



March–April
2020

Welcome! It is great to have you with us!

We care deeply for people and want to see them give their lives to Christ, and grow in their love and devotion to Him! Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship. Do you have children? They are welcome to join us in the Nursery (0-4) or Kid Zone (JK-Gr6). Ask us to direct you.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Prayer | 9:30 am | C.J. Feaver Room
Adult Class | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall
Worship | 10:30 am | Sanctuary
Kids' Classes | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

PRAYER

Sunday | 9:30 am | C.J. Feaver Room
Sunday | 6:00 pm | C.J. Feaver Room
Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Library

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES

Small groups are an important part of how we grow in Christ and with each other here at Forward. A variety of groups meet on different days and at different locations. For details, talk to Pastor Steve.

YOUNG ADULTS

Monday | 7:00 pm | College +

ABOVE THE BEACH

Drop in playgroup for caregivers and kids 5 and under
Tuesday | 9:30-11:30 am

YOUTH PROGRAM

Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Gr. 6-12

FOOD BANK

9:30 am | 2nd Wednesday of the month

55+ MINISTRY

11:30 am | One Friday each month

Parents! Nursery (0-4) is open throughout the service and Kid Zone (JK-Gr6) will be dismissed part way through the service.

ADULT sundays 9:30 am
BIBLE CLASS

youth
GROUP
GRADES 6-12
WEDNESDAYS 7-9 PM

ACT II
A CHRISTIAN
YOUNG ADULT
GROUP

Mondays, 7-10 pm

The Young Adult Group is devoted to biblical teaching, prayer, and fellowship. The heart of ACT II is drawn from Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." NIV

SONGS FOR
Sunday

Do you know the music we sing well?
Or want to help your kids learn it? Search for Forward Baptist Church on Spotify or YouTube to find our playlists!

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8 SUN

Annual Meeting &
Recommitment Service

13 FRI

55+ Ministry
11:30 am-1 pm
Youth Event (offsite)
6-9 pm

MARCH BREAK

16 MON

Youth Event: AGO Day Trip

17 TUE

Above the Beach March
Special: 9:30 am-12 pm

20 FRI

Youth Event: Family Board
Games: 6-9 pm

21 SAT

Wedding Shower
2 pm

22 SUN

Hospitality Day
(no Fellowship Meal)

Creative Night
6 pm

26 THU

Women's Mission
Fellowship 12 pm

27 FRI

Jr. Youth Event
6:30-8:30 pm

EASTER WEEK

daily Sun - 9:30 am, 6 pm
prayer Mon-Sat - 7 am, 7 pm
hours Thu - 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm

5 PALM SUNDAY

Worship - 10:30 am

10 GOOD FRIDAY

Breakfast - 9 am
Worship - 10:30 am

12 EASTER SUNDAY

Worship - 10:30 am

17 FRI

55+ Ministry
11:30 am-1 pm

18 FRI

Youth Event (offsite)

24 SAT

Jr. Youth Event
6:30-8:30 pm

25 SAT

Neighbourhood
Clean-up Day
11:30 am

26 SUN

Fellowship Meal
(following the service)

30 THU

Women's Mission
Fellowship 12 pm

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Son of God

What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God? As Christians, we know that Jesus is God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity. He is One with His Father in essence, equal with Him, and yet a distinct Person. This is, of course, the most important and most essential aspect of what it means that Jesus is the Son of God, but there are a few more layers to it that are important for us to understand.

In the Bible, Jesus isn't the only one who is called the Son of God. Adam is called the Son of God (Luke 3:38). Israel is called the Son of God (Exodus 4:22-23, Hosea 11:1). The Kings in the line of David are called God's Sons (2 Samuel 7:12-13, Psalm 2:7-9). And they aren't the only ones. When the New Testament calls Jesus the Son of God, it's picking up and building on these other references to sons of God from the Old Testament. In Jesus, these previous sons of God find their fulfillment. They were sons of God in an incomplete sense, but Jesus is the Son of God in the fullest sense. In other words, "In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son". So that means that there are several layers to Jesus' identity as the Son of God, and unless we understand all those layers, we don't have the full picture.

