

Palm Sunday ♣ April 2, 2023

# Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♢ Savannah, Georgia 31406

*Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting*

## Announcements

### Cantata Tonight!

Gather with us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as the Adult Choir presents *The Risen Christ!*

### Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, April 4.

### Wednesday Night

Sign up for this Wednesday's **Chicken Stir Fry** meal in the hall. Adventure Club starts in the gym at 6:20 p.m. Youth begins at 6:30. Adult Bible Study begins at 6:45.

### Good Friday

We will celebrate Good Friday with a special service on Friday, **April 7**, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

### Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **April 11**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Lunch, Laughs, and Fellowship

Scheduled for Thursday, **April 13**, at 11:15 a.m. Let Cindy Wise know if you are participating this month.

### Quarterly Members' Meeting, Evening Worship, & After Church Fellowship!

Our regular meeting will be on Sunday, **April 16**, before our Evening Worship Service that starts at 6:00 p.m. (The CMI presentation from Jonathan Sarfati has been rescheduled for August 27.) The exact time of the meeting will be announced later. Evening Worship will be followed by an After Church Fellowship, so please bring snacks to share!

### New Women's Sunday School Class

Tamera Smith will begin a new Women's Sunday School class using the book *Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy*. **Class begins April 16**. Check amazon.com or other outlet to get your copy! From the back cover of the book:

*The world tells us that annoyances and afflictions cause discouragement and doubt—and that we are right to demand our own way. Then there are circumstances that aren't what we wish or*  
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## ***Easter Morning April 9***

Breakfast ♢ 8:30 a.m.  
***Sign up!***

**Worship  
10:00 a.m.**

***Includes  
Communion***

**No evening service**

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## Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Matthew 21:9

*Pew Bible p. 826*

**Hymn #107, bulletin p. 6**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

*Colossians 2:11-14*

*Pew Bible p. 984*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 7**

*“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:1-22

Napoleon Martin

*Pew Bible pp. 488-489*

**Hymn, bulletin pp. 8-9**

*“His Robes for Mine”*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*Jerusalem Was a Place*

*Lamentations #5*

*Lamentations 2:11-22, Pew Bible pp. 687-688*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 10**

*“Benediction”*

### Jerusalem Was a Place Lamentations #5 Lamentations 2:11-22

Lamentations is a reminder that sin carries with it the consequences of sorrow, grief, misery, and pain.

*My bile is poured out* or *My heart is poured out* is literally My liver is poured out, the liver being regarded as the seat of deep emotion by the Hebrews.

*Jerusalem was a place of starvation.*

Comfort was beyond the scope of human words because the devastation of the city was unparalleled. No human being could heal her—only the LORD.

*Jerusalem was a place of no comfort.*

The false prophets had misled the people.

*Jerusalem was a place of perverted leadership.*

Clap their hands, hiss, and shake their heads are terms normally associated with mocking.

*Jerusalem was a place of mocking enemies.*

*Jerusalem was a place of ceaseless wailing.*

How could God allow innocent children to suffer because of the sins of their parents?

Perhaps a better question would be: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeremiah 6:10-11

1 Cor 11:31-32

We must examine our own hearts, judge our sins, and confess them to the Lord.

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*even what we think we need, and suddenly we're convinced life hurts. The only option we have is to protest or whine—or so it seems.*

*But what if we responded with worship instead? What if we moved beyond an occasional “thank you” to cultivate a lifestyle of appreciating God’s goodness every day of our lives—despite the circumstances?*

*True gratitude is not an incidental ingredient in the Christian’s life. It’s a crucial one. It’s a grace-infused commitment each of us chooses... and it’s totally worth it! When we respond to God’s grace and acknowledge His goodness we discover something deep and profound that none of us should miss. Open these pages with Nancy Leigh DeMoss as she explores the biblical and practical aspects of what makes gratitude truly Christian—and discover how it makes life, even with all its bumps and bruises, a joy to behold.*

### Senior Saints’ Lunch

On Tuesday, **April 18**, the Senior Saints plan to take a trolley tour of Savannah and have lunch at Spanky’s on River Street. Sign up in the hall, and meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.

