

How Do You Do It?

Stephen French

How do you do it? This question, which refers to living and dealing daily with a tragedy and adversity in our lives, has been asked of me many times since July 1997 when my wife, Kathy, died in an auto accident. It is a question that I answer with confidence by simply saying, "I trust the Lord and he helps me through." And for me this explanation is sufficient. But of late this statement has come to task with the question of "how" do you trust in the Lord to receive this help? "How do you do it?" This question has come by way of others who have suffered loss, have been betrayed by their mates, or suffered adversity. And it has made me stop and examine "how do you do it." I will try to give an answer here as I can usually collect my thoughts better when they are written down.

First let me say that even though it has been over a year since Kathy went home there are still days when I have to "push back" from the job and activities that we did and let the Lord take over and "get me through the day." There are and probably always will be times when the emptiness will creep in and try to take over. This emptiness can be triggered by a place we used to go, by a song we sing in the worship, by accidentally laying my hand on the empty seat beside me in worship, or the hardship of another brother or sister who is hurting. I say these things to help you understand that "doing it," making it through each day, can be and often is a challenge, that it takes effort, continually, to not let hurt and emptiness pull us down but rather stay the course. To keep the faith it takes effort to attain heaven alive and strong. This can only be done by believing, unwaveringly, in God and having total trust and confidence that he will see you through what ever your hurt is. Always remember that God does not abandon us, rather it is we who abandon him, and for a Christian, whether we realize it or not, when we abandon him is when we abandon hope and almost any chance of recovering from our hurt.

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The ninth of the Ten Commandments reads, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour" (Exod. 20:16). Whereas the primary thrust of this commandment addresses the testimony that is given in legal cases, we should not limit its application to such things. In a positive statement, this passage commands men to give accurate and truthful testimony about one's fellow man in every aspect of life and, in this respect, its application is universal.

When one looks at the Ten Commandments as a positive statement of life principles look at what they say:

Thou shalt not kill: one should respect the life of his neighbor.

Thou shalt not commit adultery: one should respect the marriage/family of his neighbor.

Thou shalt not steal: one should respect the property of his neighbor.

In the same way, "Thou shalt not bear false witness" emphasizes two truths: (1) Always tell the truth about one's neighbor and (2) Do nothing that destroys his good name.

Giving False Witness Is A Sin

We notice the seriousness of giving false witness against someone by observing these facts about what happens when one gives or repeats false testimony against someone:

1. It is a sin against God. God is the one who commanded, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour" (Exod. 20:16). He who disobeys this commandment disobeys God.

2. It is a sin against the person whose reputation is destroyed thereby. Jesus said, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). Surely among the violations of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is included the violation of bearing false witness against one's neighbor.

The false testimony in court can result in serious consequences ranging from imprisonment, to punitive damage, and even death. False testimony told around the kitchen table can destroy a person's reputation, his ability to earn a living, his family relationship, his relationship with his friends, etc. Surely one who gives false testimony against his

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James R. Cope

Connie W. Adams

The death of James R. Cope leaves a huge empty place in the lives of many people besides his own family. Several tributes to him have already appeared and I am sure more will follow. Each writer has his own story to tell about brother Cope and that reflects the nature of the man who touched so many lives in a personal way. My remarks will show the same personal feelings from my own perspective.

I was a sophomore at Florida Christian College when brother Cope began his work as president of the school. At 32, he was the youngest college president in America.

But he was more than a college administrator. He was outstanding gospel preacher and a superb classroom teacher. It was a great loss for students when administrative duties forced him from the classroom. The challenges of putting a fledgling young school on solid educational and economic ground were enormous. He never lost sight of the purpose of the school and the line which had to be drawn between the school and the church.

When the crisis came in the mid-fifties over institutionalism and some board members and even faculty declared their opposition to the direction in which he was leading the college, he never wavered or blinked and made it clear that his soul was not for sale. The majority of the board stood by him. Such a decision took a heavy toll in financial support and in the pool from which students were drawn. There was a critical time when even the future existence of the school hung in the balance. But friends and even business people in the Tampa area who saw the value of the school and its goals rallied to its aid. The crisis passed and things gradually improved until the school reached its academic goals and was situated more firmly financially.

Those years demonstrated a willingness to face head on issues and controversies of the day. Annual lecture programs featured lively open forums in which such issues were vigorously discussed. James R. Cope was often found on the floor clarifying some point or contending for his conviction. Those of us who were a witness to these events will never forget them.

Brother Cope (I never called him "Jim" nor shall I ever refer to him that way) had a very warm personal side. My own father who had very little formal education felt perfectly at ease with this man who could "walk with kings, nor ever lose the common touch." His east Tennessee rearing

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never left him. He was a delight to have as a guest in our home. He could kick off his shoes and unwind after a service. Someone said he was so relaxed he could "wear" a chair. He could go out in the yard and shoot baskets with the boys (I saw him do this when he was well past 50). He loved to hear and tell good jokes. He used to tell some to students in chapel before going back to classes. Once, when Weldon Warnock, my brother Wiley and I were doing a show one afternoon to raise money for tennis courts, we talked him into helping us with a stage joke. He was disguised until the very end when I asked for a hand for our assistant and the audience was greatly surprised to learn it was the school president.

He held a meeting in Akron, Ohio at Brown Street while we lived there. One night I sat down beside him on the front row just before time to begin. He was looking over a brief outline for his sermon that night. It was written by hand on a jagged piece of a paper sack. I kidded him that it did look like the president of a college could have a more prestigious looking outline. He grinned and said, "Aw, it works fine this way."

Near the end of my sophomore year, he called me into his office one day to tell me he knew that Barbara Colley and I planned to marry that summer and that my folks were hard pressed to help me settle my school bill for that year. He said he knew a man who might be willing to

help me on that but that he did not want to be identified. During the summer I was in a meeting in the panhandle of Florida when a letter came from brother Cope which said that this unnamed man had settled my account. To this day I do not know who the man was, but it was brother Cope who made this come together for me and I shall always be grateful.

One of my deep regrets is that the year he retired as president, I was not able to make a speech. He had personally requested that I do so. That year we had my aging parents with us and it was just not possible to go.

In an age when conviction and principle are in short supply, we could use a few men of the stature of James R. Cope. What did I learn from James R. Cope? "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). "Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). "That you should learn in us not to think of men above that which is written" (1 Cor. 4:6). From his years as editor of Preceptor I learned that men of principle can deal with controversy with restraint and dignity while pressing truth and exposing error. I also learned from brother Cope that the church for which Jesus died is far more important than all the institutions built by men, however noble the intentions of those who started them.

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The Potter and His Vessels

Richie Thetford

God has molded each one of us into a vessel. But he has given each of us a mind of our own to either respect our maker (the Potter), or reject him.

There is a song we sing from time to time entitled "Have Thine Own Way." The first stanza of the song says "Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me After Thy will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still." What a beautiful song this is and when we as God's creation fully realize and understand that we are simply God's vessels and that he is the Potter (our maker), then we can humble ourselves to the point of doing whatever service we have been molded to do for the Lord!

The Vessels of God

God is truly our Potter. We can read this in the book of Jeremiah 18 verses 1-12, and also in Romans 9:22 where Paul says, "What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction . . ." Here, Paul likens us to the vessels of God and that is truly what we are. Have you ever noticed a potter working with his clay, molding that clay into a fine vessel? There is a lot of time and patience that is involved in the potter's work. Likewise, God has spent much time and effort in the creation of his vessels, you and me. In the verses pointed out above in Jeremiah and in Romans we can read where God is long-suffering with his vessels and does the very best he can with them. It is through us (his vessels) that we can see the riches of God's glory. "And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory" (Rom. 9:23).

There are all kinds of vessels out there. There are some vessels of wrath (Rom 9:22), and there are even dishonorable vessels. Paul says, "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?" (Rom. 9:21). He

echoes those same words in 2 Timothy 2:20. But we can see from Romans 9:21 that there are also vessels of honor and of mercy in Romans 9:23.

We Are Individual Vessels Made By God

God has molded each one of us into a vessel. But he has given each of us a mind of our own to either respect our maker (the Potter), or reject him. The choice is entirely left up to us. That is why it is so important for us to realize that had it not been for "the Potter," we would not even be here today. Therefore, knowing this, why is it that so many still choose not to honor the very one who allowed us this opportunity to live and enjoy our short time on this beautiful earth that he also created? We can become honorable vessels unto the Lord by heeding the call. Paul says in Romans 9:23-24: "And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?" One heeds the call of God by simply obeying his commandments (John 14:15).

Characteristics of An Honorable Vessel

The characteristics of an honorable vessel is that one is sanctified, fit for use, and prepared for all good works. This is what the apostle Paul tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:21: "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." One must purge himself from evil and join himself with doing the things of honor, approved unto God almighty! Then when one proves himself to be a vessel of honor unto the Lord certain glory will result as Paul said in Romans 9:23. What is that glory? The same glory as Paul was sensing when he told Timothy, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

“Watch Those Tape-recorders”

Tom M. Roberts

A great deal of the preaching of pioneer America is preserved in books and periodicals brought down to us in printed form. Through modern technology, we are blessed to have access to portions of books, articles, sermons, and debates. Among churches of Christ, the names of those preachers who lived a generation or more ago have become household names due to their extant works. Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Moses Lard, T.B. Larimore, Walter Scott, and Benjamin Franklin, to name but a few, are still with us. Enormous benefit is received by those taking the time to locate, access and read the material from men of a past generation who gave themselves to a study and delivery of God’s word. Indeed, some of the best writing, most deliberate thinking, and clearest exposition of the gospel outside of inspired literature has been preserved in this fashion. At the same time, much of that literature has become our primer as we seek to avoid the mistakes of those among them who became dissatisfied with the appeal to the “old paths,” the “ancient order” (Jer. 6:16; 18:15; Prov. 22:28) and turned into denominationalism. For good or ill, they, being dead, yet speak (Heb. 11:4). It is a distinct blessing to have access to the wisdom from past generations. However, if some brethren have their way, there will be less recorded literature, not more. Objections are being raised to gospel oriented magazines and electronic recordings as though they are responsible for presumed bad attitudes among brethren.

judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8). When we prove ourselves a worthy vessel, one that is serving the purpose that God designed for us to do, then we can enjoy a life eternal with God our Potter. But when we decide to do our own thing and rebel against our maker then our end is certain destruction (Rom. 9:22). Why not let The Potter (God) have his own way with his vessel (you and me)?

There is a certain attitude that is expressed by those who permit their sermons to be handed down to posterity. There is also a certain attitude expressed by those who refuse to have their sermons recorded.

