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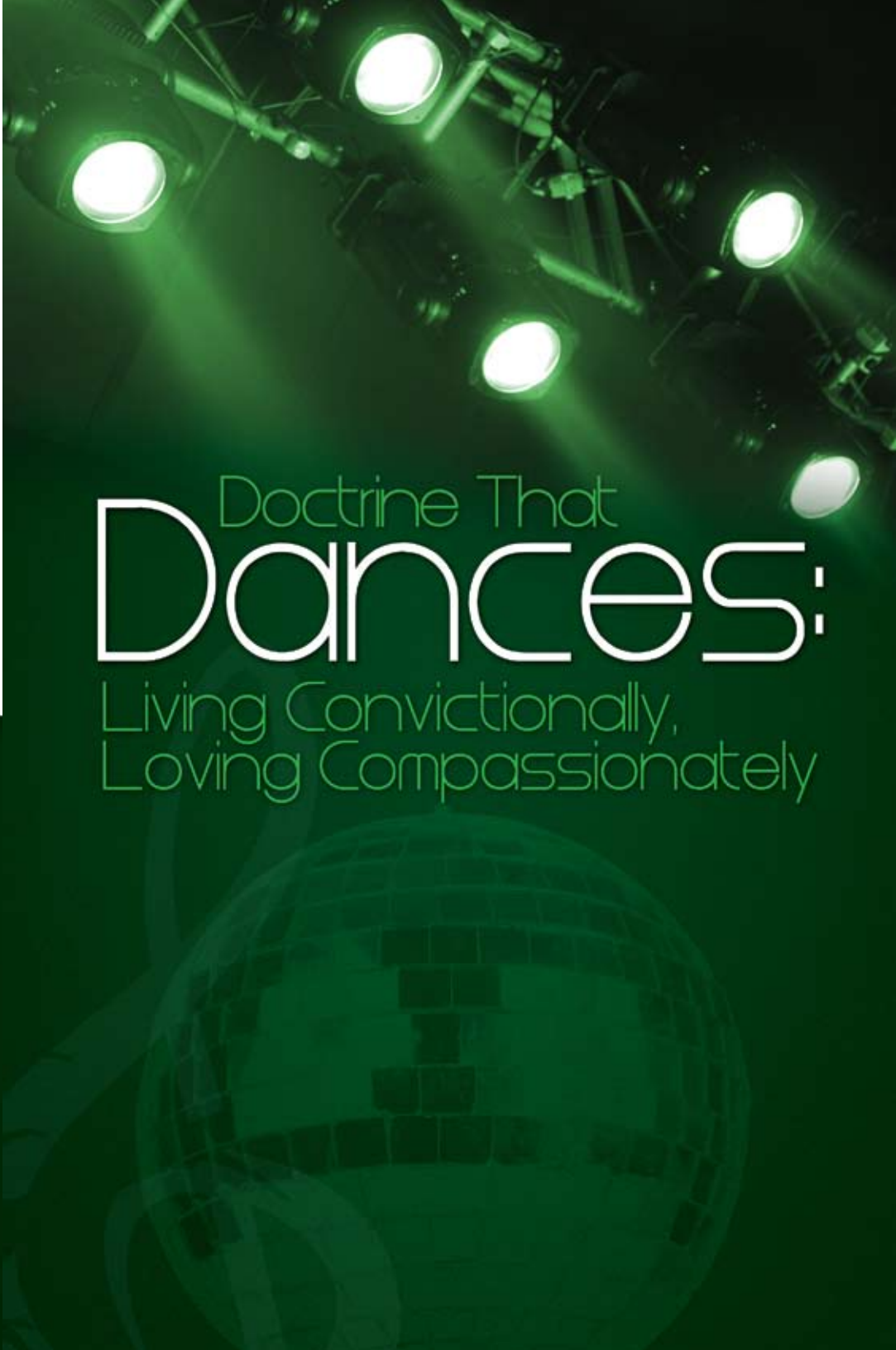
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Join us and these special guests each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. this Spring.

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Doctrine That Dances: Living Convictionally, Loving Compassionately

We live in an era of American Christianity that celebrates slogans such as “deeds, not creeds,” where doctrine is (at best) divorced from daily living and (at worst) despised as a waste of precious time. The reasons for this are too many to mention here, but perhaps the primary reason is an overreaction to those we might call “doctrinal zealots” – those so concerned with doctrinal fidelity that their faith becomes nothing more than a dry and dull intellectualism. They are all truth but no love, focusing on orthodoxy (right belief) to the neglect of orthopraxy (right living). And, therefore, many Christians are fearful that this is the inevitable result of studying doctrine.

But what would happen if God’s people struck the proper balance between doctrine *and* daily life? What would become of Christ’s church if his people were right-headed *and* warm-hearted? What would a lost world make of Christians who celebrated right belief *and* right behavior? What if we loved God with all our heart *and* all our mind? What if we refused to pit love and truth against one another, but instead excelled in both?

Such is the goal of our study this Spring, *Doctrine that Dances: Living Convictionally, Loving Compassionately*. We believe that right doctrine will lead to right living (and in that order). When we truly understand the truth of Christian doctrine, it will make us want to “dance”; it will make us want to praise our gracious God and live a life of obedience to him. When actually grasped, it can only have that effect. When rightly studied, we will come to the same conclusion as the apostle Paul: “*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!...For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen*” (Romans 11:33, 36).

Join us on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. this Spring as we seek to “*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” (2 Peter 3:18).

- January 11* May I Have This Dance? From Doctrine to Doxology, *Robert Smith, Jr.*
- January 18* What Good Comes from Doctrine?, *Men of First Baptist Church*
- January 25* The Word on God’s Word: The Doctrine of the Word of God, *Todd Brady*
- February 1* Behold Your God: The Doctrine of God, *Justin Wainscott*
- February 8* God in Three Persons: The Doctrine of the Trinity, *Justin Wainscott*
- February 15* What Is Man that You Are Mindful of Him? The Doctrine of Man, *Justin Wainscott*
- February 22* The Problem with Us All: The Doctrine of Sin, *Justin Wainscott*
- March 1* Who Is Jesus Christ? The Doctrine of the Person of Christ, *Todd Brady*
- March 8* What Has Jesus Christ Done? The Doctrine of the Work of Christ, *Justin Wainscott*
- March 15* Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? The Doctrines of the Person and Work of the Spirit, *Justin Wainscott*
- March 22* Church...What’s the Big Deal? The Doctrine of the Church, *Todd Brady*
- March 29* What is Salvation All About? The Doctrine of Salvation, *Russell Moore*
- April 5* Special Prayer Service (*Heart for the World Week*)
- April 12* NO SERVICE (Easter)
- April 19* Keeping the End in Mind: The Doctrine of the Future, *David Dockery*
- April 26* So What Now?, *Charles Lawless*
- May 3* Ask the Pastors, *Pastors of First Baptist Church*

*How is God’s name hallowed among us?
When both our doctrine and living are truly Christian.* **Martin Luther**

If our doctrine be true, and our lives be wrong, how terrible is our sin!
J. Gresham Machen