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Our Saviour's Good News

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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Franklin Graham: Standing Strong for Christ

In this day when the immoral pressures of our decadent culture are growing stronger and more belligerent by the moment, it's encouraging to see those who are standing strong in Christ.

That's certainly true in the field of higher education, where the new administration in Washington is doing all it can to reverse policies put in place under President Trump to protect Christian schools grounded in Biblical convictions. The extraordinary push by the brazen LGBTQ lobby with the backing of the current administration (especially Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, who as attorney general of California led an aggressive push against religious freedoms) has created a climate of deep hostility toward Christian colleges and universities.

Threats abound from liberal courts and the Biden administration. The Equality Act, which has already passed the House and is held at bay by only a few votes in the Senate, is particularly ominous, as it would usher in a new age of persecution for religious institutions.

That is why I am so thankful for Christian schools that have refused to compromise their Biblical beliefs, especially on such critical issues as the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, and the clear Scriptural distinction between male and female.

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These schools are refusing to bend to the intense pressures. They are refusing to bow to the immoral idols of this age. They are standing strong for Christ and His Kingdom, and it's our distinct privilege to highlight just a few of these courageous schools.

It's incredible to think just how far some colleges and universities have strayed from their roots. Prestigious institutions like Harvard, Yale and Princeton were all originally founded to train ministers. The noted 18th-century preacher and evangelist Jonathan Edwards served as the president of Princeton. In fact, Princeton's official motto to this day remains, "Under God's Power She Flourishes," and its seal reads "Old Testament and New Testament."

There's no way around it—we have slipped ever further into a moral abyss in this nation, but now is not the time to give up. Absolutely not!

Think for just a minute about the Biblical Prophet Daniel.

Daniel was taken captive along with many other Judeans by the pagan Babylonians during the reign of Judean King Jehoiakim. The northern kingdom of Israel had already fallen to the Assyrians more than a hundred years earlier. It was a dark, dark time.

I'm sure you know the story. Taken into the king's service, Daniel, in obedience to God, refused the choice food he was offered (perhaps because it would be considered unclean to a Hebrew or because it might have been offered to an idol). **(standing cont'd on page 2)**

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God gave him favor, and he eventually rose to become ruler of the whole province of Babylon after interpreting King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Later on, under a new king, he was thrown into a lion's den because he continued to pray to the one true God.

But listen, it's all because Daniel remained steadfast in his faith in God and refused to compromise in even the slightest detail. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank" (Daniel 1:8).

When Daniel was told that praying to anyone except the king was forbidden, "he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Daniel 6:10).

Daniel was resolute in his faith and practice. He would not yield an inch to the wicked culture of his day. He would not bend nor bow to anyone but his God.

This is exactly how Christians should respond in these perilous days. Men, women and young people—all of us—must stand strong and unafraid against the powerful currents of godlessness that grow more dangerous by the day.

It starts with making up our minds not to accept the false narrative of a secular, atheistic culture. We have to make the Word of God our absolute source of truth, come what may.

And it continues by persevering in prayer and personal holy conduct, regardless of the consequences. Daniel spent time with God, seeking His face and continually growing in his fear and reverence of the Lord. That emboldened him to face his enemies and refuse to waver.

But Daniel did more than pray.

He wrote this near the end of his prophetic book: "The people who know their God shall stand firm and take action" (Daniel 11:32, ESV). Knowing God and being a man of resolute action went hand in hand for Daniel.

(By Franklin Graham, *Decision Magazine*, July 2021)



2021 Court Square Summer Concert and Cruise-In Series

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 7:00—10:00 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and the concert

- ◆ **Saturday, August 14th— Coming Up Brass**
Cruise in and Concert by Coming Up Brass

- ◆ **Saturday, September 11—
Chairman of Board**

Blackpool Settlement, Apology Sends Strong Statement for Religious Freedom in UK (*Decision Magazine*, July 2021)

In a day and age where religious freedom is continually being clamped down at seemingly every turn, a significant settlement in the United Kingdom from [a landmark ruling](#) earlier this year may provide a turning point for Christians throughout England and beyond.

