



August 30, 2026

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Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

(Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; I Cor. 6:20; 10:31; Rev. 4:11)

(Ps. 16:5-11; 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil. 4:4; Rev. 21:3-4)

Announcements

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, **September 1**, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Suppers

This Wednesday night, supper is Chicken Stir Fry. Sign up! Supper starts at 5:30 p.m., Adventure Club starts at 6:20 p.m., Youth begins at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Bible Study begins at 6:45 p.m. Everything wraps up before 8:00 p.m.

Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission

Tom Keller will teach and serve lunch at the Old Savannah City Mission on Saturday, **September 5**. The Wise and Donaldson families are scheduled to help. If you would like to help now or later, contact Janice Donaldson.

Evening Worship

Evening Worship moves to 6:00 p.m. **September 6**.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, **September 7**, for Labor Day.

Joy Class

The Joy Class begins meeting in the Fellowship Hall again on Tuesday, **September 8**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

New Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study, *The Godly Kings of Judah*, by Cynthia Cavanaugh, on **September 8**. The book is available from Amazon for \$14.99. If you'd like to join them on Tuesday nights at 6:15 p.m., get your book and let Jessica Dimmitt know.



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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

Pew Bible p. 1003

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting

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

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Parent & Child Dedication

Covenant on handout

Prayer of Praise

Hymn, bulletin pp. 5-7

“Good and Gracious King”

Prayer of General Confession

Tom Keller

Exodus 34:6-7

Pew Bible p. 74

Hymn #61, bulletin p. 8

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 10:1-11

John Humphrey

Pew Bible p. 558

Hymn#195, bulletin p. 9

“Standing on the Promises”

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Taxes, Coins, & Images

Matthew #143

Matthew 22:15-22, Pew Bible pp. 827-828

Hymn, bulletin p. 10

“Now Unto Him”

Taxes, Coins, & Images

Matthew #143

Matthew 22:15-22

The Mosaic Law does not explicitly mention the prohibition of images on coins. Although images on coins are not forbidden it was a source of irritation to the Jews and some had died protesting such things. Some also believed that to pay taxes to Rome was to recognize Rome's authority over Israel. To give tribute to Caesar was to accept him as king and therefore, disown Jehovah as King.

The coin for the tax was not a shekel (Jewish coin) but a denarius (a Roman coin).

Jesus' point: two authorities existed not one.

First:

Second:

The total amount of tax revenue paid to Herod Antipas was estimated to be around 1.5 million dollars annually.

"Is it lawful" is more akin to is it ethically right or maybe is it morally, right?

Question: what belongs to God?

Isaiah 44:5 - The LXX states that the Spirit-indwelling an Israelite will "inscribe" the phrase "I am God's."

Psalms 24:1

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Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **September 8**, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Choir Practice

The Adult Choir will present *Glory to the Newborn King* the evening of December 20. Practice begins on Sunday, **September 13**, at 5:00 p.m., and meets every other Sunday night. Consider joining the choir, even if you've never sung in one before. You must be an FABC member, willing to learn your part and be able to sing it well. We have learning aids available. If you were in the Easter cantata, I have already sent you a link to access these aids, so start listening! No audition necessary!

After Church Fellowship

Join us for an After Church Fellowship following Evening Worship on Sunday, **September 20**. Bring a snack to share!

Deacon Nominations Needed

Bill Bailey, Danny Edwards, Cole Morris, and Jay Rowe are rotating off the Deacon Board. Please use the new form in the bulletin to submit a nomination! Turn in your nomination to any Elder by **September 20**. We can elect up to four.

Life Line Health Screening

They will be in our Fellowship Hall **September 24**. Please see the poster in the hall for details on how to make an appointment. There is a built-in discount ordering that way. Dawn has a couple of vouchers for free Stroke/Carotid Artery Buildup tests. If you'd like one, come by her office Monday through Thursday, or catch her on a Sunday or Wednesday night.

Important Upcoming Events



September:

1	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
5	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Wise and Donaldson families	11:00 a.m.
7	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
8	Joy Class resumes	9:00 a.m.
8	New Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study: <i>The Godly Kings of Judah</i>	6:15 p.m.
8	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
15	Senior Saints' Lunch: Bonefish Grill	11:00 a.m.
20	After Church Fellowship	7:00 p.m.
24	Life Line Health Screening in the Fellowship Hall	

October:

1	Cruise payment due	
3	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Youth & Young Adults	11:00 a.m.
6	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Good and Gracious King

Words and Music by

Jonny Robinson, James Ferguson
and Michael Farren

♩ = 80



1. I ap-proach the throne of glo-ry,



noth-ing in my hands I ____ bring but the prom-ise of ac-cept-ance



from a good and gra-cious ____ King.



2. I will give to You my bur-den as You give to me Your ____ strength,



come and fill me with Your Spir-it as I sing to You this ____ praise.



