



July 30, 2023

## Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

*Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting*

### Announcements

#### Wednesday Night

Youth at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Bible Study and Wacky Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

#### Senior Saints' Bible Study

Tom Keller's final message of the Hebrews series will finish this week! He will begin a series on Isaiah on Thursday, August 10! Great time to join!

#### Senior Saints Outing

Tom Keller is organizing an outing for the Senior Saints on Friday, **August 11**. Karen Peck and New River will perform at Southside Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Sign the list in the hall, meet here in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a Chick-Fil-A dinner, then you'll travel together to the concert.

#### Adventure Club!

Adventure Club will begin on Wednesday night, **August 16**, at 6:30. We will serve pizza to the Clubbers. We have clubs for preschoolers through 6th graders.

#### Home Fellowships

Home Fellowships are rolling around again on Sunday evening, **August 20**! Please let Dawn know if you would like to host a group! We need 2 more homes.

#### Help needed for Wednesday Night Suppers!

Our Wednesday night suppers are beginning again on **August 23** and we need your help. Cooking is covered, but help is needed with clean-up: washing pots and pans, clearing tables, wiping down tables, etc. It takes about 4 people around 2 hours to get things done. We are looking for individuals or teams of four who can volunteer for a month of Wednesdays. If you are willing and able please see Pastor Bob or Ritchie Mills. Thank you!

#### CMI Speaker!

On the evening of Sunday, **August 27**, at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Jonathan Sarfati from Creation Ministries International will speak to us. His presentation "Design, Deluge, and Dilemma" will demonstrate how the Gospel message is rooted in the book of Genesis and provides evidence to support the reliability of the Bible's record of origins. Invite your friends and family to this special event! Poster on page 5!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Galatians 6:14

*Pew Bible p. 975*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 6**

*"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"*

Prayer of General Confession

Tom Keller

*Isaiah 55:6-7*

*Pew Bible p. 615*

**Hymn #268, bulletin p. 7**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 89:38-52

John Earl Blanton

*Pew Bible p. 496*

**Hymn #127, bulletin pp. 8-10**

*"It Was Finished upon that Cross"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*700 Years Later*

*Matthew #5*

*Matthew 1:18-25, Pew Bible p. 807*

Communion

**Hymn, bulletin p. 11**

*"Now Unto Him"*

700 Years Later  
Matthew #5  
Matthew 1:18-25

After the apparent demise of the Davidic dynasty during the Babylonian exile, a shoot springs up from the seemingly dead stump - Isaiah 11:1-2

The detailed account of Jesus' conception and birth explains what was implied in the genealogy: Jesus was miraculously conceived by God without the involvement of a human father.

Deuteronomy 22:13-21

Matthew 5:20 - Joseph serves as a model of the righteousness

Matthew 5:38-39 and Matthew 5:43-48

Jewish law required a divorce certificate to break the engagement

The Virgin Conception and Birth Emphasized  
verse 18  
verse 20  
verses 22-23  
verse 25

God could have left us to our own devices, but He knew that the problem (sin and our separation from God) was beyond our ability to remedy.



# Important Upcoming Dates

## July:

30 Communion in Morning Worship

## August:

13 Sunday School Promotion Sunday

16 Adventure Club Kickoff

6:30 p.m.

20 Home Fellowships

7:00 p.m.

26 Back to School Bash

27 **CMI Speaker: Jonathan Sarfati**

**6:00 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

10-11 Women's Retreat

16 Ghost Pirates hockey game

26 Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, & Carols

6:00 p.m.

## December:

6 Adventure Club Christmas Party

6 Youth Christmas Party

13 Christmas Banquet

6:30 p.m.

15 Young Adult Christmas Party

18, 19 Caroling

24 Christmas Eve Service

5:00 p.m.

31 Annual NYE Cookoff: Chili

7:00 p.m.



