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Announcements

“The union of believers among themselves ... is the next glory of the church to its union with Christ. This is maintained by the exercise of that love which is the ‘bond of perfectness.’ Without this love, the church is but a heap of stones; with it, it is a living temple.” John Owen

Caribbean Cruise Group Meeting

Cruisers, there will be a **short** meeting directly after morning worship today. Tom has your invoices, and we will discuss the insurance and excursion options. Try to attend.

Quarterly Meeting

Members, join us this afternoon for our regular quarterly Members’ Meeting. The meeting begins at 4:45 p.m. and we have several membership candidates to review! Please make an effort to be here.

Evening Worship

Everyone, please join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for Evening Worship in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!

Wednesday Night

This Wednesday, we’ll have Fried Pork Chops 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!

Old Savannah City Mission

Tom is serving lunch at the OSCM on Saturday, **May 2**. The Laws and Fowlers are scheduled to help. Let Tom know if you can help, too!

Museum of the Bible

This trip on **May 4-6, 2026**, is finalized. Travelers, you may get an itinerary from Tom or Dawn. **Important to note: The train leaves Savannah at 7:35 a.m.** Contact Tom asap if you want to carpool to the train station.

Senior Saints’ Bible Study Note

No Thursday Bible Study on **May 7**!

Elders’ Meeting

Monday, **May 11**, at 7:00 p.m. Note new day this month!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Galatians 6:14

Pew Bible p. 975

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 #126, bulletin p. 5

“Rock of Ages”

Prayer of General Confession

Tom Keller

Ephesians 1:7

Pew Bible p. 976

Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-8

“The God We Love (Nicene Creed)”

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-13

Everett Tarver

Pew Bible p. 949

Hymn #475, bulletin p. 9

“Redeemed”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Consider the Kids

Matthew #128

Matthew 19:13-15, Pew Bible p. 824

Hymn, bulletin p. 10

“Now unto Him”

Consider the Kids

Matthew #128

Matthew 19:13-15

J. Ligon Duncan: This event seems mundane enough but it was important enough to the gospel writers that not only Matthew but also Mark and Luke took the time to record it, with Mark adding some details that Matthew and Luke do not provide.

“that he might lay his hands on them and pray” in the NT, there are five classes of references to the laying on of hands:

1. Meaning personal violence
2. With relation to the separation to some special work;
3. The casual reference (Hebrews 6:2)
4. In connection with the impartation of the Holy Ghost and spiritual gifts;
5. For the purpose of healing.

Mark 5:22-23, Mark 7:32, and Mark 8:22

Matthew 15:21-23

2 Thessalonians 3:13

Important Upcoming Events



April:

26 Quarterly Members' Meeting 4:45 p.m.

May:

2 Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Laws and Fowlers 11:00 a.m.

4-6 Train Trip to Washington, DC

11 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.

15 Adventure Club

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: Sunday 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 6:00 p.m.

22-26 VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

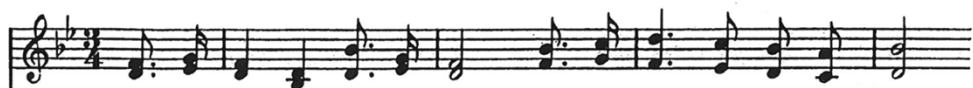
Save these dates: Children's Camp: July 27 through 30

Rock of Ages

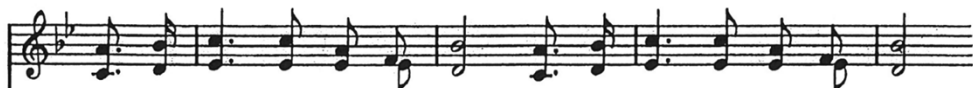
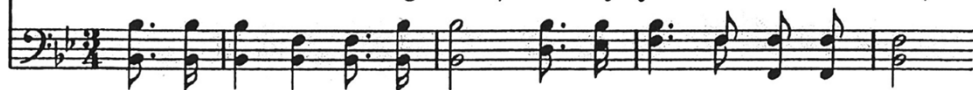
AUGUSTUS M. TOPLADY, 1740-1778

