



November 10, 2019

# Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ❖ Savannah, Georgia 31406

*Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting*

## Announcements

### Joy Class

Tuesday, **November 12**, at 9:00 a.m.

### Wednesday Night

Supper this Wednesday is **Breakfast**.

### Senior Adult Bible Study

Thursday **November 14**, 10:00 a.m.

### Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday **November 21**, 6:30 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Week

On Tuesday, **November 26**, we will have "Wednesday on Tuesday"! Our meal will be at 5:45, Youth at 6:30, and Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Awana.

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed **November 28 and 29** for Thanksgiving.

### Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, and Carols

We'll have this special service to officially begin the holiday celebrations during Evening Worship on **December 1**, in the Fellowship Hall! Bring homemade cookies and other goodies to share!

### Trip to Myrtle Beach

The group will leave Savannah on the morning of Monday, **December 2**, and return Wednesday afternoon, **December 4**. More details and itinerary are coming soon.

### Christmas Banquet

Our annual banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 11**, at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up in the hall!

## FABC Elders

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10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

\* **Opening Chorus & Greeting**

*"Majesty"*

Words are on the back of the bulletin

\* Call to Worship

Hebrews 11:1-3

\* **Hymn #183**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Jackson

*John 6:37-40*

\* **Hymn #233**

*"Depth of Mercy"*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 29:38-30:10

Napoleon Martin

Receiving of Tithes And  
Offerings

\* **Hymn #186**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Your Pagan Spouse & Unclean Children*  
*1 Corinthians 7:10-16, 1 Corinthians #36*

\* **Hymn, to right**

*"Doxology"*

*Old Hundred tune*

6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

\* **Hymn #334**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And  
Offerings

**Hymn #58**

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*

**Hymn #50**

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 6-7**

*"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Bat Kol*

*Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew #10*

\* **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

## A.M. Notes

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### Your Pagan Spouse & Unclean Children

1 Corinthians #36

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Let's look at the thinking of the surrounding culture when it comes to mixed marriages, mixed in the sense that each partner in the marriage has a differing faith or religious preference.

Plutarch in his "Advice to Bride & Groom" - A wife ought not to make friends of her own, but to enjoy her husband's friends in common with him.

Some in the church would have considered mixed marriages spiritually corrupting and as far as they were concerned divorce looked like the only solution.

The primary concern should not be the difficulties which the believing spouse may encounter in living with an unbelieving partner, but rather the prospect of winning the unbeliever to Jesus Christ.

What is meant by the phrase '*is sanctified by the wife*' or '*is sanctified by the husband.*'

Exodus 40:9-11 & Numbers 7:1

The unbelieving spouse, by virtue of their partner coming to faith; is already set

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## P.M. Notes

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Bat Kol

Matthew #10

Matthew 3:13-17

Did the Spirit come down and appear like a dove or was he truly in the bodily form of a dove? Why? Why in the form of a bird? And why as a dove?

Genesis 1:2

The Hebrew word for hover or move is *merachephet* = a word used for a mother bird hovering over her eggs just before they hatch.

Israel was familiar with the visible manifestation of God known as the Shechinah glory and they were also familiar with \_\_\_\_\_

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Psalm 2:12

Psalm 2 is the most frequently quoted psalm in the NT.

So the psalmist is saying three things:

1. The nations have rebelled against God. But,
2. God is sovereign and has a predetermined plan to judge man's rebellion. Thus,
3. We must submit to Him while there is time.

God's call to you and me is to kiss the son, God's anointed, the messiah, in reverence and submission.

