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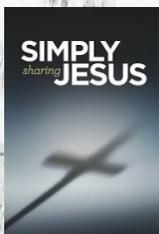
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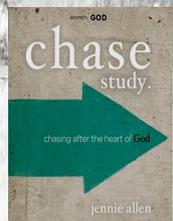
There's still time to join
Sunday Evening, 6:00 PM



-I Am a Church Member
Grant Bowles
Location: Fellowship Hall



-Simply Sharing Jesus
Reed Parsons
Location: N. Meeting Room



-Chase (for women)
Facilitator: Debbie Burgett
Location: W106

Chase Study
Thursday Morning Online, 10:00 AM
Facilitator: Susan Kimmel
Email: keenerthanyou@gmail.com

DNOW 2021

This Friday, Jan 15, 6PM
- Sunday, Jan 17, Noon

Unlimited



**DNOW
SPEAKER
PRESTON
CAVE**



**WORSHIP
LEADER
JENNA TOLAND**





This past Sunday was a weird experience for me. I have missed worship at our church for vacation and when sick, but never just sat on my couch at home feeling absolutely fine. Just over a week ago, I was with someone who later tested positive for COVID. I received results on Saturday afternoon that I was negative, but to follow the guidelines, I stayed home Sunday. I want to write about my experience watching the worship service from home.

Getting up later than normal was nice. I will admit that. I am also very glad we have invested in the technology to livestream our services. We have one of the best livestream services I have seen in our area. It was a blessing to be able to join in worship with my church family on a Sunday I was not able to attend. But I missed being able to hear my church family joining together in worship and be part of the feeling in the room with other believers. I missed the fellowship of seeing my brothers and sisters, hearing about their week and physically being part of what God was doing that morning. Livestreamed worship services are a substitute but not the real thing. I can't wait to be back with God's people in person this Sunday!

Attending in person for church is a risk during this pandemic. But for me, it is a risk I am willing to take. That is my personal choice. It is not a choice I will demand anyone else make. If you are staying home because of concerns regarding COVID, I respect your choice and will defend that choice.

I have been heartbroken watching the news and looking at social media over the last week. The events of January 6 will be forever burned into our memory. That day came on the heels of the furor over a prayer given at a meeting of the US Congress. At the end of the prayer, the representative praying finished by saying "Amen and Awoman." As you can imagine, there was much discussion of this ending. Having listened to the full prayer, I will only say that we got upset over the wrong part of that prayer. The representative addressed his prayer to God called by many names including Allah and Brahma. Our God is not the same as Brahma and Allah. He is the only True God and there is only one way to know Him. That way to know Him is through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor

For the Record

Month of January through January 10

Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 76,008
Received to Date	\$ 45,195

Month of December

Budget Expenses	\$63,750
Tithes & Offerings	\$65,377

A woman was waiting in the check-out line at a shopping center. Her arms were laden with a mop and broom and other cleaning supplies. By her actions and deep sighs, it was obvious she was in a hurry and not happy about the slowness of the line. When the cashier called for a price check on a box of soap, the woman remarked indignantly, "Well, I'll be lucky to get out of here and home before Christmas!" "Don't worry, ma'am," replied the clerk. "With a good tail wind and that brand new broom you have there, you'll be home in no time." We're so impatient!

"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:8-9

God "is not slack concerning His promise." He is not slow, nor does He fall short in keeping His Word. This is the reason why Jesus hasn't returned. Peter remembered the teaching of his Master on this subject, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. (Acts 1:7). Jesus said that no one knows when He will return, not even the angels! (Matt. 24:36). He never stated the exact time of His return, but said it was in the Father's hands.

God is not impotent nor unwilling to fulfill His promise. Some will perish, but that is not His desire. God wishes all to come, which is a word meaning to make room. God is never late. He is always on time.

God's love is seen in His longsuffering which means patience and forbearance. In I Peter, he referred to the longsuffering of God in the days of Noah before bringing judgment on the unrepentant people. "He is longsuffering toward us because He doesn't desire for any to "perish but that all should come to repentance."

Ezekiel 18:23: *"Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Says the Lord God, and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"*

So Peter concludes, the Lord has not returned for one simple reason: it is not yet the Father's time. And the reason it is not yet the Father's time is because of His longsuffering. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. God's delay is actually an indication that He has a plan for this world and that He is working His plan. There should be no question in our mind's whether God wants sinners to be saved. God is not willing that any should perish.

