



July 24, 2016

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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 the Pastor after the service, drop a note in the offering plate indicating your desire to talk with the Pastor, or call the church office.

Announcements

New Interim Pianist

We want to officially welcome Tiffany Hong, our pianist who is filling in while needed. Welcome, Tiffany!

Camp this Week!

Our Older Children's Camp begins tomorrow. Please be in prayer for our pastors, campers and counselors.

After Church Covered Dish Lunch

A Covered Dish Lunch is scheduled for after the morning worship service on Sunday, **July 31**. Please plan to stay and bring a dish to share! The Wises and Creeches are in charge of setup and cleanup.

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, **August 4**, 7:00 p.m., at the Sheffields'.

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **August 9**, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Saints

There will be no Senior Saints outing in July or August.

Prayer Partner Program

Tim Wade is organizing a program for prayer, matching kids in the youth group with other church members. Read more about this on page 5, and contact him if you are interested in participating.

*In honor of
Danny and Janet Edwards'
50th Wedding Anniversary,
their children would like to
invite the church family to
come celebrate with them!*

Saturday, July 30, 2016

2 to 4 p.m.

**Ferguson Avenue
Baptist Church**

*Coffee and desserts
will be served.*

*Please RSVP to
cindy.e.swan@gmail.com*

Food Pantry Thanks

Thank you so much for your recent contributions to the Food Pantry. We are well stocked for the time being. Your generosity is so appreciated!

FABC Deacons

Matt Coleman	832-341-6551
Bobby Deloach	667-8867
Mickey Fell	920-4557
Dean McCraw	596-8624
Billy Morris, Sr.	398-1038
Joe Morris	398-0125
Steve Posner	704-5617
Jay Rowe	547-5770
Kelly Stanford	441-2151
Billy Waters	308-2311
Ric Zittrouer	210-0344

July 24, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Chorus & Greeting

“Because He Lives”

Words are on back of bulletin

* Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2

* Hymn #13

“Praise Ye the Lord,
the Almighty”

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Tim Wade

Proverbs 19:1-11

Special Music

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

* Hymn, bulletin p. 7

“Speak, O Lord”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Fellowship & the Call to Holiness

2 Peter 1:2-4, Antology #28

* Hymn #210

“Saved By the Blood”

All 4 verses

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn #290

“Be Still, My Soul”

Prayer

Receiving of Tithes And
Offerings

Hymn, bulletin p. 8

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Hymn, bulletin p. 9

“Dear Refuge of My
Weary Soul”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

The Seven Elements of Unity, Part 2

Ephesians 4:1-6, Ephesians #61

* Hymn #63

“Take the Name of
Jesus with You”

*All those who are able, please stand.

A.M. Notes

Fellowship & the Call to Holiness

Antology #28

2 Peter 1:2-4

Do we believe that the Word of God *alone* is sufficient to equip the believer to handle all the problems and urgent needs of life?

3-part prescription for spiritual health:

Step One: recognize that the provision of salvation through faith alone in Christ alone has fractured the power of the sin nature to rule our lives.

Step Two: acknowledge that the Word of God is sufficient to equip us...

The psychological way is seldom the spiritual way, and is often a new kind of bondage.

Step Three

2 Corinthians 11:3

1 Peter 1:13-16

To be holy 'as God is holy' includes a full and pervading holiness that reaches every aspect of our personalities.

P.M. Notes

The Seven Elements of Unity, Part 2

Ephesians #61

Ephesians 4:1-6

Ray Stedman: There is one baptism everywhere agreed upon by the church. It is the baptism of the Spirit, the real baptism of which water baptism is always a symbol.

Baptism has three usages in the NT

(1) Ceremonial,

(2) Mechanical,

1Corinthians 12:13, Romans 6:3

(3) Metaphorical,

Matthew 20:22-23,

Matthew 3:7-9

There are only two religions in the world: the religion of divine accomplishment, which says God did it all, believe it and receive it, and the religion of human achievement, which says you've got to do some of it or all of it.

