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Q. 3. What is the Word of God?

A. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

(2 Pet. 1:19-21; Eph. 2:20; Rev. 22:18-19; Isa. 8:20; Luke 16:29, 31; Gal. 1:8-9; 2 Tim. 3:15-16.)

Announcements

Choir Practice Tonight!

If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Choir for the cantata, *Glory to the Newborn King*, please join us **this afternoon at 5:00 p.m.** Even if you've never sung in a choir before and want to try it out, come on. You just need to be a member willing and able to sing your part. We have materials to help you learn.

Senior Saints' Lunch

The Senior Saints will meet for lunch at the Bonefish Grill in Twelve Oaks on Tuesday, **September 15**, at 11:00 a.m. Sign the list in the hall and meet at the restaurant!

Wednesday Night Suppers

This Wednesday night, supper is Tacos. 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.

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 available to submit a nomination! Turn in your nomination to any Elder by next Sunday, **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 voucher for a free Stroke/Carotid Artery Buildup test. If you'd like one, come by her office Monday through Thursday, or catch her on a Sunday or Wednesday night.

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pew Bible pp. 500-501

Prayer of Praise

Greeting

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

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn, bulletin p. 6

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

Isaiah 55:6-7

Pew Bible p. 615

Hymn, bulletin p. 7

"Abide with Me"

Scripture Reading

Steve Posner

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

Pew Bible p. 559

Hymn, bulletin pp. 8-10

"Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew #145

Matthew 22:34-40, Pew Bible p. 828

Hymn, bulletin p. 11

"Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible"

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew #145

Matthew 22:34-40

The question Jesus is asked was a topic of frequent debate among the rabbis. What kinds of answers were given and debated?

Some thought that the commandment to circumcise male Jewish infants was the most important commandment.

The rabbis pointed out that circumcision:

- 1) Was the means of establishing thirteen covenants
- 2) Overrode the very strict prohibition of the Sabbath
- 3) Was required even of the righteous Moses
- 4) Overrode the prohibitions against cutting off leprous diseased flesh
- 5) Was required for Abraham to be whole and complete even though he had already kept all other commandments
- 6) Was the very reason for which God created the world:

The Purpose of Creation in Jewish Thought was:

- To Manifest God's Glory
- To Provide a Space for Free Will
- To Establish a Relationship

Summarizing, the covenant of circumcision is a vital aspect of Jewish identity and spirituality, emphasizing the importance of obedience to God, while the creation of the world is viewed as a means for humanity to engage with the divine and fulfill their purpose in life.

Often, concerning the second greatest commandment, it was argued that observing the Sabbath filled that spot.

You shall love the Lord your God – the love that people must have for God is not a mere emotion or feeling of affection. Loving God is an absolute devotion without reservation.

Matthew #145 Supplement

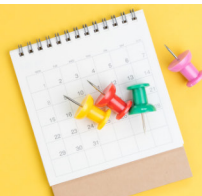
In Jewish theology, the Old Testament (OT) outlines several significant covenants between God and humanity. Here are the 13 key covenants often recognized:

- Noahic Covenant - God's promise to Noah after the flood, symbolized by the rainbow (Genesis 9:8-17).
- Abrahamic Covenant - God's promise to Abraham regarding land, descendants, and blessings (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-14).
- Mosaic Covenant - The covenant established at Sinai, including the giving of the Law (Exodus 19-24).
- Priestly Covenant - God's promise to Aaron and his descendants regarding their priestly role (Numbers 25:10-13).
- Davidic Covenant - God's promise to David that his lineage would endure forever (2 Samuel 7:12-16).
- New Covenant - A future promise of restoration and internal transformation (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
- Covenant of Circumcision - The sign of the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:10-14). - the covenant of circumcision is a vital aspect of Jewish identity & spirituality, emphasizing the importance of obedience to God, while the creation of the world is viewed as a means for humanity to engage with the divine & fulfill their purpose in life.
- Covenant of the Land - God's promise of the land of Canaan to the Israelites (Genesis 15:18-21).
- Covenant of the Law - The stipulations and commandments given to Israel (Exodus 20).
- Covenant of Peace - Promises of peace and security (Ezekiel 34:25).
- Covenant of Redemption - The overarching theme of God's redemptive plan throughout history.
- Covenant of Blessing - God's assurance of blessings for obedience (Deuteronomy 28). Or Covenant of the Spirit: A promise of the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26-27).
- Covenant of the Kingdom: Related to the Davidic line and the future messianic kingdom (Isaiah 55:3).