## **Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church**

**Sunday August 27, 2023**

**6:00 p.m. - Design, Deluge & Dilemma**

**Dr Jonathan Sarfati - CMI Scientist & author**

**Remember to invite your family & friends!  
Creation resources available**

# I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Words and Music:  
Steve Cook and Vikki Cook

♩ = 69



1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Whose price - less  
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, My life He  
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, Who car - ries

blood has ran - somed me. Mine was the sin that drove the  
 bought, my love He owns. I have no long - ings for an -  
 me on ea - gle's wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing -

bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment tree. I will  
 oth - er; I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. I will  
 kind - ness; His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will

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

death; My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge, The  
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, My  
 gold. And when He calls me, it will be par - a - dise, His

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

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

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# How Firm a Foundation

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FOUNDATION

American melody

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

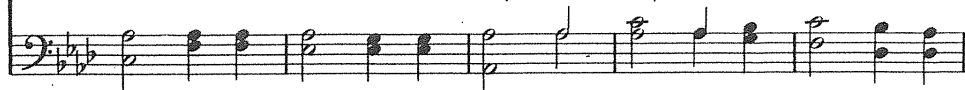
From Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.



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

# It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Words and Music by  
JONNY ROBINSON, RICH THOMPSON  
& NIGEL HENDROFF

With momentum ♩ = 156

How I love the voice of Je-sus

on the Cross of Cal-va-ry. He de-clares His work is fin-ished, He has spo-ken this

hope to me. Though the sun had ceased its shin-ing, though the war ap-peared as lost,

Christ has tri-umphed o-ver e-vil, it was fin-ished u-pon that Cross.

Now the curse, it has been bro-ken,

Je-sus paid the price for me. Full, the par-don He has of-fered. Great, the wel-come that



## It Was Finished Upon That Cross



I re-ceive. Bold-ly I ap-proach my Fa-ther, clothed in Je-sus' right-eous-ness.



There is no more guilt to car-ry, it was fin-ished u-pon that Cross.



Death was once my great op-pon-ent, fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who



died to save us rose that we would be free in-deed!



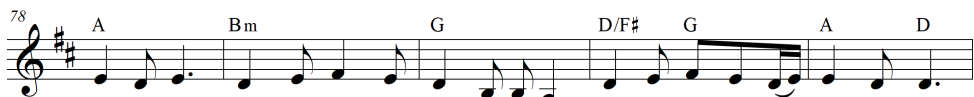
Death was once my great op-pon-ent, fear once had a



hold on me. But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free in-deed! Yes, He



rose that we would be free indeed! Free from ev-'ry plan of dark-ness, free to live and



free to love. Death is dead and Christ is ris-en, it was fin-ished u - pon that Cross.



On-ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry, to my Sav - ior and my God. I re-joice in



Je - sus' vic-t'ry, it was fin-ished u - pon that Cross. It was fin-ished u -



pon that Cross. It was fin - ished u - pon that Cross.



# Now Unto Him

♩ = 96

C G7sus G7 C/E C C/E F F7 F G7 C/E C/E

Now un-to Him who is a - ble to keep you from fall - ing And to

5 F G7 Gsus/E Am B♭ B♭ E♭ Gsus G F G7

make you stand in His pres - ence blame-less and with great joy, To the

10 Am Cmaj7/G C/G F7 G/E F/D E7 E7/G# Am F

on - ly God our Sav - ior, through Je - sus Christ, our Lord, Be the glo - ry and the

15 C/E F C/E F/D Em Em7 F7 G7/F F/G G C

maj-es-ty, do - min - ion and au - thor-i - ty, Both now and for ev - er. A - men!

# Articles

## The Analog Family

By Pastor C Thompson

I built a fire with my eight-year-old son this week. He helped me gather the firewood. We stacked it together. He lit the fat lighter and watched it slowly ignite. An hour later, as we prepared dinner, the fire died because we had not tended it. I helped him place another piece of fat lighter among the hot coals and rearrange some wood and told him to wait.

He reached for the lighter, but I took it from him and told him to wait. He complained. "But, nothing is happening." I told him to wait.

