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By Mike Willis

# Christophobia or Christianophobia

**T**I thought that I had made up this word myself, but after a short visit to the internet, I found a definition of it on *Wikipedia*: “Christophobia or Christianophobia are also according to Council of European Episcopal Conferences (CCEE) names for ‘every form of discrimination and intolerance against Christians.’”

People have all kinds of phobias: claustrophobia (fear of confined spaces), acrophobia (fear of heights), arachnophobia (fear of spiders), etc. (see *phobialist.com*). In recent years, we have introduced our society to “xenophobia” (fear of strangers or foreigners) to describe those who call for the enforcement of United States law on illegal immigration and “homophobia” to describe those who believe that same-sex marriage, adoption of children by gay and lesbians, and homosexual practices are sinful.

Another phobia is showing up. This disease seems limited to those with politically left beliefs – politicians, newscasters, reporters, evolutionists, atheists, ecumenists, etc. They all have this disease in common: They are afraid of Bible-believing Christians.

I use “Bible believing” to describe the word “Christians” in order to distinguish these Christians from a considerable block of mainstream American “Christians” who have little or no confidence in the verbal inspiration of Scripture, and reject Jesus’ virgin birth, miracles, and bodily resurrection. Those on the political left view these mainstream

“Christians” as their allies, whereas those who are Evangelical seem to frighten those on the left. Hence, they are Christianophobic!

Those who favor abortion are not afraid of the religious left, but they are afraid of the religious right – the Evangelicals. Those who are evolutionists are not afraid of those who believe in an old earth or theistic evolution, but they are afraid of “bigoted Bible thumpers.” The politicians fear that the religious right will vote as a block to reject any candidate who is pro-abortion, a promoter of gay rights, and other social issues. Ecumenists are frightened that Evangelicals might try to convert those in non-Christian religions, thus offending Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Jews (remember how the Benghazi attack was initially blamed on a video produced by a Coptic Christian? Nakoula, who produced the video, is the only one imprisoned as a result of this despicable tragedy.) For a list of anti-Christian acts and sentiment see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Christian\\_sentiment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Christian_sentiment). There is, indeed, a growing Christophobia in America.

As we go through the “Christmas” season, you undoubtedly have heard radio and television reports of various lawsuits in different cities because a nativity scene is displayed on public property. God’s people are not in favor of the religious celebration of Christmas. As a matter of fact, my remembrance of education in a public school was that school

events in December featured singing religious songs in celebration of the birth of Jesus and members of the clergy gave a talk in our school assembly about the birth of Christ. My family taught us that (1) singing religious songs with instruments of music was not God’s will for His people, (2) December 25<sup>th</sup> was not likely to be the birthday of Jesus, and (3) the New Testament does not authorize a religious celebration of His birthday. We enjoyed Christmas as a festive secular holiday, but did not celebrate it religiously. However, though we did not join in the religious celebration of Christmas and would have preferred that our schools not teach the religious celebration of Christmas, we did not participate in lawsuits to remove God or religion from public school events. We prayed before playing football games, had a religious baccalaureate speech in conjunction with high school graduation, read from the Scriptures at the beginning of the school day in my elementary years, and emphasized moral principles (such as abstaining from sexual activity outside of wedlock, avoiding alcohol and drugs, etc.) without fear of government interference in those days.

However, in today’s society, and in the name of “pluralism” and “tolerance,” our media and courts have tried to squelch the voices of those who teach moral judgments and principles that are contrary to pluralist and politically correct creeds. In regard to such topics as the following, there is no tolerance of Christian belief or

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By David F. Sims

# “Husbands, Love Your Wives”

Someone recently asked me why we have so many admonitions to wives to honor their husbands but so few admonitions to husbands to honor their wives. This is a good question that deserves our attention. In this brief article we will examine Bible teachings on the husband's duty to his wife.

Let us start with the first marital model: Adam and Eve. In Genesis 1:27 we read that both male and female are created in the image of God. In God's sight, men and women are equals and equally valuable to Him. Adam was the first human, and God saw that it was not good for him to be alone (Gen. 2:18), so God made “a helper suitable for him.” None of the animals was suitable as a helper ... the man needed a partner. Men, remember that we need our women, and treat them as our equal partners as we each strive to fulfill the roles God has appointed for each gender.

God took a rib from Adam and formed it into the first woman (Gen. 1:21-22). When Adam awoke and met her, he said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” (Gen. 1:23). With these words, Adam declared her to be his equal. She is not to be regarded as a piece of property, a concubine, or a slave, nor should her value be limited to the roles she fulfills in the home.

Of the marriage relationship, the Scripture states, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). Jesus affirmed this

marital model in Matthew 19:4-6. A man must cleave to his wife and regard her as his own flesh. Apart from a person's relationship with God, there is no relationship more important than the one you have with your spouse. Your job is not more important. Neither is your education, your hobbies, or the pursuit of possessions, achievements, or entertainment. Let me say it again: with the exception of one's relationship with God, there is no relationship more important in this life than one's relationship with his or her spouse.

Now let's examine something specific that troubles several marriages. Notice what the Scripture teaches in 1 Corinthians 7:3-5:

The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

No need to mince words here ... this is talking about the sexual relationship between husband and wife. Husband, if you are not taking care of your wife's sexual needs, you are disobeying this Scripture. She has just as much right to sexual satisfaction as you do, and the only person she is authorized to receive

it from is her husband. Sexless marriages frequently end in adultery and divorce. Stop depriving!

Too often we husbands are quick to turn to Proverbs 31 and admonish our wives to be the virtuous wife described therein. We forget that there are thirty preceding chapters in that book that tell the man how to be a good husband and father. Perhaps if you want a better wife you should try being a better husband ... you might be surprised at how her attitude will change, and how much more she will respect you, if you are the godly man you ought to be! And be mindful of the example you set for your sons ... they learn husbandry from you. If you disrespect or neglect her, if you speak to her with sarcasm or bitterness, if you put your wants above hers, your sons may grow up to do the same to their wives.

Finally, the Scriptures liken marriage to the relationship between Jesus Christ and the church. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. The husband should value his wife in the way Jesus values the church. And if you are in doubt as to the manner or degree in which you are to love her, the Scripture says to love her as you love yourself. Do you protect yourself? Do you indulge yourself in comforts, entertainments, and recreational activities? Do you try to better yourself? She is entitled to everything you would give yourself.

A wife's needs are just as important as a husband's: the need for bonding, partnership, equality, sharing of burdens, emotional connection, ►

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intellectual stimulation, and of course the sex. She needs your presence, your attention, your arms around her ... and she needs these more than she needs the creature comforts you are trying to provide when you spend too

much time away at work. Husbands, love your wives as your own flesh. God gave her to you as your partner in this life, so honor her as such. And remember: when you married her, you made a vow ... a solemn oath

to her, in the presence of God and witnesses. Fulfill your vow every day!

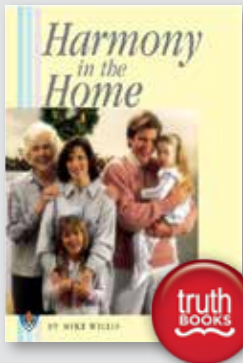
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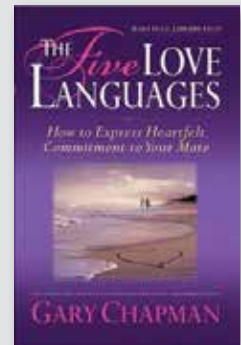
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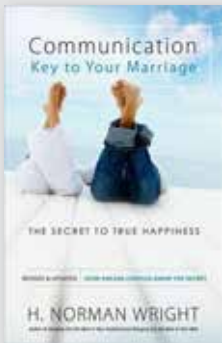
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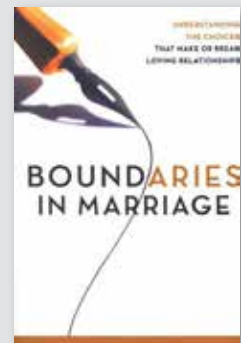
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By Lewis Willis

# A "Smile" Is Desperately Needed

**T** Local churches in deep East Texas had an inspiring effect upon brethren in the distant days of my childhood there. Once each month, as I recall, brethren from area congregations would meet from place to place for a Sunday afternoon singing. In my remembrance, a large crowd would assemble each month. Numbers of brethren enjoyed those gatherings.

Unfortunately, as was often the case in those days, brethren without pausing to think, came to mimic the practice of some denominations. In those days, "Gospel Quartets" travelled the area, presenting concerts to those who came. Our family attended some of those concerts and enjoyed the programs, even though the quartets used instruments of music.

In time, quartets of Christians began singing on those Sunday afternoons. Oh, they never used instruments, but the quartets "performed." The Willis family had a quartet. I sang soprano, Mom sang alto, Cecil was the tenor, while Don sang bass. The other three members of the Willis quartet are now gone, but I can say I remember those occasions as "performances" using gospel songs. We were as close to those "Gospel Quartets" as possible, without instruments. And, the crowds seem to enjoy the entertainment. I had an uncle, a leading member of a local congregation, who sang with one of the quartets that used instruments. We thought Uncle Alton had "reached the top" in those days.

Finally, someone asked why he

could sing with instruments on Friday or Saturday nights, but the church was not permitted to use them in worship. The passages cited to my uncle were these: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19), and "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

While trying to answer those questions, my uncle asked for our authority for the Willis Quartet singing for the "entertainment" of brethren. After thinking and studying about those questions being raised, all of us learned: (1) that God never permitted the use of instruments in worship; (2) nor did He ever say, or imply, that gospel music should be used for entertainment purposes. Yes, we finally studied and obeyed God's Word!

I said all of that to make a point. In those days, there was a particular song that "everybody" sang. My, it sounded good, and brethren loved to hear it. Not only that, it contained a gospel truth. I found the words to that song on the internet, and I ask that you notice the message of its chorus.

## Give the World a Smile

by Otis Deaton

Give the world a smile each day,  
Helping someone on life's way.  
From the paths of sin bring  
the wanderers in  
To the Master's fold to stay.

Help to cheer the lone and sad.  
Help to make some pilgrim glad.  
Let your life so be that all  
the world might see  
The joy of serving Jesus with a smile.

The reason that song came to my mind was multiple news reports I heard about violence in our world. Wars continue in several nations, killing scores of people. The internet contained a video of a man being beheaded! In Ferguson, MO, there were nightly riots in the streets over the killing of a young man. In our area, almost nightly multiple shootings occur, killing or maiming people. I heard of a 22-year-old man who even stabbed his own parents!

I could go on and on, but you know what I'm talking about. Depressing, isn't it? If there ever was a time when men proved the truthfulness of the Lord's teaching, our times do. God had Jeremiah write: "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

The violence, murder, and chaos have resulted from man's refusal to listen to the Word of the Lord. The Bible does not teach men to conduct themselves in these ways. Through the years, multiple people and organizations have told the world that the Bible is not to be followed. History, then and now, confirms the chaos that comes from rejecting God and His Word!

Then, I remembered the words of that old song, printed herein. The world needs a "smile"! And, if God's people do not pass that smile

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along, who do you suppose will do so? The Christian life, and living, is a joy and smile-inspiring way of life. Jesus taught this truth in the Sermon on the Mount. Notice His words.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:14-16).

If there ever was a time when the world has needed a helpful smile, if people ever needed direction from the paths of sin, if there ever was a time when the lone and sad have needed help, and if earth's "pilgrims" needed cause for gladness, these are those days!

The "light" of the life of God's people is desperately needed today! God's people need to show the world that there is a better way than that which terrifies us. The first verse of that old song says:

Are you giving to the world a smile,  
Helping lessen someone's dreary mile?

Do you greet the world with song,  
as through life you pass along,  
Cheering those you may meet along life's way?

Yes, a good and needed message is in that old song!