The first layer we need to understand is that Jesus is the Son of God because he is the head of a new humanity, a new people of God. When Luke calls Adam the son of God in Luke 3:38, it's in the context of the genealogy of Jesus, traced through his adopted father, Joseph. A couple chapters earlier in Luke's gospel, we are given another one of the most important references to the Son of God in the Bible:

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."
(Luke 1:30-35, NIV)

The angel Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus will be "the Son of the Most High", and then when he explains the virgin conception, he says, "So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." In the virgin conception, God did something that he hadn't done since Adam and Eve, he created new life. God created Adam out of the dust and Eve out of Adam's rib. Ever since then, life came by procreation, not creation. But when Jesus was born, there was no procreation. God overshadowed Mary and created a human life using half the raw materials required for procreation. Jesus was like Adam, a human directly created by God. A Son of God. And so Jesus, like Adam, was created without sin.

This theme can be taken a step further when we remember that Israel was also called God's

son. They were the people that God chose out of all the nations of the world to be his treasured and holy people (Deuteronomy 7:6). But just like Adam, Israel failed. They couldn't be what God called them to be, because they were sinful. Jesus, however, as the holy Son of God, could do and be everything Israel failed to do and be. Matthew's gospel is set up to show how Jesus filled up every area in which Israel fell short. He even quotes Hosea 11:1, connecting Jesus the Son of God to Israel, the son of God (Matthew 2:15).

Because Jesus is the Son of God, the new humanity, the new Adam, the new Israel, the perfect holy person, He was fit to bring redemption to sinners. As the new Adam, He is a new representative for the human race. Romans 5:12-19 tell us that when Adam sinned, all humanity was condemned in him. But Jesus is a new Adam who did not sin, and so is the new representative for a new humanity. All those in Jesus are not condemned, but made righteous and made new (2 Corinthians 5:17). As the new Israel, He was able to fulfill God's law for us, both by completely obeying it, but also by acting as our High Priest and by giving Himself as the once and for all sacrifice that made purification for our sins (Hebrews 1:3, 9:11-14).

Jesus the Son of God means Jesus the head of the new human race, the new people of God. It means Jesus the one who is able to redeem us and purify us and give us new life in Him. That's one of the layers; there are two more, but I'm out of space, so if you want to know more, you'll have to check out the full article on our blog. You can find the full article at <http://www.forwardbaptist.com/who-we-are/blog/son-of-god>

Scripture Memory for March-April is Luke 1:30-35 NIV

-Steve Lambert
Pastor

Did you know we have an entire online media library for kids and adults? Use this code to access it or talk to Sarah Q.

rightnow MEDIA



create Sunday
march 22
6pm

As people created by God, one of the ways we worship him is through our own acts of creating. Join us for an evening of testimony and sharing!

If you are interested in sharing something you have made, please talk to Sarah Quartell!



- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
- FROM THE SAME AUTHOR:
- A TRAVELING CO-WORKER WITH PAUL (COLLOSSIANS 1:14, PHILEMON 24)

LUKE

1:1-4 PREFACE

HOW & WHY
LUKE WROTE HIS 'orderly account' about the things that have been fulfilled among us...

