

# SBC Happenings

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## THE REAL VALUE OF OUR MONEY

We're three quarters of the way through 2021 and it went fast. Real fast. As we enter the last quarter, I want to say a few things about our church, what God has done through our money and the true value of our money.

**First and foremost, thank you.** Really. Our little church has been through a lot these past two years and by God's grace we have continued to hold our own, even financially. Your commitment to funding the Mission has not been overlooked. So again, thank you.

**...the real value of our money is ... what it accomplishes...**

**Second, let me share just some of the things that you have helped us do this year as a result of funding the Mission.**

You helped us baptize disciples (Mitch Sego & Quinton Walker), reach new families in the community through Awana (the Mussmans, Jensens & Segos'), provide encouragement to our local teachers, send kids to Bible camp, provide a church family for new people, and ensure that the Gospel continues being preached in Sterling.

You should know, too, that your financial support has enabled me as your pastor to focus on five big things this year: 1) Invest in our men, 2) mobilize the church, 3) oversee the administration of the church, 4) help care for people both inside and outside the church, 5) and preach God's word.

**Finally, you have supported the preaching of the Gospel on a global scale.**

Spain, Peru, Uruguay and Ukraine are benefitting from your financial commitment to the Mission. Funding the Mission allows us to have an impact on other nations, cultures and people for Christ and His Kingdom. That's powerful.

And here's my point:

**the real value of our money is not what it accrues or accumulates for us, but what it accomplishes for the Kingdom.**

Thank you for believing this and for your partnership in funding the Mission!

*Matthew 6.33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

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## Regular Services & Events

### Sunday

- 10 am Sunday School—all ages
- 11 am Worship Service
- Evening Activities
- See website calendar

### Monday

- Hour of Prayer @ noon

### Thursdays

- Men's Group—7 am @ Ammo Can

### September

- 12 Business Meeting & Kidz Trivia
- 18 Women's Group Fall Kickoff Event @ SBC
- 22 Awana Begins 6pm
- 24 Youth Event- DQ & Scavenger Hunt 5pm
- 26 Fall Harvest Party 3pm - HG Women's Bible Studies Begin

### October

- 1-2 Men's Retreat @ HG
- 3 Church Document Round Table @ 6pm
- 10 Church Anniversary Potluck & Pastor Appreciation Day!
- TBD Youth Event -Hay Maze!



# David's Sin Ripples Through History

By Darrell Kincaid

I posted an essay on the Livestream page that names and connects many of the men attached to David and Bathsheba...good and loyal men that were betrayed and disappointed by the actions of a couple that surely knew better.

I traced the first major ripples of this one action as they played out in David's own life and in his reign as King of Israel...ripples that affect history right down to today's news.

When Moses reviewed the Covenant with Israel just before they crossed the Jordan into The Land of Promise in the first half of Deuteronomy 28, the whole tenor of the Covenant suggests that God's intent was for Israel to be established as a prominent and lasting powerhouse of stability in the Middle East...the very area that is in the news today, and indeed, has been for three thousand years.

The blessings of health, wealth, stability and control came into sharp focus in the last years of Saul's reign and the early years of David's reign. Indeed, Israel was the Alpha-Power in the Levant and poised to become all that God had intended in the Covenant.

Instead, David destroyed his credibility among his men and his own sons. The last half of David's reign was riddled with infighting and palace intrigue, and he handed the throne to Solomon, who relaxed the expansionist foreign policy, focused on comforts and glamour, and heavily taxed the people to support the massive

infrastructure even though he collected vast wealth from vassal states. Forty short years of his reign later, he handed his son, Rehoboam, a nation in civil war, idolatry, with withering borders and influence. The ripples continue on through the rest of the Old Testament narrative and eventuate in Israel as first an Assyrian, then Babylonian Subject. Persia and then Greece held Israel as a vassal state, and the New Testament narrative continues with Israel under the heavy hand of Rome...all because of the events that David set in motion when he had Bathsheba brought to his bed.

"But Darrell," you say, "that's an awful lot of consequence to lay at the feet of one man!" And it is. True enough, lots of other men added their own set of sins and rebellion to that of David...but the fact remains that David flaunted the Law and Covenant and taught his sons and others to do the same.

Would Israel have stayed true to the Law and Covenant if David had not sinned? The question and discussion is academic because we know the propensity of men to sin...but God did promise that Israel would be blessed, continue to be blessed, and be a blessing if they had kept the Covenant. Was, is, God in the business of making promises that he has no intention of keeping? Does he require actions that his people cannot perform? Again, I understand the discussion is academic.

Just because we can...Rome, as the Byzantine Empire, fell to the rising Islamic

pressures in the last half of the first millennium AD and the rest is history, as they say, and we see constant wars and power struggles by all sorts of parties and treaties trying to fill the power vacuum left by David's Israel so many years ago.

As we watch current events unfold in The Land that was promised to Abraham's people under the Covenant...with all of the global repercussions...we would do well to consider the relatively small sins and choices of our own lives and the ripples they may cause through millennia of history should God continue to let the clock run. David committed adultery initially...a sin that is commonplace today and no less destructive to families and trusting counterparts...and look at the ripples through history! We may never sin so flagrantly or be noted in history books for our choices...but we do have responsibility and accountability to generations yet to be born.

