



October 4, 2026

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If you have any questions about the message from today, or want to get information about church membership, please see any of the elders after the service, drop a note in the foyer offering box indicating your desire to talk with a pastor, or call the church office.

Q. 6. What do the Scriptures make known of God?

A. The Scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, his decrees, and the execution of his decrees. (Heb. 11:6; 1 John 5:7; Acts 15:14-15, 18; Acts 4:27-28.)

Announcements

Homecoming!

FABC's 58th Homecoming is coming up on **November 8!** Contact dawn@fabchurch.com if you have any corrections or updates to your Member Directory info! Invite friends and family to save the date and come, especially those who used to attend!

Evening Worship

Join us this afternoon at 6:00 p.m. for Evening Worship.

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, **October 6**, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Suppers

This Wednesday night, supper is Baked Potatoes. 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.

Crochet Club

Saturday, **October 10**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth House.

Communion

We will celebrate Communion together during Morning Worship next Sunday, **October 11**.

New Members' Class

Tom will teach a new members' class during the Sunday School hour for four weeks, beginning Sunday, **October 11**. If you have recently joined, plan to join, or just want to learn more about our local church and how things operate, you are welcome to join. If you want to take the class, please sign up in the hall so Tom knows how many to plan for.

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, **October 13**, at 7:00 p.m.

Members' Meeting

Members, there is a quarterly meeting on Sunday **October 18**, before Evening Worship. Time will be announced later. Please make every effort to attend.

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Revelation 4:9-11

Pew Bible p. 1030

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting

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

Thou are worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are created, Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Prayer of Praise

Hymn, p. 6

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of General Confession

Bob Dimmitt

Luke 24:44-47

Pew Bible p. 885

Hymn, pp. 7-8

"Once for All"

Scripture Reading

Cole Morris

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible p. 976

Hymn, p. 9

"Blessed Assurance"

Message

Bob Dimmitt

Blocking Access to Heaven

Matthew #148

Matthew 23:8-13, Pew Bible p. 828

Hymn, p. 10

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

Blocking Access to Heaven

Matthew #148

Matthew 23:8-13

But you are not to be called rabbi

Jesus is prohibiting the abuse of titles not the use of titles; how do we know this?

- Ephesians
- James
- 1 Cor 4:14-15

Mark 12:38-40

The Pharisees prostituted their religion

Exodus 22:22-24

Pharisees and scribes “devoured widows’ houses” through multiple avenues:

First, they could manipulate grieving widows

Second, charging exorbitant fees for their services

Third, as legal experts, they could manipulate property laws

Finally, they encouraged extreme financial “piety”

2 Peter 2:1-3 and 14-15

The Scribes and Pharisees were willing to do anything to stop the crowds from believing in Jesus’s message.

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Senior Saints’ Lunch

Sign the list to go to Metter on **October 20!** You’ll have lunch at Papa Bucks, and then visit Durden Pecan Co. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to ride the bus!

Focus on Life Event

Get your tickets and invite friends to our **Focus on Life** event **October 23**. We’ll have music, dinner, and talks from Dr. Catherine Wheeler, a former abortion practitioner but now a pro-life advocate, and Paula Kinard, Exec. Director of Empower SAV, a local organization dedicated to helping moms in crisis pregnancies. Tickets are only \$10! You have the option of paying online or at the door, but you must register online by end of day October 18. QR code for the tickets is below and on page 15. If you have problems registering, see Dawn for help.

Focus on Life

Special Speakers:

Dr. Catherine Wheeler, M.D., OB/GYN

Paula Kinard,
Empower SAV Executive Director

Friday, October 23 * 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church
10050 Ferguson Avenue, Savannah, Georgia

Join us for worship, pro-life speakers, and a delicious meal.



Tickets \$10.00

Fall Festival!

This annual event is one of our major outreach efforts to the community, and will be held on Wednesday, **October 28**. It is designed with activities for children from toddlers through sixth graders! We need volunteers, so if you would like to attend and don’t have children or grandchildren to bring with you, please sign up for a booth or other volunteer spot! We need you to help our event run smoothly! If you have kids to bring in that age group, please come and bring them! If you do not have any children in this age group and do not wish to volunteer, please spend this time in prayer that the gospel will be spread, heard, and responded to! There are no other activities happening that night.

FABC’S FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2026

GAMES PRIZES INFLATABLES FOOD

TODDLERS - 6TH GRADE NO CHARGE !!!

