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Announcements

Choir Practice

This afternoon is our final rehearsal before the presentation of *No Greater Love* on **March 29**. Please make every effort to be here at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

This Wednesday, we'll have Pizza for supper at 5:30 p.m., Adventure Club at 6:20, Youth at 6:30, and Bible Study at 6:45. Sign up in the hall for suppers!

Family Easter Event!

Last call to please register online for this event for pre-schoolers through sixth graders as soon as possible! Invite folks you know to participate as well! Use the QR code below, or go to our website, fabchurch.com, and click the link under the Welcome graphics to register!

Family Easter Event
Saturday, March 28
11:30 to 1:30
Fellowship Hall
Inflatables, lunch, games, egg hunts, and crafts!
FREE EVENT!

Palm Sunday

On Sunday, **March 29**, the Adult Choir will present *No Greater Love* during Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Come join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ with music.

Easter Morning April 5

Breakfast ❖ 8:45 a.m.
Sign up!

**Worship
10:00 a.m.**

*Includes
Communion*

No evening service

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Pew Bible p. 451

Prayer of Praise

Greeting

(When singing begins, please make your way to your seats and sing along!)

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam'ly of God;
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the fam'ly, the fam'ly of God.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #27, bulletin p. 6

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Posner

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible p. 660

Hymn, bulletin p. 7

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-50

Lance Ficek

Pew Bible p. 851

Hymn, bulletin p. 8

"This Is My Father's World"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Our Great Need

Matthew #124

Matthew 18:21-22, Pew Bible pp. 823-824

Hymn, bulletin p. 9

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

A.M. Notes

Our Great Need

Matthew #124

Matthew 18:21-22

Jesus rejected outright the idea of putting any limits on forgiveness.

Jesus spoke to the core issue behind Peter's question, which is man's basic unwillingness to forgive others.

We often want to place constraints when it comes to our forgiving those who have sinned against us.

Jesus insists, however, that we forgive without limit, just as God forgives us.

Some Christians are ill because they will not forgive their husbands or wives or others.

When you refuse to forgive.

1. Unforgiveness will imprison you _____
2. Unforgiveness will produce _____
3. Unforgiveness will give Satan _____
Eph 4:26-27; 2 Cor 2:10-11
4. Unforgiveness will hinder _____

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Good Friday Service

We'll have a Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, **April 3**. Please join us for this time of worship and reflection.

Old Savannah City Mission

Tom is serving lunch at the OSCM on Saturday, **April 4**. The Youth & Young Adults are scheduled to help. Let Tom know if you can help, too!

Easter Morning

On Sunday, **April 5**, the day begins with Breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free breakfast buffet with almost everything you can think of available. Please invite folks and sign up in the hall! Morning Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes communion. There is no Sunday School or Evening Worship.

Tom Keller is planning three trips for the church and wants to gauge interest!

Museum of the Bible

On **May 4-6, 2026**, the plan is to take a train to Washington, DC, spend a day at the Museum of the Bible, and return to Savannah by train the third day. If you share a room, the cost will be between \$250 and \$300 per person. That includes the train ticket, museum ticket, and hotel. Meals and souvenirs are the only other expense. If you are at all interested, please sign the list in the hall for Tom to make final plans.

Caribbean Cruise

In **January 2027**, he'd like to put a Caribbean cruise together, but will not plan anything until he sees if enough people want to go. So if that sounds fun to you, sign that list asap!

Belgium

Tom spoke with Ralph and Elaine Elliot about Ferguson coming to Belgium to support their ministry. They expressed interest with excitement. Please begin to pray for this trip as it is organized. Also, begin to pray to see if God would want you to take a step of faith to support the ministry in Belgium. The plan is to go next **April 2027**. As God leads us with the details, Tom will pass them on to us. You will need a Passport. It will be less than two weeks, and you will not need a Visa. Ticket prices (now) are \$922 round trip. Sign the list in the hall if you would like to go!

Women of Light Spring Conference, April 24-25

This 2 day event will focus our thoughts on God's Faithfulness. Make plans to attend, and invite your women friends. Our speakers are Cindy Dimmitt, Linnea Posner, and Mary Ann Tarver.

There will also be a panel discussion, open for questions!

Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (with dinner)

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (with lunch)

*Great
is My
Faithfulness*

Important Upcoming Events



March:

- 28 Family Easter Event (See page 1!) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
29 Easter Cantata: *No Greater Love* 6:00 p.m.