He sat close to the fire on the hearth and watched, exasperated. It was obvious to him that I was dumb and had sent him on a fool's errand. Until, from the kitchen I heard, "It started again!"

My eight year old is all boy and he learns primarily through. If I had turned on the TV for Sloan, I could have built a fire in peace and quiet. He would have appreciated the warmth, but he would have paid little notice to the process. But, when he participated in gathering wood and building the fire, this particular fire became *his* fire. He learned that a small spark can grow into a warm fire. He learned that hot coals can be brought back to life. He learned (I hope) that daddy knows what he's talking about when he says "wait." He learned because he experienced.

Increasingly as a parent (and pastor), I am convinced that families need to emphasize analog experiences. In the digital age, our kids need to feel hugs, experience personal connections, eat real food, take their own photographs, get splinters, skin their knees, and feel the pages of a Bible or book as they read it to themselves or out loud. They need to stand with their parents and marvel at God's glory in a sunset or even hold hands and cry at a funeral.

Analog families tend to have messy kitchens and cluttered yards. In an analog family, meals are prepared, not packaged. Fun is experienced, not watched. Board games are not always *bored* games, bicycles do not rust, and sticks get whittled. In analog families, sacrifices are made for hospitality and church attendance and friends who stop by. Tables become play-doh studios and tablecloths sometimes become finger-painting works of art.

Analog houses are tactile, warm, and inviting (if a bit chaotic at times). Analog families do not have to avoid digital. We still enjoy our TV and most of our music is played from a phone or tablet (though vinyl has a role in our home). Digital isn't the devil. **But digital is a terrible babysitter, a bad friend, and a pitiful parent.**

**The digital world is convenient, but it is insufficient for your family.** You need more and your children need more. You all need real relationships, real places, and real things. You and your kids also need to experience failure, and often times failure in the tactile world has fewer long-term impacts than mistakes made in the digital world.

God created humans as relational beings designed to exercise dominion over his creation. God placed humans in a three-dimensional world with warmth and cold, hard tree trunks and soft grass.

A cell phone has never dried your tears. A television has never given you a hug. A smart watch counted your steps, but it never experienced the beauty of a sunset with you or taught you how to marvel at God's creation or glorify the Lord. Alexa can recite

a Bible verse for you, but Alexa can't help you apply that Bible verse.

Analog has several definitions, but for families, perhaps the best one is this: analog is something that has an output that is proportional or similar to its input. Analog requires effort. You have to put some effort into it, but you can expect the outcome to be proportional. Do you invest love, time, and joy? Guess what you will get?

Proverbs 22:6 encourages parents with these words, *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

What are you doing today to raise the kind of adults you want to claim as your children in the future? There's a pretty good chance that their outcome will be proportional and similar to your investment today. ❖

## God's Lavish Mercy for Sinners

From beautifulchristianlife.com

Upon hearing the gospel some people think, "I'm not that bad. I don't need that much mercy." Other people think they are too bad—too unworthy, too far gone for mercy to reach them. What does the Bible say?

Before the apostle Paul became a Christian, he was a *"blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent"* of Christ's church (1 Tim. 1:13). Yet, Christ's mercy covered all Paul's sins and his mercy forgave all Paul's sins, every last one:

*This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," of whom I am the worst. (1 Tim. 1:15)*

And so it is true for all who trust in Jesus alone for their salvation. And why can Christ's mercy perform such wonders? How can he be so merciful? He can because he suffered the full punishment for the sins of his people. As the righteous one, Jesus was nailed to the cursed tree. He was exposed to the reproach of God's enemies. Jesus lived a perfect life, but in his death he bore in his own flesh the punishment for your sin, so that his mercy might cover all your sin. This is the surpassing glory of Christ's mercy.

