

May 28, 2023

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting

Announcements

Home Fellowships!

We are having Home Fellowships **tonight**. Take a snack to share, as well as your Bible, as you will be reading through a Bible chapter together. The list of home assignments is on pages 12 and 13. If your name is not on a list, take your pick and let me know for next time, August 20! I have added a few names, so double check!

Special Called Members' Meeting after Church!

If you are a member, please stay in your seats after Morning Worship today for a quick meeting. We are voting on new members!

Office Closed

The church office is closed tomorrow, **May 29**, for Memorial Day.

Joy Class

The ladies will meet on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring your handicrafts (or not!) and join them for good fellowship. In June, July, and August, they will meet once per month in different homes.

Wednesday Night

This Wednesday, Youth will meet at 6:30 p.m., and Bible Study will be at 6:45 p.m. On June 14 and 21, we will have VBS work nights at 6:00 p.m.

Graduate Recognition and After Church Fellowship!

We will recognize you during the Evening Worship time on **June 11**, at 7:00 p.m. the service will be followed by an After Church Fellowship. Bring snacks to share!

Evening Worship Time Change

During the months of **June, July, and August**, our Evening Worship services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is **June 26-30**! We have classes for pre-schoolers through kids who have finished sixth grade. Classes are filling up! Go to <https://fabchurch.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/> to register your child. See Cindy Wise if you have any questions!



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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:12-14

Pew Bible p. 600

Hymn, bulletin p. 5

"Behold Our God"

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

Romans 3:21-26

Pew Bible p. 941

Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-7

"How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 82

John Earl Blanton

Pew Bible p. 492

Hymn #210, bulletin p. 8

"Saved by the Blood"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Genesis & Our Desperate Need

Genesis 3:1-13, Pew Bible pp. 2-3

Hymn, bulletin p. 9

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"



Reflection for Memorial Day:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down
one's life for his friends.

Jesus, in John 15:13

Genesis & Our Desperate Need Genesis 3:1-13

One of the principle facts about human beings is that we are habitually inclined to be independent from God.

There is no indication given as to how the serpent managed to get into Paradise.

Along with the shame of nakedness came a fear of God's presence.

We have excelled at persuading ourselves that our Creator is not really there.

What is Satan's fundamental claim here? That God's words don't mean what they appear to mean.

Our identity is reduced by our estrangement from our maker.

Romans 12:2; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 19:7-11



Important Upcoming Dates

May:

28	Home Fellowships	6:00 p.m.
29	Office Closed for Memorial Day	

June:

11	Seniors' Recognition	7:00 p.m.
11	After Church Fellowship	8:00 p.m.
14	VBS Work Day	6:00 p.m.
17-23	D3 High School Camp	
21	VBS Work Day	6:00 p.m.
26-30	Vacation Bible School	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

July:

2	After Church Lunch & Family Day	12:00 p.m.
4	Office Closed for Independence Day	
23	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA
24-27	Older Children's Camp	

August:

16	Adventure Club Kickoff	6:20 p.m.
26	Back to School Bash	
27	CMI Speaker: Jonathan Sarfati	7:00 p.m.

September:

4	Office Closed for Labor Day	
17	After Church Fellowship	7:00 p.m.

October:

15	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA
15	Ice Cream Social	7:00 p.m.
25	Fall Festival	
28	Homecoming Work Day	8:00 a.m.

November:

5	Homecoming	
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Church family, thank you for prayers, phone calls and all the beautiful cards I have gotten. They were such an encouragement to me and Everett. We thank God for this time of suffering as we are still clay in His hands. He is not finished with me yet, God still is shaping this vessel for His Glory! Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait I say, on the Lord."

Mary Ann Tarver

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Music and words by
Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

♩ = 73 C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num bered ev - ery grain of sand?
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

[5] C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

[8] Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
all his won - drous deeds?
ris - en now to reign!

[13] C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

[19] Em C Em 2. F2 Em F2 G 3. C **FINE**

Him! Him!