Luke 3:7-14

Member/Youth Prayer Partner Program

Prayer partners are an excellent way to pray for our students and to build intergenerational relationships within the church. Students face a litany of challenges regardless of their age. We as a church have committed ourselves to shepherding these students along, part of that shepherding involves fervent, specific, consistent prayer. Each prayer partner will be assigned a student between 7th grade and college. Your commitment to engage with and pray for that specific student will extend at least throughout their time as a student, and longer if you wish. Listed below are the very simple expectations for prayer partners.

Prayer Partner Expectations

1. Make an initial, informal introduction to the student. Use this as an opportunity to get to know the specific needs for the student. These conversations will likely get more specific as you build a relationship with the student, so don't be discouraged if it starts out very generally.
2. Speak to your student at least once a month, more if possible, use this time to gather information about what to pray for as well as asking how the issues that you have already been praying for are coming along.
3. If possible, make contact with the student's parents. Let them know you're praying for their student and ask how you can pray for them as well.
4. Commit to praying regularly for your student. Daily prayer is encouraged, but if you miss a day or two, do not become frustrated, just pick up where you left off the next time you go to pray.
5. Utilize the 31 day prayer guide. This will help you make sure that your own prayers are addressing all the issues that the student may be facing, however, remember that it is a guide. If the student has more pressing issues than what are listed, please pray for those. At the end of the month, go back to the beginning of the prayer guide and start over.

FABC,

Thank you so much for the Bible and gift card! I feel so blessed by my church family and appreciate every prayer. I feel as if the Bible was something I needed, but didn't know I needed. God always knows my needs before I do. It's so encouraging to have a church family praying for me and being there especially during school and Papa's treatments. I thank you for your prayers for my family and I and I thank God for blessing me with such a faithful congregation.

In Christ,

Shelby Morris



Forgiveness: The Most Powerful Apologetic

by Sean McDowell, Ph.D.

Amidst our desire to defend the *truth* of Christianity, let us not forget the power of forgiveness, which, may be our greatest apologetic today.

Our world seems to be falling apart at the seams. Each week the news is filled with increasing awareness that our world is profoundly broken and that humanity's problems—whether racial, economic, political, moral, or religious—run deeper than we can imagine.

In light of the current state of the world, and given how many outsiders increasingly have a negative view of Bible-believing Christians, here is a question we must contemplate: *How can we demonstrate the unique power of Christ in a world in which everyone has a microphone?*

We certainly need to keep proclaiming the truth of the Christian message. And we must not forget: *our willingness to offer forgiveness to people who have wronged us, and especially our enemies, demonstrates the unique power of the cross more robustly than arguments alone.* Genuinely offering forgiveness often breaks down barriers and invites people to consider reasons for our faith.

Why is this so? For one, there is always a way to avoid truth (2 Peter 3:15-16). It is our human nature to suppress it (Romans 1:18-20). We naturally get defensive when people challenge our cherished beliefs. But unexpected, grace-filled acts of forgiveness are harder to dismiss. They subvert our defensiveness. In fact, they often catch us off guard and invite us to consider the deeper reasons motivating people to act with such kindness. And it is uniquely the Christian worldview that can provide both the moral basis and motivation for forgiveness (e.g., Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32).

This was clearly on display a decade ago in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. A man stormed into an Amish schoolhouse, shooting ten girls and killing five. Although clearly grieved, shocked, and heart-broken, the Amish community responded in a manner that the world had trouble comprehending—they offered forgiveness to the man, and reached out lovingly to his family. Some members of the Amish community went to the cemetery for the killer's burial and others donated money to the widow and her kids.

Why did they respond in this manner? **First**, the Amish believe that God is sovereign, even when things *appear* to be spiraling out of control. **Second**, they have experienced God's love and grace, and believe He has called them to extend His grace to other people. They hold no grudges and willingly offer the same forgiveness to other people that God has extended to them.