HOTDOG DINNER AT 5:45
GAMES BEGIN AT 6:15

PSALM 107:1: "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD: HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."

Important Upcoming Events



October:

6	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10	Crochet Club	10:00 a.m.
11	New Member Class begins in Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
11	Communion in Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
13	Deacons' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
18	Quarterly Members' Meeting	TBA
23	Focus on Life Event! (See QR code on pages 4 & 15)	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
28	Fall Festival (See ad on page 4)	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.
14	Free Clothing Swap	TBA
24	Wednesday on Tuesday	
29	Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, Cakes, Candy, & 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.

I sometimes hear old people, including Christian people who should know better, say "I don't want to be a burden to anyone else. I'm happy to carry on living so long as I can look after myself, but as soon as I become a burden I would rather die." But this is wrong. We are all designed to be a burden to others. You are designed to be a burden to me and I am designed to be a burden to you. And the life of the family, including the life of the local church family, should be one of "mutual burdensomeness."

John Stott

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA

MATTHEW BRIDGES, 1800-1894
and GODFREY THRING, 1823-1903

GEORGE J. ELVEY, 1816-1893

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2. Crown Him the Lord of love: Be - hold His hands and side -
3. Crown Him the Lord of life: Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Fa - ther known,

Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
Who rose vic - to - rious to the strife For those He came to save;
One with the Spir - it thru Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky Can full - y bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Thru all e - ter - ni - ty.
But down - ward bends his won - d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
Who died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Be Thou, O Lord, thru end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied.

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Once For All

Jessica Murray
and James Ferguson

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Our God He bridged the great di- vide To of-fer us e-ter-nal life

Send-ing hope with-in a Man Oh His love it nev-er fails and His love it nev-er ends

He came in flesh to fight our cause With pow'r to tame the o-ceans roar

Tak-ing on our sin and shame He has o-pened up the way, He has o-ver-come the grave

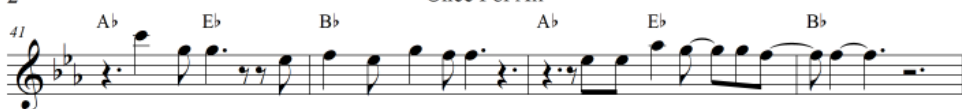
Once for all, our King has paid it all All the glo-ry to His name

By His blood, the curse of man un-done All the glo-ry to His name

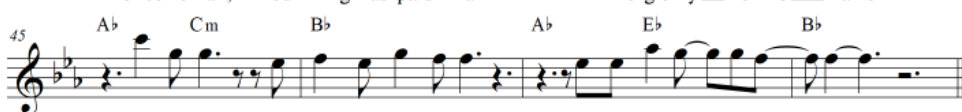
Now we live for-ev-er free Be-cause of Christ, the of-fer-ing

No fear in life, no sting in death For our God has come for us and our God has paid the debt

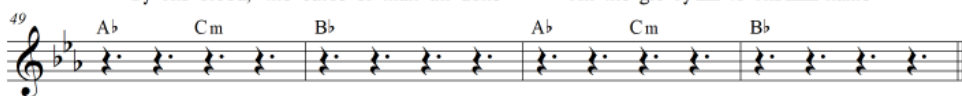
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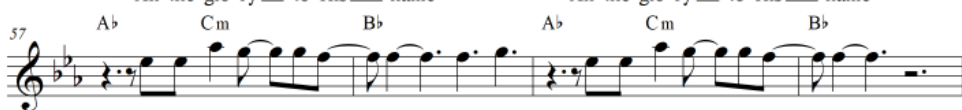
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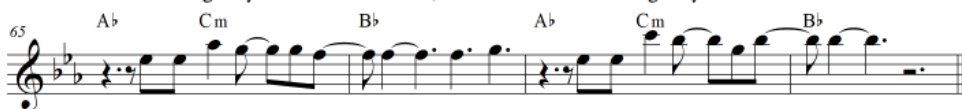
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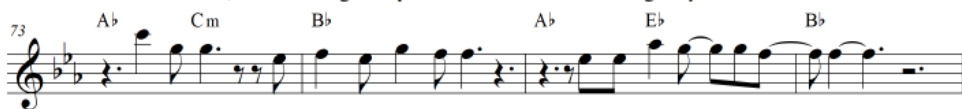
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Blessed Assurance