### Women of Light Spring Banquet

The women’s Spring Banquet is Friday, **April 21**, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be catered, and tickets are \$12. You can buy one from Amy Keller, or in the office. (Make checks out to FABC and put “Banquet” in the memo.) Invite your friends! A sign up list is in the hall.

### Gideon Speaker

A representative from the Gideon organization will give a short presentation in the evening service on Sunday, **April 30**. Pray about how you might help this ministry.

### Home Fellowships!

We plan to have Home Fellowships the evening of **May 28**. Let Dawn know if you would like to host a group. We need at least 4 homes. Hosts are responsible for drinks and paper products. (You may use paper products from the church kitchen if you like.) Guests, please bring snacks and finger foods. A short devotional will be given by someone assigned by our elders. These are great times of fun and fellowship!

**T**he young child is guided, not by reflection or argument, but by feeling and affection. He cannot yet realize and honor the unseen God... The child can only honor what he sees to be worthy of honor. And this is the parent’s high calling—always so to speak and act, so to live in the child’s presence, that honor may be spontaneously and unconsciously rendered...

Above all, let parents remember that honor really comes from God. Let them honor Him in the eyes of their children, and He will honor them there, too. Let them beware of this sin, honoring their child more than God; it is the sure way to grief for parents and children together. But from parents, who in everything seek to honor God, children will learn to honor God and them together; the parent who teaches his child to obey the fifth commandment has guided his feet into the way of all God’s commandments. A child’s first virtue is the honoring and obeying of his parents.

**Andrew Murray**



# Important Upcoming Dates

## April:

2	Easter Cantata	6:00 p.m.
7	Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
9	Easter Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
9	Easter Worship	10:00 a.m.
13	Lunch, Laughs, and Fellowship	11:30 a.m.
16	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA
16	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
16	After Church PM Fellowship	7:00 p.m.
18	Senior Saints' Lunch	10:00 a.m.
21	Women of Light Banquet	6:00 p.m.

## May:

6	Mother & Daughter Tea	TBA
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## June:

18-23	D3 High School Camp	
26-30	Vacation Bible School	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## July:

24-27	Older Children's Camp	TBA
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## What Is the Gospel?

What is the gospel? I'll put it in a sentence.

The gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.

That's the gospel.

## You Can't Outgrow the Gospel

You never, never, *never* outgrow your need for the gospel. Don't ever think of the gospel as, "That's the way you get saved, and then you get strong by leaving it and doing something else."

No! We are strengthened by God through the gospel every day, till the day we drop.

You never outgrow the need to preach to yourself the gospel.


**John Piper**

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna


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From *Gesangbuch der Herzogl,  
Württemberg, 1784*

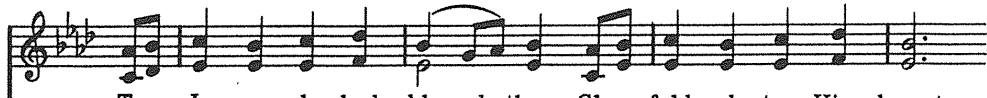
JENNETTE THRELFALL, 1821-1880




1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Thru pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;  
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

# Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

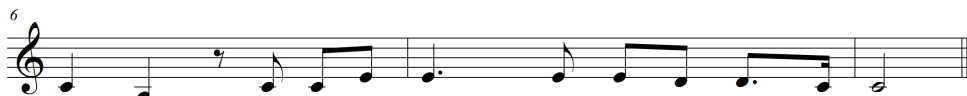
Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er There is no  
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en For by my  
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture  
 4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he has



more for heav - en now to give He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and  
 side, the Sav - ior he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
 sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus bled day and suf - fered for my -  
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
 joic - ing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.  
 par - don. And he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.  
 new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my  
 To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the  
 To this I hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed Je - sus  
 To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is whol - ly bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
 deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I  
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can my  
 glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my




sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.