April:

- 3 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.
4 Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Youth & Young Adults 11:00 a.m.
5 Easter Breakfast 8:45 a.m.
5 Easter Morning Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.
7 Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
14 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
24-25 Women of Light Spring Conference TBA
26 Quarterly Members' Meeting TBA

May:

- 2 Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Laws and Fowlers 11:00 a.m.
4-6 Train Trip to Washington, DC TBA
5 Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
12 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
15 Senior Adult Spring Picnic TBA
17 After Church Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
19 Election Day
20 Adventure Club Last Day
25 Memorial Day; Office Closed
28 Wedding Shower for Brooke Illsley (Cole Morris) 7:00 p.m.
30 Men's Fifth Saturday Breakfast 7:15 a.m.

June:

- 2 Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
6 Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Beth Lewis, Jeanie Groover,
Kay Stanford, Dean McCraw 11:00 a.m.
9 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
10 VBS Work Night 6:00 p.m.
11 Young Adult Social TBA
13-19 D3
17 VBS Work Night 7:00 p.m.
22-26 VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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ISAAC WATTS, 1674-1748 — alt.

ELLACOMBE

From *Gesangbuch der Herzog,*
Württemberg, 1784

1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low But makes Thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at His com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

This tune in a lower key: 107

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

E^b E^b E^b/G B^b B^b7 E^b A^b/E^b D dim 7/F E^b/G E^b B^b

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my list-ning ears;
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world- The birds their car-ols raise;
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world- O let me ne'er for-get

B^b7 E^b B^b B^b7 G/B G C^m B^b/D E^b B^b B^b7 E^b

All na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.
 The morn-ing light, the lil-ly white, The De-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 That tho the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Rul-er yet.

B^b E^b/G A^b B^b7/F E^b E^b/G A^b A^b/C E^b B^b7

This is my Fa-ther's world! I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa-ther's world! He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world! The bat-tle is not done; Je-

E^b B^b B^b7 G/B G C^m B/D E^b B^b B^b7 E^b

rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus- tling grass, I hear Him pass- He speaks to me ev-'ry where.
 sus who died shall be sat- is- fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

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Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

In Bb
with optional
G capo 3

Scottish Psalter, 1650
Henry T. Burleigh, 1939

Capo 3:

G
B \flat
F
A \flat
C
E \flat

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the
 2. And bless - ed be His glo - rious name to

C
E \flat
G/B
B \flat /D
Am7
Cm7
D7
F7
G
B \flat
Gsus
B \flat sus
G
B \flat
Em
Gm
Am7
Cm7
C/G
E \flat /B \flat

4 God of Is - ra - el; For He a - lone does
 all e - ter - ni - ty; The whole earth let His

D/G \flat
F/A
D7
F7
G
B \flat
C
E \flat
Bm
Dm
Am7
Cm7
D7
F7
G
B \flat

7 won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.
 glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.

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Articles

Will There Still Be a Separate Heaven When God Creates the New Earth?

By Randy Alcorn

A thoughtful reader asked me, “When the New Earth arrives, do you believe there will remain a Heaven that is distinct from the New Earth? Or will the ‘merging’ of Heaven and Earth be total?”

The Heaven that *now* exists, called the present Heaven, is where God dwells with His people and angels and the living creatures. It is where His throne is located, and hence, it is the location from which He governs the universe. The present Heaven is a place free from the curse, without sin, death, and suffering.

We are told three times in Rev 21:3 that God will come *down* to dwell with His people on the New Earth. We are promised there will be no death or suffering on the New Earth. We are also told the curse will no longer exist on the New Earth.

Scripture is clear that the New Jerusalem will be relocated from the present Heaven to the New Earth: “*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband*” (Rev 21:1).

Eph 1:10 says, “*And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.*”

All this seems to clearly indicate that God will relocate Heaven from a place outside our universe, and make it part of the restored/resurrected New Heavens and New Earth. The New Earth will be capital planet of the New Heavens, and the New Jerusalem capital city of the New Earth. By bringing His dwelling place and throne and the perfections of the present Heaven to the New Earth, God will make it His eternal Heaven.

I think that God has one Heaven at a time, and that in ages to come He will not have a different Heaven He retreats to, as someone might do who owns a second home at the beach. Rather, the New Earth will be a true merger of Heaven and Earth, making it literally “Heaven on Earth.” This means no one will leave the New Earth to visit Heaven, because everything on the New Earth (and I believe everything in the New Heavens) will be *part of Heaven, the eternal dwelling place of God.*

The New Earth will be a physical, tangible place where believers will dwell after the final resurrection. The New Heavens and New Earth will together constitute the New Universe, which will be the eternal Heaven, a permanent renewal and restoration of God’s original creation, forever free from sin and suffering.