Some Voices Are No Longer Heard

There is a great deal of regret in the realization that the articulation, the vocalization (with all the subtle nuances of speech) of past preachers is lost forever. Whether eloquent (as T.B. Larimore was reputed to be) or coarse (as “Racoon” John Smith and J.D. Tant no doubt were, at times), their tongues are no longer heard. What a thrill it would be to call into existence by electronic recording some of the distinct sermons that provided dramatic turning points in the history of American churches. The “Restoration” preaching that is retained in periodicals is fascinating reading as we look over the pioneers’ shoulders, watching them work their way out of sectarian error into the pure light of truth. Pivotal events in the history of God’s people in America are with us in print, but not with the distinct imprint which oral preaching carries. One such event that comes to mind would be the famous sermon by Alexander Campbell on “The Law,” in which he began to make the scriptural distinction between the Old and New Testaments, earthshaking in its day and circumstances. Audio and video presentations would add a compelling (though not venerated) dimension to sermons which remain today only in printed form. How would you enjoy hearing Campbell preach that sermon today, Benjamin Franklin speak on “That Which Is Right and Cannot Be Wrong,” or listen to T.B. Larimore lecture his “boys” in by-gone classes in Mars Hill, Alabama?

The printing press, so far beyond parchment in technology, does not equal today’s revolution in forms of communication. The pioneers, having only primitive and labor intensive forms of printing, were nevertheless dedicated to getting their message into print. One can



evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God" (John 3:19-21). The nature of the gospel is that of spiritual light and God intended that it shine forth brightly so that men in darkness could see. There has to be some obvious conclusions one reaches when confronted with men who do not want their beliefs and teachings to be in the public domain. This is not unwarranted judging or evil surmising; examples establish precedent.

only imagine today how long it might have taken to put into print a single sermon, using those techniques. But volumes and volumes of books, periodicals, tracts, debates, and articles remain with us today. Undoubtedly, early preachers in America knew the value of the printed page and spent considerable time, effort and money to record and distribute their preaching. They believed that truth should be preached, published and preserved. Like Paul, they were intensely interested in their "books and parchments" (2 Tim. 4:13). Belief leads to proclamation: "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Cor. 4:13). Both inspired and uninspired men were eager, even resolute, in their determination to pass knowledge of Scripture to succeeding generations. This is eminently scriptural: "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

Some Voices Will Never Be Heard

Conversely, however, some today are mightily afraid of electronic recordings. They pale at the thought of tape recorders, turning vicious at the very suggestion. In fact, the very presence of tape recorders will raise hackles among some modern preachers and bring discussions to an abrupt halt. When a request is made to tape record a study session, suspicions and misgivings are expressed as to motives! "Put up your tape recorders, folks. We don't intend to allow anything we say to be put on tape!" It is anathema to some to record study sessions, discussions between brethren, debates and sermons. As resolute as the pioneers were to pass their knowledge on to another generation, today's tape-shy preachers are just as resolute to keep silent.

Is it out of order to question, "Why?" Are some unwilling to put their doctrines to the test of public and permanent inquiry? Are there "change agents" who cringe from documentation of change? Jesus warned: "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing

Foy E. Wallace, Jr. came to hate tape recorders. Few excelled him, we are told, in the art of preaching and polemics. It is a personal source of regret that I never heard brother Foy preach in person. As a young boy, I heard his father preach at Kilgore, Texas, and have heard later generations of Wallaces (Paul, Tom and William), but never Foy, Jr. In the early years of his prime, it took a reel-to-reel recorder to contain his longer sermons, but most people agreed that Foy's eloquence made long sermons seem short. A recent compilation of brother Wallace's material has been made available on CDs and is a boon to Bible students. However, after brother Wallace made his change in doctrinal position in which he aligned himself with institutionalism and liberalism, he often refused his audiences the privilege to tape his sermons. One preacher told me that Foy announced to a congregation in Denton, Texas (after seeing some recorders in the audience) that everyone was to shut off their tapes. He said (not verbatim), "If you have had as much trouble as I have had with tape recorders, you would understand." Yes, the older Foy did not like the tapes because they proved the change in doctrine from the younger Foy.

Excuses For Outlawing Tape Recorders

Given the fact that tapes of lessons provide a fair, open and complete record of statements for all concerned, why would anyone object to their use? It has been alleged by those wary of recordings that (1) tape recordings will be misused, (2) that impure motives stimulate the use of recorders, or that (3) tape recorders are out of place. We have heard:

1. Tape Recordings will be misused:

"The format of our 'school' (class, discussion group, etc.) is to encourage free speech and the speakers will be inhibited if everything they say is recorded."

"I have been lied about in the past and I don't want my material copied since some will use it to spread more lies."

"There is no telling where this will end up or who will

hear it.”

2. Impure motives stimulate the use of recorders:

“I don’t know what use you intend to make of my material.”

“I may be misrepresented.”

“You have an ulterior motive in wishing to tape this discussion.”

“You just want to smear my reputation.”

“You just want to transcribe the tape and spread it around for others to have copies.”

“Something I say may be taken out of context.”

3. Tape Recorders are out of place:

“This discussion is just between brethren. Why do you need to record it?”

“Let’s keep this off the record.”

“Don’t you have anything better to do than to sit around listening to tapes?”

“This meeting is private and we want to be able to ‘think out loud’ without fearing that our comments will be spread around.”

Reasons Why Tape Recordings Are Profitable

More compelling evidence of past statements can scarce be found than the author’s own voice. Unbiased and impartial, one’s own voice will present the best evidence of what one intended to say. Tape recorders or video tapes provide us with a valuable tool to record, disseminate and recall (for future use) the fruit of our labors. Why would any preacher, sure that he has preached the truth of God’s word, hesitate even one moment to have his voice recorded? If truth be told, why not spread it as far, as wide, as timeless and unchanging as technology permits? Why keep secret that which teaches the truth? Why cringe from shouting truth from the housetops? Again, we have scriptural precedent.

Of Jesus ministry, he said, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing” (John 18:20).

To his disciples, Jesus taught, “For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world” (John 7:4). Again, “No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a

secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light” (Luke 11:33).

Do False Brethren Change the Situation?

“But,” it is complained, “Some brethren are unscrupulous and I am afraid to have them tape what I say.”

Then, brother, explain to me about Jesus and his critics, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes. Oh, yes, those dreadful scribes. They recorded things! All these groups lied about Jesus’ character (Matt. 10:25), misquoted him (John 19:3), slandered him (Matt. 11:19) and used every dirty trick in the books to deceive the people about Jesus. His answer was to speak in public and to tell his disciples to do the same. If unscrupulous miscreants’ false deeds justify secrecy, why did Jesus speak openly?

Folks, isn’t it obvious that when one confronts an unscrupulous liar, a dishonest libeler, one given to slander and defamation of character (imagine the worst-case scenario, if you will) that the best protection of personal integrity is a taped recording of what actually transpired? (We don’t have inspiration like Jesus did, to “tape record” his message. But tape recorders will suffice for modern purposes!) Is a man dishonest? Tape your speech. Will he misrepresent you? Tape your discussion. Will he take your words out of context? Tape what you say, fully. Will he malign and vilify your motives? Present the evidence in your own words. What does truth have to fear? Richard Nixon stated, unequivocally, “I am not a crook.” His own words, recorded in the Oval Office, convicted him. Had he been telling the truth, his own words would have vindicated him.

“But who knows where this will go and where it will end up?”

Who cares, if you are teaching the truth? When the Holy Spirit caused the Bible to be written, who knew where it would go or where it would end up? Jesus intended it to “go into all the world” and to teach “every creature” (Matt. 28:18-20). Yes, our prayer should be, and properly is, that the truth will circle the globe and go into every land. If you are engaged in a discussion where you state your convictions and teach the truth, why would you hesitate to wish that any or all could hear what you say? Countless thousands have been converted by tracts. Other thousands have been taught by video tapes and film strips (such as Jules Miller’s). Where I preach, audio tapes are made of every sermon and class I teach and are routinely mailed to those in the U.S. and abroad, upon request. Unlike the Masonic Lodge, we don’t try to hide what we teach. Unlike some brethren, we are willing to record what we believe and spread it at every opportunity.

Please note that the subject under consideration

No More Tea, Thanks

It was a beautiful Sunday in summer. The drive out to the little country church building was pleasant but uneventful. Skies were blue, the grass and trees were a bright green. Horses and cows were in the meadows. And birds were singing in the trees. In those days no one had air-conditioning in their cars. We drove a little slower with the windows down and the sights, sounds, and smells added to the joy of the morning.

There was nothing much unusual about the service. We always had to wait ten or fifteen minutes past starting time. It was customary to wait till all the stragglers "regulars" got there.

As usual I had the "scripture reading," led the opening prayer, preached the sermon, "waited at the table" and finally offered the closing prayer. The brethren were fine, good people, but the men were most reluctant to participate much in public worship. Some brethren in

which is recommended for public and permanent proclamation is a discussion of truth. It is recognized that some matters do not fall into the category of doctrine and are outside the parameters of this study. Some congregations may tape their business meetings and the internal business affairs of a congregation should remain their own, to be used at their discretion. Sometimes tape recordings are used as letters between friends and private correspondence of a personal and private nature should be respected as well. However, when doctrinal and biblical matters are discussed between brethren, sound, scriptural evidence demands that secrecy and privacy be abandoned. Acts 15 is an excellent example of Bible study within a congregation that was made public. The very private sin of David with Bathsheba was forever emblazoned in Scripture for all the world to see. The sins of Corinth are public knowledge, wherever Bibles are read. The letters to the seven churches of Asia were opened to all the world, for all ages. Doctrinal matters, brethren, are in the public domain. No subject is taboo; no theme is forbidden; no field of study is restricted to

those days would come right out and say, "We got brother _____ comin' down to hold services for us." That meant I led every public act except the song service. They knew better than to ask me to lead singing!

After services we were invited to take lunch with a very hospitable older couple. Much preparation for the meal had been done either the day before or that morning before services. In just a few minutes we found ourselves surrounding a very delightful meal. There was an abundant supply of vegetables, at least two meats and home made bread. And then we all finished up on cobbler, pie, or cake.

As everyone finished their meal, my wife and the lady of the house began to clear the table. When our good hostess returned from the kitchen, she went around the table pouring all the leftover tea from all of our glasses back into the tea pitcher! With that she held up the pitcher and with some satisfaction declared, "Oh good, we have enough tea left over for supper"!



Suffice it to say, that evening my wife and I both decided that just a glass of water would taste good. We

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Jaffa (Joppa)

The word "Jaffa" is derived from the Hebrew word *yapo* that means "pretty or lovely." Modern Jaffa conveys little sense of its long history. The earliest remains here date back to the 18th century B.C. In the 12th century B.C., Jaffa became part of the Israelite kingdom, and the Old Testament makes mention of the town several times. Under Solomon it was developed as the principal port for the Jewish capital, Jerusalem.

Here are some biblical events and facts that are related to Joppa.

The city was in the territory of the tribe of Dan when the Land was divided under Joshua (see map of the Twelve Tribes of Israel).

David conquered the area during his reign when he took control of land occupied by the Philistines (the area from Joppa to Gaza).