You de-serve the great-er glo-ry. O-ver-come, I lift my ____ voice



to the King in need of noth - ing; emp-ty-hand-ed, I ____ re-joice.



You de-serve the great-er glo-ry; o-ver-come with joy I ____ sing.

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Good and Gracious King, p. 2

By Your love I am ac-cep-ted; You're a good and gra-cious King.

3. Oh what grace that You would see me

as Your child and as Your friend. Safe, se-cure in You for-ev-er,

I pour out my praise a-gain. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry.

O-ver-come, I lift my voice to the King in need of noth-ing;

emp-ty-hand-ed, I re-joice. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry;

o-ver-come with joy I sing. By Your love I am ac-cep-ted;

You're a good and gra-cious King.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,

Good and Gracious King, p. 3

D A Bm G
 good and gra-cious, good and gra-cious. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 D A Bm G
 good and gra-cious King. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 D A Bm G
 good and gra-cious, good and gra-cious. Ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord Al-might-y,
 D A G
 good and gra-cious King. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry.
 D A
 O-ver-come, I lift my ____ voice to the King in need of noth-ing;
 D D/F# G
 emp-ty-hand-ed, I ____ re-joice. You de-serve the great-er glo-ry;
 Bm A
 o-ver-come with joy I ____ sing. By Your love I am ac-cep-ted;
 D A
 You're a good and gra-cious King.
 Bm G D

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

S. TREVOR FRANCIS, 1834-1925

EBENEZER

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS, 1869-1944

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus - Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free!
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus - Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus - Love of ev - 'ry love the best!

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,
 How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more.
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love -
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus - 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, To my glo - rious rest a - bove.
 How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne!
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee.

Standing on the Promises

R. KELSO CARTER, 1849-1928

R. KELSO CARTER, 1849-1928

1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thru e-ter-nal
 2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing
 3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-
 4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can-not fail, Lis-thing ev-'ry

a-ges let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est I will
 storms of doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing word of God I
 ter-nal-ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the
 mo-ment to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior as my

CHORUS
 shout and sing, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 shall pre-vail, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand - -
 Spir-it's sword, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing on the
 all in all, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.

ing, stand - - ing, Stand-ing on the
 prom-is-es, stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand - - ing,
 Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

stand - - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

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/GG C

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

Articles

The Fear of Death and God's Grip

By Jim Elliff

Whatever hard thing you are facing may turn out to be more frightful in the projection than the reality of it. Like all things that bring us fear, there is truth behind that fear, however. The truth that chokes us is that all of us *will* die (unless escaping at the coming of Christ). It is only a matter of time. We're sure, as well, that our lives could end in an unexpected way. And, beyond this, most of mankind fears what is beyond death, a just judgment for their actions and thoughts. So, when the artist inserts an unknown intruder illness or cataclysmic event on the canvas where such dark knowledge is already broad-washed as its background, fear is the result.

We could fear events or scenarios of national or worldwide destruction also. Perhaps you fear economic collapse. Like the pretentious banker, well-creased in the front, but threadbare in the rear, we struggle with the pretense of wealth sitting upon debt. We may anticipate businesses closing and governments bankrupt, we could see a broad expanse of poverty and joblessness, bold socialistic actions from which we will not soon be liberated, and prevailing discouragement as people try to push themselves upward with no sound footing beneath. It may bring suicides.

Or, these things may not happen.

Fear is the emotional reaction to a person's ideation of destruction, loss and pain anticipated and imagined [yes, that's a word]. There is truth concerning ultimate death, pain and judgment at its roots.

Christians are subject to accidents, sickness, wars, and failing economies as well as those not in the Kingdom of God. It's true that we live *in* the world. But we are not *of* the world. We are called by God whom we serve to embrace ultimate truths, not fear them, for Christ has done something remarkable for us. There are many such truths for believers, both related to this world and the next. We can let our emotion and mind fully wrap around those truths, and by doing so, not fear, but rise above those fears binding the hearts of unbelievers. As we know, the truths concerning the believer's end are not designed to be fear-producing. The writer of Hebrews said that Christ became man and died so that "*he might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives*" (2:15).

Recently I brought back into use an outline of biblical ideas I had written years before on a teaching Christians call "the security of the believer." They are well-suited for this time of new experiences that have potential to shake us. Don't be put off by the outline itself, with each part neatly starting with the same letter of the alphabet. It may help you remember it. Rather, examine the chapters and context of the verses supplied and see how the verses say exactly what the outline reports. We could think of these as five fingers of God gripping the true believer to keep him secure. I suggest that some of you would do well to memorize this outline and the verses supplied in order to meditate on them. It will give you stability even if the world around us morphs into something we have not seen before in our

lifetime. Maybe you can teach these to others, placing the verses in their Bible context to better appreciate their strength. And, by all means, put it in your Bible and on your bulletin board. Let this speak to you.