I don’t think there’s anything that’s presently in Heaven that will be incompatible with its relocation to the New Earth, nor anything on the resurrected Earth that will be incompatible with Heaven: “*He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.*” People, angels, animals, and living creatures on the New Earth will be fully able to worship God as much—and in fact, more than ever—because of the final end of sin and suffering, and because the “*the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea*” (Isaiah 11:9). ❖

The Resurrection of the Body

By Jacob Toman

Job 19:25-27 *I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. 26 and after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!* NIV

Life After Death

One of the greatest honors I have in serving as a pastor is spending time with those who are close to death. For those who have faith in Christ, it is nothing short of miraculous how peace and hope prevail with each finite breath taken. Sometimes I'll ask those under my spiritual care, "Where do you want to go in your new body?" Or "where will you take me in the new heavens and new earth?" I've heard some incredible responses to those questions. One dear brother said, "I want to go wherever Jesus is". Others have mentioned visiting childhood hometowns from decades past. Still others speak of people they would like to visit in eternity, such as family, friends, and people mentioned in the Scriptures.

For some whom I've visited, they have had a more incorporeal hope. An idea of existing as a disembodied ghost-like figure in the life after. In these cases, there can be great encouragement and cause for joy as they consider the promise of the bodily resurrection. The great future hope we have for the next life is life. Not an ethereal, floaty, disembodied intangible existence. New bodies, experiencing a new life forever, never again to be corrupted through sin or under the curse.

Anthony Hoekema has a terrific few paragraphs about this bodily hope, and its paramount significance for the Christian future hope in his book *The Bible and the Future*.

"The central message of scripture about the future of man is that of the resurrection of the body. At this point we see a radical divergence between the Christian view of man and the view common to Greek philosophy, particularly that of Plato. As we have seen, the Greeks had no room in their thinking for the resurrection of the body. The body was viewed as a tomb for the soul, and death was looked upon as a liberation from imprisonment. This understanding of man, however, is quite different from Scriptural teaching. According to the Scriptures, the body is no less real than the soul: God created man in his totality, as both body and soul. Nor is the body inferior to the soul, or nonessential to man's true existence; if this were so, the Second Person of the Trinity could never have assumed a genuine human nature with a genuine human body. Therefore, the future blessedness of the believer is not merely the continued existence of his soul, but includes as its richest aspect of the resurrection of his body. That resurrection will be for believers a transition to glory, in which our bodies shall become like the glorious body of Christ (Phil. 3:21). We conclude that the concept of the immortality of the soul is not a distinctively Christian doctrine. Rather, what is central in biblical eschatology is the doctrine of the resurrection of the body. If we wish to use the word immortality with reference to man, let us say that man, rather than his soul, is immortal. But man's body must undergo a transformation by means of resurrection before he can fully enjoy that immortality."

For the man Job, his hope was not in an existence in some spiritual sense. With his own eyes, he would see God. The faith once delivered for all the saints has been one with a future hope of bodily resurrection. ❖



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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Quick Coal



“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation.” - 2 Peter 3:3-4

How long does it take to make coal? Textbooks have taught for generations that it takes millions of years. This was another supposed proof that the Bible’s view of history is wrong.

Scientists who believe in creation have shown that coal could be formed in much less time. They also showed how the coal beds offered evidence that they were formed rapidly. Unfortunately, much of the scientific community ignored them because they were challenging claims made by evolution.

However, in the last 100 years, evolutionists in the scientific community have produced their own work that confirms what creationists have been saying all along. For example, scientists at the Argonne National Laboratory heated lignin, the “glue” that holds the fibers in wood together, to 300 degrees (F) in the presence of clay. This temperature is fairly common in geological formations, and coal is found with clay. Even though the lignin was heated for only two weeks to a year, coal formed. The lignin heated for a year produced high-grade coal. No, millions of years were not necessary.

This research further strengthens creationist research claims that the flood at the time of Noah, only about 4,500 years ago, is most likely responsible for most of the world’s coal beds. Again, the false scientific claims that challenged the truth of Scripture have been discredited.

Image: Holding coal in a coal mine, Envato.

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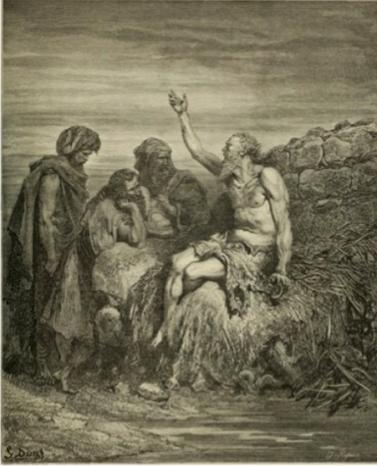


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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Did Job Have a Weather Satellite?



"From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds of the north." - Job 37:9

One of the most amazing things in our modern age is the scientist who thinks he can use science to judge the Bible. After all, many things accepted as scientific fact today were first taught in the Bible.