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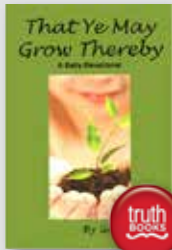


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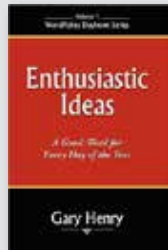
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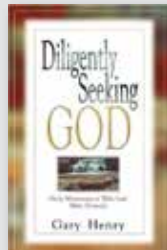
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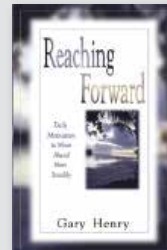
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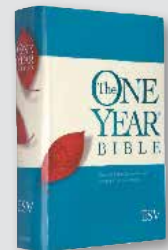
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By Mark Mayberry

# Herod's Birthday Party

## INTRODUCTION

Birthday parties are special occasions, times of celebration and shared joy. Unfortunately, they may also result in tragedy and loss, as in the case of a young person reaching the age of 21, only to celebrate by getting drunk and, by driving under the influence of alcohol, cause a deadly automobile accident.

The heart-rending death of John the Baptist occurred in connection with King Herod's birthday party (Matt. 14:3-12; Mark 6:17-29). A son of Herod the Great, Herod Antipas was tetrarch over Galilee and Perea from 4 B.C. to A.D. 39.

Preparing the way for the coming Savior, John preached a message of repentance (Matt. 3:1-6; Mark 1:1-6; Luke 3:1-6; John 1:19-23). He courageously rebuked the hypocrisy of wayward Israel, especially their corrupt religious leaders (Matt. 3:7-10; Luke 3:7-9). He also rebuked Herod for all the wicked things which he had done, especially the sinful relationship he shared with Herodias, the rightful wife of his brother Philip, whom he had wrongfully married. As a result, Herod had John arrested, bound, and imprisoned (Matt. 14:3-5; Mark 6:17-20; Luke 3:19-20).

## A LASCIVIOUS DANCE

When Herod's birthday came, the tetrarch gave a banquet for his lords, military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. The daughter of Herodias danced before Herod, pleasing him and his dinner guests (Matt. 14:6-7; Mark 6:21-23). Unnamed in Scripture, she is identified as "Salome" in the writings of Flavius Josephus (*Antiquities* 18.136-137).

Here we see the danger of lasciviousness. Salome's dance shared nothing in common with the dancing of Miriam and the women who celebrated God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Their actions were an expression of heartfelt worship (Exod. 15:20-21; Psa. 150:3-6); in contrast, her actions were an expression of sensuality (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 13:13-14).

## A RASH OATH

King Herod, likely intoxicated by wine, and clearly intoxicated by desire, promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked, up to half of his kingdom (Matt. 14:6-7; Mark 6:21-23).

Here we see the danger of rash promises. Remember Jephthah's tragic vow (Judg. 11:29-40). Recall Moses' reckless boast (Num. 20:8-13; Psa. 106:32-33). The Law of Moses warned against uttering thoughtless oaths (Lev. 5:4-6; Prov. 12:18). The Gospel of Christ enjoins similar verbal caution (Col. 4:6; James 5:12).

## A VINDICTIVE QUEEN

Herodias demonstrated vindictiveness, using this unexpected opportunity to exact revenge upon one she hated (Matt. 14:8-10; Mark 6:24-26). Sadly, such opposition is common to all who stand for the truth (Matt. 10:21-23; John 15:18-25).

## A HAPLESS KING

Herod demonstrated haplessness, being grieved because of his oath, but willing to sacrifice John to save face (Matt. 14:8-10; Mark 6:24-26). Wicked men are often weak, unable to control their carnal desires, unwilling to stand for what is right (Psa. 106:10-15; Hos. 6:4).

## A GRUESOME PRIZE

Herodias received her gruesome

prize, the severed head of John the Baptist upon a platter (Matt. 14:11; Mark 6:27-28). In this regard, she is like Queen Jezebel of old, who destroyed the prophets of the Lord, and threatened Elijah with death (1 Kings 18:1-16; 19:1-8).

Despite such perils, the Lord stands beside the faithful: strengthening, delivering, vindicating (Psa. 94:17-23). On an earlier occasion, Jesus offered a glowing tribute to John the Baptist, praising his courage and conviction (Matt. 11:7-15).

## CONCLUSION

Note the aftermath for the disciples. They took away John's body and buried it. Afterwards, they went and reported these events to Jesus. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while" (Matt. 14:12-13; Mark 6:30-31; Luke 9:10).

The aftermath for Herod was quite different (Luke 9:7-9; 13:31-35; 23:8-12). Being perplexed by the preaching of the gospel and the related miracles of confirmation (Luke 9:7-9), he sought to kill Jesus Christ (Luke 13:31-35). At the trial of Jesus, Herod manifested mocking contempt for our Lord, being more interested in trivialities than a just outcome (Luke 23:8-12).

Despite having heard John on repeated occasions, Herod rejected the truth and died in sin. Avoiding this tragic mistake, let us respond positively to God's message of grace, knowing that God's kindness should lead to our repentance (Rom. 2:4-11). Accordingly, let us not receive the grace of God in vain, but respond in obedience, while there is time and opportunity: now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:1-2).

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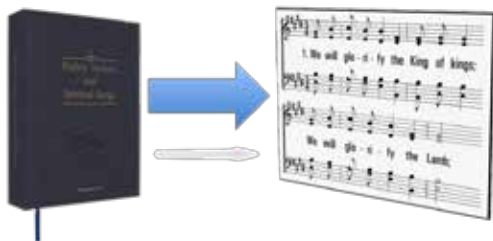
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By Kyle Pope

# Who Were the Nephilim?

**T**In speaking of the world before the flood, Genesis 6:4 records **“There were giants in the earth in those days”** (KJV, cf. NKJV). Most translations since the American Standard Version of 1901 have chosen not to translate the Hebrew word used in this verse and have simply transliterated it to read **“The Nephilim were in the earth in those days”** (ASV, cf. RSV, NASB, NIV, ESV). Who were these **“giants”** or **“Nephilim”** and how are we to understand this reference to their presence on the earth before the flood?

## WORD MEANING

The word *nephilim* comes from the Hebrew verb *naphal* meaning “to fall,” leading some to take it as a reference to those who *subdue* and *cause others to fall*. James Strong defined it to mean *“a feller; i.e. a bully or tyrant”* (H5303). Two second-century Greek translators understood it in this sense of “those falling upon” others or “the violent ones.”<sup>1</sup> The second-century Jewish teacher, Eliezer ben Simeon, claimed that they were called *nephilim* because they “hurled the world down” and “they fell from the world” (*Genesis Rabban* 26.7). The form *nephilim* is found in Scripture in only two texts: Genesis 6:4 and Numbers 13:33, but the similar word *nophelim* is found in a number of passages of “fallen” livestock (Deut. 22:4) or those “fallen” in battle (1 Sam. 31:8; 1 Chron. 10:8; 2 Chron. 20:24, Ezek. 32:23, 27).<sup>2</sup> If this sense carries over *nephilim* may carry the idea of “those fallen” (in either a moral or literal

sense). Young’s literal translation calls them **“the fallen ones.”**

## THE GIANTS

The translation “giant” became associated with this word as early as the production of the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament made before the time of Christ. It translated *nephilim* with the Greek word *gigantes* from which our English word “giant” is derived. The Latin Vulgate, translated in the fourth century, used the same Greek word. This should not be understood to refer to “giants” in the fairy tale sense of Jack-and-the-Beanstalk-like monsters. In ancient usage *gigas* could refer to “the mighty” as well as to mythical creatures (LSJ). We use this word in the same sense today when we speak of one who is a “giant of industry.” It is clear, however, that the term could apply to those of great height.

In the second example of its use it is applied to the inhabitants of Canaan when the spies returned to report, **“There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight”** (Num. 13:33, NASB).<sup>3</sup> Anak was a descendant of Arba, the founder of the city of Hebron, first called Kirjath Arba (Josh. 14:15; 15:13; 21:11). The children of Anak were said to have been **“great and tall”** (Deut. 9:2). Deuteronomy 2:11 calls them *rephaim*, the word most frequently translated **“giants.”** The family of Goliath was also described

as *rephaim* (2 Sam. 21:16-22). Goliath was six cubits and a span in height, which would have been about ten feet tall (1 Sam. 17:4).<sup>4</sup> He was not a fairy-tale monster, but he was one of great height. The Bible preserves a number of terms that were used to describe people of such height. The Moabites called them **“Emim”** (Deut. 2:11). The Ammonites called them **“Zamzummim”** (Deut. 2:20). It is likely that *nephilim* came to be used as a similar description of those of great stature or prominence. The *Bible in Basic English* calls them **“men of great strength and size”** (Gen. 6:4).

## FANCIFUL NOTIONS

Sometime during the period between the Old and New Testaments the fanciful idea developed that the *nephilim* were children born from a sexual union between angels and human women.<sup>5</sup> This was likely the result of blending pagan mythology about the sexual exploits of their false gods with biblical teaching, but those who accepted this idea based it on statements in Genesis chapter six. After declaring that mankind had spread over the face of the earth and produced daughters, the text states, **“the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose”** (Gen. 6:2, NKJV). This is referenced again in the verse that speaks of the *nephilim*. It records, **“The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of**

**men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown**” (Gen. 6:4, ASV).

The basis for this fanciful interpretation rests on how we are to understand the words **“sons of God.”** Scripture occasionally uses this phrase of angels. In the book of Job it is used of the heavenly host that came before the throne of God **“when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD”** (Job 1:6; 2:1).<sup>6</sup> Leroy Birney points out, however, that while the word *elohim* is usually translated **“God”**—“The magistrates or administrators of justice are called *elohim* in Exodus 21:6; 22:8, 9, 28” (“An Exegetical Study of Genesis 6:1-4” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 31.1 (Winter 1970) 47). Birney notes that *elohim* is also used in Psalm 82:1-8 in the stirring rebuke of the judges of Israel whom the Lord calls **“gods (*elohim*)”** and **“children of the Most High”** (Psa. 82:6)(*ibid.*). This makes it clear that the phrase **“sons of God”** doesn’t necessarily refer to angels. The second-century Jewish teacher, Simeon ben Yohai, took Genesis 6:2 to mean “sons of the nobles” (*Genesis Rabban* 26.5).

## ANALYSIS OF THE TEXT

What can the wording of the text tell us about the identity of the *nephilim*? First, it is clear that they too were human beings. The last part of the verse further describes them, saying **“Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown”** (Gen. 6:4c, NASB). The first words, **“mighty men,”** translate the Hebrew adjective *gibborim* meaning “mighty.”<sup>7</sup> While the word “men” is inferred, it literally means only “the mighty ones.” The second phrase **“men of renown,”** however, contains the Hebrew word *ish*, meaning “man.” We must note

that it is the wickedness of these **“men”** that ultimately leads to the flood, not the sin of angels or demons. It is clear, therefore, that the *nephilim* were not angelic (or demonic beings) – they were humans.

Second, it is also clear that *nephilim* does not refer to a family or species, but to some characteristic shared by people of different ancestral backgrounds. The first part of the verse says the *nephilim* were on the earth **“in those days, and also afterward”** (Gen. 6:4a, NASB). We must ask, *after what?* This chapter begins the account of the flood. Before and after this verse God declares His intention to destroy the earth by water (Gen. 6:3, 5-7, 13-17). After the flood **“all mankind”** except Noah and his family are said to have **“perished”** (Gen. 7:21). How is it then that centuries later, the Israelites encounter people in Canaan whom they call the *nephilim*? It is because they shared characteristics with these people who lived before the flood. Was it their size? Perhaps. Was it their violent tendencies? They certainly inspired fear. Whatever the case they were not survivors of the flood or supernatural creatures.

Third, the text does not explicitly identify the *nephilim* as the offspring of the marriages between **“the sons of God”** and **“the daughters of men.”** The text says they were on the earth **“when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them”** (Gen. 6:4b). In other words, there were already people called *nephilim* before these marriages and the children born from these marriages. Were some of the children born to these marriages also considered *nephilim*? Perhaps, but the *nephilim* were said to exist even before these marriages.