# His Robes for Mine



1. His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex -  
 2. His robes for mine: What cause have I for  
 3. His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap -  
 4. His robes for mine: Such an - guish none can



change! Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's  
 dread? God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my  
 peased. Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's  
 know. Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though His



rage. Draped in His right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti -  
 stead. Fault - less I stand, with right - eous works not  
 pleased. Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis  
 foe. He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a -

# His Robes for Mine, p. 2

fied. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.  
mine, Saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.  
done!" Sin's wage is paid; pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.  
lone; I, as though He, em-braced and wel - comed home!

I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost: Je - sus for -

sak - en, God es - tranged from God. Bought by such

love, my life is not my own; My

praise, my all, shall be for Christ a - lone.

# Benediction

Stuart Townend &  
Keith Getty

F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$

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

Gm7 Cm7 F sus F

and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,

F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$

and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it  
and this fel - low - ship of His com - mun - ion

Gm7 Cm7 F sus F

keep our hearts and minds with - ing His love.  
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

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## Benediction, p. 2

B $\flat$ /D F Gm7 F/A F E $\flat$ /G E $\flat$  B $\flat$   
 And to Him be praise for His glo - rious reign,

B $\flat$ /D F Gm7 F/A F E $\flat$ /G E $\flat$  B $\flat$   
 from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.

F Gm7 F/A D/F $\sharp$  Gm F6 E $\flat$   
 We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain:

B $\flat$ /F F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$   
 Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings!

# Articles

## Three Lies Christians Believe

By Jonathan Hayashi

We live in a fast-paced world. We only have 52 Sundays a year; we have time that requires urgency and there are things we believe that are with great urgency and priority.

The latest data from Pew shows a decline in religious affiliation and belief in God among U.S. adults between 2007 and 2017. A growing portion of young, religiously unaffiliated individuals calling themselves “nones” are driving changes in Americans’ religious attitudes, reshaping the nation’s religious composition. And the gap is growing.

We live in an interesting time. We see the new category of the “New Atheist”. This is the new fastest growing group, alongside the “nones” – the non-religious affiliation group. We have a small number of people who identify themselves as “atheists,” and the number has not grown. But they are getting more vocal. The significant number truly lies in those who tell themselves, “I don’t know.”

How did we get here? What is at stake? These are the most fundamental questions we must ask, and I believe these are the three biggest lies that Christians believe, which lead us to where we are today:

### 1. The Great Commission is the Great Suggestion

For many of us, the Great Commission has instead become the Great Omission. “It’s a command. Go already (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15).”

So how are you doing with your part in fulfilling the Great Commission? Are you going into all of your world? The Commission is not to wait for the world to come to us; it is to go into all of the world. Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it’s the Great Suggestion.

As J. Hudson Taylor said, “The Great Commission is not an option to be considered. It is a command to be obeyed.”

### 2. It’s OK to be silent about our faith

Albert Mohler in his book, *We Cannot Be Silent* said it well: “Christians cannot be silent—not because we are morally superior, but because we know that God has a better plan for humanity than we would ever devise for ourselves.” There’s too much at stake for those around us.

“Preach the gospel with all your life. If necessary, use words,” St. Francis of Assisi once said. Well, he got it wrong. You cannot give the gospel without preaching it. Yes, it’s just as important to represent Jesus by how we live, but someone can’t respond to the Good News without hearing it ... and they can’t hear it if we don’t open our mouths (Matthew 10:27, Romans 10:14-15).

Ministry to open doors? Serving people’s need? That is all good and needed. We have a lot of organizations meeting many needs: the UN (Human trafficking), federal government (HIV), agencies (Water reclamation helps with poverty). There are a bunch of people who are working in those areas, those are all wonderful! Those happen over and

over again. There is one thing we do that no one else can do. Somebody has to be dedicated to it. “The poor you always have with you,” Jesus said. If you get sucked into taking care of the poor, you will never get back around preaching the gospel. This is the one thing we must do. We are the only institution that is responsible for it!

As Ralph Moore said it well, “How is it so easy to set up camp while ignoring the simple command to Go!”