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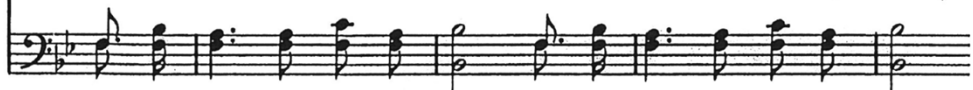
THOMAS HASTINGS, 1784-1872



1. Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
 2. Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Could my zeal no lan-guor know,
 3. While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When my eyes shall close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy wound-ed side which flowed,
 These for sin could not a - tone - Thou must save, and Thou a - lone:
 When I rise to worlds un-known And be-hold Thee on Thy throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
 In my hand no price I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.



The God We Love (Nicene Creed)

Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson
& Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 84$

B \flat E \flat B \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat B \flat E \flat

We be - lieve in one God, the
(For this) world and for our sal -

6 B \flat E \flat F sus F

Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, the Mak - er of all, the One who
va - tion, He came down from the heav - ens a - bove. Born of a

9 Gm E \flat B \flat F/A Gm F E \flat F sus F

rules the seen and un - seen. We be - lieve, and we a - dore. Je - sus
vir - gin and the Spir - it, tru - ly man and tru - ly God. He was

13 B \flat E \flat B \flat B \flat E \flat

Christ, one Lord of cre - a - tion, from the Fa - ther, be - got - ten not
cru - ci - fied un - der Pi - late, suf - fered death and was laid in the

16 F sus F Gm E \flat B \flat F/A Gm F E \flat

made. He is the Light from Light e - ter - nal and the God of eve - ry
grave, and in ac - cord - ance with the scrip - tures, on the third He rose a -

20 F sus F B \flat B \flat sus B \flat E \flat B \flat

age. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all hon - our to the Son. And
gain.


25 Cm B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /F F 1.
B \flat

praise the Spir - it, now and al - ways. This is the God we love. For this

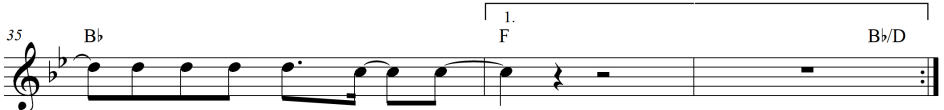
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The God We Love

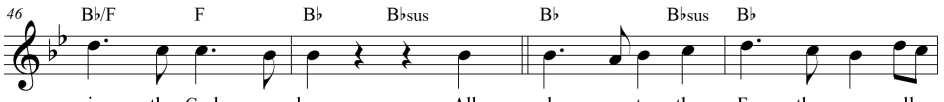
29 
 B \flat E \flat B \flat
 love. And Christ has made His as - cent in - to the heav - ens a - above,
 The Ho - ly Spir - it has come, voice of the pro - phets of God.

32 
 F Gm7 E \flat
 where He sits at the Fa - ther's right hand now. But He will come back a - gain,
 Sent to us, He has giv - en us new life. For - giv - en, now and bap - tised,

35 
 B \flat F B \flat /D
 and He will judge in truth.
 one ho - ly church, we rise.

38 
 F B \flat B \flat sus B \flat
 We rise. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all

42 
 E \flat B \flat C m B \flat /D E \flat
 hon - our to the Son. And praise the Spir - it, now and al - ways. This

46 
 B \flat /F F B \flat B \flat sus B \flat B \flat sus B \flat
 is the God we love. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all

