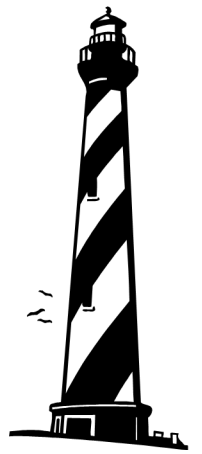




THE BEACON BEAM



April 2023

DECLARING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL THINGS

A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

Greg Barkman

The year, 2023, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Beacon Baptist Church. We are preparing to celebrate on Sunday, May 21, and I hope that many of our BEAM readers may be able to join us at 9:30 a.m. for Public Worship, followed by a testimony and praise service at 11:00. Our annual Homecoming meal at Noon is a time for leisurely fellowship and good food. With no Evening Worship, plan to stay and linger as long as possible during the meal. Please consider this your personal invitation to attend.

A TIME TO REMEMBER. You can't read the Old Testament without realizing that God wanted His people to remember the many wonderful things He did for them. God instructed them to rehearse their history regularly and teach it to their children. He instituted a number of festivals scattered at various intervals through the year to call His wonderful works to mind, and provided a framework to teach them to others. Surely God is pleased when His New Covenant people do likewise.

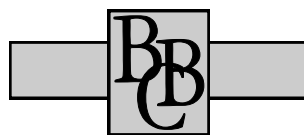
A HUMBLE BEGINNING. A church is a congregation of born again, baptized believers, who have been saved by the grace of God, and are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. A church is not a building, though we call the facility where church's meet, "the church." The building is a tool to facilitate the activities and functions of a believing congregation. Beacon began when a couple of dozen men and women believed that ungodly behavior had so severely crippled the church where they had worshipped for many years, that they had to depart and start afresh. They were convinced that obedience to God and His Word required this of them.

Two issues brought the situation to a head. First, the Southern Baptist Convention, to which their church belonged, was beginning to develop serious doctrinal issues. Seminaries, organized to train pastors for ministry, were increasingly staffed by professors who denied the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Doctrines such as the deity of Christ, His bodily resurrection, Christ's future physical and glorious return, and

others, were questioned or denied. Denominational publishing houses printed books and Sunday School materials tainted with liberal interpretations of Scripture. Although the majority of Southern Baptist pastors were still conservative, it was clear that a continuation of this dangerous apostasy would eventually replace older, Bible-believing pastors with younger liberal-minded ones. Dark clouds were blackening the horizon of this once venerable association. In the providence of God, a conservative resurgence in the 1980's and 90's, largely turned things around. But in the early 70's, the prospects looked bleak.

The second issue was local. The seasoned pastor of the SBC church in question was caught in serious moral failure and forced to resign. The search for a new pastor brought the looming problem of denominational liberalism down to the local church level. The congregation was divided between those who wanted to call a pastor without ties to the Southern Baptist Convention, and

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Sunday

Morning Worship...9:30 AM
Sunday School.....11:10 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM
IMPACT Clubs.....7:00 PM
Teen Ministry.....7:00 PM

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those who were insistent that a loyal SBC pastor be secured. The contention between the two groups was so sharp, that several of the independent-minded members were pressured to leave. With heavy hearts, they desired, God permitting, to begin a new, independent, fundamental Baptist church in southern Alamance County. This set the stage for the formation of Beacon Baptist Church.

