



November 19, 2023

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

Where Christ Is Exalted and the Fellowship Is Exciting

Announcements

Choir Practice

Tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday on Tuesday Night

Please note that this week, our Wednesday night activities will take place on Tuesday, **November 21!** The menu is **Chili**. 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 Adult Bible Study Announcements

There is no study on **November 23!**

Office Closed

The church office is closed on **November 23 and 24.**

Men's Breakfast and Book Study

Join us for a Men's Two-Part Breakfast series as we discuss the book, *The Masculine Mandate* by Richard Phillips.

Dates & Time:

- Saturday, December 9, 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, January TBA, 8:00 a.m.

This discussion will provide an opportunity for men of all ages to explore their roles as leaders, husbands, fathers, and servants in light of God's Word. Questions are welcomed! Please bring your copy of the book which you can pick up from the church. Breakfast will be provided. All men of any age are welcome whether or not a member of our church. Books are \$14 each and in the office. For more info you can contact Steve Posner 912-704-5617. There's a signup sheet in the hall!

Christmas Banquet Signup and Bus Service!

Our annual Christmas Banquet is Wednesday, **December 13** at 6:30 p.m. Menu will include Prime Rib, Barbecue, Ham, Vegetables and Desserts. \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child over 3, and no family need pay over \$25! Sign up in the hall. We are offering bus rides to those needing or wanting them. Sign the hall bus list by **December 6** if you live relatively close by and would like to take advantage of that!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Ephesians 6:13
Pew Bible p. 979

Hymn #403, bulletin p. 5
“Soldiers of Christ Arise”

Prayer of General Confession
Bob Dimmitt
Titus 2:11-14
Pew Bible p. 998

Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-7
“Facing a Task Unfinished”

Scripture Reading
Psalm 106:1-23
Napoleon Martin
Pew Bible p. 505

Hymn #42, bulletin p. 8
“All Hail the Power”

Message
Bob Dimmitt
Salt & Light
Matthew #19
Matthew 5:13-16, Pew Bible p. 810

Hymn, p. 9
“Now unto Him”

Salt & Light
Matthew #19
Matthew 5:13-16

lost its taste = foolish. To make dull, not acute, to cause something to lose its taste or the purpose for which it exists

Those called to purify the earth are themselves corrupt, their witness is counterproductive. It destroys instead of transforming.

The meaning of the Greek word “katapateo” is not only to trample down but it also means to reject with disdain, to despise.

Some say this word was used to express the contempt the world has for the hypocrisy of those who claim to be Christians but lead corrupt lives.

The believer is to have a useful effect upon the earth, and not exist merely for the sake of personal advantage.

Never have we been so preoccupied with endeavoring to see Christianity in government. And what is the result?

2 Cor 4:5-6

Phil 2:14-16



Important Upcoming Dates

November:

26 Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, & Carols 6:00 p.m.

December:

6 Adventure Club Christmas Party
6 Youth Christmas Party
9 Men's Book Study, Session I 8:00 a.m.
10 Special Called Members' Meeting 5:30 p.m.
10 Christmas Cantata 6:00 p.m.
13 Christmas Banquet 6:30 p.m.
15 Young Adult Christmas Party
16 Life Line Health Screening
18, 20 Caroling
19 Joy Class Christmas Party 10:00 a.m.
24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.
31 Annual NYE Cookoff: Chili 7:00 p.m.

Life Line Screening

Life Line is conducting their ultrasonic health screenings here in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **December 16**. There are flyers on the podium and bulletin board with all the info, and we were gifted several vouchers for \$85 off. Let Dawn know if you would like a voucher, and contact Life Line to make an appointment.



Thank you to all who helped with the Women's Retreat. It was a wonderful day! Thank you, Richie Mills, for the wonderful food and John Earl Blanton for doing sound and lights. Thank you, Praise Team, for wonderful worship!

Amy Keller

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Charles Wesley

George J. Elvey

E^b C^m A^b E^b/G A^b D[°]/F E^b B^b

1. Sol - iers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,
 2. Stand then in His great might, With all His strength en - dued,
 3. Leave no un-guard - ed place, No weak-ness of the soul;

E^b B^b/D C^m E^b F F/E^b B^b/D A[°]/C B^b E^b F^{7sus} F⁷ B^b

Strong in the strength which God sup-plies Thru His e - ter - nal Son;
 Adn take, to arm you for the fight, The pan-o-ple of God;
 Take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, And for - ti - fy the whole.