Solomon used the city as a port city for receiving

cedars from Hiram, king of Tyre (2 Chron. 2:16). It was an harbor in the times of Ezra (3:7). Therefore, Jaffa was the port city for Jerusalem some 35 miles away. In New Testament times, Jaffa has been replaced as the major port by Caesarea on the coast, which was constructed by Herod the Great.

Jonah fled through Joppa toward Tarshish (Jon. 1:3). There Jonah boarded a boat headed to Tarshish, leading to his being swallowed by a great fish.

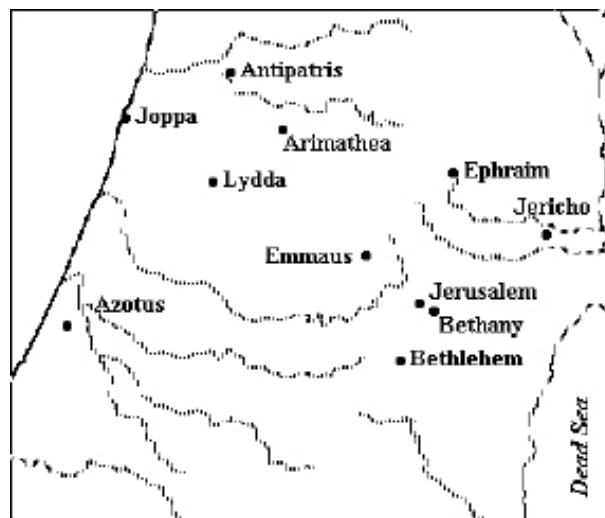
It was conquered by Herod the Great (37-4 B.C.).

It was destroyed by Vespasian in the overthrow of the Jewish rebellion leading to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Peter raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36-42).

Peter was living with Simon the tanner beside the sea (Acts 9:43) when servants from the house of Cornelius came to him from Caesarea (about 30 miles north). There he had his vision of the sheet let down from heaven full of clean and unclean items (Acts 10).

The 12th and 13th centuries A.D. saw frequent invasions as successive Crusaders, including Richard the Lion-hearted, were beaten off. From that time until the British entered Jaffa in November 1917, Jaffa was Arab. By the start of the 20th century, a few Jewish refugees had settled among the Arabs of Jaffa. Jaffa is the oldest still-functioning seaport in the world.



The 1947 U.N. Partition Plan placed Jaffa in an Arab state, and Tel Aviv in a Jewish one. Following the 1948 Proclamation of the State of Israel, Jaffa's Arabs launched a full-scale military attack on Tel-Aviv. They were defeated and many fled. Today only a small number of residents are Arab. The community is a lovely community with a beautiful view of the Mediterranean Sea in the site traditionally said to be where Peter raised Dorcas.

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Where Have All the Young People Gone?

Greg Groves

We, as Christians, need to make sure that we show concern and caring about our fellow Christians. We need to get to know one another.

The above question is a hard one to ask because it requires us to look at ourselves and see if we are doing something wrong. We have to find the reason why once faithful young people are turning away from the Lord's church in greater and greater numbers.

So, why are the young people leaving? Is it because they are not taught the way they should live? In some cases that is true, you can look at the lives of the parents and see that spiritual things were not first in their lives and hence it is not first in the lives of their children. If this is the case, both parents and children need to remember that we are to seek the kingdom of God first (Matt. 6:33). No matter what others are doing around us, we are to follow Christ.

However, that is not always the case. There are children who turn away from the truth even though their parents have never faltered once. What is the cause for them turning away? An unloving environment has been the cause of some turning away. They feel as if their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ couldn't care less about them. Sadly, the only time some Christians are caring is after someone has left the church. We, as Christians, need to make sure that we show concern and caring about our fellow Christians. We need to get to know one another. Remember, we are commanded to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15). We can't do that if we don't know one another.

In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul told Timothy, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I am not so far removed from being a young person that

I can't remember the feeling of someone despising my youth, making me feel as if my ideas were the dumbest thing they had ever heard in their life. Older Christians can get so set in their ways that they will not move an inch. I am not talking about doctrinal issues. I am the first to be unmoved when someone wants to go against the word of God. What I am speaking of are matters of opinion, where we have choices. I have all but been told that I should keep my mouth shut because I was a "babe in Christ." I have heard people use the term "Young Christian" with such a tone you would think they were saying the worst two words ever spoken. All Christians should show respect to other Christians, no matter what age they are or how long they have been Christians.

These are by no means all the reasons why young people leave the church. However, they are some of the top reasons I have heard from those who have left.

Each member of the Lord's church need to take a long, hard look at himself and see if he is the person that is trying to keep the young people in the church or is he one who is running them off.

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The Importance of Marriage

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Husbands who view marriage as important seek to love their wives as themselves (Eph. 5:22-28), be understanding, honor his wife and treat her as the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7).

either a divorced bride or groom, and 38% of weddings are between two divorced persons, a new study shows.

The report released by the conservative Tennessee Family Institute, is based on marriage data from the past 20 years.

Research analyst Roger Abramson, who wrote the report, said the numbers reflect a societal shift toward placing less importance on the institution of marriage.

The institution of marriage generally is in a weaker state now than it was (20 years ago) because people don't view marriage as the commitment they once did," Abramson said. "We now have a state with a significant group of people where families are torn apart for no other reason than they just want to.

... But information from the National Center for Health Statistics has for years been used to predict that about half of new marriages will end in divorce.

Tennessee's divorce rate of 6.3 per 1,000 people is the eighth-highest rate in the country, according to an NCHS study, and state statistics show a growing number of Tennesseans are getting married for their fifth and sixth time.

The attitudes reflected in these studies affect God's people too. We live in a world that shapes and molds the weaker ones to be like it (Rom. 12:1-3). Thus, it behooves us to continually teach about the importance of marriage.

Marriage Was Created By God

Marriage is not a creation of mankind, but of God himself. In the very beginning God saw that it was not good that man should be alone and he thus said, "I will make him a helper comparable to him" (Gen. 2:18). So, God created Eve from his rib and said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (v. 24). This principle, stated in the garden, was quoted by Paul (Eph. 5:31) and Jesus himself (Matt. 19:4-6) when teaching on marriage.

This institution, called marriage, was planned and designed by God. Being the author of it, God set the laws that are to govern this relationship (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2-3).

The Purpose of Marriage

The importance of marriage is clearly seen when we understand why God created it. What is the purpose of marriage?

1. Companionship. When God

Is marriage important? How you answer that question has everything to do with how you approach marriage, commitment to it, and even divorce. In that marriage is a divine institution, it goes without saying that it is important. Another obvious fact is that the world's view of marriage continues to decline.

The Sunday Tennessean (June 6, 1999) had an article on the front page entitled, "Importance of marriage declines." The article stated:

Divorce has become so common in Tennessee that almost two-thirds of all new marriages involve

saw that it was not good that man should be alone, he made a wife for him (Gen. 2:18-24).

2. Legitimately bearing children. It is possible to have children without the honor of marriage. However, to do so involves sin. When God created marriage in the beginning he said, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'" (Gen. 1:27-28).

Paul said, "Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (1 Tim. 5:14).

3. For sexual relations — to avoid fornication. Lest man behave as an animal and seek to fulfill his desire with any who would be willing, he designed marriage for the lawful sexual union. Paul wrote to the Corinthians,

Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does* (1 Cor. 7:2-4).

The same apostle wrote to the Hebrews saying, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4).

Marriage is not important if . . .

There are several ways that one may not honor marriage as God intended. Marriage is not important if . . .

1. There is sex before marriage. Premarital sex is not uncommon.

Earlier in this decade the Tennessean reported that 63% of today's teenagers see nothing morally wrong with sexual relations before marriage. That's scary! That means that 63% of the people our teenagers associate with see nothing wrong with sex before marriage.

The Hebrew writer said that the marriage bed (sexual relations in marriage) is undefiled. However, the fornicator (pre-marital) and the adulterer (extra-marital) God will condemn (Heb. 13:4). Those who commit fornication, not only violate an emphatic prohibition, but have no respect for marriage.

2. Adultery is committed. When a married person goes outside the realm of marriage for sexual relation, his marriage is not important to him at all. We have already noted that Hebrews 13:4 says God will condemn such a person. Jesus taught that this unfaithful act gives the innocent party the right to put his mate away and remarry another (Matt. 5:32; 19:9).

3. One divorces without a scriptural right. When asked if a man could divorce his wife without a cause, Jesus responded with four reasons why the answer was "no" (Matt. 19:3-6). Paul taught the same in 1 Corinthians 7:10-13. Jesus gave only one scriptural cause for divorce: fornication (Matt. 5:32; 19:9). When a person divorces for any other cause, he does not honor marriage or God's law.

4. One remarries without a scriptural right. Jesus said, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his

wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt. 19:9). The only one who has a right to remarry (in the case of divorce) is one who has put his mate away for the cause of fornication. All others commit adultery when they remarry.

The strictness of God's law tells us that he views marriage as important. If his law would allow divorce for any cause or remarriage in any divorce, it would indicate a lesser view of marriage. The very article we cited above suggest that frivolous divorce and remarriage is a sign that marriage is not important.

5. You are not the mate you ought to be. It is not only those who commit fornication or divorce who view marriage as unimportant. Those who stay together and are never unfaithful to their mate could be guilty too. Those who do not work at making their marriage the best it can be, do not think marriage is important. If it is, they would change!

Husbands who view marriage as important seek to love their wives as themselves (Eph. 5:22-28), be understanding, honor his wife and treat her as the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7). Wives who think marriage is important strive to love their husbands (Tit. 2:5), be submissive (1 Pet. 3:1-6), and have reverence for their husbands (Eph. 5:33).

We know marriage is important to God. We know that marriage is not important to the world. How do you view marriage?

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Follow Me

Daniel H. King

The Lord demands that we follow him in spite of hard duty. Too many take the easy road. They want to avoid the hard service. Jesus says to them, “Follow me.”

It is an entirely human trait to take the easiest route to any destination we want to reach. This is apparent in a number of ways, not least of which is the tendency we have to “make a path” where none was intended, across a yard or through bushes or other obstacles to our objective. It is surely the bane of the grounds-keeper of any public park or facility to deal with this peculiarity of human beings! Man will build roads through the most (seemingly) impassable areas: mountains, rivers, deep valleys, and inhospitable climates because they represent the shortest distances to places where he wants to go — quickly. We want the fastest and easiest road to our destination.

But sometimes there are no quick routes to get where we want to go. And there is no way to make one. This is true of heaven. There are no fast or easy ways to get there. This is aptly illustrated in an incident related by John in one of the post-resurrection stories which he told about an exchange which took place between Jesus and Simon Peter.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me (John 21:18-19).