A YOUNG PASTOR. The older church had, for many years, faithfully supported Rev. William Grant, a Baptist Mid Missions missionary to St. Lucia. Because Bill Grant was on furlough when the disruption occurred, the church contacted him about the possibility of serving as interim pastor until they could sort things out. His scheduled return to the mission field made this impossible, but he mentioned that his youngest daughter, Marti, was married to a young preacher who had just completed ministerial training, and might be available for pulpit supply. Thus the church contacted me. I was working a temporary construction job in Greenville, SC, and preaching on weekends in various churches who were looking for a pastor. Privileged to fill the pulpit on three Sundays in the Fall of 1972, the pulpit committee extended an invitation to meet after my last engagement. When it became clear that my convictions were unacceptable to most of the members of the committee, we parted as friends, and I did not expect to hear from them again. Several months later, however, I was surprised to receive a call from Ralph Faucette, a member of the pulpit committee, who was involved with the group interested in starting a church. After a time of prayerful consideration, Marti and I concluded that God wanted us to join this group and help them plant a new work. The rest, as they say, is history.

A BRIEF SUMMARY. This col-

umn is insufficient to describe all the details of the past fifty years. If you can attend our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration on May 21, you will receive a fuller account. However, I will attempt to offer an abbreviated summary.

We began our services in the Cafeteria of E. M. Holt School, not far south of our present location. The Alamance County School board gra-

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ciously rented their building to us on Sundays, and we met in homes on Wednesday nights. After several weeks, we officially organized the church with twenty-nine charter members, most of whom were adults, though a few were teens. The majority were in their late thirties to mid-forties, which made the Barkmans, at age twenty-five, two of the youngest members. Enthusiasm was high, God was blessing, and our attendance soon approached one hundred. That's when the first crisis landed. 1973 was the year of the Arab oil embargo which caused gasoline and fuel oil supplies to shrink dramatically. The School Board told us we needed to find another place to meet, since they were not certain they could heat the building through the week, much less on Sundays.

Providentially, God connected us with Rev. Elmer Cates, a Greensboro pastor who had formerly planted a church in Burlington. The once thriving congregation had dwindled, and a handful of people were

struggling to keep the doors open. They were pleased to rent their building to us, and we moved into a fully furnished church facility on the corner of Trail Eight and Moran Street, just off Tucker Street extension. The congregation continued to grow until this building became inadequate.

Through another surprising providence, we acquired several suitable acres on Kirkpatrick Road, just off Alamance Road near the Burlington municipal airport, and were enabled by the faithfulness of God, to construct a nice facility for our growing congregation. We held the first service on the third Sunday in May, 1976. We have enlarged our facilities several times over the years, and are still ministering at 1622 Kirkpatrick Road, Burlington, NC as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary.

CHURCH BUILDINGS. What do buildings communicate? Several things. First, they demonstrate the existence of a congregation active enough to need a place to meet and conduct ministry. Furthermore, they testify to the faithfulness of God in providing resources sufficient to construct a church building, not an inexpensive proposition. In addition, the style and quality of church buildings reveal a congregation's philosophy of ministry and reflects something about their attitude toward God. Our desire is that the buildings God has provided will testify to our love and gratitude to Christ, and honor the God that we worship.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT. Although buildings have their place in the work of the church, they are not what's most important. What churches believe about God and His Word is far more significant than where they assemble. So what does Beacon Baptist Church believe?

From the beginning, we were firmly committed to the supremacy of

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God's Word. Our ministry has always focused upon teaching the Bible to those who attend our services. However, there has been a significant shift in our understanding of Scripture over these fifty years. We began as a fairly typical fundamental Baptist church with a strong emphasis upon evangelism and missions. We were aggressive in evangelism and registered more salvation "decisions" than we could count. It was a rare Sunday when nobody "walked the aisle" to "receive Jesus as their Savior." But it didn't take long before we had doubts about our approach to evangelism. We registered decisions by the scores, but experienced only a small handful whose lives demonstrated that they were changed and seriously committed to Christ. Something was obviously wrong, but what?