B^b/A^b E^b/G E^b D[°]/F E^b/G A^b C⁷/G F F E^b/G F/A B^b B^b7/A^b

Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His might - y pow'r: Who
 That hav - ing all things done, And all your con-flicts past, Ye
 From strength to strength go on, Wres - tle and fight and pray; Tread

E^b/G A^b E^b/G F^m7 B^b E^b E^b/G A^b E^b B^b_{sus} B^b E^b

in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.
 may o'er - come thru Christ a - lone And stand en - tire at last.
 all the pow'rs of dark-ness down And win the well-fought day.

(We Go To All the World)

New Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash and Fionán de Barra

With Great Passion ♩ = 116

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first two measures of the piece. The second system contains the next two measures, which include the vocal entry. The score is written for a piano and voice. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal part is a single melodic line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte), and articulation like 'acc' (accents). The lyrics 'The Rose Tree' are written below the vocal line, with the first measure of the second system containing the vocal entry '1. Fac -'.

5 $\text{S}^{\text{v4:C/G}}$
Cadd9 Fma7 Dm7 G/B C C/E

ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees. A need that, un - di -
oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de -
bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those who gave their lives pro -
Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired, Sav - iour, whose love con -

10 F F/A G^{sus} G C C/E F C/E

min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re -
fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for
claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the
strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from

The musical score is for a hymn titled "The Lord's Prayer." It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staff. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four measures, and the second system contains the next four measures. The lyrics are: "min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re - fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from". The chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, F/A, G^{sus}, G, C, C/E, F, C/E.

15 Am⁷ Dm⁷ C/G Fma⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷sus

new be-fore Thy throne the so - lemn pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee
life, and love, and light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
same glad mess - age ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy

1. 20 Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C 2.3.4. Refrain Cadd9

known. 2. Where night. powers. } We sake. }

25 G F/G C G F/G C F G

go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has

30 Em7 Am 3rd time to CODA Φ Dm7 G7sus Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C D.S. 8

power to save but Je - sus Christ The Lord. 3. We 4. O

36 Φ CODA Cadd9 Last Refrain G F/G C G F/G

Lord. We go to all the world, His king - dom hope un -

40 C F G Em7 Am Dm7 G7sus

furled. No oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ The

44 Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C Cadd9 Fm/C Bbadd9/C Cadd9

Lord.

Facing a Task Unfinished (*We Go To All the World*)
(Hymnal: Key of C)

All Hail the Power

CORONATION

EDWARD PERRONET, 1726-1792

Alt. by John Rippon, 1751-1836

OLIVER HOLDEN, 1765-1844

1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3. Let ev-'ry kin-dred, ev-'ry tribe, On this ter-res-trial ball,
 4. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
 To Him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
 To Him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

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!

Featured Content from Right Now Media

This week, we are highlighting *How to Read and Study the Bible for Yourself*, a series of five videos by Benjamin Windle. A free study guide is available to download.

From the website: *Nothing else fuels our growth like personally engaging with the Bible. Yet, many people lack the practical tools to confidently study the Bible for themselves. One can attend church for many years, and listen to a lot of teaching, and not learn how to read the Bible for yourself.*

King David knew (at a very personal level) what it was to go through darkness in life. In Psalm 119, David reveals that the Word is a lamp for when the path of life turned dark. We all need a lamp for dark times.

Today, we have a culture with no lamp. Where do we turn when life turns dark? How do we know what next steps to take, or how to get direction in life?

Come on this journey with Pastor and author Benjamin Windle as your guide, as he teaches you how to use the Bible as a lamp for every question and challenge life throws at you. You will learn:

- *How to engage in your own personal devotions.*
- *Get practical tools and easy to use methods on personal Bible Study.*
- *Discover the golden rule of how to interpret the Bible.*
- *Ignite a new passion for the Bible and its power to bring about change in your life.*

Filmed on location in Australia, this 5-session series is not just about giving you a meal for a day, it will teach you how to be a self-feeder for the rest of your life.

Get the skills you need (that absolutely anyone can use) to read and apply the Bible in your own life.

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Articles

The Crushing Obligation to Keep Doing More and More

By K DeYoung

Doing More for God

I understand there are lazy people out there who need to get radical for Jesus. I understand that many people are stingy with their resources and fritter their time away on inane television shows. I understand there are lots of Christians in our churches sitting around doing nothing who need to be challenged not to waste their life. I am deeply thankful for preachers and writers who challenge us to risk everything and make our lives count. I know a lot of sleepy Christians in need of a wake-up call.

