



On June 5, 2022 we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday! In Acts chapter 2 we read of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost, which is extremely significant. The disciples (from Acts 1) had been instructed by Christ Jesus to wait in Jerusalem until power from on high descended upon them and then they were to take the message of Christ to Jerusalem, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Pentecost means '50' in Hebrew. And sure enough, on Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus was resurrected from the dead, the promised Holy Spirit was given. Like many New Testament events, we find Pentecost's deeper significance in Jewish history. Originally Pentecost corresponded with the celebration of the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Its birth is found in the celebration of Shavuot in which 50 days after God delivered the Jewish people from Egypt, He would give the Torah, which was God's central Laws to help govern them in the way that He would have them go... therefore, the Shavuot is called "The Season of the giving of the law", and it is also considered the spiritual birthday of Israel since the Torah brought the twelve tribes together into one corporate people.

I love God's precision in the giving of the Holy Spirit, on Pentecost, on Shavuot ... this 50th day of remembrance of the giving of the Law and all the ramifications (more on this on June 5). Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God gives a new law, to be written on the hearts of His followers (Hebrews 10:16) to bring unity and oneness to the many tribes and languages.

The Holy Spirit marks Christ's followers with a seal and deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until Christ returns (Ephesians 1:13 – 14, 4:30). The Holy Spirit is also our guide, counselor (John 14:26-28) and illuminates God's Word. He is our advocate, intercessor, protector, provider, comforter, revealer and helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26 -27, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, John 16:5-7). The Holy Spirit also gives gifts to the saints (1 Corinthians 1:22, Hebrews 2:4) and enables us to be fruitful (Galatians 5:22-23), and this is just to name a few characteristics and workings of the Holy Spirit.



As one who believes upon Jesus as Lord, fan into flame the Holy Spirit that has been given to you, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV). Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, teach you and fill you with His redeeming power.

Blessings, PC

John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (ESV) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV) And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 1:16–20 (ESV) I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

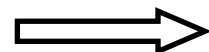


June 2022

YOUTH GROUP CONTINUES!!!

As you all know, FBC Youth ministry is in a difficult season right now. Pastor Matt has been out for several weeks and it's unknown when he can return. But God has been faithful and we continue to hold Matt up in prayer for complete healing and health. We pray too, for Faith and the kids.

In the meantime, some generous volunteers have stepped up to fill in. Youth Group is still happening, Praise the Lord! Thank you to Sharla Reiter, Jerred Holtzople, and Eric Holsopple for your willingness to serve the youth of FBC during this most difficult time. We look forward to seeing Pastor Matt soon!





Pastor Carl will be on vacation: May 25- June 1, June 30- July 5

Pastor Sean will be on vacation: June 17- July 17 (Annual Training)

Kathy will be on vacation: June 24- July 1

**DO YOU HAVE A KNACK (AND A HEART)
FOR BUILDING OR REPAIRING?**

JOIN THE FBC RELIEF TEAM

SEE JIM STOCKMAN FOR MORE DETAILS



Shoebox News!



A child in Madagascar receiving an FBC shoebox

One of the countries our past shoeboxes have been sent to is Madagascar. Samaritan's Purse has received letters from some children in Madagascar. Two of which follow:

A shoebox recipient shared:

"I live with my mother and foster father, who doesn't make my life easy. One OCC volunteer was aware of my situation and invited me to attend a distribution event. For the first time in my life, I actually realized that I am loved when I received my gift box. I found sandals, which I had wanted for years, in the box. Afterwards, I participated in The Greatest Journey (TGJ) and gave my life to Jesus. I enjoy reading the Bible and preach about Jesus in public. Please pray with me that my foster father will receive Jesus as his Savior as well."

A young boy wrote:

"Since last year I started to pray and ask God to give me a nice soccer ball. In February OCC shared gifts in our church and I got one box. When I opened it the first thing I noticed was the ball of my dreams. I am so happy that God listens to a small boy like me."

What a wonderful privilege to have a part in the spiritual growth of children!

Thank God for your participation in the shoebox ministry. May God richly bless you.