I wrestled with this concern for several years before finally concluding that the Bible teaches an understanding of conversion that was very different from the one we embraced. In short, I gradually surrendered to a reformed understanding of salvation, sometimes called Calvinism, and at other times, the doctrines of grace. This wasn't easy for me. I resisted and objected as long as I could. I had strong anti-Calvinistic teaching in my background, and the last thing I wanted was to become a Calvinist. But that foundational commitment to Scripture was the clincher. I firmly believed, along with our congregation, that "whatever the Bible says is so." Little by little, my objections to reformed theology were dis-

mantled by Scripture. Reluctantly, I was forced to surrender to the concept that this is truly what the Bible teaches. It goes against human pride and runs counter to mainstream conservative Christianity in modern America, but it is clearly what the Bible declares, and I must therefore, bow before the authoritative Word of the living God. I came to Calvinism kicking, screaming, and dragging my feet, but by God's longsuffering kindness, He brought me to a settled conviction that this is His revealed truth.

It took several years before I was able to bring our entire congregation to this new theology, but God was gracious, as He always is, and we are now united in our commitment to a reformed perspective of salvation. God is sovereign in everything, including salvation, and we are delighted to declare this glorious truth openly and without apology. It shapes our understanding of God, of salvation, and how we conduct the meetings and activities of our church.

Does this doctrine kill zeal for evangelism and missions, as is often assumed? No. It changes our methods, causing them to more closely reflect the patterns we find in Scripture, but our commitment to evangelism, at home and abroad is, if anything, stronger than before. In some ways, nothing has changed. We began with a commitment to believe everything the Bible teaches, no matter how difficult it may be, and we are still anchored to that commitment fifty years later. In other ways, everything has changed. God is bigger, man is smaller, sin is more repulsive,

and grace is more precious. Our worship is more God-centered, and our labors are more joyful. I wouldn't want to go back for anything! God is good. He has been faithful and gracious through all of this fifty years journey, and He becomes more precious with every passing year.

I hope you will be able to join us for our time of worship and celebration as we extol the greatness and graciousness of God. See you on May 21, Lord willing.



14 Ways that God is Far More Excellent than Men

By Thaddeus Williams

God is awesome in all the ways the deepest recesses of our souls long to be awestruck. Here are fourteen ways that God is a far more excellent object of awe than the images we see in the mirror:

1. God never lies or breaks promises. We do.
2. God is not bound by time, but sees it all—past, present, and future—with perfect clarity. He was here long before us, even before time existed, which is one of His ideas. We are stuck in this moment, hazy about much of the past and oblivious to much of the future.
3. God is self-existent, requiring no one to bring him into being or keep him alive. We needed a mother and a father to bring us into existence. We need oxygen, food, water, and (for some of you) caffeine to continue existing.
4. God is sovereign, enthroned over the entire universe, Lord over galaxies, nations, and subatomic particles. We might pretend to be sovereign, but our control over the world is a pipedream.
5. God is not bound by space; He is present everywhere. We are where we are right now, circumscribable. We could draw ten foot circles around one another and say truly, “This circle contains you.”
6. God is infinitely satisfying. Our best attempts to be the source of ultimate satisfaction for others will leave us all exhausted, jaded, and disillusioned.
7. God is the supreme Artist who thought up glowing space nebulae, Technicolor sunsets, the flavor of watermelon and coffee beans, the melodies of songbirds, the kaleidoscopic patterns in a human iris, and everything else beautiful in creation. We are created to be creative like Him, but for all of our most sublime artistic feats, He is the true Master.
8. God can create ex nihilo by an act of sheer artistic willpower. We can only create from pre-existing stuff.
9. God is gracious and merciful, bestowing ill-deserved favor on His creatures. We can be petty, grudge-harboring, and spiteful. We need grace to draw our next breaths.
10. God knows all things and His wisdom is boundless. He can never learn, be surprised, or fit fully into the boxes of finite minds. For us, the universe is full of question marks, and the more we know the more we realize we don’t know.
11. God is one Being who exists eternally as three equal and inter-loving Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As such, God has always been engaged in interpersonal loving community in His very Being, and He invites you into that love. Our love as humans can be beautiful and authentic but it pales in comparison to the infinite love we are offered in the Triune God.
12. God feels perfectly. He is never temperamental, moody, or overcome by wild emotions. Our emotions often vacillate and fall out of sync with reality.
13. God is holy, transcending all sin, evil, and injustice. We slip into sin more times a day than we can count.
14. God is infinitely and altogether awesome. We are not. Selah.

