



August 13, 2023

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting

Announcements

Senior Saints Lunch

The Senior Saints will try again to make a trip to Jesup on Tuesday, **August 15**. Sign up and meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.!

Wednesday Night

On **August 16**, Youth and **Adventure Club Kick-off** are at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Bible Study is at 6:45 p.m. There will be pizza served to the Youth and Adventure Club only. We have clubs for preschoolers through 6th graders.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Steve Jackson is finishing his study on the book of John today. Next Sunday, **August 20**, Steve Posner will begin a study of Malachi. Class meets in the piano-side overflow.

Home Fellowships

Home Fellowships are next Sunday evening, **August 20**, at 7:00 p.m.! Please check the lists on pages 12 and 13 to see where to go. If you are not on a list, let Dawn know and she will add you. Hosts, you are responsible for drinks and paper products. You can get paper products from the church kitchen if you need to. Guests, please bring snacks and finger foods to share! Someone has been assigned to each home to share a devotional.

Wednesday Night Suppers!

Wednesday night suppers resume on **August 23** at 5:30 p.m. with **Barbecue**. Sign up in the hall! We still need some individuals or teams of four who can volunteer for a month of Wednesdays. If you are willing and able please see Pastor Bob or Richie Mills.

CMI Speaker!

Sunday, **August 27**, at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Jonathan Sarfati from Creation Ministries International will speak to us. Invite your friends and family to this special event! Poster on page 5!

Deacon Nominations Needed

We are soliciting deacon nominations! Examine the guidelines on page 14. Those rotating off in January are Howard Ernst, Ron Fowler, Jimmy Kicklighter, and Napoleon Martin. Submit nominations to any elder or deacon no later than **September 10**.

Food Pantry Restock Needs

Please look at the list on **page 6** to see what we **specifically need right now** to restock our food pantry! Please stick to this list. Thanks so much!!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3

Pew Bible p. 1008

Hymn #228, bulletin p. 6

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Jackson

Colossians 2:13-14

Pew Bible p. 984

Hymn, bulletin pp. 7-9

“Good and Gracious King”

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91

Tom Keller

Pew Bible p. 497

Hymn #236, bulletin p. 10

“Amazing Grace”

Message

Tom Keller

The Doctrine of Adoption

Adoption #1

John 3:1-18, Pew Bible pp. 887-888

Romans 3:10-18, Pew Bible pp. 940-941

1 John 3:1, Pew Bible p. 1022

Hymn, bulletin p. 11

*“Now Unto the King, Eternal,
Immortal, Invisible”*

The Doctrine of Adoption

Adoption #1

John 3:1-18, Romans 3:10-18, 1 John 3:1

- I. Introduction: The adoption of God CONTRASTED with the adoption of man (1 John 3:1a).
- II. Before you are adopted you are condemned (John 3:17-18; Romans 3:10-18).
- III. Before you are adopted you are in the flesh (John 3:4-6).
- IV. Before you are adopted you must be born again (John 3:3-7).
- V. Before you are adopted you must ask, how can I be born again? (John 3:15-18)
- VI. After you are adopted you must “Behold! What kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God!” (1 John 3:1a)



Important Upcoming Dates

August:

13	Sunday School Promotion Sunday	
16	Adventure Club Kickoff	6:30 p.m.
20	Home Fellowships	7:00 p.m.
26	Youth 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.



To my church family,

I want to thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers after my surgery.

Continue to pray that I recover quickly and that I can be patient with the whole process.

In Christian Love,

Barbara Mason



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**

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

228

LIDIE H. EDMUNDS, 19th century

NO OTHER PLEA

Norwegian melody

1. My faith has found a rest-ing place- Not in de-vice nor creed:
 2. E-nough for me that Je-sus saves- This ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean-ing on the Word- The writ-ten Word of God:
 4. My great Phy-si-cian heals the sick, The lost He came to save;

I trust the Ev-er-liv-ing One- His wounds for me shall plead.
 A sin-ful soul I come to Him- He'll nev-er cast me out.
 Sal-va-tion by my Sav-ior's name- Sal-va-tion thru His blood.
 For me His pre-cious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.

D.S.- is e-nough that Je-sus died, And that He died for me.

CHORUS

I need no oth-er ar-gu-ment, I need no oth-er plea; It

D.S.

FOOD PANTRY



Connie Moore has done a thorough cleanout and inventory of our Food Pantry, which the Lord has used to bless many people in our neighborhood and around town. Please help us restock! **Remember, we are just helping people get through to their next paycheck. Keep it simple and please limit your contributions to the items on this list.** No out of date foods, please.

