, as we discuss these and other related issues in our Youth and Family Series Seminar: What is Truth? The seminar will run from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., including dinner and game time. There is no charge, but please sign up in the hallway so we can know how much food to prepare.

Q & A

Another Question and Answer session about the proposed constitutional changes is scheduled for Sunday, **September 29**, at 7:00 p.m. after Evening Worship. Copies of the proposed changes are available, in case you haven't gotten one yet. See Tim!

Trip to Myrtle Beach

Your payment of \$205 per person is due on Sunday, **October 27**. The payment includes 2 nights at the Dayton House, 2 breakfasts at the Rose Room, 2 dinners (one each at Original Benjamin's and the Chesapeake House), and 2 show tickets (one each for the Carolina Opry and the Alabama Theatre Christmas Show).

Fall Festival

We are having a Fall Festival the evening of Wednesday, **October 30**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! We will need volunteer workers. This is a fun event for your own families, and a great outreach to the community. Let Cindy Wise know you can help!

Homecoming!

Homecoming is in our radar! The date is Sunday, **November 3**. Mark your calendar, and send us an updated photo of yourself or your family. Also, make sure your directory entry is up to date! Send these to dawn@fabchurch.com.

Christianity 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

Articles

Three Biblical Signs of Spiritual Immaturity

Adriel Sanchez

Faithfully going to church doesn't automatically make you a mature Christian. I'd never discourage you from being in church every Sunday, but hearing the word isn't the same thing as heeding it. I fear that some believers, despite their ability to articulate true things about God, are not progressing in Christian maturity. Real gospel growth depends on a right understanding of God, and it manifests itself in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-24). It is possible to be in a church with sound teaching for many years and have stunted growth, though. The author to the Hebrews lamented that after several years of solid biblical teaching, his audience still had not progressed much in their Christian life. He wrote,

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. (Heb. 5:12-14)

Picture a grown man, who should be teaching others, drinking out of a sippy cup and re-enrolling in pre-school. Spiritually speaking, that's how the author to the Hebrews described the recipients of his letter. They had been under the ministry of the word for a long time, but tragically they remained children. Has the same thing happened to you? Here are three biblical signs that you might be spiritually immature:

Spiritually immature Christians are gullible to strange doctrines.

Paul told the Ephesians that God gives us pastors and teachers to build us up in the word so that, "*we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes*" (Eph. 4:14).

Growing up by the beach, I spent a bit of time in the ocean as a kid. I can tell you, few things are more terrifying than seeing a large set of waves headed your way when you're no taller than four feet! I remember a few occasions in which I was taken under by a wave and tumbled beneath the surface of the water. It's disorienting! Spiritually immature believers are like small children in the ocean, frequently disoriented by waves of bad theology. One sign of being a spiritual child is that every time some new teaching or doctrine blows by, your faith is shaken by it.

As we mature in faith, certain perspectives we had about God often do develop, but the spiritually immature are marked by instability. With each new book or blog post they read, they change their views whichever way the wind is blowing. As we grow up in that gospel, the waves and winds of weird doctrines don't knock us down as they once did.

Spiritually immature Christians aren't able to play nice with other believers.

Having four children under seven, I've learned that when you take your kids to the park there are certain phrases that get repeated a lot: "Don't take that, it doesn't belong to you!"; "Make sure you share!"; "It's her turn to go down the slide now!"; "Don't bite!" Children need to learn to play nice with each other, and this is true of the spiritually immature. Paul told the Corinthians,

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? (1 Cor. 3:1-3)

A sure sign of spiritual immaturity is that there is strife between us and our brothers and sisters in Jesus. When they do something to offend us, we retaliate by hurting them with our words (to them, or to others about them), or severing the relationship entirely. When things go well for other believers, instead of rejoicing with them, we're jealous that it happened to them and not to us. This leads to viewing others in the church with contempt. There's a terrible selfishness that manifests itself in the spiritually immature, and when unchecked it leads to broken relationships and even church splits. If you can't forgive others and resolve tension with your family in Christ, you may very well be an "infant in Christ."