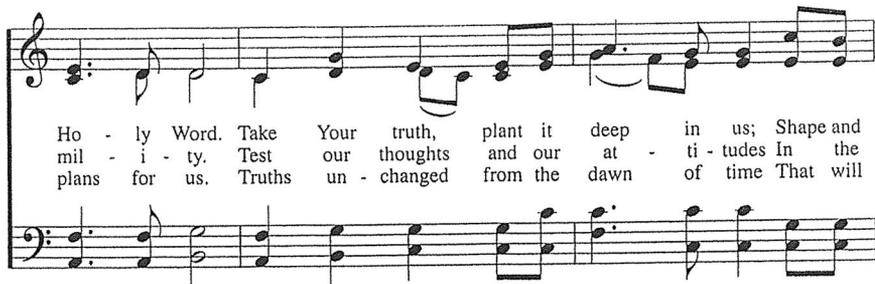
The world was watching when the Amish forgave the man who committed this horrific act. Many people were inspired, and others simply in wonder, just as some people were at the death of Jesus. After seeing the calm and gracious manner in which Jesus faced execution, the Roman centurion professed, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

Few things invite people to consider the power of Christianity more than the genuine offer of forgiveness in the face of wretched evil. This is what Jesus did, and if we care about the proclaiming and defending the gospel, we must be willing to do no less.

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



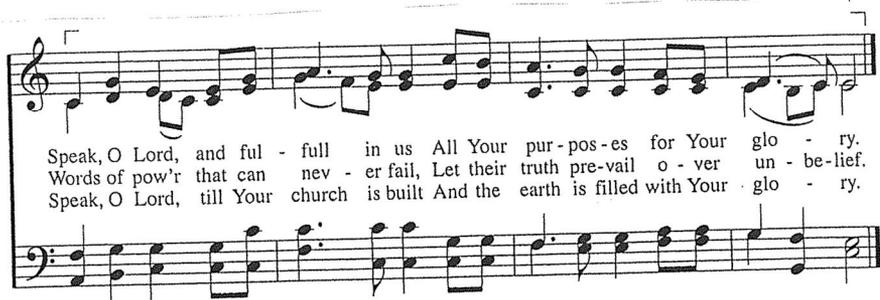
Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your maj - es - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - full in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

He Will Hold Me Fast

A A/C# D D E A A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

A/C# D D E A F#m E/G# E A D

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
 ho-ly sight; He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
 sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

D C# F#m F#m E/G# E A D D E

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

A D E F#m F#m E/G# A

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 fast.
 last!

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul



1. Dear ref - uge of my wear - y soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,
2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine;
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;



On Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies.
The springs of com - fort seem to fail and all my hopes de - cline.
And can the ear of sov - reign grace be deaf when I com - plain?
With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.



To Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal;
Yet, gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust;
No, still the ear of sov - reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer;
Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;



Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - ry pain I feel.
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though pros - trate in the dust.
Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.



Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Music: Matt Merker

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Missionary of the Week

Pascal & Becky Grenade Mauritius



Pascal and Becky Grenade are missionaries to the island of Mauritius, Pascal's home country. They are raising two young sons, Liam and Adrien. Their third child is due in October!

After a short time in the States earlier this year, they were encouraged to see several men from the church stepping into leadership roles.

Earlier this month, Pascal made a trip to Madagascar to encourage and teach believers, and to make contact with some of the leaders of one of the seminaries there. He is interested in teaching there from time to time in the future. He preached in a few churches while there and taught some modular classes to some of the seminary students.

Becky continues to minister to the ladies in her community, and in June they had a special meeting in their home.

Please pray for:

1. Leadership training for the men who want to serve in the church.
2. Mom Becky and Dad Pascal, as Liam has started school!
3. Fruit from the Madagascar trip, and the possibility of Pascal teaching at the seminary there.
4. Becky's pregnancy.
5. Becky's involvement with the ladies' ministry.
6. Malini, a Muslim woman Becky has been reaching out to.

