



August 16, 2020

# Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ❖ Savannah, Georgia 31406

*Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting*

## Announcements

### Church Services

Please RSVP for next Sunday, **August 23**, by filling out the Signup link we will send in an email early this week. Please choose whether to sit in the sanctuary (mask optional) or in the piano side overflow room (mask required). If you cannot access the online signup, please call the church or email [office@fabchurch.com](mailto:office@fabchurch.com).

Our live stream schedule and links to both FaceBook and YouTube can be found on our website: [www.fabchurch.com/live-stream](http://www.fabchurch.com/live-stream)

### Senior Saints Bible Study

Join Tom Keller for the Thursday Morning Bible Study in the fellowship hall on **August 20**. Coffee will be provided. This study will also be streamed live on Facebook and hopefully YouTube.

### Evening Worship Services

Make plans to join us next Sunday night, **August 23**, at 7:00 p.m. for our informal evening worship time in the gym. No signup necessary, and there is plenty of room to spread out.

### Deacon & Elder Elections

Deacon and Elder elections are coming up! Please pray about nominating someone for either of these positions. John Sumner is rotating off our board of deacons.

Deacon Qualifications are on page 7, and Elder Qualifications and Duties are on pages 8 through 11.

### Workers with Children & Youth

We are requiring new background checks for everyone working with our children and youth. Please contact Cindy Wise to get a form. Her email is [cindy@fabchurch.com](mailto:cindy@fabchurch.com), or you can call the church. We will be updating the background checks every three years. We would like to get all these done by the end of August, so contact Cindy as soon as possible to get your form.

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10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Acts 4:8-12

**Hymn, bulletin p. 4**

*"In Christ Alone"*

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Jackson

*Psalm 34:4-8*

**Hymn #268, bulletin p. 5**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 16:1-14

Robert Holland

**Hymn #257, bulletin p. 6**

*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*God's Wrath in the Life of the Believer*  
*1 Corinthians 11:30-31, 1 Corinthians #66*

Communion

**Hymn, below**

*"Doxology"*

*Old Hundred 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

## God's Wrath in the Life of the Believer

1 Corinthians #66

1 Corinthians 11:30-31

### **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

Not only are we saved from the penalty of sin, we are saved from the power of sin and one day we will be saved from the presence of sin, which in effect will deliver us from the wrath that God is going to drop on this earth without mercy upon sinners and upon unrighteousness.

### **Habakkuk 3:2**

### **Hebrews 12:5-7**

It is discipline that drives us to the end of ourselves and it is discipline that drives us to the cross.

### **Acts 5**

The word for "fear" is the word phobos: that which puts a terror in one's heart.

In 1 Corinthians we have the word "weak" and "sick" in the same verse.

A working definition of weak = An emotional and/or physical and/or spiritual weariness that begins to set in your life.

# In Christ Alone

• 1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
 • 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less  
 • 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness  
 • 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the  
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the  
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the  
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus  
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort -  
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery  
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -

er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!  
 turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

# How Firm a Foundation

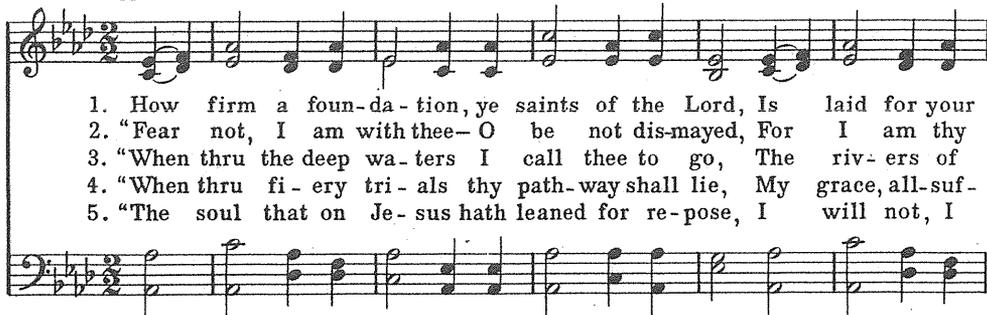
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FOUNDATION