Mission Trip Supply Needs

Tom is taking a trip to South Asia from October 28 to November 10. Pray for a fruitful time. He will be teaching about 150 pastors and distributing scriptures to those who will attend the training. Each Bible costs \$4.60. If you would like to help to defray the costs of these Bibles, please note it on your contribution.

Important Upcoming Events



September:

13	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
15	Senior Saints' Lunch at Bonefish Grill	11:00 a.m.
20	After Church Fellowship	7:00 p.m.
24	Life Line Health Screening in the Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
26	Free Clothing Swap	TBA

October:

1	Cruise payment due	
1	Baby Shower for Gabie Padilla	7:00 p.m.
3	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Youth & Young Adults	11:00 a.m.
6	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11	Communion in Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
13	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
18	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA
23	Pro-life Speakers with dinner	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
28	Fall Festival	6:00 p.m.
31	Men's Fifth Saturday Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
31	Homecoming Work Day	8:45 a.m.

November:

3	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Fowler & Law Families	11:00 a.m.
8	FABC's 58th Homecoming! Fellowship begins	9:45 a.m.
8	FABC's 58th Homecoming! Worship begins	10:30 a.m.
10	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
24	Wednesday on Tuesday	
29	Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, Cakes, Candy, Carols, & Christ	6:00 p.m.

December:

1	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
4	Women of Light Cookie Swap	TBA
5	Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Beth Lewis, Jeanie Groover, Dean McCraw	11:00 a.m.
8	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
9	Christmas Banquet	6:30 p.m.
11	Young Adult Christmas Party	
14, 16	Caroling	5:30 p.m.
20	Cantata	6:00 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Communion Service	5:00 p.m.
25	Christmas Day!	
31	New Year's Eve Activities	7:00 p.m.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510 - c. 1561

G G D Em Bm Em D G G D Em C G D

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed: With - out our aid He did us make;
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;

8 Em D/F# G D G/B C D7/A G D/F# G Em D Am G/B D D7 G

Him serve with fear, His praise forth - tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 We are His fold, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 Praise, laud and bless His name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

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Abide with Me

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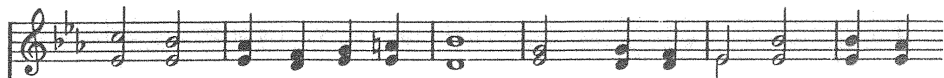
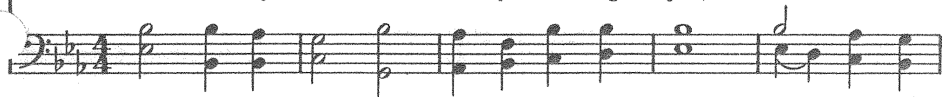
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HENRY F. LYTE, 1793-1847

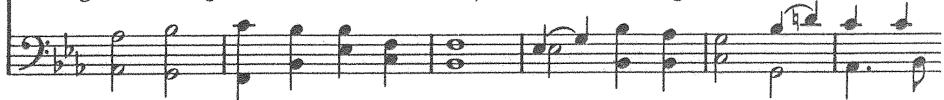
WILLIAM H. MONK, 1823-1889



1. A - bide with me- fast falls the e - ven - tide, The dark-ness
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day, Earth's joys grow
3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour - What but Thy
4. Hold Thou Thy word be - fore my clos - ing eyes, Shine thru the



deep - ens - Lord, with me a - bide; When oth - er help - ers fail and
dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; Change and de - cay in all a -
grace can foil the temp - ter's pow'r? Who like Thy - self my guide and
gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morn - ing breaks and earth's vain



com - forts flee, Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!
round I see - O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
stay can be? Thru cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
shad - ows flee - In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!