## CONCLUSION

Scripture does not explicitly identify those called **“sons of God”** or the **“Nephilim”** before the flood, but not all ancient writers made such fanciful interpretations of their identity. The fourth-century theologian, Chrysostom, argued that **“sons of God”** referred to those descended from Seth and Enoch, of whom it was said that they **“began to call on the name of the LORD”** (Gen. 4:26) (*Homilies on Genesis* 22.3). He argued that **“daughters of men”** referred to daughters born to the ungodly descendants of Cain (*ibid.*). If he is correct this intermarriage between the spiritually minded Sethites and the worldly Cainites contributed to the wickedness, which led God to bring the flood.

We noted above that the phrase **“sons of God”** can apply to leaders or judges. Scripture seems to include the marriages of the **“sons of God”** with the **“daughters of men”** together with the existence and behavior of the *nephilim*—**“the mighty men of old”** as both contributing to the conditions that led God to bring on the flood. This behavior included: **“wickedness”** said to be **“great in the earth”** (Gen. 6:5a); thoughts that were **“evil continually”** (Gen. 6:5b); behavior that made the earth **“corrupt”** filling it **“with violence”** (Gen. 6:11); and as a result of their influence **“all flesh had corrupted their way”** (Gen. 6:12). Clearly, those in authority before the flood did not discourage such conduct, but they actually advanced this wickedness.

We may conclude, therefore, that the *nephilim* were notable men of the pre-flood world who, rather than leading their generation in godly behavior, contributed to its moral downfall. In spite of their prominence or size, their wickedness, violence, ►

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and corrupt behavior led to their ultimate destruction in the flood. The *nephilim* encountered by the Israelites in Canaan were men of similar character, size, and violent behavior. They were not monsters, but great men who were also ultimately brought down.

### ENDNOTES

1. Aquila used the Greek word *epiptontes* meaning, “fall upon, or over” (LSJ) and Symmachus used the word *biaioi* meaning “forcible, violent” (*ibid.*).
2. It is important to remember that ancient Hebrew was first written without vowels. It was not until sometime between 500-900 AD that a system of vowel pointing was applied to the text to preserve pronunciation. As such it must be recognized that in the original text one would read *nphlm* and determine from the context the proper vocalization. This seems unusual to English speakers

but even in Israel today Modern Hebrew is generally written without vowels.

3. The King James Version puts this “**which come of the giants** (*nephilim*)” as if this they are descended from a family or species known as *nephilim*. Many other translations communicate this same sense but don’t italicize the words “**come from**” to indicate that it is an editorial addition (NKJV, cf. ASV, RSV, NIV, ESV). While the Hebrew preposition *min*, used in this text, often means, “from” it is translated most frequently “among” or “with” in the King James Version. That sense would be more fitting here, in the fact that this describes something about these people, not their ancestry or race.
4. This was certainly a remarkable height, but even in modern times, according to Guinness World Records, in 1940 a man named Robert Wadlow was measured at a height of 8’ 11”.
5. Two pseudepigraphical works written during this period popularized this notion: *The Book of Enoch*, and the *Book*

*of Jubilees*. To these writers of religious fiction the “giants” were not just humans of great height, but monsters 3000 cubits (or 5000 feet) tall (*Enoch* 7.2; cf. 4Q201, 202)! The first century Jewish writers Philo and Josephus accepted this view, but believed that the offspring of angels and women were demons (Philo, *On the Giants* 6-7; Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews* 1.3.1). The second century Christian apologist Justin Martyr believed the same thing but argued that the demons supposedly born from such unions actually did the legendary deeds the Greeks and Romans attributed to their false gods (*Second Apology* 5.3-6).

6. The Alexandrian manuscript of the Septuagint actually reads “angels of God” in Genesis 6:2, although most Septuagint manuscripts read “sons of God.”

7. Ezekiel 32:27 uses wording very similar to this, referring to “**the mighty** (*gibborim*) **that are fallen** (*nophelim*)” (ASV). *kmpope@att.net, Amarillo, TX*



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By David Dann

# Did Jesus Affirm A Gay Couple?



While driving along the interstate I recently noticed a large billboard, sponsored by a pro-homosexual agenda group, which states: “Jesus affirmed a gay couple.” The billboard includes Matthew 8:5-13 as a Scripture reference in support of this bold assertion. Does the passage in question contain a story of Jesus interacting in an approving manner with a homosexual couple? Matthew 8:5-13 reads as follows:

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” . . . Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

**1. The passage makes no mention of a “gay couple.”** The story recorded in Matthew 8:5-13 is one in which Jesus responds to the faith of a centurion by miraculously healing the centurion’s servant. The text is devoid of even the slightest

hint of a “gay couple,” of homosexual behavior, or of the Lord affirming the practice of homosexuality. Only one with a perverted mind would attempt to read such things into the story. Truly, “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled” (Tit. 1:15).

## **2. What about passages that do mention homosexuality?**

Rather than attempt to use a story in Matthew which has nothing to do with homosexuality to promote the homosexual agenda, why does the billboard not instead focus on Romans, which says of the Gentiles, “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due” (Rom. 1:26-27)? If homosexual behavior is under discussion, then why not make reference to a passage that actually addresses homosexual behavior, such as 1 Corinthians, which states: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor. 6:9-10)? If the topic of discussion is the Bible’s treatment of homosexuality, then why not

examine those passages in Scripture which directly address that topic?

**3. Jesus did condemn homosexuality.** Contrary to the blasphemous claim that, “Jesus affirmed a gay couple,” Scripture demonstrates that He actually denounced homosexuality as sinful. For example, Jesus said, “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies” (Matt. 15:18-19). The term “fornications” (Gr. *porneia*) is defined as: “(1) illicit sexual intercourse (a) adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism...” (*Strong’s data, Bibleworks 4.0*). Jesus did address homosexuality in the book of Matthew; He condemned it in Matthew 15, rather than affirming it in Matthew 8.

## **CONCLUSION**

Do not be deceived by the shameful and deceptive tactics of those who promote the homosexual agenda. Jesus never “affirmed” the sinful condition of any sinner, but rather demands of sinners that they “sin no more” (John 5:14).



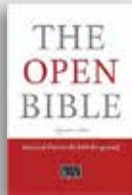
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By Dick Blackford

# The “Pattern Controversy”

**B**rethren who treat the Bible as but a book of principles to follow, but argue vehemently that God did not give us patterns to follow, have become more emboldened in their newly found “truth.” Men such as Max Lucado, Rubel Shelly, Al Maxey, Cecil Hook (deceased), and others have been quite vocal. Lucado said, “The Bible is a love letter as opposed to a blueprint ... for me, for years, Christianity was a moral code. It is now become a love affair. For years there were rules and regulations, now it’s a relationship” (*Tulsa World*, March 12, 1989) (December, 1996 radio program over KJAR, Lubbock, TX). Shelly said, “I reject pattern theology.... I am not looking for a pattern, I am looking for a person” (Missouri St. Church of Christ, West Memphis AR, April 20-21, 1990). Cecil Hook regarded God’s commands as “divine directives” and that we are to follow the principles, not the specifics. Al Maxey says he doesn’t deny “the presence of a biblical ‘pattern’ (if one feels compelled to employ such a term),” but he believes it is “limited” to patterning ourselves after Jesus. Otherwise, he is not reluctant to label brethren who believe God has given us patterns that identify the New Testament church in its work, worship, etc. He has manufactured every derogatory phrase imaginable to describe these brethren as having a “legalistic and patternistic mindset,” “factionalists,” “Calcified Callous Recalcitrants,” as practicing “Copy Cat Christianity,” etc. Although these brethren previously believed instrumental music in worship was unauthorized,

they now believe it is permissible and will argue for the right to use it and that the Lord’s Supper is not limited to the first day of the week.

## IS GOD A PATTERN-GIVING GOD?

In building the tabernacle God told Moses to “make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mount” (Exod. 25:40; Heb. 8:5). Beyond a shadow of a doubt, there is absolutely no reason to misunderstand that God gave Moses a pattern and He intended for him to follow it in all things. Now, imagine Moses arguing, “Wait Lord. I’m trying to follow a person, not a pattern!” When Moses followed the pattern, he was following the person! That would have fallen just as flat with God as it does for those who so argue today. Did God’s giving such a pattern and Moses’ following it mean they both had a “legalistic and patternistic mindset”? Rejecting the pattern is to reject the God who gave it.

God gave a pattern for Noah to build the ark. Suppose Noah had said, “God, I just want to follow the principle, not the plan.” Not only did God give a pattern for the tabernacle, He also gave one to Moses for making the ark of the covenant, including how it was to be moved. Imagine Moses saying, “Lord, if you keep giving me patterns, you are going to turn me into a ‘Calcified Callous Recalcitrant!’”

David said, “O, how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psa. 119:97). Was David being legalistic? No, the reason he loved the law was

because he loved the Lawgiver! Why can brethren not understand that there are conservative brethren today who love God’s laws and His patterns because they love the One who gave them? Love for God is what motivates me to endeavor to follow those patterns and to teach others to do so.

You will notice that God’s telling Moses to “make all thing according to the pattern” is repeated in the New Testament (Heb. 8:5). Was that just intended to take up space, or is there a lesson that we are supposed to learn? What lesson would it be other than that we also are to follow the patterns God has given us? Paul said, “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom.15:4). What is it that we are supposed to learn from Moses making all things according to the pattern? Let these brethren tell us. And notice also that these things written before give us comfort and hope? How so, if there is no pattern to follow?

Concerning the disobedience of Israel and the punishment and consequences that came upon them, Paul said, “now all these things happened to them as examples...” (1 Cor. 10:11). Examples to whom? “...And they were written for *our* admonition upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” That’s us! Notice, in both of these passages God saw fit that these things were *written* (and likewise *preserved*) for **us**. If they are not significant to our obedience then they are



just wasted space. But consider also that they are “for our admonition (warning).” What warning are we to receive about their disobedience? That it will be recompensed and that God will only tolerate it for so long.

When the pattern for transporting the ark of the covenant was not followed, at least 50,071 people died, including Uzzah. If such things were written for our learning and admonition, what are we to learn and what is the warning for those of us for whom this was written? What is the application? How could anybody miss it?

## **TWO SEPARATE ISSUES**

Denying that God gave us patterns is a distinct issue from seeking to ascertain what is included or not included in those patterns. When brethren take the position that “patternism” is foolishness, then we are in a different ball park than we are with brethren who believe God has given us patterns but they may disagree on whether some things are incidental or required. If a brother who does believe God has given us patterns should be found to be inconsistent in his application, that does not mitigate in the least against the fact that God has given us patterns to follow. Man’s inconsistency proves nothing about how God has instructed us. It only serves as a smokescreen.

## **DID GOD GIVE A PATTERN IN MARRIAGE?**

Sometimes the truth can be better seen by looking at the consequences of not following the patterns God gave. God gave a pattern in marriage. When Jesus was questioned about marriage, He went back to *the original pattern* (Matt. 19:4; Gen. 1:27; 2:21-24). That pattern included one man and one woman. It did not include any other combination or

alternatives. Advocates of the “new morality” and “situation ethics” don’t believe we have a definite pattern to follow. Some religious folks have even tried to justify sodomite marriages and polygamy from the Scriptures.

If there is no pattern in marriage, then anything goes – and eventually everything will. It is not merely freedom that some are after, it is a “free-for-all.” If there is no pattern, who can condemn sodomy, polygamy, polyandry, pedophilia, fornication, adultery, bestiality, etc.?

## **DID GOD GIVE A PATTERN TO THE PLAN OF SALVATION?**

When one takes what the New Testament says concerning the response God wants from man in order for him to enter into Christ and be saved from his sins, he will find that God has a pattern that is the same for all who can read with understanding. If man is to have faith, he must first hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17). This means to hear with understanding, for tiny babies can hear it audibly without understanding. If he is to have saving faith (from the heart, Rom. 10:10), he must repent of his sins (Acts 17:30; 2:38). He must be willing to confess his faith (Rom. 10:10). And he must be willing to be baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins (Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 2:38; 22:16). This baptism is a burial and this obedience must come from the heart (Rom. 6:17).