The critical line in this conversation is the final one. Jesus told Peter, “Follow me.” What comes before this line and afterward is both interesting and instructive. It offers considerable information about the road that leads to heaven, suggesting that there is no quick or easy route. Christ told Peter to follow him:

Even If Following Spells Hard Duty

In verses 15-17 Jesus had stressed to Peter his responsibility in feeding his sheep. Peter was to bear the burden of a shepherd: many sheep with many problems. We read in his first epistle that he was then serving in the capacity of an elder (5:1). There he urged other elders: “Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to (the will of) God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Pet. 5:2-4).

The eldership is hard duty. No getting around it. Anyone who does it is to be admired and appreciated if he serves well. This is exactly what the Scripture says: “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you” (Heb. 13:17). But the Lord demands that we follow him in spite of hard duty. Too many take the easy road. They want to avoid the hard service. Jesus says to them, “Follow me.”

Even If Following Leads to Persecution and Death

The Lord told Peter in verse 18 that when he was young he clothed himself and went wherever he liked, but when he was old someone else would “gird” him, and he would stretch out his hands and another would carry him where he did not wish to go. In speaking so, Jesus was defining the general method of Peter’s death. Ancient tradition has unanimously informed us that Peter died by crucifixion as his Lord had done, upside down by his own request. Following Jesus led to persecution and death for Simon, the fisherman apostle. But the Lord still told him, “Follow me.” Suffering and death are terrible

things. One would hope to avoid them. Undoubtedly Peter did not look forward with any relish to the thought of dying by torture. But he did so because his Lord had said to him, "Follow me."

How often in our own lives have we wrestled with our religious and spiritual convictions and the consequences which they bring to us in this present evil generation. I suppose the Lord might say to us, "You have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin . . ." (see Heb. 12:4). And Peter might say to us, "How easy you have it compared to the burden the Lord asked me to bear!" We ought to be ashamed!

Even If Following Leads You Where You Would Not Go

"Another shall gird thee, in places where we would not go." Men who preach the gospel often journey into dangerous situations in countries where they are not wanted. Preachers and elders frequently have to intrude themselves into circumstances they would prefer not to be involved in, but because they are followers of Christ and have been given responsibilities having to do with their fellow Christians, they cannot avoid involvement. When you have seen a brother or sister commit sin, you must go to them in a spirit of meekness and speak with them in loving concern (Gal. 6:1). You probably will not

want to go. If you go, you may not be well received; in fact, in some cases you will be told to mind your own business (and you must be assured that the matter is your business before you go!); but if you are following Christ you will go in spite of everything. The Lord said, "Follow me."

Even If Others Must Bear A Lighter Load

In verses 21-22 Peter asked the Lord what was to become of John: "Peter therefore seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me."

He must surely have been thinking, "If I must die a tortured death, then is some terrible thing also going to happen to John. If not, then it isn't fair!" Well, dear friend, life is not fair. Never has been. Never will be. Furthermore, God does not promise us that just because we become followers of Jesus Christ, it will suddenly become fair. It won't. All the evidence we have about John suggests that he died of extreme old age in Ephesus. Peter, on the other hand, was crucified. Peter was asked to glorify God by a martyr's death. He complied. John was asked to glorify God by a long life lived in service to Christ. He also complied. They both obeyed the Lord's command to follow him. No matter how easy or hard it is for ourselves or others, Jesus still demands, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

Brotherly Love

Larry Ray Hafley

"Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1). In some places, this passage cannot be obeyed. It must be preceded by admonitions to "let brotherly love begin," for it obviously cannot "continue" where it has not yet begun!

Is this such a place? God forbid! However, all the bickering, backbiting, all the strife and division, in some places tells us that "brotherly love" is in short supply or is on back order. (1) Envy and jealousy are at the root of much of the contention that exists among God's people. When men resent the money, honor, talent, ability, or success of another, bitter gossip will soon begin. (2) Pride kindles the fires of ungodly, unloving words and deeds. Pretentious, proud men feel imaginary slights and are wounded by arrows that have never been shot. Such men cannot be reasoned

with, for every earnest appeal is regarded as another "attack." (3) Laziness and indifference are the mother of hateful attitudes and the father of slanders. Those who do the least, gripe and grumble the most. They do nothing to advance the cause of Christ. They teach no one. They encourage no one. They invite no one. They assist no one. Their idleness gives rise to negative thoughts, to whining words of complaint, and to vicious deeds which will undermine peace, unity, and love.

In every church that is torn apart by a lack of brotherly love, look around, and you will see envy, jealousy, pride, laziness, and indifference. They are the agents of confusion and contention. Brotherly love cannot begin, nor will it continue, where these things abound. They are poison to the soul and destroyers

Moses and Aaron's Sin at the Rock

Jason N. McCort

Except for the crucifixion of Christ, one of the saddest events a person can read of in the Bible is the second account of Moses bringing forth water from a rock to satisfy the thirst of a murmuring congregation. As you may recall, the children of Israel were in the desert of Zin at this time (v. 1). Because they had no water, they began to complain to Moses (vv. 2-5), as they had done many times before. Moses and Aaron took the matter before God who gave them very specific instructions on how to bring forth water from the rock (vv. 7-9). Instead of speaking to the rock, as God had commanded them, he struck the rock twice (v. 11). As a result of this action, God forbade Moses and Aaron from leading the children of Israel into the Promised Land. It breaks my heart to read this story because after forty years and all that they had been through, they were on the brink of crossing over into Canaan but threw it all away because of their sin. Let us consider some of the lessons we can learn from Moses and Aaron's "sin at the rock."

1. There is no such thing as a "small" sin. Instead of being appalled, as I should, by the sin Moses and Aaron committed on this occasion, I will often sympathize with them because of the punishment they had to endure as a result of their actions. It is easy to think that in this case the punishment did not fit the crime. The only thing Moses did was strike the rock instead of speaking to it, right? What is the big deal? The big deal is that in God's eyes, there is no such thing as a "small" sin. If God killed Uzzah for "just" taking hold of the ark of God (2 Sam. 6:6-7) and harshly punished Moses and Aaron for their seemingly "minor" transgressions, what makes us think that God is going to gloss over those things that we deem as only being "minor" sins (i.e., gossiping, disobeying traffic laws)? It is time that we realize that all sin is abhorred by God, not just the "big" sins such as homosexuality and abortion. "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

2. Disobedience is a result of a lack of faith in God. God told Moses and Aaron that one of the reasons they were being punished was "because ye believed me not (v. 12). Apparently, even though God promised to bring forth water from the rock if they would heed his instructions (v. 8) and even though God had brought forth water from a rock in times past (Exod. 17:1-6), they still did not have enough faith in God that he would fulfill his end of the "bargain." The same principle applies to us today. Our disregard of the commandments of God many times is a result our lack of faith in God that he will come through with what he has promised to his faithful children. Many Christians would take offense if they were told that their faith in God was lacking because of the sinful state they were in. However, let me illustrate this point in another way: If you were promised to be given one million dollars by your boss just to show up to work on time the next morning and you truly believed that this would come true, how many of you would be late to work the next morning?

3. God deserves and demands the glory. Moses and Aaron were also punished because they did not "sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel" (v. 12). After gathering the congregation together and standing before the rock, Moses said unto the group, "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" (v. 10). Notice the "we" in this verse. Instead of giving God the glory for performing this incredible miracle, they acted as if they would be responsible for bringing water out of the rock. Herod was eaten by worms "because he gave not God the glory" (Acts 12:23). "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3). Let us remember that everything we have, both that of a spiritual and physical nature, all comes from our God in heaven who has dealt these blessings to us even though we as sinful man do not deserve them whatsoever.

Is One Church As Good As Another?

Bobby Witherington

It is very obvious that we live in a religiously divided world. And to those people who care about others and who desire harmony in the most important and meaningful areas of life, this division produces both concern and sadness. It also causes frustration — especially on the part of those concerned individuals who have reasoned for hours on some disputed passage and finally conclude the discussion with the parties thereto being as far apart as when they began. So, being unable to break the stalemate, they frequently seek to justify it by saying, “Well, when all is said and done, it really doesn’t make any difference, for after all, one church is as good as another.”

Do People Really Believe This?

If so, to be consistent, they must admit that for one church to be as good as another, then, there must be some standard that determines whether a thing is either good or bad. And they also must maintain that all churches, equally measure up to that standard, for, you see, if one church falls short of other churches in mea-

suring up to that standard, then it is not as good as the others are. Moreover, to say that one is as good as another is not only to say that all churches are equally as good; it is also to say that all churches are equally as bad! Friend, are you a member of some church? If so, may I ask, do you believe the church of which you are a member is as bad as some others? If your answer is negative (and I suspect it is), then you do not really believe that one church is as good as another.

Is One Person As Good As Another?

By this question, I do not have in mind those persons who have never made any effort whatever toward following the Lord. I refer to those who profess to being his disciples. I read of some who are “weak in the faith” (Rom. 14:1) and of others who are “strong” (Rom. 15:1). I read of some who are likened to “gold, silver, and precious stones,” and others who are likened to “wood, hay, and stubble” (1 Cor. 3:12). I read of some who are “carnal” (1 Cor. 3:1), and others who are “spiritual” (Gal. 6:1). Can any say that all of these persons are equally as good, and

4. The end does not justify the means. Even though Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God commanded him and Aaron to do, water still came forth from the rock (v. 11). However, achievement of the desired goal (water coming forth from the rock) does not justify the sinful manner by which the goal was achieved. Many people today have incorporated the “road map” theory into their religious practice. They believe that since there are many different roads leading to the same place, it does not matter which road a person takes as long as he gets to the same place. Many denominations justify using the Lord’s money to build gymnasiums and the like because they can use them to attract people to their “worship” services. They feel that it does not matter how you

bring people to “worship” services, just as long as they get there somehow. That theory may work when vacationing with the family, but it holds no water as far as obeying God is concerned. Our Lord has provided his children with plenty of ways to fulfill his commandments without us needing to invent our own ways to obey him.

Moses and Aaron almost made it to the Promised Land but, in the end, they fell short. Let us all be “faithful unto death” (Rev. 2:10).

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therefore equally as bad? It is a fact; we do not, without qualification, say that one person is as good as another.

However, a local church is composed of people who are banded together in faith and practice. Moreover, the "faith and practice" of those people determine the rightness or wrongness of the church that was formed by their together relationships. If, per chance, one church is composed of people who have failed to comply with those terms which make for discipleship to begin with, and another church consists of people who have complied with the scriptural requirements for discipleship, then is the former church "as good" as the latter? Moreover, if one church is composed of people who "bite and devour one another" (Gal. 5:15), and another church of people who are "knit together in love" (Col. 2:2), then is the former church "as good" as the latter?

What Saith The Scriptures?