Canned meats - such as tuna, chicken, spam, ham
 Canned or boxed meals like beef stew, chicken 'n' dumplings, ravioli, canned spaghetti
 Meal-type soups
 Spaghetti sauce (no pasta needed at present)
 Canned fruit
 Canned vegetables (no corn needed at present)

Good and Gracious King

Words and Music by

Jonny Robinson, James Ferguson

and Michael Farren

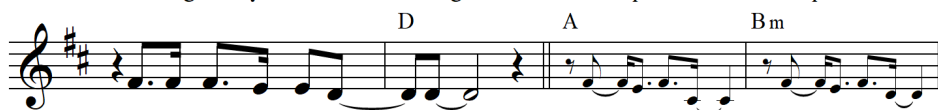
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1. I ap-proach the throne of glo-ry,



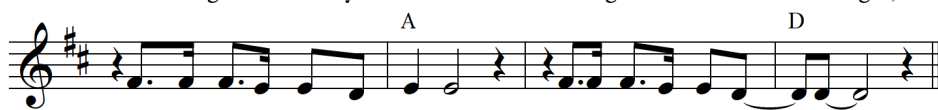
noth-ing in my hands I ____ bring but the prom-ise of ac-cept-ance



from a good and gra-cious ____ King.



2. I will give to You my bur-den as You give to me Your ____ strength,



come and fill me with Your Spir-it as I sing to You this ____ praise.



You de-serve the great-er glo-ry. O-ver-come, I lift my ____ voice



to the King in need of noth - ing; emp-ty-hand-ed, I ____ re-joice.



You de-serve the great-er glo-ry; o-ver-come with joy I ____ sing.

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Good and Gracious King, p. 2

A D
 By Your love I am ac-cep-ted; You're a good and gra-cious ___ King.

A Bm G D
 3. Oh what grace that You would see me

Bm A
 as Your child and as Your ___ friend. Safe, se-cure in You for - ev - er,

D D/F# G
 I pour out my praise a - gain. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry.

D A
 O-ver-come, I lift my ___ voice to the King in need of noth - ing;

D D/F# G
 emp-ty-hand-ed, I ___ re-joice. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry;

Bm A
 o-ver-come with joy I ___ sing. By Your love I am ac-cep-ted;

Bm G
 You're a good and gra-cious King.

D A Bm G
 Ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord Al-might - y,

Good and Gracious King, p. 3

good and gra-cious, good and gra-cious. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 good and gra-cious King. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 good and gra-cious, good and gra-cious. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 good and gra-cious King. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry.
 O-ver-come, I lift my ___ voice to the King in need of noth-ing;
 emp-ty-hand-ed, I ___ re-joice. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry;
 o-ver-come with joy I ___ sing. By Your love I am ac-cep-ted;
 You're a good and gra-cious King.

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

American melody

From Carrell & Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

JOHN NEWTON, 1725-1807

1. A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thru man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Now Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible

Lorraine Sonnenberg

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D7 G D7 G D7 G D7

Now un - to the King e - ter - nal, im - mor - tal, in -

vis - i - ble, The on - ly wise God, Be hon - or and glo - ry for -

9

Am D7 G G/B G C G Em

ev - er and ev - er. A - men. A - men. Be hon - or and glo - ry for -

13

Am/C D7 G C/G G

ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Home Fellowship Assignments

Rudy & Kayla Duero
43 Ramsgate Road

Jamie Anchors
Pam Anderson
Gary & Patricia Beatty
Sharon Boaen
Pat Briley
Shawn Champion
Bobby & Avalon Deloach
Mike Edwards
Danny & Janet Edwards
Kim Eriksen
Howard & Lynn Ernst
Rebecca Ernst
Jerry Fields
Ralph & Deborah Focht
Adam & Sarah Grimes
Jerramie & Rebekah Helmick
Geri Hendrix
Maritsa Hernandez
John & Pam Humphrey
Charles & Betty Hurndon
Wan & Myri Hymon
Steve & Lesia Jackson
Mike & Ashley Leoni
Samp & Beth Lewis
Sarah Mastison
Dean McCraw
Jared McCraw
Joseph McCraw
Richard Mills
Cole Morris
Daniel Muller
Barbara Rahn
Everett & Mary Ann Tarver

