

# FBC NEWSLETTER

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*Preparing people for  
Wholeness in Jesus through  
The Word of God.  
Readying the remnant  
For the rapture.*



**Congratulations to Andrew & LaNay on their newborn son, Russell Douglas. He was born, Thurs. July 24th at 9:18 am. He weighed 7 lbs 4 1/2 ounces. He is welcomed by his siblings, Brooklyn and Wade. Grandparents are Dwight and Dedra Hervey and Kevin and Jannette Walker.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

02 - Duane & Carol Kvitem(1959)  
14 - Todd & Jeanette Cory(1993)  
24 - Trent & Jaden Jorgenson(2024)  
30 - Tyler & Makayla Nepp(2014)

## August Birthdays

01 -- Michael Hill  
02 -- Brytain Walker  
07 -- John Schavey  
11 -- Sonny Nepp  
12 -- Zac Herrmann  
12 -- Cyndy Pierce  
12 -- Seth Langford  
23 -- Kip Herrmann  
24 -- Dedra Hervey  
25 -- Donna Fortune  
25 -- Elizabeth Schavey

## Upcoming Events

5th - Stewardship Meeting 7 pm  
10th - Time for Prayer during fellowship  
12th - CED Meeting 7 pm  
16th - Men's Breakfast 8:30 am  
19th - Spiritual Ministry Meeting 7 pm  
31st - Medical Missions

## Fellowship Servers

3rd - Potluck  
10th - Bill & Judy Herrmann  
17th - Mitch & Laurie Jenkins  
24th - Kip & Debbie Herrmann  
31st - Steve & Nancy Jones

# PASTOR'S PEN

WHAT YOU BELIEVE JESUS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

**Galatians 1:6-10** I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Now, it may be a blinding flash of the obvious, but that is not the same with everyone who calls themselves a Christian. Paul was facing a confrontation dilemma of eternal necessity. Some men were twisting around the good news to fit what they thought, not what God was telling them through Paul. People were skipping out left and right when some men started to proclaim something more, perverted, wrenched and distorted from the simple devotion to Jesus Christ and the good news of His coming, His death, His burial and His resurrection.... Why is it always the case – people complicate the simplest of things. Religious people add and surmise and bring into the Bible and the Truth so many things that just take away from the fact that all have sinned, all fall short, all need saved, and those that call on the name of Jesus will be saved.

I have been reading and studying other denomination's and cult's material that they add to the Bible, as equally authoritative. You wouldn't believe, and I hope you never do, the crazy things they claim about Jesus who they think He is – things Jesus never would have said or it never would have entered His mind.

One false-work states that Father God was once a man and became a God. Another stated that Jesus' body and blood are literally present in the bread and the wine. Others state we will one day become god's and goddess's just like the Father... co-creators of our own worlds and planets.

I read of rituals for "sealing" forever marriages, and baptisms for the dead, Michael the archangel became Adam, and ordinances of special endowments to be priests and vows and the list goes on.... None of which are in the Word of God.

Yet, by the thousands, and millions – people that once turned to Jesus turned to these extras, these twisted "prophetic" revelations that supersede Jesus' Words. Many have claimed "angels" came and showed them golden tablets in the 1800's, others in the 1900's claimed God is an alien, even another claims they got "angelic" messages regarding moon rocks, and today – the legalists claim they are better Christians because they adhere to the laws of Moses, and still others claim you cannot eat certain foods, marry those not approved by the hierarchy or outside their denomination, some consider their denomination or cult like organization the true restored church, and all others between the 1<sup>st</sup> century until 18<sup>th</sup> century are apostate. Even one says they are the mother church. Today we have one claiming angel feathers fall on them and gold dust does too, as they worship.

Paul was right – people follow "their Jesus" – and others exploit that! I was pondering a question asked, regarding working with or interacting with the types of individuals Paul described – here is question: What would Jesus say to them about what they think about Him, and about those who compromise to please men rather than God?

How about you? What would Jesus say about what you believe about Him? Does it line up with what He says about who He is? And how much do you compromise to please men rather than God?

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.



# *Spiritual Ministry Team Letter*

## *By Makayla Nepp*

### Deuteronomy 32:1-6

Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

"Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. They have dealt corruptly with him; they are no longer his children because they are blemished; they are a crooked and twisted generation. Do you thus repay the LORD, you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you?"

