

If nuclear weapons were developed by Iran (or North Korea) it would be perhaps the most dangerous global situation since Nazi Germany. Either of these two nations would cause tremendous de-stabilization because they operate outside the bounds of international law especially concerning human rights. In the case of Iran, it is their stated desire to "obliterate" Israel from the globe. What this deal essentially does is return to the economic sanctions in place before the deal was struck. And that economy is already struggling. Iran is unable to feed its people and is facing a famine as its agriculture sector is failing. Iran represents one of the two factions of Islam, the more warring and radical, more prone to acts of terrorism known as the Shia/Shiites. The day after this decision by President Trump, video shows the leaders of the Iranian government burning the agreement and the American flag on the floor of the parliament. Such an act of deliberate insult is not unusual or uncommon in Iran, however, it is unusual and unprecedented such an act was done in the seat of government with its nation's leaders cheering it on. This shows their true intent and will put greater pressure on the other countries in the agreement to either withdraw or step up support at the continued financial cost and the deteriorating political climate in Iran. Two nations, however, celebrated Trump's decision and one of them may not be one you would think of first. Saudi Arabia and Israel. The latter makes sense, after all Iran's declarations against Israel are well-documented and continue to keep the area unstable. But why Saudi Arabia? Because Saudi Arabia, while Muslim, is one of the few who are predominantly Sunni Muslim, a less radical group and not Shiite Muslim. Saudi Arabia fears an Iran with nuclear capabilities and fears leaders who may act irrationally and jeopardize the welfare of the entire area with one act.

In both moral and ethical situations we are considering the question that must be asked, is what was done, or is being done, or even what will be done, be the right thing? It is difficult to say because as humans we can only know the facts as we know them and in our limited knowledge and experience we actually only know what we know and likely we do not know what we think we know completely. What would have happened if the agreement was kept as a question which cannot be answered because no human knows all facts in any situation let alone all facts in a potential situation. This reminds us we must seek the God of all truth and the God of all knowledge. God in His omniscience is totally, always, eternally knowledgeable. Not only about the facts but about all possibilities. God's sovereignty is exercised in the fact that His will is affected through history in such a way that He does not have to judge what is the most likely outcome. He knows perfectly the outcome of every single action. How significant is an asteroid the size of the statue of liberty passing between the earth and the moon? Significant enough that one a third of its size 5 years ago entered our atmosphere hospitalized more than a 1,000 people and was "pegged as 30 times stronger than the atomic bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima". It is all important because faith in the sovereign God of the Bible is essential to navigate situations out of our control in a way which brings Jesus glory. Nothing happens by chance (Proverbs 16:33) nothing happens without God's permission (Lamentations 3:37), the Lord, the creator, is sovereign and does as He pleases (Ps. 115:3, 135:6, Daniel 4:35), He is the same, yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:5).

# TUPOOS

STUDENT MINISTRIES

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES...



### Morning Worship Service

# 379 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

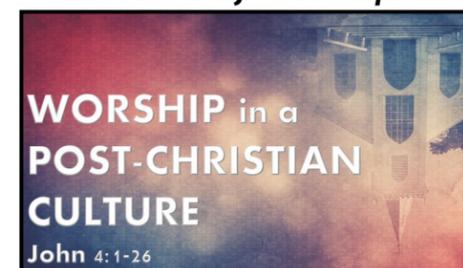
# 16 O Worship the King

Power of the Cross - Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Love Never Gonna Let Me Go

Heart of Worship



# 307 Just As I Am

### Evening Worship Service

Ode to Joy - Lydia Bishop, piano

Holy, Holy, Holy - Kaylor Pretty, piano

God Is So Good - Morgan Bishop, piano

Wonderful Words of Life

- Samantha Shackelford

# 493 Onward, Christian Soldiers

# 346 He's Got the Whole

World in His Hands

Kum ba Yah -

G.A.s; Catherine Bishop, piano

G.A. RECOGNITION

# 217 O How I Love Jesus

Bells Call & God Is So Good

- Young Ringers

Sunday School Sing-a-Long

# 344 Jesus Loves Me

HIZ KIDZ MESSAGE

# 305 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Why do we need less controversy and more love and understanding, compromise and compassion, and tactful speech within the church and outside of it? This week, in the month leading up to the Southern Baptist National Convention, a firestorm erupted over remarks made by Dr. Paige Patterson who is scheduled to preach at the convention. Dr. Patterson is known for being somewhat controversial and never backing down from a statement he has made though clarifying and apologizing when necessary. These statements were made about women, divorce and abuse and in the current political and cultural environment such statements must be tempered with love and tact. For the sake of space, I will do my best to summarize and be objective and biblical. Dr. Patterson is the current president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a two-time Southern Baptist Convention President, a stalwart in Baptist leadership and a faithful preacher of the gospel who has never shied away from a controversial subject. He has come under some scrutiny in recent days for comments he made and illustrations he used. I have heard Dr. Patterson preach in person and in recorded sermons. I respect him for his views, and though sometimes my views differ, I have learned from him. After reading and assessing the situation, I would state the illustrations and even perhaps the some of his wording is edgy if not borderline inappropriate especially for a female audience. I would also like to say concerning the subject of divorce and domestic abuse and women's roles in Christian leadership, he seems very Biblical though he may have been disagreed with or misunderstood. To his own fault his words are somewhat untactful and could easily be misunderstood as chauvinistic. However, he is to some degree, being taken out of context. While he has a take no prisoners character I am concerned we are attacking each other and by reading certain open letters, responses, tweets and comments on social media this incident is not promoting the gospel, personal evangelism, nor God's Kingdom. All this said, if there has been any inappropriate comments in private or public they should be confronted and dealt with. You can check out the stories in Baptist Press, Christianity Today and the Washington Post. As always be sure to read and research thoroughly. As to the issue of abuse: there is no level of abuse which should be tolerated. We have been called by God to show honor and respect to all women and girls, they are our wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters. If we are honest we (you and me) have at times said or done things which could even be termed "abuse", things we wish we could retract. We must be reminded no matter our position or place we cannot speak everything which crosses our minds. We must control our tongue. This control is necessary to be an effective witness for Jesus.