### **3. Live life as if everyone is going to heaven and nobody’s going to hell**

Jesus died so the whole world could be saved, but He said the path to heaven is narrow and few find it. And for the record, He preached more about hell than heaven ... but He did it without using a bullhorn and manipulative scare tactics. (Matthew 7:13-14).

They are not in danger of losing their reward in heaven, they are in danger of hell! Robert Coleman said, “Our task and our work are never finished until it has assured its continuation in the lives of those redeemed by the Evangel.” ❖

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

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 Ministry Pakistan & Tyumen, Russia

We have been providing support for overseas native chaplains for several years. Please pray for our two fields:

### **Pakistan**

National Director: **Arif Yousef**

# of Chaplains: **3**

# of Facilities Served: **2**

Average Daily Population of Facilities Served: **500**

Country Population: **228,504,000**

% of Evangelicals in Population: **1.00%**

### **Russia - Tyumen**

National Director: **Armen Mkrtumjan**

# of Chaplains: **4**

Country Population: **145,625,000**

% of Evangelicals in Population: **1.46%**

## **GENERAL REQUESTS FOR THE MINISTRY**

- *Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things, desiring to live honorably. (Hebrews 13:18)*  
For 55 years, Good News has been marked by integrity. Pray that all our people shall continue to walk in truth. Specifically remember our President and Board of Directors, our Leadership Team and Staff, the local chaplains - both national and international as well as the countless volunteers who support this ministry.
- *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)*  
Pray that the Lord will continue to honor His Word in present opportunities of ministry, as well as, the expansion of the ministry. Pray for protection of God's servants, especially in countries where Christianity is a minority.
- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)*  
Pray that God will use our ministry to bring many people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they would grow in their commitment to Christ. Pray specifically for the inmates as well as the administrators and correctional staff who oversee them.

- *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*  
Pray that Good News will end the year strong financially, and that all glory will go to Christ. Specifically pray that the needs of our individual families will be met, pray that the needs of the domestic and international jurisdictions will be met and the overall ministry needs will be supplied.
- *The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Luke 10:2)*  
Pray that God will call a great number of men and women into the Good News Chaplaincy ministry. We ask prayer especially for female chaplains to minister to female inmates, for minority chaplains, for chaplains with a heart to serve in juvenile detention centers, and for more chaplains in our international field.



A real church as set forth in the NT is not a support group. It's not a social club or a counseling center. It's a family of redeemed sinners who have God as their Father through their union with Jesus Christ. It's a body knit together by the Holy Spirit so that together all are built up and strengthened and loved. Church is God's idea.

## Nursery April 2

### Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Sonja Clements  
Cindy Wise

### Toddlers:

Jan DeLoach, Rebekah Helmick

### Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

## Nursery April 9

### Babies:

Lynn Ernst, Beth Lewis,  
Jeanie Groover

### Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

### Preschoolers:

Barbara Mason, Dawn Stanford

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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.
Evening Worship with Cantata	6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Joy Class	9:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Supper: Chicken Stir Fry	5:30 p.m.
Adventure Club (in gym)	6:20 p.m.
Youth (in Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Bible Study (in Sanctuary)	6:45 p.m.

### Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	6:15 p.m.

### Friday

Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
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Lockup Deacons for April:

Joe Morris, Jim Schraeder



## Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

### Adult

"Systematic Theology"	Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
"Young Marrieds"	Gym Overhang: Tom Keller
"John"	Piano Overflow: Steve Jackson
"Forgiveness"	Organ Overflow: Tamera Smith

### Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Lynn Ernst, Kelly Zittouer
Pre-K	Room 25:	Emily Wise, Kamee Roberson/ Michael and Ruth Kleinpeter
K, 1st and 2nd Grade	Room 28:	John and Pam Humphrey
3rd-6th Grade Boys	Room 202:	Ric Zittouer, Richie Mills
3rd-6th Grade Girls	Room 204:	Mary Ann Fowler, Amy Horton
Youth Guys	Room 206:	Bobby DeLoach, Shawn Champion
Youth Girls	Room 206:	Jessica Dimmitt, Avalon DeLoach