



“The Foolishness of God”

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On January 21, 2009, a shy, frumpy, quite ordinary looking 48 year old woman stepped out onto the stage of the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow for an audition on Britain’s Got Talent. She was a nobody, and her Celtic brogue and awkwardness in the presence of the crowd made the audience snicker. But then she began to sing in front of a panel of three judges charged with divining which of this year’s British hopefuls really did have talent. And then, the singing voice of Susan Boyle instantly turned out to be a watershed moment that neither she nor anyone involved in the show could possibly have foreseen. A most unlikely star had been born!

God also uses a very simple (unlikely) method for us to communicate His great salvation to the ends of the earth. Folks doubt the message because of its simplicity and because of the simplicity of the messengers.

The Message – “For the preaching of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are saved it is the power of God” –1 Corinth. 1:18. God’s own Son (the Word) “became flesh and dwelt among us...” so that He could die as a sacrificial Lamb of God for our sins. That is the essential message in a nutshell! But it is the way, the truth and the life (eternal).

The Apostle Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 1:23 how foolish this message was by explaining: To the Jews this was a “stumbling block (offensive).” For a man to be hung naked on a tree in public display was indeed offensive to the Jewish mind, as was stated in the Law of Moses (Deut. 21:23). But our Savior would take our offence and sins upon Himself for our behalf and bear them on the cross suffering humiliation, separation from God and death.

But not only was the message offensive to the Jewish mind, but to the Greek mind this was a very foolish message. Greeks sought after wisdom and philosophy, the culture and nurture of the human mind. The message of salvation through a helpless, bleeding, dying man hung on a cross did not compute. Many folks today have the same problem; it is an offensive and a foolish message. And the more intelligent we might be, the less sense it makes. We are seeing crosses removed from some contemporary churches, as they seek to be *relevant* and *less offensive*.

But this is the greatest foolish plan of the ages, that the cross of Jesus Christ would be the power and wisdom of Almighty God. In fact, St. Paul reminds us that “*the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than man*” –1 Corinth. 1:24-25. The message is the same throughout the ages: That Christ died on a cruel cross, bearing our sins so that we might be made the righteousness of God. This transfer of sins to Him and righteousness to us is the greatest amnesty



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program of the ages –2 Corinthians 5:21. What a deal!

The Messengers – God uses *foolish people* to spread His great message treasure of the Gospel. “*But you see your calling brethren, that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called*” –1 Corinth. 1:26. The following two verses tell us that God chooses foolish ones to confound the wise, weak things, base things, things that are despised, and things that are not to bring to pass His perfect plan –Vs. 27-28. Perhaps you are not famous for anything. God can use you!

The Bible is full of such examples:

Foolish Things – The Passover lamb, whose blood would save lives; Disciples who were uneducated, but had been with Jesus.

Weak Things -Gideon and his army of 300 against 135,000 Midianites; David, the shepherd who would be king of Israel; Elijah, who would stand alone on Mt. Carmel against hundreds of false prophets.

Base Things – 5 stones against a giant; a large fish to move a resistant prophet; a widow’s mite; 5 loaves and 2 fish, the lunch of a little boy.

Despised Things –The giant, Goliath, despised David; Miciah, the one true prophet who the king hated; Jesus, was despised by religious men.

Things that are Not – Moses’ staff; a talking donkey; ravens that fed Elijah; and a God who created a universe out of nothing! He can do anything but fail! God plus one willing man or woman is a majority!

Why does God use such foolish messengers? Paul explains: “*That no flesh shall glory in His presence...Let the one who glories glory in the Lord*” -1 Corinthians 1:29, 31.

The real marvel in all of this is that he uses foolish people, like you and me too! All God is looking for are willing servants that will seek to do His will each day. We have a precious message: The cross of Christ, the only answer for a sinner’s salvation. It may be foolish, but it is God’s great plan; we may be foolish, but God will use us if we are available & willing.