# Thankful for our Veterans

By Tim Wade

John Piper, writing a reflection on his own thankfulness for our veterans in 2008, wrote:

*When soldiers came to John the Baptist and asked, “What shall we do”—meaning, “How shall we respond to your call to repent?”, John answered, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages” (Luke 3:14).*

*From this we learn that repentance did not demand ceasing to be a soldier. The tensions between being a follower of Jesus as a soldier are essentially the same as the tensions of being a follower of Jesus in all the other authority structures of society that God ordains for the stability of the world (like business, education, government, and family).*

*There have been agonizing choices the veterans have had to make. May they (and we all) turn to the cross of Christ for the final resolution of what we have done. I am thankful they embraced the risk.<sup>1</sup>*

Piper rightly reckons that the life of a soldier is a difficult one, not just because of what they must give up at home in terms of time spent with friends and family, but because of the psychological and emotional consequences of what our veterans observe and participate in by simply following orders and doing their jobs. This was just as true in Jesus' day as it is in ours. And so, when a group of soldiers came asking John what they ought to do, his response reveals something crucial about the expectation that soldiers, and ultimately each of us, bear as regards their work.

John had just told the crowds, “Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Luke 3:9) The question then, “What shall we do?” is in response to this proclamation of judgment. These soldiers realized that they stood under God's condemnation because of their sins, but what were their sins? Was it necessary for them to repent of the things they had done in service of Rome? Certainly, many would assume that was the case. They had shed blood, surely, they would be obligated to lay down their swords and live peaceably. Over the centuries, many Christians have refused military service for that very reason. Their consciences would not allow them to take up arms against other humans. That can be a respectable choice when one is afforded the opportunity for choice. However, is it a necessary choice for all Christians?

Not according to John. John does not tell them that repentance looks like ceasing to be a soldier. Rather, he tells them that they ought to be honest and respectable soldiers. They ought not use their power to exploit the weak and vulnerable. They ought to serve with contentment. Therefore, when selfless men and women choose to assume the burdens of service in arms for the good of their fellow citizens, we who are being served by them ought to extend our grateful support to them. We ought to also urge them toward Christlike gentleness and contentment, even as we who do not take up arms ought to be kept accountable to avoid those sins which particularly beset us. Together, as Piper says, we ought to turn to the cross, looking there for the ultimate resolution of our activities, whether done in service to country, community, or family. Therefore, I, like Piper, am thankful to those who have embraced risk on my behalf, and look forward to having the opportunity to encourage them in Christlikeness through the body of Christ, the church.

<sup>1</sup>John Piper, “Thankful They Embraced the Risk” November 11, 2008



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I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and  
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, my stand - ing  
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death, place. gold.

my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge, the  
 Thoughfoes are might - y and rush up - on par - a - dise, my  
 And when He calls me it will be His

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.  
 feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, His face fo - ev - er to be - hold.

G C F G Gsus G C Am Gsus G C Fmaj7 Am Gsus G C Am Gsus G C

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# Articles

## Keeping Gossip out of Prayer Requests

By Matt Mitchell

Oh, those infamous prayer requests!

“We need to pray for Olivia and Liam. I heard that they might be getting a divorce!”

“I’m calling to ask for prayer for the church board. Something big is happening to-night. The chairman might resign!”

How do we keep gossip out of our prayers? This is the most frequently asked question people ask me since I began teaching on resisting gossip.

It’s complicated. We want to encourage intercessory prayer, so we create phone chains and email prayer lists, and we solicit requests from people at small group meetings. However, prayer requests come from sinners, are about sinners and are passed on to other sinners, so there are plenty of opportunities for sinful gossip to enter into the process (Proverbs 10:19).

Here is a mental checklist I developed for managing prayer requests in a careful, godly manner. Before you pass on a request, make sure to: check your facts, check your role, check your audience, and check your heart.

### Check Your Facts

Prayer requests can get muddled very fast. If the situation is not something potentially shameful, getting the facts wrong may not be a big deal. If it gets reported that “Cheryl is having her tonsils out,” when Cheryl is really going to have her wisdom teeth removed, it’s embarrassing to the one with the incorrect facts, but not embarrassing to Cheryl. But if we report that “Cheryl got cut from the softball team” or “Cheryl lost her job” or “Cheryl broke up with Jeremy,” and it’s not true, then it could be very damaging.

