



October 15, 2023

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting

Announcements

Supervision of Children

We are blessed to have more and more children here among our church body, and we are excited to have them! Please know that during our organized activities, your children are well cared for and supervised. However, during the free time before and after all services, and between supper and Adventure Club on Wednesdays, you parents alone are responsible for your children's activities and whereabouts. Please do not assume that someone else is watching your child. Thank you!

Quarterly Members' Meeting, Missionary Speaker, Ice Cream Social

Our Quarterly Members' Meeting is tonight, Sunday, **October 15**, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m., and will feature a ministry update from Kendra Stanford, then an Ice Cream Social!

Directory Updates Needed!

Please check your current listing in the church directory. If it is not correct, please notify Dawn in the office of any changes that need to be made. If you need to add or update your photo, please send it to dawn@fabchurch.com. Printed directories will be available at Homecoming.

Wednesday Night

This Wednesday, the menu is **Chicken Fingers**. Supper is at 5:30 p.m., Adventure Club is at 6:20 p.m., Youth is at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Bible Study is at 6:45 p.m. Sign up in the hall for the meal!

Senior Saints' Lunch

The Senior Saints will be traveling to Metter on Tuesday, **October 24**. Please note this is the fourth Tuesday, not the third. They will have lunch at Bevricks and then visit the Durden Pecan Company. Sign the list in the hall and meet at the church at 10:30 a.m.

Fall Festival!

Wednesday, **October 25**! Free Hot Dog dinner at 5:30 p.m., and inflatables and the games in the gym begin at 6:00 p.m. Invite family and friends!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Revelation 4:8-11
Pew Bible p. 1030

Hymn #70, bulletin p. 7
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer of General Confession
Tom Keller
Isaiah 2:1-5
Pew Bible p. 567

Hymn, bulletin p. 8
"Jerusalem"

Scripture Reading
Psalm 102
Reggie Brown
Pew Bible pp. 501-502

Hymn #256, bulletin p. 9
"It Is Well"

Message
Bob Dimmitt
Eat My Dust
Matthew #15
Matthew 4:17-22, Pew Bible p. 809

Hymn, pp. 10-11
"Benediction"

Eat My Dust
Matthew #15
Matthew 4:17-22

Luke 5:1-11

The fishing nets used were most likely trammel nets ... Fishermen fished at night because in the daytime the nets became visible to the fish

Simon gets an attitude:

When Peter recognized the uniqueness of Jesus the Messiah he could see himself for what he was –

The idea of discipleship can be summed up with one biblical key word: imitation.

“the goal of a disciple wasn’t merely to master the rabbi’s teachings; instead, it was to master his way of life: how he prayed, studied, taught, served the poor and lived out his relationship with God day to day.”

Old Jewish saying: “if you find a good rabbi, you should cover yourself in the dust of his feet and drink in his words thirstily.”

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Baby Shower

There is a Baby Shower for Avalon DeLoach on Thursday, **October 26**, at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited! Bobby and Avalon have a baby registry on Amazon.

Homecoming Work Day!

Saturday, **October 28** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

55th Annual Homecoming!

Sunday, **November 5**, with guest speaker, Kenny Grant. Invite family and friends to this special celebration of God's goodness to our church family.



Senior Saints Christmas Trip

Sign up in the hall by **November 5** so Tom knows how many rooms to reserve.

Women's Retreat

There is a one-day, in house Women's Retreat scheduled for Saturday, **November 11**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The retreat will feature video teaching from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth of Revive Our Hearts ministry. The theme is "A Grounded Faith" and will include two teaching sessions and two worship sessions. There is a \$10 charge, but the cost includes a light breakfast and a lunch! Invite your friends! Sign up in the hall!



A Grounded Faith
FABC Women's Retreat 2023
November 11 + 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$10 ticket includes a light breakfast and lunch.
Two sessions of a virtual study
by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and
two sessions of worship.