The Shoebox Team

LAY VISITORS MINISTRY

**Next Meeting:
Thursday, June 2 @ 11:15am
Pastor's office**

Interested in being a visitor? See Pastor Carl

W2 Group



This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the last Sunday of each month following the second service to support and love each other. In October, the W2 Group will attend the show "David" at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster. Anyone interested should sign up with Linda Kump @ 717-253-3163.

**NEXT:
June 26th**


Deeper Still...

Beginning Thursday May 12th, Deeper Still Bible study will pursue prayers in God's Word to teach us to pray effectively and fervently. The prayers offered in the Psalms, Lamentations and Jeremiah and a fresh look at the Lord's prayer in the gospels will be our guide to better communication with God. Join us at 1pm for these four sessions every other Thursday in May and June.



Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
through prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.



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The Benefits of Being Thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Of course, this is a command. The most important thing to notice about Paul's words is that he does not say to give thanks for everything but IN everything. We can be thankful that God is sovereign over everything, that God can cause all things to work together for our good when we belong to Him. We can be grateful in every circumstance because God will use it to conform us to the image of Christ.

When we thank God for many things, we are benefiting much. First off, we are really acknowledging that He is the source of our blessings. We are putting our trust in Him by thanking Him. Thankfulness will help us to live in the joyous intimacy of His presence.

***Ps 16:11 You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.***

Thankfulness keeps us from criticizing and complaining. If we are in habit of complaining or criticizing, we have established neurotransmitter memory pathway. Our tendency is to do the same thing again and again. To change these known pathways, we need to purpose to be thankful and eventually we will make a new neurotransmitter pathway. In addition, as we are thankful, we will increase the feel-good hormone, serotonin, in our brains. Being thankful brings joy to us and serotonin is the hormone that makes this happen. In contrast, if we continue to complain, we increase the sad/stress hormones, epinephrine and norepinephrine. These stress hormones are associated with hypertension, heart disease, cancer, lower immune system and many illnesses as well as mental illness. Prayer by the way increases the feel-good hormone; eating healthily and exercising also help to increase serotonin.

Other benefits to being thankful include allowing Holy Spirit to be able to work more freely within you.

We reap what we sow. We will reap gratefulness as we sow thankfulness.

A thankful mind helps us to stay in touch with God.

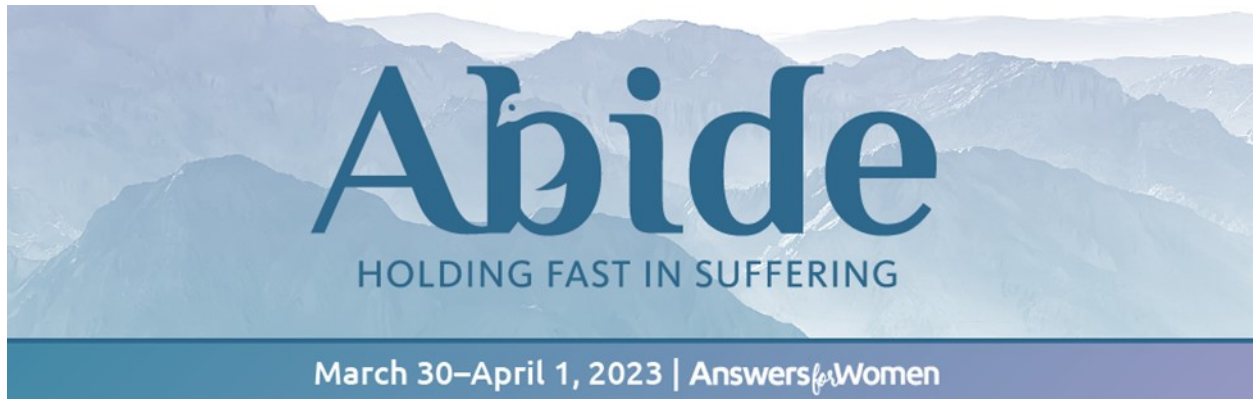
A thankful heart glorifies Jesus

A thankful heart fills us with joy.

Other health benefits include better sleep, reduced symptoms of physical pain, lower blood pressure and lower levels of inflammation and a healthier immune system.

People who are more grateful tend to be happier, less materialistic and less likely to suffer from burnout.

