



January 14, 2024

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

10050 Ferguson Avenue ♦ Savannah, Georgia 31406

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Announcements

Year End Statements Available

Janice Donaldson has all the contribution statements ready to distribute. Any not picked up today will be mailed.

Choir Practice Tonight

The Adult Choir will present the Easter cantata *More than a Carpenter* on Sunday evening, **March 24**. The first of 5 rehearsals is tonight at 5:00 p.m. If you have ever even thought about being in the choir, this opportunity is for you! You must be a church member and be willing and able to sing your part, but no audition is necessary.

Wednesday Night

This Wednesday, the menu is **Pork Chops**. 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!

Joy Class & Senior Saints' Lunch

The Joy Class will meet this Tuesday, **January 16**, at 9:00 a.m. The Senior Saints will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to travel to Spanky's southside for lunch. Sign up in the hall.

Quarterly Members' Meeting, Evening Worship, After Church Fellowship

Our next Quarterly Members' Meeting is Sunday, **January 21**, at 5:15 p.m. After the meeting, we will have Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m., and an After Church Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. Please bring snacks to share!

Elder Candidates

It was announced several months ago the Ron Fowler and Glen Martin have been nominated and have agreed to serve if affirmed to serve as elders. Next Sunday night, **January 21**, both Ron and Glen will share their testimony of their conversions and walk with the Lord and answer any questions you may have. Please join us as we consider these two men stepping into serving as elders here at Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church.

Deacons' Retreat

The annual Deacons' Retreat will be held on **January 26 and 27**. Let Bob, Tom, or any active deacon know if there is something you would like them to discuss. Pray for them!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-3

Pew Bible p. 481

Hymn #8, bulletin p. 5

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Posner

Matthew 11:2-6

Pew Bible p. 816

Hymn, bulletin p. 6

"Ancient of Days"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:33-43

John Humphrey

Pew Bible p. 507

Hymn #334, bulletin p. 7

"Be Thou My Vision"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Words Matter

Matthew #25

Matthew 5:33-37, Pew Bible p. 810

Hymn, bulletin p. 8

"Now Unto Him"

Words Matter Matthew #25 Matthew 5:33-37

Leviticus 19:12; Numbers 30:1-2; Deuteronomy 23:21-23

In the Mishnah three designated vow terms were recognized – cherem, nazir, or korban.

Matthew 23:16-22

There was an ongoing debate about when a vow was binding or not.

The Mishnah, the teaching of the Pharisees allowed 4 kinds of vows to be annulled:

- Vows of urging
- Vows of exaggeration
- Vows made in error
- Vows made under duress

Annuling a vow was considered a serious offense punishable by stabbing

We should be consistently_____

Hebrews 6:13-14 & 17-18

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Wedding Shower!

There is a wedding shower scheduled for Emily Wise and Dustin Herb on Thursday, **February 1**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Girls of all ages are invited! They are registered at Target, Home Depot, Pampered Chef, and Amazon.

Oyster Roasts

Our annual Men's Oyster Roast is scheduled for Thursday, **February 8**. Men, invite your friends to this fun outreach opportunity! The Family Oyster Roast will be Friday, **February 9**. Please sign the lists in the hallway.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast last December was so efficient that there was no need for a session 2. Steve Posner will schedule another such event in the Spring!

Home Fellowships

We are having Home Fellowships the evening of Sunday, **February 18**. Please let Dawn know if you can host a group! We need at least four homes.

Mentor Opportunity

The Old Savannah City Mission has asked Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church to assist them in mentoring men in their program. These men have either been incarcerated or addicted to drugs/alcohol. Please pray about God using you in these men's lives. Over the next several weeks you will be hearing about this opportunity from Pastor Bob Dimmitt and Tom Keller. You will also hear from those who have already participated in the program as mentors (Bobby Deloach, Reggie Brown, and Tom Keller). We are asking God to raise up 3-4 men who would be willing to mentor a man through his struggle and healing.