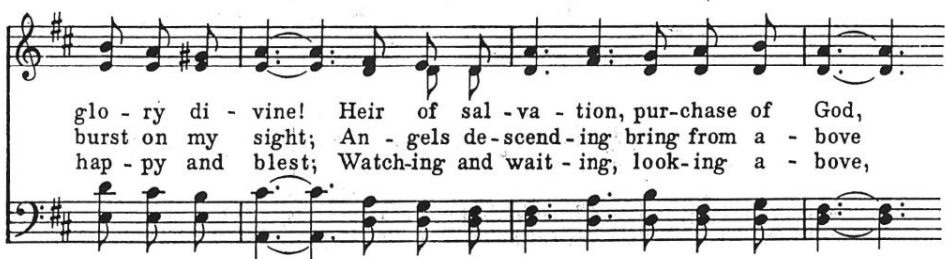
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PHOEBE P. KNAPP, 1839-1908

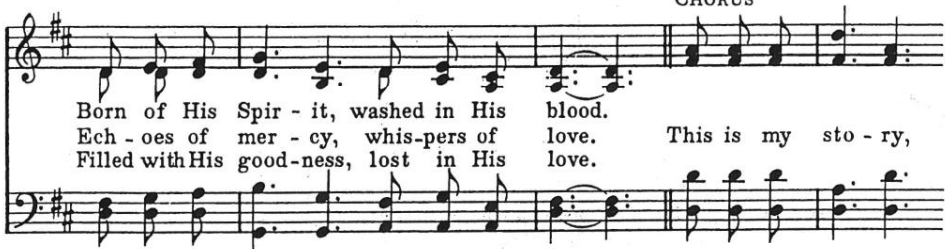


1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is minel O what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

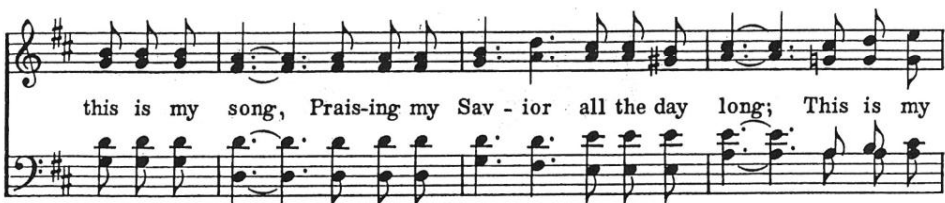


glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

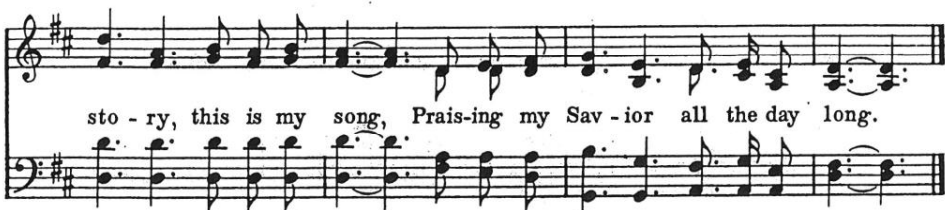
CHORUS



Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,
 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my



sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510 - c. 1561

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

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him all crea - tures here be - low;

Em D G D G/B C D G D/F# G Em D Am G/B D G C G

Praise Him a - bove Ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Articles

3 Truths Your Daughter Needs to Hear About Beauty

Cultivate the kind of beauty that reflects the heart of Christ.

Written by Kristen Wetherell

“The first comment we make to other women is usually about their looks.”

I hadn’t noticed that, but my friend was right. Most of the time when I encounter another woman in church, our greetings involve some kind of compliment about the other’s appearance. There’s nothing wrong with affirming someone’s lipstick color or shoe choice. But I do wonder what this says about what we value most.

As these comments have been directed toward my young daughter, I’ve grown more concerned. People mean well, and beauty matters in our Christian world-view—but not in the way our culture says it does. I worry she can’t yet tell the difference.

Little girls who are innocently told “You’ve got that outfit going on!” learn early that appearance is king. Again, beauty does matter—but not in the way social media and this internet age suggest. Instead, we need a biblical theology of beauty to rule our hearts and homes.

Humans are embodied souls for whom beauty matters, beauty fades, and beauty deepens. Jesus, the incarnate Son, embodies this reality and offers the church hope and help as we raise our daughters in the faith.