Redeemed By The Blood Of The Lamb

In F, capo 1 for Gb

Intro Bb F Dm C Bb F Dm C

Words and Music by
Sean Carter, David Gentiles, Melanie Tierce,
and The Emerging Sound



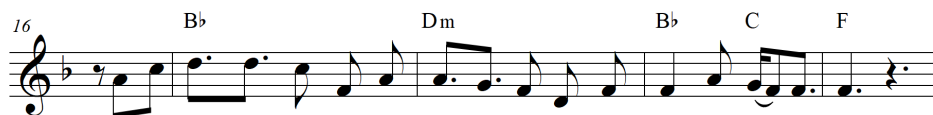
I went down to the crim-son ri-ver. Left my bur-dens on the shore.



I went down a sin-ner, came up a saint. Died with Christ, now I'm re-born.



Yes, He washed me with His mer-cy. And He cleansed me in His blood.



Now I stand com-plete, I have been set free. I found life there in the flood.



Not the same, I am changed. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.



By His grace I am saved. I'm His child and for-e - ver, I am.



Hal-le - lu - jah. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.

Redeemed By The Blood Of The Lamb



Now I have the Li-ving wa-ter from the well that won't run dry.



All the pangs of life have been sa-tis-fied by the pre-cious blood of Christ.



Not the same, I am changed. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.



By His grace I am saved. I'm His child and for-ev - er, I__ am.



Hal-le - lu - jah. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.



When it's time to cross that ri-ver. I will shine in glo-ri-ous light.

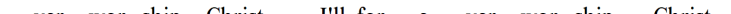


When He calls me home I'll fall at His throne and for -

Redeemed By The Blood Of The Lamb

73 B $\flat$ C F B $\flat$ C Dm7

e - ver wor-ship Christ. I'll for - e - ver wor-ship Christ. And for -

77 

82 N.C. B $\flat$ F Dm7 C

Not the same, I've been changed. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.

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By His grace I am saved. I'm His child and for-e - ver, I__ am.

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Not the same, I've been changed. Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.

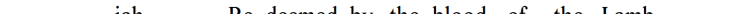
97 B♭ F Dm7 C

By His grace I am saved. I'm His child and for-e - ver, I__ am.

102

Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-

107 B $\flat$ C Dm7 C F



lu - jah. — Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb.

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 -

5 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 -

9 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 -

13 Am/C D7 G C/G G
 ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Articles

From Self-Centered to Christ-Centered

The Power of Humility in Shaping Our Identity

By Danson Ottawa

In a world that relentlessly pushes for self-promotion, personal success, and individual fulfillment, the concept of humility often seems countercultural. Society tells us that the way to define ourselves is through our achievements, our possessions, and the recognition we receive from others. In contrast, the gospel invites us to lay down our personal ambitions, embrace humility, and center our identity not around self-expression, but around Christ.

Let's explore how embracing humility—following the example of Christ—is central to living out our new identity in Him. We will see how humility leads to freedom, peace, and a deeper relationship with God and others, and how it shapes us into the people we were always meant to be.

Humility: The Heart of Christ's Identity

The ultimate model of humility is Jesus Christ Himself. The Son of God, who was fully divine, chose to humble Himself, becoming a servant to humanity, even to the point of death on the cross (Philippians 2:6-8). In Philippians 2:5, Paul urges believers, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." This is not just a call to imitate Christ's outward actions but to adopt His mindset—a mindset that places others' needs above our own and seeks to serve rather than be served.

Jesus' humility is evident throughout His ministry. He did not seek recognition, power, or status; rather, He came to serve (Mark 10:45). When He washed His disciples' feet, He demonstrated that true greatness in God's kingdom is not about ruling over others but humbling oneself in service to them (John 13:1-17). Jesus' entire life and ministry were centered on the mission of God, not personal gain or fame.

Through His humility, Jesus showed that identity is not about self-exaltation, but about self-denial and being aligned with God's will. His life challenges us to consider: What does it mean for us to live humbly in a world that exalts self-sufficiency, pride, and independence?

Humility in the Christian Life: From Self-Centered to Christ-Centered

In the gospel, we are not only invited to experience Christ's humility, but we are commanded to live it out in our own lives. Jesus calls His followers to take up their cross and follow Him, which involves denying ourselves (Matthew 16:24). This self-denial is the opposite of the world's emphasis on self-expression and self-promotion.