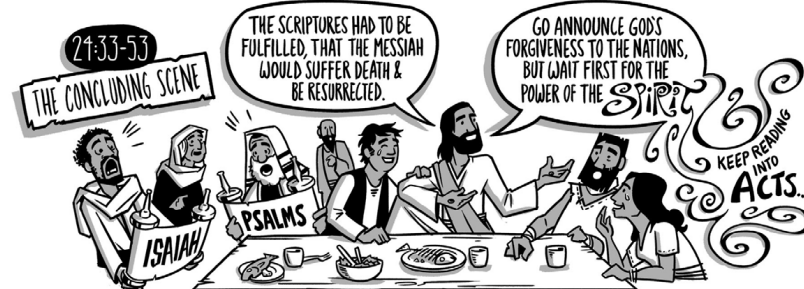
HOW: CONSULTS EYEWITNESS TRADITIONS

WHY: TO SHOW HOW THE STORY OF JESUS FULFILLS THE STORY OF GOD & ISRAEL ... & THE WHOLE WORLD

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

CONSISTS MOSTLY OF JESUS' PARABLES & TEACHING "ON THE ROAD"

LUKE PORTRAYS FOLLOWING JESUS AS A JOURNEY... YOU LEARN AS YOU GO!



1-2 INTRODUCTION

PARALLEL BIRTH STORIES OF JOHN THE BAPTIST & JESUS

UNLIKELY PROMISE OF A SON → POEMS OF CELEBRATION

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE PRAISED! (1:67-79)

MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR! (1:46-55)

JOHN THE PROPHETIC MESSENGER WHO PREPARES ISRAEL TO MEET THEIR GOD

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION! (2:24-32)

JESUS THE MESSIANIC KING WHO WILL BRING GOD'S REIGN & BLESSING

ANNA & SIMEON

3-9a JESUS & HIS MISSION

3 JESUS' BAPTISM & GENEALOGY

YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON.

JESUS: SON OF DAVID, SON OF ABRAHAM, SON OF ADAM

JESUS IS THE MESSIANIC KING WHO BRINGS GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL HUMANITY

4 JESUS LAUNCHES HIS KINGDOM MISSION

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR & FREEDOM FOR PRISONERS; NEW SIGHT FOR THE BLIND & FREEDOM FOR THE OPPRESSED. (4:18-19)

GREEK: **aphesis** "RELEASE," REFERS TO YEAR OF JUBILEE (see LEVITICUS 25) - ALL SLAVES RELEASED - DEBTS CANCELLED

HEBREW: **ani** PEOPLE OF LOW SOCIAL STATUS OR OUTSIDERS

7-8 JESUS' GOOD NEWS FOR "THE POOR"

HEALING THE SICK

FORMING A NEW ISRAEL

MANIFESTO OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

GOD'S LOVE-REVERSAL OF OUR VALUE SYSTEMS

RADICAL GENEROSITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP, PEACEMAKING, FORGIVENESS, DEEP PIETY THAT REJECTS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

WELCOMING THE OUTSIDER: TAXES, TOLLS

FOLLOW ME! I'VE FORGIVEN!

7:18-27 A NEW REVELATION

RESISTANCE FROM LEADERS LEADS TO

HE DISHONORS OUR TRADITIONS! (5:33, 6:2)

HE'S A DRUNK! (5:30, 7:34)

I AM THE MESSIAH, AND I'M GOING TO DIE IN JERUSALEM. (see ISAIAH 53)

7:28-36 JESUS' TRANSFORMATION

THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON.

...TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT JESUS' EXODUS TO BE FULFILLED IN JERUSALEM.

JESUS: A NEW MOSES, FREEING HIS NEW ISRAEL FROM THE TYRANNY OF EVIL

9b-19a JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

15 PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

A FOULISH SON RUNS AWAY... BUT COMES BACK REPENTANT

LET'S THROW A PARTY! MY LOST SON IS FOUND!

GOD'S JOY WELCOMES EVERYONE INTO HIS FAMILY

THE TRAGEDY OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS WHO REJECT JESUS & HIS KINGDOM

JESUS' CONTINUED MISSION TO "THE POOR"

YOU'VE NEGLECTED THE JUSTICE & THE LOVE OF GOD! (11:42)

JESUS' BANQUETS WITH ISRAEL'S LEADERS (11:37-52, 14:1-24)

JESUS' KINGDOM BANQUETS WITH "THE POOR"

I CAME TO SEEK & SAVE THE LOST! (19:10)

ZACCHAEUS

10 JESUS SENDS OUT THE 70

GO AHEAD OF ME & ANNOUNCE: GOD'S KINGDOM HAS ARRIVED!

