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## Announcements

*"Many people think it is enough to bring their bodies to the assembly but never look at their heart." Thomas Watson*

### Wednesday Night

Wednesday night suppers are over until August. Youth is at 6:30, and Bible Study is at 6:45. For the next two Wednesdays, there will be "Meet our FABC Missionaries" activities for the Adventure Club-aged kids at 6:45, in the Fellowship Hall.

### Memorial Day

The church office will be closed Monday, **May 25**, for Memorial Day.

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, **May 30**, at 7:15 a.m. Sign the list in the hall! Glen Martin is teaching.


### Crochet Club

This month, Crochet club will meet Saturday, **May 30**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth House. All welcome!

### Special Called Meeting

There is a Special Called Meeting on Sunday, **May 31**, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will vote on new members, and vote on replacement of the gym roof.

## Camp Scholarship Fund

 We want to say thank you to all who have contributed to our Camp Scholarship Fund! We have reached our goal, and no kids will be left behind!

### Just for fun!

We now have a church jigsaw puzzle exchange. There are puzzles in the office area on the bookshelf. If you'd like to work one, take it home. If you have one to share, put it on the shelf! After you've worked one you borrowed, bring it back! Enjoy!

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:1-5

*Pew Bible pp. 613-614*

Prayer of Praise

Greeting

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

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,*

*You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,*

*And You reign, You reign over all!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-7**

*"How Sweet and Awful Is the Place"*

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Posner

*Daniel 9:17-18*

*Pew Bible p. 747*

**Hymn #210, bulletin p. 8**

*"Saved by the Blood"*

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Tom Keller

*Pew Bible p. 552*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 9**

*"All I Have Is Christ"*

Message

Bob Dimmitt

*God Is Generous*

*Matthew #132*

*Matthew 20:1-16, Pew Bible p. 825*

**Hymn, bulletin p. 10**

*"Now unto the King Eternal"*

## A.M. Notes

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God is Generous  
Matthew #132  
Matthew 20:1-16

Today's story re-emphasizes the generosity of the Lord. How the Lord rewards us vastly exceeds what we deserve.

Verse 15 - *ESV - do you begrudge*  
*NIV - are you envious*  
*NASB - is your eye envious*  
*CSV - are you jealous*

Begrudge/Jealous = NT:4190 - ponerōs

The root meaning hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, indicating degeneracy from original virtue);

Jesus is referring to a selfishness that corrupts a person entirely.

Mark 9:35 and Mark 10:43-44

# Important Upcoming Events



## May:

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| 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.  |
| 30 | Crochet Club                                    | 10:00 a.m. |
| 31 | Special Called Meeting                          | 5:30 p.m.  |

## June:

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

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|----|--|------------|
| 2  | Elders' Meeting  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 6  | Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Beth Lewis, Jeanie Groover,<br>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

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| 17 | VBS Work Night | 6:00 p.m. |
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## 22-26 VBS

**9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

## July:

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|----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1  | VBS Cleanup Night                   | 6:00 p.m.  |
| 4  | Independence Day: No lunch at OSCM  |            |
| 6  | Independence Holiday: Office Closed |            |
| 7  | Elders' Meeting                     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 12 | Communion in Morning Worship        | 10:30 a.m. |
| 14 | Deacons' Meeting                    | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 16 | Young Adult Social                  | TBA        |
| 26 | Quarterly Members' Meeting          | TBA        |

## 27-30 Children's Camp

## August:

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|----|--|------------|
| 1  | Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: DeLoach family, Kelly Zittrouer, Eleanor<br>Bowden | 11:00 a.m. |
| 2  | After Church Lunch   |            |
| 4  | Elders' Meeting  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 11 | Deacons' Meeting   | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 13 | Young Adult Social   | TBA        |
| 14 | Women of Light Night Out   | TBA        |
| 19 | Adventure Club Kickoff   | 6:20 p.m.  |
| 23 | Home Fellowships   | 6:00 p.m.  |



Thank you to all the precious people in our body who serve monthly in the babies, toddlers and pre-K classes during the church service!! Every Sunday morning, 6 to 7 adults serve in those classes. Each month, 26 serve and for months with a 5th Sunday, 7-8 others serve for a grand total of 34 on our rotation list!