In Luke 14:11, Jesus teaches, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." This is a radical reorientation of how we view identity and success. The world tells us that we must strive for recognition, power, and influence to be someone of value. But the gospel flips this narrative—true identity and greatness are found not in exalting ourselves, but in humbling ourselves before God and others.

Humility begins with a proper view of God and ourselves. In Romans 12:3, Paul writes, “For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” Humility comes from recognizing that our identity is not self-made but God-given. Humility is not self-deprecation; rather, it is having a realistic view of who we are before God and understanding that everything we have—our gifts, our talents, and our very lives—are gracious gifts from God.

The Power of Humility: Finding True Freedom and Identity

Living with humility does not mean living in self-pity or inferiority. Rather, it means embracing the freedom of being who God created us to be, without the pressure of needing to impress others or achieve status. Humility frees us from the enslaving pursuit of self-glory and opens us up to true peace and contentment in Christ.

In James 4:10, James writes, “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” Humility frees us from the burden of self-promotion and allows us to trust that God will honor us in His perfect timing and way. Our worth is not determined by the world’s standards, but by our relationship with God. We are secure in Christ, and this security frees us to live humbly, not for the praise of men, but for the glory of God.

Moreover, humility leads to deeper relationships with others. When we humble ourselves, we move away from self-centeredness and become others-centered. This is a powerful antidote to the selfishness and division that so often characterize human relationships. As we embrace humility, we become more willing to serve, forgive, and love others as Christ has loved us. Ephesians 4:2 calls us to “be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

Humility and the Cross: The Ultimate Example of Identity in Christ

The cross is the ultimate example of humility. In Philippians 2:8, Paul writes, “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” The cross demonstrates the depth of Christ’s humility—that the Son of God would lay down His life for the salvation of sinners. This is the foundation of our identity in Christ. We are redeemed and reconciled to God through the humble sacrifice of Jesus.

As we reflect on the cross, we see the ultimate expression of both God’s love and humility. It is through Christ’s humility that we are given a new identity—one that is not based on self-promotion or achievement, but on Christ’s love and sacrifice. The more we understand and embrace the humility of the cross, the more we can live in humility, reflecting Christ’s character in our lives.

Living Humble Lives in a Proud World

Living humbly in a prideful world is not easy. The world pushes us to compete, to assert ourselves, and to elevate our own interests above others. But as followers of Christ, we are called to live differently. Our identity in Christ calls us to be counter-cultural—to serve, to love, and to esteem others better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3).

Humility leads us to serve, to listen, to forgive, and to sacrifice, just as Christ did for us. It means putting others first, seeking the welfare of others above our own. Humility allows us to speak the truth in love, not in pride or arrogance, but with a heart that desires the good of others. Humility means being willing to admit mistakes, to ask for forgiveness, and to live with a heart that is willing to serve rather than be served.

Embracing Our Christ-Centered Identity Through Humility

In a world that constantly urges us to define ourselves by achievement, status, and self-expression, the gospel calls us to a humble identity—one that is centered on Christ. Humility is not about self-deprecation or weakness, but about living in the freedom of knowing our worth in Christ and reflecting His love and service to others.

As we embrace our identity in Christ, we are called to live humbly, following the example of Christ, who humbled Himself even to the point of death on the cross. In humility, we find freedom from the pressures of this world and are empowered to serve and love others with the same love that Christ has shown us. As we grow in humility, we are increasingly conformed to the image of Christ, and our lives become a testimony to the transforming power of the gospel. ❖

An Open Letter to the Christian at a Secular College

By Michael Kruger

Dear Christian College Student,

If it's any consolation, I've been there. I am guessing your story goes something like this: You grew up in a Christian home, (or at least became a Christian before entering college), you were involved in your church youth group, committed your life to Christ, and believed your Bible was the inspired Word of God.

Although you knew your faith would be challenged at a secular university, you figured you'd be just fine. After all, you had received plenty of good advice and had friends and family praying for you. You were ready.

But then you realized you weren't.

Maybe it's the intense religious conversations in the dorm room (where you often feel stumped and a bit embarrassed). Or perhaps it's the overwhelming religious diversity on campus (where people of other faiths seem so happy). Or maybe it's that religion professor that seems so intent on attacking the Bible (he seems so much smarter than your pastor at home).