In the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelation, we note letters written to seven churches. One church (Ephesus) had some who had left their "first love" (2:4). Pergamos had some members who held "the doctrine of the Nicolaitans," a doctrine of which the Lord said "I hate" (2:15). The church in Thyatira permitted "that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols" (2:20). The Lord described the church at Sardis as being "dead" (3:1), and the church at Laodicea as "lukewarm" (3:16). On the other hand, there was not one word of censure against the church at Smyrna (2:8-11), and approval was also expressed toward the church at Philadelphia (3:7-13). Can any person intelligently read these seven letters and then honestly conclude that every one of these seven churches was "as good" as the others? Friend, if we can't say that about all churches then, why do we say that of all churches now?

Let Us Not Use A False Standard!

When one person says "I am as good as another," he is making the same mistake made by some at Corinth. They measured "themselves by themselves," and compared "themselves among themselves," and Paul said they "are not wise" (2 Cor. 10:12). They used the wrong measuring rod. If I say that "I am as good as you are," and you say the same for yourself with reference to me, that does not prove that either of us is as good as we ought to be. When one man sets his watch by another man's watch that was wrong to begin with, both watches are then wrong! So it is in religious matters. Since "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23), then neither a man's life nor his individual doctrine is to be the standard that determines religious conduct.

The True Standard

"God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son" (Heb. 1:2). Jesus said, "the word that I have spoken,

the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). By reason of his death, Jesus became "the mediator of the New Testament" (Heb. 9:15), and it is through this covenant or testament that Christ speaks to us today. This, then, is the standard that determines what it takes to become and to remain his disciple.

Becoming A Disciple Involves:

(1) Believing in God and his Son (Heb. 11:6; John 8:24). (2) Repenting of all sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30). (3) Confessing faith in Jesus Christ (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10). (4) Being buried with Christ in baptism for the remission of sins (Rom. 6:3, 4; Acts 2:38). At this point, one rises to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4) and is "added to the church" (Acts 2:41, 47).

It is a fact that many churches are composed of those who have not complied with these simple terms that make for discipleship, but who have followed the terms that man has laid down. Friend, if a church consists of those who have not obeyed the Lord's requirements for discipleship, then are its members disciples? If the members of one church have become disciples, and the members of another church have not, then is the latter "as good" as the former?

"Together Activity" Required For Discipleship

A true disciple (follower) of the Lord is a person who: (1) Became a follower of Christ, and (2) continues to follow him. In addition to living a morally upright life, the latter includes uniting oneself to a group of fellow disciples, being banded together as it were by a common faith and practice. In the first century those who did this were "called Christians" (Acts 11:26), and "they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Upon "the first day of the week" they "came together to break bread" or to partake of the "Lord's supper" (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-28), and to "lay by . . . in store" or to give as "prospered" (1 Cor. 16:1, 2). They sang praises unto God (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), their music being vocal or acappella in nature. Moreover, their "together activities" involved membership in a local congregation whose total organization consisted of "bishops" (or elders), deacons, and saints (Phil. 1:1; Tit. 1:5, 7). Each congregation was to have its own officers (Acts 14:23) whose oversight was confined to that one church (Acts 20:28). A denominationally structured federation of churches was unheard of in New Testament days.

A Final Remark

Friend, if you can read in your Bible what it takes to become and to remain a Christian, and can also read of a band of Christians who have (and are) complying with those terms, what does that make them? A New Testament church! Now if you look around and observe

Search The Scriptures

Rody Gumpad

The church is the kingdom (Col. 1: 13) and Christ will deliver the kingdom up to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24). Are you a member of the Lord's church, or the Lord's kingdom?

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). We need to be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). The Scriptures were written by holy men (2 Pet. 1:21) through the inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16). These writings are compiled and now called the Bible. The Scriptures tell us about . . .

1. God. The Scriptures tell us that there is only one God. "But to us there is but one God . . ." (1 Cor. 8:6). The one God is composed of three personalities. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1 John 5:7). The record of Matthew 3:13-17 shows that these three are separate persons: The Father in Heaven, the Son on earth, and the Holy Spirit like a dove. Paul said in 1 Timothy 3:15 that the one true God is "the living God."

2. The World. The Scriptures tell us, "God that made the world and all things therein . . ." (Acts 17:24). Also, the Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Ps. 19:1). Above all, God also created man in his own image (Gen. 1:26-27). In John 3:16, the record says, "For God so loved the world . . ." And in 1 John 1:9-10, John said, "that God sent his only

begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him . . . and to be the propitiation for our sins."

3. Christ And His Church. The Scriptures tell us, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son . . ." (Gal. 4:4). Peter declared that the Son of God is the Christ (Matt. 16:16). The Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matt. 17:5). Jesus claimed, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). "... there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). In Matthew 16:18 Jesus promised to build his church. The word "church" came from the Greek word *ekklesia*, "to call out." The church then in New Testament Scriptures means "a called out body of people," men and women (Acts 8:1-4) who believed and were baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:37-38, 41, 47). They were called "Christians" (Acts 11:26), the children of God (Rom. 8:16-17), and the family of God (1 Tim. 3:15). The church is the body (Col. 1:18) and Christ is the savior of the body (Eph. 5:23). The church is the kingdom (Col. 1: 13) and Christ will deliver the kingdom up to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24). Are you a member of the Lord's church, or the Lord's kingdom? If not, why not?

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a group of religious people who have not and are not following the conditions for discipleship, then is the latter "as good" as the former? Remember, it is not merely a matter of moral uprightness; it is a matter of showing respect for, and complying with the Lord's standard.

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Uriah

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Uriah stands out as an excellent example of the fact that even though one seeks to do what is right, that doesn't mean others will not take advantage of or plot against us,

If it weren't for the story of David and Bathsheba, most of us would probably have never heard of Uriah. And while we know the account of the sinful actions engaged in by David and Bathsheba quite well, just how well do we know Uriah? Let us notice some things about him from 2 Samuel 11.

First of all, he was a Hittite (11:3). Yet he served under David in the armies of Israel — who were usually the enemies of the Hittites. Thus we know that he was an honest man who knew God was with the nation of Israel. No doubt he had heard the stories of God's deliverance and blessings. Knowing this, he made himself a part of the nation as well, marrying the beautiful young lady Bathsheba. He knew his own gods were unable to match the one true God of Israel (Isa. 44:9-17). Not many idol worshipers were as honest with such facts as was Uriah.

Secondly, we read that he was loyal. David had him brought back home in the hopes he could send him to Bathsheba's house and everyone would assume that her pregnancy resulted from his visit home. However Uriah declined to enjoy the luxuries of home while the rest of the nation was engaged in battle and sleeping in the open fields (11:11). Even when David caused him to become drunk, he had enough conviction and presence of mind that he would not betray the soldiers of Israel in such a fashion (11:13).

He was also a courageous man. David knew that he would be in the forefront of the battle, and not holding back so others would take the risks instead of himself. Uriah was committed to the defense of Israel, and he was ready to fight for her causes. He would press the battle aggressively, and both Joab and David knew they

could count on his courage. Like Daniel (Dan. 6) with his prayers, Uriah knew his place in the battle, and you could count on him being there.

We further learn he was a trusting man. David gave him a letter to deliver to Joab which also contained Uriah's own death warrant. At no time did he attempt to open the letter to peek or snoop and see what David might have written to Joab. (After all, he could just as easily have told Joab that David has sent the message with him verbally.) But David knew he could count on such trust and honesty, and thus David was perfectly willing to use Uriah himself to deliver his own death warrant. (Have you ever considered what might have happened had Uriah actually opened and read that letter?)

In return for such loyalty and service, David repaid him by taking his wife and then ordering his death in battle. Is it any wonder God was displeased with David — especially in view of the fact David seemed to feel he had actually gotten away with it? Uriah stands out as an excellent example of the fact that even though one seeks to do what is right, that doesn't mean others will not take advantage of or plot against us, or that harm will not befall us just because we are faithful Christians.

And although Bathsheba went on to become the wife of King David, God did not intend for us to forget what they did. They paid a severe penalty in the loss of the child and the public knowledge of David's sin. Nor did he intend for us to forget the good name of Uriah. Men might have tried to bury any mention of Uriah from their records because of what was done to him by such a popular king as King David. But God exposed the full account! And when the names of the top thirty-seven men are listed who had served King David well (2 Sam.

Some Impossible Things

Weldon E. Warnock

It is impossible to be saved: Without Christ . . . Without the gospel . . . Outside of the church . . . Without the blood of Christ . . . Without human

We shall focus our attention on impossible things relative to salvation from sin. If any one of these, or all are lacking, salvation is impossible. It is impossible to be saved:

1. Without Christ. Paul wrote that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). He is able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25). Peter said: "Neither is there salvation in none other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). However, Jesus saves conditionally, on his terms. He is the author of eternal salvation unto all them who obey him (Heb. 5:8-9).

2. Without the gospel. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he preached the gospel unto them by which they are saved (1 Cor. 15:2). This is true for you and me. This is why Jesus said to go preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:16). Those who do not obey the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

The gospel is described as the gospel of God (Rom. 1:11), of Christ (Rom. 1:16), of grace (Acts 20:24), of peace (Eph. 6:16), of salvation (Eph. 1:13), of truth (Gal. 2:5), and of hope (Col. 1:23). Indeed, it is a glorious gospel (2

23:8f), guess whose name appears in 23:39! Yes, the name of Uriah, the Hittite! Though he was mistreated in this life, we can have confidence that God saw that he was well rewarded in the life hereafter in much the same way as was Lazarus (Luke 16)! And may we take courage from his account.

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Cor. 4:4).

3. Outside of the church. All the saved are in the church. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47). The Bible teaches that Jesus is the savior of the body. Paul wrote, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23). The body is the church (Col. 1:16). There are no saved people outside the Lord's church, because only the church has been purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28), and only the church is built upon the rock (Matt. 16:18).

4. Without the blood of Christ. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (Heb. 9:22). It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin (Heb. 10:4). It takes the blood of Christ to remove sin. Jesus stated, "For this is the blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). Paul wrote that in Christ we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14). Of course, to reach the blood, aliens must be baptized into the death of Jesus (Rom. 6:3-4) wherein they receive the benefits of his blood. Then, they are raised to walk in newness of life (v. 4).

5. Without human activity. Some say there is nothing an alien sinner must do, or can do, to save himself, that God does it all for him. But the Jews on Pentecost said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter then told them what to do. He said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." In verse 40 Peter told them "save yourselves from this untoward generation." Though man cannot provide salvation, he must appropriate it. He is to believe (John 8:24), repent (Luke 13:3), confess (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (Mark 16:16).



