

# The Trumpet

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To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

~Jude 24-25

## From the Pastor's Heart

### How to Listen to a Sermon

by George Whitefield

Keys for getting the most out of what the preacher says

Jesus said, 'Therefore consider carefully how you listen' (Luke 8:18). Here are some cautions and directions, in order to help you hear sermons with profit and advantage.

1. Come to hear them, not out of curiosity, but from a sincere desire to know and do your duty. To enter His house merely to have our ears entertained, and not our hearts reformed, must certainly be highly displeasing to the Most High God, as well as unprofitable to ourselves.

2. Give diligent heed to the things that are spoken from the Word of God. If an earthly king were to issue a royal proclamation, and the life or death of his subjects entirely depended on performing or not performing its conditions, how eager would they be to hear what those conditions were! And shall we not pay the same respect to the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and lend an attentive ear to His ministers, when they are declaring, in His name, how our pardon, peace, and happiness may be secured?

3. Do not entertain even the least prejudice against the minister. Take heed therefore, and beware of entertaining any dislike against those whom the Holy Ghost has made overseers over you.

4. Be careful not to depend too much on a preacher, or think more highly of him than you ought to think. Preferring one teacher over another has often been of ill consequence to the church of God. It was a fault which the great Apostle of the Gentiles condemned in the Corinthians: 'For whereas one said, I am of Paul; another, I am of Apollos: are you not carnal, says he? For who is Paul, and who is Apollos, but instruments in God's hands by whom you believed?' (1 Cor. 1:12; 2:3-5).

5. Make particular application to your own hearts of everything that is delivered. When our Savior was discoursing at the last supper with His beloved disciples and foretold that one of them should betray Him, each of them immediately applied it to his own heart and said, 'Lord, is it I?' (Matt. 26:22).

6. Pray to the Lord, before, during, and after every sermon, to endue the minister with power to speak, and to grant you a will and ability to put into practice what he shall show from the Book of God to be your duty.

No doubt it was this consideration that made St. Paul so earnestly entreat his beloved Ephesians to intercede with God for him: 'Praying always, with all manner of prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and for me also, that I may open my mouth with boldness, to make known the mysteries of the gospel' (Eph. 6:19-20). And if so great an apostle as St. Paul needed the prayers of his people, much more do those ministers who have only the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

**Nursery  
Schedule**

7 June  
Jill & Natalie Hirsch

14 June  
Karen & Bethany  
Pearce

21 June  
Karri & Kayla Hough

28 June  
Michael & Christy  
Grayson

<p>1 June Jim &amp; Juliana Lipe ♥ 41 years Madison Laird Jacob Hough</p> <p>2 June Joe &amp; Charlotte Hansen ♥ 36 years Emma Bennett</p> <p>3 June Shannon Flowers</p> <p>4 June Patrick Lanning</p> <p>5 June Fred &amp; Daphne Hudson ♥ 39 years Jim Dobbs</p>	<p>6 June Mary Hansen Luke Wilemon Caroline Wilemon</p> <p>8 June Jon &amp; Tata King ♥ 13 years Allen Plummer</p> <p>9 June Glenda Bernard</p> <p>12 June Nathan &amp; Janet Wilemon ♥ 10 years</p> <p>16 June John &amp; Lisa McLean ♥ 25 years Darshini Deutsch</p>	<p>18 June James &amp; Cathy Melancon ♥ 16 years</p> <p>21 June James &amp; Jane Creighton ♥ 6 years</p> <p>22 June Philip Chandler Caroline Hirsch</p> <p>25 June John Pollard</p>
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To have your birthday, anniversary, or another event listed in the Trumpet, contact Tina Moser: [PortCityPrincess@gmail.com](mailto:PortCityPrincess@gmail.com) 318-865-3674

**Skating  
Fellowship**

Everyone Come!!!

It was so great last time, that we couldn't wait until August!!!



Monday, June 1  
6.30-9pm

\$4/person

[Hot Wheels Skating Palace](#)

5110 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport

## Ladies' Night Out



Tuesday  
June 2  
6.30pm

[Imperial Cathay](#)  
6359 Youree Dr  
(ImperialCathay.com)

RSVP to Karri Hough  
no later than Sunday, May 31!!  
Coffee at Youree Starbucks to follow!



## Women's Bible Study with Jemima

Saturday, June 20  
11am

Location  
to be announced.



## Summer Ministry at Olde Salem Village

Trinity will minister to the Olde Salem Village apartment complex (6725 Buncombe Rd, Shreveport) this summer.

For 1 week in the months of June, July, and August, we will minister to the children with a large group Bible study, crafts (reinforcing the Bible study), recreation, and snacks. (6-8.30pm)

We need facilitators/helpers in each area.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, energy, and heart to this ministry, please contact Shannon Flowers (318-686-8865).



Check your planner\*  
June 15-19  
July 13-17  
August 3-7

\*if you can't commit to all of the dates, don't let that hold you back! We'd love to have you join us when you can!

