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Announcements

New Member Directory

The new *Member Directory* is being prepared for Homecoming. If you need to update your picture or info send it to dawn@fabchurch.com today!

Myrtle Beach Trip

Full payment is due! Two rooms have opened up. See Tom and pay today if you'd like to go.

Deacon Elections

We are taking nominations for deacons for 2026. See the guidelines on page 6. Submit your nominations to any of the elders: Bob Dimmitt, Tom Keller, Glen Martin, or Steve Posner, by **November 2**.

Choir Practice Tonight

Choir practice is this afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

FABC's Family Fall Festival!

Bring your Toddlers through Sixth Graders to our Family Fall Festival this Wednesday, **October 29!** A free Hot Dog Dinner will be served, beginning at 5:45. There are games, prizes, and inflatables that will open at 6:15. Volunteers are needed to serve and run the games, and there is a sign up sheet in the hall for you to pick your favorite spot to work! If you have any questions, talk to Emily Herb. There are no other activities scheduled.



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Isaiah 25:9 Pew Bible p. 586

Greeting

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

O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Prayer of Praise

Hymn, bulletin p. 7

"Behold Our God"

Prayer of General Confession Steve Posner

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible p. 660

Hymn #42, bulletin p. 8

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Scripture Reading Romans 7:7-25 Bobby DeLoach Pew Bible pp. 943-944

Hymn, bulletin p. 9

"We Will Feast"

Message
Bob Dimmitt
The Titles of Jesus
Matthew #106

Matthew 16:13-17, Pew Bible p. 822

Hymn, bulletin p. 10

"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"

A.M. Notes

The Titles of Jesus
Matthew #106
Matthew 16:13-17

John 20:31

Three	different	titles	are	often	used	of	Jesus:
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1. <u>Son of Man</u>: Dan 7:13-14

2. Son of God: Refers to Jesus' authority and deity.

3. God the Son: Refers to Jesus as_____

Jesus is not the Son of God in the sense that he is God's "offspring,"

John 20:30-31; Matthew 26:63

Heb 1:1-3

Jesus made other claims to the fact of his deity:

- 1. Jesus invoked the ancient and sacred name of God John 8:58-59
- 2. Jesus claimed to do things that only God could do, such as forgive sins (Matt 9:1-8) and resurrect the dead (John 11:25)

Isaiah 9:6-7 What about verse 10?

The rock, the confession the Church is built on is the truth about Jesus—the full identity of Jesus

Old Savannah City Mission Lunch

Tom Keller will preach and serve lunch to those at the Old Savannah City Mission on Saturday, **November 1**. Beth Lewis, Jeanie Groover, Kay Stanford, and Dean McCraw are scheduled to help. Talk to Tom if you would like to help, as well. Talk to Janice Donaldson if you would like to help in a future month.

Homecoming Work Day

There is a work day for Homecoming at the church on Saturday, **November 1**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come in your work clothes ready to hit it! If you have noticed something that needs to be done, talk to Joe Morris about getting it on the list.

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Our clocks will change at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Before you go to bed Saturday night, **November 1**, set any clocks that won't set themselves back one hour. Don't be late for Sunday School Sunday morning!

57th Annual Homecoming!

Our 57th Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, **November 9!** There is no Sunday School. Coffee and snack fellowship begins at 9:45 a.m., Worship is at 10:30 a.m., and it is followed by lunch! Bring a dessert or side dish to share. Barbecue, sausage, and Brunswick stew are provided. Invite friends and family, especially those who used to belong to our church, but have moved away.





Women's Ministry Survey

The Women's Ministry leadership have developed a survey to assess the needs and wants of our church women. If you are a woman 16 years or older, please scan the QR code to the left and answer the questions, so they can try to better serve you. Thanks!

Important Upcoming Events

Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, & Carols

Trin to Myrtle Reach

Christmas Day: Office Closed New Year's Eve Game Night



6:00 p.m.

October:

FABC'S FUN FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL 29 5:45 P.M.