50 
 E \flat B \flat C m B \flat /D E \flat
 hon - our to the Son. And praise the Spir - it, now and al - ways. This

54 
 B \flat /F F Gm B \flat /D E \flat F B \flat B \flat sus B \flat
 is the God we love. This is the God we love.

Redeemed

475

FANNY J. CROSBY, 1820-1915

WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK, 1838-1921

1. Re - deemed - how I love to pro - claim it! Re - deemed by the
 2. Re - deemed and so hap - py in Je - sus, No lan - guage my
 3. I think of my bless - ed Re - deem - er, I think of Him
 4. I know I shall see in His beau - ty The King in whose

blood of the Lamb; Re - deemed thru His in - fin - ite mer - cy - His
 rap - ture can tell; I know that the light of His pres - ence With
 all the day long; I sing, for I can - not be si - lent, His
 law I de - light, Who lov - ing - ly guard - eth my foot - steps And

CHORUS

child, and for - ev - er, I am. Re - deemed, — re -
 me doth con - tin - ual - ly dwell. re - deemed,
 love is the theme of my song. re - deemed,
 giv - eth me songs in the night.

deemed, — Re - deemed by the blood of the Lamb; Re -
 re - deemed,

deemed, — re - deemed, — His child, and for - ev - er, I am.
 re - deemed, re - deemed,

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/GF7 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/GG C

maj - es - ty, do - min - ion and au - thor - i - ty, Both now and for - ev - er. A - men!

Articles

Reaching Outsiders With our Lives

By Warren Peel

Colossians 4.5-6 are two of the most helpful verses I know for giving Christians teaching about evangelism. It's amazing how much Paul packs into just a few words. Verses 3-4 describe how missionaries and preachers are to declare clearly the mystery of Christ to unbelievers, but evangelism is not just for the 'professionals'. In verses 5-6 he tells his readers how they are to relate towards 'outsiders'—non-Christians who know nothing about the gospel.

Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders... (v5) Literally he says "Be wise in the way you walk towards outsiders." Paul uses the word "walk" 32 times, and almost every time he is describing our normal everyday lifestyle. All Christians evangelize by our day to day living. If you're going to be an effective personal evangelist, a godly lifestyle is essential.

These outsiders that Paul has in view had never read Bible or attended a church. The only way they would know what Christianity was like was if they saw it modelled in the lives of these Colossian Christians.

It may well be that many of us are the only real Christians around the 'outsiders' in our workplace, neighborhood or family. They don't have the first clue about Christianity and they desperately need to see consistent examples of Christians who wisely live out their faith.

But Paul wants more: we are to conduct ourselves wisely towards outsiders *...making the best use of the time* (v5). The verb he uses means 'buying up the time' and Paul puts it in an intensified form. Think of the videos of people in the stores on Black Friday—they are intensely earnest about buying up stuff, even coming to blows with other shoppers in their zeal for cut-price deals. That's the picture (without the violence!) that Paul is using here: just as you might pounce on a bargain, so Christians are to 'snap up' every opportunity they can to show outsiders what Christian faith looks like in practice.

This is a great reason to bring outsiders to church events (not just worship services). It gives them a chance to see what a Christian community looks like—how people love one another, care for one another, show genuine interest in one another. So many people today are desperately lonely and disconnected—they long for community, because God has hard-wired us that way. So we should jump at every chance we get to bring outsiders into God's new community of the church.

We should grab hold of every opportunity we can to let the fragrant scent of the fruit of the Spirit envelope outsiders. We should leap at the chance to show what gracious, uncomplaining, self-sacrificing love looks like by going the extra mile to help someone in any way we can. We should be the kindest, most joyful people on our street, in our class, in our office. We should be outstandingly patient and gentle in every situation, so that outsiders are forced to say, 'I really don't agree with what those Christians believe, but I have to admit they are the best neighbors/co-workers/friends anyone could wish for!'

Isn't this just what Jesus meant when he said in Matthew 5.16 *...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Of course, we have to do much more than just live godly lives before outsiders—we must speak words as well. But our lives are preaching sermons constantly and outsiders will never take our words seriously if our lives are saying the opposite. ❖



Creation Moments

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Whales Write Songs



*"Praise the LORD from the earth,
You great sea creatures and all the
depths." - Psalm 148:7*

Most of us have heard recordings of whales singing. Scientists have not yet learned to understand the whale's language, but they have identified individual verses in whale song. Now they are more convinced than ever that whale song is a sophisticated language.

