

A Church that equips you to be “Faithful & Fruitful.”



These days Laura and I are thinking about the beach, looking forward to a much-needed breather. In light of that, how about a few “beach” jokes?

- Do fish go on vacation? No, they’re always in school!
- What does it cost to spend the day at the beach? A few sand dollars.
- What do you call a French man who wears sandals to the beach? Phillippe Phloppe.
- Who won the race between the sand and the sea? Neither, they tide.

Ok, enough! As much as we look forward to a beach destination, the journey to get there is just as important. It’s the same with our spiritual journey with the Lord -- the journey is at least as important as the destination.

In May we continue our journey with the people of Israel through the desert and towards the destination of the Land of Promise, Canaan. As important as it was for God’s people to reach the land and inherit the promise, how they got there and what they learned along the way matters a great deal!

Num.33:2 tells us that *Moses recorded their starting places according to their journey by the commands of the Lord...* (NASB) From Ex.16 to mid-Joshua, we find Israel on their journey to conquer the land of Canaan and obtain God’s promise. As you read through those books & chapters we find God to be a teaching God, a God who lets us experience Him and learn how to walk with Him. Are you still learning to follow God? It’s when we stop learning from Him that we stop growing, begin to spiritually wilt, and become ineffective instruments in His hands.

Getting to experience heaven (and a spirit-filled life here) is a blessing, but so is what God can teach us along the way. Join us for worship & teaching this month as we walk with Israel through their journey and are challenged in our own.

Please pray for the following:

- Our 2 search committees as they pray and seek God’s servants for church staff.
- Outreach Leadership Team as contacts with our new neighborhoods continue -- hey, join us to help!
- Our Children’s Ministry Team as we begin to look at summer events.

Pastor Wade

Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study

Location: FBCA Room 310

In this 7-session Bible study, “How Much More” by Lisa Harper



Discover divine love in the often overlooked and misunderstood passages. And you’ll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us!



Starting in the book of Mark (Flourish book is optional)
Wednesday’s at 6:30 PM at FBCA
Thursday’s at 6:30 PM at Melissa Cross
Call church for more info

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- **May 4** National Day of Prayer
- **May 10** Student Event — Fields of Faith
Cleburne Railroaders Stadium
- **May 14** Mother's Day
- **May 21** Senior Recognition — 10:30 am
Baccalaureate — 6:00 pm
- **May 25** AHS Graduation
Wilkerson Greines Auditorium
- **June 3** Men's Golf Scramble
- **June 26-30** VBS! Twists & Turns

FINANCIAL UPDATE: (5/1/2023)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$222,876.02
-Designated Funds Bal.	\$15,684.74
-Designated Repair Funds Bal.	\$136,054.45
=Total Available Funds	\$71,136.83
2023 Total Giving Received	\$111,156.80
2023 Total Giving Needed	\$117,799.18

Please **PRAY** for our search committees as they continue interviewing for the **following 2 positions:**

Associate Pastor of Worship & Administration

Committee Members are:

Kay Lynn Biggs, Gary Gerber, Jimmy Murdock,
Jill Stout & Marissa Wheat

Director of Children's Ministry & Adult Education

Committee Members are:

Clint Barnett, Kelly Baxter, Grace Murphree,
Carrie Perkins & Dianna Roseberry

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STUDENT MINISTRY

In Acts 4:11-12

Here Peter is talking to the Sanhedrin, who were trying to get him on the charge of preaching blasphemy. He does two things:

1. **Peter calls them out for rejecting Jesus.**
The religious elite all rejected Jesus as the Savior because they had it in their minds that Jesus would come as a warrior and not as an average person. In truth, you can't really blame them; even in today's society, we never expect a small person to be a leader or someone who is soft-spoken to be the powerhouse of an argument. We want our leaders to be big and bold; we think that is the only way for true leaders to be. When in reality, often times, the ones who are humble and don't take all the credit are the best leaders. In the case of the Israelites, they thought the Savior would bring them out of their physical condition, not their spiritual enslavement. The irony is that Jesus was a carpenter by trade. So, the fact that he was responsible for building our salvation was lost on the people of the time and, to some extent, on the people of today. Peter calls Jesus the cornerstone. Corner stones are the part of the building that holds up the building. Without one, everything comes crashing down. In today's terms, Jesus is the foundational slab. A poor slab can cause the building to be a bad building. Without Jesus as the foundation, we cannot stand for long and will crumble under the weight of sin and society.
2. **Peter explained that Jesus is the only way to salvation.**
Even when Peter is calling out the Sanhedrin for rejecting the very person who is the foundation of our salvation, he takes the time to remind them just who Jesus is. There is only one way to be in the presence of God. There is a popular saying, "All roads lead to Rome." This saying means that no matter what path you take, you will eventually get to your destination. That is not the case with salvation; people will say that there are different paths to "enlightenment," but for our salvation there is only one. Jesus said it, and Peter repeats it here to the people around him. The key, though, is that he was not ashamed of it, and even when faced with being beaten and put in prison for the rest of his life, he boldly declared it.

So, we must ask ourselves, "Are we ready to follow Jesus and declare him Lord of all?" Even when faced with social or physical persecution or discrimination?

—TJ Arango, Associate Pastor of Students

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Johnson County
Fields of Faith

@ **CLEBURNE RAILROADERS**
1906 Brazzle Boulevard
Cleburne, TX

MAY 10TH
7:00 PM

Junior High & High School Students

Free to Attend!

Students, We will be attending the Johnson County Fields of Faith hosted at the Cleburne railroaders stadium on May 10th! This event is 100% free, So mark your calendar and spread the word! It's gonna be AWESOME!!!!!! We will meet here at the church and travel together to Cleburne.