The case centers around Franklin Graham's Lancashire Festival of Hope, which took place in Blackpool, England, in 2018. Simple bus ads that read "Time for Hope" were taken down because of Franklin Graham's religious beliefs on traditional marriage.

In April, [a U.K. judge ruled](#) that Blackpool Borough Council and Blackpool Transport Services Limited were wrong in their decision to remove the advertisements, which Judge Evans determined violated the Equality Act 2010, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against someone because of religion or belief, and the Human Rights Act.

With the case headed back to court last week to determine appropriate remedies, Blackpool accepted the court's findings and agreed to the following settlement:

- A clear apology of their wrongdoing: (see below)
- £70,000 (plus an amount to cover applicable tax) to cover legal costs incurred by the Festival.
- And most significantly, £25,000 in "just satisfaction" damages, a clear message that this type of treatment to Christians will not be tolerated.

This is the type of ruling and settlement that could have ripple effects impacting religious freedom protection beyond the U.K. and even the EU. This settlement can't be appealed, and the order approving it is public, meaning both the ruling and the remedies can serve as precedent for other cases.

"This is an important moment for religious freedom in the U.K.," Franklin Graham said. "We're grateful to God for the final outcome of this case, and for what it will mean for churches and Christians across the U.K. in the years ahead."

The settlement underscores the judge's ruling from the spring that Christians who hold Biblical views on human sexuality, including Franklin Graham and the organizers of the Festival, are not extremists and must be treated fairly.

"This is the antithesis of the manner in which a public authority should behave in a democratic society," Judge Evans said in April.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is that this case will encourage Christians  must be proclaimed," Franklin Graham said. "My prayer is to stand firm."

"On 10 July 2018 Blackpool Council and Blackpool Transport Services Limited made a joint decision to remove advertisements promoting the Lancashire Festival of Hope, due to be held at the Winter Gardens between 21st & 23rd September 2018, from BTSL's buses and trams. This followed complaints from some members of the public about certain religious beliefs, in particular concerning same-sex relationships and same-sex marriage, expressed (or believed to have been expressed) on previous occasions by the main speaker, Franklin Graham.

"We accept that the advertisements were not in themselves offensive. We further accept that in removing the advertisements we did not take into account the fact that this might cause offence to other members of the public and suggest that some voices should not be heard. We also regret that we did not consult with the organisers prior to taking our decision.

"We accept the findings of the Court that we discriminated against Lancashire Festival of Hope because of the religious beliefs of Franklin Graham and in doing so interfered with Lancashire Festival of Hope's right to freedom of speech.

"We sincerely apologise to the organisers of the event for the upset and inconvenience caused.

"We have learnt from this experience. We are committed to ensuring equality of access and opportunity for the population of Blackpool and providing and improving quality services for all. We have now introduced clear and transparent policies that will ensure no repeat of events such as these."

Posted on Friday 9th July 2021

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
June 28, 2021. Board Minutes



Devotions: Joe Finger

Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Jeff White, Joe Finger, Denise Traveria, Teri Trudnak, Becky Messick

Members Absent: Robbie Wooten

Minutes: May 2021 minutes were reviewed.; Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Becky Messick seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. NALC and Gordon-Conwell requesting monetary donations. OSLC will support in prayer and continued monthly financial commitment.

Report of the Pastor: None

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Teri Trudnak.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Workday at the Activity Building was a success. Still some repairs to be done; Nick and Billy responded to a water leak at the parsonage this month. The water was turned off and CPC will access the damage.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: No report
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to come to worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS at St. Paul's this year was the usual success! Thanks to all who supported this Christian Ed ministry and who attended this year, especially Pastor Pete who lead the opening each night and did an excellent job!!