Our policies require parents of children in our nursery to serve once per month if they are members. We currently have 6 parents and 28 non-parents who serve. What a blessing these 28 are to our Children’s Ministry and our parents because without them, the parents would have to serve more than once a month. We desire our parents to be in service as much as possible to hear teaching that will continue to ground them in their faith, to be able to fellowship, honor and encourage one another and to be able to pray with our body.

We are so thankful to have volunteers who love our kiddos and enjoy the time they spend with them. What a gift you are to our parents! We cannot fully express the heartfelt thanks we have for you, but God knows how much we appreciate and love you!!

Grace and peace,  
*Cindy Wise*



**T**he 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***

# How Sweet and Awful Is the Place

Worshipful ♩ = 92

ISAAC WATTS

D D2sus D/F# D A

5 Gmaj7 Em7 A sus A

9 D D D/C# G/B A G/B A/C# Dadd2 D A

1. How sweet and aw - ful\* is the  
 2. While all our hearts - and all our  
 3. "Why was I made to hear Thy  
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the  
 5. Pi - ty the na - tions, O church -  
 6. We long to see Thy es

13 Bm G D D/C# G/B D/F# G 3 D

place With Christ with - in the doors,  
 songs Join to ad - mire the feast,  
 voice And en - ter - while there's room  
 feast That sweet - ly drew us in;  
 God; Con - strain the earth to come,  
 full, That all the cho - sen race

\*awful = inspiring reverential wonder or fear: modern versions substitute the word "awesome"

17

D A Bm D/A G Gsus2 D/F# Em Dadd2/F# D/F# A7 Bm

While ev - er - last - ing love dis - plays The  
 Each of us cries, with thank - ful tongues, "Lord,  
*When thou - sands make a wretch - ed choice, And*  
*Else we had still re - fused to taste, And*  
 Send Thy vic - to - rious Word a - broad, And  
 May, with one voice, and heart and soul, Sing

22

D/F# G D/A A D/F#

choic - est of her stores.  
 why was I a guest?"  
*rather - er starve than come?"*  
*per - ished in our sin.*  
 bring the stran - gers home.  
 Thy re - deem - ing grace.

25

G6 Dmaj7/A G6 D2

# Saved by the Blood

210

S. J. HENDERSON, 19th century

DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1850-1919

1. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! Now ran-somed from  
2. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! The an-gels re-  
3. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! The Fa-ther He  
4. Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One! All hail to the

sin and a new work be-gun; Sing praise to the Fa-ther and  
joic-ing be-cause it is done; A child of the Fa-ther, joint-  
spake, and His will it was done; Great price of my par-don, His  
Fa-ther, all hail to the Son, All hail to the Spir-it, the

praise to the Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!  
heir with the Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!  
own pre-cious Son- Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!  
great Three in One! Saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!

## CHORUS

Saved! \_\_\_\_\_ saved! \_\_\_\_\_ My sins are all par-doned, my  
Glo-ry, I'm saved! glo-ry, I'm saved!

1  
2  
guilt is all gone! I'm saved by the blood of the Cru-ci-fied One!

# All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

♩ = 79



1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I  
ran my hell - bound race, in - dif - f'rent  
would be Yours a - lone and live so



knew the way; the sin that prom - ised joy and  
to the cost You looked up - on my help - less  
all might see the strength to fol - low Your com -



life had led me to the grave. I had no  
state and led me to the cross; and I be -  
mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther



hope that You would own a reb - el to Your  
held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my  
use my ran - somed life in a - ny way You



will and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse You  
place, You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I know is  
choose and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is



1. still. 2. But as I grace!  
You. Hal - le - lu -



jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus



1. is my life! Hal - le - life! 2. *Fine* *D.S. al Fine* 3. Now Lord I

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# Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible

Lorraine Sonnenberg

D7 G D7 G D7 G D7

Now un - to the King e - ter - nal, im - mor - tal, in -

G D7 G D7sus/A G/A C G Em7

vis - i - ble, The on - ly wise God, Be hon - or and glo - ry for -

Am D7 G G/B G C G Em

ev - er and ev - er. A - men. A - men. Be hon - or and glo - ry for -

Am/C D7 G C/G G

ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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# Articles

## Brothers, Aspire to Be Lay Elders

By Scott Corbin

My journey to pastoral ministry wasn't a straight line. For some, the journey is relatively straightforward—discern a call, go to seminary, work an internship, become a staff pastor, etc.—but mine was a series of fits and starts. The initial idea came from a mentor who asked me what I wanted to do with my life. I sheepishly said, “Maybe be a teacher,” and he replied, “I think you want to be a pastor.” He was right. Yet, I had no idea what pastoral ministry might look like for me.