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On the Feminine Side

by Marti Barkman

They come in all shapes and sizes, groupings, types and categories. Each will have it's own name, but we lump them all together under the quick and simple title 'THINGS'.

There are, first of all, the things we don't use any longer. How long has it been since you looked in your ADDRESS BOOK? I recently came into possession of my mother's old address book. It is a beautiful book, with prints of famous paintings every few pages. More than just a pleasure to open, for someone who lived most of her life in foreign countries, it was one of my mother's most important possessions, for it was her connection to loved ones all over the world. Now we have CONTACTS, accessible by a tap on a key.

Closely associated but equally rare... the PHONE BOOK. Do you even have one? No longer a book, but a pamphlet, it used to be a staple in every household. I just checked the one in my kitchen drawer near the landline (remember that?) and found a booklet with 16 white pages of private numbers, and 46 yellow pages of business listings. Not to worry... you'll find what you need in your contact list.

Sadly, another item of importance to daily life, the local NEWSPAPER has disappeared. Greg read to me, just this morning...in a magazine... a description of a family's Sunday morning newspaper ritual, now long gone: Dad takes Sports, Mom gets Parade, and the kids argue over who gets the comics first.

Address books, phone books, and newspapers...glimpses into our past, present, and future, things no longer there.

Other things grown scarce are the old family-run businesses that were landmarks in our workday worlds. Some gone because the next generation never learned the skill, others because the need for the service or product no longer exist. The rest? Bought out by larger companies, providing the service but missing the personal touch that came from knowing and being known and cared for by the ones whose blood, sweat, and tears were mixed with the brick and mortar in the building of the business as far back as a hundred years ago.

But a few things from the past are showing up again. A few that come to mind: TURN TABLES (long ago called record players) and the VINYL RECORDS on which to play them. That would be something from your mom's era to listen to while she BRAIDS your hair, after which you might put on your long PRAIRIE DRESS. When those were first popular they were called MAXI DRESSES, in reference to the floor length. And what's for dinner tonight? How about some good old fashioned meat loaf like grandmothers made for Sunday dinners? Down-home foods are showing up on restaurant menus as well as our family dinner tables. I've even seen a few recipes calling for that ever present ingredient from the 50's and 60's... Campbells soup...and grits, a humble staple of the south, are moving north. And then there are the things that come with updated options. Like BOOKS. When we travel I'm grateful for my handy Kindle on which I carry multiple versions of the Bible and usually download a new book as a vacation read. But at home? Give me a REAL BOOK, made out of a

stack of paper that I can hold in my two hands and has pages that turn. One in which you can easily flip a few pages to reference a different part of the book, won't run out of battery power, and lets me use a favorite book mark, usually an art project from a daughter or grandchild. And all the more special if the book was a gift from someone dear to me. No matter how riveting a book is, it's hard to call a Kindle version a "real page turner" or loan the book to a friend (I need to check with a younger family member on that).

And while I enjoy a read in a book, I'm thankful for the light of a soft incandescent light bulb, a cup of good British tea to sip from an English porcelain teacup.

Should we say "out with the old and in with the new" or raise our fist in protest when the old and familiar are taken away? How should we react to change? We heard it in the message last March 19. Complainers be not!!! Let's make it a practice to learn from those OLDER AND YOUNGER than we. There's much to learn from both. Let's start the learning process by loving each other and appreciating the good qualities of all ages!