Report of Auxiliaries: Rachel group did not meet this month.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Workday at church was 6/12/2021 and we made progress on the much-needed repairs.
- b. Water leak at the Activity Building still needs to be addressed

New Business:

- a. Another workday at the Activity Building is scheduled for 7/24/2021 at 8am. Need at least 6 people to help with this project.
- b. Follow up on NALC symbol for outdoor church sign.

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is July 19, 2021 at 7pm
 Robbie Wooten will have devotions



GO OUT ON A LIMB
GET INVOLVED

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Positions are still open.

Participate in the service of the Lord and sign

Sign up sheets

for the 2021 calendar year in a notebook

on the church office door.

THANK YOU!

YOUR HELP IS NEED.
WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
WORSHIP ASSISTANCE, ETC.
FOR
SEPTEMBER,
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER.



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July 10th at 11:39 pm

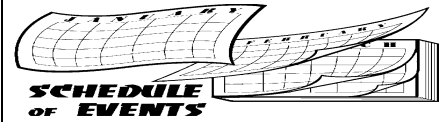
7 lbs. 4 oz

Congratulations to Sarah and Anthony
 and proud grandparent, Allison
 and great-grandparent, Robbie

August 2021



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 2021 Mission Team Mtg.	3	4	5	6	7 
8 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	9	10	11	12	13	14 Concert on the Square
 16 Board Meeting	17  Prayer Group	18	19	20	21	
22 13 th Sun. after Pentecost	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 14 th Sun. after Pentecost	30	31				

- August 1—10th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
National Friendship Day (see p 6)
- August 2—Team Meetings: 7:00 p
- August 2-6—2021 Mission Convocation (p 11)
- August 7—Purple Heart Day (see p 6)
- August 8—Dallas High Shoals Christian Social Ministry. 3:00 pm
- August 8—11th Sunday after Pentecost
- August 14— Concert on the Square (see p 2)
- August 15—Assumption of Mary (see p 8)
- August 15—12th Sunday after Pentecost
- August 16—Board Meeting
- August 17— Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza—1:00 pm (p 7)
- August 22—13th Sunday after Pentecost
- August 29—14th Sunday after Pentecost

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Crackers, Peanut Butter, Beanie Weenies**



Food Collection



- 5 Jake Spurrier
- 11 Ryan Gordy
- 12 Roselee Sanchez
- 17 Ethan Petzold
- 18 Katie Sanderson
- 20 Shana Dease
- 22 Morgan Dawson
- 23 Preston Clemmer
- 23 Jacob White.
- 24 Jack Dawson
- 25 Joanna Trudnak
- 25 Nora Cole
- 25 Kasey Digh
- 28 Logan Marr

- Joe Finger
- Betty Clemmer
- Jeff Dease
- Dan Clemmer, Jr.
- Tony Trudnak
- Preston Clemmer
- Jack Lowery
- Will Trudnak
- Caleb Dease



Holy Communion Schedule:
All Sundays

Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte:** Member of OSLC
- Communion Asst:** Member of OSLC
- Lay Reader:** Marie Robinson
- Worship Asst:** Marie Robinson
- Greeters:** Members of OSLC
- Ushers:** Members of OSLC

- Collection:** Yvonne Finger
- Devotions:** Teri Trudnak



NO Choir Practice



- 4th.....Reid & Mariel Schmideler
- 13thDoyle & Darlene Clemmer
- 23rdBill & Teri Trudnak
- 25thJeff & Melinda White
- 29thJeff & Shana Dease

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- August 1 OPEN
- August 8 Melinda White
- August 15 Ryan Gordy
- August 22 Melinda White
- August 29 Shirlee Marazza

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

Five (17) openings
Decorate the altar of our Lord
And then take home to decorate your

A Stewardship Minute

When Jesus saw someone who needed help, he did something about the situation. Jesus saw and healed lepers and blind people, a man who was mentally ill, a mute man, and he ministered to one person after another. But we aren't Jesus. What can ordinary Christians do to offer help to someone or something in need? None of us can do everything, but we can almost always do something:

- If we can't drop everything to meet a need we see, we can contact someone who can.
- If we can't tithe money for the church or a mission project, we can pray for its success and tithe

our time to help the matter succeed.