The world is shaking. Do you feel it? Learn how to root your faith deep into the soil of God's truth and stand firm no matter what you face.



Janie Groover wishes to thank you, her church family, for the prayers, food, encouragement, visits, cards, and all your other acts of love and kindness during Ray's long illness and subsequent passing. You all are a continual blessing of support and encouragement for her and she wants to express her deepest love and appreciation for you! Many thanks!



Important Upcoming Dates

October:

15	Quarterly Members' Meeting	5:15 p.m.
15	Ice Cream Social	7:00 p.m.
25	Fall Festival	5:30 p.m.
26	Baby Shower for Avalon DeLoach	7:00 p.m.
28	Homecoming Work Day	8:00 a.m.

November:

5	Homecoming	
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.

Why You Should Read the Bible Regularly

What you read impacts you. Think about how you feel when you read your news feed. Reading the Bible on a regular and consistent basis has several benefits.

First, the Bible shows us God's character and provides us God's revelation of himself to his people. In each section of the Bible, we see God's holy, unchanging, faithful, gracious and loving character.

Second, 2 Timothy 3:16–17 when discussing the topic of Scripture says that it is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.” The next verse goes on to say that this leads to the completeness and equipping “for every good work” (ESV).

Third, regularly reading God's word reorients our thinking so that we can grow in maturity, which is part of the Christian calling (Ephesians 4:14–16; Romans 12:1–2). Have you ever met a mature Christian who did not regularly read the Bible? These three things are really just the beginning, this list could include dozens of reasons why you should read the Bible on a regular basis.

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

REGINALD HEBER, 1783-1826

JOHN B. DYKES, 1823-1876

1. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God Al-might- y! Ear- ly in the
 2. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee, Cast-ing down their
 3. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly! Tho the dark-ness hide Thee, Tho the eye of
 4. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God Al-might- y! All Thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!
 gold-en crowns a - round the glass-y sea; Cher-u-bim and ser-a - phim
 sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly -
 praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and Might- y! God in Three Per - sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!
 fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Which wert and art and ev - er-more shalt be.
 there is none be - side Thee Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur-i - ty.
 Mer - ci - ful and Might- y! God in Three Per - sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!

Ever since the fall of Man in the Garden there has lurked a suspicion of God in the human heart; that God, if there is one, is bound to be against us, forbidding us natural pleasures and repressing us psychologically and restraining us from developing our full human potential. The result is the alienation of the human spirit from God, and in extreme cases the denial of anything that smacks of God, even to the extent of denying that humans have a spirit, and attempting to believe that humans are nothing but matter. —at the same time our awareness of our real guilt and shame of our actual personal sins adds to the sense (and rightly so) that God, if He exists, must be against our sins. — How can this alienation and hostility be removed? In the incarnation of the Son of God and His death on the cross.

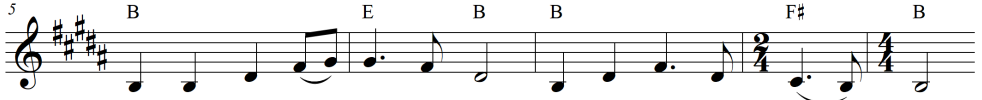
Excerpt from Being Truly Human

Jerusalem

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson,
Rich Thompson and Tiarne Kleyn



1. See Him in Je - ru - sa - lem, walk - ing where the crowds are.
2. See Him there up - on the hill, hear the scorn and laugh - ter.
3. See Him there up - on the cross, now no long - er breath - ing.
4. See the emp - ty tomb to - day, death could not con - tain Him.



Once these streets had sung to Him, now they cry for mur - der.
Si - lent as a lamb He waits, pray - ing to the Fath - er.
Dust that formed the watch - ing crowds, takes the blood of Je - sus.
Once the Ser - vant of the world, now in vic - t'ry reign - ing!