*"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

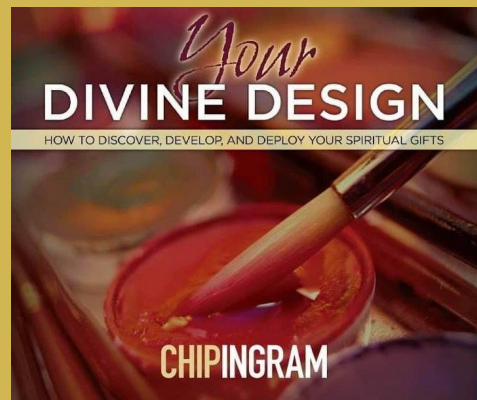
*"Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; **I will not neglect your word.**" (Psalm 119:9-16)*



Ladies, Women's Group is excited to invite you to join us for our fall Bible study: Your Divine Design by Chip Ingram. During this study, we will explore how we are God's Masterpieces uniquely equipped to make a difference for His Kingdom. Discover, develop, and deploy the spiritual gifts our Father has specifically given you!

The study will begin the week of September 26th. We will be meeting in small groups to watch the videos on Right Now Media and discuss the study guides. Specific dates and times will be announced soon.

For now, order your study guide, sign up on the sheet in the church foyer, invite your friends, and save the date for the kickoff party the evening of September 18th (more info coming). If you're interested in hosting a small group, let Lacie or Krikkit know. We can't wait to grow in God's Word together!





# Wintertime

by JtO

Fall rains bring winter's snow BUT  
once again, I am not ready.

I've never learned how to get ready for  
winter.

Perhaps I need to reorganize my thinking  
and think of fun things winter brings.

Okay, I've thought long enough...

Still thinking....

A book by the fire.

Hot cookies from the oven.

Warm electric blanket for the  
bed...

Me...Me...Me...

Maybe if I thought of others I might enjoy  
winter more.

I need to rethink my priorities.

Instead of making cookies for Me,

what if I made them for someone else-  
special cookies with a real effort.  
Maybe I could read to a shut-in.  
Maybe help someone with their electric  
bill so their bed is warm at night.

Winter does not have to be about Me and  
just my needs.

I need to really look outside and see  
where God would like for me to go or do  
or maybe "be" there for someone else.

Now that is getting ready for winter.

*As long as the earth endures, seedtime  
AND harvest, AND cold AND heat, AND  
summer AND winter, AND day AND night  
shall not cease. Genesis 8:22*

That's a lot of ANDs...maybe it is time to  
include others into my wintertime.

## Mission Spotlight

### Stay Tuned...

Coming Late September!

The next Missionary  
Interview Series will be  
with the Whatley's in  
Peru!

Our missions team is  
getting ready for another  
missionary series  
focusing on Tim & Barb  
Whatley and how God is  
working in South  
America.

## A Baby & A Baptism!!



Welcome Baby Cooper!  
**Merik Cooper** was  
born to Jayson & Janna on  
August 5th and joins big  
brothers Thane & Kaicen.  
Congratulations and thank  
you for sharing your joy  
with us!

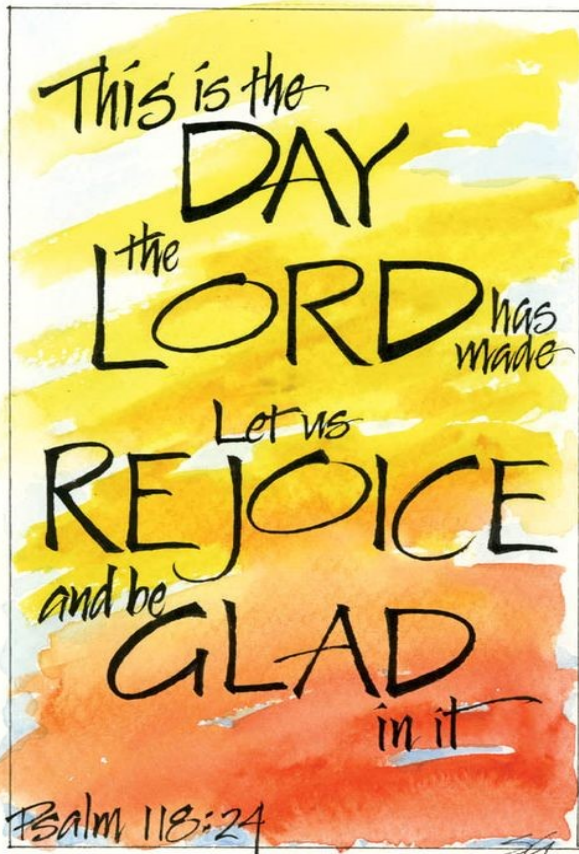


Welcome to the family of  
God, **Quinton Walker**!  
Quinton was baptized into  
Christ on August 15th.



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