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Kecia Bivins
John Earl & Carolyn Blanton
Moonyeen Blanton
Vince & Aileen Butler
Sonja Clements
Larry & Donna Cowart
Bob & Cindy Dimmitt
Jessica Dimmitt
Lance & Julie Ficek
David Griffith
Brittany Hall
Ari Hidalgo
Robert & Jill Holland
Glynn & Natalie Horton
Bryan & Kelly Howard
Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter
Daniel & Marsha Lockett
Napoleon & Savannah Martin
Billy & Julie Morris, Jr.
Dennis Morgan
Brittany Pinckney
Steve & Linnea Posner
Howard Reinhold
Danny & Kamee Roberson
Clyde & Ceci Sheffield
Kelly & Dawn Stanford
Kay Stanford
Kelvin & Janice Stanford
Kendra Stanford
Jay & Andrea Turner
Jerry Turner
John & Diana Watkins

Tom & Amy Keller
27 Ramsgate Road

Nick & Rachel Beatty
John & Sandra Bridges
George Brown
Reggie & Leasa Brown
Jim & Rita Campbell
Sue Crews
Gordon & Debra Denney
Jimmy & Janice Donaldson
Joyce English
June Erlandson
Tony Gadsby
Darrell & Becky Hendricks
Wendell & Melissa Hill
Eric & Amy Horton
Lily Horton
Rebecca Keller
Don & Angela King
Todd Klann
Jack & Connie Moore
Joe & Patricia Morris
Barbara Nix
Vern Nix
Addisyn Rowe
Jay & Lisa Rowe
Kaitlyn Rowe
Lauren Rowe
Forester & Angela Scarboro
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Jack & Ronna Sherrod
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Elaine Spica
Noah Zittrouer
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Sam Zittrouer

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Eleanor Bowden
Mark & Scarlett Cartwright
Jan Deloach
Marc & Melinda Dunant
Ron & Mary Ann Fowler
David Grimes
Ray & Jeanie Groover
Genevieve Hassan
Logan & Stacey Kelly
Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter
Glen & Donna Martin
Barbara Mason
Alex & Nicole Morris
Billy & Suzan Morris
Melvin Myers
Wayne Noha
Marie Portenga
Mike & Gena Russell
Jay & Tamera Smith
Claude & Susan Su
Michael & Karrie Walker
Linda Walker
Lindsey Walker
Billy & Brenda Waters
Anna Wedincamp
Daniel Wedincamp
Dean & Patricia Wedincamp
Teena Wheless
Rita Winters
Emily Wise
Charles & Cindy Wise
Kevin Zeigler

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.

Howard Ernst, Ron Fowler, Jimmy Kicklighter, and Napoleon Martin are scheduled to rotate off, however, they may be re-nominated as deacons are allowed to succeed themselves. We may elect up to six.

Deacon Election Submissions - Please submit names to Bob, Tom, or any of the current deacons by September 10, and they will contact the nominees if it is determined that they are qualified to serve.

Articles

What the Science Really Says about “Gender-Affirming” Medicine

More studies find that transitioning minors leads to less life satisfaction, higher suicidal-ity, and real life-long medical problems.

By John Stonestreet and Jared Eckert

While activists in the U.S. seek to eliminate any restrictions to so-called “gender-affirming” interventions for minors, a number of European countries are adding safeguards around or backing off altogether from these controversial procedures. Following European neighbors Finland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, the Norwegian Healthcare Investigation Board announced that it will revise its recommended standards of care for minors struggling with gender dysphoria. The proposed revisions would no longer allow the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and transition surgery for minors.

As NHIB rightfully points out, the science surrounding “gender-affirming care” is far from settled. In fact, the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, or transition surgeries to treat gender dysphoria lacks adequate research. There is hardly any substantial research on the long-term effects of these treatments on minors, and what we do know about them is disregarded by ideologically driven proponents. Puberty blockers, for example, have been known to plague patients with loss of bone density. Cross-sex hormones lead to sterilization. Transition surgeries are rife with serious complications. In the name of a dubious ideology, we’re experimenting on children.

Additionally, most of the long-term studies that proponents cite to support current “gendering-affirming” protocols are poorly designed. As the report summarized: “As a rule, there is no control group in the studies.” This means that any effects are “often assessed at group level and not at individual level, so that unwanted effects for some patients can be masked by improvement in the rest of the group.” The results are also skewed by factors such as patient dropout and a failure to make contact for follow-ups. In other words, the numbers are played with to get the desired result.

