

April 19, 2026



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Announcements

“Though true Christianity uniquely involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, it is also a corporate experience. ...Christians cannot grow spiritually as they ought to in isolation from one another.” Gene Getz

Senior Saints' Lunch

The Senior Saints will go to Benny's Coastal Kitchen in Hilton Head on Tuesday, **April 21**. Sign up and meet at the church at 10:00 a.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!

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! **Sign the list in the hall asap**, so we have enough food and materials.

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)

Trip Info from Tom

Museum of the Bible

This trip on **May 4-6, 2026**, is finalized. Travelers, you may get an itinerary from Tom or Dawn.

Caribbean Cruise

Cruisers, there will be a **short** meeting directly after morning worship on Sunday, **April 26**. Tom has your invoices, and we will discuss the insurance and excursion options. Please try to attend.

Anyone still interested? We have 27 people committed to the January 2027 Cruise. We have used 14 of the 20 rooms.

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:1-6

Pew Bible pp. 613-614

Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting

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

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.

Prayer of Praise

Hymn #127, bulletin p. 5

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

Philippians 3:20-21

Pew Bible p. 982

Hymn, bulletin p. 6

“Reformation Song”

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:13-23

John Humphrey

Pew Bible p. 949

Hymn, bulletin pp. 7-8

“There Is One Gospel”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Uncomfortable Subjects, Part 2

Matthew #127

Matthew 19:1-12, Pew Bible p. 824

Hymn, bulletin pp. 9-10

“Benediction”

Uncomfortable Subjects, Part 2

Matthew #127

Matthew 19:1-12

Jesus makes 5 points:

1. God's original intent was that marriage be permanent.
2. Moses did not command divorce; he only permitted it.
3. Jesus opposed the one-sidedness of Jewish divorce law where only the man could divorce.
4. Jesus identified fornication as the only grounds for divorce. Fornication generally describes immorality, including adultery, pre-marital sex, homosexuality, incest and bestiality.
5. There is the option of remaining single, the wording of verse 11 and 1 Corinthians 1:7 indicate that this option should only be chosen by those who have been given the spiritual gift of singleness.

1 Corinthians 7:26-28

1 Corinthians 7:1-7

The ultimate solution to the marital difficulties that might lead to divorce is a return to the beginning, the restoration of humanity and the world to its pre-fallen condition.

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There are only six rooms left! If you are still thinking about going, let Tom know ASAP so you will be in the same area on the ship as the rest of the group.

Quarterly Members' Meeting

Our Quarterly Members' Meeting is scheduled for **April 26**. Time will be announced.

Important Upcoming Events



April:

21	Senior Saints' Lunch: Benny's Coastal Kitchen, HHI	10:00 a.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	
TBD	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
15	Senior Adult Spring Picnic: Low Country Boil in Pavilion	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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:

Note: Evening Worship moves to 7:00 p.m.

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

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17	VBS Work Night	7:00 p.m.
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22-26 VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Save these dates: Children's Camp: July 27 through 30

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

PHILIP P. BLISS, 1838-1876

MAN OF SORROWS

PHILIP P. BLISS, 1838-1876

1. "Man of Sor-rows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear-ing shame and scoff-ing rude, In my place con-demned He stood—
 3. Guilt-y, vile and help-less we, Spot-less Lamb of God was He;
 4. Lift-ed up was He to die, "It is fin-ished," was His cry;
 5. When He comes, our glo-rious King, All His ran-somed home to bring

Ru-ined sin-ners to re-claim! Hal-le-lu-jah, what a Sav-ior!
 Sealed my par-don with His blood: Hal-le-lu-jah, what a Sav-ior!
 Full a-tone-ment! can it be? Hal-le-lu-jah, what a Sav-ior!
 Now in heav'n ex-alt-ed high: Hal-le-lu-jah, what a Sav-ior!
 Then a-new this song we'll sing: Hal-le-lu-jah, what a Sav-ior!