Words of Wisdom Dr. Charles Svoboda



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“Universality of Salvation”

Someone coined a statement sometime ago and it goes like this: The blood of Christ is sufficient for all mankind but it is efficient to only those who believe.” Enough blood was shed for the remission of sins for all of mankind but it is efficient to only those who accept it. So, when you look at Titus chapter two verse 11, what it is talking to you about is universal availability. “*The grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men.*” In other words, God’s favor has been made available to all men. That is backed up in a number of portions of Scripture. 2 Peter 3:9, “*God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*” You have it again in John 3:17, “*God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved.*” So God’s desire is for all men to be saved. The blood of Christ is sufficient for all mankind. It is efficient only to those who believe. I trust you are under the blood.



Fruit Medley

- 1 Can Pears
- 1 Can Pineapple
- 1 Can Peaches
- 1 Can Apricots
- 1 Can Mandarin Oranges
- 1 Can Cherry Pie Filling
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon (optional)

Drain water from Fruit Cans well. Mix with Cherry Pie Filling and Cinnamon (optional).

Serve as entrée, with the meal, or as a dessert with Cool Whip. Either way it tastes great! Can be put in a 9” X 13” pan and heated at 350 degrees until warm.



Painting Decorating Tips:

Your room will appear very large if you'll use a light, cool paint shade, or else wallpaper with a simple light pattern.

Lower a high ceiling by painting it a pastel shade. Then put vertical stripes on your wall.

Your room will take on a very cozy look if the walls are darker and have a warm shade.

Northern exposure? You are getting too little sunshine. Brighten up by using light-colored paint or wall coverings

Southern exposure? You are getting too much sunlight. Your walls should be darker so they will absorb instead of reflect the glare.

Small room? Make it look larger with small pattern on wall coverings.

Large Room? Use large pattern wall covering.

Try painting a dark contrasting color only on the wall opposite entrance door of a room, or wall paper only that wall. Great effect!

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"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; His truth endures to all generations."

-Psalm 100:4-5

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*Rev. David Bauer
November Itinerary*



- Nov. 5 Visiting Supporting Churches
- Nov. 10-13 Plymouth Church, Oshkosh, WI
- Nov. 16 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL
12:00 noon
- Nov. 19 Visiting Supporting Churches
- Nov. 26 Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL
11:00 a.m.

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Laugh: Interesting Stuff You Learn From Sons

A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.

You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit.

A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

When you hear the toilet flush and then hear "uh oh", it's already too late.

Super glue is forever.

You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.

BRM Field Report #Eleven

We have received lots of calls, emails, letters and phone contacts this month as we seek to do God's work in God's way in churches.

We received a complaint about a pastor in an independent church on the East coast who is using Facebook and social media to slander and embarrass a woman from his congregation. She went to him privately for help with a problem and he called her names and posted derogatory remarks about her. She asked us what to do about this?

We rejoiced in being able to minister at the Summit Bible Church on Oct. 22. Pastor Micah Windle had a trip out of town and asked Rev. Bauer to preach and give a report of his ministry. It was a joy meeting new friends and speaking in the church where Pastor Dave had served as pastor for 18 years.

It was fun to visit the New Life Bible Church on Oct. 29. Rev. Dave Bauer spoke in the a.m. service to a group of dear friends of many years. In 2003 both Pastors Bauer and Svoboda encouraged a young Pastor, Tracy McConnell, to organize a new church in lower Wisconsin. This church, that had its first service in a backyard is a vibrant, growing church today.

A widow from another of our supporting churches reports: "Our new pastor is working very well with our elderly congregation. He is very energetic. He keeps us all moving and well fed. He sure knows the Bible! Everyone seems to like him and his wife is right by his side, encouraging him. The Lord sure picked a good pastor for us!" We agree, he is a great man of God!

We are thrilled to learn that Parker Road Bible Church in Mokena, Illinois has selected a new pastor after a one year pastoral search. The Rev. Frank Volpe, his wife Erynn and four children are a welcome addition to this church congregation of all ages.

We thank our extended family of God for the cards, phone calls, and letters expressing words of sympathy upon the passing of 19 year old Nathaniel Bauer. Do continue to pray for comfort to his father, John.

Thank you for prayer and support towards our ongoing ministry to churches and church leaders..

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Isaiah 26:3