In seminary, I came across many brothers whose calling seemed sure. When talking about the future, it was evident that their burden was to be in the pulpit every Sunday. For me? I enjoyed preaching occasionally, but the thought of a weekly pulpit ministry was frankly a little overwhelming.

Later, after having some success in my classes, I began contemplating the idea of doing a PhD, with the hopes of teaching in a classroom environment or—even better—starting a training program in a local church.

In God's providence, I began a career in Christian publishing. Things finally made sense. I loved books, reading, and telling others about books. Why not do it for a career? It was a great fit for my personality too, as I love to meet new people and have conversations with strangers—something I was doing a lot of.

But what about my aspiration to pastor? Was that something I'd have to give up on? No, far from it! In fact, in God's kindness, the fits and starts of my journey made my pastoral aspirations even more clear. My aspiration was to be a lay elder.

### All Churches Need Good Lay Elders

If we're going to have healthy churches, we need faithful lay elders eager to shepherd the flock and build up the body. The apostle Paul understood this well when he told Timothy to “entrust” what he had been taught “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). All churches need faithful men to help lead. and while we should labor to pay pastors for their work, especially those who preach and teach (1 Tim. 5:17), many churches may only be able to pay a handful of such men. This is especially true in newly planted churches or churches in contexts where financial or demographic constraints limit staff size.

I was reminded of how vital the need for lay pastors is while visiting a downtown church in a large metropolis. The church was undergoing revitalization and couldn't support a large staff. In fact, the lead pastor shared with me how difficult it is to labor in this bustling city because of how transient it is. Like most cities in America, it's hard for folks to stay.

The morning I visited, I attended a Bible study before the service led by a faithful lay elder who was teaching through the book of Esther. The lead pastor remarked what a blessing it was to have faithful lay elders like this man because it eased the burdens of his ministry.

Lay elders are like Aaron and Hur holding up Moses's arms in battle against the Amalekites (Ex. 17:10–13). They help bear the burden of ministry when the load seems overwhelming.

### **Lay Eldering Is Eldering**

Based on my many conversations with aspiring brothers all over the country, I know that many wrongly think that “being a pastor” necessarily means receiving a paycheck from a local church. Some of these men desire to be lead pastors while others desire to be “staff guys” at a church. While I thank God for men who desire to serve the church full-time, I also feel the urge to remind them that pastoring doesn't require a paycheck.

The distinction between “lay elder” and “staff elder” is helpful as we pursue the biblical principle of paying pastors. Nonetheless, Scripture recognizes only two church offices: elders (also called pastors or overseers) and deacons. Fundamentally, there isn't a tiered system of *greater* elders and *lesser* elders—just elders! The qualifications and expectations for lay elders are the same as those for *all* elders (see 1 Tim. 3:1–7, Titus 1:5–9, and 1 Pet. 5).

Practically, this means that as an elder in my local church, I share the same responsibilities as my fellow elders: exercising oversight, teaching God's Word, providing pastoral counsel, praying for the sick, mediating disagreements, making hospital visits, discipling younger Christians, and shepherding our members. These duties belong to all the elders, regardless of whether we receive a paycheck. and while we must recognize that there are differing capacities for different men, the overall thrust is the same: elders are elders, whether they be lay or staff.

### **Consider a Vocation to Help You Become a Lay Elder**

In light of the need for faithful elders, I often challenge young men with this question: What might it look like to structure your life and vocation around serving as a faithful lay elder in your church?

All of us must consider a variety of factors when choosing a vocation. The obvious ones are things like compensation, opportunities for growth, the job market, skills and interests, work-life balance, personal fulfillment, and more. But what would it look like for aspiring lay elders to choose their career based on their desire to serve in their local church and, more specifically, to serve as an elder?

This might mean choosing a career where the compensation is lower but the schedule provides more flexibility to shepherd the flock. It might mean choosing a job with less travel. Or, as in my case, it might mean picking a career that “stacks” well with pastoral ambitions. Working at a Christian publisher and serving as a local church pastor actually work together in great harmony!