THE COURAGE, CONSECRATION AND COMPETENCE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

By Bob LaTour

“Have evangelicals today lost our wonder at the true and full humanity of Christ? In fighting for his deity, as we should, have we overlooked how human — how shockingly human — God himself became in Jesus of Nazareth? Not only did the Son of God have — and still has — a fully human body, but also a fully human mind, heart, and will.”¹

For some weeks I have been teaching through the Sermon on the Mount and have been struck by three things. The courage, the consecration and the competence of Jesus in His humanity. Just prior to recording this event, Matthew wrote, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then *His fame went throughout all Syria*; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. *Great multitudes followed Him*--from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan” (4:23-25).

In this sermon, He is primarily addressing His disciples; however Matthew begins this account with “And *seeing the multitudes*, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated *His disciples came to Him*” (5:1). Surely the multitude included common Jews who were curious to hear this rabbi from Nazareth who had done many astounding miracles and Who was preaching “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” (24:17). Surely it included zealots who thought that at last the Messiah who would lead them in victory over the hated Romans had arrived to usher in a physical kingdom. Surely it included some of the Jewish hierarchy that initially thought of

Him as just another would-be revolutionary, but who were increasingly envious of the following that His miracles and His message had drawn to Him, and whose faulty teaching was about to be “called out” by Him.

The inspired writer of Hebrews reminds us that “we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (4:15). In His humanity,

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Jesus must have begun His sermon with some degree of trepidation. He was about to say some things that were shocking and confrontational and radically different from what was taught by the scribes and Pharisees. As a man, this took courage. Lest we think that He was bombastic in His approach, we are reminded in John 1:14 that, as God the Son, He was full of *grace and truth*. This description reminds us of how God responded to Moses’ request to see His glory. “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and *gracious*, longsuffering, and *abounding in goodness and truth*.”² “Jesus, as Yahweh of the Old Testament (John 8:58) displayed the same divine attributes when He tabernacled among men in the New Testament era.”³ When He spoke in the synagogue in His home town, the initial

response was that those present “marveled at *the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth*. And they said, ‘Is this not Joseph's son?’” He then spoke the truth and they turned on Him with rage and hostility.

In this sermon, Jesus began by describing the character of true faith in the beatitudes that included humility, sorrow over sin, self-control, a thirst for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, *peacemaking and the blessedness of being persecuted for righteousness sake*. And this was just the beginning of a sermon that would turn the status quo upside down. The mixed crowd then heard Him challenge His disciples with the sobering truth that they were “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.” His courage was on display when He declared, “Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (5:20). Talk about an awkward moment! Jesus goes on to address several areas where the Jewish hierarchy had misapplied the Law. Thirteen times He uses one of two statements that set Him at odds with the scribes and Pharisees as He addresses a myriad of controversial topics. “Verily (assuredly) I say unto you....” and “But I say unto you....”

In this sermon, the consecration of Jesus can be summed up in one astounding statement. “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but *to fulfill*” (5:17). In other words, “I came to live a perfect life!” The reason would be revealed at the climax of His ministry as “the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.”

His competence is on display as He corrects the faulty teaching of

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the scribes and Pharisees and is declared at the end of the sermon. “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (7:28-29). His God-enabled competence was nurtured at a young age. In Luke two we read “the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.” Recall that when Jesus came up missing on His family’s trip to Jerusalem for the Passover that Mary and Joseph “found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking

them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.” The chapter ends with the words, And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” Surely “the silent years” of His life were filled with the careful study of the Law that He now clarified and would indeed fulfill.

May God enable His people to be courageous in confronting error, consecrated to living in obedience to His Word, and competent in sharing the truth of the Gospel with others.

- 1 David Matthis, desiringGod.org
- 2 Exodus 34:6
- 3 John MacArthur

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*You are invited.....*Spring Bible Conference, **April 2-5** with Mark Webb from Olive Branch, Mississippi.

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18 Coffee n' Courage
19 IMPACT Clubs
20 Silver Saints
22 IMPACT Clubs-Grand Prix
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23 ESL
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