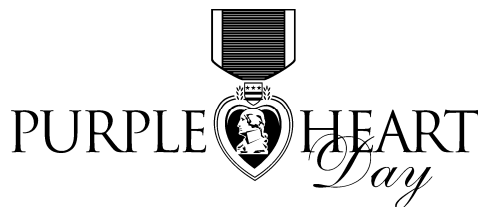
- If we can't directly help the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry or the sick, we can offer prayer, comfort, encouragement, and helpful advice.

The point is that Jesus never failed to help in a needy situation and we should try our best to do likewise. That would be worthy stewardship.

Recently, a newspaper in Phoenix told the story of a woman jogger running by a canal early one morning. Suddenly she saw a car in the water. As she looked carefully she saw an older woman trapped in the driver's

seat. She ran to a nearby highway. She flagged down a car. She told the young man driving about the problem. The fellow parked, ran to the site, jumped into the water, and helped the 77-year-old lady escape her entrapment. So be it!

Prayer: Lord, please help us to have the courage and the strength to serve you through total stewardship. As did our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



August 7th

HISTORY OF PURPLE HEART DAY

The original Purple Heart, designated as a Badge of Merit, was awarded by George Washington in 1782. There was a lack of funds in the Continental Army at the time so the award was a way to honor enlisted and deserving people. The honor is presented to soldiers for "any singularly meritorious action." It was designed with a piece of silk bound through it with a thin edge of silver. Washington only gave out three of the badges himself, and instead authorized subordinates to issue the badges as they saw fit.

The Badge of Merit faded from use but was revived and relaunched in 1932, this time as the Purple Heart. As well as honoring those wounded in combat, this iteration of the Purple Heart recognized commendable action. It was in 1944 that the policy was tweaked slightly and the Purple Heart was given the purpose we know it for today, specifically to honor those who have been wounded or died.

The first service member to be given the modern Purple Heart was General Douglas MacArthur for his service in the Pacific theater during World War II. In total there have been 1.8 million Purple Hearts awarded over the years.

Purple Heart Day was first observed in 2014 and has been observed every year since. It's a chance to reflect on the bravery of those who have fought for the U.S. and to ensure that their courage is never forgotten.





OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* and visit them.

Jill Petzold*

Brookside Senior Living Rm 44
1680 S. New Hope Rd
Gastonia, NC 328054

(If others, please let the church office know)

EVENTS for Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp

Telephone: 919-
e-mail:



agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783

e-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events For: Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com or the Church's website for a link

You can also pull this link up through Church's website.

If you need the Pastor Pete Feige, please contact him at 704-516-2805 or our office at 704-922-4648.



"Prayer Group"
Will meet at the home
Of
Shirlee Marazza
August 17, 1:00 pm

LET US PRAY... *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)



MARGARET Addington (lung), SUSAN Ad-erholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, JACKIE Carpenter (friend of Alice Vlaservich-liver cancer), SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), BEVERLY Copeland (friend of Robbie's-cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JAMES Goudelock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), JOYCE in Morganton (Nick & Alice Vlaservich's acquaintance-cancer), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), SAM Marr (Heart), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents – Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDRÁ Phillips (friend of Melinda White), GWEN Ratchford (Brady Ratchford's sister-in-law-cancer), MARTHA Surratt (friend of Alice Vlaservich-Cancer), TERI Trudnak, TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), HAL White, JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer)



2021 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN ANNUAL CONVOCATION



*"Coffee Break -
Time With God"*

*Please Join Us
Saturday - October 2, 2021*

 **TIME:**

Registration from 8:45-9:30
Meeting begins at 9:30
\$8.00 Registration (includes lunch)

WHERE: 

CHANGE OF VENUE

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
205 S Main St.
Faith, NC 28041

Interested in going contact Marie Robinson

CHECK THE CLW website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org for letter concerning the Convocation and registration form.