### An apologetics segment on Deuteronomy 32:6:

One of the three distinct yet coequal persons within the Trinity, God as Father surfaces in the OT as a title or in reference to His relationship with Israel:

Isaiah 64:8 "But now, O Lord, you are our Father."

Jeremiah 3:19 "And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me."

Jeremiah 31:9 "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

When Jesus appeared, both He and the NT writers referred to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit much more distinctly. The phrase God the Father occurs between 15 and 20 times in the NT, depending on which translation is used. In many instances where God the Father is mentioned, Jesus Christ is mentioned in the same verse.

God the Father and the Trinity. The coming of the Son, prophesied in the OT and fulfilled in the NT, highlights the distinction between Father and Son in the Trinity. The revelation found in the NT allows us to see God the Father with greater clarity in the OT. In the NT, God most often means "God the Father"-where He is seen as the authority or creative force behind the work on the Trinity. The creation story illustrates this in the division of labor between Father, Son, and Spirit. God (the Father) spoke the creation decrees ("Let there be" Ps. 33:6) while God the Spirit hovered over the unformed earth (Gen 1:1,2). But God the Son was the agent of creation who carried out the Father's decrees (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:1,2).

God the Father and Jesus Christ. The Father's authoritative role is also made clear in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son." The Father put in motion the activity needed to grant redemption to sinful humanity; the Son came to earth to carry out the plan. After that work was accomplished, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to indwell those who embraced the offer of redemption: "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26).

In Philippians 2:5-8, Paul confirms that Christ was "in the form of God" and possessed "equality with God" but willingly took on "the form of a servant" and "the likeness of men." Christ "humbled himself by becoming obedient" to the Father by dying on the cross. The Son's obedience and loyalty to the Father are pictured also in the temptation experience in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11) and in Christ's absolute submission to the Father during His earthly life and ministry (John 4:34; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28, 42; 10:37, 38; 12:49; 14:10, 31; 15:10; 17:4). Christ's humble obedience to the Father's will provides an example for how Christians should relate to God, their heavenly Father.

God the Father and Christians. The Fatherhood of God is about more than just obedience; it highlights the love of God as well. Jesus was the first to refer to God as "Abba, Father" (Mark 14:36), Abba being an Aramaic word of endearment. The apostle Paul picked up Jesus' reference to God as Abba, saying that every Christian enjoys the intimate privilege of calling God "Abba" (Rom 8:15). The idea that Christians have been "adopted" by God into His family, as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, further deepens our understanding of God as Father (Rom. 8:15, 23,29; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5).

The same God who spoke the world into existence and sacrificed His only Son is the same Father who knows and meets the needs of all of His adopted children.

# *A Blast From the Past*

## Contentment is Found in Christ Alone

How many of us are content? Many struggle with this, always looking for the next best thing that we think will make us happy but once we have it or the newness wears off, we are once again discontent. We need to slow down and realize that being closer to God, being happy with what we have and realizing what is truly important will bring us contentment. When you have a complaint, remember all your blessings!

I read the following and it really hit home. "Don't let your prayers become an exercise in worrying on your knees! Always keep in mind the blessings in your life that God gives you every single day. Give him thanks for everything he has done for you. Bring your concerns to God knowing that you will receive peace from Him. Contentment comes from the strength we receive from Christ. **Learn** to be content even when you are facing difficult circumstances by being thankful and grateful and giving your worries over to Christ.

**Hebrews 13:5** tells us that we are to be content with what we have. Paul went through horrible persecution and suffering, but he was able to face his trials due to his contentment in Christ. In **Philippians 4:12-13** Paul said "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Here are some steps to a contented life from the teaching of Paul:

- \*Give thanks in all things.
- \*Rest in God's Word
- \*Learn to be satisfied with little.
- \*Learn to live above life's circumstances.
- \*Rely on God's power.
- \*Become preoccupied with the well-being of others.

With everything happening in the world today it can be difficult to be content but studying God's word, praying and keeping Jesus front and center in our lives will help us face these trials. Christ promises strength for today!

By Melissa King, Spiritual Ministry Team Member