Reformation Song

By Tim Chester and Bob Kaulfin

A D A E A

1. Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground, The might - y
 2. Through faith a - lone we come to You. We have no
 3. In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied. His right - eous -
 4. By grace a - lone we have been saved, all that we

D F#m E A D D E

rock on which we build. In ev - ery line the truth is
 mer - it we can claim. Sure that Your prom - is - es are
 ness is all our plea. Your law's de - mands are sat - is -
 are has come from You. Hearts that were once by sin en -

F#m D D/E A

found, and ev - ery page with glo - ry filled.
 true, we place our hope in Je - sus' name.
 fied. His per - fect work has set us free.
 slaved now by Your pow'r have been made new.

§ *outline chords only last time*

E A D Bm7 F#m

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a -

E E A D

lone. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to

rit. 5th time

4th time D.S.

Bm F#m E A

God a - lone.

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There Is One Gospel

Jonny Robinson
& Rich Thompson

1. Fsus2 | 2. Fsus2

6 C F C G

1. There is one Gos - pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2. There is one Gos - pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
 3. There is one Gos - pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks.

11 C/E F C/G G C

It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
 For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 For death could not keep my Sav - iour down, He lives and I am free.

16 F C F C Am G

Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my deep - est need.
 No more I boast in what I canbring, no more I car - ry the weight of sin.
 Now on my Sav - iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine.

20 C Dm7 C/E F C

Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I stand in the Gos - pel of
 For He has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gos - pel of
 For He has pro - mised I too, will rise. I stand in the Gos - pel of

23 1, 2. G C F Am7 F

Je - sus Christ. 2. There
 Je - sus Christ. 3. There

28 3. G C Dm7 Fadd2 Am7 G 1. F

Je - sus Christ.

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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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Benediction, p. 2

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

Why Romans 8:28 Isn't Helping Your Anxiety

By Caleb Batchelor

Have you ever felt persistently anxious, no matter how many times you reflect on God's promises? Your stressful thoughts are like obstinate zits on your soul's face, unfazed by the poking and prodding of Romans 8:28 and every other passage about God's sovereign care. Incessant recitations of "God's working everything together for good" have left your fretful pimples sore and bleeding. Your worry is still right there. Defeated and exhausted, what should you do?

Do you just need to believe *harder*? Should you close your eyes, muster up some faith, and perform a spiritual judo move on your doubt? Are you anxious because you scrolled through Instagram for three minutes too long? If you'd just commit to a month-long break like Sally in your small group, would your social media fast transport you into emotional serenity? Or maybe your anxiety is a pride issue, and what you need to do is stop being a know-it-all and trust a sovereign God.

I certainly battle doubt. I'm guilty of anxiously scrolling past posts of other anxious people for unreasonable amounts of time. And my soul regularly clamors for authority that only belongs to God. But while addressing these areas has occasionally curbed my anxiety, it often doesn't.

Maybe you can relate. So what should we do?

I won't pretend to offer a simple answer to such a difficult, multifaceted question. That'd be unrealistic and, honestly, just mean. But in Matt 6:19-34, Jesus does offer another approach. Before he calls us to trust him, he tells us to treasure him.

Treasure God First

There's nothing complicated about Jesus's teaching in this passage, and there's nothing complicated about its structure. In vs 19-24, Jesus wants us to treasure God, and in vs 25-34, Jesus wants us to trust God. Treasure and trust. Straightforward, right?

What I find fascinating, though, is how Jesus connects these two sections. After calling us to treasure God, he says, "*Therefore* . . . do not be anxious." Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, *therefore*, trust God. That's a curious way to put it.

There's something about our treasure that either allows us—or doesn't allow us—to trust God. If we treasure God, we can trust him. But if we treasure something else or someone else, we won't trust God. Anxiety seems to swing on the hinge of this adverb: "Therefore."

With just one word, Jesus makes sense of most of my anxiety—perhaps most of the world's anxiety. It's amazing what he does here. He takes these two threads of treasure and trust and weaves them together into one truth: if you'll treasure God *more* than the cares of this world, then you can trust God *through* the cares of this world.

