

January  
2015

# FBC Newsletter

## January Calendar:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Baptism Service
- 7<sup>th</sup> Men's Basketball Ministry
- 9<sup>th</sup> Family Game Night
- 11<sup>th</sup> Communion Service
- 12<sup>th</sup> Church Board Meeting.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Women's Missionary Fellowship
- 21<sup>st</sup> Men's Basketball Ministry
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Family Game Night
- 25<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y. Cafe
- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting

## February Calendar:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Breakfast Reveille
- 4<sup>th</sup> Men's Basketball Ministry.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Basketball Ministry

## January Event:

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> J.O.Y. Café of the 2014-2015 season will be on Sunday evening, the 25<sup>th</sup> of January from 6-8:00.

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## January Devotional

*The flesh lusts against the Spirit*  
(Gal. 5:17).

Christian experience proves this truth. The children of God cannot do the things that they would, nor do we have any authority from God's word to conclude that this lusting will ever cease until they get to glory; none are delivered from it while in the body on this earth. For, as the renewed soul or spirit loves to enjoy spiritual and heavenly objects, so the flesh, or "un-renewed part," lusts after those objects it is naturally acquainted with, and from which it receives its happiness. Here is your conflict, O Christian. Here is the necessity of the Lord's command to "Watch always."

What sorrowful effects have fulfilling the lusts or desires of the flesh produced in saints – even well-known ones! You stand by faith, do not be high-minded, but fear. The beginning of lust is the production of sin (James 1:15). The committing of sin causes a fresh sense of guilt. This is the problem and sickness of the soul. What are the many symptoms that attend guilt? Terrors of conscience, accusations from the law, triumphs of Satan, dejection of soul, distance from God, backwardness to duty, coolness of affection to Jesus, shyness at or

neglect of a throne of grace...

When poor souls have fallen, and are sensible of the miserable effects, they feel the hurt they have received. Truly their hearts know the bitterness of it – the awful effects of fresh contracted guilt! How much is it to be deplored! How carefully is it to be watched against, and prayed to be kept from!

But while there is "a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness," while the Mediator's "blood cleanses from all sin," while the glad tidings of the gospel proclaim salvation by grace for the chief of sinners, there is no ground for utter despair to any backsliding children, though they have revolted from a God of love. Here is all encouragement, but encouragement to what? To love to live at a distance from Jesus, and lie down and wallow in the mire of sin because grace abounds? NO! No godly soul can do this, for "the Spirit **also** lusts against the flesh." The Spirit renews again to repentance. Luther said, "The more godly a man is, the more he feels this battle between the flesh and the Spirit."

Paraphrased and expanded version of the daily devotional by W. Mason (1719-1791)



## Glorious Hymn Verses

And did the Holy and the Just,  
The Sovereign of the skies,  
Stoop down to wretchedness and dust,  
That guilty worms might rise?

Yes, the Redeemer left His throne,  
His radiant throne on high,  
(Surprising mercy! love unknown!)  
To suffer, bleed, and die!

He took the dying traitor's place,  
And suffered in his stead;  
For man (O miracle of grace!)  
For man the Savior bled!

Dear Lord, what heavenly wonders dwell  
In Your atoning blood!  
By this are sinners snatched from Hell,  
and rebels brought to God!

What glad return can I impart  
For favors so divine?  
O take my all, this worthless heart,  
And make it wholly Thine!

Anne Steele, 1859

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Tim Keller:

*“When the message of  
the gospel is clear,  
moral people tend to  
dislike it.”*

*Our God Reigns,  
Alleluia!*

## 3 Common Traits of Youth Who Don't Leave the Church

by Jon Nielson

“What do we do about our kids?” The group of parents sat together in my office, wiping their eyes. I'm a high school pastor, but for once, they weren't talking about 16-year-olds drinking and partying. Each had a story to tell about a “good Christian” child, raised in their home and in our church, who had walked away from the faith during the college years. These children had come through our church's youth

program, gone on short-term mission trips, and served in several different ministries during their teenage years. Now they didn't want anything to do with it anymore. It's hard to sort through the various reports and find the real story. And there is no one easy solution for bringing all of those “lost” kids back into the church, other than continuing to pray for them and speaking the gospel into their lives. However, we can all look at the 20-

some things in our churches who *are* engaged and involved in ministry. What is it that sets apart the kids who *stay* in the church? Here are just a few observations I have made about such kids...

