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THE CORNERSTONE

April 2018

SLBC Ladies Spring Friendship Luncheon

Luncheon Date:

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 11:00 am—2:00 pm



Speaker will be: Kirsten Dupuy

Scripture: Joshua 1:9

"Be Strong and Courageous... For the LORD your God is with you Wherever you go"

Sign-up Sheets will be in the Foyer

Ladies Your help is needed in several positions!

Our Ladies Luncheon Coordinator is Elizabeth Sellers: along with team volunteers. Any questions see Elizabeth Sellers or Lisa Camplen



Missions for the Month

Dear Friends of Samuel Student Center,

We would like to share news and pictures from our activities at the end of last year.

Field trip to Quetzaltenango



The children who finished well their school year were rewarded with a day trip to Quetzaltenango. This is the second largest city in Guatemala, located west of the capital at an elevation of over 7000 ft. The weather was cold, but with radiant sun. We used two vans to transport the 32 children and adult helpers that came with us.

The children enjoyed this trip, visiting the museum of archaeology, having lunch at the Pollo Campero restaurant and looking at the animals in the Zoo.

It was a great adventure, and under the care of our good God we returned safely.



Bible School Week



A week awaited by the children, a week to learn about God. The staff, went to great length decorating the auditorium, and preparing their Bible lessons. Older students were recruited as helpers for the teachers.

We thank God for His provision, and the love of our donors, through which it was possible to carry out this activity .

We had about 85 children attending the different activities of devotions and songs, Bible lessons, missionary story, arts and crafts, games and snacks.



Andy Woods—

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE UNSAVED

As believers, we frequently speak about the various ministries that the Holy Spirit performs in our individual lives and also within our churches. However, there are also ministries that the Spirit accomplished in our lives before we became Christians. The Scripture speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit among the unsaved. It is important that we understand what the Spirit seeks to accomplish in the lives of unbelievers so that we can cooperate with His agenda and thus be used by Him in the lives of non-Christians.

Christ addressed this issue in John 16:8-11, during His Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17), as He unfolded to His disciples many truths related to the Spirit's activity. Christ introduced this topic when He said, "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:7-8). In the subsequent verses, Jesus amplifies exactly what He meant by the Spirit's conviction of unbelievers in the areas of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Verse 9 amplifies the Spirit's convicting ministry in the area of "sin." Verse 10 amplifies the Spirit's convicting ministry in the area of "righteousness." Verse 11 amplifies the Spirit's convicting ministry in the area of "judgment."

First, Christ explained the Spirit's conviction of sin in the unbeliever when He noted, "concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me" (John 16:9). Interestingly, the word "sin" here is a singular noun. This singular sin is explained in the rest of verse 9 as unbelief when it says, "because they do not believe in me." There is only one sin of which the Spirit convicts the unbeliever, and that sin is failure to believe in Christ. This is the one sin that sends the unbeliever to a Christ-less eternity (John 3:36). This is the very sin that the Spirit strives to bring to the unbeliever's attention. Rather than seeking to morally reform the unsaved, the Spirit seeks to make them aware of their failure to believe in Christ. After a person comes to Christ, then the Spirit will convict them of other sins. But such progressive sanctification cannot transpire until the unbeliever first becomes a Christian. There is only one condition that must be satisfied for a person to become a Christian and this one condition is faith (Gen. 15:6; John 3:16; 6:28-29; 20:30-31; Acts 16:31; Rom. 1:16). This reality explains why the Spirit is so intent in convicting the unbeliever of the specific sin of unbelief. In other words, rather than convicting unbelievers of gambling, drug abuse, pornography, divorce, or having a bad temper, etc...the Spirit convicts them of unbelief in Christ. Thus, the Spirit's initial work in the unbeliever is soteriological in nature (salvation related) rather than moral or ethical.