We may tell ourselves that we are too bad—too unworthy, too far gone for mercy to reach us. We can fall into despair, fall prey to hopelessness, and be tempted to believe that Christ just can't forgive whatever we have done. The thief on the cross was a man who lived a life of crime and wickedness. He was a criminal who was suffering the just consequences of his actions. Yet, even upon one like this thief, in the agony of his sin, Jesus smiled. The thief prayed in faith, *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* And to this prayer of faith Jesus responded with the sweet words of mercy, *"Today, you will be with me in paradise"* (Luke 23:42-43).

Through faith alone by God's grace alone in Christ alone, we find forgiveness in the surpassing & sweet mercy of Jesus Christ who died for us. It is this lavish mercy that is your aid through the tragedies of life.

Indeed, so many chapters of our lives have sad endings. But Christ's mercy says, *"Do not despair. Do not lose hope, for you have living hope in Christ, an imperishable and incorruptible hope."*

May you rejoice in this hope, and may you embrace it in faith. Every Christian has the sure hope of the forgiveness of sin and the resurrection. In Christ the end of your story has already been written, and it is not a tragedy but rather the best of all endings—resurrection from the dead and a life everlasting to glorify God. ❖

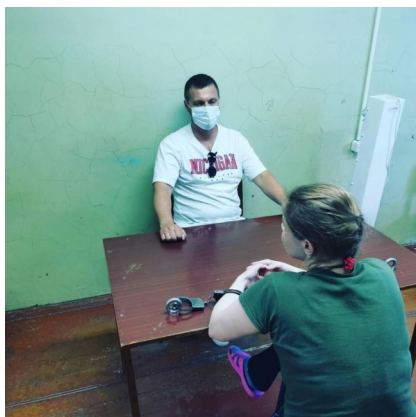
# Missionary of the Week

## Good New Jail & Prison Ministry Tyumen, Russia

We trust this update finds you well in the Lord and enjoying a good summer! We are so thankful for you and the support you provide for our team in Tyumen. We are pleased to share highlights of how God uses you to bring the gospel to the forgotten. You are serving alongside four chaplains and volunteers to bring the light and life of Jesus behind bars. Thank you.



We celebrated Children's Day (June 11) with the gospel message in the Kirovograd Educational Colony.



When the opportunity allows, we meet with inmates and provide one-on-one spiritual counseling.



"World Boxing Championship" held at the Pretrial Detention Center for minors



The team is leading a Traumatized Soul gathering at the Kirovgrad Educational Colony.

## Will you join us in praying?

- We thank the Lord for opening the doors to our prisons and allowing us to begin serving in new prisons and jails this year.
- Please pray that more volunteers will join the team.



**Q**uestion: could it be that for some, maybe many, that we are simply using Jesus as a means to assuage our consciences as we live for ourselves? We self-medicate on religion so we don't feel quite so bad about our total self-centeredness, our unabashed obsession with ourselves, our things, our future, and our lives. Which seems to naturally lead to this: According to a LifeWay Research study, while 80% of churchgoing Christians believe it is necessary to tell others about Jesus, less than 40% have done so in the last 6 months.

**G**reat quote from a pastor in the Middle East: the problem with following Jesus is that you can't actually do it passively and invisibly. It seeps through your words and your actions. True Christianity cannot be hidden or contained...Christianity is not just a set of beliefs; it is a life-style. Are you seeping?

**C**hristianity does not start with "Jesus saves you from your sins." It starts with "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."  
*F. Schaeffer*

### Nursery July 30

#### Babies:

Donna Martin, Ceci Sheffield,  
Susan Su

#### Toddlers:

Logan & Stacey Kelly

#### Preschoolers:

Jim & Heather Schraeder

### Nursery August 6

#### Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Sonja Clements,  
Cindy Wise

#### Toddlers:

Jan DeLoach, Rebekah Helmick

#### Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

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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.

### Tuesday

Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
<del>Wacky Wednesday</del>	6:45 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 July:  
Lockup Deacons for August

Howard Ernst, Ron Fowler  
Jimmy Kicklighter, Napoleon Martin

## Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

### Adult

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

### Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Lynn Ernst, Kelly Zittrouer
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