1. They are Converted.
  2. They have been Equipped, not Entertained.
  3. Their parents preached the gospel to them.
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## Answers to Contemporary Statements

***Jesus never specifically mentioned homosexuality in His teaching on marriage, so we should not make a big deal about it either.***

ANSWER: People love to do this with Jesus. Unfortunately, it's a logical fallacy, and it would be incredibly inconsistent and even destructive to do this with zillions of other things that Jesus doesn't mention either.

Imagine someone doing that to you. You didn't say anything about one element of a subject, so that means that you don't care or have an opinion about it.

The fact is Jesus doesn't have to disaffirm anything in order to affirm God's original intent for marriage.

To suggest that he does would be kind of like a child asking, "Hey mom, what's for dinner?" Mom answers, "Roast beef, but NOT turkey, not pizza, not pudding, not sub sandwiches, not corn on the cob, uh, not chili—oh goodness, I don't want to leave anything out—um, not lasagna. I sure hope I mention everything that is NOT for dinner so you won't be confused about what IS for dinner."

By affirming "what was from the beginning," Jesus is *defining marriage in God's ideal terms!* Jesus doesn't have to disaffirm anything (which would be impossible since there are so many aberrations and the list just keeps growing). He only has to affirm one thing—and Jesus did that.

So the idea that because Jesus didn't mention homosexuality somehow means that it isn't a point of human brokenness is a fallacy.

Another key observation is that any time Jesus mentions a husband, He mentions a wife. And any time He mentions a wife, He mentions a husband.

This should provide the eager seeker of "what Jesus taught" valuable insight. He seemed to believe that a husband belongs with a wife, and a wife belongs with a husband. A husband is a "he"—and a wife is a "she."

By Kenny Burchard



## Wise, Old Quote

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with

the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years.

Great nations rise and fall. The people go from bondage to spiritual truth, to great courage, from

courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, from dependence back again to bondage.

Alexander Fraser Tytler (1747-1813)

A clergyman hopelessly entrenched in Roman Catholic dogma once taunted Tyndale with the statement, "*We are better to be without God's laws than the Pope's*". Tyndale was infuriated by such Roman Catholic heresies, and he replied, "*I defy the Pope and all his laws. If God spare my life ere many years, I will cause the boy that drives the plow to know more of the scriptures than you!*"

## J. C. Ryle Quote

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“Warfare with the powers of hell is the experience of every individual member of the true Church. Each has to fight. What are the lives of all the saints, but records of battles?”

J. C. Ryle

“The true Christian is called to be a soldier, and must behave as such from the day of his conversion to the day of his death, he is not meant to live a life of religious ease, indolence, and security. He must never imagine

for a moment that he can sleep and dose along the way to heaven, like one travelling in an easy carriage. If he takes his standard of Christianity from the children of this world he may be content with such

notions, but he will find no countenance for them in the Word of God. If the Bible is the rule of his faith and practice, he will find his lines laid down very plainly in this matter. He must ‘fight.’”

## More J. C. Ryle

“Every professing Christian is the soldier of Christ. He is bound by his baptism to fight Christ’s battle against sin, the world, and the devil. The man that does not do this breaks his vow. He is a

spiritual defaulter. He does not fulfill the engagements made for him. The man that does not do this is practically renouncing his Christianity. The very fact that he belongs to a Church, attends a

Christian place of worship, and calls himself a Christian is a public declaration that he desires to be reckoned a soldier of Jesus Christ.”

## Jonathan Edwards on Romans 4:5 - paraphrase

*“But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”* Romans 4:5

The teaching of justification begins by seeing man as ungodly. This is evident by these words:

*that justifies the ungodly,*

which cannot imply less than that God, in the act of justification, has no regard to anything in the person justified, as godliness or any goodness in him.

As a matter of fact, it proves that immediately before this act, God beholds him only as an ungodly creature, so that godliness in the person to be justified (does not go before) his justification as to be the ground of it.