At the heart of the case for so-called “gender-affirming care” is the claim that transition prevents suicide. Research, however, shows the opposite. In a summary of recent research, Ben Johnson described how life satisfaction among those who undergo “transition” surgeries decreases rather than increases.

Another study published last month found that self-identifying transgender individuals—not necessarily those who have had transition surgery—have high levels of loneliness. These studies confirm the findings of one of the best studies on the effect that transitioning has on the mental health of patients, which finds that those who undergo gender transition are over 19 times more likely to commit suicide than their peers.

Given the clear dearth of quality research on the long-term effects of chemical and surgical *transition* interventions, any promotion of such controversial medicine is motivated not by science but by ideology.

At the heart of transgender ideology is a belief that the physical, human body, specifically our God-given biological sex, does not constitute what it means to be a person. Rather the person is an intangible self, separate from the body that can only be defined by one’s own inner sense of self. Motivated by this central belief, activists tailor their views on health and wellness to match. Health, for them, is ultimately defined by the

satisfaction of the immaterial self, not one's physical wellbeing. So the harms to one's body found in transitioning are worth the actualization of the inner self's true gender.

Like every false ideology, transgender ideology is at odds with reality. As much as transgender activists want to say "gender-affirming care" will bring people satisfaction, our experience of God's creation finds just the opposite. While more research may be necessary, studies indicate that gender transition surgery, on the whole, exacerbates patients' unhappiness. This tells us that, as much as we'd like to disregard and deny the reality of our God-given bodies, they are a vital part of us that should not be discarded for the sake of our own sinful designs. Rather than trying to destroy the body, care that truly affirms gender would seek to reconcile people with their God-given bodies, helping them simultaneously accept the gift of the body and lament its brokenness. ❖

Why Are So Many of Our Youth Identifying as LGBTQ+?

by Mark Sanders

I've been representing Harvest USA at many national Christian conferences over the last two years. We get a lot of traffic at our exhibit tables, and once people find out what we do, most of them tell me about their child, grandchild, or friend who has come out as gay or transgender. Almost everyone I meet has been personally touched by the LGBTQ+ wave sweeping our country. And the overwhelming majority of people identifying as LGBTQ+ are young. What is happening to our millennial, Gen Z, and alpha generations?

In the latest Gallup poll for 2022, only 2.7% of baby boomers and 3.3% of Gen Xers identified as LGBTQ+ versus 11.2% of millennials and 19.7% of Gen Z. Along with that, while there was only a slight increase in the total percentage of Americans identifying as LGBTQ+ from 2012–2020, that number showed a marked uptick from 2020 to 2021. How do we make sense of this data? While there are many factors involved, here are just a few things to consider.

COVID Lockdowns and TikTok

Regardless of what you think about COVID lockdowns, we can't deny the social impact of forced isolation. Kids were taken out of school and put in front of screens. Not only were many of these children receiving consistent LGBTQ+ indoctrination in their virtual classrooms, but they were also getting heavy doses of it on social media. By April 2020, just as the lockdowns began, TikTok surpassed 2 billion downloads worldwide.

Social media platforms specialize in creating echo chambers, with sophisticated algorithms designed to keep our attention as long as possible. The more we click on one type of video or post, the more we'll see that type of content. Even if we click on just one pro-LGBTQ+ post, we'll start seeing more of them. The more we click, the more dominated our feed becomes. Consider what happens when our youth are cut off from the real world and plugged into an attractive, addictive virtual world algorithmically curated to show only one perspective?

Hidden Experiences or New Interpretations?

Many will argue that the dramatic increase in people identifying as LGBTQ+ stems mainly from growing social acceptance. They'll say the numbers have always been this high, but only recently have people felt safe to be public about it. While that may be true for some, it doesn't account for the large statistical differences between generations.

Now that there is social acceptance, you'd expect just as many boomers as Gen Zers identifying as LGBTQ+.

Instead, we're witnessing a social contagion to which young people are particularly susceptible. Adolescence is a scary, confusing time for everyone. Our bodies and minds are going through countless changes which we struggle to know how to interpret. But now doctors, teachers, therapists, scientists, and politicians are giving new answers for these age-old questions. Consider that 66% of Gen Zers identifying as LGBTQ+ identify as bisexual. Why has bisexuality become so prevalent? Boys and especially girls will often go through seasons during adolescence when they might develop new feelings for a friend of the same sex. Historically, those feelings wouldn't have materialized into anything more than a fleeting quasi-crush, leading to little (if any) questioning of their sexuality. But today, their radars have been trained and conditioned to see even the slightest attraction toward the same sex as incontrovertible evidence that they are indeed bisexual.