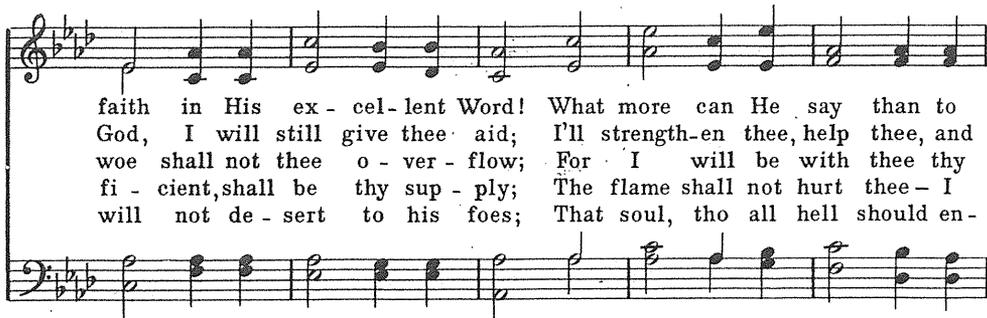
American melody

"K" — in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

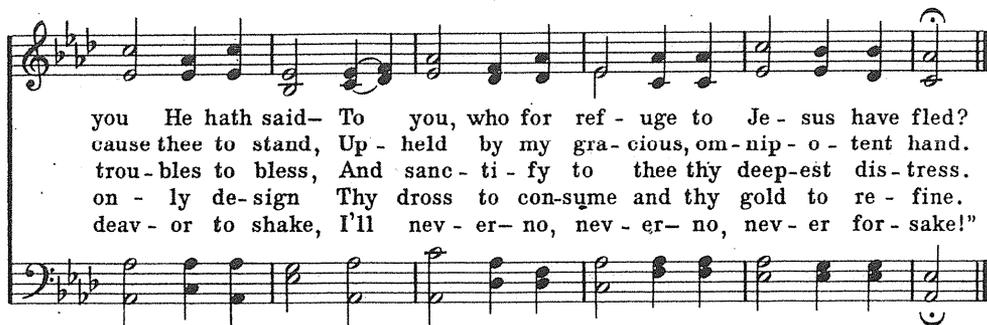
From Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837.



1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee— O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy  
3. "When thru the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv- ers of  
4. "When thru fi- ery tri- als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all-suf-  
5. "The soul that on Je- sus hath leaned for re- pose, I will not, I



faith in His ex- cel- lent Word! What more can He say than to  
God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strength- en thee, help thee, and  
woe shall not thee o- ver- flow; For I will be with thee thy  
fi- cient, shall be thy sup- ply; The flame shall not hurt thee— I  
will not de- sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-



you He hath said— To you, who for ref- uge to Je- sus have fled?  
cause thee to stand, Up- held by my gra- cious, om- nip- o- tent hand.  
trou- bles to bless, And sanc- ti- fy to thee thy deep- est dis- tress.  
on- ly de- sign Thy dross to con- sume and thy gold to re- fine.  
deav- or to shake, I'll nev- er- no, nev- er- no, nev- er for- sake!"

Alternate tunes: ADESTE FIDELES—100, ST. DENIO—34

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

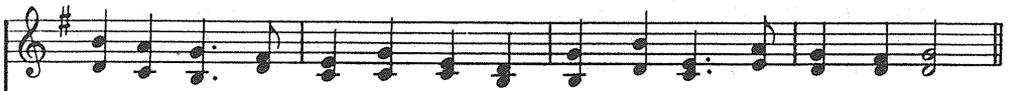
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LOUISA M. R. STEAD, c. 1850-1917

WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK, 1838-1921



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans-ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!  
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.  
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.



## CHORUS



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!