If there is no pattern, then there may be as many ways to be saved as there are people. Some brethren who deny God has given us patterns have followed this to its logical conclusion and have decided to fellowship those who had water sprinkled on them as infants. Cecil Hook didn’t believe we should be dogmatic over whether baptism is sprinkling, pouring, or dipping the head. Such compromising

of the truth is not what it means to be “free in Christ.” It means a “free-for-all” in which anything goes. Thus, Max Lucado can instruct listeners on the radio to pray the sinner’s prayer to be saved instead of telling them what Peter said (Acts 2:38).

## **IS THERE A PATTERN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH?**

Christ is the head of the universal church (Col. 1:18). The universal church has no other organizational structure. While they were alive, the apostles had authority given to them by Jesus and they were guided by the Holy Spirit to preach and reveal truth.

In the local church, God’s pattern included that elders (overseers of the flock) be appointed and that men be appointed as deacons as special servants along with all the saints (Phil. 1:1). He even gave a pattern for their qualifications (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-9). God made no provision for apostolic succession after their work was completed.

If there is no pattern for the organization of His people, then anybody can be appointed to oversee the congregation. Tell the Disciples of Christ that “there is no pattern” and they will say, “Great! We can have a Missionary Society and we can appoint a President over us!” Tell the Methodists “there is no pattern” and they will respond, “Great! We can have The Methodist Conference and regional bishops.” The Baptists can have their Southern Baptist Convention. The Catholics will respond, “Great! We can have a universal bishop (pope), along with the college of cardinals, archbishops, dioceses, and we can have a headquarters in Rome.” And our brethren can have their “Sponsoring Church”

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arrangement. Or, has God, by general authority, authorized *all* of these?

The very moment you object to *any* of these, you have said there is a pattern that has been violated and you need to show us what it is.

### DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT REVEAL A PATTERN FOR OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP?

Jesus said worship must be in spirit and truth (John 4:24). This worship included singing and making melody in the heart (1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19). Prayer and preaching were also included (1 Cor. 14; Acts 20:7). Paul gave instruction on partaking of the Lord’s Supper in the assembly (1 Cor. 11:20-34). Inspiration tells us that “the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread” (Acts 20:7). Churches were also ordered to take their collections on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1, 2). Of course, all worship and service must be from the heart and out of a love for God (1 John 5:3).

My wife and I studied with a couple who were of the “Pentecostal holiness” persuasion and had grown up in a church that handles snakes in their collective worship. The man told us of his mother playing the piano while a big rattlesnake lay on top of the piano at eye level while she was playing. I have never questioned the sincerity of these people.

Suppose a group of new converts were to start attending where Al Maxey preaches whose background was in a snake-handling church. They sincerely feel that handling serpents in the worship tests and strengthens their faith and makes them feel closer to God. What would he do? Would his only objection be that “it’s dangerous”? Or would he object that snake handling was never included in the worship of the New

Testament church and that it violates the pattern of what *is* included? If he did that would it make him a dreaded “legalistic patternist”? What if they charged him with that? How could he deny it? The same could be said if other converts wanted to bring in religious dancing, incense, lighting of candles, the rosary, etc.? For the sake of unity, brother Maxey is willing to accept instrumental music. Would he accept these other things for the same reason?

The point is, when you say there is no pattern, you have opened a door that will become exceedingly difficult to close, if not impossible. It then becomes a free-for-all in the assemblies and one can often see the results of that in some of the contemporary electronic churches.

In the debate on instrumental music between Alan Highers and Given O. Blakely (1987), Blakely (from the Christian Church) contended that “worship is a right thing to do and there is no wrong way to do it.” He was saying, “There is no pattern.” If that be the case, then anything goes.

### IS THERE A PATTERN FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH?

The local church has a mission to *evangelize* (1 Thess. 1:7, 8). Paul said the church at Thessalonica had become an example to all that believe. The church is “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). The churches in Antioch and Philippi were also such examples (Acts 14:26; Phil. 4:15, 16). The local church is to *edify* its members (1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 4:12, 16). Further, the local church has certain saints whose benevolent needs were to be met (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; etc.). These are the things God included in the work of local churches.

But “the people sat down to eat

and drink (in the ‘fellowship hall’) and they rose up to play (in the gymnasium)” and a whole new area of recreation and entertainment became the work of many congregations, consisting of Super Bowl Parties, birthday parties, wedding and baby showers, anniversary celebrations, ping pong and pool tables, video games, TV lounges, etc. It has not yet reached an end. If brethren continue to follow the denominations, they will also have bowling alleys, swimming pools, McDonald’s, SubWay, Starbucks, etc. The only scripture given is that “it keeps the young people off the street.” In many cases, the place where church members play is larger than the place in which they worship. Other “social gospel” projects include screenings for various physical maladies, polling places for voters in the elections, etc.

If “there is no pattern,” then anything goes and there is no wrong way to do it. This doctrine takes authority away from God and gives more to man. No wonder the doctrine is so attractive and many are taking the easy course of least resistance! No wonder some advocate mixing the Lord’s Supper with a common meal as do brother Maxey, John Mark Hicks (formerly with Harding Graduate School), F. LaGard Smith (Pepperdine University), J. Stephen Sandifer (lecturer at Abilene Christian University), and others. No wonder many no longer object (and actually defend) instrumental music in worship.

### A CASE IN POINT: THE “DISCIPLES OF CHRIST”

The seed began with the introduction of the “missionary society” in 1849. There was no pattern that would forbid it. The same was true for instrumental music in 1859. These brethren eventually became known as the “Christian Church.”

Today, the “Disciples” now have a president and a convention. They have joined the COCU (“Churches of Christ Uniting,” an ecumenical group of eight denominations, some of which practice infant membership through sprinkling). In their 1987 convention in Louisville, Kentucky (*Indianapolis Star*), they refused to pass a resolution calling homosexuality a sin because medical science has not yet determined what causes it and they refused to pass a resolution saying Jesus was the only Savior. In their ecumenical mindset they were too concerned about what other world religions would think. Let’s see, no pattern in the work of the church, no pattern in the worship of the church, no pattern in the organization of the church, no pattern in the plan of salvation, no pattern in morality, and no pattern as to who is the Savior! But the truly shocking thing is that just a little over 150 years ago these would have been our brethren! Can our “no pattern” brethren today not see that they are headed down the same path as they attempt to throw off this “heavy burdensome yoke” of having to follow God’s patterns?

## QUESTIONS

Our brethren who want radical changes in the church need to answer some fair questions. (1) Is *anything* really true concerning the church, its terms of admission, its worship, its organization, and its work? (2) If so, how does one discover these truths? (3) When he puts together what God has said on any of these subjects, has he not discovered God’s patterns? (4) If nothing is really true regarding the terms of admission, worship, work, and organization of the church, then will you not agree that “anything goes”? (5) Will you not agree that the “Disciples of Christ” are right in not being dogmatic on anything?

## CONCLUSION

Jesus told the apostles to teach those whom they had baptized “to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:20). Paul said, “The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” Were they teaching “Copy-Cat Christianity”?

Many of those who want to change the church to their own liking are now contending that there are Christians in all denominations. If that is so, then they got there in one of two ways. Either they: (1) heard a denominational preacher preach the truth on the plan of salvation and they obeyed it, which is highly unlikely since the overwhelming majority don’t teach the truth on this subject; or (2) they listened to the preaching of men like Cecil Hook, Max Lucado, Rubel Shelly, Al Maxey and others and they saw no significant reason not to merge and meld in with them.

As many brethren are attempting to destroy the distinctive identifying characteristics of the New Testament church and are now fellowshipping the denominations, we need men who will stand up and not preach a squishy gospel or give an “uncertain sound” (1 Cor. 14:8) that results in many leaving the church for the denominations.

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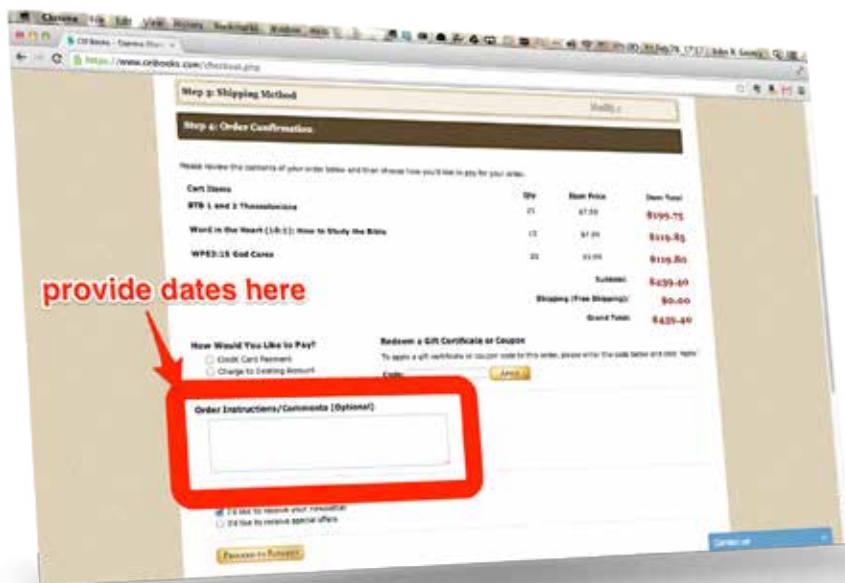
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## ***Growing A Godly Marriage and Raising Godly Children.***

David E. Pratte. Privately published, 2013. 165 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1492359425

David Pratte, a husband, a father, and a faithful gospel preacher for many years has recently published another good book. This time his topic is godly marriages and godly families. Pratte divides his book into three sections. The first section is **Marriage Preparation and Improvement**. Here, Pratte covers the topics of religion, marriage purpose and permanence, marriage maturity and love, self-control, friends, marriage roles, and sexual purity. The second section is **Solving Marriage Conflict**. In this section, Pratte discusses the importance of trust in God, respect for God's pattern of marriage, the need to express appreciation and love, how to discuss problems, and reconciliation. The third section is **Seven Keys to Raising Godly Children**.

The seven keys are: (1) purpose, (2) planning, (3) love, (4) instruction, (5) authority (control), (6) motivation: punishments and rewards, and (7) consistency. Pratte does not appeal to human wisdom as is often done today with books of this kind. He offers sound, biblical advice in each section of his book. Pratte also stays true to God's word even when discussing the difficult subjects like spanking children (see pages 140-145). Pratte doesn't just *write* about this subject, he *lives* this subject. He has practiced what he has preached here in his own marriage and family. *Growing A Godly Marriage and Raising Godly Children* is highly recommended. Get it, read it, and then pass it on!

(For other good books, booklets, and tracts by this author, see his website: [www.lighttomypath.net](http://www.lighttomypath.net).)

## ***Science vs. Evolution: A Scientist Highlights Fundamental Flaws in Atheistic Evolution.***

Jeff Miller, Ph.D. Apologetics Press, Inc., 2013. 295 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-60063-098-9

Either our universe was created (supernaturally), or it created itself (naturally). Which is it? Atheistic evolution says that our universe created itself and this belief system continues to be promoted in America's mainstream media and educational system. On the other hand, those who believe in the Bible account of how God created our universe continue to be ridiculed and dismissed. All believers, especially young Christians today, need to be informed about the fundamental flaws of atheistic evolution and they need to be able to answer the quibbles of the atheistic evolutionist. In *Science vs. Evolution*, Jeff Miller instructs the reader on the fundamental principles of evolution and how each one is in fact flawed. He demonstrates how that atheistic evolution cannot adequately explain the origin of the universe. And Miller is definitely qualified and suited to discuss this topic. He is a Christian who also holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University, with an emphasis on Navigation and Control of Biological Systems. In the first half of his book, Miller argues against atheistic evolution. In the second half of the book, he includes a number of appendices in which he answers various quibbles and arguments of

the evolutionist. Review questions are found at the end of each chapter. Miller's *Science vs. Evolution* is well-recommended for the believer and unbeliever. The Christian's faith will be bolstered. The non-Christian's skepticism will be challenged.