BRIDGE C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for -
Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your

F Am7 F

ev - er... You will reign for - ev er... ev - er...
glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for - ev er... Be
Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill,

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How Sweet and Awful Is the Place

Worshipful ♩ = 92

ISAAC WATTS

D D2sus D/F# D A

5 Gmaj7 Em7 A sus A

9 D D D/C# G/B A G/B A/C# Dadd2 D A

1. How sweet and aw - ful* is the
 2. While all our hearts and to all our
 3. "Why was I made hear Thy
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the
 5. Pi - ty the na - tions, O our
 6. We long to see Thy church - es

13 Bm G D D/C# G/B D/F# G 3 D

place With Christ with - in the doors,
 songs Join to ad - mire the feast,
 voice And en - ter while the room
 feast That sweet - ly drew us in;
 God; Con - strain the earth to come,
 full, That all the cho - sen race

*awful = inspiring reverential wonder or fear; modern versions substitute the word "awesome"

17

D A Bm D/A G Gsus2 D/F# Em Dadd2/F# D/F# A7 Bm

While ev - er - last - ing love dis - plays The
Each of us cries, with thank - ful tongues, "Lord,
When thou - sands make a wretch - ed choice, And
Else we had still re - fused to taste, And
Send Thy vic - to - rious Word a - broad, And
May, with one voice, and heart and soul, Sing

22

D/F# G D/A A D/F#

choic - est of her stores.
why - was I a guest?"
rather - er starve than come?"
per - ished in our sin.
bring the stran - gers home.
Thy re - deem - ing grace.

25

G6 Dmaj7/A G6 D2

choic - est of her stores.
why - was I a guest?"
rather - er starve than come?"
per - ished in our sin.
bring the stran - gers home.
Thy re - deem - ing grace.

Saved by the Blood

210

S. J. HENDERSON, 19th century

DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1850-1919

1. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! Now ran-somed from
 2. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! The an-gels re-
 3. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! The Fa-ther He
 4. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! All hail to the

sin and a new work be-gun; Sing praise to the Fa-ther and
 joic-ing be-cause it is done; A child of the Fa-ther, joint-
 spake, and His will it was done; Great price of my par-don, His
 Fa-ther, all hail to the Son, All hail to the Spir-it, the

praise to the Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!
 heir with the Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!
 own pre-cious Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!
 great Three in One! Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!

CHORUS

Saved! _____ saved! _____ My sins are all par-doned, my
 Glo-ry, I'm saved! glo-ry, I'm saved!

guilt is all gone! I'm saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!

In Bb
with optional
G capo 3

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Scottish Psalter, 1650
Henry T. Burleigh, 1939

Capo 3:

G Bb F C
Bb Ab Eb

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the
2. And bless - ed be His glo - rious name to
3. His wide do - min - ion shall ex - tend from
4. Yea, all the kings shall bow to Him, His

C G/B Am7 D7 G Gsus G Em Am7 C/G
Eb Bb/D Cm7 F7 Bb Bbsus Bb Gm Cm7 Eb/Bb

4 God of Is - ra - el; For He a - lone does
all e - ter - ni - ty; The whole earth let His
sea to ut - most sea, And un - to earth's re -
rule all na - tions hail; He will re - gard the

D/Gb D7 G C Bm Am7 D7 G
F/A F7 Bb Eb Dm Cm7 F7 Bb

7 won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.
glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.
mot - est bounds His peace oth - er rule shall be.
poor man's cry when oth - er help - ers fail.

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Articles

We Bought a Fire Pit, And So Should You

By Pastor C Thompson

The days are long, but the years are short.

These are wise words that were spoken to Angela and I when our kids were younger. Our oldest son turned fifteen last week, and I was reminded again of the sage wisdom. Some days as a parent seem to last a month. And yet, as holidays roll around or birthdays are celebrated, we all find ourselves sounding more and more like our parents, “they sure do grow up fast.”

My days are numbered with my kids. From birth to eighteen (when we sort of hope they will begin to leave the nest), I have about 936 weekends. 936 Saturdays. 936 Sundays. Actually, I don’t even have all of those. Of the 936 Saturdays that my kids will spend on this earth during their first 18 years, many of them will be spent away from me. I may travel, they might go to a friend’s house or visit with grandparents.

My 936 gets cut down to 836 or 736. If you happen to be a family separated by divorce, you may only have your kids half of those days. Maybe your number is 400 or 425.

Depressed yet?

I hope not. I’m not writing to depress anyone, just to remind you all that the days may be long, but the years are short. Because the years are short, it is imperative that we invest all we can in the years that we have.

In our family, one of our efforts at investment is to get away from screens regularly and spend time enjoying each other. That means we love walks and sports. It also means that we have to double-down on entertainment ideas that keep us away from the television.

That’s why we bought a fire pit.

Angela and I wanted to create an excuse to be outside together. But, we also are realistic. Sometimes, our kids find us boring and sometimes getting them away from screens is a fight.

But, kids don’t find fire boring.