We are kept by the PROMISE of God.

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:37-40

We are kept by the POWER of God.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

John 10:28-30

We are kept by the PASSION of God.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom 8:38-39

We are kept by the PRIESTHOOD of God.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:23-25

We are kept by the PRESENCE of God.

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:13-14 ♦

Save the Date!

Friday, October 23 ✱ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Our traditional Fall Women of Light event is extended to women and men because this is a topic for everyone!

We will hear the testimony of **Dr. C. J. Wheeler**, a former abortionist, now a pro-life advocate. **Paula Kinard** from Empower SAV, the local pro-life women's help center our church supports will also speak.

There will be a meal and tickets are only \$10.

Registration is required and will be live online and via signup sheet soon.

Please invite friends, family, and folks from other churches.

Invitations to hand out are coming, also.

(No childcare provided)

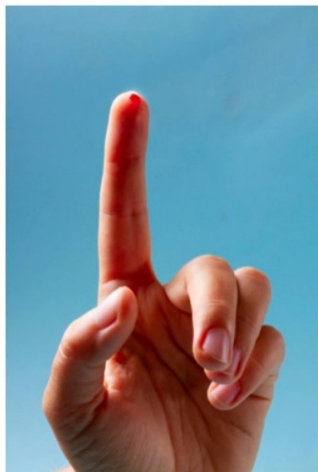


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"...thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee." - Nehemiah 9:6

Ouch! You've just gotten a paper cut on your finger. What's the first thing you do? If you're like most people, you'll probably put your finger in your mouth. If you think about it, you probably have no idea why you put your finger into your mouth. Actually, when a dog licks its wounds or when you put your paper-cut-ravaged finger in your mouth, you are beginning medical treatment.

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Only our wise and loving Creator could have provided us with this convenient and powerful medical treatment. Only He could have built into us the natural reaction of putting an injured finger into our mouth. Like so much else in the creation, this blessing is too well designed to be nothing more than a series of unrelated coincidences.

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Missionary of the Week

Ralph & Elaine Elliott
Cru - Antwerp, Belgium

Dear Friends,

We have a very busy month of ministry activities in September. We thank you in advance for your prayers!

1. For September 10–13, we have organized our 2nd annual Agape Life Belgium national staff conference. We will have 24 of our staff (and Stinters) along with as many as 10 volunteers joining us. Please pray for all the administration and logistics involved and, more importantly, that God will meet with us in a powerful way during this time together.



Agape Staff Conference 2025

2. We praise God that we will have six young campus graduates (called Stint – Short Term International) with us starting with this September conference. They will be with us working within the campus ministry for most of this year. It's exciting to think of what God may do this year with six more full-time campus workers joining in the spiritual ministry on campus in Belgium.

3. From September 14–18, we will have Bob and Diane Wallingford, a couple with Momentum Europe—a partner organization—coming to speak at a number of different events. They will probably speak to a business group that we arrange, perhaps to a group about principles of marriage, and also speak to university stu-

dents. Please pray that we can get all these meetings set up and that the Holy Spirit will use all this for His glory and for the advancement of God's kingdom in Belgium.

4. Please pray for Elaine and me as our visa situation is still in doubt. We may have to come in and out from Belgium every three months unless we can find a visa that allows us to remain here. We really appreciate your prayers on this important issue!

Ralph and Elaine

Specific prayer needs for the conference:

- Wisdom for how to organize the conference in the best way for maximum impact.
- Wisdom for the logistics that will make the conference run as smoothly as possible.
- The Holy Spirit to be in and among all parts of the gathering—speakers, content shared, fellowship among our staff, associates, volunteers, and visitors, hearts to be touched and impacted.
- Please pray that the Holy Spirit would give our staff and coworkers a spirit of great faith, trust, and understanding so that, in the words of our founder Bill Bright, we would all Help Transform our World!
- Pray for our group of six university grads coming to join us in Belgium and Ireland this academic year (more about this group of young workers in our next letter).

Nursery August 30

Babies:

Donna Martin, Ceci Sheffield,
Susan Su

Toddlers:

Taylor & Courtney Pelton

Preschoolers:

Jim, Heather, & L'Ili Schraeder



Nursery September 6

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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This Week at FABC!

Today

Coffee Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Supper: Chicken Stir Fry	5:30 p.m.
Adventure Club	6:20 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:45 p.m.

Thursday

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

Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Donaldson & Wise families	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 August:
Lockup Deacons for September:

Danny Edwards, Howard Ernst
Ron Fowler, Eric Horton

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

Questions & Answers	Fellowship Hall:	Bob Dimmitt
1 Peter (Sinclair Ferguson)	Youth House:	Steve Posner
Systematic Theol.: Bibliology	Gym Overflow:	Tom Keller

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Saundra Bridges
Toddlers	Room 24:	Donna Martin, Brittany Hall
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