***The Story of the Holy Land: A Visual History.*** Peter Walker. Lion Books, 2013. 173 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-0-7459-5582-7

Once again, Peter Walker has produced another fine book telling the fascinating story and history of Palestine with text and pictures. From the time of Abraham, to modern-day border skirmishes, Palestine, or "the Holy Land," has played an important role in the world, biblically, historically, and politically. There are sites in this country that are sacred to three religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. In *The Story of the Holy Land*, Walker offers a short, but authoritative history of Palestine. The text of his book gives an overview of approximately 4,000 years of Palestine's history. Chapters 1 through 4 cover history from the time of Abraham to the destruction of Jerusalem (1950 B.C. to A.D. 70). Chapters 5 through 7 cover post-biblical history involving Roman, Muslim, and Ottoman occupation (A.D. 70 to 1948). Mixed in with the text are rich illustrations and photographs making this book a beautiful visual history. A bibliography of good books on Palestine is also included. Bible students and Bible class teachers who want a better understanding of this important Bible land will benefit greatly from Walker's *The Story of the Holy Land*.



By Ron Halbrook

# The Gospel of Christ Is the Doctrine of Christ

Matthew 28:18-20 records Jesus giving His Apostles the Great Commission in the following words:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Sinners must learn the elementary or first principles necessary to receive initial forgiveness of sins (v. 19), followed by an ongoing process of learning to grow to maturity in Christ (v. 20). Does the New Testament identify these two steps and stages separately as “preaching the gospel” and “teaching the doctrine”?

Some people claim that “preach” and “teach” are *different actions* because they claim the related words “gospel” and “doctrine” are *different in content*. They claim that “the gospel” is the elementary facts about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and is preached exclusively to sinners. Then they claim that “the doctrine” is all instructions given to saved people as they learn and grow for a lifetime, and is therefore taught exclusively to saints. This is all built on a word game of sophistry by playing on false distinctions in the terms preach, gospel, teach, and doctrine. Naturally, each word has its own meaning but not so as to distinguish the essential action or message signified.

## PREACH, GOSPEL, AND PREACHER

The terms “preach” and “teach,” and “gospel” and “doctrine,” differ only in that they each shed more light on the nature of the message and work signified, but not any difference in substance. “Preach” is from the Greek word *euangelizo* which means to announce good news, especially the good news of God’s great plan of redemption: “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and *preached* unto him Jesus” (Acts 8:35). This message of good news is the “gospel” which is translated from *euangelion*: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the *gospel* to every creature” (Mark 16:15). The person who brings the good news is *euangelistes*, an evangelist: “do the work of an *evangelist*” (2 Tim. 4:5).

The primary Greek word *euangelizo* means to announce good news, “to bring good news, to announce glad tidings ... in the N.T. used esp. of the glad tidings of the coming kingdom of God, and of the salvation to be obtained in it through Christ, and of what relates to this salvation,” “to proclaim glad tidings; spec. to instruct (men) concerning the things that pertain to Christian salvation” (Thayer, *Greek-English Lexicon*, 256). The message of good news is *euangelion*, “the glad tidings of the kingdom of God ... and ... of Jesus, the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom,” “the narrative of the sayings, deeds, and death of Jesus Christ” (Thayer, 257). The person bringing good news is

an *euangelistes*, “a bringer of good tidings, an evangelist” (Thayer, 257).

Another word for the message of truth is *kerygma*, meaning a message proclaimed by a herald: “And my speech and my *preaching* was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power” (1 Cor. 2:4). The *kerux* is the proclaimer who speaks the authoritative word of God: “Whereunto I am appointed a *preacher*, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles” (2 Tim. 1:11). The action of proclaiming the authoritative message of God is *kerusso*: “Go ye into all the world, and *preach* the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

Here is more detail about the word *kerygma*: “that which is promulgated by a herald or public crier ...; in the N.T. the message or proclamation by the heralds of God or Christ” (Thayer, 346). The messenger is *kerux*, “a herald, a messenger vested with public authority....In the N.T. God’s ambassador, and the herald or proclaimer of the divine word” (Thayer, 346). To proclaim is *kerusso*, “to proclaim after the manner of a herald,” always with the implication of an authority which must be obeyed, “spec. used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it” (Thayer, 346).

## DOCTRINE, TEACHER, AND TEACH

Next, we consider the word “doctrine.” Doctrine is that which

is taught, from the Greek word *didaskalia*: “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good *doctrine*” (1 Tim. 4:6). The teacher or instructor is *didaskalos*: “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and *teachers*” (Eph. 4:11). The action of instructing is *didasko*: “And he opened his mouth, and *taught* them” (Matt. 5:2). The instruction taught is also *didache*: “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ *doctrine* and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42).

Here is more information about *didaskalia*: “*teaching, instruction, teaching* i.e. *that which is taught, doctrine*” (Thayer, 144). The instructor is a *didaskalos*, “a *teacher*; in the N.T. one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man” (Thayer, 144). To instruct is *didasko*, “*to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourses, to teach one*: used of Jesus and the apostles uttering in public what they wished their hearers to know and remember” (Thayer, 144). That which is taught is also *didache*, “*teaching, viz. that which is taught ... the doctrine which has God, Christ, the Lord, for its author and supporter, instruction*” (Thayer, 144-145).

## VARIOUS TERMS USED AS SYNONYMS

Notice how these various words are used as synonyms. The actions called teach (*didasko*) and preach (*euangelizo*) are used interchangeably in Acts 5:42: “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to *teach* and *preach* Jesus Christ.” Let the man who claims there is a sharp distinction in these terms “teach” for five minutes and

then “preach” for five minutes to demonstrate the difference. Who would know when one action stopped and the other began? Paul said in 1 Timothy 2:7 that he was both “a *preacher (kerux)*” and “a *teacher (didaskalos)* of the Gentiles,” thus uniting two terms for one work.

Twice Matthew used identical expressions joining the action signified by teach (*didasko*) and preach (*kerusso*), and making the gospel (*euangelion*) the object of both actions. Jesus was “*teaching* in their synagogues, and *preaching* the *gospel* of the kingdom” (Matt 4:23; 9:35). When He taught, it means He preached the gospel, and when He preached the gospel, He taught. Mark records that Jesus sent the twelve out “to *preach (kerusso)*” and to heal, and after they “*preached (kerusso)* that men should repent,” they reported to him “all things, both what they had done, and what they had *taught (didasko)*” (Mark 3:14; 6:12, 30). When they preached they taught, and when they taught they preached.

No passage indicates any difference as to the content of the message based on whether the terms “preach” and “gospel” are used, or whether “teach” and “doctrine” are used. Romans 2:21 demonstrates that “teach” and “preach” are used as synonyms, and the content of preaching may be moral instruction rather than being limited to facts about the life of Jesus. “Thou therefore which *teachest (didasko)* another, *teachest (didasko)* thou not thyself? Thou that *preachest (kerusso)* a man should not steal, dost thou steal?” The claim that “gospel” is limited to elementary facts about Jesus and “doctrine” to another body of instruction is baseless.

It makes no more sense to distinguish the content of “gospel” and “doctrine” than to make similar distinctions in the terms “word,” “truth,” and “gospel.” When passages

such as Colossians 1:5 refer to “the word of the truth of the gospel,” the one divine message of salvation is signified by three terms. It makes no more sense to distinguish the content of “gospel” and “doctrine” than to make similar distinctions in the terms “law,” “testimony,” “statutes,” “commandment,” “judgments,” “ways,” “precepts,” and “words.” When Psalms 19 and 119 use these expressions, the one divine revelation of Old Testament Scripture is signified by all of these eight terms. Each term simply sheds light on the nature of God’s Word.

## DANGERS OF A FALSE DISTINCTION BETWEEN “GOSPEL” AND “DOCTRINE”

God’s message of salvation is “gospel” because it is good news and it is “doctrine” because it is conveyed to the human heart by teaching. God ordained that we must “preach” or “proclaim” the message, or to say it another way, we must “teach” it. It is foolish, factional, and futile to build a theology on subtle distinctions in these terms. Some brethren have pressed the supposed distinction to the point of causing unnecessary divisions among God’s people. We are told that after a preacher preaches “the gospel” to sinners, baptizes them into Christ, and organizes a congregation, he must soon move to another location in order to preach again to sinners because he cannot preach “the gospel” to Christians. The claim is made that elders must be appointed as teachers to teach “the doctrine” to Christians, but they cannot teach the same doctrine to sinners. In fact, all men in the church must teach (so-called “mutual edification”). The conclusion is that it is sinful for a preacher to remain located with and supported by a local church which has elders. He would be committing sin by preaching

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“the gospel” to Christians! This false conclusion is built on a false premise.

Other brethren have used the supposed distinction between “gospel” and “doctrine” to promulgate unity-in-doctrinal-diversity. They go down the path of ecumenical unity such as is proposed by advocates of interdenominational programs and agendas. The claim is made that Christians are united by a common “gospel.” “The gospel” is generally defined to include elementary facts about Christ such as His death, burial, and resurrection, and elementary conditions for receiving forgiveness such as faith, repentance, and baptism. Only what leads to primary conversion is “gospel.”

Next, we are told that Christians can maintain unity and fellowship while differing over faith and practice involving “the doctrine.” This unity-in-doctrinal-diversity includes a wide range of matters such as using instrumental music in worship, social gospel practices, institutionalism, women leading prayers or preaching in the assembly, premillennialism, the A.D. 70 doctrine (Jerusalem’s fall was the end of the world and the final judgment), and divorce and remarriage. Some claim there is room under this umbrella for those who differ in faith and practice over a much wider range of moral issues such as drinking alcohol, gambling, abortion, and homosexual sins.

Eventually, there is a movement to shift faith, repentance, and baptism from the category of “gospel” to the category of “doctrine.” At this point brethren are ready to participate in ecumenical activities with denominational preachers and bodies. Eventually other shifts are proposed: 1. Perhaps the virgin birth of Jesus is “doctrine” rather than “gospel.” 2. There is room for different views about whether the resurrection of Jesus was literal or

figurative – perhaps this too is a matter of “doctrine” not “gospel.”

In reality, this whole Pandora’s box sits on a false foundation: the false distinction between “gospel” and “doctrine.”

Neither the Holy Spirit nor the Apostle John used this false dichotomy of “gospel” and “doctrine.” By divine inspiration John wrote in 2 John 9-11,

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

John here speaks of matters which involve broken fellowship, which according to the “gospel” and “doctrine” theory involves matters of “gospel” not “doctrine.” But, John said people who advocate a doctrine different from the original doctrine of Christ destroy their fellowship with God and with faithful brethren! Did the Holy Spirit and John make a mistake? Should the passage say “abideth not in the gospel of Christ” rather than “the doctrine of Christ”? Men attempting to escape John’s strict doctrinal standard of truth insist he referred only to the doctrine that Jesus is the Christ, and thus we abuse the passage by applying it to such issues as instrumental music. Really? Then, again, it seems the Spirit and John erred by using the word “doctrine” when it should be “gospel,” according to the theory!

No, the Holy Spirit and John did not err because “the gospel of Christ” is “the doctrine of Christ” and “the doctrine of Christ” is “the gospel of Christ.” Men err in making a false

distinction between these synonyms, which leads to other false doctrines such as unity-in-doctrinal-diversity.

## CONCLUSION

The gospel of Christ is the doctrine of Christ and vice versa. There is no distinction as to the content of the message because “gospel” and “doctrine” are synonyms for all that Jesus taught. The authority of Christ extends to what he taught about elementary truths and conditions necessary for initial forgiveness of sins and to what he taught about what is necessary in order to grow and remain faithful in Christ. All of it is good news and all must be taught, which is why all is “gospel” and “doctrine.” The Lord is patient while new Christians seek to grow to maturity, but he expects them to grow, leaving behind the sins and errors of the past. He will not tolerate men changing the terms and conditions of his word and of our relationship with him.

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# Bible Expressions of Unity

God has always expected His people to be united. As Nehemiah pleaded with a rebuilding people, he reported, “And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate....” (Neh. 8:1).

The Psalmist said it this way: “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psa. 133:1). This study takes a look at a number of Bible expressions of unity:

**1. Stand Fast in One Spirit with One Mind.** Paul wrote the Philippians: “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in *one spirit, with one mind* striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

**2. Be Likeminded – of One Accord – of One Mind.** “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be *likeminded*, having the same love, being of *one accord, of one mind*” (Phil. 2:2). Yea, what unity!