Job 36:27-28 explains the water cycle in which, through evaporation, tomorrow's rains are drawn into clouds. Ecclesiastes 1:7 explains why the rivers do not fill the seas. It tells us that there is a cycle of water from rivers to seas back to fill the rivers again. It was not until 350 B.C., long after Job was written and more than 600 years after Ecclesiastes was written, that Aristotle began to understand the water cycle. And finally, in 1841, a scientist, using a thermometer that Galileo invented in 1593 and a barometer that had been invented by Torricelli in 1643, showed that clouds were actually the result of rising water vapor.

Job 37:9 and Ecclesiastes 1:6 both speak of wind and weather patterns that were finally confirmed in 1940.

Many of the accepted facts of today's science were originally stated by God in the Bible. Science should not pass judgment on the Bible. It has taken science thousands of years to begin to catch up with the Bible's level of knowledge about even such a simple thing as the weather.

Image: The Bible panorama (1891), Job, Internet Archive Book Images, PD, Wikimedia Commons.

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Missionary of the Week

Ralph & Elaine Elliott
Cru - Antwerp, Belgium

Since Ralph and Elaine Elliott were just with us, they are still fresh on our minds. Here is the latest update from their work, to which they are returning in April. Tom Keller spoke with Ralph when he was here and they are planning to have a group from FABC go over to help alongside for a short trip in 2027!

Family Life Ministry in Belgium

The Family Life ministry grew out of a need for building solid foundations for the marriages and the families of the young staff with Cru. In the early days of Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), the ministry was mainly composed of young college grads. Students had come to Christ and were joining our staff. Over time, as these young staff married and started families, there arose the need for better understanding of a godly marriage and family.

The Family Life Ministry was born and quickly saw the broader need in the body of Christ and began to host conferences and trainings. Many of these trainings were held on weekends, hence the name "A Weekend to Remember." These seminars became a key part of the Cru ministry and, over time, were directed at believers and non-believers in the churches.

The need for instruction in godly family living is critical in Belgium as the institution of marriage is being eroded, and families are collapsing. The hope for some help in this area became a reality after much prayer. A retired veteran Cru couple from the Netherlands, Henk and Tiny, showed an interest. There was an added benefit in that this couple had served as Cru missionaries to Suriname for 20 years (a Dutch speaking country in Latin America—a former colony of the Netherlands) and had asked a key Cru Surinam couple, Armand and Bianca, to join them in starting Family Life in Belgium. This is something we could never have dreamed up! Now these two couples have started Family Life in Belgium. Henk and Tiny make the two-hour commute to Antwerp from the Netherlands as ministry appointments are arranged. Armand and Bianca come to Belgium for three months



The most recent Homebuilders group in Belgium

(this is the maximum visa length), then return to their leadership role in Latin America, then return again to Belgium for another three months.



We are just getting started. The backbone of this ministry is the home group (called Homebuilders). The pictures you see are from our Homebuilders group that is going on one evening per month (this picture is from their meeting two weeks ago). The exciting thing is that this ministry not only strengthens families but can also strengthen our other ministries: Leader Impact, Christian Embassy, and even eventually the student ministry. Please keep this important opportunity and ministry in your prayers. Thank you for your partnership!

Your co-laborers in Christ,

Ralph and Elaine

Nursery March 22

Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Charlotte Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Nursery March 29

Babies:

Donna Martin, Ceci Sheffield,
Susan Su

Toddlers:

Taylor & Courtney Pelton

Preschoolers:

Jim, Heather, & L'Illi Schraeder

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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.
Women's Bible Study: <i>Hebrews, Part 1</i>	11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: <i>Hebrews, Part 1</i>	6:15 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: <i>1 & 2 Timothy, Titus</i>	6:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper: Pizza	5:30 p.m.
Adventure Club	6:20 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study: <i>Practical Sanctification</i>	6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study: <i>Isaiah</i>	10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Bible Study: <i>Romans</i>	6:00 p.m.

Saturday

Family Easter Event	11:30 a.m.
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Hearing assistance devices for services in the sanctuary are available on request at the sound booth.

Lockup Deacons for March:

Ron Fowler, Eric Horton

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

Questions & Answers	Fellowship Hall:	Bob Dimmitt
Daniel	Youth House:	Steve Posner
Union with Christ	Gym Overhang:	Tom Keller

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Saundra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Taylor & Courtney Pelton
Pre-K	Room 25:	Dustin & Emily Herb
K, 1st and 2nd Grade	Room 28:	John & 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 & Girls	Room 206:	Bobby DeLoach, Shawn Champion, Avalon DeLoach