Whale song is made up of complex and stylized compositions, many of them longer than the longest of human symphonies. A single whale song can last up to 22 hours! Scientists have learned that humpback whale songs change a lot from year to year. Yet each humpback in an entire ocean will always sing the same song as the others. Scientists wondered how whales could keep the verses straight since the song changes so often.

It turns out that whales, like human beings, use rhyme to help remember their songs. Biologists studying whale song report that they have identified the same subphrases turning up in the same positions in verses that are next to each other.

Evolutionists tell us that language is such an advanced development that even the first human beings only grunt and growl. And yet the whale not only has a sophisticated language but also creates poetry. We can comfortably put evolution aside to realize that the Bible is right when it says that the whole creation praises God. The Creator Himself is the author of language, not some caveman.

Image: Humpback whales with musical notes, Envato.

Scan the QR code after service to watch a related video!



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Missionary of the Week

Cham Chuen
Gospelink - Cambodia

Dear Sponsor,

My family and I always think of you and pray for you with joy. We treasure your generous giving and effort in helping our ministry in Cambodia. May God bless all our sponsors with grace and peace in the Lord.

We are doing well in these days. We have peace in hearts that we know that the Lord is here with us. My family and I have concerned about the church members, prayed for each of them. My wife works hard at home and in church. She loves to read the Bible and pray for my ministry, our children education regularly.

Our first child, Cham Mana, is very adorable. She has been studying hard and took her 9th-grade exam this year, achieving the 2nd score for 2025. She obeys her parents and listens to her teachers at school. She also attends daily morning and evening worship. Her health is moderately good; she is active in school and in Church service.

Our second child, Cham Sarita, is growing so fast. Her academic performance is not very good because she doesn't try hard to study. However, she always reads the Bible and prays during her morning watch.

Family Livelihood

Our family's occupation is nothing significant. I go fishing from river a little bit to provide our family daily meals, which helps to reduce the expenses. I would like to thank God for providing my family needs day after day and for my sponsor's support.

Ministry & Training Information

Saturday Discipleship for Eight Members

We strength of our disciples by focusing on deep, consistent teaching of God's Word to them on every Saturday. I let them to practice what they learned, to reach their relatives and friends.

Training a Core Group: Training eight members, particularly six women, ensures that key individuals are being equipped for service. In many contexts, women are central to community and family ministry, making this group a powerful resource for outreach and internal support.

Focus on Faith and Practice: Teaching them faith in communal prayer watches builds unity and spiritual reliance on God, establishing a rhythm of corporate dependence. Learning to share the Gospel moves them from being merely consumers of faith to active participants in God's mission.

Structured Curriculum: Using specific, named booklets ("Life-Changing Pictures" and "Invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven: Eternal Life") indicates is using a systematic, reproducible curriculum. This is crucial for two reasons:



Clarity: It ensures everyone receives clear, consistent teaching on the fundamentals (like the Gospel, as implied by the booklet titles).

Multiplication: It provides a tool they can use to disciple others, creating a model for multiplying the ministry beyond your personal efforts.

Sunday Children's Ministry Training

Sunday focus shows a commitment to intergenerational ministry, ensuring the next generation is reached effectively through trained teachers.

Three Dedicated Sessions: Teaching three distinct sessions implies a comprehensive approach to children's ministry, recognizing that teaching children requires specialized skills.

Specialized Roles: Assigning specific roles to the three teachers indicates a move toward professionalism and efficiency in their ministry:

Leader Mokka San (Memorization Verses): This role focuses on planting foundational truths in the children's minds, ensuring they grow up with a deep knowledge of Scripture.