Second, Christ noted the Spirit's conviction of righteousness in the unbeliever when He said, "and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me" (John 16:10). Because Christ was returning to the Father, the world would no longer have a tangible representation of Christ's righteousness. Such a representation would instead be supplied in Christ's absence by the Spirit through His work in the hearts of unbelievers. Thus, the Spirit convicts the unbeliever of their lack of Christ's righteousness and their need to have it imputed (or transferred) to their account (Phil 3:9). Rather than seeking to make the unbeliever behave in a moral fashion, the Spirit instead desires for the unbeliever to understand how far short he falls from God's perfect moral standard (Isa. 53:6; 64:6; Rom 3:23). Such a realization also allows him to see his desperate need to be clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness (Gen. 3:21), which is imputed to him at the

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point of personal faith in Christ's promises.

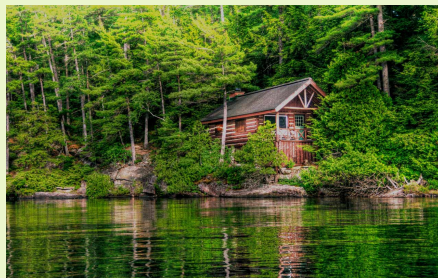
Third, Christ explained the Spirit's conviction of judgment in the unbeliever when He said, "and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged" (John 16:11). In other words, Christ's imminent crucifixion would play an integral role in Satan's defeat. From Genesis to Revelation the Scripture informs us that Satan is a defeated foe (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Rom. 16:20; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14; 1 Pet. 3:19-20; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 12:9; 20:2-3, 10). Thus, those who align themselves with Satan rather than Christ are destined to share in Satan's ultimate defeat. Although hell was originally created for Satan and his angels rather than human beings (Matt. 25:41), those who follow Satan are destined to experience his same fiery fate. Thus, the Spirit seeks to convict unbelievers of this reality so that they can change their eternal destiny by aligning themselves with Christ's ultimate victory. In other words, since sin has already been judged at the cross there is no need to participate in the future fate of Satan if the lost person will simply trust in what Christ has accomplished on their behalf. When someone trusts in Christ's provision of salvation by grace through faith, he is no longer destined to participate in Satan's defeat but rather is connected to Christ and thus is on the winning side of history. Such an opportunity to change one's destiny is a reality that the Spirit works to make clear to every unbeliever.

We should be thankful for how the Spirit convicts unbelievers of sin (unbelief in Christ), righteousness (our need for Christ's imputed righteousness), and judgment (the opportunity to avoid sharing in Satan's ultimate destiny since our sin has already been judged at the cross). Without such conviction, no one could ever be saved. Knowledge of the Spirit's work and role in relation to unbelievers helps us as Christians to know how we can effectively and strategically be used by Him in our role of evangelism. Such awareness shows us what things to focus on when we evangelize unbelievers. All evangelism toward unbelievers should be focused on the necessity of faith, the need for His righteousness transferred to us rather than our own self-righteousness, and the reality that because sin has already been judged at the cross our participation in Satan's future judgment is unnecessary.

However, as wonderful as the Spirit's ministry of conviction may be, we must also understand that such conviction will not continue indefinitely. For example, the Spirit's convicting ministry did not last forever in Noah's day. Genesis 6:3 says, "Then the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'" Just as the Spirit's convicting ministry came to an end just before the Flood, the Spirit's convicting ministry will similarly terminate once again, and future divine judgment will follow. Thus, if you are an unbeliever, as you read this, and the Spirit is convicting your heart today of your need to trust in Christ for salvation, do not incorrectly assume that the Spirit will indefinitely convict you in this manner. Rather, respond to this conviction by trusting in the finished work of the Savior. After all, the Bible says, "Behold, now is 'the day of salvation'" (2 Cor. 6:2).

Sugar Land Bible Church

Men's Expedition—April 27-29, 2018—



Greg Luttrull will be our speaker this year.



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!
There will be fun activities and hours of
good teaching.

Experience the good fellowship with godly men
with good food, and good fun!

