

Foundations *News*

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MAY 2025

Women's Bible Study

May 8th & 22nd

6:30 pm @ FBC

May 11th is Mother's Day

Proverbs 31:28-29

*"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'"*

This passage is a tribute to a mother's hard work, virtue, and love. It reflects how children and husbands recognize and honor a mother's efforts. It serves as a reminder to cherish and celebrate the women who serve so selflessly in their families.

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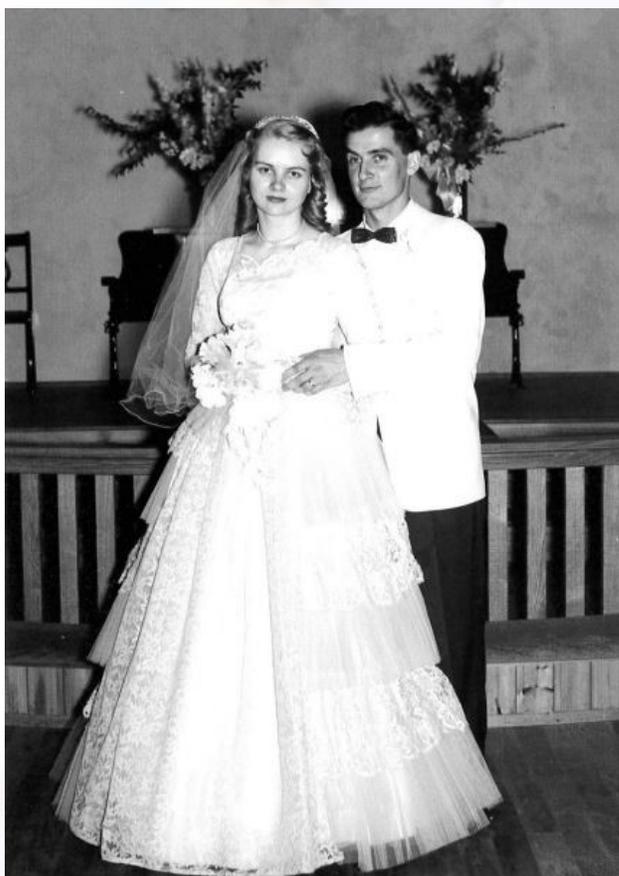
*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.*

*Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*

Congratulations to Glenn & Gladys Pettit on their 66th wedding anniversary!

They are currently the longest married couple in our congregation.

May they be our reminder that marriages can last through the ups and downs of this life. We wish you many more years of memories and love.



May 2, 1959

May Anniversaries

02 -- Glenn & Gladys Pettit~1959
05 -- Andrew & Chelse Krause~2006
30 -- Derek & Brandy Michaelis~2020

May Birthdays

04 -- Ronda Cooper
19 -- Brandalyn Michaelis
20 -- Raeleen Hill
25 -- David Krause
25 -- Carol Kvitem
30 -- Craig Gartner

Fellowship Hall Servers

May 4- Potluck
May 11- Mother's Day- Men
May 18- Joel & Roxanne Schutt
May 25- Todd & Jeanette Cory

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4- Potluck
May 6- Stewardship Team Meeting 7pm
May 11- Mother's Day
May 11- Time for Prayer during fellowship
May 13- CED Team Meeting
May 17- Men's Breakfast @ FBC 8:30am
May 18- FBC Women's Group during fellowship
May 20- Spiritual Ministry Team Meeting 7pm
May 22- Deadline for church newsletter
May 23- Genesis Graduation @ FBC 6:30pm
May 25- Medical Missions during fellowship
- Movie Night 6pm
May 26- Memorial Day
May 27- Servant Leadership Meeting 7pm

Pastor's Pen

Pastor D.L. Barnett

OK – so I heard a statement this week.... It really got me to thinking, honestly it made me think about how I think. The statement was made in light of hearing a fellow pastor expound upon his study the following passage of Scripture:

So, Jesus said to them, **"The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going."** (John 12:35)

The statement he made was this: "too often Christians curse the dark, rather than shine the light".... He then quoted the following saying: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". This quote has been attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt, Confucius, John F. Kennedy, and several others.

Roman 13:11-12 says **"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now, is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light."**

And Jesus said, as recorded in **Matthew 5:14-16** **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."**

Well, like I said, I got to thinking about my thinking regarding light and dark, each of their respective powers, and whether or not Christian are more dark oriented than light illuminating. What do I mean? I am glad you asked!!

