

July 5, 2026



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It wasn't just the pastor's job to preach; every single member of the church was called to be a "holy agitator," pushing their brothers and sisters out of complacency and into active service.

Ligonier Ministries

Announcements

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, **July 6**, for the Saturday July 4 holiday.

Elders' Meeting

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, **July 7**, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Youth begins at 6:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays and Adult Bible Study begin at 6:45 p.m.

Crochet Club

Crochet Club meets in the Youth house on Saturday, **July 11**, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Communion

We will celebrate Communion during Morning Worship on Sunday, **July 12**.

Senior Saints' Lunch

The Senior Saints will have lunch at the Juicy Seafood restaurant in Chatham Plaza on Tuesday, **July 21**. Sign the list in the hall, and meet at the restaurant at 12:00 noon.

Quarterly Members' Meeting

There is a quarterly members' meeting on Sunday, **July 26**, before Evening Worship. Time will be announced.

Children's Camp Interest Signup

Our Older Children's Camp takes place at Epworth by the Sea from **July 27-30**. It is for kids who have just finished third grade through sixth grade. If you are interested in your child attending, sign up using the QR code to the right. Cindy Wise will get with you for a full registration.



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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:1

Pew Bible p. 603

Baptism

Prayer of Praise

Greeting

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

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn, bulletin pp. 6-7

“Isaiah 43”

Prayer of General Confession

Steve Posner

1 Peter 3:18

Pew Bible p. 1016

Hymn, bulletin p. 8

“Satisfied”

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:1-17

Shawn Champion

Pew Bible pp. 555-556

Hymn #389, bulletin p. 9

“I Am Resolved”

Message

Tom Keller

The Privileges of Adoption, Part 2

Adoption #12

Galatians 4:1-11, Pew Bible p. 974

Hymn, bulletin p. 10

“Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible”

The Privileges of Adoption, Part 2

Adoption #12

Galatians 4:1-11

Romans 8:12-16

I. The Enslavement to the Elementary Principle of the World (vs. 1-3).

- a. The child and the slave (vs. 1-2).

- b. The adopted (v. 3).

- c. The elementary principles of the world (v. 3).

- d. When the Child comes of age.

II. The Legal Payment that Sets Us Free (vs. 4-5).

- a. God sent His Son.

- b. That we may be adopted.

III. The Experience of Being Sons and Daughters of God (vs. 6-7)

- a. Galatians 4:6-7

- b. Romans 8:12-16

- c. Being led by the Spirit.

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Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission

Tom Keller will teach and serve lunch at the Old Savannah City Mission on Saturday, **August 1**. The DeLoach family, Kelly Zittrouer, and Eleanor Bowden are scheduled to help. If you would like to help now or in the future, contact Janice Donaldson to be added to the schedule.

After Church Lunch

We will have lunch together after church on Sunday, **August 2**. Please bring a covered dish to share. Invite your friends!

Women of Light Night Out

The Women of Light will meet at Carey Hilliard's on Waters Avenue on Friday, **August 14**, at 5:30 p.m. Sign the list in the hall so Amy Keller can give them a number!

There should be something about Christians (us) that the world can't quite understand. I don't mean that people would think of us as strange or weird but that they would certainly see something different about us.

Instead we kind of blend in. There's nothing different about us. We are conditioned to think, talk and believe in the way the culture encourages us to think, talk, and believe, but we forget that our culture isn't a Biblical one.

As Christians we ought to feel some discontentment here. We ought to feel like this world is not our home. YET many of us do feel at home here, at home in our world and comfortable in what we have.

The Martyr's Oath

In the Christian life we have a means. That means is steadfast perseverance or endurance. The word is *hupomone* which does not mean the patience which sits down and accepts things but the patience which masters them. It is not some romantic thing which lends us wings to fly over the difficulties and the hard places. It is a determination, unhurrying and yet undelaying, which goes steadily on and refuses to be deflected. Obstacles do not daunt it and discouragements do not take its hope away. It is the steadfast endurance which carries on until in the end it gets there.