Turning to another story where much tactful speech, understanding, and love is needed; a week ago President Trump withdrew the United States from an agreement with Iran because of what he termed a "bad deal". Trump indicated several times leading up to his elections he intended to do this and he made good on this promise. This deal made with Iran under the previous administration in 2015 was aimed at preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons. This joint accord also involved Great Britain, France and Germany. The deal had done little to prevent the development of nuclear weapons while seemingly offering significant economic incentive to Iran.



*Happy Anniversary!*

*May 22nd*

*Talmadge & Cyndi Albritton*

*Marc & Hailey Pollard*



**Happy Birthday!**

**May 24**

Lydia Bishop

**May 25**

Cooper Graham

**Sunday Services**

*Wednesday Services.*

Nursery.....23	Adult Bible Study.....10
Morning Worship...132	Students.....15
Evening Worship.....31	GA/RA (elementary).....32
	Mission Friends (pre-s).....9
	Nursery.....6
	Women's Study.....13
	Leaders.....14
	Total.....99

**Giving Record**

Budget Needs/Week .....	\$7,056.00
Tithes & Offering .....	\$5,335.00
Difference.....	(-\$1721.00)
Designated.....	\$415.00

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Nite Kids Night May 20th <small>The Young Kings will play 60's w/ sing, and more.</small>	21	22	It's the start of SUMMER PARTY Nominating Com. Meeting 5pm	24	25	26
27 Student Ministry Team Breakfast	REMEMBERING THEIR Sacrifices FOR OUR Freedom MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31	1 <b>JUNE</b>	2
3 Legacy Builders Appreciation Luncheon	4	5 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	6	7	8	9
10 Passion Camp Fundraiser	11 7pm Deacon's Meeting	12	PASSION CAMP 2018 DAYTONA BEACH - FLORIDA	14	15	16
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY <small>THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!</small>	18 6pm Stewardship Meeting	19	20 Business Meeting 6:30p	21	22	23

**COUNTING COMMITTEE - MAY 2018**  
 Meg Moore, Kay Crews, Vernon Benbow

**WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

**Sundays**

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open  
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building  
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary  
 Kids' Church K-5  
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

**Wednesday**

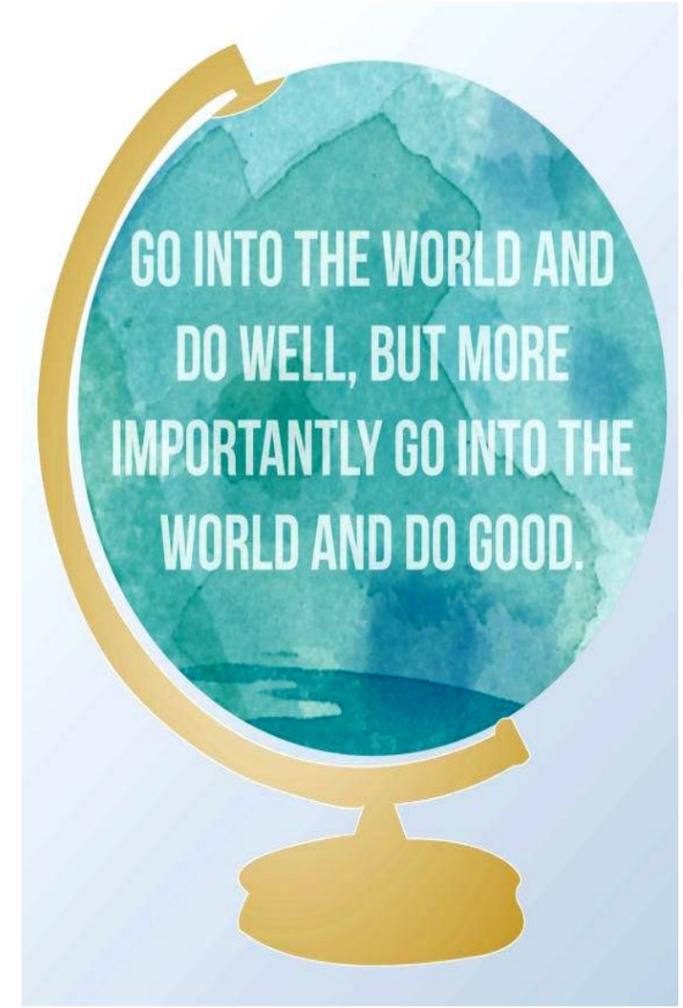
5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)  
 G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

**USHERS OF THE WEEK**  
 Marlon Pendergrass  
 David Moore  
 David Suttles  
 Justin Davidson

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
 May 20-26  
 Damon Hughes 781-0679  
 May 27-June 2  
 David Moore 781-1565



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.  
**We're so glad you're here!**



**Nominating Committee**  
**Will begin meeting *this***  
**Wednesday @ 5pm**