**3. That Ye Be of the Same Mind.** “I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord” (Phil. 4:2). These must have had a different mind-set.

**4. Speak the Same Thing.** Paul admonished the Corinthians to be united as he said: “Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all *speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you*; but that

ye be *perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Cor. 1:10). A reading of 1 Corinthians 1:11-16 will help us understand what was taking place in the church at Corinth at this time.

**5. Be Ye All of One Mind.** Peter’s charge is: “Finally, *be ye all of one mind*, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous” (1 Pet. 3:8).

**6. Seven Ones of Ephesians 4:1-6.** There is *one* body, *one* Spirit, *one* hope, *one* Lord, *one* faith, *one* baptism, *one* God and Father of all. This teaching will bring about unity among God’s people.

**7. Every Kingdom, City, or House Divided Shall Not Stand.** It is well said that a divided kingdom, city, or house will not stand (Matt. 12:24-32).

**8. Unite My Heart.** “Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: *unite my heart to fear thy name*” (Ps. 86:11). We must work to have a united heart.

**9. Teach No Other Doctrine.** Paul taught Timothy to do the work of an evangelist: “...charge some that they teach no other doctrine” (1 Tim. 1:3). Unity will not allow the teaching of any other doctrine. It will include abiding “in the doctrine of Christ...” (2 John 9). This accounts for Paul saying, “...as I teach everywhere in every church” (1 Cor. 4:17). Peter wrote: “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Pet. 4:11). This kind of speaking will bring about unity!

**10. Be of the Same Mind.** “Be of the *same mind* one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits” (Rom. 12:16).

**11. Let Us Walk by the Same Rule.** Paul penned, “Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us *walk by the same rule*, let us mind the same thing” (Phil. 3:16; Gal. 6:16). The Bible is our rule book. If all follow the same rules, unity will prevail. Try it!

**12. That They All May Be One.** The prayer of Jesus was this: “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be *one*; as thou, Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be *one* in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be *one*, even as we are one” (John 17:20-22). 1 John 5:7-8 teaches that the “three are one....” The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are said to be one, because: “these three agree in one!”

We just need to teach the word of God without “addition or subtraction” (Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19). My, what unity we could then have!

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# A Universe From Nothing

**T**In the debate between Bill Nye and Ken Ham, Nye was asked about matter coming from nothing and he responded that *“He didn’t know.”* He then asked Ken Ham: *“Are you sure”* the universe came into being (out of nothing) or before something (matter) existed? Of course, Nye doesn’t know, because he wasn’t there, but he thinks it may have and is consequently still exploring the possibility.

*“Nothing”* is defined as *“something that does not exist; the absence of all magnitude or quantity; nothing.”* Hence, *“nothing”* is *“the absence of something.”* But our evolutionary friends are forever trying to come up with a new definition of *“nothing.”*

Lawrence M. Kraus, professor of Physics at Arizona State University and director of its *“Origins Project”* has recently (2012) written a book entitled *A Universe From Nothing* with an afterword by Richard Dawkins. His book became a New York Times bestseller within a week. Kraus argues that the laws of physics allow the universe to be created (start) from nothing. Kraus is an atheist activist and a self-described *“antitheist.”* He constantly ridicules and makes fun of the Bible account of creation, God, and those who believe in God. He is well known and has gained national prominence for his opposition to intelligent design.

In one of his lectures he said: *“The amazing thing is that every atom in your body came from a star that exploded. And, the atoms in your left hand probably came from a different star than your right hand. It really is the most poetic thing*

*I know about physics: You are all stardust. You couldn’t be here if stars hadn’t exploded, because the elements – the carbon, nitrogen, iron, all the things that matter for evolution – weren’t created at the beginning of time. They were created in the nuclear furnaces of stars, and the only way they could get into your body is if those stars were kind enough to explode. So, forget Jesus. The stars died so that you could be here today”* (his audience broke into applause). He further said, *“Science is only truly consistent with an atheistic worldview.”* *“I can’t prove that God doesn’t exist, but I’d much rather live in a universe without one.”* *“The Bible is full of dubious scientific impossibilities, from Jonah living inside a whale to the sun standing still in the sky for Joshua.”*

When listening to him, and reading his writings one gets the impression, that with him, arrogance, humorous ridicule, and scientific jargon equates to *“smartness”* and *“intellectualism.”*

Also, concerning this matter of *“nothingness,”* Dr. Michio Kaku (seen on TV quite often for his scientific expertise) wrote of the *“string theory”* or *“string physics,”* saying the *“string theory could inform us about the events that allegedly happened before the Big Bang.”* When asked, *“If strings created everything, what created the antecedent space and time?”* Kaku responded: *“The probable answer is that space, time, and everything around us come from nothingness.”* He was then asked, *“Nothingness is actually filled with physical reality?”* He matter-of-factly responded,

*“That’s right. We think nothingness is actually chock-full of interactions.”* Hmmmm, but wait a minute, wouldn’t *“interactions”* necessitate the presence of *“some things”*?

Talk about a sleight of hand coming from the same man! If there ever were a time when nothing (zero matter or energy) existed, then nothing would currently exist. But these supposedly brilliant men, when asked to define *“nothing,”* simply say that *“nothing is really something.”*

Changing the definition of nothing to something will not solve the problem that atheists have for explaining the existence of matter, at least to the minds of those who are not too gullible to think and reason for themselves. These *“string”* and *“Big Bang”* theories, and every other materialistic and naturalistic theory, fall woefully short of explaining the existence of the universe. The most accurate statement that has ever been made concerning origins is found in the first verse of the Bible: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (Gen. 1:1). But, that’s not all. Speaking of the Word (Jesus), John said: *“He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made”* (John 1: 2-3). To the Colossians Paul wrote: *“For by Him (Jesus) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible ... all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and in Him all things consist”*

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# “Repentance”

by Kenneth J. Fleeman

**R**epentance is a pivotal event in one’s spiritual life. It is the first of many acts of obedience that will eventually bring one safely to his eternal destiny. It is a necessary step in meeting God’s expectations as His creation. This was a crucial point in Paul’s sermon to the Athenians. “Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising....Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent...” (Acts 17:16-34). It was time for these very religious people to change their behavior. How foolish to worship metals or stones crafted by men when their own Creator demanded their affection!

Repentance is a process. It begins with a change of heart and ends with a change in behavior. In the case of the Athenians, it was necessary for them to gain knowledge of God. This was followed by knowledge of God’s expectations. Thus repentance begins with *conviction*. We most often think of conviction as being found guilty in a court of law. The Jews on the day of Pentecost were convicted when they learned that they had murdered the Christ. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest

of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” (Acts 2:37).

The individuals asking this question demonstrated the next step in repentance, *contrition*. To be contrite is to be sorry for what one has done. This tender condition indicates the heart is ready to make amends. The Corinthians felt this way after Paul’s stern rebuke. “Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death” (2 Cor. 7:9, 10). Godly sorrow is necessary. One must feel guilt and regret in order to prompt repentance.

God further expects confession. King David demonstrated a contrite heart when he confessed the following:

For I acknowledge my  
transgressions,  
And my sin is always before me.  
Against You, You only,  
have I sinned,  
And done this evil in Your sight  
That You may be found just  
when You speak,  
And blameless when You  
judge (Psa. 51:3, 4).

It is our nature to hide our faults and deny our transgressions. Faith in God demands that we trust Him and each other with our weakness. “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (Jas. 5:16). We should not fear confessing to God for He already knows. Nor should we fear confessing to men for all have sins to confess. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8, 9).

Confession is followed by *renunciation*. We are to distance ourselves from sin. “Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon” (Isa 55:7). We benefit from God’s grace only if we stop sinning. “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (Rom. 6:1, 2).

Many mistakenly believe that repentance eliminates the need to make *restitution*. Upon spending a few hours with Jesus, Zacchaeus

came to the conclusion that he would restore anything he had wrongfully gained. Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold” (Luke 19:8). Nowhere in Scripture do we find that repentance negates punishment or restitution for our transgressions. When we repent, are we not restoring to God what was rightfully His creation?

Repentance may also be described as a *reformation*. We often scoff at the idea of reforming criminals. God, however, knows our potential. “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone

cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Tim. 2:19-21).

The Apostle Paul certainly practiced what he preached in this regard. “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance” (Acts 26:19, 20).

Baptism completes the *transformation* that is repentance. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Remember that repentance begins with a change of heart (“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you

may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God,” Rom. 12:2) and ends with a change in behavior (“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life,” Rom. 6:4)! This is why Peter prescribed repentance and baptism as the remedy for sin. “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

Original outline by E.L. Flannery entitled “Bible Repentance” in *Favorite Sermon Outlines*.



(Col.1: 16-17). In Hebrews 11: 3, we read: “*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*” Psalms 33: 6, 9 says: “*By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth....*”

*For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”*

So, when Bill Nye the science guy says that “we don’t know the origin of man, we are still exploring it,” and when Lawrence Kraus says, “You were created in the furnace of stars and are all stardust” and when Machio Kaku explains that

“everything around us that happened before the Big Bang came from nothingness,” the Christian is able to point them to a Book that will help them to know of our origin.

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by David Halbrook

# Medicinal Use of Alcohol

When the subject of “alcohol and the Bible” comes up, it is common that passages related to the medicinal use of alcohol also come up, along with various studies about the possible health benefits of the regular, moderate use of alcohol. What do these passages and scientific studies teach us?

In 1 Timothy 5:23, Paul recommended that Timothy use *a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities*. Clearly, wine was the simplest solution for Timothy's current condition. Paul was not recommending it as a general “health drink,” as some claim it is. Today, we do the same when we take cough medicine that contains alcohol. People who drink Budweiser for the pleasure but claim it is for their illness will answer to God for abusing His Word.

Proverbs 31:6-7 recommends intoxicating drink for *him who is perishing and bitter of heart*. This is the same person, just as in verse 2 “my son,” “the son of my womb,” and “son of my vows” is the same person and in verse 4 “not for kings to drink wine” means the same as “nor for princes intoxicating drink.” This repetition (called “parallelism”) is found throughout Proverbs. Clearly, God permits the pain associated with death to be dulled by wine (alcohol). Today, morphine is often given for the same purpose. This proverb neither justifies the social, moderate use of morphine nor alcohol.

On a regular basis, a newspaper or evening news program will refer

to the results of the latest study which concludes that drinking wine or beer has certain health benefits. For some people, that's all they need to hear in order to feel good about their drinking. However, it is almost as common for similar studies to reach different conclusions. Here's a statement from the website of the Mayo Clinic:

Moderate alcohol consumption may provide some health benefits. It may:

- Reduce your risk of developing and dying from heart disease
- Possibly reduce your risk of ischemic stroke (when the arteries to your brain become narrowed or blocked, causing severely reduced blood flow)
- Possibly reduce your risk of diabetes

Even so, the evidence about the possible health benefits of alcohol isn't certain, and alcohol may not benefit everyone who drinks (<http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-living/nutrition-and-healthy-eating/in-depth/alcohol/art-20044551>, accessed 5-26-14).

Notice the lack of certainty in this statement – “may provide ... It may ..., possibly ..., isn't certain....” The blanket statement that “moderate alcohol consumption is good for your health” is not a scientific fact. The facts show that for every possible health benefit you can name for drinking alcohol, there is also some health risk or damage.

A study released in mid-July (2009, *dh*), for instance,

found that moderate alcohol consumption reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease in women by increasing the amount of “good” cholesterol in the bloodstream and reducing blood sugar levels.

But other studies have linked a daily drink, most often wine, to reduced risk of dementia, bone loss and physical disabilities related to old age. Wine also has been found to increase life expectancy and provide potential protection against some forms of cancer, including esophageal cancer and lymphoma.

But don't invest in that case of Pinot noir just yet.

Experts with the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association say that though these studies do show some benefits to moderate drinking, the health risks from alcohol consumption far outweigh the potential rewards.

Drinking any alcohol at all is known to increase your risk for contracting a number of types of cancer, said Susan Gapstur, vice president of epidemiology for the American Cancer Society. These include cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon/rectum and breast (<http://consumer.healthday.com/general-health-information-16/misc-alcohol-news-13/drinking-your-way-to-health-perhaps-not-629696.html>, accessed 5-26-14).