They love everything about fire. They love building fires, poking the fire, and even putting out the fire. Kids love s’mores and hotdogs over an open flame. Give them an opportunity, and your kids will even find joy and satisfaction splitting wood and adding it to the fire.

We bought a fire pit because we believe in family and we believe it is our job to instill in our kids a love for Jesus and each other.

Consider God’s words to the Hebrews during the Exodus:

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your

hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Exodus 6:4-9

We bought a fire pit because we believe that discipleship should happen in the normal course of every day life. We believe that kids learn dominion as they cut and split wood. We believe that fellowship around an open fire opens the door for intentional dialogue. We have heard our kids open up about their joys, their fears, and their failures when their attention is focused on dancing flames.

We believe that Saturday nights are great times to slow down and prepare our hearts for Sunday worship.

Should you invest in a fire pit?

Not necessarily, but you better invest in your kids. You better invest in your family. You don't have to buy a fire pit, but you must find ways to invest in your kids; to teach them diligently as you sit and as you walk and when you lie down.

Remember, you have 936 Saturdays. Unless you are reading this today with 9 year old, in which case you have half that many. Time is fleeting. You have opportunities and responsibilities, but you don't have forever.

I don't like roasted marshmallows. But I love time with my kids uninterrupted by television and video games. I love burning paper plates instead of washing dishes. And, I love that after the kids go to bed, sometimes I get to sneak a few minutes alone by the fire with my wife...the woman God gave to me and our children.

We bought a fire pit because we wanted an excuse to be together and build memories as a family.

What excuses are you creating to spend time with your family? ♦

The First Two Minutes Matter Most

Written by Tim Challies

It's obvious, I know. It's been said a million times by a million different people. But, in my defense, it's been forgotten by a million more. I've said it and neglected it too many times to count: *The first two minutes matter most.*

Today Christians are gathering all across the world for our worship services. We will read the Bible, sing the Bible, pray the Bible, preach the Bible, and learn better how to live out the Bible. Then the service will end and the first two minutes will matter most.

In the first two minutes, visitors will feel either awkward or welcome. In the first two minutes, unbelievers will feel either rejected or accepted. In the first two minutes, the lonely will feel either neglected or comforted. In the first two minutes, so many people will make the decision to stay or to go.

Here's the challenge: Determine right now that when the service ends, you will do your utmost to give the first two minutes to someone you don't know or to someone you don't know well. The temptation will be to turn straight to your friends, to immediately catch up with the people you know the best and love the most. There will be time for that. But first you can make a difference in someone's day and maybe even in someone's life if only you'll make the most of the moments following that final "amen." It's the first two minutes that matter most.

Home Fellowships

Glen & Donna Martin

1 Jaymee Lane

Gary & Patricia Beatty

Nick & Rachel Beatty

John Earl & Carolyn Blanton

Moonyeen Blanton

Sharon Boalen

Eleanor Bowden

Pat Briley

George Brown

Reggie & Leasa Brown

Mark & Scarlett Cartwright

Jim & Rita Campbell

Shawn Champion

Sonja Clements

Jimmy & Janice Donaldson

Rudy & Kayla Duero

Marc & Melinda Dunant

Danny & Janet Edwards

Howard & Lynn Ernst

Rebecca Ernst

Lance & Julie Ficek

Ralph & Deborah Focht

Carlos Hernandez

Maritsa Hernandez

Ari Hidalgo

Robert & Jill Holland

Glynn & Natalie Horton

Wan & Myri Hyman

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Larry & Donna Cowart

Sue Crews

Mike Edwards

David Grimes

Ray & Jeanie Groover

Eric & Amy Horton

Lily Horton

Charles & Betty Hurndon

Tom & Amy Keller

Rebecca Keller

Logan & Stacey Kelly

Todd Klann

Wally & Karen Law

Mike & Ashley Leoni

Richard Mills

Billy & Julie Morris, Jr.

Billy & Suzan Morris

Barbara Nix

Vern Nix

Marie Portenga

Howard Reinhold

Clyde & Ceci Sheffield

Elaine Spica

Kay Stanford

Everett & Mary Ann Tarver

Jerry Turner

Anna Wedincamp

Dean & Patricia Wedincamp

Daniel Wedincamp

Teena Wheless

If you are a regular attendee, but do not see your name on any of these lists, please choose a home and let Dawn know to add you next time!

Gordon & Debra Denney

102 Stonewall Drive

No nuts in food, please!