Important Upcoming Dates

January:

16	Senior Saints' Lunch: Spanky's Southside	11:30 a.m.
21	Quarterly Members' Meeting	5:15 p.m.
21	After Church Fellowship	7:00 p.m.
26-27	Deacons' Retreat	

February:

1	Emily Wise Wedding Shower	7:00 p.m.
8	Men's Oyster Roast	6:00 p.m.
9	Family Oyster Roast	6:00 p.m.
11	Senior Saints' Valentine Lunch	12:00 p.m.
15	Palentine's Party	
18	Home Fellowships	6:00 p.m.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510 - c. 1561

G G D Em Bm Em D G G D Em C G D

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our aid He did us make;
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;

8 Em D/F# G D G/B C D7/A G D/F# G Em D Am G/B D D7 G

Him serve with fear, His praise forth - tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 We are His fold, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 Praise, laud and bless His name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

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GAUGING INTEREST IN TRIP TO TEXAS!

Tom is planning a trip to the Institute for Creation Research Discovery Center in Dallas, Texas. Before booking the trip he wants to see how many people are interested in going. The trip will be May 27 thru May 31, 2024. We will take the church bus. The cost will be between \$850-\$1000 per person. This will include 5 lunches, 5 dinners, 4 nights in a hotel, and tickets for the museum.

If you are interested in going please sign up in the hall as soon as possible. Trip is open to all!

Ancient of Days

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

1. Though the na - tions rage king - doms rise and fall
2. Though the dread of night ov - er - whelms my soul,
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings,

6
there is still one King reign - ing ov - er all.
He is here with me. I am not a - lone.
I will watch and wait for the sav - ior king.

11
So I will not fear for this truth re - mains:
O His love is sure and He knows my name,
Then my joy com - plete stand - ing face to face

16
That my God is the An - cient of Days.
For my God is the An - cient of Days.
in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.

21
None a - bove Him. None be - fore Him. All of time in His hands.

26
For His throne it shall re - main and ev - er stand.

31
All the pow - er all the glo - ry I will trust in His name

36
For my God is the An - cient of Days.

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Be Thou My Vision

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Irish hymn, c. 8th century

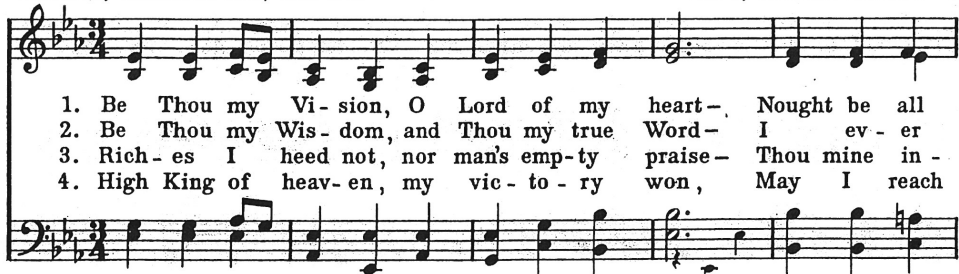
Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

SLANE

Irish melody

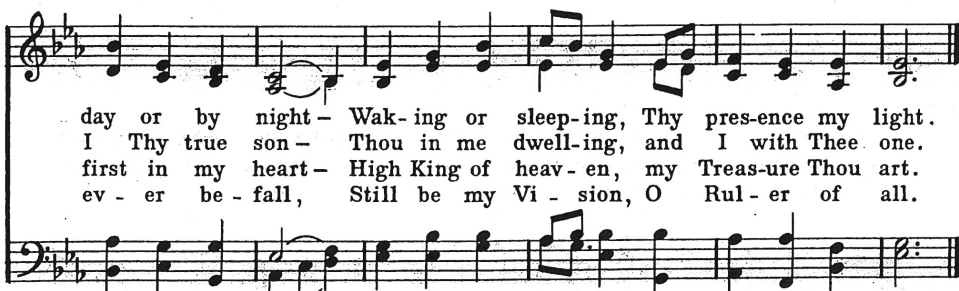
Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-



1. Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart— Nought be all
 2. Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word— I ev-er
 3. Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise— Thou mine in-
 4. High King of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won, May I reach



else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by
 with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa-ther,
 her-it-ance, now and al-ways; Thou and Thou on-ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-



day or by night— Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.
 I Thy true son— Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.
 first in my heart— High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.
 ev-er be-fall, Still be my Vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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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!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 96 beats per minute. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a piano accompaniment (left hand) and a vocal melody (right hand). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Articles

7 Reasons to Thank God for Unanswered Prayer

By C McMenamin

Do you know what it's like to continually wait on God for an answer to your prayer? Maybe someone you minister to is struggling with the fact that they've been praying and God hasn't been answering.