In the Christian life we have an example. That example is Jesus himself. For the goal that was set before him, he endured all things; to win it meant the way of the Cross. The writer to the Hebrews has a flash of insight—despising the shame, he says. Jesus was sensitive; never had any person so sensitive a heart. A cross was a humiliating thing. It was for criminals, for those whom society regarded as the dregs of humanity—and yet he accepted it. A pastor from the early 1500's bids us "to despise the world, to despise ourselves, and to despise—the fact that we are despised". If Jesus could endure like that, so must we.

From William Barclay's Daily Devotional on Hebrews 12 (edited)

Important Upcoming Events



July:

6	Independence Holiday: Office Closed	
7	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11	Crochet Club	10:00 a.m.
12	Communion in Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
14	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
16	Young Adult Social	TBA
21	Senior Saints' Lunch: Juicy Seafood, Chatham Plaza	12:00 p.m.
26	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA

27-30 Children's Camp

August:

1	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: DeLoach family, Kelly Zittrouer, Eleanor Bowden	11:00 a.m.
2	After Church Lunch	12:00 p.m.
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: Carey Hilliard's, Waters Ave.	5:30 p.m.
19	Adventure Club Kickoff	6:20 p.m.
23	Home Fellowships	6:00 p.m.
29	Men's Fifth Saturday Breakfast	7:15 a.m.

September:

1	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
5	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Wise and Donaldson families	11:00 a.m.
8	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
24	Life Line Health Screening in the Fellowship Hall	

**ATTENTION!
PLEASE!**

We are recruiting monthly volunteers for kitchen duty on Wednesday nights, beginning August 19. There is a list on the bulletin board for Set-up and Servers, Dishwashers, and Clean-up Crew. We need two for each job for the month. Thanks for helping out!

24 **B \flat** **E \flat add9** **C** **F** **Women:** I am the Lord your
 Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God_____

28 **E \flat add9** **Gm** **C** **I**
 God_____ I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31 **Gm** **C** **B \flat** **E \flat add9** **C** **F** **F/E**
Women: Do not Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Men:** I am the Lord

35 **F/D** **F/C** **B \flat** **F/A** **Gm** **C** **F** **F/E**
 fear Do not fear Do not I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 **F/D** **F/C** **B \flat** **F/A** **Gm** **C** **F**
 fear Do not fear I am the Lord **last time only**
Unison: I am the Lord.

Lead line - in Bb
Chords in G, capo 3 for Bb

Satisfied

Red Mountain Music

Capo 3: Cadd9 Intro Ebadd9

1. All my life long I had pan - ted
 2. Feed - ing on the filth a - round me
 3. Poor I was and sought for rich - es
 4. Well of wa - ter ev - er spring - ing

3 for a drink from some cool spring
 'till my strength was al - most gone.
 Bread of Life so rich and ly. free.

5 that I hoped would quench the burn - ing
 Longed my soul for some - thing bet - ter
 But the dust I gath - ered 'round me
 Un - told wealth that nev - er fail - eth,

7 of the thirst I felt with - in.
 on - ly still to my hun - ger on.
 on - ly mocked my soul's is sad cry.
 my Re - deem - er is to me.

9 Hal - le - lu - jah! He has found me,

11 the One my soul so long has craved!

13 Je - sus sat - is - fies all my long - ings

15 through his blood I now am saved!

last time double chorus
tag: repeat last 2 measures 2X

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I Am Resolved

PALMER HARTSOUGH, 1844-1932

JAMES H. FILLMORE, 1849-1936

1. I am re-solved no lon-ger to lin-ger, Charmed by the world's de-light;
 2. I am re-solved to go to the Sav-ior, Leav- ing my sin and strife;
 3. I am re-solved to fol- low the Sav-ior, Faith- ful and true each day;
 4. I am re-solved to en- ter the king- dom, Leav- ing the paths of sin;
 5. I am re-solved, and who will go with me? Come, friends, without de- lay;

Things that are high-er, things that are no-bler— These have al-lured my sight.
 He is the true one, He is the just one— He hath the words of life.
 Heed what He say-eth, do what He will-eth— He is the liv- ing way.
 Friends may op-pose me, foes may be-set me, Still will I en- ter in.
 Taught by the Bi-ble, led by the Spir-it, We'll walk the heav'n-ly way.