By and large, we go around talking all about the darkness of the day, and rightfully so, but do we give as much attention to the light that expels that darkness? More than that, do we really live like the light of the world, like a bright city on a hill, or do we hide ourselves under a basket by living in or with the darkness that needs expelled?

What I am getting at is – do we talk too much and not walk enough? Do we curse about the darkness and do nothing to bring the light into it? Do we shine a dark light or a bright light? It is so easy to point out the darkness in others, and the darkness around us, that we forget our darkness emanates too. Before I go onto another point, I want to make a challenging request.... For one week, rather than scourer the news and the happenings for the darkness that is so readily noticeable – look for what God is doing in the midst of it.... And the second part of that challenge, take the time to assess your own talk and walk, asking "what AM I showing the world around me.... the light or the dark?" I am reminded of the dark Pharisee and the light sinner in **Luke 18:10-14**:

"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Even in prayer, the dark Pharisee noticed the sinner's sins more than his own. In today's language it would be "I know I have my issues and my sins, BUT that isn't the only side to this" or "I am the first to admit I got my sins, BUT...." or it comes out as one has done nothing as bad as the others and I have done so much good compared to others...

However, on the right side of things, the truly repentant light sinner only recognized his own sins before God – no excuses, no self-justifications, no shifting the blame, but just the shame and ownership of his own sin and a plea for the mercy of God on his soul....

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This is stepping into the light.... Ownership, despite anyone else's involvement< no pity party, no self-preservation, or making less of the sin, no trying to keep it quiet – just simple straight forward, I have sinned... God have mercy please....

Now, the second point, the Bible does tell us **“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”** (Ephesians 5:6-14)

This means people use empty, false, masked words and build partnerships with the same ilk.... And God considers this disobedience and it makes Him angry enough to bring down the wrath. If you're a believer, you used to walk and talk in darkness, but as a believer it is unbecoming and should no longer be part of your life, nor should we be taking part in those dark things anymore. Rather we should not cover them up, but tell the truth and share the issue and problem, or expose the fake and phony that wants it to remain hidden so they can stay indulging in it, while putting on the façade of faith... In fact, it says people do disgusting things in secret – we should not have hidden secret sins, they are the shameful proverbial skeletons in the closet that need removed. So, if your serious about following Christ, it is high time to wake up! Quit sleeping in sinful spiritual slumber and let Christ's light shine on you to reveal the darkness so it can be eradicated and expelled! Of course this is the amplified Barnett paraphrase commentary, but I think it sheds the light, yes pun intended, on the dark situation and hearts at hand.

What can you do next – if the LORD has been exposing you, be honest, humble yourself, don't hide or pretend anymore, mercy is found for the honest sinner not the self-righteous man.

There are extraordinary promises from the LORD for those with enough integrity really tell the truth and deal with the darkness.... His Word is that “He will humble the prideful and exalt the humble”.

In this day of darkness, for the world, for our nation, for us individually, it is time to let the light expose the reality of our walk and talk. If the light of the fire of revival is to ever burn bright, we must let the LORD consume us and ignite our hearts. Let Jesus burn away the chaff and stubble of our lives and refine the gold and silver He has made us to be....

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:5-10)

Spiritual Ministry Team Newsletter

By Mitchell Jenkins

We should strive, in our Christian life, to reach a point where we share the happiness of God, regardless of our circumstances – whether good or even tragic. We can have an inner peace and happiness based on our knowledge and wisdom of what God has for us both now and in eternity. So, whatever our circumstances are, we have a full realization that it's in His plan and He has it well in hand.

God has giving us many promises in the Scriptures starting with John 3:16 – “for God still love the world. They gave his own only begotten son that whom believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Those promises go beyond that which, in our finite minds, can claim such as: “all things were together for good for those who love God and those who were called according to his purpose” found in Romans 8:28. These are not empty promises, as they are from His character / essence, that is His omniscience (all-knowing), omnipresence (all present), omnipotence (all powerful), absolute justice, and righteousness, immutability (unchangingness), veracity (truthfulness and truth), and love. God cannot tell lies, cannot tell half-truths: everything that's in the His Word (Scripture) is an absolute.

We quite often claim one of the hundreds of promises that's in the Scripture without fully grasping the wonderful power behind it.... But if we are as a song says, “standing on the promises of Christ, our Lord” daily, we can achieve that higher level of happiness that we seek.