But I also know people like me, people who easily feel a sense of responsibility, people who easily feel bad for not doing more. For all sorts of reasons—pride, diligence, personality—opportunities have often felt like obligations to me.

And surely I'm not the only one. Surely there are many Christians who are terribly busy because they sincerely want to be obedient to God. We hear sermons that convict us for not praying more. We read books that convince us to do more for global hunger. We talk to friends who inspire us to give more and read more and witness more. The needs seem so urgent. The workers seem so few. If we don't do something, who will? We want to be involved. We want to make a difference. We want to do what's expected of us. But there just doesn't seem to be the time.

Calming the Crazy Man Inside

I think most Christians hear these urgent calls to do more (or feel them internally already) and learn to live with a low-level guilt that comes from not doing enough. We know we can always pray more and give more and evangelize more, so we get used to living in a state of mild disappointment with ourselves. That's not how the apostle Paul lived (1 Cor. 4:4), and it's not how God wants us to live, either (Rom. 12:1–2). Either we are guilty of sin—like greed, selfishness, idolatry—and we need to repent, be forgiven, and change. Or something else is going on. It's taken me several years, a lot of reflection, and a bunch of unnecessary busyness to understand that when it comes to good causes and good deeds, “do more or disobey” is not the best thing we can say.

Here are some of thoughts that have helped me get out from under the terror of total obligation.

I am not the Christ. The senior sermon for my graduating class at seminary was given by Gordon Hugenberger of Park Street Church in Boston. The sermon was based on John the Baptist's words, “I freely confess I am not the Christ.” Hugenberger's point to a group of soon-to-be pastors was simple: “You may be part of the bridal party, but you are not the groom. You are not the Messiah, so don't try to be. Along with the Apostles' Creed and the Belgic Confession and the Westminster

Confession, make sure you confess John the Baptist's creed: I am not the Christ." I still have a copy of the sermon and listen to it whenever I can find a tape deck. Our Messianic sense of obligation would be greatly relieved if we confessed more regularly what we are not.

There is good news. I was also helped with my busyness issues in seminary by reading a little book by Tim Dearborn called *Beyond Duty: A Passion for Christ, a Heart for Mission*. Dearborn, the director of faith and development for World Vision, argues that for too long the church has motivated people to mission by news of natural catastrophes, complex humanitarian disasters, unreached people groups, and oppressed and exploited minorities. We've been given statistics and stories about the all-too-sad conditions of the world. The good news of Christ's death and resurrection, Dearborn maintains, has been turned into bad news about all the problems in the world and how much more we have to do to make things right. The take-home then becomes: serve more, give more, care more, do more. Dearborn reminds us that the gospel is good news of great joy, and that God is the only hope for the world.

Care is not the same as do. At the Lausanne missions gathering in 2010, John Piper made the statement that "we should care about all suffering, especially eternal suffering." He chose the word "care" quite carefully. He didn't want to say we should do something about all suffering, because we can't do something about everything. But we can care. This means when we hear about grinding poverty or legal abortion or biblical illiteracy, we are not indifferent. We think and feel that these things ought not to be so. We won't all care about every issue in the same way, but there are some issues we should all care about, some issues that should at least prick our hearts and prompt us to pray. Not giving a rip about sex slaves is not an option for the Christian. Not doing something directly to combat this particular evil is an option.

We have different gifts and different callings. Every Christian must be prepared to give an answer for the reason for the hope that we have (1 Pet. 3:15), but not everyone will do beach evangelism. Every Christian should be involved in the Great Commission, but not everyone will move overseas. Every Christian should oppose abortion, but not everyone will adopt or volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center. We need Christians who spend their lives improving inner-city schools and Christians whose dream is to get great theological books translated into Polish. And we need Christians who don't make others feel guilty (and don't feel guilty themselves) when one of us follows a different passion than another. I read and write a lot. That's what I do well. But that doesn't mean anyone should feel guilty for not reading and writing as much as I do. You have your own gifts and calling. We have to be okay with other Christians doing certain good things better and more often than we do.

Remember the church. The only work that absolutely must be done in the world is Christ's work. And Christ's work is accomplished through Christ's body. The church—gathered in worship on Sunday and scattered through its members throughout the week—is able to do exponentially more than any of us alone. I can

respond to Christ's call in one or two ways, but I am a part of an organism and organization that can respond and serve in a million ways.