Spiritually immature Christians are controlled by their fleshly impulses.

Paul tied being an infant in Christ with being fleshly (1 Cor. 3:1-3). Writing to the Galatians, he described the works of the flesh as these, "*sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies*" (Gal. 5:19-21). This list wasn't meant to be exhaustive, but it gives you a good idea of the kinds of things Paul had in mind. Like a small child who doesn't get his way and throws a fit, the spiritually immature yield to their carnal impulses rather than surrendering them to God and exercising self-control. These fleshly impulses run contrary to our new identity as baptized followers of Jesus. Spiritual infants have a difficult time walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16), and the fruit of Christian maturity (Gal. 5:22-24) is not yet fully formed in them. Of course, all baptized Christians struggle with this for the duration of their Christian lives, but if we find ourselves continually giving in to fits of anger, sensual behavior, envy, etc., it is a sign that we are "people of the flesh, infants in Christ" (1 Cor. 3:1).

Like any kind of growth, Christian maturity happens slowly over time. As the author to the Hebrews said, the mature are those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice. Training and constant practice are lifelong activities, and if we neglect them, we'll be doomed to perpetual spiritual infancy: unsettled, unable to get along with others, and unable to control our impulses. If you've been assuming that God will one day zap you from toddler to teacher, you're sorely mistaken. Make use of the means that God has generously given you to help you grow in your faith. Get into a habit of prayer, personal Bible study, and especially fellowship in the local church under the preached word. Be diligent to attend to that word with all humility, eager to receive it for yourself. When you make this your constant practice, you'll find that over time your feet are firmly planted in the truth,

your hands are open to brothers and sisters in need, and your heart is moved less by carnal impulses and more by God's Holy Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let's press on to maturity! ❖

Little Greek Gems: The Great Commission: Soul Winning or Disciple Making?

By James Rich

How many times have you heard a missions conference speaker exhort everyone to fulfill the Great Commission by going overseas? I've heard that numerous times because I grew up in a Christian tradition that put a heavy emphasis on evangelism and "soul winning." In fact, it was touted that the *Summum bonum* of one's Christian vocation was to become a missionary.

I always felt a little guilty after such conferences because of the implication that those who go were nobler than those who stay. Since I wasn't called to the mission field, it created some angst that I was going to be a second-class citizen in the Kingdom.

But when I took Greek in college, I was quite relieved to find out that I could still fulfill the Great Commission anywhere God placed me. In fact, what I learned was nothing short of a Copernican revolution in what the Great Commission is and who could fulfill it. On the first day of my college Greek class, the professor put on the chalkboard a little linguistic nugget to illustrate why knowing the original languages is important. This has stuck with me ever since, and has shaped how I do both evangelism and discipleship.

It's important to note here the dilemma every seminarian-turned-pastor has to negotiate: talking about the importance of reading the Bible in the original languages while not undermining people's confidence in our many good translations.

Those lacking the aptitude or the time to learn Greek need not fret; God has gifted his church with skilled translators and reliable translations that yield genuine access to God's revelation, and in our vernacular language no less.

If I may venture a helpful (if imperfect) analogy: reading the NT in Greek is like a person watching TV in 4K Ultra High Definition with stereo surround-sound while another watches on a black-and-white set with a single speaker. Both TV viewers see, hear, and understand the same program, but the enhanced equipment affords subtleties and nuances not available in the other format. So a reader of a reliable English translation will certainly get what God has revealed, but reading the NT in Greek will yield little gems.

We find one such nugget in the Great Commission:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, NASB)

When explaining this text, many modern preachers and missionaries have keyed in on the English verb, "Go," which clearly looks like a command. But is "going" the essence of the Great Commission?