November:

1	Homecoming Work Day	8:00 a.m.
1	Old Savannah City Mission with Tom: Beth Lewis, Jeanie	Groover
	Kay Stanford, Dean McCraw	11:00 a.m.
1	Daylight Savings Time: Fall Back! Before	e your bedtime
4	Election Day	
9	57th FABC Homecoming!	10:30 a.m.
18	Senior Saints' Lunch: Bevrick's & Durden's Pecan in Mett	er 10:00 a.m.
25	Wednesday on Tuesday: Fried Chicken	5:30 p.m.
27, 28	Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

December:

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1-3	THP to Myrtte beach	
3	Youth & Adventure Club Christmas Parties	6:30 p.m.
6	Old Savannah City Mission with Tom:	
	Travis & Ginna MacMillan, Dennis Brittingham	11:00 a.m.
7	Carlos & Sandy Rios sharing in Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
10	Church Christmas Banquet	6:30 p.m.
12	Young Adult Christmas Party	TBA
15, 17	Christmas Caroling	
18	Lifeline Screening	
21	Cantata: Light of Christ, Born for Us	6:00 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve: Office Closed	
24	Christmas Eve Communion Service	5:00 p.m.

January:

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4 Kendra Stanford sharing in Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

e can rest confident in the fact that nothing will happen to us in this world apart from the gracious will of a sovereign God. Nothing.

David Platt

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Guidelines for Deacon Election - I Timothy 3: 8-13

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

- · A deacon must be reverent—serious in mind and character, not flippant toward the work of God.
- · A deacon is not double-tongued. He must be honest and consistent, discreet, not saying one thing to some people and then another thing to others.
- · A deacon must not be given to much wine—not preoccupied with drink. His judgment is never to be clouded by alcohol, or any other chemical.
- A deacon must not be greedy for money—does not have a reputation for being preoccupied with gaining material wealth and things. He does not use his position to gain money from others—not covetous.
- A deacon holds the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. He believes the Gospel with no doubts. He is firmly convinced of the truths of Scripture and the trustworthiness of the Scriptures themselves.
- Let a deacon first be tested—meaning that he is not new a believer, and he is someone who has already demonstrated spiritual maturity and a willingness to serve others, to be inconvenienced without complaint.
- · A deacon must be found blameless; no valid accusation of wrongdoing can be made against him.
- A deacon must be the husband of one wife; obviously not polygamous, not a womanizer. Some think this means he cannot be a divorced man, but there are some divorces which God allows and recognizes. Therefore, if there are biblical grounds for a divorce, then we cannot justifiably disqualify that man. Even though it might be best not to seek this position as a divorced man, he is not necessarily eliminated. (As a side—if there has been a divorce, it should be so far in the past that the man in question has shown a long pattern of solid family leadership.)
- A deacon rules his own house well—he leads his family by example, shows wisdom in handling problems, his wife and children respect him, and his wife and children are not unruly.
- · A deacon's wife must be:

Reverent—same as number one above.

Must not be a gossip, control her tongue, emotions, and opinions of others and sensitive issues.

Temperate, alert, watchful, and clear-headed—unclouded judgment, not clouded by alcohol, or any substance.

Faithful in all things—absolutely trustworthy in all things and in all situations. We might add a spiritual maturity that has been proven.

Reggie Brown, Joe Morris, and Ric Zittrouer are scheduled to rotate off.

Deacon Election Submissions - Please submit names to any elder (Bob Dimmitt, Tom Keller, Glen Martin, or Steve Posner), by November 2, and they will contact the nominees if it is determined that they are qualified to serve.