So, check your facts. Is this info straight from the person it’s about? Don’t transmit hearsay or rumor. Make sure what you are passing on is true.

**And remember—don’t say more than you have to.** You don’t have to share all of the juicy details. God knows all about it.

### Check Your Role

Are you the right person to pass on this request? Do the people being talked about want this request to be made known? Would they want it repeated? Is the prayer request confidential? (If so, keep it that way!) Is it your place to pass it on? Should you shoulder this prayer burden alone and not pass it on to others?

Many of us never ask ourselves these key questions, but we should. Sometimes we still need to pray for people who wouldn’t want it—unbelievers who don’t believe in prayer, for example. But, often, simply applying Jesus’ Golden Rule answers a lot of difficult questions: “*Do to others what you would have done to you*” (Matt. 7:12).

### Check Your Audience

Some people shouldn’t be trusted with certain prayer requests. Think about the person you are talking with. Are they tempted to be a gossip? Do they seem over-eager to hear bad news? Do they have a reputation for being unsafe with confidences (Proverbs 11:13)?

Be discerning. There may be nothing wrong with passing a request on to Melinda but everything wrong with passing it on to Daryl.

### **Check Your Heart**

Sinful gossip is bearing bad news behind someone's back out of a bad heart. What is *your* motivation for sharing this prayer request? Is it loving? Is it for the glory of God?

Be honest. Do you actually want to be seen as someone "in the know" with an inside scoop? Do you want to impress your listener? Do you get a surreptitious thrill from sharing the secret? Would you say it differently if the person you're talking about was present? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, be very careful how you handle information about other people.

Anyone can be tempted to gossip. But we can avoid it if we slow down and evaluate whether we are the right person, with the right motivation, talking to the right audience with the right information. A good prayer request comes from the good stored up in a good heart, and one day, we'll all have to give an account for the prayer requests we passed on (cf. Matthew 12:35-36). May we be found faithful. ❖

## **An Open Letter to the Suffering Christian**

By David Powlison

Dear friend,

What words can I say to you when your life is hard and you are hurting? If we were face to face, I probably wouldn't start with words at all. I would want you to talk when you are able. I want to know you, what you are going through, what it is like for you, and how you are doing. Simply being present and conveying that tears, heartache, and confusion are valid would probably be more helpful. Many wise Christians have commented that Job's counselors did well until they opened their mouths (Job 2:11-13), and I certainly don't think there is some magic word that will make everything better.

But when it comes time to say something, I might say this: Jesus is a most sympathetic friend, fellow sufferer, and Savior. He has walked a hard road. He has felt his own anguish and crushing pain (Isaiah 53). He understands. He is compassionate toward you. By the comfort of his presence and sympathy, he intends to draw you out and draw you to Himself.

I encourage you to go to him and speak to him. There is something about our ability to find words to express what we're experiencing that makes a genuine difference. A wise Christian of many centuries ago said, "To open one's heart to one's friend—it doubles our joys and cuts our griefs in half." I have found this to be true. Sharing a joy really does double the joy. And of course, sharing heartache never takes it all away—but there's something about speaking to someone who truly cares about you that soothes your wounds. You are not alone.

The psalms, which are so full of heartache and so full of faith, often start with simply giving voice to the experience of suffering. As they do, it's significant to notice that they don't simply cry out in a scream of pain. They cry out to God who hears, who cares, who draws near, who helps. We can speak to our God. May you cry out to our God. He calls you his friend. He deeply cares for you. He is your Savior. Trust Him. He has walked down this road before you. He promises to walk with you in this.

And I might say one more thing. Suffering must be walked through one step at a time. Be honest. Don't take any shortcuts. Let each day's trouble be sufficient for that day. Seek your Father. If you seek him, you will find him. ❖

# Missionary of the Week

## Good News Jail & Prison International Pakistan and Siberia

For many years, we have been supporting jail chaplains working in several different countries. We received a summary report from one field which contained this testimony of a prisoner who was ministered to by one of “our” chaplains.