The Doctrine of the Assumption of the Mary

August 15: The Assumption is a doctrine that teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This process is called "translation" in the Bible and there are two notable examples in the scripture, Enoch (Hebrews 11:5) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11). At the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean met in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven." There is no scriptural evidence to support or deny this doctrine as applied to Mary.

Who Shall Stand?

The Question Looming over Higher Christian Education

by
R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

A great question now looms over Christian higher education in America. Who shall stand and who shall fall? For every single Christian college, university, school and seminary, the answer to that question will soon become unmistakably clear.

“We desperately need Christian schools, colleges and seminaries that will stand for Biblical truth and not fall. I assure you that it can be done. ... Don't sell your school's birthright for a bowl of secular applause.”

The history of Christian schools abandoning the faith and turning their backs on the church is long, sad and full of lessons for today's Christians. The university itself grew out of the Christian church and was based on the belief that all truth is God's truth, and that faith and reason should operate in tandem. All this began to fall apart with the rise of the idea of autonomous human reason—human thinking freed from the authority of the Bible and the Christian worldview. In the medieval university, theology was the “queen of the sciences.” In most universities today, theology is not even taken seriously as a discipline.

In the United States, the earliest colleges and universities were established, first of all, for the training of Christian ministers in theological orthodoxy. That was true of Harvard College, founded in 1636, where the mission statement was clear: “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.” Harvard was soon lost to Unitarianism and liberal theology. It, like most other prestigious universities, is now aggressively secular, even hostile to Christianity.

The majority of today's Christian colleges and schools were established as alternatives to the trends toward liberalism and secularism in the educational world. Virtually all of these schools taught Christian truth, defended the Bible and sought to teach their students in the ways of Christ, including Biblical morality.

And yet, over the years, the same toxic temptations that seduced hundreds of schools to abandon the faith have led many supposedly Christian colleges to abandon truth, subvert orthodox Christian doctrine and compromise Biblical morality—and many are doing so, right under the noses of faithful Christians who little suspect what is happening. Many Christian families and churches actually have little idea what is being taught and advocated at some institutions of higher learning, to whom they are paying tuition bills and blindly entrusting their young people.

Today, higher education has become one of the major engines of social and moral revolution. The larger world of American higher education is actually openly hostile to Christian truth claims, and the doctrinal and moral commitments of Biblical Christianity are ridiculed and hated. Christians who hold to a Biblical understanding of sex, sexual morality, marriage and gender are now considered to be the enemies of human flourishing. Liberation, on most campuses, means liberation from the “oppressive” morality of the Bible.

Soon we will know which schools remain anchored in God's Word and which schools will fall away.

The pressures are enormous. The larger society is moving quickly to consolidate and codify the sexual revolution and the LGBTQ movement as national policy. The academic world is even more liberal than the national culture, for now. Under the control of the moral liberationists, the rest of the culture is catching up fast.

The demands now come to Christian colleges, and they come like this: If you want us to consider your school as a legitimate institution of learning; if you want us to consider you intellectually respectable; if you want our financial support; if you want to play in our athletic tournaments; if you want to avoid the judgment we can pour out on you, then surrender your Biblical commitments and get with the program—and you had better do it fast.

The LGBTQ activists, working in concert with the Biden administration, are pushing toward what they see as a final victory. Their central legislative aim is the Equality Act, which would prohibit Christian schools from operating according to Biblical morality. President Biden has already signed executive orders on LGBTQ issues that are a direct attack on religious liberty. But add to this pressure the coercion coming from the athletic conferences, the elite donor class, local communities and the powerful, liberalizing tug of the larger academic culture.

Who will stand, and who will fall? We will know all too soon, and there will be plenty of heartbreak and sadness over the many losses.

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I want to encourage Christian schools to stand, and to decide right now to stand. I understand the daunting pressures. Almost 30 years ago, I was elected president of a seminary that was large and respected—and very liberal. It was wildly out of step with the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, and it had been shifting to the left for decades. As it moved left, the secular world and the academic culture applauded.