With Thanksgiving,
Mac McBeth



Calling All FBCG Women – Save the Date!

“As Christians in the West, we have lived relatively free of suffering for years. We are accustomed to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and a general freedom to live out our faith without fear. So much so that many of us are unprepared for the tidal wave of persecution threatening to crash on our shores.

How many of us are ready to stand when the stakes are personally high? Are you? At Answers for Women 2023, you’ll learn how to abide in Christ and hold fast to the anchor of our souls through suffering and persecution. As we experience more and more persecution from all corners, we must develop a perspective on suffering that is rooted in God’s Word, enabling us to plant our feet firmly in the shifting sands. We can’t wait until suffering knocks on our door to figure out how we are going to react—we must firmly fix our hearts on Jesus *now* and plan to follow him, no matter what.

Please plan to attend “*Abide: Holding Fast in Suffering*” next March. Registration also includes 7-day entrance to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. See <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2023/> for a list of speakers. If at all possible, don’t miss this event. FBCG had 11 women attend the conference this past March and 7 already signed up for next year’s conference. The registration fee is currently \$99 for groups of 6 or more who sign up before Sept. 30. Please contact Carolyn Tuckey (ctuckey@gettysburg.edu or 610-299-0155) if you have questions or would like to register. We need 6 ladies to register at the same time as a group to get the best pricing.

ANSWERS FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE

SO MUCH FUN!!! JOIN US NEXT YEAR!!!!



2022

CREATION
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ARK
ENCOUNTER

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

I subscribe to Decision Magazine and this month the heading on the front cover really caught my eye. It said "Progressive Christianity Can Lead You to Hell." I thought this is material we all need to know about since we all probably have friends, family members and neighbors that don't know Jesus and could care less about why we feel it is important to worship Jesus every Sunday and follow him.

So the following is a synopsis of some of the articles written by different authors explaining why it is dangerous to follow this path. It might help us do a better job of witnessing to those unsaved people we know.

Franklin Graham, who is head of Samaritan's Purse and The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association wrote about the "Eternal Peril of Progressive Christianity."

He says that for decades a war has been raging against Biblical Christianity that goes under the name of "Progressive Christianity." It is bent on casting doubt and undermining the foundational principles of God's Word. The Apostle Paul wrote many letters to churches that were experiencing doctrinal errors. One of his sternest was penned to the church in Galatia.

In Galatians 1:9 Paul warns that if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse.

Progressive Christianity denies the divinely inspired, authoritative truth of the Bible. It has nothing to do with the Gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. The Biblical teaching on the precious blood of Christ, the sacrificial, substitutionary, atoning work of Christ's death on the cross is too often neglected or distorted.

Graham says "the real, ultimate danger is that progressive Christianity can send a person to hell." To reject the deity of Christ is to deny Christ and doom yourself to an eternity spent in hell.

He concludes by saying "Evangelicals need to guard the truth of genuine Scriptural preaching and living, remaining true and bold about exactly what the Bible clearly teaches. There is no other way to be saved and secured for all eternity."

Alisa Childers is a wife, mother, blogger, speaker and host of "The Alisa Childers Podcast. She is the author of "Another Gospel? A Lifelong Christian Seeks Truth in Response to Progressive Christianity." She wrote about "Five Ways to Counter Progressive Christianity/"

She begins by pointing out that much of the New Testament is dedicated to alerting Christians to the dangers of various deceptions and instilling a sense of urgency to stand strong against them. Early versions of Gnosticism were making inroads by the time John penned his first epistle. She says from the first century to today with modern prosperity preachers, there has been no end of false prophets who walk like sheep and talk like sheep, but inwardly they only want to feast on sheep.. One current false gospel is a movement called "progressive Christianity."

Unfortunately this movement which is growing has infiltrated the evangelical church. "It is marked by a willingness to redefine, reexamine and ultimately reject core historic doctrines of the Christian faith. In addition to a nearly universal denial of original sin, the substitutionary atonement of Jesus and the existence of hell, progressive Christianity also aligns with current cultural norms regarding same-sex marriage and abortion. And it is defined by a strong push to embrace a gospel that centers around universal salvation and social justice rather than personal salvation, sin and redemption."