I'm a firm believer that God knows exactly what He's doing when He says "no" to our prayers, when He seems to wait before answering our prayers, or when it seems He isn't listening at all.

Psalms 145:8-9 says: *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

That tells me that His graciousness, compassion, and love are at work – even in unanswered prayer. So here are seven reasons to thank God even when you're not getting an answer – yet:

1. God may be waiting to give you something even better than you requested. In First Samuel chapter 1, we discover that Hannah wanted a baby. But God wanted to give her so much more than just a child. While Hannah was watching the clock (wondering for years why God wasn't opening her womb), God was watching a country, waiting for the precise time to allow Hannah to conceive a child she would name Samuel who would become one of Israel's greatest prophets and priests. Hannah just wanted to be a mom but God wanted so much more for Hannah's life – and He ended up giving her not only several children, but a legacy as well (First Samuel 1-3). Thank God that His unanswered prayers often mean He is holding out for your best.
2. God's "no" in this situation may be for your – or someone else's – protection. I know many women who are very discouraged that God hasn't let them marry, or let them marry again. "Why won't He bring me a husband?" they keep asking. I can't answer that. But I know God is good. I know He sees their entire story. And I know He cannot act apart from His goodness. That often leads me to believe that He sees something down the road that we don't. And if we are praying for His will and His best for our lives, we can be confident that His withholding or His silence is because He is protecting us from something we don't – and might not ever – see. Can you trust Him with that? Thank Him that He cares about you that much.
3. By not giving you what you want, as soon as you ask for it, God is ensuring that you will keep coming back to ask. God won't settle for the role of Santa Claus in your life. He wants a relationship, one in which you commune with Him, share with Him the struggles on your heart, and keep the communication going. God knows if we got what we wanted as soon as we asked, we'd take it and leave Him in the dust. Trust the process. And thank Him for desiring your communication, your trust, and a personal relationship with you.
4. There may be something He wants you to see by His apparent "withholding." Scripture tells us "No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11b). If you are walking uprightly, and He is truly withholding, then what you are asking for might not actually be a "good thing" for you. Or it just isn't time. Thank Him, again, for what He can see that you cannot.
5. He will allow – or withhold – whatever will keep you right where you need to be when it comes to your relationship with Him. In Matthew 7:11, Jesus said, "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!" Your holiness is more important to God than your happiness. And He knows what is making you or keeping you holy and dependent on Him. Thank Him that He desires your eternal joy over your temporal joy and He won't let you have anything that isn't eternally good for you.
6. He will do whatever it takes (in blessing or withholding blessing) in order to keep you clinging to Him. God knows if we have everything we want and need, we will tend to think we don't truly need Him. And we won't cling to Him. So He will sometimes allow us to have or not have whatever will keep us clinging to Him. Thank Him that He is a God who wants you clinging, rather than a God who couldn't care less about you.
7. God desires your completion in Him and sometimes He can do more work in you, while you are waiting, than if He immediately granted your request. Thank Him that He is not satisfied until you are complete in Christ Jesus. He is the Only One who can do that work in us. Thank Him that He will complete the work He has started in you (Philippians 1:6).

There now, after thanking Him for those 7 things, aren't you starting to love Him even more than what it is you're asking for? I hope so. Because I truly believe that's the point. ❖

Missionary of the Week

Huynh Tung Gospelink - Vietnam

Greetings to you in the love of Jesus, our Redeemer!

Thank you so much for loving us and supporting our ministry! We are thrilled that you have partnered in supporting our mission continued. We are honored to have you as our partners, and we hope that more people will be saved from our efforts in the upcoming years.

My family and I are so blessed to serve the Lord among the K'ho tribe. My wife is our home bank. She watches over our children and manages home. Since the worldly economic has decreased everywhere, our oldest daughter lost her job because her factory received a few and small orders. She decided to return home land. She just starts her business at home town by opening the milk tea shop. It starts good. The next daughter is excited to enter her freshman. Our smallest son, Khai, is on his summer break. He still has two more years of high school.