The Bible is God's book, it is a revelation of God, and our thinking must always start with God. Much of the trouble in the church today is due to the fact that we are so subjective, so interested in ourselves, so egocentric . . . Having forgotten God, and having become so interested in ourselves, we become miserable and wretched, and spend our time in "shallows and in miseries." The message of the Bible from beginning to end is designed to bring us back to God, to humble us before God, and to enable us to see our true relationship to Him. That is the great theme of this Epistle; it holds us face to face with God, and what God is, and what God has done; it emphasizes throughout the glory and greatness of God—God the Eternal One, God the everlasting, God over all—and the indescribable glory of God.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Sunday School Classes & Descriptions

Adult

- “Fundamentals of the Faith” - Room 27:
Matt Coleman
- “Chronological Survey of the Bible” -
Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
- “Biblical Theology” - Youth House:
Steve Posner
- “Philippians” - Organ Side Overflow
Room: Tamera Smith (Women’s
Class)

Students & Children

- Babies - Room 3: Kay Stanford &
Saundra Bridges
- 1s & 2s - Room 24: Savannah Stanford
& Donna Martin
- 3s & 4s - Room 25: Emily Wise & Susan
Su
- Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade - Room
200: Jimmy & Angie Creech
- 3rd-6th Grade Boys - Room 202: Ric
Zittrouer & Richie Mills
- 3rd-6th Grade Girls - Room 204: Kelly
Zittrouer & Mary Ann Fowler
- Youth Guys - Room 206: Tim Wade,
Bobby Deloach, & Nick Herring
- Youth Girls - Room 207: Sona Bailey,
Jessica Dimmitt, & Lauren Wade



Operation Christmas Child

This month, please bring flip flops. You can bring them to the church office.

Thanks!

The tongue is literally the only part of the human body that never gets tired.

Bible Reading Schedule

July 2016

1	2 Cor 11-13
2	Galatians 1-3
3	Galatians 4-6
4	Ephesians 1-3
5	Ephesians 4-6
6	Philippians (1-4)
7	Colossians (1-4)
8	1 Thess
9	2 Thess
10	1 Timothy 1-4
11	1 Timothy 5-6
12	2 Timothy (1-4)
13	Titus & Philemon
14	Hebrews 1-5
15	Hebrews 6-9
16	Hebrews 10-11
17	Hebrews 12-13
18	James
19	1 Peter
20	2 Peter
21	1 John
22	Mark 1-3
23	Mark 4-6
24	Mark 7-9
25	Mark 10-12
26	Mark 13-14
27	Mark 15-16
28	Acts 1-4
29	Acts 5-7
30	Acts 8-10
31	Acts 11-14



Because He Lives

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives
All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the
future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

Opportunities for the Week

Today

Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
Children's Music Camp	7:00 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

The God of Scripture is extraordinary when compared to other so called gods: Only the God of the Bible is entirely personal and unlimited at the same time. He communes with people on a level they can understand, and yet He is the One who created all matter, energy, and time. They do not control Him. He does not subject Himself to the scrutiny of human hands and eyes seeking proof of His existence through observation and measurement, but He reveals Himself to the humble, who seek Him with their whole heart. His existence is not explained. We must come to Him believing simply as a child. He is Lord over all He has made, and there is nothing which has come into existence apart from His creative act.

From Assumptions that Affect Our Lives by Christian Overman

Nursery July 24

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Donna Martin, Leasa Brown,
Kristen Jones

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Barbara Mason, Anna Wedincamp/
Amy & Eric Horton

7:00 P.M.

Jim & Heather Schraeder,
Tricia Sumner, Starla Taylor

Nursery July 31

10:30 A.M.

Babies:

Susan Su, Kay Stanford,
Emily Wise

Toddlers - 4 year olds:

Krista Welch, Jan Deloach/
Angela & Kathlyne Creech

7:00 P.M.

Charles & Cindy Wise,
Dawn Stanford

Ushers July 24

10:30 A.M.

Johnny Bridges, Charlie Crews,
Jimmy Kicklighter, Bucky Lanier

7:00 P.M.

Jimmy Donaldson, Ron Fowler

Ushers July 31

10:30 A.M.

Jack Moore, Mike Morris,
John Sumner, Michael Walker

7:00 P.M.

Dean McCraw, Joe Morris

Sunday Greeters - July 24

Becky Hendricks, Ceci Sheffield

July Lock-Up Deacons

Jack Moore (for Steve Posner), Jay
Rowe, Kelly Stanford