Such a frail and lone - ly Man hold - ing
See the King who made the sun and the
Feel the earth is shak - ing now, see the
Lift your voice - es to the One who is



up the hea - vy cross. See Him walk - ing in Je -
moon and shin - ing stars. Let the sold - iers hold and
veil is split in two. And He stood be - fore the
seat - ed on the throne. See Him in the new Je -



ru - sa - lem on the road to save us.
nail Him down, so that He could save them.
wrath of God, shield - ing sin - ers with His blood.
ru - sa - lem, praise the One who saved us!

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Tho Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - My sin, not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll - What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
 back as a scroll: The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

CHORUS

It is well, it is well with my soul.
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul,

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 - in His love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

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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# Gm F6 E \flat

We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain:

B \flat /F F sus F B \flat sus B \flat

Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings!

Articles

The Problem with So-Called “Antiracism”

When racial justice is everything, we’ve misunderstood God’s sovereignty over the human condition.

By John Stonestreet and Kasey Leander

In a recent piece in *The Atlantic*, Tyler Austin Harper, a black professor from Bates College, argued that so-called “anti-racism” has gone too far.

In their righteous crusade against the bad color-blindness of policies such as race-neutral college admissions, these contemporary anti-racists have also jettisoned the kind of good color-blindness that holds that we are more than our race, and that we should conduct our social life according to that idealized principle. Rather than balance a critique of color-blind law and policy with a continuing embrace of interpersonal color-blindness as a social etiquette, contemporary anti-racists throw the baby out with the bathwater.

The term “anti-racist” came from a recent explosion of writing such as Robin DiAngelo’s *White Fragility* and Ibram X. Kendi’s *How to Be an Antiracist*, and it carries enormous ideological implications. According to Kendi, “One either allows racial inequities to persevere, as a racist, or confronts racial inequities, as an anti-racist. There is no in-between safe space of ‘not racist.’”

For figures like Kendi and DiAngelo, anti-racism isn’t just the commitment to combat racism wherever we happen to see it, it’s the commitment to see racism *everywhere*, entrenched in the heart of society and present in all its aspects. Even more, to be “anti-racist” requires the adoption of a very narrow set of policy prescriptions, all of which come from an increasingly left side of the political world.

In this world, white people must move from a position of “neutrality” to actively “centering” race in all their discourse. Only then can “whiteness” and “implicit bias” be identified, admitted, and confessed. In practice, Harper warns, this only obliterates any distinctions between “structural” racism, a term referring to racial injustices embedded in wider society, and the interpersonal interactions with people of different races.

It tends to rest on a troubling, even racist subtext: that white and Black Americans are so radically different that interracial relationships require careful management, constant egg-shell-walking, and even expert guidance from professional anti-racists. Rather than producing racial harmony, this new ethos frequently has the opposite effect, making white-Black interactions stressful, unpleasant, or, perhaps most often, simply weird.

This weirdness that Harper described is the fruit of Critical Race Theory, a wrong way to diagnose and respond to racism, because it makes racial injustice “a theory of everything.” Sixty years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of a world in which his own children would “not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” However, “anti-racism” reverses that, presuming

to know one's character, *a priori*, based only on the color of skin.

Another important insight from Harper's article is that our racial dialogue has been shaped by the "triumph of the therapeutic," which social critic Philip Rieff described as the "self, improved, (as) the ultimate concern of modern culture." In a moment in which everything is about the self, Harper believes that racial dialogue is often not about making real progress but making ourselves feel better through confession and activism.

Throughout the biblical narrative, people are described as having a common parentage and heritage as image bearers. The Apostle Paul told the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in Athens that God "*made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth.*" Those who are in Christ, no matter which tongue or tribe or nation or language they represent, are reconciled to their Creator and thus, to each other. Only Christianity can anchor this beautiful vision of the human condition on solid ground, and it has incredible implications for individuals and nations, for people and for social structures.