Jamie Anchors

Bill & Sona Bailey

John & Sandra Bridges

Jan DeLoach

Bob & Cindy Dimmitt

Jessica Dimmitt

Joyce English

Kim Eriksen

Ron & Mary Ann Fowler

Tony Gadsby

Brittany Hall

Genevieve Hassan

Jerramie & Rebekah Helmick

Darrell & Becky Hendricks

Geri Hendrix

Wendell & Melissa Hill

Bryan & Kelly Howard

John & Pam Humphrey

Steve & Lesia Jackson

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Don & Angela King

Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter

Napoleon & Savannah Martin

Barbara Mason

Dean McCraw

Jared McCraw

Joseph McCraw

Melvin Myers

Steve & Linnea Posner

Kevin Zeigler

Noah Zittrouer

Ric & Kelly Zittrouer

Sam Zittrouer

Michael & Karrie Walker

54 Amanda Drive

Joe & Belinda Crumbley

Bobby & Avalon DeLoach

David & Kecia Griffith

Jack & Connie Moore

Dennis Morgan

Alex & Nicole Morris

Cole Morris

Joe & Patricia Morris

Mike & Elinor Morris

Wayne Noha

Aileen Pinckney

Brittany Pinckney

Barbara Rahn

Danny & Kamee Roberson

Addisyn Rowe

Jay & Lisa Rowe

Kaitlyn Rowe

Lauren Rowe

Mike & Gena Russell

Jim & Heather Schraeder

Jack & Ronna Sherrod

Jay & Tamera Smith

Kelly & Dawn Stanford

Kelvin & Janice Stanford

Claude & Susan Su

Jay & Andrea Turner

Linda Walker

Lindsey Walker

Billy & Brenda Waters

John & Diana Watkins

Emily Wise

Charles & Cindy Wise

Missionary of the Week

Pascal & Becky Grenade
Global Faith Mission - Mauritius

Dear friends,

Time is something that most of us have too little of, or so we think. Yet, God has given us each 24 hours in a day, with time to work and time to rest in those hours. As we think about this notion of time, we are reminded of this verse: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15-18. We are more and more aware of wanting to use our time wisely to honor our King, whether that be through work or through rest.

As we speak and think of redeeming the time, we would like to share with you a few events and interactions we have had over the last two months. First of all, we as a church have started having a monthly Sunday afternoon service that is specifically geared toward evangelism. We started this past month, and had 7 or 8 people attend who do not usually come to church. Some were parents of kids that have been coming to church, others were friends of people in the church. We were encouraged to see these people come to listen to the Gospel. Our next evangelistic meeting will be May 21st, so please be praying for this outreach.

Second, we were blessed to have a joint service again with another Baptist Church on the island. We had a wonderful day of fellowship and teaching with break-out sessions in the afternoon. This event was geared more towards discipleship and mutual encouragement.

Third, a neighbor of ours called a few days ago and said that her 21 year old son wanted to talk to Pascal. The son is learning to drive, and reached out to Pascal asking for help to practice before his upcoming test. Pascal was able to help him for a couple of hours. We are encouraged to see direct neighbors reaching out for help such as this. Continue to pray for our neighbors that we would be a faithful witness to them.



Finally, Becky was able to visit with an older couple today who used to be neighbors of ours before we moved. We had not seen them in almost two years. They were very happy for the visit, and Becky was encouraged to see and hear them speaking of still reading a Bible calendar. She had given them one each year when we lived there, but they told her they asked another lady in our church who lives across the street to give them one this year, which she did. They are Roman Catholics, but they asked Becky to pray for them before she left, and she was able to continue sharing the gospel with them. They are not able to get out easily, but we pray that as they read the Bible verses in these calendars, they will truly understand what Christ has done for them.

Thank you for praying for us as we seek to redeem the time the Lord has given us to love and serve Him.

Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support.

*Pascal and Becky
Grenade*

Just because one does not like what God does or doesn't do is not evidence he does not exist.

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 May 28

Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe, Lauren Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Debra Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Nursery June 4

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Sonja Clements,

Cindy Wise

Toddlers:

Jan DeLoach, Rebekah Helmick

Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

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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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www.fabchurch.com/sermons

This Week at FABC

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Home Fellowships	6:00 p.m.

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
Bible Study	6:45 p.m.

Thursday

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

Hearing assistance devices for services in the sanctuary are available on request at the sound booth.

Lockup Deacons for May:
Lockup Deacons for June:

Michael Walker, Ric Zittrouer
Reggie Brown, Bobby DeLoach

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

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

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Saundra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Susan Su, Deborah Focht
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 Zittrouer, 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