Beauty Matters

Beauty matters because beautiful things ultimately flow from God’s creative hand. He’s the origin of everything good, true, and lovely (Rom 11:36), the supreme manifestation of beauty. “Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary” (Ps 96:6). God’s perfect holiness makes him altogether glorious, and he shares this glory with his creation (Ps 8:3-5; Isa 6:3). Every sunrise proclaims his beauty (Ps 19:1-2), and every newborn baby declares his praise.

Christians aren’t gnostics who disparage the body, however fallen we may be. We neither shame the body nor worship it. Our bodies are dignified gifts from God and temples of his Spirit. From the dust of the ground, God made a “very good” Adam in his image. An embodied existence is what we were made for—everlasting beauty in God’s beautiful presence. We won’t know its fullness until Jesus returns and grants us resurrection bodies, but we know a degree of its worth here and now.

Our girls need to know that beauty matters because God is beautiful, and he creates beautiful things. Jesus’s willingness to take on flesh testifies to this reality. Our bodies have inherent dignity and worth because we belong to God. Rather than shaming our kids for their curiosities about the human body (“We’re not going to ask about that!”), we celebrate beauty in light of our Creator (“God made our bodies so interesting, didn’t he?”). We help our girls see we’re drawn to beautiful things because our God is beautiful and he made us for himself.

Beauty Fades

But we also want to help our girls distinguish between the temporal and eternal. We want to equip them to know what will eventually fade and what will last forever (Isa 40: 6-8).

Nothing is innately wrong with lipstick and shoes, for example, but we can't take them with us when our bodies return to dust. They're "treasures," in a sense, that will perish when we do (Gen 3:19; Matt 6:19-21). The same goes for money and possessions and all our earthly accomplishments. The only things that will last are good works done in Jesus's name, reflected through the imperishable beauty of his people's souls.

So, while beauty matters, beauty also fades. Hair turns gray, bodies break down, and wrinkles testify to the passage of years. This means we put gifts like appearance and accomplishments in their proper place; our earthly tents are temporary homes that will one day fade and perish (2 Cor 5:1-5). It also means we can thank God for every good and beautiful gift he gives, however temporal. We can model this for our girls by prioritizing eternal matters—like the Word, prayer, giving, the church body—while entrusting to God our material needs on any given day and thanking him for all he gives us to enjoy (James 1:17).

Jesus had no striking beauty when he walked the earth (Isa 53:2). He was willing to put on an unremarkable earthly body that he knew would one day succumb to the grave. And yet he was able to fully enjoy every gift of God without sin while delighting to do his Father's will. Jesus lived in the flesh for the joy set before him—a resurrected spiritual body in his Father's presence—and as he did, his faith deepened.

Beauty Deepens

Similarly, the faith of every true believer deepens over time. Our trust in God is beautiful in his sight and pleases him (Heb 11:6). As our bodies inch closer to death each day, Christians are increasingly imbued with life—Jesus's life—as we learn to trust him. We're (hopefully) getting better with age, being renewed day by day and conformed to our beautiful King and Savior (2 Cor 4:16).

In this sense, our beauty is more than skin-deep, and we want to cultivate the kind of beauty that reflects the heart of Christ, who shows us how beautiful God is.

What might change if we emphasized the eternal in our most basic conversations, especially within the family of Christ? What if, instead of commenting on another female's appearance, we simply said, "It's wonderful to see you! Tell me how you're doing today"? Our littlest girls would feel warmly welcomed not because they're wearing pink but because they're a valuable part of God's precious body.

As parents and caregivers, we can praise God for our girls' deepening inner beauty by using biblical language. Talk about God's work within her, identifying the fruit of the Spirit when you see it. Praise her beautiful obedience, which "in God's sight is very precious" (1 Peter 3:4).

And when she inevitably fails, remind her of Jesus's beautiful obedience on her behalf.

This good news is better than any Sunday morning compliment because it will endure: "All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. . . . The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isa 40:6and8). ❖



Creation Moments

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Frog Pharmacists



"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." - Matthew 13:22

Some frogs are regular little drug factories. Their skins produce a wide range of powerful alkaloids, a large family of chemicals usually produced by plants. Familiar alkaloids include quinine, caffeine, and morphine. Different alkaloids have different effects, usually on the nervous system.