## Guidelines for Deacon Election - I Timothy 3: 8-13

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

- A deacon must be reverent—serious in mind and character, not flippant toward the work of God.
- A deacon is not double-tongued. He must be honest and consistent, discreet, not saying one thing to some people and then another thing to others.
- A deacon must not be given to much wine—not preoccupied with drink. His judgment is never to be clouded by alcohol, or any other chemical.
- A deacon must not be greedy for money—does not have a reputation for being preoccupied with gaining material wealth and things. He does not use his position to gain money from others—not covetous.
- A deacon holds the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. He believes the Gospel with no doubts. He is firmly convinced of the truths of Scripture and the trustworthiness of the Scriptures themselves.
- Let a deacon first be tested—meaning that he is not new a believer, and he is someone who has already demonstrated spiritual maturity and a willingness to serve others, to be inconvenienced without complaint.
- A deacon must be found blameless; no valid accusation of wrongdoing can be made against him.
- A deacon must be the husband of one wife; obviously not polygamous, not a womanizer. Some think this means he cannot be a divorced man, but there are some divorces which God allows and recognizes. Therefore, if there are biblical grounds for a divorce, then we cannot justifiably disqualify that man. Even though it might be best not to seek this position as a divorced man, he is not necessarily eliminated. (As a side—if there has been a divorce, it should be so far in the past that the man in question has shown a long pattern of solid family leadership.)
- A deacon rules his own house well—he leads his family by example, shows wisdom in handling problems, his wife and children respect him, and his wife and children are not unruly.
- A deacon's wife must be:
  - Reverent—same as number one above.
  - Must not be a gossip, control her tongue, emotions, and opinions of others and sensitive issues.
  - Temperate, alert, watchful, and clear-headed—unclouded judgment, not clouded by alcohol, or any substance.
  - Faithful in all things—absolutely trustworthy in all things and in all situations.
  - We might add a spiritual maturity that has been proven.

**John Sumner** is scheduled to rotate off, however, he may be re-nominated as deacons are allowed to succeed themselves.

**Deacon Election Submissions** - Please submit names to Bro. Bob, Tom, Steve, or any of the current deacons by October 4, and they will contact the nominees if it is determined that they are qualified to serve.

## Qualifications for an Elder

1. **above reproach** (lit. "blameless") 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:7.  
This qualification is the summation of all of the rest. It means that there is nothing in his life that would justify a legitimate accusation of misconduct or call his character into question.
2. **the husband of one wife** (lit. "a one-woman man") 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6.  
Whether a man is single or married, he must be living a sexually pure life. For a married elder, it also means that he must be faithfully devoted to loving his wife (Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7).
3. **temperate** (moderate, not given to excess) 1 Timothy 3:2.  
In all areas of life, an elder must be calm, well-balanced, careful, and sane—one who at all times is capable of clear thinking and sound judgment.
4. **sober-minded** (a sensible, serious person) 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8. This does not mean that an elder may not laugh or joke or play. It means he leads a disciplined life, not allowing frivolous activities to distract him from more serious and important concerns.
5. **of good behavior** (respectable, orderly) 1 Timothy 3:2.  
The opposite of the Greek in this case is chaos (utter confusion). An elder's outward behavior must demonstrate decency, orderliness, and self-control.
6. **hospitable** (lit. "one who loves strangers") 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8. An elder must be one who shows genuine kindness and hospitality, not only to the members of his church, but also to people he does not know well.
7. **a lover of what is good** (lit. "one who is inclined to do good") Titus 1:8. Closely related to hospitality, an elder must be one who not only loves the concept of goodness, but also is prone to doing good to others.
8. **able to teach** (lit. "skilled in teaching") 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9.  
There is no biblical requirement that an elder have a formal education, but he must be an able teacher and defender of the truth (cf. 2 Timothy 2:2, 24; 2:15; Titus 2:7-8).
9. **not given to wine** (lit. "not a drinker" or "not addicted to wine") 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7. This is a serious warning that an elder cannot be preoccupied with alcohol or known as a drinker. It may be advisable for elders to abstain not only from alcohol but any drugs that would/could have a detrimental effect on his decision making and thinking, such as most psychotropic medications. (cf. Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8).
10. **not violent** (lit. not "a giver of blows," or "a striker") 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7. An elder must be a man who solves problems and settles disputes peacefully, using persuasive words and calm demeanor, not his fists or other weapons.