We are living in a natural living environment. Most villagers are believers so we behave each other like in a family. We have received some coconuts, jacket fruit, and banana in this summer. We also have some extra to give to our neighbors. It is good for us to raise chickens. They have provided many fresh eggs. By late June, we have over 60 baby chicks for sale.



Mr. and Mrs. Ka Di came to know Jesus.

Ministry & Training

At the beginning of this quarter, it was great to learn one of a series found in Luke chapter 11 - To listen to and do the Lord's Word. Do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. We will receive an inheritance as a reward. All believers need to practice God's Word. From these spiritual lessons, a sister, name Lien expressed her experience: to practically apply is to include the scripture into your prayers. She has prayed, and would continue to pray for the same thing in her daily devotion.

Our church had two little faith brothers: K' John and K' Garn who were often drunk on alcohol. They said that the Scripture did not concern about drinking alcohol forbidden. We met them and reminded them of the words of Paul in 1 Cor. 10: 23: "I have the right to do anything," you say, but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything," but not everything is constructive. We asked them to read and meditate on this verse, prayed, and came closer to them. We have encouraged them to return to worship the Lord. Thank God, in recent weeks both of them have come to church. Their hearts have been changed and they stopped drinking alcohol. They realize the important of their bodies which God has abided in.

In November 2022, one of our dear Sisters in Church, named Ka Yeu, who was very sick. She was taken to the hospital. After checking her health, the doctor used oxygen to support her breath and he thought that her life might extent for 2 weeks, thinking she was going to die. I prepared a lecture for her funeral. But, thank God - through the prayers of the Church members, the Lord raised her up from her bed. She now attends Church service every week. She gives her thanks to God for allowing her life continued.

On 15-17 June 2023, we hosted the VBS for almost 100 children. They all were excited to gather in Church and learn about God: His love, forgiveness, gentle, kindness, mercy, provision.

On 22-24 June 2023, 14 teenagers went to Song Dinh Church to attend the Teenager Camp. They experienced time with God privately.

Outreach

Once, I testified for Mr. K' Dieu who was living nearby my place. He had previously committed murder. Then he returned from prison to work and live with his family. I met him and shared with him about God's salvation. He said that his sins could not be forgiven by God. Although, I show him to read verses in 1 John 1:9 ; Psalm 103:12; and Isaiah 1:18, explained the meaning to him, but he still wouldn't confess. His hardened heart prevented him from coming to know God as his Savior. Currently, I and the deacons are praying for him that we will see him again someday to witness Jesus for him.

There are 10 catholic followers, living in our village. In this quarter, we started to reach them, pray for their salvation in Christ's name. Thank you Jesus that on Sunday May 7 2023, Mr. and Mrs. K'Di have returned to God. Another family that have the husband and children who attended our Church service on May 14. They loved hearing God's word. I have taught the sound doctrine to these 3 people. Hope they will learn more about God's commandments then practice in their daily lives. They are thirsty for His Words because the Catholic church priests did not teach Scripture to congregation.

Two people believed in God in this quarter, one of them is Mrs. Ka Thi Luyen, wanted to return to serve with Brothers in Church. However, her parents, catholic followers, firmly refused her wish. They said that if she followed the Protestant religion and believed in Jesus, they would abandon her. So she did not dare to public her faith in Jesus. We keep her in our daily prayer.

Goals & Prayer Points

- Training, praying and working with evangelists - to start new churches
- To set plans and reach more people at Phan Thiet and Binh Thuan province
- Please pray for us that we are favored to win more souls for Jesus
- Please pray for Vietnamese people that all seek the True Savior, to be hungry for God's Words
- Please pray for our children that all study hard in school and their love for God. Thank you so much!

Nursery January 14

Babies:

Lynn Ernst, Beth Lewis,
Jeanie Groover

Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

Preschoolers:

Logan & Stacey Kelly

Nursery January 21

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.
Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Joy Class	9:00 a.m.
Senior Saints' Lunch: Spanky's Southside	11:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper: Pork Chops	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.

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

Lockup Deacons for January

Bill Bailey, Reggie Brown

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

"Systematic Theology"	Fellowship Hall:	Bob Dimmitt
"New Members"	Gym Overhang:	Tom Keller
"Exodus"	Youth House:	Steve Posner
"Heaven Rules"	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:	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:	Avalon DeLoach