The poison-arrow frog may be the most famous alkaloid-producing frog. South American natives simply rub their arrows or darts on the frog's back. One species of this frog contains enough poison to kill about 100 people! Another frog produces an anesthetic more powerful than morphine. South American natives rub another frog on their wounds. Researchers discovered that the frog's skin makes a powerful antiseptic. Yet another frog alkaloid will change the colors on parrot feathers. Some of the alkaloids produced by frogs are so complex that it takes years of study, using modern science's most sophisticated equipment, to discover the active chemical.

Researchers in this field are only beginning to learn about the alkaloids produced by frogs. What puzzles evolutionists is that the frogs' exotic skin chemistries don't follow the patterns they anticipated based upon expected evolutionary relationships. This means that these frogs have one more exciting purpose. They provide evidence for the Creator.

REF.: Pennisi, Elizabeth. "Pharming frogs." Science News, v. 142. Image: Poison Dart Frog, Costa Rica, Envato.

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Missionary of the Week

Pascal & Becky Grenade Global Faith Mission - Mauritius

Dear friends and supporters,

We are thankful to be writing to you again and thanking you again for your faithful prayers and support of our family and the ministry in Mauritius. We want to give you just a few highlights and prayer requests to be remembering as you meet to pray.

We have our church camp coming up again in about a month. It will last for three nights and four days. Please pray for us and the others who are organizing the teaching time, schedule, meals, etc. This year we are going to be looking at our statement of faith and by-laws of the church. We have not been through these with the church as a whole in several years, and we have had new members and visitors since then, so we want to make sure that each member knows their privileges and responsibilities as a member. Please be praying that this will spur the church people on to a deeper desire to be faithful to the Lord and servants in the church.



We are including two pictures of some of the youth and how they serve in the church. It has been a blessing to see several of the younger men of the church bring their guitars and help accompany the songs on Sunday mornings. Another big blessing is the desire we see in some of them to come and help clean the church. In the past, Steve would clean all the toilets during the wow club time, now he has one or two helpers in this task. Please pray for the youth of the church that they would be faithful to church, to prayer meeting and youth meeting, but would also desire to serve the Lord with their talents.



Another blessing was getting to spend time with a sweet French couple and their children recently. This couple moved to Mauritius a few years ago and serve in their local Baptist church in the north of the island. They were visiting the south one weekend and called saying they wanted to come and be with us at church. We enjoyed having them over for lunch and singing some French songs together that we grew up singing in France and Mauritius. It was a real blessing to us to have some sweet time of fellowship with them, and they even know my parents (Becky), who are still missionaries in France.

We are really looking forward to seeing Pascal's brother and his wife and four children during the month of October. Pascal's family has not been all together for

eight years, so it will be a very sweet reunion for three weeks. Pascal's brother is a pastor in Florida, and we are looking forward to him preaching for the church while he is here as well. Please pray for them as they travel next week to come to Mauritius.

We also would like to ask you to pray for the men of the church. We have started some weekly men's accountability groups. We have five men in the church who are leading these groups.

Please pray for Pascal, Guy, Gilbert, Steve, and Michel, who are the leaders. Each group has three to four men. Pray that these groups will bring the men closer to the Lord and closer to each other. Pray that these times of Christian accountability would be fruitful for the gospel ministry to go forward here in Mauritius.

Finally, we would like to thank each of you who supports us financially on a regular basis or by special gifts from time to time. We are very thankful for your giving hearts. Thank you to each of you who prays for us regularly as well. We are grateful to know that you are holding the ropes win prayer for us. We still have a need to raise some more support. If you would like to give a special gift or become a financial partner with the ministry here in Mauritius, feel free to contact us or you can click on this link to know more about us and our mission board:

<https://gfmaaso.donorstudio.com/category/missionaries/pascal-becky-grenade>.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us and the ministry here in Rose Belle, Mauritius.

Blessings,

Pascal, Becky, and the children

Nursery October 4

Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Jan DeLoach,
Kayla Duero

Toddlers:

Cindy Dimmitt, Rebekah Helmick

Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

Nursery October 11

Babies:

Jeanie Groover, Beth Lewis

Toddlers:

Michael & Karrie Walker

Preschoolers:

Avalon DeLoach, Linnea Posner

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Focus on Life

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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.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study: <i>Contentment</i>	6:15 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: <i>1 & 2 Timothy, Titus</i>	6:15 p.m.
Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper: Baked Potatoes	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.
Young Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Crochet Club	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

Questions & Answers	Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt
Song of Solomon	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:	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

Lockup Deacons for October: Jimmy Kicklighter, Napoleon Martin

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