Why We Don't Trust God

The opposite is also true: if you don't treasure God more than the cares of this world, you won't trust God through the cares of this world. Why is that? Because God hasn't promised to protect our earthly treasures. As he works all things together for our good, he may withhold what we value most. We may lose approval from others or success at work so he might conform us to his Son's image (Romans 8:28-29).

Recount God's promises, scale back on social media, know your place before God—these are all helpful practices. But if we don't treasure God, we'll never trust him. It's not that we've forgotten God's promises to care for us. We know we can trust him. The problem is we treasure our idols more than God. And since God hasn't promised to protect our idols, what's most valuable to us is vulnerable. Protecting what we value then becomes a full-time job. Just ask Madonna:

I'm always struggling with [fearing inadequacy]. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being and then I get to another stage and think I'm mediocre and uninteresting. And I find a way to get myself out of that. Again and again. My drive in life is from this horrible fear of being mediocre. and that's always pushing me, pushing me. Because even though I've become Somebody, I still have to prove that I'm Somebody. My struggle has never ended and it probably never will.

Feeling special, that's her treasure. and since she's gifted musically, each lyric and each melody serve as bodyguards—fearfully protecting the throne of her heart. You and I aren't that different.

If your treasure is on earth, your emotional stability is unsafe. Matt 6:25 then reads for you, *"Therefore, be anxious about your life. Be anxious about what you will eat and what you will drink. Be anxious about your body and what you will put on. Is not your earthly treasure hanging by these earthly threads?"*

But if we treasure God, we can trust him when we've proven unsuccessful and unloved, when we lose comfort, power, and control. How? We already have everything we need in Christ. Our treasure is safe.

Treasures in Heaven

Instead of forcing yourself to trust a God who isn't protecting your earthly idols, it's more effective to identify those false gods first. See how Jesus satisfies your desires, then reflect on God's promises to protect your heavenly treasure.

When my personal success is in jeopardy, I'm prone to anxiety. So I need to reflect on how Jesus has been successful for me, how he's been perfect in my place. Then, after painstakingly moving my treasured success from earth to heaven, I can finally breathe, knowing nothing on earth can touch my treasure in heaven.

Fighting anxiety this way isn't easy. You can't pull through the drive-thru, order a Bible verse with a side of inspiration, and speed away without anxiety. It takes time to identify your earthly treasures. You've got to park and get out of the car to see how Jesus offers himself as a better, more reliable treasure. But if you'll do that—if you'll treasure him—you'll be able to trust him.

Treasure God; *therefore*, don't be anxious. ❖

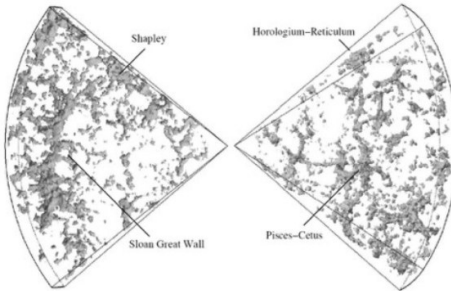


Creation Moments

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Great Wall in Space



"All the hosts of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree." - Isaiah 34:4

Some Christians believe that God's words in Genesis 1:3, "Let there be light," are a biblical

description of the Big Bang that some scientists say created the universe. But we Christians should be a little more careful about assuming that modern science knows very much about the origin of the universe. Astronomers have discovered one of the largest structures yet to be found in the universe. They described it as a great wall made of high concentrations of galaxies. Just to get our perspective, the average galaxy contains over 1 billion stars. The great wall contains concentrated "clumps" of galaxies!

If the universe was the result of the Big Bang, scientists would expect to find stars evenly distributed in space, not "clumped" together and certainly not built into giant structures. Second, the clumps of galaxies they found are very precisely and evenly spaced—not the kind of order that results from an explosion. One of the researchers said, "It is safe to say that we understand less than zero about the early universe."

There is another good reason for Christians not to try to find the Big Bang in Genesis. According to the Bible, it is the end of the world and the universe, not its beginning, that could more accurately be described as a "big bang." Christ Himself has completed your preparations for that day. Are you ready?