BEHOLD OUR GOD



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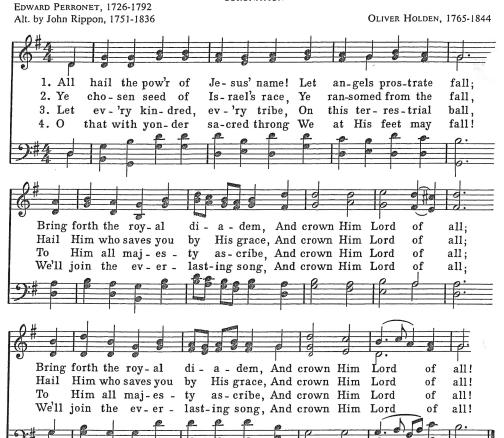
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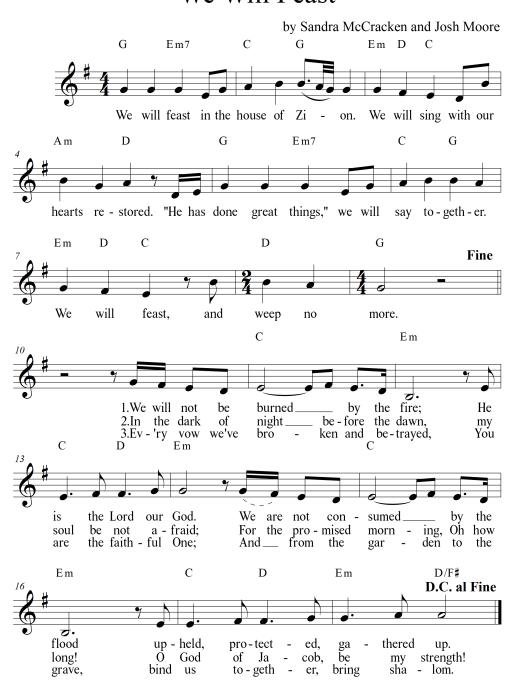
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All Hail the Power

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We Will Feast



Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God



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Articles

How Men Destroy Their Households (Apathy, _____, and _____) Part

By Michael Foster

When God placed Adam on the mountaintop in Eden, He told him to subdue the world: to bring it under control, to shape it for God's glory. That's why little boys dig in the dirt. God made them to shape the dirt. That's why we want to climb to the tops of trees and mountains. That's why we build bridges across creeks or carve wood into a flute or a guitar. It's why we want to harness and master this world for some good and productive end. That's dominion. We were made for it. We were made to build.

But not all builders build with wisdom. Wisdom is the art and skill of living in harmony with God's moral, social, and spiritual order. God has made the world to work in a certain way, and wisdom recognizes and submits to that reality. It even knows how to deal with a cursed world where things don't work as they were first designed. Wisdom navigates that brokenness in a way that still honors God. Folly, on the other hand, disregards God's order and acts as if creation has no King.

So the very first step toward wisdom is bowing before the King Himself. To know Christ is Lord. As Proverbs 1 tells us: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge*.

Proverbs shows us what it looks like when a soul who fears the Lord builds with wisdom. Proverbs also gives us the negative examples—the fools who don't build, but destroy.

Life is not neutral. Nothing stays stable for long. Your house is either improving or declining. Your finances won't take care of themselves. You're either managing them or they're wasting away. Your children must be disciplined and trained; if you're not doing it, something else is. Maybe it's media. Maybe it's their peers. Maybe it's simply the godless world around them. But one way or another, they are being formed.

Life is always moving; it never stands still. A house must be maintained. The lawn must be mowed. Leaks must be fixed. Roofs must be replaced. Ignore these things and your home falls into disrepair. That's what we call entropy; everything in creation moves from order to disorder. Things rot. They break down. They require attention and effort.

And so it is with our lives. Many start out well. They build with energy and purpose in the beginning. But they don't finish that way. Some fall into neglect. Others plunge into outright foolishness. Often it's arrogance ... they think they can coast. And when they do, everything they built begins to crumble.

<u>It's not how you start, it's how you finish</u>. Take the 2017 Super Bowl. The Atlanta Falcons were up 28 to 3 in the third quarter. Victory looked certain. But then the Patriots rallied, the Falcons crumbled, and what looked like triumph ended in overtime defeat.