The same is true for gender identity questions. All boys and girls will ask questions about what it means to be a boy or a girl: What activities should I like? What feelings are masculine or feminine? Fallen humanity has always struggled to live as the men and women God calls us to be. But, by and large, these questions were limited to our roles, not our ontology. The questions used to be, "How do I live as a man? How do I live as a woman?" But now the question every child is being forced to consider is, "Am I a boy or a girl?"

The Battle for a Better Story

I recently spoke at a retreat for a few hundred Christian college students from a variety of secular campuses. I was sobered by the extent to which worldly categories have infiltrated this generation. The deck has been stacked against them. They've been fed language, narratives, and parameters that prohibit any biblical categorization for who we are and how we are to live. Truly, Gen Z needs an entire deconstruction of their sexual worldview for a biblical framework to make any sense.

This deconstruction won't start with logical arguments and statistics; they've been captured not by data, but by a story. A story of liberation, meaning, justice, and beauty has captivated their hearts and they've found their identity within it. A competing narrative strikes at the core of who they understand themselves to be. This will feel extremely scary; all their defenses will be on high alert against these threats to their identity.

But this is where Christians have every reason for unshakable hope and confidence: we have a better story to tell. The gospel is the only narrative that accounts for everything we experience in this life and promises transcendent, everlasting hope and purpose. And we have the best Story-Teller in the universe! If you're a Christian, it's because you were told the story of the gospel by the Holy Spirit. Yes, you audibly heard it through a human voice. But spiritually, your ears were opened, and your heart brought to life by the voice of God himself. Jesus, our great Shepherd, calls his sheep by name, and his sheep know his voice (John 10:27).

Jesus died for Gen Z and alpha generation sheep. Many who currently find their value, meaning, and identity in an LGBTQ+ label will, in God's good timing, find Christ alone to be their all-in-all. Who is sufficient for these things? "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).

May we fervently pray for the hearts and minds of our youth as we point them to the solid hope of God's better story. ❖

Missionary of the Week

Ralph & Elaine Elliott
Cru - Antwerp, Belgium

We highlighted the Elliots last in early July, but they have some very pressing needs and I wanted to share their latest letter with you this week. It arrived August 5.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit; and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:7-8

Dear Friends,

We are blessed to be back in the States and to have a chance to see a some of you. We will spend most of our time in Orlando with plans to return to Belgium in September. As we have reflected on the past year, we are so grateful for the many answers to prayer. To name just a few: our Antwerp Lab conference in March, which encouraged our participants in Belgium and helped accelerate new ministries in Ireland and Germany; the beginnings of a campus ministry in Leuven; and great openings to use the Flemish Jesus Film in the churches. Your prayers have made such a difference in Belgium!

As we have trusted God to make a difference, we have also become aware of the clear works of Satan here. In talking with a student, she told us about her leadership class and the "ritual" her professor was asking the students to participate in. This young Christian student saw what was happening and asked not to participate. The leader of this ritual also explained to the group that she conducts these same rituals with leaders in the EU. The students clearly did not understand the impact of this ritual, so we are asking that God protect them from this influence and from any further influences. May your prayers make an impact here as well.



We are staying close to Orlando to welcome the arrival of our first grandchild. Our youngest daughter, Lauren, gave us the exciting news in January. In April they noticed some problems and sent her to a specialist. The doctor told her that the pregnancy will go full term, but then Charlotte Rose would not live after the birth.

From that point we have asked God to show His mercy and His glory, and to fully heal Charlotte Rose. We are near the end of this part of the journey as Lauren is due on August 13th. Micah and Lauren have remained strong through this entire time. We are encouraged by their strength and faith.

Please do keep Micah and Lauren and our family in your prayers, that God would be glorified by the birth and healed life of Charlotte Rose. Please also pray for Ralph as he has a heart cath on August 15 to see if any next steps are necessary. Thank you for your prayers!

His Disciples,

Ralph and Elaine

Question: 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.

Christianity 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 August 13

Babies:

Lynn Ernst, Beth Lewis,
Jeanie Groover

Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

Preschoolers:

Logan & Stacey Kelly

Nursery August 20

Babies:

Eleanor Bowden, Mary Fowler,
Kay Stanford

Toddlers:

Deborah Focht, Tricia Morris

Preschoolers:

Brittany Hall, Elinor Morris

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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.
Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
Adventure Club Kickoff	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 August

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

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra 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