When it is said that God justifies the ungodly, it is as absurd to suppose that our godliness, taken as some goodness in us, is the ground of our justification, as when it is said that Christ gave sight to the blind to suppose that sight was prior to, and the ground of, that act of mercy in Christ. Or, when Scriptures talks of Christ making a poor man rich, to suppose that it was the wealth of this poor man that was the ground of this bounty towards him, and was the price by which it was secured.

It appears, that *by him that works not*, in this verse, is not meant one who merely does not conform to the ceremonial law, because *he that works not*, and *the ungodly*, are evidently synonymous expressions...

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“...a Jewish caterer shouldn’t be forced to serve pork sandwiches at a Christian wedding on Saturday just because the couple asks for them.”

## J.O.Y. Café

Our second J.O.Y. Café of the 2014-2015 season is planned for Sunday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00.

Please notice that we are trying something new this year by holding this event on Sunday evenings.

SO PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE.

The music for the evening will include:

- The Girl's Choir
- Shannon Alexander
- Nathan Combs

The devotion time will be given by ?.

The food menu is:

- Soups,
- Corn bread,
- and desserts.

Please mark this on your calendar and join us...

**REMEMBER: There is no cost involved!**



*“A true Christian is one who has not only peace of conscience, but war within.”*



## Insights on Dating from an Anonymous Youth Lady

- 1. Give every relationship to God from the beginning** – even before you meet up on date #1. Ask God to make it perfectly clear whether to continue seeing them or not. Then, OBEY!
- 2. Give yourself time to get to know yourself in Christ first, then worry about finding a spouse.** I know this is not the easiest thing. I actually hadn't spent much time single UNTIL I decided to follow Jesus. I feared being alone because I wasn't sure who I was without a boyfriend.
- 3. When you are single and feel lonely, ask God to show you how much He loves you.** We want to be wooed, we want to be thought of, we want to be pursued and fought for... We want to know that we are loved and cherished. **GOD WILL DO THAT.**
- 4. Let go of obsessing over beauty.** Nothing is more beautiful than a woman who shines God's light from the inside, out, who is confident in the fact that she was beautifully and perfectly made.
- 5. Dress to meet a man of good morals.** Skanky clothes attract scum, while they repel men of God. You don't want to be lusted after, you want to be respected, so you have got to show the world that you respect yourself. It is hard to associate a ton of cleavage with a high level of self-respect.
- 6. Expect to be treated like a lady.** Expect to be taken care of. Expect that he respects your boundaries.
- 7. No “project boyfriends.”** I recently realized that every guy I dated until my fiancé, I wanted to (and thought I could) change. This does not work.
- 8. You should never date without keeping the future in mind.** Never “date” someone you don't think you could marry.
- 9. Don't give them your body until you're married.** Our bodies are a gift from God, and they should be kept until a man has sworn himself in marriage to us before God and our family and friends.

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## Thru the OT in 2 Years Reading

Dec 29-Jan 4  
Genesis 1-9

January 5-11  
Genesis 10-19

January 12-18  
Genesis 20-27

January 19-25  
Genesis 28-36

January 26-February 1  
Genesis 37-43

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## Obstacles to Successful Child-rearing

1. Religious education is too frequently neglected or too randomly maintained, even where it is not totally omitted.
2. The relaxation of household discipline is another obstacle in the way of a successful child-rearing.
3. On the other hand, undue severity is as injurious as unlimited indulgence.
4. The inconsistent conduct of parents themselves is a frequent and powerful obstacle to success in religious education.
5. Another obstacle is sometimes found in the disobedient conduct of the oldest child of the family (or any one for the matter).
6. Bad companions outside of the home counteract all the influence of religious instruction delivered at home.
7. The schisms which sometimes arise in our churches, and embitter the minds of Christians against each other, have a very unfriendly influence upon the minds of the young.
8. The neglect of young people by our churches and their pastors, is another impediment to the success of domestic religious instruction.
9. Rebellion against parental authority. Children who find the parental yoke a burden, are not very likely to look upon the yoke of Christ as a benefit.

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