Regardless of the particular scenario, you're realizing that there are questions—many questions—that you don't have answers to. And you are starting to wonder, maybe for the first time, whether Christianity is really true.

Adding to your angst is the fact that a number of your fellow Christians seem to be struggling too. Some of them are doubting their faith. Others are following new ways of thinking and new religious ideas. And some have embraced a lifestyle that is not recognizably Christian. So, what do you do?

Of course, I realize the above scenario is not true of every Christian college student. Some go off to college and experience very few challenges to their faith (or at least are not bothered by the ones they do experience).

But, for those who do struggle, here are a few thoughts on how to push through the challenges with your faith intact.

Of Course, You Don't Have All the Answers!

Okay, here's my first piece of advice: give yourself a break! I know you feel anxious about not having all the answers to the barrage of questions you're receiving, but most eighteen-year-olds are not equipped to navigate all these complex issues, nor is it reasonable to expect them to be.

Remember, not having an answer does not mean that what you believe is wrong. Your beliefs can be correct even if you cannot explain or defend them.

The fact is that most things we believe are like this. We haven't had time to personally investigate each and every belief we hold. Instead, we rely on other authorities. A person might believe that $E=mc^2$, that Constantine won the Battle of Milvian Bridge, and that her grandfather was born in George, Iowa. But few could defend these beliefs on the spot if pressed by a determined critic who was eager to question everything.

There's Nothing New under the Sun

When you hear an attack on Christianity for the first time, it probably seems radically new—as if no one had ever thought of that issue before. Maybe now, you might think, someone has finally found Christianity's fatal flaw.

Well, here's a little lesson from church history: virtually every challenge to the faith has been made before, and answered before. There really is nothing new under the sun. This means that you should not confuse not having an answer with there not being an answer. There are answers out there even if you don't have them. Let this be a motivation to dig deeper into the scholarly sources until you find them.

Doubt Your Doubts

Whenever we start doubting our faith, it's usually because we've come to believe something else in its place. If so, then here's a way to fight back: start doubting the something else.

Put differently, challenge the new belief that is attempting to replace your Christian beliefs. For example, imagine someone takes a class on evolutionary biology and, on that basis, begins to question whether the Bible's creation account can be true. One way to respond is to question whether the theory of evolution is certain enough to replace your Christian belief.

And even a short investigation will show that macro-evolution is not at all certain, but fraught with its own set of serious issues. If so, then why replace our Christian belief with something that is itself so problematic?

Don't Make the Horror Movie Mistake

Everybody loves a fun, scary movie (well, not everybody!). But even if they're not your thing, you can still learn an important lesson from them.

The number one rule for every scary movie—and a rule that is often broken by the

main characters—is that you don’t wander off alone. On the contrary, you are safest when you are with others in the light.

That’s also a great rule for enduring periods of doubt. The last thing you want to do is to isolate yourself and struggle alone. On the contrary, you need to find a solid church and a good campus fellowship where other believers can encourage you and walk with you through these challenges.

Remember, not all adversity is a bad thing. Like the pain we go through when we train for athletics, it can make us stronger and healthier.

So, don’t view opposition only in negative terms; view it as an opportunity to grow as a Christian, so that you might be better equipped to build up your fellow believers and reach non-Christians more effectively.

As James tells us, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness” (James 1:2-3). ❖

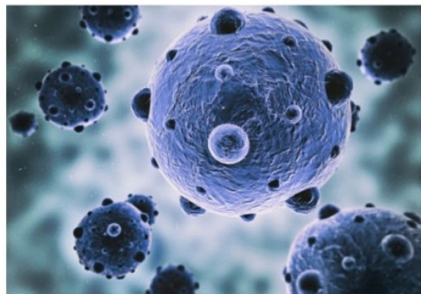


Creation Moments

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Doctors Study GOD



"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well."

- John 11:11-12

Physicians have been mystified by and are in the process of studying GOD. But in this case, the acronym "GOD"

stands for "generation of diversity." The diversity that amazes them is the diversity found in our immune system. While we have fewer than 100,000 genes, our immune system is able to generate tens of millions of distinct antibodies to defend and protect itself from disease. How can only 100,000 genes produce thousands of times that many antibodies?