But the conservative churches of the Southern Baptist Convention acted with remarkable courage to recapture and redirect their seminaries and pull them back to conservative Biblical doctrine, and to do so in a way that would last. In 1993, I was elected president of the denomination's oldest seminary, and I was determined to return the school to Biblical fidelity and to hold it there. It was a struggle of immense difficulty. Basically, we had to exchange the large existing faculty for one that was new, hired because they were unreservedly committed to the Bible as the inerrant and infallible Word of God. Along with our denomination, we established new and necessary doctrinal requirements on issues such as Biblical sexuality and God's definition of marriage. The larger academic world did everything it could to force us to surrender or compromise. They made every step toward orthodoxy as expensive as possible. But they could not stop it.

I write this in order to encourage schools to stand. We desperately need Christian schools, colleges and seminaries that will stand for Biblical truth and not fall. I assure you that it can be done. Don't listen to the calls for compromise. Don't believe that you cannot survive the onslaught from the academic elites. Don't sell your school's birthright for a bowl of secular applause.

Christian donors, don't support schools that compromise Biblical truth. Parents, don't send your children to schools that will undermine their faith. Denominations, hold your schools accountable or make them remove your name. The most dangerous institution on earth is one that claims to be Christian but actually undermines the faith.

Soon—very soon—we will know which institutions of higher learning shall stand and which shall fall. Make certain that the Christian school you love will stand, even if it must stand alone. ©2021 R. Albert Mohler Jr.

In addition to his role as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, R. Albert Mohler Jr. is an author, columnist and commentator.



University of Iowa Found Guilty of Discriminating Against InterVarsity Group.

In a unanimous decision, a three-judge panel of the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals found that the University of Iowa (UI) discriminated against the school's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship chapter by deregistering the group for requiring its leaders to affirm a statement of faith, which includes "the basic Biblical truths of Christianity."

The July 16 ruling upheld a lower court's ruling in 2019.

"Schools are supposed to be a place of free inquiry and open thought, but the school officials here punished opinions they didn't like and promoted ones they did—all while using taxpayer dollars to do it," said Daniel Blomberg, senior counsel at Becket, the religious freedom law firm representing InterVarsity.

In 2018, UI stripped InterVarsity—and dozens of other religious clubs—of their registered status. The university claimed that the groups violated the school's human rights policy by requiring their leaders to subscribe to certain religious beliefs. The school argued that all clubs must offer equal opportunity and access regardless of classifications including race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.

But the court pointed out that UI only selectively enforces its policy. For example, the university exempts sororities, fraternities and some sports clubs from its policy prohibiting sex discrimination and allows some groups to require members of specific racial groups.

"We are hard-pressed to find a clearer example of viewpoint discrimination," wrote Circuit Judge Jonathan A. Kobes on behalf of the panel. "... The university's choice to selectively apply the Human Rights Policy against InterVarsity suggests a preference for certain viewpoints. ... The university focused its 'clean up' on specific religious groups and then selectively applied the Human Rights Policy against them. Other groups were simply glossed over or ignored."

In an email to AP News, Anne Basset, an UI spokesperson, said that the university "respects the decision of the court and will move forward in accordance with the decision."

"The good news is that they've been held accountable, and school officials nationwide are on notice," Blomberg said. "We are optimistic that in the future, colleges will pursue policies of accommodation, not discrimination, when it comes to religious exercise on campus."

2021 August Mission Emphasis –
31st WALK FOR LIFE (CPC)
Friday, September 10, 2021
“Walk the Walk”

The Pregnancy Center is a nonprofit pro-life organization of committed Christians sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and actively helping women, men and families in Crisis pregnancy situations. We at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. would like to welcome you to our center.

The Walk for Life is a way to raise money for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. At the event there will be no money raised, but a time of celebration and fun with activities for all children, youth, and adults from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. Key activities besides the walking track are: hot-tethered balloon, rock climbing wall, slide, moon bounce, crafts table, face painting and free hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks. Praise music and times of worship from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Our History

Roe vs. Wade in 1973 had gone unanswered in Gaston County, until on November 13, 1985, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. an initial meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the law offices of Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland here in Gastonia.