Progressive Christianity can only grow if it remains unchallenged. It imitates culture instead of Jesus. Here are five ways to challenge these false teachings:

1. UPHOLD BIBLICAL AUTHORITY: It presents a lowered view of the Bible as a human book that contains contradictions, errors and inconsistent theology. Jesus referred to the Old Testament as the Word of God (Mark 7:13). Jesus plainly told the Sadducees that they were in error "because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. (Matthew 22:29). We need to remember that the Bible is the Immutable, Inerrant, Inspired and Infallible Word of God.

2. STAND FOR BIBLICAL SEXUALITY AND THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE: We need to align our views with what Jesus taught about sexuality and the sanctity of life (Matthew 5:21-22 and Exodus 20:13). Jesus teaching was that sex was designed to be enjoyed within the confines of Biblical marriage and that all human life is sacred.

3. GET A BACKBONE: We need to know that we will be persecuted for taking a biblical stand on the social issues of the day. Jesus says in John 16:33, if the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. Following Christ may not be popular or easy but in the end obeying Him is worth the cost.

4. LIVE THE TRUTH: Progressive Christianity is marked by a "what's true for you is true for you" attitude. "A true statement or belief is one that corresponds with reality, and truth is true whether or not someone believe it. Jesus says in John 14:6 that He is the truth.

5. PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL: This progressive movement tries to be inclusive and at the same time reject absolute truth. This means that they will try to avoid any uncomfortable parts of the Gospel, like final judgment and a place of punishment called hell.

Childers points out that there is a day of judgment coming and if someone rejects God's offer of salvation, His free gift of eternal life, they will spend eternity in hell unless Jesus becomes their Savior.

Albert Mohler Jr. is president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Boyce College in Louisville, Kentucky calls this movement theological liberalism. Some of this came to the United States from Germany in the 19th century. Their goal was to undermine Scripture.

He gave an example of Pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick who was pastor of John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s Riverside Church in New York City. It was built in the late 1920's and Fosdick who was pastor of Parkside Baptist Church in New York City at the time only agreed to be the senior pastor if the church were made non-denominational. Fosdick is best known for his sermon "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" that he preached when he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City in 1922.

He subscribed to this liberal thinking which at that time was called the "Enlightenment Movement". He was against people who believed in the basic doctrines of Scripture. These doctrines included (1) the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture, (2) The deity of Christ and His virgin birth, (3) The substitutionary atonement of Christ's death, (4) The literal resurrection of Christ from the dead and (5) The literal return of Christ.

Mohler writes about the sexual revolution that took place in the 1960's where churches and denominations joined the sexual revolution and reformulated their teachings on divorce, birth control, premarital sex, adultery and homosexuality. These churches / denominations destroyed any objective foundation that says these behaviors were inherently wrong. He says the central point is that you cannot maintain Biblical morality if you have subverted Biblical authority. He also points out that when you abandon Biblical doctrine, you set the stage to deny Biblical morality.

In conclusion of his article he says that the society around us will demand more and more compromise and will see the Christian church, bound to Scripture and committed to the Gospel as the great obstacle to their version of moral progress. And, once you untether yourself or your church from the Word of God, you had better expect the next wave of "progressive" energy to wash you and your church far out to sea.

The last author I would like to write about is Pastor Erwin W. Lutzer, pastor emeritus of Moody Bible Church in Chicago. He says that Progressive Christianity interprets the Bible through the lens of culture; it does not critique the culture through the lens of the Bible. So in the name of love and inclusivity, progressive Christians apply their teaching to matters of sexuality, the doctrine of salvation and the eternal destiny of lost sinners. They wish to make Christianity blend in with the culture rather than stand against it.

Progressive Christianity has developed a worldview based on human desires, not the clear revelation of God. He says this is exactly what the Apostle Paul warned against: "The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but have itching ears they will accumulate for themselves *teachers to suit their own passions*, and will turn away from listening to the truth (2 Timothy 4:3-4, italics added).

Lutzer concludes by asking the question "So, what are we to do?"

He says first we are to pray for discernment. Ask ourselves is it Biblical? "THE MOST COMPASSIONATE THING WE CAN DO IS TO TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH."

Second, ask if the world's definitions of justice and equality are based on divine law or my own preference.