“How Do You Do It?” continued from front page

When you are hurting from loss or have been wronged, what do you do? Do you try to figure out what has happened and in so doing try to find someone to blame? Who do you blame? Someone else, your mate, your friend(s), yourself, GOD? To try to place blame is to try to hide, divert attention, or pass judgment. The one thing blame cannot and will not do is to help us, to heal the hurt. Instead it leaves the wound of hurt open and festering and if not healed will kill you spiritually and possibly physically. Do not try place blame, rather forgive. Forgive and ask God for guidance through the hard times. When was the last time you had been hurt and upon ending your day looked back at your day and could not remember when you had not been praying to God for help, guidance, assurance, and maybe even forgiveness? Or do you look back on your day and cannot remember praying, all you remember is anger and hurt? Brethren pray often (Eph. 6:18), pray fervently (Jas. 5:16), pray together if possible (Acts 12:5-17), let your brethren know so they may pray for you and with you (Acts 12:5-17; Jas. 5:16). Never overlook the comfort, help, assurance, moral and physical support of a righteous brother or sister. I say this again because it is so important, we often do not access the strength of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Instead we hide from them when they are the ones who could be a very big part in “doing it.” In many ways they are often the answer God has sent to our prayers. How do I know this? I know this to be true by experience.

As you can see there is no magic, no easy way out of a situation. It takes prayer, work, and above all patience — patience to not give up on God and forsake him. Always remember that our time on this earth is short. We all know that the Bible says our life is as a vapor that appears for a while and vanishes away. And yet as we spend our life here living it one day at a time it is all too easy to lose sight of how short life is. No matter your age, think back as far as you can. How far back is that? Ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, or more years. How long does it seem like? Most likely we will remember many events with the clarity of yesterday, literally. But our age dictates that these events occurred a long time ago as the human life is measured. Now look forward, are there more days behind than ahead? We must all remember the remainder of our life will seem to pass at least as fast as our past and, as most can attest, will pass much more quickly. Always try to keep our time here in perspective. Look to the end with anticipation of going home to God and it will help you to withstand the current trials as you will now realize they really will not last very long at all. And when it is time for us to return to God, we will be able to look back at our present trouble, our hurt, our trial, our adversity, and see that it too will seem like it was only yesterday. The one big difference between now and that time is that at that time all of our hurt will be taken away

and only joy will remain.

These are just a few thoughts on the questions of “how do you do it?” I know they are not all conclusive, but my hope is that they will point you in the right direction, and hopefully re-enforce the direction you are going already. May God bless and keep us all under his watchful care until our time here is finished.

neighbor is guilty of sinning against him.

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3. It is a sin against the person who hears it. The one who hears false testimony will have his opinion of the one spoken about shaped by the false testimony. He will conduct himself toward a person based on the false testimony. Frequently, he will hold as an enemy the one slandered.

Sometimes, the hearer has a kindred spirit with the one giving false testimony (“birds of a feather flock together”). They are attracted one to another. We frequently describe such people as gossips or those who are gossip mongers.

4. It is a sin against the society in which it is tolerated. A society is rooted in justice; when justice is removed the society crumbles and falls. The same is true in the church. The church (society) that tolerates men who bear false witness against each other will be destroyed by the alienation, division, and separation that comes therefrom.

Ways in Which One Can Bear False Witness

There are a number of arenas in which one can be guilty of bearing false witness. Here are some of them:

1. In giving court testimony. We call this crime “perjury.” The Law legislated that the one who bore false witness against a neighbor was to receive the punishment he sought to have brought against his neighbor (Deut. 19:16-20). Here is what the Law said:

If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

To protect against the danger of a false witness, no one could be punished on the testimony of one man (Deut. 19:15).

2. Malicious attacks against one's character. David's enemies were not so much those who took the witness stand and gave testimony as they were those who defamed him before King Saul (Pss. 27:12; 35:11). There are many ways that people can give false testimony against another: (a) Speaking lies (Prov. 14:5). (b) Gossip: "to indulge in idle talk or rumors about others." (c) Slander (Ps. 31:13; Prov. 10:18). Slander is "the utterance or spreading of a false statement or statements, harmful to another's character or reputation." Legally, slander is spoken and libel is written. (d) Whispering (Ps. 41:7; Prov. 16:28; Rom. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:20). The word "whispering" emphasizes the hidden manner in which the malicious speech is spoken. (e) Evil surmising (1 Tim. 6:4). This kind of attack against a man's reputation gives the worst possible construction to everything he does. (f) Innuendo. Innuendo is "an indirect remark, gesture, or reference, usually implying something derogatory; hint; insinuation." (g) Fault finding (Mark 7:2). Fault finders are like buzzards who fly across a field looking for a dead carcass. They are oblivious to the green pasture, the farm lands, the cattle, and other good things that are there, for they are searching for something rotting. Some look at another's life like the buzzard searching for something rotten.

3. In spreading reports without verifying their truthfulness. The reputation of many a preacher has been damaged by loosed tongued brethren. Someone hears something about a brother, perhaps even a brother who has been a friend for years and whose life has been above reproach. One's first reaction is to believe the report and that without doing anything to verify its accuracy. Particularly gospel preachers need to beware of falling into this sin of bearing false witness against another.

A person has a moral responsibility to accurately represent the position of the person whose doctrine he is reviewing. If he does not correctly represent that brother and then attacks the misrepresented position, he has destroyed a straw man. But what is worse is that he has slandered his brother and, slander is a sin. Sometimes those who are so concerned about preserving the purity of the church seem to forget that slander will send a soul to hell just as quickly as false doctrine will! How tragic that one who is so concerned about protecting and defending the purity of the church would lose his soul by slandering his brother, misrepresenting the beliefs that he holds! There are not many things about which I am an authority, but one of them about which I am an authority is what I believe. Nobody knows what I believe better than I do. When someone misrepresents what I believe, I know it. I know when I have been slandered and how I have been misrepresented. When someone starts telling me what

I believe and then proceeds to describe a position that I reject, he is misrepresenting me. If he continues to misrepresent my beliefs after he has been told that does not represent what I believe, I have no choice but to believe that man is guilty of slander, bearing false witness against me. If one believes that slander/bearing false witness is a sin, we have the tragic situation of a man who thinks he is defending the truth to protect the purity of the church losing his soul because he misrepresents the position of his brother!

Some brethren apparently do not understand the difference between the logical consequences of some position and the position itself. For example, a brother may hold a position A that one perceives has logical consequences B. When asked if he accepts those consequences, he says, "No!" When a brother represents his brother as believing B, although the one so representing him may think that B is the logical conclusion to A (and it may be), still he has misrepresented his brother. In representing another, one must be careful not to charge that person with espousing the consequences of a position when he denies those consequences.

Remembering the Law's punishment for false witnessing was that the false witness would bear the penalty he sought to have inflicted on the one about whom he gave false testimony, we wonder how quickly slandering a brother would diminish among brethren if that principle were followed among us. If those who leave innuendos, slander, and gossip about their brethren were thought of by brethren as if they were the ones guilty of the things they said about their brethren, soon such men would be without influence among us.

4. Bearing false witness involves these sins: (a) Telling a lie. What is represented as the truth is not the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. (b) Repeating a lie without being sure that it is true. Sometimes men repeat things that they have heard without making any effort to verify the truthfulness of what they are repeating. Their repeating a lie, however innocently done, still produces the same damage to its victim. (c) Malice (Rom. 1:29; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; 3 John 10). The motive behind false witnessing is evil. (d) Hatred (Pss. 25:19; 109:3; Gal. 5:20).

How Its Victim Suffers

In court cases, innocent people have suffered punishment (incarceration, fines, and death) because of false witnesses. The effect that false witnesses have in capital cases is death; that was the punishment false witnesses sought to bring on Jesus! In day-to-day living, men who are victims of false witnesses suffer these results: (a) Their reputation (good name) is destroyed (Prov. 22:1; Eccl. 7:1). (b) The good that they are able to do is reduced. (c) An occasion of stumbling has been put in their way. They

will be tempted to revenge, bitterness, malice, hatred, strife, and other such sins.

What A Victim Can Do

A man who is willing to intentionally give "false witness" is not an honorable man. Consequently, there is no way to reason with a malicious liar. Every explanation he may offer is inadequate. Such a man has the intention of destroying his brother's reputation and will do so.

In a local church, the matter can be taken before the elders and the matter searched out to see if two or three witnesses can verify the charges made against another (Matt. 18:17). In such cases, sometimes the local church can exonerate the innocent. However, in many cases, the victim will have to depend on God to set the record straight. The party sinning against him may be unwilling to repent, be a member of another congregation, or un-accessible to church discipline. In such cases, the victim may have no choice but, like Jesus, to bear in silence the vicious attacks made against him by those who have malice and hatred in their hearts. He must leave to God the settling of accounts. The psalmist wrote:

Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue (Ps. 52:2-4).

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:
Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:
That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?
They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.
But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.
So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.
And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Conclusion

How tragic that a person would allow his hatred of

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"Baghdad, Iraq — A slab engraved with cuneiform inscriptions, found by an Iraqi farmer, is shedding new light on the life and deeds of Sennacherib, one of Assyria's greatest monarchs.

"Iraq Museum researchers in Baghdad showed off the find Thursday: a tombstone-sized slab, or stele, engraved with a portrait of the Assyrian king, Sennacherib, reviled in the Bible for sacking Judea and besieging Jerusalem. He is shown with a conical gold crown, long earrings and beautifully woven long beard.

"... 'The stele depicting the king in full regalia is the third of its kind to be found so far,' said Nawal alMutwali, a language expert at the Iraq Museum. The other two are in museums abroad.

"Engraved in wedge-shaped cuneiform on the 3-foot-high stele are the opening lines: 'I am the beloved of the great gods. I am the great Sennacherib, king of the four corners of the world'" (The Indianapolis Star [July 30, 1999], A11).

California Still Leads U.S. in Abortions

"Atlanta — Abortions dipped slightly in California in 1996, but the state still had the highest rate in the nation and Wyoming still had the lowest, the government reported Thursday.

"California has had the nation's highest abortion rate since 1984.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released state-by-state statistics showing California recorded 280,180 abortions, or 39 for every 1,000 women ages 15 to 44, in 1996. A year earlier, California reported 289,987 abortions, a rate of 40 per 1,000.

"Wyoming's total increased from 182 in 1995 to 208 in 1996, the latest year for which statistics are available. The rate stayed at 2 per 1,000 women

". . . States reported 1,221,585 abortions in 1996, an increase of less than 1 percent from the year before. It was the first time abortions had failed to decline since 1990, when the total was more than 1.4 million" (The Indianapolis Star [July 30, 1999], A10).

Vatican Orders an End to Gay Ministry

"Washington — The Vatican on Tuesday ordered an American priest and nun to end their 30-year ministry to gays and lesbians, after an investigation concluded they failed to comply with the Catholic Church's teaching on the 'intrinsic evil of homosexual acts.'

"In a rare direct intervention, the Vatican placed a gag order on Sister Jeannine Cramick and the Rev. Robert Nugent, who have toured the country from their base in Prince George's County, Md., teaching Catholic parishes ways to reconcile church doctrine with the realities of gay life. The decision effectively ends the careers of two of the most prominent gay-rights advocates within the Catholic Church.

"By issuing a public 'notification' calling the pair's teachings 'erroneous and dangerous,' the Vatican resorted to a level of punishment it has used against American clergy only twice in the last 60 years.