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT:

- PRAYER (11:1-13)
- TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROVISION (12:1-12)
- WEALTH, POSSESSIONS & GENEROSITY (12:13-31; 16; 18:18-30)

19b-24 JESUS' FINAL WEEK IN JERUSALEM

19b ARRIVAL & REJECTION IN JERUSALEM

IF ONLY YOU HAD RECOGNIZED THE WAY TOWARD PEACE. (19:42)

20-21 JESUS PREDICTS THE TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION

JERUSALEM WILL BE SURROUNDED BY ARMIES!

THIS HAS BECOME A DEN OF REBELS! (19:46)

ITS DESOLATION IS NEAR! (21:10)

22 JESUS' LAST PASSOVER

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH. (23:4, 14, 15)

HEROD ANTIPAS

PILATE

NEW SYMBOLS ABOUT A NEW EXODUS

BROKEN BODY & SHED BLOOD WILL LIBERATE JESUS' NEW ISRAEL

REMEMBER ME, JESUS!

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM. (23:34)

TODAY YOU'LL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE. (23:43)

24:1-12 THE EMPTY TOMB

JESUS IS RISEN!

24:13-32 THE ROAD TO EMMAS

WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?

WE THOUGHT JESUS WOULD REDEEM ISRAEL, BUT HE'S DEAD...

JESUS!

THE POINT: ONLY WHEN WE SUBMIT OURSELVES TO JESUS' UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM, EMBODIED BY THE CROSS, CAN WE TRULY EXPERIENCE THE REAL JESUS



hospitality day

On Sunday, March 22,
there is no Fellowship Meal.
Instead, please invite people
to join you for lunch.

MINISTRY UPDATE: Food Bank

On the second Wednesday of each month, we have the opportunity to run a foodbank that reaches 20-35 members of our community. We open the doors at 9:30 AM and have a chance to chat with the group as they grab coffee and cookies. Then at 9:45 we give some announcements and a short 10-15 minute devotion that is centred on the gospel and points people to Christ. The group is a good mixture of Christians and non-Christians and there are often good questions and comments. After that, we send people down to the foodbank room in groups of three to get their food, and there is lots of time for getting to know each other and having good conversations while everyone waits to go downstairs.

This ministry has been used by God to help a lot of people both physically and spiritually in the past several years, and we are thankful to all those who donate food or give to the benevolent fund in order to make this ministry possible. We are also thankful to the shoppers who use benevolent funds to buy food and for the volunteers who stock the shelves, give food out, set up the coffee and cookies, sign people in, give the devotion, and chat with people. And of course, we are thankful for everyone who prays for this ministry.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of shopping to keep our shelves filled with nutritious food and toiletries. A small group of people shop the weekly specials at the grocery stores, but we can always use assistance. If you are interested in helping with the shopping, please contact Carol Bain.



EASTER WEEK

Week of Prayer: April 5-12

Please join us throughout
the week for prayer.

A prayer guide will be provided.

Sun: 9:30 am & 6 pm

Mon-Sat: 7 am, 7 pm

Thu: 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm

Palm Sunday: April 5

Worship @ 10:30 am

Good Friday: April 10

Breakfast @ 9 am

Worship @ 10:30 am

Easter Sunday: April 12

Worship @ 10:30 am



BAPTISM

Interested in being baptized?
Questions about baptism?
The next Baptism Class is **March 22 & 29**.
To register or for more information,
talk to Pastor Steve



One of the ways we care for our community is through camp scholarships.
If you are interested in donating to this fund or want an application form, let us know.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS DAVID BARR MEMORIAL FUND
scholarship applications available

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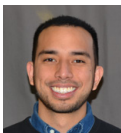


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