Seven men and women came together as God had encouraged their hearts to respond compassionately to the needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies. They gathered to initiate a ministry that would upon opening their doors for clients in September of 1986 have an immediate impact.

- No longer would words be heard without matching deeds and actions that gave a visible expression of our concern for the abortion issue.
- No longer would someone who could not afford a pregnancy test be denied one.
- No longer would the longing for a listening ear, a compassionate, caring counselor when the crisis of pregnancy came about be denied.
- No longer would the everyday needs of material assistance and crisis calls from clients of needing a listening ear, go unanswered.

On that day, this Board of Directors, composed of Dale Chase, Rev. Marion Clark, Audrue McMahan, David Ward, Rev. Marlin Mull, Peter Caprise, Rachel Pichet and Cathy Epperson nominated officers, set meeting times, elected an Executive Director, and voted to request information from a sister CPC. Other Board members unable to attend that day were: Steve Baker, Laura C. Atkins, Rev. M.O. Owens, Dr. Glenn Phoenix and Dr. Thomas Will.

From that humble beginning, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County has been in three pivotal rental locations and finally was able to purchase property and a home in July 1996. The journey from those initial days included leadership from diversely skilled Board of Director Members, to Executive Directors, to multi-talented staff, to service by Volunteers that utilized the gifts of individuals as well as the strengths of an interdenominational ecumenical corporate body working for the cause of the unborn.

The history of the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has included immeasurable faith, the development of a support base that transcends race, gender and religion. The experience of serving in this setting allows women, men and their families to see the efforts of all combined to meet the needs of one. It is an awesome testimony to see so many varied agencies, individuals, and churches tackling this single issue.

From its inception, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has now served 50,000+ clients, been blessed by faithful volunteers, trusted God for budget needs numerous times, and made an impact in this County that is now indelible and indispensable.

Over the years, an expanding staff, a diversified Board, Abstinence emphasis, ultrasound/medical clinic, seasoned and well trained volunteers, public presentations, our annual fund-raisers, ad. infitnitum, are making the future as bright as God's genius and calling.

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Lutheran Week 2021

Aug 2 – Aug 6

(2021 Mission Convocation)

Lutherans from throughout North America will gather Aug. 2-6 in Corpus Christi, Texas, for Lutheran Week 2021 around the theme, "God the Father Creates." Lutheran Week is the annual gathering of the North American Lutheran Church. The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation, the annual meeting of the NALC, is the central focus of Lutheran Week. The convocation is preceded by the Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology on Aug. 3-4 and the Women of the NALC Annual Gathering on Aug. 3.

The NALC's 2020 Vision will be the focus of much of the business of the convocation.

Go to thenalc.org to look at the July newsletter for more information pertaining to the 2021 Mission. **Click on newsletter and download July newsletter.**



Oxymorons

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| <p>1. Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?</p> <p>2. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?</p> <p>3. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?</p> <p>4. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?</p> <p>5. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?</p> | <p>6. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?</p> <p>7. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?</p> <p>8. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?</p> <p>9. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?</p> <p>10. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?</p> <p>11. How come abbreviated is such a long word?</p> <p>12. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?</p> |
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- Thirty-one years later those actions are bearing much fruit,
- Now, Shepherds, within the church of our Lord, the Body of Christ, can strongly affirm Biblical Sanctity of life from conception to natural death and point them to a place in Gaston County that ministers without manipulation;
- Now, those who have hidden the guilt of past abortions can have a place of healing, experiencing first hand, God's unconditional love, ·
- Now, the pro-life constituency can prayerfully point to a place of refuge that will meet not only physical needs

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Mark this date on your calendar

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**“The God who made the world and everything that is in it,
 ... since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and
 all things; ... for in Him we live and move and exist, ...”**

Acts 17:24, 28 NASB

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