11. **gentle** (patient, gracious, forgiving) 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:24. An elder must not be a man who holds a grudge or is slow to forgive. He must be one who will patiently bear with those who are needy, difficult, reluctant to change, or slow to learn.
12. **not quick-tempered** (he must be slow to anger) Titus 1:7; James 1:19-20 Anger in itself is not always a sin. There is a righteous sort of anger. An elder, though, must be a man who recognizes and controls his own propensity to become angry, whether in public or at home.
13. **not quarrelsome** (not argumentative) 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; James 3:13-18 He must be a man who will defend the truth strongly, but in a peaceable manner. He must not be one who allows himself to become embroiled in hostile disputes or petty arguments.
14. **just** (righteous or upright) Titus 1:8. He is a man who is known for doing what is right. He lives a life of practical righteousness, trying to reflect God's view in every decision he makes.
15. **holy** (lit. "devout" or "set apart to God") Titus 1:8. An elder must be firmly committed to God and His Word. He must be faithful to the ministry and to biblical doctrine, not one who gives in to social, political, or religious pressure to compromise.
16. **self-controlled** (or self-disciplined) Titus 1:8. He must be a man who is disciplined in terms of his response to physical desires for food, pleasure, comfort, money, sleep, sex, or anything else which could cause him to stumble.
17. **not covetous** (not a lover of money) 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2. An elder cannot be motivated in the ministry by financial gain or greedy in his lifestyle. He is a man who will trust the Lord, be content with what is provided, and be thankful.
18. **one who rules his own house well** (a good manager and leader) 1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6. An elder must have proven himself a good manager of his children (if he has children), his personal finances, and his household in general.
19. **having his children in submission with all reverence** (having obedient, respectful, faithful children) 1 Timothy 3:4-5; Titus 1:6. The children of an elder must not have a reputation for uncontrolled behavior or insubordination. Additionally, an elder must not be a harsh or brutal man, but must maintain order in his family through loving leadership, consistent biblical training, and proper discipline.
20. **not a novice** (not a new or immature believer) 1 Timothy 3:6. An elder must be a mature believer, especially in relation to others in his particular church. If even a capable man is elevated to the position too rapidly, he will battle with pride.

21. **He must have a good testimony among those who are outside** (well respected even by unbelievers in the community) 1 Timothy 3:7. An elder must have a consistently good testimony in all places and with all people (aside from those who would persecute him or accuse him falsely), even outside the church. He must be just, honest, peaceable, and loving in every context.
22. **He must serve, not by compulsion, but willingly . . . eagerly** (he must desire to serve) 1 Peter 5:2; 1 Timothy 3:1. Elders must not be pressured into service if it is not their personal desire to serve in this capacity. An elder's desire to serve must be God-given and his motives pure.
23. **not self-willed** (not anxious to control others or to have his own way) Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:3. An elder must not be a man who is anxious to dominate or control others. He must be a team-player, realizing that while he is a shepherd, he is also one of the sheep.
24. **an example to the flock:** 1 Peter 5:3; Titus 2:7. An elder will not be perfect, but he must be a man who will lead the church, by instruction and example, according to God's Word.

## Duties of an Elder

### 1. Intimacy

An elder must develop relationships that under-gird all other ministry toward individual members. This means that the elder is willing to be open about himself and his walk with the Lord, seeking to develop trust and intimacy between himself and those he ministers to. (John 10:11, 14)

### 2. Tutelage

An elder must provide or be willing to provide personal biblical instruction for increasing character, skills, knowledge, faith, love, and enthusiasm among the brethren. (Acts 20:20, 27; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:1-2 Titus 3:1-2, 8)

### 3. Guidance

An elder must offer objective biblical direction through conflicts, reversals of life, distortions in thinking, and difficult decisions for those under his care. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### 4. Consolation

An elder must give spiritual comfort during trials. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Thessalonians 5:14)

### 5. Guardianship

An elder must watch out for the enemy's assaults on the weakness of the sheep. He must warn the sheep of danger and discipline them when they become rebellious. (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Hebrews 13:17)



# Articles

## The Comfort Found Only in the Church

By Christina Fox

C. S. Lewis once said friendship is born at the moment when one says to another, “What! You too? I thought that no one but myself . . .” We’ve all had that “You too?” moment with another person when we discovered a common interest. We instantly felt encouraged, connected, and less alone.

While friendships based on similar likes and interests are wonderful, there is a deeper level of friendship. When we have friendships in the church, we receive comfort and encouragement we can’t get anywhere else.

### Comforting Gospel

In 2 Corinthians, Paul points the suffering believers to their union with Christ in his sufferings, and he describes God as the “*God of all comfort*” (2 Cor. 1:3).

Paul had experienced his own suffering while in Asia, even to the point that he “*despaired of life itself*” (2 Cor. 1:8), but God delivered him and his co-laborers. As he wrote to the Corinthians, then, he was thankful for the God “*who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God*” (2 Cor. 1:4)

Having *received* comfort from God, Paul was positioned to *extend* comfort to others.