I can always pray right now. Prayer can feel like the biggest burden of all. We can always pray more, and we can't possibly pray for every need in the world. Even if we are extremely organized and disciplined, we won't be able to consistently pray for more than a handful of people and problems. But that doesn't mean our prayers are limited to the items we can write on a 3 × 5 card. If your aunt's cousin has upcoming heart surgery, pray immediately after you hear about it. When a missionary shares her requests, pray right on the spot for them. Don't let the moment pass you by. Pray a short prayer. Trust God for the results and, in many cases, move on.

Jesus didn't do it all. Jesus didn't meet every need. He left people waiting in line to be healed. He left one town to preach to another. He hid away to pray. He got tired. He never interacted with the vast majority of people on the planet. He spent thirty years in training and only three years in ministry. He did not try to do it all. And yet, he did everything God asked him to do.

Take Time to Be Holy. I pray that nothing in this encourages you to embrace cheap grace or easy believism. We all have a cross to carry. But it's a cross that kills our sins, smashes our idols, and teaches us the folly of self-reliance. It's a cross that says I'll do anything to follow Jesus, not a cross that says I have to do everything for Jesus.

No doubt some Christians need to be shaken out of their lethargy and to get busy for the kingdom. But many Christians are too busy already. I can take "*redeem the time*" as a summons to better time management when in reality it's a call to be holy more than a call to possess the seven habits of highly effective people. I can turn every "is" into an "ought." I can overlook the role that necessity and proximity play in establishing divine obligations. I can forget that my circle of influence will inevitably be smaller than my circle of concern.

Above all, I can lose sight of the good news that the universe is not upheld by the word of my power (see Heb. 1:3). That's Christ's work, and no one else can do it. Hallelujah—he doesn't even expect me to try. ❖

Missionary of the Week

Shannon & Danielle Hurley
Sufficiency of Scripture Ministries - Uganda



Sufficiency of Scripture (SOS) Ministries, established by Shannon Hurley in 2002, exists to strengthen lives and communities through Christ, and they believe that the most enduring avenue for personal and collective strength comes through bringing Scripture to life in Christ's church.

From their website, sosministries.com:

The goal of Sufficiency of Scripture Ministries is to effectively, lovingly, and biblically strengthen community churches, which empowers God-fearing citizens to develop and contribute to a self-sustaining community.

We want to address the social, spiritual, educational, and physical needs of the people of Kubamitwe, pointing to God as King in every aspect of our ministry. SOS serves Uganda and East Africa through **five main ministry avenues**:

Legacy Christian Academy

The heart of this ministry is to disciple our community by providing a Christ-centered, high quality kindergarten and primary education in a loving and professional environment that develops students academically, socially, morally, and spiritually to make an impact in their home, community, and nation.

Shepherds Training Center

In a culture hungry for strong, sincere Christian leadership, Shepherds Training Center is how SOS Ministries feeds the East African people. Where men show a

desire to pastor, Shepherds Training Center exists to nurture and train them to lead and spread the truth of the Gospel of Christ the King.

Community Outreach in Kubamitwe

Our outreach ministries are built upon three foundational goals:

- 1) Build a relationship with SOS's community.
- 2) Holistically empower the community.
- 3) Faithfully point the community to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Local Church in Kubamitwe

"The church is not a campus but a community. Pastors are not CEOs; they are shepherds."

— Dillon Burroughs

Church Strengthening in East Africa

SOS coordinates with the Baptist denominations of East Africa (primarily the Baptist Union of Uganda and the Baptist Convention of South Sudan) to strengthen their existing organizations and the leadership in their member churches to ensure churches are spiritually maturing and are living out faith according to God's Word.

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 November 19

Babies:

Eleanor Bowden, Mary Fowler,
Kay Stanford

Toddlers:

Deborah Focht, Tricia Morris

Preschoolers:

Brittany Hall, Elinor Morris

Nursery November 26

Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Debra Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

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www.fabchurch.com/sermons

This Week at FABC

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Supper: Chili	5:30 p.m.
Adventure Club	6:20 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Bible Study	6:45 p.m.

Wednesday

No Activities

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed

Friday

Office Closed



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

Lockup Deacons for November

Howard Ernst, Ron Fowler

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

"Systematic Theology"	Fellowship Hall:	Bob Dimmitt
"Young Marrieds"	Gym Overhang:	Tom Keller
"How Do We View the Lord's Day?"	Youth House:	Steve Posner
"Rahab"	Organ Overflow:	Tamera Smith

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Susan Su, Deborah Focht
Pre-K	Room 25:	Michael & 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