If you are going to base your personal habits upon science's “stamp of approval,” then what will you do

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with science's stamps of disapproval? Will you also justify the personal, moderate use of marijuana, cocaine, LSD, ecstasy, and ketamine (street name is "Special K")? Apparently, certain chemicals in all of these "party drugs" do or may have some health benefits. Some studies also show that cursing, gambling, sex (which includes sex outside of marriage), same sex marriage, and smoking have or may have health benefits. (If you would like my sources for these

studies and statements, contact me or do your own internet search.)

Clearly, if we are trying to please God, we cannot base our life upon the studies and conclusions of scientists. What we must do is go to the Bible to find out whether the way we are seeking pleasure or good health has God's approval. Yes, God approves of alcohol being used to treat an illness, but once the illness is over, so is the need for alcohol. Yes, God approves

of alcohol being used in the case of someone who we believe is dying, but if they surprisingly recover, where is God's approval for the ongoing use of the drink? Yes, God has given permission for the medicinal use of alcohol, but let's be sure we are not rewriting His prescription.

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by Bobby Graham

# Q & A

## QUESTION: Why was the “church” used to translate the Greek *ekklesia*?

**ANSWER:** Brother Weldon Warnock asked that I deal with this question about two to three years ago. After he made his request, I set about trying to locate some materials upon which I might base my answer. I had heard some things which might be true, but I did not wish to base my answer on hearsay. While not a Bible question, I do find it one in which Bible students will likely find some interest. I do regret that answering this question took so long that our beloved and esteemed brother passed from this world without seeing the answer.

I here quote from a work by Dr. Laurence M. Vance called *A Brief History of the King James Bible*, because most readers will find it sufficiently interesting to include it here:

Fifteen general rules were advanced for the guidance of the translators:

1. The ordinary Bible read in the Church, commonly called the Bishops Bible, to be followed, and as little altered as the Truth of the original will permit.
2. The names of the Prophets, and the Holy Writers, with the other Names of the Text, to be retained, as nigh as may be, accordingly as they were vulgarly used.
3. The Old Ecclesiastical Words to be kept, viz. the Word Church not to be translated Congregation &c.
4. When a Word hath divers

Significations, that to be kept which hath been most commonly used by the most of the Ancient Fathers, being agreeable to the Propriety of the Place, and the Analogy of the Faith.

5. The Division of the Chapters to be altered, either not at all, or as little as may be, if Necessity so require.
6. No Marginal Notes at all to be affixed, but only for the explanation of the Hebrew or Greek Words, which cannot without some circumlocution, so briefly and fitly be expressed in the Text.
7. Such Quotations of Places to be marginally set down as shall serve for the fit Reference of one Scripture to another.
8. Every particular Man of each Company, to take the same Chapter or Chapters, and having translated or amended them severally by himself, where he thinketh good, all to meet together, confer what they have done, and agree for their Parts what shall stand.
9. As any one Company hath dispatched any one Book in this Manner they shall send it to the rest, to be considered of seriously and judiciously, for His Majesty is very careful in this Point.
10. If any Company, upon the Review of the Book so sent, doubt or differ upon any Place, to send them Word thereof; note the Place, and withal send

the Reasons, to which if they consent not, the Difference to be compounded at the general Meeting, which is to be of the chief Persons of each Company, at the end of the Work.

11. When any Place of special Obscurity is doubted of, Letters to be directed by Authority, to send to any Learned Man in the Land, for his Judgement of such a Place.
12. Letters to be sent from every Bishop to the rest of his Clergy, admonishing them of this Translation in hand; and to move and charge as many skilful in the Tongues; and having taken pains in that kind, to send his particular Observations to the Company, either at Westminster, Cambridge, or Oxford.
13. The Directors in each Company, to be the Deans of Westminster, and Chester for that Place; and the King's Professors in the Hebrew or Greek in either University.
14. These translations to be used when they agree better with the Text than the Bishops Bible: Tyndale's, Matthew's, Coverdale's, Whitchurch's, Geneva.
15. Besides the said Directors before mentioned, three or four of the most Ancient and Grave Divines, in either of the Universities, not employed in Translating, to be assigned by the vice-Chancellor, upon Conference



with the rest of the Heads, to be Overseers of the Translations as well Hebrew as Greek, for the better observation of the 4th Rule above specified.

The reader probably has noticed rule number three concerning “old ecclesiastical words” already in common use in England. Specified there is the exact word about which Weldon inquired – the word *ekklesia*. The words of this nature already being used by the Church of England were to be retained, by Royal decree.

Further study of the etymology of the English word “church” helps to explain how it was used of a group of

people, a congregation, though the King ordered that “congregation” not be used in the new translation, the King James Bible. We must express a disclaimer here: etymology does not prove the meaning of a word, though it does historically influence the word’s spelling and meaning. In this case, “church” evolved through several languages (Middle English, Old English, Western Germanic, Gothic, and late Greek) to come into the English language with its meaning of “the Lord’s house.” In other words, the history of this word reflects its application to the meeting house of the people, instead of the people themselves. In the New Testament

the meaning is the people of the Lord, not the building where they gather. Of course, usage over the centuries has changed the meaning of “church,” so that it now often refers to the people.

A lesson to be gained from this study is that we need to allow the Bible to define the words which it uses, not men like kings or popes. Meaning is best learned from usage in a given context, not from the word’s history (etymology).

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### **Christophobia or Christianophobia** [cont. from p. 2]

Christians expressing their beliefs: abortion, homosexuality, same-sex marriage, homosexual adoptions, sex outside of wedlock, polygamous marriages, no-fault divorce, creation, evolution, intelligent design, a young earth, climate change, and non-Christian religions. Anyone who affirms and asserts that there is an absolute truth on any of these topics is methodically marginalized as narrow-minded, divisive, and mean-spirited. Christianophobia is spreading like a virus in America.

If an Evangelical decides to run for office, the media descends upon him with malicious intent to destroy his influence among the electorate. When he makes a gaffe in a speech, as all politicians do, his gaffe is broadcast on TV, radio, and internet outlets, lengthy commentaries on what he said are written, and voters are admonished not to elect such a radical extremist. However, should the political gaffe come

from one of the media’s favorites, his gaffe is humorously reported and excused as a slip of the tongue followed by an explanation of what he intended to say. The message is unambiguous: Christians are not welcomed in the public forum. We are told that religion should not influence public decisions, as if there were any politician who did not allow his religious beliefs to affect his judgments. (Atheism, agnosticism, Islam, modernism, etc. are just as certainly religious beliefs as is Christianity, albeit religious beliefs different from what Jesus taught. No man is free from biases.)

Our society bends over backward to express their love for Islam, in spite of the fact that nearly 100% of terrorist acts in our country and, to a large degree, around the world are somehow related to Islamic teaching. Rather than holding Islam responsible for teaching that contributes to terrorism

when an obvious Islamic-linked terrorist act occurs, every broadcast network emphasizes that the ones guilty should not be considered representative of the beautiful Muslim faith. The newscasters remind us that the religion of Islam has been hijacked by a radical element, similar to snake handlers in the Christian religion. (I do not remember any snake handlers flying planes into buildings to kill thousands of innocents, beheading those who believe a different religion from themselves, calling upon its disciples to kill anyone speaking blasphemy about their prophets or the Christ, putting on explosive vests and detonating them where they can kill the most innocent bystanders.)

In the Middle East, from Morocco to Pakistan, there is scarcely a single country in which Christians can worship without harassment (with the exception of Israel). For example, on September 22, 2013, a twin

suicide bomb attack took place at All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing 127 people and injuring 250. The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan-linked Islamist group Jundallah claimed responsibility for the attack. (For a list of Islamic terror attacks against Christians since 9/11, see <http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/pages/christianattacks.htm>.) Many Christians have had to leave their homes and flee the countries of their birth to escape persecution and the threat of death.

## THE BIBLE FORETOLD THAT SAINTS WOULD SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

Because Christianity threatens sin and darkness, Satan's agents have a mission to destroy Christianity. The Lord warned His first-century disciples that they would be hated by those who despised Jesus. Regarding first-century Jewish antagonists, Jesus said,

Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a

father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! (Matt. 10:15-25).

Peter spoke of the persecution of Christians in Asia Minor in the mid-first century as follows:

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls (1 Pet. 1:6-9).

The beloved apostle John described Satan's warfare against the church in the book of Revelation. Unable to defeat the earthly Jesus, the Devil turned his attention against the church (Rev. 12:17). The result was persecution against the church. In the loosing of the fifth seal, John saw this:

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried

with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed (Rev. 6:9-11).

We are disappointed when we look at what is happening in the early twenty-first century in the United States, but should not be surprised. Why would we expect the treatment of God's people to be different today from what it was in the first century? The enemy is the same (the Devil), although he is using different people to accomplish his same purpose – the destruction of Christians. In Islamic states, many professing Christianity have already lost their places of worship, homes, and lives; in America, Christians already are being marginalized, leaving many wondering what might be forthcoming.

## CONCLUSION

It saddens Christians that America has gone through a cultural shift from that of favoring Christianity toward a secular stance, a state-sponsored atheism with the enforcement of moral relativity. Anyone who opposes that transition is politically marginalized. Like the Communists, the political left fears those who cannot be intimidated by the threat of force, namely those who fear Christ more than government. Consequently, "Christianophobia" is growing in America toward one of the most passive groups in its population.



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<p><b>FL</b> <b>MIAMI</b> Church of Christ Eglise du Christ de Miami 8343 NE 3rd Ct. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Minister: Junot Joseph (305) 244-8295</p>	<p><b>FL</b> <b>PANAMA CITY BEACH</b> Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 234-2521</p>	<p><b>HI</b> <b>ISLAND OF OAHU</b> Leeward Church of Christ 94-1233 Waipahu St. Waipahu, HI 96797 (15 mi. from Honolulu; 18 mi. from Waikiki) Bible Study 9 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M. Wednesday 7 P.M. <a href="http://www.leewardchurchofchrist.org">www.leewardchurchofchrist.org</a> Anthony Genton: (808) 671-0239</p>	<p><b>IL</b> <b>PALATINE</b> Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 2:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>	<p><b>IN</b> <b>MARION</b> South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602 <a href="http://www.southmarionchurchofchrist.org">www.southmarionchurchofchrist.org</a></p>	<p><b>KY</b> <b>BRANDENBURG</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>
<p><b>FL</b> <b>MIAMI</b> Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest 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: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p><b>FL</b> <b>PENSACOLA</b> East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Hal Hammons (850) 479-2130 and (850) 602-8420</p>	<p><b>IA</b> <b>GRINNELL</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 521-6485 (641) 236-8883 <a href="http://www.grinnellccc.com">www.grinnellccc.com</a></p>	<p><b>IL</b> <b>SOUTH HOLLAND</b> Southeast Church of Christ 16224 S Vincennes Ave. Bible Study 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Evening 4:00 PM Wednesday 7:00 PM Evangelist: Donald Hawkins (708) 339-1008 <a href="http://www.southeastchurchofchrist.com">www.southeastchurchofchrist.com</a></p>	<p><b>IN</b> <b>OOLITIC</b> 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. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>KY</b> <b>CAMPBELLVILLE</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) AM Worship 9:30 A.M. AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M. AM Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651 <a href="http://www.sunnyhillccc.com">www.sunnyhillccc.com</a></p>
<p><b>FL</b> <b>MIAMI</b> Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 403-1437</p>	<p><b>FL</b> <b>SEFFNER</b> 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: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297 <a href="http://www.seffnerccc.org">www.seffnerccc.org</a></p>	<p><b>IA</b> <b>DES MOINES</b> Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p><b>IN</b> <b>CLARKSVILLE</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 W. Lewis &amp; Clark Pkwy. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brian Anderson (812) 944-2305 or (812) 948-9917 <a href="http://www.clarksvillechurch.org">www.clarksvillechurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>IN</b> <b>PEKIN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jeremy Goen (812) 967-3437 or 967-3520 <a href="http://www.pekinchurchofchrist.com">www.pekinchurchofchrist.com</a></p>	<p><b>KY</b> <b>CANEYVILLE</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. • P.O. Box 233 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 589-4167, (270) 274-3065 or (502) 724-2231</p>
<p><b>FL</b> <b>OCALA</b> Anthony Church of Christ 9778 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. Anthony, FL 32617 Bible Study 9 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Greg Cruz Phone: (352) 629-5505 <a href="http://www.anthonycocf.com">www.anthonycocf.com</a></p>	<p><b>GA</b> <b>CENTERVILLE</b> Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) 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 (478) 922-1158</p>	<p><b>ID</b> <b>BLACKFOOT</b> Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p><b>HELP</b> <b>VACATIONING</b> <b>CHRISTIANS</b> <b>FIND YOUR</b> <b>PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>IN</b> <b>SALEM</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 883-2033 <a href="http://www.westsidechurchofchrist.net">www.westsidechurchofchrist.net</a></p>	<p><b>KY</b> <b>DANVILLE</b> Church of Christ 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Vifquain (859) 236-4204</p>