Harper rightly concludes that we must see each other, first and foremost, as people, a kind of colorblindness that will prove far more effective than performative racial confessions or racialized division. That, however, is only true if there is something universal to our identity, dignity, and value. If there is, it must be an intrinsic reality of the human person, given rather than acquired.

Only one vision of the human story, the biblical account of people and creation, offers anything like that. ❖

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Even if outward circumstances appear fruitless, it does not therefore nullify the faithfulness of God. Even though there is pain in the suffering, there can still be joy in the waiting. Adverse circumstances should never define your understanding of God, but they will reveal whether or not you trust in Him.

God is always at work for the salvation of His people, even when you cannot fully comprehend all His ways (See Habakkuk 1:5; 3:13). Therefore, take joy in His promise to preserve you for eternal life, even when it appears that evil and suffering have the upper hand. God is in total control over all nations, rulers, military, families, neighbors, churches, pastors, bosses, economic gain and loss, sickness and health, and even the smallest events in your life. No circumstance or person will ever have the upper hand on God, and that includes His grip on His children. He's already proven that He is always FOR you through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, He is ultimately FOR your JOY, not against it.

Be encouraged!

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Missionary of the Week

Mario & Elizabeta Kushner
Virovitica, Croatia

Mario and Elizabeta, along with their toddler, Tena, minister at the Virovitica Baptist Church in Croatia. Dawn contacted them last week and got some recent information from them.

They have recently been hit with sickness that doesn't seem to let up. Baby Tena has been running a fever, they have been getting little sleep, and they are exhausted. Mario is also dealing with contractors who are supposed to be correcting some drainage issues, as they get flooding every time it rains. He apparently is also in charge of running and getting the materials they need to do the work.

Elizabeta's work department is going through some changes that is causing her to work more.

There is a family in the church who had marital problems. Mario counseled with them for a year, but no one was willing to change, and they left the church a few weeks ago. Please pray for this couple, as their problems run deep.

Please pray for the Kushners!

Mario posted some ministry news on his Facebook page:

Last two Thursdays, at Virovitica Baptist Church we studied the topic of the church's prayer as a community. Through the Book of Psalms and the Apostolic Acts, we have seen that God's people in both the Old and the New Testament practiced daily prayers at certain hours.

Later, in the Middle Ages, Christians left their obligation here to monks at monasteries, who prayed "on their behalf." Then, from the usual three daily prayers, the system of seven prayers (so called) was developed.

Reforming faith and actions, in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, includes the renewal of this religious practice. Christianity did not begin with us. If we want to be like the previous generations of believers, we have to act like them.

"May you like to grant us true repentance, forgive us our sins, neglects and ignorance, and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may correct our lives in accordance with your Holy Word, We fervently beg you hear us good Lord. Amen."

Set the alarm and pray!

Christ or Chaos !



Prayer Requests:

- Strength, health, rest, and pain relief
- New contacts & converts
- Diligence in evangelism
- Safety and protection
- Tena's salvation
- Salvation of our parents
- Perserverance in ministry
- Coworkers who would come to Vi-rovitica
- Elizabetha's work load
- Wisdom to sort out problems that arose after a family in the church left.



Tena asleep on the floor in her father's office while he studies.

Nursery October 15

Babies:

Eleanor Bowden, Mary Fowler,
Kay Stanford

Toddlers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

Preschoolers:

Brittany Hall, Elinor Morris

Nursery October 22

Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Debra Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

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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.



Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from

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.
Quarterly Members' Meeting	5:15 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	7:00 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.
Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper: Chicken Fingers	5:30 p.m.
Adventure Club	6:20 p.m.
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.
Young Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

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

Lockup Deacons for October

Michael Walker, Ric Zittrouer

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

"Systematic Theology"	Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
"Young Marrieds"	Gym Overhang: Tom Keller
"Malachi"	Youth House: Steve Posner
"Rahab"	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
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