We've seen the same pattern in the church. Pastors who became household names, authors, conference speakers, men who seemed to start so well. And then it all came crashing down. An affair. Embezzled funds. Secret sins that burned their ministries to the ground. The lesson is sobering: you can spend years building, and tear it all down in a moment. Sometimes it happens slowly, through neglect. Other times in one reckless act.

Proverbs 11:29 says, "Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart."

Let's look at men and how they can trouble their own households. There are three major areas I want us to consider: apathy, anger, and addiction.

Let's begin with apathy.

Proverbs 24:30–34: "I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man."

By apathy, I mean indifference. To be apathetic is not to care. The sluggard of Proverbs 24 is a picture of this. He's lethargic, which is a form of practical apathy. He doesn't give things the attention they warrant. His vineyard goes untended, and he becomes comfortable with it falling apart. It doesn't happen all at once—it happens little by little. He sleeps when he should be working, and when he works, he doesn't work with the vigor he should. He lacks drive.

To be a man, to be a laborer, is to work hard ... not just in one area, but across many. Maybe you don't have a vineyard. But your life is a vineyard. Your household is a vineyard. Your wife and children are a vineyard. Your vocation is a vineyard. You cannot neglect these things. They require your energy, your care, your discipline.

Many men lose the hearts of their wives and children little by little. Not all at once. You don't lose your son's heart because you missed one baseball game. You don't lose your wife's heart because of one argument or a short rough patch. But a consistent pattern of apathy and lethargy will hollow out your household.

Children left without discipline will grow proud and reckless. Finances left unmanaged will eventually collapse into sudden poverty. Health ignored will decline beyond recovery. A wife denied tenderness will harden or turn elsewhere. This is the slow decay of a man who will not hustle.

The faithful life is a busy life. And I know some of you are thinking, "But I already work hard. I just don't have enough time." I get it. I'm sympathetic. But the truth is, you've got to be wiser. You've got to pick and choose what you spend your time on. Paul says in 1 Corinthians that when he became a man, he put away childish things. What are the childish things in your life? I don't mean sinful things. Childish things aren't necessarily bad. Kids need to play. It's how they learn. But as a man, you don't have the same time to play. You still need some recreation, but you also need to pray like David in Psalm 119: "Turn my eyes away from worthless things." Some of your distractions are killing your time and starving your household.

If you really want to know where your time is going, track it. Track your money, track your hours. You'll find you probably have more time than you realize ... time you could be spending sleeping well, working diligently, and investing in what matters. Here's a practical tip: I call it stacking. Stack tasks together. If I need to fix a fence but also want to connect with one of my kids, I take them with me to Home Depot. We grab a burger, then come back and fix the fence together. That way, the work gets done and the relationship grows. So, ask yourself: what can you cut? What can you stack? What are your real priorities?

God gave us six days for labor and one for rest. That pattern is not arbitrary. It's a calling. Work hard six days, rest one. Most of us are blessed to work Monday through Friday, with Saturday free for our homes and Sunday set apart for worship. But don't miss the point: <u>coasting will destroy you</u>. Indifference, neglect, and laziness will dismantle your household piece by piece until there's nothing left.

So, look at the sluggard. Look at the apathetic man. And learn: you cannot afford to live like that. •



Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Even if outward circumstances appear fruitless, it does not therefore nullify the faithfulness of God. Even though there is pain in the suffering, there can still be joy in the waiting. Adverse circumstances should never define your understanding of God, but they will reveal whether or not you trust in Him.

God is always at work for the salvation of His people, even when you cannot fully comprehend all His ways (See Habakkuk 1:5; 3:13). Therefore, take joy in His promise to preserve you for eternal life, even when it appears that evil and suffering have the upper hand. God is in total control over all nations, rulers, military, families, neighbors, churches, pastors, bosses, economic gain and loss, sickness and health, and even the smallest events in your life. No circumstance or person will ever have the upper hand on God, and that includes His grip on His children. He's already proven that He is always FOR you through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, He is ultimately FOR your JOY, not against it.