Leader Nhaem Somnang (Storytelling): Storytelling is the most effective way to communicate biblical narrative and moral truths to children. Training her in this skill enhances the engagement and impact of the lessons.

Leader Mang Smoch (Warrior): to present all the plans, implementation, new believers, bring more members to join to the devotion time.

Evangelism to Children

The final session, teaching them to be an "evangelist to children," is highly significant. It ensures that the children's ministry is not just about education, but about salvation and outreach. It trains the teachers to not only manage a classroom but to actively seek the spiritual transformation of the children in their care.

In summary, our ministry is characterized by intentionality, specialization, and multiplication, focusing on equipping capable leaders for discipleship, prayer, and reaching both adults and the next generation.

I was excited to meet and encouraged 2 faithful members: Ta Long and Ming Ra those are living far from the church building but that are faithful in attending the worship service weekly.

We cared and prayed for the need of our dear Church member: the Veth Trong family needs electricity installed. This family loves the Lord so much.

Outreach Stories & Testimonies

In this quarter, I shared the Gospel with 20 people (15 women and 5 men), which represented approximately 10 families.

One person accepted Christ in the Ta Thav area: She was named Yey Heng, aged 60. She was happy to know God who forgave her sin, granted her a new position - a child of the King of kings, Lord of lords. She was excited to seek God's way for her life.

The areas where I conducted evangelism are Aob Soh and Ta Thav. These two locations are close to each other, making outreach convenient. I desire to see more people come to worship.

Collaborative Outreach

I also participated in an extended evangelism effort with a group of 55 students from Théa Ranh Bible School. This outreach took place in Kampong Thom province, covering four districts: Prey Preal, Prasat Andaet, Krasang Kha, Cheu Teal

These areas are approximately away 50 kilometers from my home.

I shared the Gospel one-on-one by using tracts, images, and speaking directly to people.

A Testimony of Faith and Struggle (The Huer Sol Family)

I also reached out to a family named Huer Sol, who had accepted Christ over a year ago. Ms. Huer

Sol told me about the early reasons for their conversion: Her family was poor and struggling. She and her husband accepted Christ, but her husband was not very committed to attending worship.

Later, their family received blessings and experienced remarkable progress, acquiring assets like cows, a motorbike.

Tragically, the husband started gambling again and selling everything, eventually selling all their land, leaving them with almost nothing. His wife contemplated suicide multiple times.

However, through the encouragement of church members, the wife remained firm in her faith and never missed worship. Her husband continued to disrupt her, demanded that she borrowed money from organizations for him to gamble. He even threatened her life.

Her life faced incredibly difficult, but she walked with God and prayed constantly for asking God's help.

Despite of struggles, she successfully shared the Gospel with her younger sibling, who, along with their entire family and children made confession and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Ministry Goals & Plans

- To reach un-reached families and establish new cell groups.
- To open more groups bible study, training evangelists
- Together with preachers in range to hold two large evangelism events per year.

Prayer Requests

Please help pray for:

- The growth of Ta Thav Church in number and in spirit.
- The Huer Sol family to be freed from the bondage of Satan, so that her husband may truly accept the Lord.
- Wisdom and authority to grow a cell group in Mohor village.
- My family and I will walk with God until the end.

Cham Chuen

Nursery April 26

Babies:

Amy Horton, Lisa Rowe

Toddlers:

Sona Bailey, Charlotte Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Nursery May 3

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Jan DeLoach,

Kayla Duero

Toddlers:

Cindy Dimmitt, Rebekah Helmick

Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

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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 any of the pastors after the service, drop a note in the foyer offering box indicating your desire to talk with a pastor, or call the church office.



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www.fabchurch.com/sermons

This Week at FABC!

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Quarterly Members' Meeting	4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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: Fried Pork Chops	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

Lunch at OSCM: Laws & Fowlers	11:00 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 April:

Jimmy Kicklighter, Napoleon Martin

Lockup Deacons for May:

Cole Morris, Taylor Pelton

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