

The Herald



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Upstream

DNOW '22

SPEAKER:
JOHN DAVISON



WORSHIP:
JENNA TOLAND



FRIDAY, JAN 14 - SUNDAY, JAN 16

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVENING WORSHIP SESSIONS

FRIDAY: 7:30 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 PM



Many times over the years I have encouraged families to use grief counselors as they work through their grief after the death of a loved one. I am taking my own advice and will be joining a group through GriefShare.org. Most of you know that my nephew was killed in an automobile accident in early December. It has taken me a month to come to grips with the reality that I need help walking this path of grief. We don't like to admit when we are hurting and vulnerable. But the strongest are willing to admit when they need help. Digging in to our wounds is not easy. It certainly isn't fun, but sometimes it is necessary. For me to be an emotionally healthy husband, father and pastor, I need to take the step of seeking help to walk through my grief. I would ask for your prayers during this time. The Grief Share process is about ten weeks of meetings. I will share updates through this newsletter as we take this journey. My prayer is that my willingness to be transparent with you will help others seek help when grief comes their way.

I encourage you to join us Friday evening at 7 PM for the kick off to DNow. You will get to participate in some great worship and listen to excellent teaching. Obviously, the worship and teaching will be geared towards our students, but you will benefit from attending. DNow is an awesome experience for our students. Every year we experience blessing in our student ministry from this event. This is an event that our giving supports. Students pay only a portion of the entire cost of the event. Your giving covers the rest of the cost. Be in prayer this week for our students.

BUILD begins on January 23. Make sure to get signed up for a class. We have some great classes for this round. BUILD comprises a major portion of our Discipleship process at FBC Sanger. Participating in a BUILD group will introduce you to new friends and assist in your development in living the Christian life.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor

Just Show Up

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and eight buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees for cars (\$1.40), for buses (about \$7).

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the zoo management called the city council and asked it to send them another parking agent. The council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the zoo's own responsibility. The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee. The city council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, or France, or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket booth installed completely on his own and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees. Sometimes we just need to show up!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

I'm writing this from where I have been detained for almost ten days because of sickness. I wish I could just show up to work. I don't think I've ever felt this lousy, but even though I don't feel very well, I am reminded of God's faithfulness! When I don't feel like it, our Father still shows up! He is faithful! He calls us to help each other to be faithful to Him. He uses us to encourage each other to love and do good works. We should do all we can to encourage our brothers and sisters in their faith. You see, "the day" is coming! The day of the Lord is coming. This is a great day for believers, but the opportunity to lead others to faith and eternal salvation, are over! We need to be faithful in reaching out because there is a deadline and it is the most unforgiving deadline we'll ever face because it has eternal repercussions! We need to be faithful because God is faithful with us! Just keep showing up! Show up by praying for each other! Show up by being encouraging, not discouraging! Show up by ministering to those in need! Show up by helping those who are struggling! Just Show up!

Pastor John Guerra - Executive Pastor



Lottie Moon 2021

Our Goal: \$20,000
Received to Date: \$27,691

Praise God!



Women and High School Girls Bible Study

Elijah, Faith & Fire for Teens by Priscilla Shirer

Thursdays, starting Jan 27, 6:30 PM

Seven-session Study
Book Cost: \$15

Facilitators: Debbie Burgett & Erica Bledsoe
Sign up Sunday via Connection Card
Contact: Erica Bledsoe, 817.688.2059

For the Record

Jan 2, 2022 Receipts.....	\$8,606
YTD Budget Receipts	\$8,606
YTD Budget	\$18,840
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Jan 9, 2022 Receipts.....	\$16,421
YTD Budget Receipts	\$25,027
YTD Budget	\$37,681

Where Moms Connect resumes tonight, Wednesday, Jan 12 at 6:00



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning: CBS - 9:15 AM
SSM resumes tonight at 6:00 PM
Doors open at 3:30 PM



DNOW THIS FRIDAY - SUNDAY

COST: \$35

There's still time to register. See Trey for registration forms.

Friday Night:

- Be at the church at 6:00 PM.
- Eat before you arrive.
- Bring paperwork and money if you have not already done so.
- You can sign up at the door, if needed.



Pastor Trey Bledsoe - Youth Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tonight, 6:00 PM: Where Moms Connect Resumes in CR

Tonight, 7:00 PM: Worship Choir Practice Resumes in WC

Friday, Jan 14 - Sunday, Jan 16: DNOW Weekend

Sunday, Jan 16: No Evening Activities

Tuesday, Jan 18, 9:00 AM - Noon: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry in FH

Sunday, Jan 23, 6:00 PM: BUILD Classes begins

Tuesday, Jan 25, 6:30 PM: BUILD Class

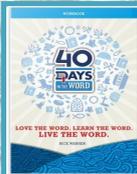
Thursday, Jan 27, 6:30 PM: Women & High School Girls Study Begins

Friday, Jan 28, 9:00 - 11:00 AM: MOPS meets in FH



**New Session Begins Jan 23,
6:00 PM**

Sign up via Connection Card

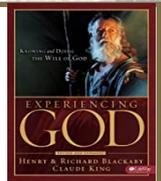


40 Days in the Word (\$10) Led by Thomas Muir. Meets in NMR

An essential resource that takes participants through six easy to learn methods of Loving, Learning, and Living the Word. These teachings will guide you through what it means to not just be "hearers" of the Word, but also "doers" of the Word! Reignite and strengthen your passion for God's Word together with these inspirational teachings.

Experiencing God (\$20) led by John Guerra. Meets in John's office.

Shows believers how to know Him intimately while encouraging them to step out in faith and join Him in His work with miraculous results. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God.

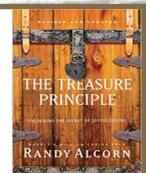


I Am a Church Member (\$5) led by Grant Bowles. Meets in CR

Find out what is expected of those who join a body of believers. It will address how to operate as a unified church body with consistent biblical and healthy members concerning matters of giving, serving, and more. Learn what attitudes and responsibilities are expected of church members -- rather than just the functional and theological issues .

The Treasure Principle (\$7) led by Dennis Dillon. Meets in FH

Discover a joy more precious than gold! Priceless treasure is within your reach. Some try to motivate giving out of guilt—this isn't one of them! You'll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus—a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never look the same.



40 Days of Prayer (\$15) led by Phyllis Sanders (Women's class)

Meets in CR. Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Sessions include: The Purpose of Prayer, How to Pray with Confidence, The Pattern for Prayer, Praying for a Breakthrough, How to Pray in a Crisis, Why Doesn't God Always Answer the First Time I Pray?