

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Are you a fundamentalist? No, you say. Hmm. I did not ask if you go to movies or play cards. Let me ask the question another way. Do you plan to celebrate the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the grave with your church family on Easter Sunday? Yes, you say? Then I suspect you are a card-carrying fundamentalist. I am. I could not be your pastor if I was not.

In the early 1900s the New York Presbytery (go figure!) ordained three men who would not affirm the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ. Although the 1910 General Assembly of the PCUSA dismissed the complaint that had been brought against the three men, it did call for a document laying out articles of faith that were "essential and necessary" for all future ministerial candidates to affirm. They adopted (and then later rescinded) the Doctrinal Deliverance, which laid out five such doctrines.

The late William Larkin of Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions at CIU always expected candidates in Palmetto Presbytery to know these five, plus one more, and he used a very preacher-like six V's in order to help us all remember them. I will list and explain them briefly and you can determine if you are a fundamentalist.

1. *Verbal Plenary Inspiration of Scripture.* What this means is that men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote the books of the Bible. Plenary means full in this sense, saying that the whole Bible in its original autographs, or manuscripts, is completely and fully without error. From Genesis to Revelation, we have the inspired, infallible, and inerrant word of God, our only rule for faith and obedience. God has revealed himself to us in his word.

2. *Virgin Birth.* Jesus was fully God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and fully man, conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He was a human being, but he was without sin. Therefore he would qualify as the lamb without blemish. This is a non-negotiable doctrine for Christians.

3. *Vicarious Atonement.* We would usually refer to it as the substitutionary atonement. That is, he who lived in our place also died in our place. *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him* (2 Cor 5:21 NKJV). That, my friends, is good news!

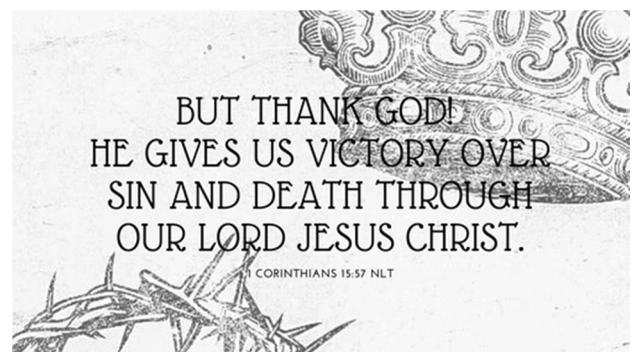
4. *Victorious Resurrection.* On the third day he arose again from the dead. Writing about our justification by faith, the Apostle Paul said, *It [Christ's righteousness] shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification* (Rom 4:24-25). Happy Easter, indeed!

5. *Veracity of Miracles.* That is to say, Jesus' miracles really happened, just as the Bible tells us. These true miracles validated our Lord's claims to be divine. Jesus is the Son of God!

6. *Visible Return.* Dr. Larkin always noted this sixth fundamental, that Jesus will come again to judge the quick and the dead. And so we affirm that we will see him come as Jesus declared we will.

Our faith is rooted in historical events (good news!) that really happened. The Bible tells us all about them. The Holy Spirit confirms them to our faith. We have every reason to believe! (For deeper study, mediate over 1 Corinthians 15.) Have a faith-filled Easter in 2022.

Your Joyous Fundamentalist,
Pastor Josh



APRIL 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 B-day: Chonda Griffith	2
3 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	4 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am WM Council Meeting: 3pm	5 WM Circle Study: 9:30 am and 6:30pm B-day: Billy Symon, Sr B-day: Meredith (Mackin) Cole	6 Wed. Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study: 6pm	7	8 B-day: Isabella Dukes Anniv: TJ & Cindy Keasler	9
10 Palm Sunday Deacon Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	11 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	12 WM Circle Study: 9:30am and 6:30pm	13 (There will be no activities scheduled for this Wednesday)	14 Maundy Thursday Communion Service: 6pm B-day: Kelly McClure	15 Good Friday B-day: Bess Weltin	16
17 Easter Sunrise Service: 6am Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Fellowship Potluck B-day: Chaney Rimes	18 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Talon Rimes	19 WM Circle Study: 9:30am and 6:30pm	20 Wed. Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study: 6pm Session Meeting: 7pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	25 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	26 WM Circle Study: 9:30am and 6:30pm	27 Wed. Dinner: 5:30pm Bible Study: 6pm B-day: Emily Mackin	28	29	30

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Mike Cork and Glenn Basinger

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Patty Kirkpatrick

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Ministry Circle Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or at 6:30 pm. The study groups will start a new book, **“Gentle and Lowly,”** by Dane Ortland. The theme of this study is to learn the truth of Jesus’s “gentle and lowly” heart and how it applies to sinners and sufferers today. This will be a video study which will accompany the book and study guide.
- Dinner/Bible Study, Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall; dinner is at 5:30 pm and the Bible study is at 6:00 pm. A new Wednesday Night Study will begin. The study will be from J. I. Packer’s book, **“Knowing God.”** This book will lead us to a better understanding of who God is while gaining a closer relationship with Him as a result.

<u>2022</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 5,239.00	\$ 14,407.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,931.21	\$ 16,582.38
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,692.21)	\$ (2,175.38)
<u>2021</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 19,295.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,110.00	\$ 13,151.38
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 6,143.62

FEBRUARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023:

David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024:

Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

DEACONS CLASS OF 2025:

Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

APRIL EVENTS

April 4: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 3:00 pm.

April 10:

- Palm Sunday
- Deacon Meeting.

April 14: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 pm.

April 17:

- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 am, at Foscue Park, Spillway Falls - Lower Pool.
- Sunday School, as regularly scheduled.
- Worship Service, as regularly scheduled.
- Fellowship Luncheon Easter Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

April 20: Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

April 20: Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Potluck, immediately following the worship service.

April 27: Hooked on Prayer (HOP), 2:00 pm.



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

APRIL 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
U.S. Military Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Huizenga, Fran
Allinder, Kate	Hux, Karen
Bazuin, Caiden	Ivy, Kendall
Beale, Amy	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beard, Ken	Kelly, Dale
Beard, Ronnie	Lane, Barbara
Beeler, Peggy	Lawson, Connie
Belcher, Samuel	Lewis, Kathy
Brantley, Maggie	Ligon, Brandon
Brooker, Chrissy	Mackin, Jimmy
Brooker, Jan	McIntier, Jodie
Busby, Rhae	Morgan, Laura
Bynum, Linda	Mutisya, Cecilia
Chastang, Kristye	Parr, Higley
Coker, Jean	Plummer, Kaegan
Craig, Noah	Reynolds, Christy
Curry, Walter	Sakon, Ethan
Davidson, Karen	Sall, Terry
DeWitt, Robert	Sharp, Chris
Duncan, Conner	Sims, Anna Katherine
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Sarah
Emerson, Sandra	Thornton, Alaina
Espy, Emily	Tipton, Carolyn
Finley, Betty	Tulipan, Amelia
Griffith, Michelle	Tulipan, Hansen
Hall, Jimmy	Turner, Becky
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Hocker, Jeannie	Zimmerman, Steve
Hoggle, Judy	
Hooks, Chesnee	

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Rick Wilson
Kendall Ivy
Jimmy Hall
Kristye Chastang

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Linda Dunning

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison
Abigayle Kircharr

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Joseph Wilson
Josh Tyson
Blake Ivy

Pregnancies:

Katie Gill (due 6/22)