Be encouraged!

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Missionary of the Week

Ralph & Elaine Elliott Cru - Antwerp, Belgium

Dear Prayer Team,

Thank you for your prayers! It was a great week of ministry with our friends from the US—Bob and Diane Wallingford.

Tuesday September 23

We held a LeaderImpact (LI) Forum, which we usually do twice a year, in the autumn and in the spring. The idea behind the Forum is to have a speaker event on a topic that will attract the interest of business and professional people—both believers and non-believers. The topic Bob Wallingford spoke on was "Achieving a Work Life Balance."

We had thirty people attend, which is a good size group for us. There was considerable interest in the topic as judged by the responses by the Q&A time (and very positive feedback from those we talked with). One of the key practical points is to see how many will want to join LI groups as a result of this evening. We aren't sure exactly at this point how many will join our different groups, but we are



hopeful for many new people. Thanks for your prayers in this regard.

Wednesday and Thursday September 24-25

The Wallingfords also talked to different small campus groups on how to know the will of God for your life. There was a great interest in the topic followed by much personal interaction with the Wallingfords following their talk.

Friday September 26

The Wallingfords shared with our Family Life group. It was an encouraging, enjoyable time including the first-time attendance of a Belgian couple who are not yet genuine believers.

Saturday September 27

The Church Young Adult meeting at our home was an important one as this is an important step as we begin the academic year. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they all have the potential to make a difference in this country.

Saturday evening, I went to hear Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, who was speaking in Brussels. There was a big attendance—more than 15,000—that came out to hear him speak. At the end, Franklin Graham gave a call for attendees to come forward to repent of their sins and place their faith in Christ, just as his father had done in his crusades for so many years. It seemed that about 1,000 came forward at the end. Please join with me in praying that these new converts will grow strong in their faith and make a difference in Belgium!

An important last-minute request

Our new Christian Embassy Belgium in collaboration with the Belgian Prayer Parliamentary lunch initiative will be hosting the Inaugural Belgian Parliamentary Prayer Lunch in Brussels on October 2, from 12:00-14:00. We expect around 100 persons made up of a mix of members of Belgian Parliament, business leaders, ambassadors, and religious leaders. Please pray for hearts to be touched and a fervent awakening to the purpose and values of Jesus Christ among the decision makers in Belgium. Thank you for your intercession and prayers! (Note: this event has passed. Please pray for continued impact as a result.)

Thank you for your prayers!

Ralph and Elaine

Nursery October 26 Babies:

Jay & Lisa Rowe **Toddlers:**

Sona Bailey, Charlotte Denney

Preschoolers:

Jimmy & Tammy Kicklighter

Nursery November 2 Babies:

Carolyn Blanton, Jan DeLoach, Kayla Duero **Toddlers:**

Cindy Dimmitt, Rebekah Helmick

Preschoolers:

Rachel Beatty, Amy Keller

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Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from

www.fabchurch.com/sermons



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9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study: Crown Him King	6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: Romans	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

FABC FUN FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL	5:45 P.M.

Thursday

Senior Adult Bible Study: <i>Isaiah</i>	10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: Crown Him King	6:15 p.m.
Young Adult Social	6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Homecoming Work Day		8:00 a.m.
Lunch at Old Savannah City Mission: Be	th Lewis, Jeanie Groover,	11:00 a.m.
Kay Stanford, Dean McCraw		

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

Lockup Deacons for October: Cole Morris, Jay Rowe

Sunday School Classes and Descriptions

Adult

The Law of Moses:

Survey of 613 Laws Fellowship Hall: Bob Dimmitt

Romans video series:

W. Robert Godfrey, Ligonier Youth House: Steve Posner Union with Christ Gym Overhang: Tom Keller

Children and Students

Babies	Room 3:	Kay Stanford, Saundra 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:	Mary Ann Fowler, Amy Horton
Youth Guys & Girls	Room 206:	Bobby DeLoach, Shawn Champion,
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