". . . While the Vatican recognizes that some people are permanently homosexual — a concession many conservative Christians do not make — the church also teaches that homosexuality is a disorder and that such activity is sinful" (The Indianapolis Star [July 14, 1999], A12).

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However, God was with me. With the work of six of the best doctors the hospital had to offer, my pelvis bone was reconstructed in a six-hour surgery that left me with more pins and needles than my wife's sewing basket. The surgery appears to be a success, although it will be several weeks, maybe months, before I can use my leg and return to normal activities. I have medical insurance that covers 80 percent of some of the medial procedures and 100 percent of other procedures. At this time, we are not sure of what the remainder of the medical costs will be.

I received many cards and telephone calls from friends and brethren during this time. I would like to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and kind remarks. Sister Hazel and I were pleased with the outpouring of Christian love and humility. We believe in prayer and our prayers were answered (Jas. 5:16).

The local church in Mansfield is going fine. Brother Daran Atkins from the Fredericktown church is carrying on the work of the local minister, while I am recuperating at home in bed. Brother Atkins is doing a fine job and the church is pleased with his work. We are blessed to have such a fine young man who stands firmly on the truth.

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<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Cahaba Hgts. Church of Christ 3251 Greendale Rd. (near I-459 & Hwy. 280 interchange) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 967-2150</p>	<p>N.W. Corner Hwy. 74W and Remington Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bobby Myhan (205) 921-2338 or 921-2605</p>	<p>Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Harwell 256-830-0879</p>	<p>Monty Howes (907) 696-7853 Jason Robertson (907) 745-1750 Phil Douthitt (907) 696-8885</p>	<p>Evangelist: Lowell Blasingame 478-6108 or 782-0588</p>	<p>TEXARKANA, AR Church of Christ 2301 Franklin Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Derek R. Chancellor</p>				
<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Pinson Church of Christ 4233 Glen Brook Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ken Chapman (205) 681-6231 or 680-5770</p>	<p>2137 Penhall Dr., NE (I-565 E. to end, right on Maysville Rd., left on Chapman Ave., right on Penhall Dr.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Johnson (205) 536-5296 or 539-9018</p>	<p>Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (205) 686-5978 or 686-5620</p>	<p>GLENDALE, AZ Church of Christ 6801 N. 60th Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:40 A.M. Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Evening 5:40 P.M.</p>	<p>GRADY, AR Church of Christ P.O. Box 363 Hwy. 65 South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>TEXARKANA, AR Church of Christ 2301 Franklin Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Derek R. Chancellor</p>				
<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR</p>	<p>HUNTSVILLE, AL Hughes Rd. & Gooch Lane Church of Christ (Go 8 miles on U.S. 72 W., S. on Hughes Rd. 1/4 mile) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Allen Dvorak (256) 830-1654 or 837-2939</p>	<p>RED BAY, AL Eastside Church of Christ Meadow Dr. & Hwy. 24 East Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Charles Maples, Sr. (256) 356-2723 or 356-4513</p>	<p>MESA, AZ Southeast Church of Christ 312 N. Kieth Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Rocco Lucari (602) 963-9069 or 833-8236</p>	<p>HARRISON, AR Capps Rd. Church of Christ 407 Bella Vista Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Sewell 741-9104 or 741-5151</p>	<p>ANTIOCH, CA Church of Christ 126 Railroad Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Sexton (501) 471-5801</p>				
<p>BIRMINGHAM, AL Vestavia Hills Church of Christ 2325 Old Columbiana Rd. (near I-65 & Hwy. 31) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ken Marrs 822-0018 or 822-2191</p>	<p>HUNTSVILLE, AL Weatherly Heights Church of Christ 930 Weatherly Rd., S.E. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Freeman 881-9540 or 883-6753</p>	<p>ROGERSVILLE, AL Elgin Hills Church of Christ 81 Elgin Hills Dr. (bldg. 2 blks. N. of intersection of US 72 & AL 101 on Grisham Ln.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 247-1797, 229-5679, 229-5214</p>	<p>PRESCOTT, AZ Pleasant Valley Church of Christ 2820 Willow Creek Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Pete Hicks (602) 778-7858</p>	<p>HEBER SPRINGS, AR Spring Park Church of Christ (On corner of Sugar Loaf & Center Sts. north of the park) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dennis Carrow 225-8200</p>	<p>BAKERSFIELD, CA Rosedale Church of Christ 3011 Allen Road Worship 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Hilburn</p>				
<p>ELGIN, AL Elgin Hills Church of Christ Rt. 4, Box 54-1 (bldg. 2 blks. N. of intersection of US 72 & AL 101 on Grisham Ln.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 247-1797, 229-5679, 229-5214</p>	<p>MOBILE, AL West Mobile Church of Christ 129 Hillcrest Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paddy Kendall-Ball 675-2255 or 675-7820</p>	<p>SARALAND, AL Shelton Beach Rd. (N. Mobile Area) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Gregory A. Legg (205) 574-1603 or 259-1814</p>	<p>BENTONVILLE, AR East 102 Church of Christ 910 S.E. 14th (102) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 273-3889</p>	<p>LITTLE ROCK, AR Church of Christ 7115 West 65th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Louis J. Sharp Res. (501) 363-0943 Study (501) 568-1062</p>	<p>CANOGA PARK, CA (San Fernando Valley) Church of Christ 7054 Winnetka Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dennis Kilgo 348-2193 or 346-5853</p>				
<p>FLORENCE, AL College View Church of Christ 851 N. Pine St. (adjacent to University Campus) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: David Thomley Harold Comer, 766-0403</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY, AL Church of Christ 800 Perry Hill Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. 5th Sunday 4:15 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John McPherson 244-1675, 277-9155, 271-4679 or 272-0801</p>	<p>SCOTTSBORO, AL Eastside Church of Christ John T. Reid Pkwy. (on Hwy. 72, 2 mi. E. of Hwy. 35) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tim Coffey Bldg: (501) 336-0052</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Hwy. 65 Church of Christ 217 Highway 65 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tim Coffey Bldg: (501) 336-0052</p>	<p>MARSHALL, AR Marshall Church of Christ (North Central, AR) Hwy. 27 N 1 Mi. from 65 Jct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Price (870) 448-2055</p>	<p>FOLSOM, CA Church of Christ 800 Reading St. P.O. Box 492 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Posey (916) 676-5298 or 933-5298</p>				
<p>FOLEY, AL South Baldwin Church of Christ 517 N. McKenzie St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Cooper (334) 943-2686 or 943-3380</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY, AL Eastbrook Church of Christ 650 Coliseum Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Contact: Sammy Bynum, 263-5790, Bldg: 272-4232 or Tommy Moore 288-0799 and Carroll Puckett 288-1461</p>	<p>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR</p>	<p>CONWAY, AR Prince Street Church of Christ 2655 Prince St. (Hwy. 60) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (501) 336-0669</p>	<p>PINE BLUFF, AR Church of Christ 4700 W. 28th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097</p>	<p>FREMONT, CA Church of Christ in the Centerville area 39354 Fremont Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (510) 794-7659</p>				
<p>GARDENDALE, AL North Gardendale Church of Christ 380 Hickory Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Larry Rouse (205) 631-8415 or 631-8098</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY, AL OWENS CROSS ROADS, AL Church of Christ at Elon 4021 Hobbs Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M.</p>	<p>PALMER, AK Mat-Su Church of Christ Kay Bank Plaza Bldg. (P.O. Box 3141, 99645-3141) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>FT. SMITH, AR South 46th St. Church of Christ 2323 South 46th St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>RUSSELLVILLE, AR Church of Christ 709 E. 16th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: A.W. Goff (501) 968-7010</p>	<p>FRESNO, CA Northside Church of Christ 1190 W. Herndon Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Flad (209) 224-1061 or 275-0850</p>				

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<p style="text-align: center;">HEMET, CA Church of Christ 203 W. Acacia Ave. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (909) 925-1991</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COLORADO SPRINGS, CO Northeast Church of Christ 6660 Galley Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Roger Hendricks 597-6661 or 591-9932</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHIPLEY, FL Church of Christ 680 3rd St. (P.O. Box 31) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Christ 2431 Fortune Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Copeland (407) 931-1725 or 348-0300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jere Frost (407) 452-8822</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evening 7:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Love (407) 277-7931</p>		
			<p style="text-align: center;">KISSIMMEE, FL Downtown Church of Christ "On the Internet" churchofchrist-kiss-fl.com Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Andy de Klerk (407) 344-9027</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIAMI, FL Flagler Shores Church of Christ (Near to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Gene Robinson (305) 634-5924</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORLANDO, FL Par St. Church of Christ 15 W. Par St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">LOMA RICA, CA Church of Christ 5150 Fruitland Road Classes 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Preaching 11:35 A.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Elders: Terry Clayton and R.H. Herrig (916) 743-0211 or 742-6249</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOLDEN, CO Westside Church of Christ 13789 West 8th Ave. (½ mi. E. of Indiana St.) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 233-5683</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DUNDEE, FL Dundee Church of Christ 4th and Main St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James C. Yaw (941) 439-3280</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE CITY, FL Lakeview Church of Christ U.S. 441 South convenient to I-75 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (904) 752-1506 or 935-2976</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lamont White and Denis Florestant (305) 758-3036 or 624-1487</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORLANDO, FL S. Bumby Church of Christ 3940 S. Bumby Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Cultos En Espanol Tambien (562) 420-2363 or 420-9577</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GRAND JUNCTION, CO Valley Church of Christ 491 Spahn Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Andy Berendt (970) 245-5112</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORT LAUDERDALE, FL Northside Church of Christ 912 NW 19th St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clinton D. Hamilton (305) 763-1404</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAKELAND, FL Lakeland Hills Blvd. Church of Christ 2510 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marc W. Gibson (941) 688-4336</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIAMI, FL N. Miami Church of Christ 13521 Memorial Hwy. Bible Study 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: Robert Harkrider and David Banning (407) 851-8031 or 855-2670</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">OCEANSIDE-VISTA, CA Church of Christ 2020 Sunset Drive Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell (760) 940-8003</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IGNACIO, CO Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORT MYERS, FL N. Ft. Myers Church of Christ 200 Pine Island Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon Eugene Ford (941) 997-3959 or 567-0819</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAKELAND, FL Southwest Church of Christ 3900 South Pipkin Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Frank Jamerson (941) 644-9463 or 644-6080</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIAMI, FL Southwest Church of Christ 1450 S.W. 24th Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">PASO ROBLES, CA Church of Christ 3545 Spring St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dell Evans (805) 238-1682 or 238-2564</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO Church of Christ Mounted Ranger Bldg. San Juan Street Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Carl Lungstrum 264-6119, 264,4729, 264-4236</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORT MYERS, FL Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAKELAND, FL HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MIDDLEBURG, FL Church of Christ 3155 County Rd. 215 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Alfred A. Reinhardt 856-8376 or 856-6486</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASANTON, CA Church of Christ 1072 Serpentine Lane, St. # Bible Classes 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Richard Dowdy (510) 484-4188</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WALLINGFORD, CT. Church of Christ 1213 Old Colony Rd., Rt. 71 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Afternoon Call Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ed Smith (203) 284-2171 or 235-5576</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORT WALTON BEACH, FL Northside Church of Christ 520 Mary Esther Cutoff Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: O. Fred Liggin (904) 244-0031</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUTZ (Tampa), FL S. Livingston Ave. Church of Christ 16812 Livingston Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Bill Fairchild (813) 632-6941 H.E. Phillips (813) 949-8232</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OCALA, FL Church of Christ 3900 S. Pine (441, 301 & 27 S.) Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Sam Brinkley, Jr. 479-2130 or 477-5819</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">SAN BERNADINO, CA Church of Christ 1354 Mountain View Ave. (Exit off I-15 at Baseline, east to Mt. View Ave., left for 2 blocks) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Royce Bell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGEVILLE, DE Kent-Sussex Church of Christ 116 Irons Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Tim Fannin (302) 934-8903 Jerry Marvel (302) 629-4211 Bill Dykes (302) 855-1305</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FROSTPROOF, FL Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Felix Salazar (941) 635-2607</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARY ESTHER, FL Mary Esther Church of Christ 6 Lane Dr. (1 blk. N. of Hwy. 98 on Doolittle Blvd.) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 244-2335</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OKEECHOBEE, FL Big Lake Church of Christ 1115 Southwest 3rd Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evangelist: Herb Braswell (941) 357-3089 or 467-1013</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PENSACOLA, FL East Hill Church of Christ 2708 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph R. Mazter (850) 432-0736</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">SANTA BARBARA, CA Church of Christ 2310 Chapala Street Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (805) 682-7756</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BARTOW, FL Church of Christ 550 West Main St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Vernon Love (813) 533-7725 or 533-3563</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JACKSONVILLE, FL Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden 783-2690 or 781-5704</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MERRITT ISLAND, FL Church of Christ 512 Plumosa St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Swain (407) 631-8314</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORANGE PARK, FL Orange Park Church of Christ 1365 Kingsley Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PERRY, FL Perry Church of Christ 714 N. Calhoun St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Rick Mott (904) 584-2645 or 584-8902</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">AURORA, CO (Denver) Boston St. Church of Christ 1297 Boston St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Hoyt Houchen (303) 366-5283 or 805-4820</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BROOKSVILLE, FL Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (904) 796-9803</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KEY LARGO, FL Key Largo Church of Christ 100695 N. Overseas Hwy. 33037 m.m. 100.5 on U.S. 1 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Roland Fritz (305) 451-1194</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KISSIMMEE, FL North Courtenay Church of Christ 2455 N. Courtenay Pkwy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORLANDO, FL Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. PETERSBURG, FL Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar</p>		