The Greek text helps us to get precisely at the point: while the English translations are rendered correctly, Greek shows there is only one main verb, which is in the imperative voice (we'd say a "command"). **So the actual commission is "make disciples."**

Greek also shows that the sole main verb is accompanied by three other action words (technically they're participles). These action words help to further define and explain the circumstances and means which accompany the action of the main verb. So what Greek teaches us is that the central action which fulfills the Great Commission is to "make disciples." But we also understand that this action is to happen while we are "going" and is to be accomplished by means of "baptizing" and "teaching."

For practical purposes, it is important to note that making disciples is a critically different task than merely winning souls. And this is not an unimportant distinction, because the history of the church shows us that when the Great Commission is defined primarily as "going," the tendency is to make converts rather than disciples who resemble Jesus. Misunderstanding the true nature of the Great Commission has led to numerous problems: "Easy Believism," the misconception that one can be a Christian apart from being a disciple; people who profess Christ but have neither root nor fruit; and weak, worldly churches. So the Greek text clarifies for us that Jesus commissioned his disciples not to merely get people saved, but to labor to make them just like himself.

Colossians 1:2 - *"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."* ❖

Ever since the fall of Man in the Garden there has lurked a suspicion of God in the human heart; that God, if there is one, is bound to be against us, forbidding us natural pleasures and repressing us psychologically and restraining us from developing our full human potential. The result is the alienation of the human spirit from God, and in extreme cases the denial of anything that smacks of God, even to the extent of denying that humans have a spirit, and attempting to believe that humans are nothing but matter. —at the same time our awareness of our real guilt & shame of our actual personal sins adds to the sense (& rightly so) that God, if He exists, must be against our sins. — How can this alienation & hostility be removed? In the incarnation of the Son of God & His death on the cross.

Excerpt from Being Truly Human

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 9

Preparing Your Child's Heart for Sunday School

By Jill Nelson, from Truth:78

As a teacher, I really appreciate when students come to Sunday school readily prepared for the morning. It greatly improves the classroom experience for both volunteers and students. Parents, here are a few simple things that can make a huge difference:

- Make your Sunday morning routine as stress-free as possible by setting out clothes the night before, planning a simple breakfast, and having your child's Bible and any other supplies ready to go.
- Review classroom responsibilities and proper behavior guidelines with your child.
- Be on time and make sure your child has used the bathroom before class.

In addition to these physical preparations, it's also important to *prepare your child's heart* for Sunday school.

What kind of heart preparation am I talking about? Focus on two main things:

1. Impress upon your child the immeasurable importance of receiving instruction from God's holy Word.
2. Guide, encourage, and challenge your child to rightly respond to the instruction they will receive. Responding with genuine faith in Christ is evidenced by growing love, devotion, obedience, and worship of Him.

What are some tangible ways to prepare your child's heart? Here are a few suggestions:

- **At the beginning of a new Sunday school year, spend time talking about the importance of knowing and understanding God's Word—the most important instruction of all!** Read and talk about verses like these:

2 Timothy 3:15-17

John 20:31

Psalm 19:7-11

Psalm 119:12-16

Use verses like these to impress upon your child the necessity of paying careful attention to biblical instruction during Sunday school. It's infinitely more important than learning math, a musical instrument, a sport, a new game, etc. Our eternal happiness depends upon it!

- **Take a visible interest in your child's Sunday school instruction.** Before Sunday arrives, take time to review and discuss the previous week's lesson. Go beyond merely recalling facts and details. Encourage personal application: *What does mean for your life? How should you respond to God? What is He calling you to think, be, and do?* If you take a deep interest in what is taught, your child will be more likely to do so, too. (Truth78 provides take-home pages for each of our curricula lessons to help you do this.)