It is worth noting that God revealed this same long-suffering in the years before the flood. He saw the violence and wickedness of man and could have judged the world immediately; but He held back His wrath and instead, sent Noah as a "preacher of righteousness." God is longsuffering toward lost sinners because some of them will believe and become part of His elect people. We should be thankful that He is patient and work with Him in leading people to faith with a sense of urgency!

Br. John Guerra - Executive Pastor



SSM IN PERSON & ONLINE

- ◆ Sunday Morning CBS - 9:15 AM
- ◆ Wednesday Evening 6:00 PM
(doors open at 3:30 PM)
- ◆ No evening activities this Sunday

DNOW 2021- This weekend!

DNOW PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for students who attend to hear and respond to the gospel message.
- Pray for the safety and health of all adults, students, and volunteers before, during, and after DNow.
- Pray for Trey as he and his team make final preparations for DNow.
- Pray for Preston Cave as he prepares to speak during DNow weekend.
- Pray for Jenna, Mackenzie, Zack, & Andy as they prepare to lead worship during DNow.
- Pray for the small group leaders as they prepare to lead our students.
- Pray for the entire event to go according to God's plan with no major disruptions.

Trey still needs food donations for Sunday morning.

Call or email Trey:
trey@fbcSanger.com



Trey Bledsae - Youth Pastor
@firstsangerstudents

MOPS

We offer a safe and encouraging place for moms of littles to come and recharge. Meetings will be every 2nd and 4th Friday, from 9-11 AM.

We will start back on Friday, Jan 22.

For more info, contact Susan Kimmel:
fbcSangermops@gmail.com



COFFEE FROM HONDURAS



HONDURAS

This Sunday, Jan 17, Cliff Swofford will be selling bags of coffee from Pastor Antonio, our church partner in Honduras, with 61 Isaiah Ministries. We are asking for a donation of at least \$10 per bag on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Every cent will go back to Pastor Antonio to help break the cycle of poverty in the village of Rancho Obispo, in Honduras.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Sunday, Jan 17, 5:00 PM: Building & Grounds

Monday, Jan 18, 6:30 PM: Personnel

These Committee Meetings will be held in the N. Meeting Room.

2020 Committee Chairs - please return notebooks

Offering envelopes available in the foyer.
Feel free to take a box.



2020 Contribution Statements



Available for pickup on Sunday in the foyer or weekdays in the church office.

Download Online Contributions

1. Go to fbcSanger.com just as you normally would to give. LOGIN to Generosity just as you would to donate.
2. Click on **MANAGE ACCOUNT** under your name.
3. From Transaction History, click on the **EXPORT** your donation list. The downloaded file is in CVS or XLS format.

If you have any problems, feel free to contact the church office.

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you beyond words for your many expressions of love to Jim & me as he bravely fought his battles with the cancer & Parkinson's Disease. He loved each of you so much, & your support strengthened us on many tough days. You truly demonstrated the love of our LORD. ~Kathy Roberts



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Friday, Jan 15– Sunday, Jan 17: DNOW Weekend

Sunday, Jan 17, 5:00 PM: Building & Grounds Committee Meeting. NMR

Monday, Jan 18, 6:30 PM: Personnel Committee Meeting. NMR

Friday, Jan 22, 9:00 AM: MOPS

FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb 6, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, Feb 7, 5:00 PM: Deacons' Meeting in FH

Friday, Feb 12, 9-11 AM: MOPS



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Stay Connected

Text FSJOIN to 94000. This will add you to our new system for mass texts and emergency alerts

Send a direct text message to (940) 329-2088 to the staff to volunteer or ask for prayer

New to FBC Sanger? Text FSINFO to 94000

ONLINE GIVING

Go to: www.fbcsanger.com/online-giving

1. Click on what you would like to donate
2. Click on donation amount or type in Custom Amount
3. Click on Payment Type
4. Use drop down menu to select how often you want to give
5. Use drop down menu to select to give your tithe to general budget or give to a designated fund
6. If other is selected, type in the designated fund in the box
7. Click the "Give Now" button

Thank you!

FBC Sanger Weekly Services

Sundays

9:15 AM: Connection Bible Study
Online and In-Person.

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Facebook Live and In-Person

6:00 PM: BUILD classes

Wednesdays

6:00 PM: Adult Bible Study
Youth, 6th-12th
Children: 1st-5th

Lottie Moon 2020 Christmas Offering



Our Goal: \$20,000
Received to Date: \$13,681

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon
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