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Missionary of the Week

Shannon & Danielle Hurley
SOS Ministries - Uganda

The Church has always been God's "Plan A" to reach the world. That's why we're so passionate about our local church, Community Bible Church of Kubamitwe (CBCK).

We founded CBCK in 2009 in Danielle's and my living room, with a vision to create a model church for pastors-in-training and as the control center to impact our own village community. Little did we envision all that God would do. There's so much happening in the life of our church! I hope the following updates help you love it as we do...



THE BIG PICTURE VISION

We believe the hope of Uganda is the establishment of a local church, with well-trained, God-fearing pastors planted all throughout East Africa. And this is the ultimate purpose for why SOS exists. All of our energy and time is focused to this end.

For the last 20 years, our focus has been on establishing a model church (Community Bible Church of Kubamitwe) and on assembling a pastoral training center (Shepherds Training College). These have been set and are thriving! Now our attention is turning toward the final piece of our big picture plan: Church Planting.

More details will be rolling out in the months and years to come. Please join us in praying for this massive and challenging undertaking.

CBCK UPDATES

With a new church building, there is a new feel and a renewed vision to impact the community. Our mission is to "*See lost people saved, saved people matured, and matured people multiplying.*" And for the last 17 years most of our energies have been to reach the lost. That is why we have Legacy Christian Academy, SOS Medical Center, and Joni and Friends. This is also why as a church we have been focusing on Bible studies in the various communities, evangelistic Bible studies, and powerful Sunday programs. And the results are 700 to 800 people on a Sunday morning.

Now this year, our focus is "seeing saved people matured!" So we kicked off February with a massive event called, "Recruitment Sunday." It has been an effort to get every member ministering and involved in an accountability relationship to read their Bibles. We also promoted baptism and church membership. The results have been encouraging. We have also rejuvenated our youth program. From the pulpit, we did an elders "Shepherding Series" and a series on "The Importance of Local Church." Now,

since the beginning of March, Mark Rutuna is preaching through the book of Philippians. The church continues to demonstrate an awesome hunger for God's Word.

Our next focus is equipping our church in various Sunday School classes.

The results are encouraging, but there is a long way to go! The good news is that our people have a passion to know God's Word, and they are willing to dedicate themselves to study it. The work ahead of us is seeing lives changed by the truth. However, with the many godly examples now within the ministry, we are well on our way! Please keep praying for us that God will help us see our saved people matured.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that God will continue to cause our people to grow deeply in the Word and will open their ears to hear its sweet truths.
2. Pray that God gives our people the faith and courage to conform their lives according to God's good law instead of according to their community's lifestyle.
3. Pray that God will use Mark Rutuna preaching through Philippians to both transform hearts and equip the saints.
4. Pray that God uses our churchwide Bible study accountability groups to help our people grow deeply in their relationship with God.
5. Pray for wisdom for the CBCK leadership as we seek to shepherd our large congregation.

For the King and His Kingdom,

Shannon Hurley

Founder and CEO, SOS Ministries

Nursery April 19

Babies:

Eleanor Bowden, Mary Fowler,
Kay Stanford

Toddlers:

Tricia Morris, Linnea Posner

Preschoolers:

Taylor & Courtney Pelton

Nursery April 26

Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Charlotte Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

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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.

Tuesday

Senior Saints' Lunch: Benny's Coastal Kitchen, Hilton Head	10:00 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.
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Friday

Womens' Conference: God's Faithfulness	6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
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Saturday

Womens' Conference: God's Faithfulness	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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Hearing assistance devices for services in the sanctuary are available on request at the sound booth.

Lockup Deacons for April:

Jimmy Kicklighter, Napoleon Martin

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

Questions & Answers	Fellowship Hall:	Bob Dimmitt
Daniel	Youth House:	Steve Posner
Systematic Theology	Gym Overflow:	Tom Keller

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Lynn Ernst, Savannah Martin
Pre-K	Room 25:	Michael & Ruth Kleinpeter
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:	Jess Dimmitt, Karen Law
Youth Guys & Girls	Room 206:	Bobby DeLoach, Shawn Champion, Avalon DeLoach