But the Corinthians were also able to comfort Paul—though they did so after giving him some trouble. In an earlier letter, Paul confronted the Corinthians and was grieved by their sin. This grief was good, for it provoked them to repent. He wrote:

*For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. (2 Cor. 7:5–7)*

Paul had to confront the Corinthians, which was not a comfortable thing for anyone; but when they responded well, they brought Titus comfort, who then brought it to Paul. And when the Corinthians received this letter, surely they were comforted by Paul’s joy. So the news of the Corinthians’ repentance came full circle, comforting all who encountered it.

### Comforting Church

This story of gospel comfort in 2 Corinthians reminds us that we’re all united to Christ, and that when he is at work in one of us, it affects all of us. God’s grace multiplies as it works through the life of a local church.

The comfort God gives, however, isn't for us alone. We can't hoard it. The ways the gospel has changed us must be shared; the truth of who Christ is and what he has done must be voiced.

Based on this truth, the comfort we give to one another in the church isn't the "you can do it" and "everything will be okay" comfort of the world. No, this comfort is honest about sin and its effects. It doesn't sugarcoat or wish things away. Instead, it seeks hope and help outside of our own strength and in the only One who can save. It's grounded in the glad news of who Christ is and what he descended to do.

What does such comfort look like in the church?

When the Spirit helps us put sin to death, we share that joy with other believers so they too can rejoice in the gospel's power at work.

When we've endured a season in which God met us in our pain, we share it with other believers so they too can see God's faithfulness.

When God provides what we need in the eleventh hour, we share that joy so others can know that God is Jehovah-Jireh, our provider.

When God strengthens us in weakness, when he heals and brings redemption, when he teaches us through discipline—in all these ways and more—we share that comfort for another's spiritual good.

May our friendships in the church be unique. May they be marked by gospel comfort. And just as Paul, Titus, and the Corinthians experienced God's comfort, may the gospel come full circle in our own churches as we witness and testify together to what our King has done. ❖

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

**Dr. James White**

**N**obody wins the war against sin and/or persecution in the blink of an eye or in a single circumstance. It's something we'll be engaged in constantly, for the rest of our lives. We're going to have to die daily—we need to die daily because we're not recovered addicts. We're recovering addicts, and what we're addicted to is ourselves—our selfishness, our desires, and our safety.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

# Missionary of the Week

## Pascal & Becky Grenade Mauritius

April 1st, 2020

Dear friends,

Greetings from Mauritius. The situation in Mauritius is much like other parts of the world. There are 161 known cases of people infected with the corona virus, and Mauritius has been under a general lockdown since March 20th. We would appreciate it if you would take some time to pray for the following requests.



### —Pray for Josian Surju and his family

Josian is my uncle and for the past 12 years or so he has been the pastor of a church plant in the North of Mauritius. On March 19th, his wife—Doris—passed away. Please pray for comfort for him and his family. We would appreciate your prayers for their youngest son, Shawn. He is only 13 years old. We are including a picture of their family from their son's wedding a few months ago.



### —Vandana

Vandana came to know the Lord in the course of the past 2 years. She was going to be baptized on March 12th, but we had to postpone the baptism because of bad weather. She comes faithfully to church with her two children. Her husband does not know the Lord. Pray for her that her faith will endure and that through her testimony her husband will come to know the Lord.

### —Lino

I have asked you to pray for him before. He is a worker from the neighborhood who has been helping with the construction of our house. He has come to church

## This Week at FABC

### Today

Morning Worship w/Communion:  
Meeting & live stream on YouTube and  
Facebook 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study: Live stream only on  
YouTube and Facebook 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study: Meeting  
& live stream on YouTube and  
Facebook 10:00 a.m.

## Bible Reading Schedule

August 2020

2 Peter

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
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### Memorize:

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...

*2 Peter 1:3, ESV*

on a few occasions and he started sending his children to our children's club. We have not had any contact with him during the confinement, but we would appreciate your continued prayers for him. Pray that his heart will be sensitive to the Scriptures and that he will come to place his trust in Christ.

Our family is doing well. Gabriel is now 9 weeks old. We appreciate those of you who prayed for him when he was first born and was not doing too well physically. We have not been able to see his pediatrician for his 2 months appointment, but he seems to be doing well.

We appreciate you taking the time to read through this update. Our prayer is that this worldwide pandemic will cause people to consider the message of the Gospel anew and turn to God in repentance and faith. Pray to this end with us as well.

Blessings,

*Pascal and Becky*



**Extra Notes:**

**Lockup Deacons for August:**

**Lance Ficek, Kelly Stanford**

**For Hearing Impaired**

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