CHORUS

I will has-ten to Him, Has-ten so glad and free;
 I will has-ten, has-ten, glad and free;

Je - sus, great-est, high-est, I will come to Thee.
 Je - sus, Je - sus,

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

Three Reasons Why Kids Need Theology

By Sam Luce

Without realizing it, we often teach kids sanitized versions of Bible stories. We edit stories that we feel are a bit too much. We instinctually ask if we should teach this to kids rather than assuming, as Paul did in 2 Timothy 3:16, that “*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*” If that is true, then we don’t have a content issue. We have an application issue. The question for us isn’t, “Should I teach this difficult or disturbing story from Scripture?” The question is, “How do I teach this difficult truth in a way that kids can understand?”

In my book *How to Teach Kid’s Theology*, my coauthor Hunter Williams and I define theology this way: “*The application of a person’s knowledge of God’s revelation to all of life.*” We like this definition for two reasons. One, it’s broader and doesn’t give the impression that a person has to be an expert or elite Christian to be a theologian. You don’t have to be an expert, you just need to be faithful.

The second reason we like this definition is that it acknowledges the practical nature of theology. God reveals himself to all peoples, and their response to his revelation is their application of it. Whether people study God’s Word vigorously, or ignore his design in the world intentionally, they are operating as theologians, because they are taking the knowledge of God they’ve received and deciding how they will allow it to affect their lives. As teachers and parents, you are called to accurately share God’s revelation with your kids and teach them how to faithfully apply it to their lives. Theology is a holistic, ongoing practice in which people receive and respond to God’s revelation, meaning that all of us are theologians—you, me, and everyone.

I know what you are thinking, “Isn’t that a bit much for kids?” In a word, no - I think DA Carson’s analysis is the most concise. He says, “One generation knows the gospel, the next assumes the gospel, and the third generation denies the gospel.”

When I was growing up we lived in a season where the gospel was assumed. As a kid, there were no sports or school activities on Wednesday nights, so kids could go to youth groups. Stores were closed on Sunday, so people could spend time with family and observe the Sabbath. We lived in a culture in which Christian ideas, thoughts, and standards, for better or worse, pervaded our country. In the South, this is still true to some extent.

I think the feeling when I was growing up was that you didn’t need to give kids as deep of a grounding in doctrine and truth because it was everywhere. There was stuff you learned for sure, but I think many things were assumed. As parents and as pastors, we can no longer assume anything. We live in arguably the most secular age our country has ever seen. We must proactively teach our kids the stories of the Bible, the truth underneath the stories, and, most importantly, the person to whom those truths and stories point.

That is the context for why we need to teach our kids theology. Here are a few reasons why it matters.

1. Feelings matter, but they often lie to us.

If our kids are not grounded in truth, their feelings will move them to love Jesus until they no longer feel like loving Jesus. We all need to know God and experience God. Knowing what is true anchors our soul, and though storms may rage, we might be moved but we will never drift. Truth anchors us in our hope—Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

2. Theology creates categories that allow for understanding to take root.

Randomly teaching kids Bible stories has some value, but a theological system allow us to teach our kids the whole counsel of God. Our kids need to hear the stories of Daniel and David, but they need to know the God of Daniel and David. That happens through systematic teaching of doctrine in a relational environment. By reading my kids systematic theology, they have been asking questions about God they hadn't asked because it is creating categories about who God is that never existed in their minds before. This truth is grounded in the reality of God's love and how that love intersects our world.

3. Kids need truth that is over their heads.

Hear me out. I firmly believe that we need to teach our kids not just stories of animals and adventure. We must teach our kids all about who God is before they fully understand. I appreciate all the brilliant sociologists who tell us how kids learn. We should listen to them, but not be disciples by them. What I mean is we must teach kids a faith they can grasp today, but we must also prepare them for the faith they are going to need tomorrow. To prepare kids for future faith, we must give them deep truths that will provide grounding in the face of storms that challenge their faith. As parents and pastors, we must give kids a faith that is big enough that they can grow into it rather than a faith that is so simple they will out of.

As you are faithful to teach, I pray that you will paint a picture of Jesus for your kids that is infinitely more beautiful than anything this world can offer them. I pray that you will find our book a worthy resource to help your kids apply their knowledge of God's revelation to all of life. ❖



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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Astonishing "Coincidences"



"Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward..." - Psalm 40:5

A coincidence occurs when two events that you know are not related happen in such a way that they seem related. But when more than two seemingly unrelated events seem to work

together, you would have to conclude that they were, in fact, related.