He finished his article by saying "Jesus warned, enter through the narrow door. We have no right to make it wider."

Keep Looking Up!!!

Mark Punchard Sr.

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

DAVID JEREMIAH DVD study (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

ROMANS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

INTENTIONAL PARENTING (Blair) 9:00am Kitchen

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

NURSERY 10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ages K-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

KID'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9:00am

Focused Learners: (ages K-5th grade) Lewis Hall

Active Learners: (nursery/preschool) Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS

TUESDAY

GOSPEL OF LUKE (J. Harris) ZOOM 6:30-7:45pm

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

THURSDAY

BOOK OF ACTS (P. Carl) @ FBC 5:30am Men Only! OFF FOR SUMMER

BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS @ FBC 9:30am OFF FOR SUMMER

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

DEEPER STILL (Gallimore) @FBC 1:00pm Every other week

FRIDAY (every other)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Pastor Sean's home) 7:30pm Men Only!



Kid's for Christ Musical!!

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

See Lori Miley if interested

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BOOK REVIEW

ZOOM

**“The Pursuit of
Holiness”**

by Jerry Bridges

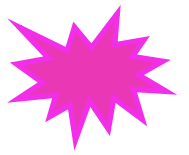
need link? See Pastor Carl

Can You Guess The Hymn?

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing
stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my
strength and shield,
Be Thou still my
strength and shield



15 Questions



STONES, ROLLING AND NON-ROLLING

1. Who suggested that stones could be turned into bread?
2. Who used a stone for a pillow?
3. What enemies of Joshua were pelted by stones from the Lord?
4. In what humiliating way was Abimelech murdered?
5. Who had a vision of an angel casting an enormous stone into the sea?
6. Who erected a large pillar stone and called it Ebenezer?
7. What shepherd boy went into battle with a bag of stones?
8. Who built an alter of stone that was consumed by fire from heaven?
9. What patriarch and his father-in-law heaped up stones as a sign of their covenant together?
10. Who sat on a stone while Amalekites fought the Israelites?
11. Who had a dream about a giant statue struck by a stone?
12. Which disciple was called a rock?
13. In Revelation, what did the Spirit promise to the churches that would overcome?
14. Who set up a commemorative stone after the Israelites covenanted to serve the Lord?
15. Which of Paul's epistles speaks about a "spiritual rock" which is Christ?

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Answers for MAY 'Hugs and Kisses'

1. What two hostile brothers met and kissed each other, weeping all the way?
JACOB AND ESAU (GENESIS 33:4)
2. What soldier murdered a man while kissing him? **JOAB (2 SAMUEL 20:9-10)**
3. What prophet talked about kissing calves?
HOSEA (13:2) WHO WAS REFERRING TO CALF IDOLS
4. Who kissed Barzillai, an old man who had provided supplies for the army?
DAVID (2 SAMUEL 19:39)
5. Who kissed Absalom after his two years in exile? **DAVID (2 SAMUEL 10:1)**
6. Who poured oil on Saul's head and kissed him? **SAMUEL (1 SAMUEL 10:1)**
7. What aged father kissed one son, mistaking him for the other?
ISAAC, WHO KISSED JACOB INSTEAD OF ESAU (GENESIS 27:27)
8. Who met Moses in the wilderness and kissed him?
JETHRO, HIS FATHER IN LAW (EXODUS 18:5,7)
9. When Jacob died, who wept over him and kissed him? **JOSEPH (GENESIS 50:1)**
10. What bereaved woman kissed her daughters-in-law good-bye as she left to return to her own country?
NAOMI (RUTH 1:9)
11. What rebel was so magnetic in personality that the men of Israel couldn't help kissing him?
ABSALOM (2 SAMUEL 15:5-6)
12. Who kissed David when he was fleeing from Saul? **JONATHAN (1 SAMUEL 20:41)**
13. Who met Moses by the mount of God and kissed him? **AARON (EXODUS 4:27)**
14. Who kissed his brothers in a tearful family reunion? **JOSEPH (GENESIS 45:15)**
15. Who kissed and blessed Ephraim and Manasseh, Joseph's sons?
JACOB (GENESIS 48:10, 20)

ANSWER TO HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #608

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.