Sign up in the foyer: If you have any questions see Dan Denham for more infor-

Scripture for the Week:

2 Chronicles 16:9 NASB

“For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”



Springtime at SLBC

Sunday School For:

Adults: Ecclesiology–Doctrine of the Church : Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary

The Seven Churches of Revelation:

Bob Graper in the Fellowship Room

Youth Group with Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room.

Children's Sunday School:

Downstairs

Children's Director: KC Cunningham

Sidney Reichardt: Junior Church

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet

on Tuesdays;

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke

Morning at 9:00 am

Evening at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin

Evenings at 8:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services

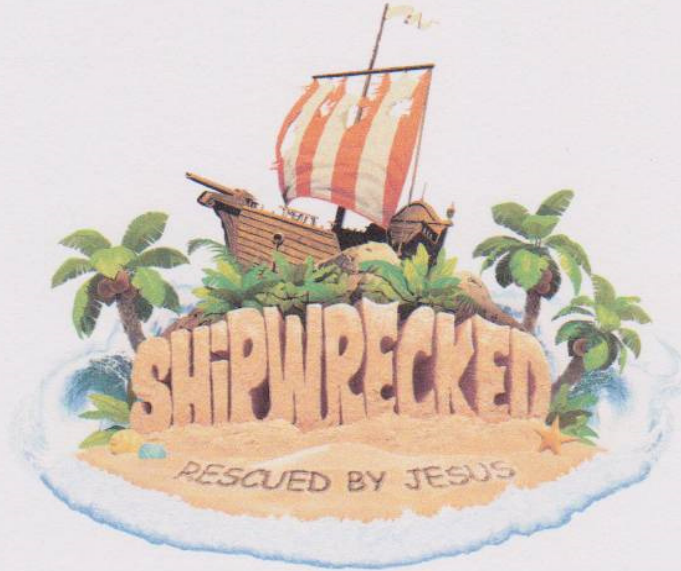
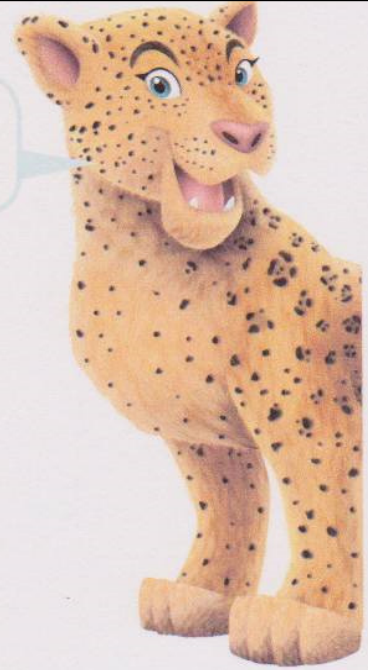
Meal at 6:00 pm

Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Youth– upstairs

Children–downstairs

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

- New friends ● Amazing experiments
- Creative games ● Tropical treats
- Surprising adventures ● Incredible music

Location: Sugar Land Bible Church
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 25 - June 29
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 9:00 am
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 12:00 pm
(VBS ending time)

For more information, email: office@slbc.org
(church email address)



The Bible Vacation School was a wonderful week, we thank God for His provision; for the children it was an unforgettable week, God bless all our donors again. We are very grateful. This activity was carried out in the facilities of the Nazareth Missionary Church, a piece of heaven that God has provided for any activity that the Student Center Samuel programs. For many years we carried out the Bible School there, something new has happened in the last two years, in that the Missionary Church has also had its Vacation Bible School. A group of our children have enjoyed two Bible schools back to back, and it has been very exciting for them.

Thanks again to all our friends who support us, and pray for us, because this is how it is possible to continue with this ministry. God bless you.

Sincerely Student Center "Samuel"

Enrique Ajquejay

*Please keep Kike, the staff and children of Samuel Center in your prayers.

*Special thanks to Hans Meinardus for translating the Spanish for this article.

Submitted by: Andrea Luttrull, Missions Committee