That's why scientists are beginning to wonder whether there isn't a plan to the universe after all. For life to exist in the universe, literally millions of details must come together in just the right way. If the force of gravity or the forces holding the atom together were only a tiny bit stronger or weaker, life could not exist. The carbon atom is the basis of life. Is it coincidence that the carbon atom is unique in its ability to form the long, complex chains of molecules needed for life? If stars burned at a slightly different rate than they do, life would either be burned up or frozen to death.

Many scientists have actually stated in writing that they are astonished at the huge number of cosmic "coincidences" that have come together in the universe to make life possible. Some are even suggesting that the universe has an impersonal intelligence. But why cloud the issue this way? Why not simply recognize that there is indeed a Creator God who has created a whole universe just for the benefit of life, especially humankind?

Image: ISS-66 Astronaut Mark Vande Hei peers at the Earth below, NASA, PD, Wikimedia Commons.



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Missionary of the Week

John & Gail Conner
Avant Ministries - Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Like cold water to a weary soul,
So is good news from a distant land.
Proverbs 25:25**

**But He answered them, “My Father is working until now,
and I Myself am working.”
John 5:17**

One of the challenges of following Jesus is that we do not always **see** Him working. We can labor at serving, parenting, ministering and sometimes not see the results. I was reminded this month that God is at work even when are not aware of it, we don't often **see** what He is doing “behind the scenes.” I had the privilege of receiving news from a distant land that was indeed a drink of cold water, reminding me that He is always working and His timing is not always ours. So, I thought I would share this news about David Daniel who was one of my mentees last year. The person with our mission agency responsible for following up with potential missionary appointees wrote the following note of ‘good news’ from Honduras.



“I met with Daniel to follow up on his process, he is very encouraged with the topic of mentoring and says that some topics seem more “reminders” than something new, but that he has found a lot of richness in knowing his mentor's experience, the testimonies and advice he has received from him.”

And later another note:

“I met with Daniel to follow up on the formal process and he expressed a very important question: due to the nature of the ministry he has been developing in rural areas of Honduras, he has had the opportunity to strengthen his ties with church leaders in the United States who have supported the teams of volunteers who come to serve the area; one of these churches has contacted him to invite him to visit them in the United States and they have sent a letter of invitation to formalize this and to serve as a backup in the American embassy.

Upon receiving this invitation, thinking about his connections with other pastors, and talking with Chris [his brother, another of my former mentees, and now with Avant] about the sending church, the question arose as to whether he could be sent

by another church in the United States. Since he has not yet completed the formal process form, I encouraged him to pray and ask for advice, because if he manages to obtain the American visa, he would have the opportunity to visit this church and get closer to its leaders; I also indicated that this decision is very important and does not invalidate or belittle the support of the church in Honduras, and that, part of the training he will receive, will also give him tools and strategies to maintain good communication with the ministry partners that God allows.

David was very calm and grateful for the information; it gave him a lot of peace to know about this and how to pray and proceed about it. We agree that he will not send his formal request until he is convinced of who his sending church will be.”

May our Lord help us all to “not lose heart in doing good,” with our serving, parenting, ministering as we remember that our Father and His Son are always “working until now” beyond our **seeing**. So please join with us in asking the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest fields by praying for us as we connect with Hispanic believers, and for the Lord’s provision for those who have finished and are pursuing being sent: Jhojan and Nora, Chris and Blanca, and Daniel. Thanks for your encouragement and your partnership with this privileged task.

Yours – for Jesus’ sake,

John and Gail Conner

Nursery July 5

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Jan DeLoach,
Kayla Duero

Toddlers:

Cindy Dimmitt, Rebekah Helmick

Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller



Nursery July 12

Babies:

Jeanie Groover, Beth Lewis

Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

Preschoolers:

Avalon DeLoach, Linnea Posner

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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

Office Closed

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study: Hebrews, Part 1	11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: Hebrews, Part 1	6:15 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus	6:15 p.m.
Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth	6:30 p.m.
Wacky Wednesday	6:45 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday

Crochet Club	10:00 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 July:

Bill Bailey, Dennis Brittingham

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:	Lynn Ernst, Savannah Martin
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