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(813) 321-2721 SARASOTA, FL Church of Christ 2445 Fruitville Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: James Hanaker and Mickey Martin 755-1128	MARTINEZ, GA Martinez Church of Christ 201 Belair Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John M. Trigg 863-9744	BURBANK, IL Burbank Church of Christ 8230 S. Laramie Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles Eads (708) 423-6703	2849 East Main St. Bible Classes 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Willis Home Phone: (317) 272-0506 Building: (317) 745-4708	Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: H.L. Collett (317) 773-8864 or 773-2321	Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kyle Pope (913) 631-6519 or 599-3692
SEFFNER, FL Church of Christ 621 E. Wheeler Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Gibson 813-684-1297	PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229	CHICAGO, IL Northside Church of Christ 4440 W. Adams St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Sr. 624-7599	ELLETTTSVILLE, IN Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards (812) 876-2285 or 336-4630	OOULTIC, IN Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 279-4332	TOPEKA, KS Oakland Church of Christ 553 Wilson Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 235-8687 or 273-7977
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TAMPA, FL 58th Street Church of Christ 12200 N. 58th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (813) 988-3380 or 988-4646	WARNER ROBINS, GA Westside Church of Christ 1158 Willow Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Ayres (912) 784-7078	EAST ALTON, IL Church of Christ 450 E. Airline Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Parks (618) 259-7532	HOBART, IN Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Phillip Owens (219) 942-2663	RICHMOND, IN Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas L. Clark (765) 935-2911	ASHLAND, KY Tri-State Church of Christ 1314 Montgomery Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Edwards (606) 325-9742
TARPON SPRINGS, FL Tarpon Springs Church of Christ 570 E. Orange St. (corner of Disston) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Larry Dickens (727) 938-3967 or 937-9327	BLACKFOOT, ID Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Classes 1:30 P.M. Bible Study 2:30 P.M. Worship 3:15 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Thompson (208) 785-5773 or 785-6168	GLEN ELLYN, IL Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 858-2290 or 529-2149	JAMESTOWN, IN Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington & Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Denver Niemeier (765) 676-6404 or (317) 852-7782	WEST LAFAYETTE, IN Church of Christ 1850 Woodland Ave. Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Larry J. Curry (317) 463-9947 or 463-6409	BOWLING GREEN, KY West End Church of Christ 1609 Parkside Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 842-7880 or 781-4947
UMATILLA, FL Golden Triangle Church of Christ 210 Kentucky Avenue Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Assembly 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James L. Yopp (352) 669-8490 or 483-0363	WENDELL, ID Church of Christ 801 E. Main Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 536-6296	PALATINE, IL Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Speer (847) 991-1288	INDIANAPOLIS, IN Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 485-7771 or 842-3613	DES MOINES, IA Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Anderson 262-6799	CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (502) 789-1651
ZEPHYRHILLS, FL Church of Christ 5444 Fourth St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Don Hastings (813) 788-9587	ABINGDON, IL Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368	BLOOMINGTON, IN Church of Christ 825 West 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 332-0501	KOKOMO, IN Church of Christ 1217 S. Courtland Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Blackaby (765) 453-2356	MUNCIE, IN Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Hamilton 284-5299 or 286-5488	DANVILLE, KY 385 E. Lexington Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists Steve Wolfgang & Scott Vifquain 236-4204, 236-8506 or 238-0860
ACWORTH, GA Etowah Church of Christ 2714 Valleyhill Dr. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jeff Winburn (770) 974-2814	BENTON, IL Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (north of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ronald D. Griffin (618) 438-2911 or 439-4605	CLARKSVILLE, IN Clarksville Church of Christ 407 W. Highway 131 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Elmo Wilson Church building: (812) 944-2305 Home: (812) 288-4206 Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917	NEW ALBANY, IN Silver St. Church of Christ 1101 Silver St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Thurs. Morning 10:00 A.M. Evangelist: Guy Roberson 945-0664 or 945-7874	LENEXA, KS Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M.	ELIZABETHTOWN, KY Collegeview Church of Christ 611A College St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Bryant 737-5498 or 737-4188
ENTERVILLE, GA Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (912) 922-1158 or 953-5217	BRADLEY, IL Church of Christ 1505 E. Broadway Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jon Quinn (815) 932-9014 or 939-3315	CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN Southside Church of Christ 2 mile east of U.S. 231 on 300 S. (Rt. 7, Box 323) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church Bldg: (765) 361-9812 James Page: (765) 362-9168	NOBLESVILLE, IN Noblesville Church of Christ 1008 S. 9th Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Thurs. Morning 10:00 A.M. Evangelist: Guy Roberson 945-0664 or 945-7874	PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR	HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER

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<p style="text-align: center;">\$95.00 PER YEAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GLASGOW, KY East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OWENSBORO, KY Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jeff Lankford (502) 683-5386 or 684-8722</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LEESVILLE, LA White Park Church of Christ 17801 Nolan Trace 20 mi. from Fort Polk (5 mi. W. of Leesville) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 239-4614</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chico Road Church of Christ Corner of Scovel Rd. & Chico Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (601) 762-9557</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hickman Mills Church of Christ 11610 S. 71 Hwy. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 331-6482</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Charles Holton, Evangelist 651-7141</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGINA, KY Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 & Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SHREVEPORT, LA Twin Cities Church of Christ 203 Kay Lane Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John West (318) 797-0805 or 747-2766</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. CHARLES, MN Church of Christ 636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 3:30 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905 or 932-3521</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STARKVILLE, MS Northside Church of Christ 1200 N. Montgomery St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HODGENVILLE, KY South Lincoln Blvd. 0.8 mi. south of Square on 31 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY Church of Christ 1/4 mi. E. of I-65 or Hwy. 44 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Heath Rogers (502) 543-4446</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STONEWALL, LA N. DeSoto Church of Christ 172 Woolworth Rd. in Stonewall (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 925-2831 or 925-2733</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. PAUL, MN Summit Ave. Church of Christ 10 S. Grotto Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (612) 222-0872 or 738-7987</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Ave. Church of Christ 101 W. South Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Bailey (816) 228-9262</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2026 N.E. Vivion Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel (816) 453-6157</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Jim Bickford: 358-4088 358-4352</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LEITCHFIELD, KY Indian Hills Church of Christ 116 Sequoia Dr. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Cook (502) 259-9727</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PORTLAND, ME Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. Maine Turnpike Exit 8 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. Call for mid-week assemblies Evangelist: Patrick Kelly (207) 856-2909</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. PAUL, MN Summit Ave. Church of Christ 10 S. Grotto Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (612) 222-0872 or 738-7987</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BLUE SPRINGS, MO Eastside Church of Christ 1510 Audubon Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 445-5497 or 443-0634</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS SPACE \$25.00 PER QUARTER \$95.00 PER YEAR</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">LOUISVILLE, KY Church of Christ 3741 Taylorsville Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Humphries 499-9942 or 459-8730</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SOMERSET, KY Southside Church of Christ 390 Old Monticello Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Art Ogden (606) 679-5762 or 678-8005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEVERN, MD Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (410) 551-6549 or 969-1420</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COLUMBUS, MS Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DONIPHAN, MO Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. 1/2 mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (314) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KANSAS CITY, MO Westside Church of Christ 671 W. Thompson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: George Hickman (660) 727-2090</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LOUISVILLE, KY Manslick Rd. Church of Christ 4724 E. Manslick Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Frank Himmel 937-2822</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOMPKINSVILLE, KY Lyons Chapel Church of Christ Highway 100 East Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee (502) 487-8448</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RIVERDALE, MD (Washington, D.C. area) Wildercroft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Smelser (301) 474-7460 or 464-9409</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GULFPORT, MS Morris Rd. Church of Christ located 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. & 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (228) 832-5529</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KAHOKA, MO Westside Church of Christ 671 W. Thompson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: George Hickman (660) 727-2090</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KANSAS CITY, MO</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LOUISVILLE, KY Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Everette Hardin 937-2822</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BATON ROUGE, LA Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECKERVILLE, MI Church of Christ 2556 Maple St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Contact: Craig Thomas (810) 648-5009 or 648-2515</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JACKSON, MS Clinton Blvd. Church of Christ 5535 Clinton Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White 922-4957 or 924-2645</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KANSAS CITY, MO</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KANSAS CITY, MO</p>
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