Actually, we have two immune systems. The first is called the innate system. This rapid response system relies on common characteristics found in most microbes to bind and conquer them. The second is called the combinatorial immune system. It is this second immune system that generates tens of millions of different and very specific antibodies. Its response is slower than the innate system because it responds to an infection by making and sending a variety of antibodies at invaders. Depending on which antibodies recognize the invader, the combinatorial system then begins to manufacture more specific antibodies until the invader is conquered.

Researchers studying the details of the immune system are astonished at how evolution could design such a complex, ingenious, and precise system. Even from a scientific standpoint, the simpler explanation is that it, like everything else, was created by an all-wise, all-powerful Creator!

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Missionary of the Week

Huynh Tung
Gospelink - Binh thuan, Vietnam

Personal & Family Update

Warm greetings to you!

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the generous sponsorship you provided for our cause.

My family and I had a great time to celebrate our Tet festival. All our children were home for a week with different stories and gifts. Looking back the year 2025, we were humble before God for His protection and kind upon us although we were not deserved.

Our youngest daughter, Thien Ai, is in the third year of e-commerce industry.

Our youngest son, Thien Khai, is in the third year of high school. He is good in math, history subjects, not English. He is shy before his teachers, not his she-class-mates. He wants to become a computer software technician after graduating high school.

It is beginning the summer in our place and very hot with 37-38 Celsius degrees. Farmers just harvested the rice crop. Dragon fruits are very cheap round year because many people grow this kind of trees.

Ministry & Training Information

- The Women's ministry in our church continues to hold on every Friday afternoon with over 45 ladies. I taught them the book of Esther, following was songs, exchange of prayer requests. The Words of God touched hearts deeper and most of them have enjoyed spending time with God in private room.
- Brother Mang Hao hadn't attended church for a year. He tried to complete the crops of dragon fruit, but then he was attracted to care of all trees in good condition. We prayed hard for him, paid him visits with words of encouragement, reminded him how God provided Israel during the time they were in the desert... By late Feb 2026, he decided to get back the services and to study Bible.
- The Baptismal Catechism class 12 young ones was completed. These men have started to practice the Ten Commandments. Brother K'Danh has read Bible, helped the work in church on Saturdays. Sister H'Lan and H'Thien volunteered to decorate fresh flowers for the church services and events.

Outreach Stories & Testimonies

On January 3 2026, I was invited to preach a sermon on the annual thanksgiving of the Huynh Anh family. Among the guests, a men named Tran Van Hien, came up to me after the message:

"Pastor, why is giving thanks to God?"

"Everything we have is a gift from God such as health, knowledge, understanding, love. Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him. The

relationship that God wanted human to have. And the peace God wants you to experience.”

“What must I do to have peace of God, pastor Tung?”

He stood up and made confession in Christ publicly. We were so happy to lead him to Jesus in a sinner prayer.



On February 22, 2026, I was invited to preach a sermon at Kon Teh Church, located at Di Linh district. I had an opportunity to share the salvation message with the driver. He asked those questions with the intention of keeping himself alert while driving. His heart closed before God’s love. Hence, a gospel tract was given to him. “Please read this tract and seek God who loved you the most.”

Ministry Goals

- To reach un-reached people beside 5 leaders - who graduated “spiritual leadership”.
- To open more small groups of Bible study.

Prayer Requests

- My wife disease’s hyperlipidemia, gifts to manage our homework and to care of ladies in Church.
- For protection, our family needs will be met, our two children’s education.
- For wisdom, new strength, good health to shepherd the flock.

Nursery September 13

Babies:

Jeanie Groover, Beth Lewis

Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

Preschoolers:

Avalon DeLoach, Linnea Posner

Nursery September 20

Babies:

Eleanor Bowden, Mary Fowler,

Kay Stanford

Toddlers:

Tricia Morris, Lynn Ernst

Preschoolers:

Elinor Morris, Donna Martin

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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.
Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Senior Saints' Lunch at Bonefish Grill, Twelve Oaks	11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: <i>Contentment</i>	6:15 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus	6:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper: Tacos	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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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, 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

Lockup Deacons for September:

Ron Fowler, Eric Horton

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