- **Pray with and for your child before class each week.** Ask the Lord to give your child an attentive mind, a tender heart, and a submissive spirit toward God and His Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be at work to nurture genuine faith in Christ, and give your child a greater love for Christ and a growing desire to follow His ways. (The drive to church affords an opportune time to do this!)
- **Talk to your child and pray with him regarding having a humble heart that looks to the needs of others in the classroom.** (See Philippians 2:3.) Encourage your child to be a blessing in the way he speaks and acts toward his teachers and other students.

Additionally, talk to your child's teachers during the year to ask how your child is doing and address any concerns. Express thankfulness to them and be willing to make adjustments where and when needed. Be discerning: Is your child experiencing a problem due to lack of interest in spiritual things? Or is there a genuine issue within the classroom? Yes, there are less than ideal classroom situations— inadequate staffing, not enough classroom space, poor depth of biblical instruction, etc. Be sure to address these in an appropriate manner, within the leadership structure of your church. ❖

Declaration of truth: If I had the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the meekness of Moses, the strength of Samson, the obedience of Abraham, the compassion of Joseph, the tears of Jeremiah, the prophetic voice of Elijah, the courage of Daniel, the greatness of John the Baptist, the endurance and love of Paul, I would still need redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of sin.

E. Draper

Food for thought: Ever think that there are some drawbacks to the immense freedom we have here in America? Here is one to ponder: so much freedom can increase our loneliness because we no longer have to stay in one place and "do life" with people who are also staying in this place; therefore we don't make commitments. Why commit if we don't have to? Why risk getting stuck in undesirable circumstances ...

Barry Cooper comments:

"The god of open options is a cruel and vindictive god. He will break your heart. He will not let anyone get too close. But at the same time, because he is so spiteful, he will not let anyone get too far away because that would mean they are no longer an option. On and on it continues, exhausting, frustrating, confusing and endless, pulling towards and then pushing away, like the tide on a beach, never finally committing one way or the other. We have been like the starving man sitting in front of an all-you-can-eat buffet, dying simply because he would not choose between the shrimp and the chicken. The god of open options is also a liar. He promises you that by keeping your options open, you can have everything and everyone. But in the end, you get nothing and no one."

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Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter
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Cathy Lane
Bucky Lanier
Shelmagene Lewis
Samp & Beth Lewis
Jim & Glenda Lutton
Napoleon & Savannah Martin
Barbara Mason
Barbara McCall
Dean & Beverly McCraw
Alex & Nicole Morris
Billy & Suzan Morris
Cole Morris
Aileen Pinckney
Steve & Linnea Posner
Barbara Rahn
Jay & Lisa Rowe
Mike & Gena Russell
Kelly & Dawn Stanford
Elaine Spica
Alice White
Ric & Kelly Zittrouer

You can park across the street on the diagonal, on the right side of the driveway, in front of her house and the houses to her left and right. You can double up in her driveway, closest

Missionary of the Week

Kris & Nina Brackett
GCC - Croatia

From their most recent letter:

The summer has flown by quickly. We have traveled thousands of miles to a few US states and other countries, visited some beautiful places, enjoyed fellowship with many of you, and made wonderful memories as a family.

Beginning with Gaby's missions trip to Italy to hosting our 10th English camp in Krapina, to the Legacy Conference and visiting with Nina's parents in CA, to a weeklong visit with Kris's dad and Faith Community Church in GA, to our annual Youth camp on the Croatian coast, to the Steadfast Conference and some sightseeing in London, we have been going non-stop and the Lord is faithful to sustain us.

Despite the busyness, our hearts were made full and our souls refreshed beyond what we deserve this summer. We are so thankful to GCC, GMI staff and to the STM team for their sacrifice and service to us, for loving on our kids during the Legacy Conference. We are also grateful to spend time with our fellow co-laborers in Christ from all over the world. Their faithful example is such an encouragement to us. We are most grateful to our Lord whom we love and whose love toward us makes these conferences such a beautiful glimpse of heaven.