### **Consider Getting Training to Be a Lay Elder**

In some cases, aspiring (or current) lay elders might consider pursuing theological training with the goal of serving more faithfully. Not every man needs to attend seminary, and in some cases it may even be unwise. Men who have a full-time job, a family, and church responsibilities have multiple factors to consider. Yet, because

theological training is now available in diverse forms—seminary, church-based programs, internships, distance learning—aspiring lay elders can more easily pursue the education that best fits their situation.

### **Lay Eldering Is Not a Failure**

Sadly, I often hear young men say they've "failed" to use their seminary degree if they aren't serving on a church staff in some capacity. *What was the point of going to school, paying for classes, and graduating if I'm not going to "use" it?*

My counsel is, rather than see a vocational "zag" as a failure, see it as God's providence refining your aspirations. Might such a "zag" mean not being on a church staff? Possibly. Does it mean never getting to pastor? Not by a long shot.

Brothers, if you love the church, love God's Word, and aspire to the pastoral office, don't limit that calling to a paycheck. Instead, consider structuring your life around serving Christ's church as a faithful lay elder. The church needs elders, lay and staff alike. Lay elders aren't backup options—they are faithful shepherds of the church that Christ laid down his life for. ❖

## **A Job Description for Lay Elders**

By Jeramie Rinne

You were humbled—and a little surprised—when the pastor asked you to serve as an elder. You prayed about it, talked to your wife, and got the input of a few trusted church members. With a mixture of trepidation and excitement you accepted the nomination, and a few weeks later you were voted into office.

Now you sit at your first elders' meeting, waiting for things to start. And a nagging thought arises: "Okay, I am an elder. *Now what do I do?*"

### **Well-Intentioned but Ill-Informed**

Lay elders are often godly, well-intentioned men who love the Lord and serve the church faithfully. But they sometimes lack a well-rounded understanding of the biblical job description for elders. Unfortunately, we paid pastors often share in their confusion!

As a result, lay elders sometimes fill the gaps of their understanding with their own life experiences. They assume being an elder is roughly equivalent to serving on a board of trustees for a non-profit organization, or leading a company, or managing a project, or commanding a warship, or supervising sub-contractors. While aspects of those skills and experiences will prove useful, none of them adequately approximates the elder task.

So what is a lay elder's job description? What are they supposed to do? Attend meetings? Approve budgets? Distribute communion?

### **Shepherd God's Flock**

Here's the short answer from the apostle Peter: "*I exhort the elders among you: shepherd God's flock*" (1 Pet. 5:2; see also John 21:15–16 and Acts 20:28). Elders serve the Good Shepherd by providing his local flocks with spiritual oversight. El-

ders feed, lead, protect, and nurture church members like shepherds do with sheep.

Let's get even more specific. While shepherding is a powerful metaphor for framing an elder's job description, our new elder needs concrete instructions. He needs an answer to his question, "Now what do I do?" Fortunately, God's Word lists very specific duties that help elders put the shepherding imagery to work.

## **Four Primary Duties**

Here are four duties that are central to the elder's job description. While this list is not exhaustive, I believe if lay elders devoted themselves to these four things, they would excel as shepherds.

### **1. Teach**

An elder must be "*an able teacher*" (1 Tim. 3:2; see 5:17). He must hold "*to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and refute those who contradict it*" (Titus 1:9). Jesus' under-shepherds feed Jesus' sheep with Jesus' word.

If you're an elder, find venues for teaching the Bible regularly. Teach a Sunday school class, lead a home group, give a lesson to the youth group, or study Scripture with a member over coffee. And if you're offered a chance to preach, take it.

Further, tune in to the church's overall teaching ministry. Keep a finger on the pulse of what's being taught through congregational singing or in the Sunday school curriculum. Listen closely when members talk about what they're reading and be alert for rotten food in their spiritual diet.

Finally, remember that teaching includes training others to perpetuate the church's teaching ministry. As Paul said to Timothy, "*What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also*" (2 Tim. 2:2). So bring along an apprentice teacher whenever you can.

### **2. Lead**

Just as shepherds lead their flocks, so elders lead local congregations. The biblical writers also call elders "overseers," a title that highlights their role as leaders (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1; Titus 1:5, 7). Hebrews instructs Christians to "*obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account*" (Heb. 13:17).