## To Encourage you to Persevere...

"Our faith rises and falls. It has degrees. But our security does not rise and fall. It has no degrees. We must persevere in faith. That's true. But there are times when our faith is the size of a mustard seed and barely visible. In fact, the darkest experience for the child of God is when his faith sinks out of his own sight. Not out of God's sight, but his. Yes, it is possible to be so overwhelmed with darkness that you do not know if you are a Christian—and yet still be one."

~John Piper  
When the Darkness Will Not Lift

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (Phil. 3:12).

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws." Ezekiel 36:25-27

Isaiah 40:31:

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength like the eagle; they shall run and not be weary," **because they run on another's legs—namely, the Lord Christ's;** "and they shall walk and not faint," **because they walk in the strength of Christ.** ♥

persevere ,Verb [-severing, -severed] (often foll. by with, in) to continue to make an effort despite difficulties [Latin perseverus very strict] be persistent, refuse to stop; KEEP GOING, continue, go on, carry on, endure, hold on (informal) hang on, persist, stand firm, plug away (informal) hold fast, remain firm, stay the course, keep your hand in, pursue your goal, be determined or resolved, keep on or at, stick at or to...

Perseverance is, therefore, the target of all our spiritual enemies. The world does not object to your being a Christian for a time, if she can but tempt you to cease your pilgrimage, and settle down to buy and sell with her in Vanity Fair. The flesh will seek to ensnare you, and to prevent your pressing on to glory.

"It is weary work being a pilgrim; come, give it up. Am I always to be mortified? Am I never to be indulged? Give me at least a furlough from this constant warfare."

Satan will make many a fierce attack on your perseverance; it will be the mark for all his arrows. He will strive to hinder you in service: he will insinuate that you are doing no good; and that you want rest.

He will endeavour to make you weary of suffering, he will whisper, "Curse God, and die." Or he will attack your steadfastness: "What is the good of being so zealous? Be quiet like the rest; sleep as do others, and let your lamp go out as the other virgins do." Or he will assail your doctrinal sentiments: "Why do you hold to these denominational creeds? Sensible men are getting more liberal; they are removing the old landmarks: fall in with the times."

Wear your shield, Christian, therefore, close upon your armour, and cry mightily unto God, that by his Spirit you may endure to the end.

~C.H. Spurgeon, Morning and Evening

Being faithful  
is NOT being perfect!!!  
And because God knows you CAN'T  
keep up your end of the relation-  
ship, He bases it on HIS faith-  
fulness, not yours!  
BREATHE  
and  
PRESS ON!



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## Union with Christ John Newton

Dear Sir,

The union of a believer with Christ is so intimate, so unalterable, so rich in privilege, so powerful in influence, that it cannot be fully represented by any description or similitude taken from earthly things. The mind, like the sight, is incapable of apprehending a great object, without viewing it on different sides. To help our weakness, the nature of this union is illustrated, in the Scripture, by four comparisons, each throwing additional light on the subject, yet all falling short of the thing signified.

In our natural state, we are driven and tossed about, by the changing winds of opinion, and the waves of trouble, which hourly disturb and threaten us upon the uncertain sea of human life. But faith, uniting us to Christ, fixes us upon a sure foundation, the Rock of Ages, where we stand immovable, though storms and floods unite their force against us.

By nature we are separated from the divine life, as branches broken off, withered and fruitless. But grace, through faith, unites us to Christ the living Vine, from whom, as the root of all fullness, a constant supply of sap and influence is derived into each of his mystical branches, enabling them to bring forth fruit unto God, and to persevere and abound therein.

By nature we are hateful and abominable in the sight of a holy God, and full of enmity and hatred towards each other. By faith, uniting us to Christ, we have fellowship with the Father and the Son, and joint communion among ourselves; even as the members of the same body have each of them union, communion, and sympathy, with the head, and with their fellow-members.

In our natural estate, we were cast out naked and destitute, without pity, and without help, Ezek. 16:1-63; but faith, uniting us to Christ, interests us in his righteousness, his riches, and his honors. Our Redeemer is our husband; our debts are paid, our settlements secured, and our names changed.

Thus the Lord Jesus, in declaring himself the foundation, root, head, and husband, of his people, takes in all the ideas we can frame of an intimate, vital, and inseparable union. Yet all these fall short of truth; and he has given us one further similitude, of which we can by no means form a just conception until we shall be brought to see him as he is in his kingdom. John 27:21: "That they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you; that they also may be one in us."

Well may we say, What has God wrought! How inviolable is the security, how inestimable the privilege, how inexpressible the happiness, of a believer! How greatly is he indebted to grace! He was once afar off, but he is brought near to God by the blood of Christ: he was once a child of wrath, but is now an heir of everlasting life. How strong then are his obligations to walk worthy of God, who has called him to his kingdom and glory!