Praises & Prayer Requests:

1. Praise the Lord for a great summer full of ministry opportunities, traveling to new places, seeing old friends again, spending time with family and being encouraged by so many of you. Thank you for your love and blessing our family in so many ways.
2. With both sadness and joy, we send Gracie back to CA for her 2nd year at TMU. She leaves on Aug 20. Pray for wisdom as she pursues a specific field of interest. We are thankful for our dear friends who continue to host, love on and be like surrogate parents for her there.
3. Pray for Gaby for a clear direction where she should go next fall for college. Pray for us as we navigate the state residency issues in order to get financial aid for school. We are again thankful for more dear friends who have offered to host her if she decides to go to GA.
4. Kris and Gaby are flying back unexpectedly to GA on August 22 to pack Papa Brackett's house. We put it on the market after we left, thinking it probably won't sell until the fall. It sold in a few days, so now we have to move everything out by the end of August. Pray for an uneventful closing of the house. Gaby will also try to visit a couple of college campuses during that time.
5. Please continue to pray for our parents. Both our dads are going through some physical and health challenges that have been slow to recover from. Pray for pain relief, progress and most especially, a continued trust in the Lord during these trying times.
6. Pray for us as we prepare for another school year at TBA and home schooling a senior in high school and an 8th grader.

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

- “Revelation” - Organ Side Overflow
Room: Matt Coleman
- “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt/Chris Leverett
- “Lessons from the Upper Room (John 13-17)” by Sinclair Ferguson - Youth House: Steve Posner.

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, Savannah Martin, Haley Bull
- 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 208: Sona Bailey, Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade

This Week at FABC

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Choir Practice	4:00 p.m.
Cantata Choir Practice	4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Joy Class	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday

Supper: Taco Bar	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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Bible Reading Schedule

September 2019

	1 Ezekiel 18-19
	2 Ezekiel 20-21
	3 Ezekiel 22-23
	4 Ezekiel 24-27
	5 Ezekiel 28-31
	6 Ezekiel 32-34
	7 Ezekiel 35-37
	8 Ezekiel 38-39
	9 Ezekiel 40-41
	10 Ezekiel 42-43
	11 Ezekiel 44-45
	12 Ezekiel 46-48
	13 Joel
	14 Daniel 1-3
	15 Daniel 4-6
	16 Daniel 7-9
	17 Daniel 10-12
	18 Ezra 1-3
	19 Ezra 4-6; Psalms 137
	20 Haggai
	21 Zechariah 1-7
	22 Zechariah 8-14
	23 Esther 1-5
	24 Esther 6-10
	25 Ezra 7-10
	26 Nehemiah 1-5
	27 Nehemiah 6-7
	28 Nehemiah 8-10
	29 Nehemiah 11-13; Psalms 126
	30 Malachi



Come Christians Join To Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing—
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King—
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!



If you have any questions concerning the message from today, or are interested in obtaining information about church membership, please see any of the pastors after the service, drop a note in the offering plate indicating your desire to talk with a pastor, or call the church office.



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Nursery September 22

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Shelma Lewis, Linda Walker

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Lisa & Addisyn Rowe/
Bethany Humphrey, Myri Hymon

6:00 P.M.

No Service—Home Fellowships

Nursery September 29

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Susan Su, Kay Stanford

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Barbara Mason, Alli Mills/
Ruby & Jennifer Doyle

6:00 P.M.

Sharon Boaen, Cindy Dimmitt,
Janice Donaldson

Ushers September 22

10:30 A.M.

Jimmy Kicklighter, Bucky Lanier,
Jack Moore, Mike Morris

6:00 P.M.

No Service—Home Fellowships

Ushers September 29

10:30 A.M.

Danny Roberson, Kelly Stanford,
John Sumner, Michael Walker

6:00 P.M.

Joe Morris, Jay Rowe

Sunday Greeters - Sept. 22

Becky Hendricks, Ceci Sheffield

September Lock-Up Deacons

Shawn Champion, Ron Fowler