Elders, be brave and lead your church. Don't hide among the baggage like King Saul. When you see challenges in your church, face them proactively and plot a course forward.

Courageous leadership might involve reaching out to a frustrated member who's stopped attending, or confronting an unrepentant member through church discipline. Or it could mean wrestling through staffing strategies, budget challenges, or important policies that affect the spiritual identity of the congregation.

As you lead, don't lose sight of the destination. The goal isn't to lead a church to become an efficient organization, as important as that may be. Rather, elders should lead church members toward maturity in Christ. Jesus gave teaching shep-

herds to the church “to build up the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness” (Eph. 4:12–13).

### **3. Model**

Most importantly, elders lead by example. Shepherd the church “not [by] lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock” (1 Pet. 5:3). Not surprisingly, the New Testament lists of elder qualifications focus predominantly on character (1 Tim. 3:1–7, Titus 1:5–9; 1 Pet. 5:1–4). An elder’s most basic job is to say “*Imitate me as I also imitate Christ*” (1 Cor. 11:1).

The mandate to model maturity carries two critical implications. First, modeling means you must guard your godliness: “Pay close attention to your life and your teaching” (1 Tim. 4:16). Continue to live close to the Lord, nurture your wife and children well, resist sin, and love people. Open your life to the loving accountability of the other elders. Modeling maturity is a team project.

That leads to a second implication: modeling requires elders to *be among* the people. It only works if people see you up close. So open your life to church members.

Invite them into your home, your hobbies, and your ministry. People need a firsthand experience of how you handle stress, relate to your wife, respond to difficult people, and humbly admit when you blow it.

### **4. Pray**

Finally, elders should take up the apostolic shepherding mantle and say, “*we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry*” (Acts 6:4). Ultimately elders are powerless in themselves to mature anyone in Christ; only the Holy Spirit can do that through God’s Word. The sooner an elder realizes this, the sooner he will hit his knees and plead for a continual work of grace among church members, as well as in his own life.

So if you’re a lay elder (or a paid elder!), strive to be a man of prayer. Build regular prayer into your daily rhythms. Pray over your church’s membership rolls during the commute or while you’re walking the dog. Carve out time as an elder board for concerted prayer. And when you’re talking to a church member, be sure to stop and pray for her right then and there.

### **Shepherd like Jesus**

Maybe we could sum up an elder’s job description this way: shepherd the church members like Jesus shepherds his disciples.

Like Jesus, make teaching central to your ministry, and make Jesus and the gospel the primary content of your teaching. In every decision, lead your people toward knowing and trusting Jesus. Let them see the character of Jesus exemplified in your life. And just as Jesus often turned aside to pray, so you as an elder should join Jesus in interceding for his people.

The under-shepherds of Jesus are at their best when they reflect Jesus, the Chief Shepherd. ❖

# Martin Luther on the Great Exchange

## **Luther: Letters of Spiritual Counsel**

“Therefore, my dear brother, learn Christ and him crucified. Learn to pray to him an, despairing of yourself, say: ‘Thou, Lord Jesus, art my righteousness, but I am thy sin. Thou hast taken upon thyself what is mine and hast given to me what is thine. Thou has taken upon thyself what thou wast not and hast given to me what I was not.’ Beware of aspiring to such purity that you will not wish to be looked upon as a sinner, or to be one. For Christ dwells only in sinners. On this account he descended from heaven, where he dwelt among the righteous, to dwell among sinners. Meditate on this love of his and you will see his sweet consolation. For why was it necessary for him to die if we can obtain a good conscience by our works and afflictions? Accordingly you will find peace only in him and only when you despair of yourself and your own works. Besides, you will learn from him that just as he has received you, he has made your sins his own and has made his righteousness.”