I'm Muslim, married with 3 sons. I worked for a plastic furniture company. My colleague and I were dealers; delivering goods and receiving the funds. When we saw money in thousands on a daily basis that we had to hand over to the cashier, we thought they earn a lot and pay very low. One day my colleague and I decided not to turn in the money but to make up a story instead. I was not a good man. I drank, beat my wife and now I was headed to prison for fraud.

In prison, one day I was sitting in a sad mood when a Christian man said our Pastor is here and will see you. I don't know why I went. I forgot that I hate Christians just like other Muslims. The man was preaching on John 8:32-36 "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free..." I shouted at him but he was calm and treated me very patiently. I was frustrated when I went back to my cell and said I would not see him again but two days later he was back and I was with the others to hear him. After some time I could not stop myself to confess that I love Him Who died for me, whose love is for me and who always cares for me. Now I know the truth and I feel bad for my past. Chaplain Shakeel is helping me to grow in my faith and to become a strong believer so I can be strong with my family and share the Lord with them. I believe God will teach me. I plan to go into prison work when I get out in a short time.

We also support 6 chaplains in Russia—Tyumen. The director there is Armen Mkrtumyan.

*Please pray for:*

1. The boldness and safety of these chaplains in this country hostile to Christianity.
2. The inmates' willingness to meet with these chaplains.
3. This particular inmate to follow through to work with others in the prison.
4. God's provision for this man's family, and that they would come to know Christ through his testimony
5. Armen in Tyumen. Several projects in the works there are A/V equipment for a prayer room, repair of chaplain vehicles, and medicine for some inmates.



## Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

### Adult

“Job” - 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	4:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Joy Class	9:00 a.m.
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### Wednesday

Supper: Breakfast	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

November 2019

	1	Matthew 20-21
	2	Luke 18:15-19:48
	3	Mark 11; John 12
	4	Matthew 22; Mark 12
	5	Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
	6	Mark 13
	7	Matthew 24
	8	Matthew 25
	9	Matthew 26; Mark 14
	10	Luke 22; John 13
	11	John 14-17
	12	Matthew 27; Mark 15
	13	Luke 23; John 18-19
	14	Matthew 28; Mark 16
	15	Luke 24; John 20-21
	16	Acts 1-3
	17	Acts 4-6
	18	Acts 7-8
	19	Acts 9-10
	20	Acts 11-12
	21	Acts 13-14
	22	James
	23	Acts 15-16
	24	Galatians 1-3
	25	Galatians 4-6
	26	Acts 17-18:18
	27	1 Thess; 2 Thess
	28	Acts 18:19-19:41
	29	1 Corinthians 1-4
	30	1 Corinthians 5-8



## **Majesty**

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

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

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

Magnify, come glorify Christ Je-  
sus the King.

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

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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messages are available for listening or  
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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  
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## **Nursery November 10**

**10:30 A.M.**

### **Babies:**

Beth Lewis, Jeanie Groover

### **Toddlers - 4 year olds:**

Karrie & Lindsey Walker/  
Linnea Posner, Aaron Waite

**6:00 P.M.**

Sona Bailey, Shawn Champion

## **Nursery November 17**

**10:30 A.M.**

### **Babies:**

Mary Ann Fowler, Pam Sarhan

### **Toddlers - 4 year olds:**

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter/  
Emily Wise, Lilly Horton

**6:00 P.M.**

Janice Donaldson, Ceci Sheffield

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## **Ushers November 10**

**10:30 A.M.**

Jack Moore, Mike Morris,  
Danny Roberson, Kelly Stanford

**6:00 P.M.**

Kelly Stanford, Jimmy Donaldson

## **Ushers November 17**

**10:30 A.M.**

John Sumner, Michael Walker,  
Billy Waters, Johnny Bridges

**6:00 P.M.**

John Sumner, Ron Fowler

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## **Sunday Greeters - Nov. 10**

Mary Fowler, Janice Donaldson

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## **November Lock-Up Deacons**

Joe Morris, Jay Rowe