## **In Martin Luther’s “The Freedom of a Christian”**

Who then can value highly enough these royal nuptials? Who can comprehend the riches of the glory of this grace? Christ, that rich and pious husband, takes as a wife a needy and impious harlot, redeeming her from all her evils, and supplying her with all His good things. It is impossible now that her sins should destroy her, since they have been laid upon Christ and swallowed up in Him, and since she has in her husband Christ a righteousness which she may claim as her own, and which she can set up with confidence against all her sins, against death and hell, saying: “If I have sinned, my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned; all mine is His, and all His is mine;” as it is written, *“My beloved is mine, and I am his.”* (Songs 2:16) This is what Paul says:

*“Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ;”* victory over sin and death, as he says: *“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.”* (1 Cor 15:56-57)

As Christ by His birthright has obtained these two dignities, so He imparts and communicates them to every believer in Him, under that law of matrimony of which we have spoken above, by which all that is the husband’s is also the wife’s. Hence all we who believe on Christ are kings and priests in Christ, as it is said: *“Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* (1 Peter 2:9) ❖



# Creation Moments

*Proclaiming Evidence for Truth*

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Delaware Creation



*“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;” - Acts 17:26*

Many cultures around the world have legends about creation and a great Flood that have been handed down from generations in the distant past. Most support the biblical story of creation and the Flood.

The Wallam Olum is the story of creation and the history of the Delaware Indians. It predates the coming of white people or Christianity to North America. The Delaware creation legend reveals an all-powerful creator who began by creating an earth without dry land, and the heavens, including the sun, moon, and stars. After dividing the waters from the land, he made all living things, including the first mother. This world was full of joy and had no sorrow until the snake brought wickedness. It concludes by saying that all this happened beyond the great ocean.

The Delaware story of the Flood begins with the world filled with evil because of the activity of the evil snake. A few were saved through the Flood at an island called “Nana,” a name very similar to Noah.

While the Wallam Olum is not Genesis, the similarities with Genesis are too many to be accidental. This can only be explained by the fact that the Bible is accurate in describing how all cultures have shared this history together.

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# Missionary of the Week

Ralph & Elaine Elliott  
Cru - Antwerp, Belgium

## The First Belgian National Student Conference

We had mentioned in our email correspondence about our first national university student conference. This was a big step of faith for our campus leadership team. Months of planning included finding the right speakers, designing the right workshops, even finding the right venue to hold the conference. Through much prayer, hard work, and attention to many details, our campus team saw their prayers realized as a great location was found, two excellent speakers emerged, and helpful workshop topics were found. After these important steps, a number of students began to show interest and register.

***One of the most exciting and motivational aspects of this day conference was not just the worship music or interesting speakers but rather the theme of going deeper into discipleship.*** Our team had seen that they could attract a big number of students through worship music and fellowship, but in addition to this, a focus on how students could go the next step to deepen their commitment and walk with the Lord was needed.



In the months preceding, our campus team had been organizing worship nights for campus students near the city of Leuven where the Catholic University of Leuven is located. Amazingly, the campus team was seeing as many as 100 students attend these worship nights. The team was hoping for another big turnout of 100, but of

course there is big difference for students to attend a worship evening for a couple hours and attending an all-day discipleship conference in a different city.

Our team was praising God that He had drawn close to 40 students to the conference. The talks on discipleship, on dating, and related themes were a big hit with these young students. The expected results were not just excitement or enthusiasm—which did happen—but also a deepened walk with God that will carry them through future difficult times in their faith and increase their desire to reach out to their non-Christian friends and disciple them in their faith.

Please join us in prayer that this one day gathering (part 2 will happen in October) will lead to multiplied ministry and a harvest in the years to come!

Thank you for your partnership!

*Ralph and Elaine*

### **Nursery May 24**

#### **Babies:**

Jay & Lisa Rowe

#### **Toddlers:**

Sona Bailey, Charlotte Denney

#### **Preschoolers:**

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

### **Nursery May 31**

#### **Babies:**

Donna Martin, Ceci Sheffield, Susan Su

#### **Toddlers:**

Taylor & Courtney Pelton

#### **Preschoolers:**

Jim, Heather, & L'Ili 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.

## Monday

Memorial Day: Office Closed

## 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 &amp; 2 Timothy, Titus</i>	6:15 p.m.

## Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
Kids' Ministry: <i>Meet the FABC Missionaries</i>	6:45 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.
Wedding Shower for Brooke Illsley	7:00 p.m.

## Saturday

Men's Fifth Saturday Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
Crochet Club	10:00 a.m.

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

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 Theol.: Bibliology	Gym Overflow:	Tom Keller

### Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Sandra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Donna Martin, Brittany Hall
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:	Jess Dimmitt, Karen Law
Youth Guys & Girls	Room 206:	Bobby DeLoach, Shawn Champion, Avalon DeLoach