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<p><b>KY FRANKLIN</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LA STONEWALL</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 925-2733</p>	<p><b>truth books</b> www.CEBooks.com</p>	<p><b>MS BOONEVILLE</b> Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Building: (662) 728-1942</p>	<p><b>NJ VAUXHALL</b> Church of Christ Milbourn Mall Suite 6 2933 Vauxhall Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Harry A. Persaud Home: (908) 964-8570 Church: (908) 964-6356</p>	<p><b>OH DAYTON</b> West Carrollton 28 W. Main Street, 45449 Early Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162 or 848-3779 www.wc-coc.org</p>
<p><b>KY HODGENVILLE</b> Hodgenville church of Christ 613 S Lincoln Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:00 PM Evangelist: Don Brady (270) 1258-6053 Dbrady1295@aol.com</p>	<p><b>MD SEVERN</b> 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. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofcchrist.com</p>	<p><b>MO COLUMBIA</b> Eastside Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 445-5497 or 636-0224</p>	<p><b>MS CLINTON</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>www.CEBooks.com</b></p>	<p><b>OH FRANKLIN</b> Franklin Church of Christ 6417 Franklin-Lebanon Rd. 45005 Sun. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Sun Worship 10:45 A.M. Tues. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Josh Lee (937) 789-8055 or (937) 746-1249 www.franklin-church.org</p>
<p><b>KY LEITCHFIELD</b> Mill St. Church of Christ 733 Mill Street, Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Hardin (270) 259-4968, (270) 300-3239 www.millstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>MD RIVERDALE</b> (Washington, D.C. area) Wildcroft 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: Antoine Holloway (301) 474-7460 or (301) 741-0012</p>	<p><b>MO DONIPHAN</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ 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. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>MS MERIDIAN</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Sun. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 482-0543, (601) 479-3394 or (601) 934-3675 Contacts: Ron Cooper &amp; Jim Young youngins@comcast.net</p>	<p><b>NM ALBUQUERQUE</b> Heights Church of Christ 7601 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>OH FREMONT</b> Church of Christ 3361 W. State St. 1 mi. W. of Fremont on U.S. Rt. 20 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (419) 849-3340 or 849-2980 www.fremontchurchofchrist.com</p>
<p><b>KY LOUISVILLE</b> Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p><b>ME PORTLAND</b> Church of Christ-856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places. (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>	<p><b>MO FAIR GROVE</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>MS MERIDIAN</b> 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p><b>NE RENO</b> Central Church of Christ 2450 Wrondel Way, Ste. A Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p><b>OH HAMILTON</b> Westview Church of Christ 1040 Azel Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988</p>
<p><b>TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR AD:</b> tmmikewillis@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>MI CEDAR SPRINGS</b> Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan Church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 12:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell (616) 975-2778 westmichcofc10@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>MO KENNETT</b> Church of Christ 703 Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648 Nolan Glover, Preacher www.westsidechurchofchrist.us</p>	<p><b>MS SOUTHAVEN</b> (Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E. State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James A. Brown (662) 342-1132 - Church Building</p>	<p><b>OH BEAVERCREEK</b> Knollwood Church of Christ 1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Afternoon 3:00 P.M. Wed. Afternoon 1:00 P.M. Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M. (937) 426-1422 www.knollwoodchurch.org</p>	<p><b>OH HILLIARD</b> Church of Christ 4840 Cemetery Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (614) 876-4089</p>
<p><b>www.CEBooks.com</b></p>	<p><b>MN DULUTH</b> Church of Christ 4401 Glenwood St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Taylor Ladd (218) 728-3233</p>	<p><b>MO LILBOURN</b> Church of Christ P.O. Box 270 • 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP!</b></p>		<p><b>OH MANSFIELD</b> Southside Church of Christ 687 Mansfield-Lucas Rd. Bible Study: 10:00 A.M. Worship: 10:45 A.M. Evening: 5:00 P.M. Wednesday: 5:00 P.M. Evangelists: James Bond (419) 526-2868 &amp; Leon Bond (419) 525-3684 Building: (419) 522-8982</p>
<p><b>Shop online @ CEBooks.com</b></p>	<p><b>MN ST. CHARLES</b> Church of Christ 636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7 P.M., call for location Bible Study 2:15 P.M. <b>FREE Bible correspondence studies</b> Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905</p>	<p><b>MO RAYTOWN</b> Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 554-0836 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>NC CHARLOTTE</b> Charlotte Church of Christ 5327 S. Tyron St. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (704) 525-5655</p>	<p><b>OH CINCINNATI</b> Blue Ash Church of Christ 4667 Cooper Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. (513) 891-3174 www.blueashchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>OH MANSFIELD</b> Southside Church of Christ 687 Mansfield-Lucas Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 5:00 P.M. Leon Bond: (419) 525-3684 Church: (419) 522-8982</p>
<p><b>LA GONZALES</b> (Baton Rouge area) Southside Church of Christ 405 Orice Roth Road, 70737 Bible Class 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: R.J. Evans (225) 622-4587 • rjevans@eatel.net</p>	<p><b>MO BLUE SPRINGS</b> Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christiansen Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Brett Hogland (816) 228-9262</p>	<p><b>MO ST. JAMES</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p><b>NC HOPE MILLS</b> Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 A.M. Bible Study 11 A.M. (910) 321-9023 (910) 423-2879</p>	<p><b>OH CLEVELAND</b> Lorain Ave. Church of Christ 13501 Lorain Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (216) 476-0660 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111</p>	<p><b>OH MARIETTA-RENO</b> Marietta-Reno Church of Christ 80 Sandhill Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Daniel Ruegg: (740) 222-9160 or Steve Fouty: (740) 473-9028</p>
<p><b>LA MANY</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>	<p><b>MO CAPE GIRARDEAU</b> North Cape Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 CST/6:00 DST Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573)334-9673</p>	<p><b>MO ST. JOSEPH</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 3:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>NE BEATRICE</b> Church of Christ • 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p><b>OH COLUMBUS</b> Laurel Canyon Church of Christ 409 McNaughton Rd. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (614) 868-1375 www.lccoc.net</p>	<p><b>OH NEW CARLISLE</b> Church of Christ 235 Funston Ave. (Near Wright-Patterson AFB) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Phone: (937) 845-8467 (bldg.)</p>

**OH**  
**NEW RICHMOND**  
Church of Christ  
550 Washington St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Dave Wylie  
(513) 553-6414  
[www.nrchurchofchrist.com](http://www.nrchurchofchrist.com)

**PA**  
**PHILADELPHIA**  
Church of Christ  
7222 Germantown Ave., 19119  
Bible Study 10:15 A.M.  
Worship 11:15 A.M.  
Tues. night 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: James H. Baker, Jr.  
(215) 248-2026  
[www.mtairychurchofchrist.org](http://www.mtairychurchofchrist.org)

**TN**  
**JACKSON**  
Sunset View Church of Christ  
3618 Hwy 70 East  
(Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek)  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson  
(731) 967-0590 or 968-9851

**TN**  
**NASHVILLE**  
Bell Road Church of Christ  
1608 Bell Road  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Chris Pace  
(615) 833-4444

**TX**  
**ALVIN**  
Adoue St. Church of Christ  
605 E. Adoue St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Mark Mayberry  
(281) 331-4953 or (832) 837-9038

**TX**  
**DUNCANVILLE**  
(South Dallas)  
Whisper Hills Church of Christ  
2126 S. Main  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(972) 298-2522  
[info@whchurchofchrist.net](mailto:info@whchurchofchrist.net)

**OH**  
**NORTHWOOD**  
Frey Road Church of Christ  
4110 Frey Rd. (Toledo Area)  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Donald Jarabek  
(419) 893-3566, (419) 691-0688

**SC**  
**BEAUFORT**  
Church of Christ  
2107 King Street  
Parris Island: Call for times,  
services for recruits only.  
Sunday 10:00 A.M.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Bryan Nash  
(843) 524-4400

**TN**  
**JOHNSON CITY**  
Brookmead Church of Christ  
2428 Lakeview Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kevin Kay  
(423) 282-6251 or 426-1836

**TN**  
**NASHVILLE**  
Hillview Church of Christ  
7471 Charlotte Pike  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(615) 952-5458 or (615) 356-7318  
Evangelist: Lee Wildman

**TX**  
**AUSTIN**  
Schultz Lane Church of Christ  
Faber Rd. & Schultz Ln.  
Pflugerville, TX 78660  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 2:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Ron Lehde

**TX**  
**EDNA**  
Church of Christ  
301 Robison St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(361) 782-5506 or 782-2844  
Elders: J. Mercer, S. Mercer  
& G. Nordin

**OH**  
**UHRICHSVILLE**  
Church of Christ  
638 Parrish Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Mid-week 6:30 P.M.

**SC**  
**COLUMBIA**  
Lower Richland Church of Christ  
3000 Trotter Rd. (Hopkins, SC)  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(803) 730-0452  
<http://lowerrichlandchurch.org>

**TN**  
**JONESBOROUGH**  
11-E Church of Christ  
240 Headtown Rd.  
Bible Study 10:30 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: David Wheeler  
(423) 557-9119 or (423) 948-6464  
[www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com](http://www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com)

**TN**  
**NASHVILLE**  
Perry Heights Church of Christ  
423 Donelson Pike  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 9:55 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Johnny Felker  
(615) 883-3118  
<http://perryheights.faithweb.com>

**TX**  
**BAYTOWN**  
Church of Christ at Pruett & Lobit  
701 North Pruett St.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:40 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jesse Flowers  
(281) 515-8939  
Building: (281) 422-5926  
Weldon: (713) 818-1321

**TX**  
**EL PASO**  
Eastridge Church of Christ  
3277 Pendleton Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(915) 855-1524

**OK**  
**MCALESTER**  
North A St. Church of Christ  
2120 No. A St.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Rob Lungstrum  
Office: (918) 423-3445  
Cell: (918) 931-1362

**SC**  
**ORANGEBURG**  
Southside Church of Christ  
1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd.  
(Grange Building - Hwy 70)  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evangelist: Fred England  
(803) 939-0672  
[www.southside-church.org](http://www.southside-church.org)

**TN**  
**KINGSTON SPRINGS**  
Kingston Springs Church of Christ  
350 North Main St.  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Walker  
[www.kscoc.com](http://www.kscoc.com)

**TN**  
**PIGEON FORGE**  
King Branch Road Church of Christ  
560 King Branch Road  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Facilities available for Sunday  
evening services upon request.  
Evangelist: Roger Williams  
(865) 430-5980  
[www.KingBranchRoadChurchOfChrist.org](http://www.KingBranchRoadChurchOfChrist.org)

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Bible Study 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jeff S. Smith  
(817) 292-4908 or 426-2242  
[woodmontchurch.org](http://woodmontchurch.org)

**OK**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY**  
Seminole Pointe Church of Christ  
16300 N. May Ave.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: John M. Duvall  
(405) 340-3189 or 513-6691  
[www.seminolepointecoc.org](http://www.seminolepointecoc.org)

**SC**  
**SUMTER**  
Woodland Church of Christ  
3370 Broad St. Extension  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr.  
(803) 499-6023

**TN**  
**KINGSPORT**  
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4938 Fort Henry Dr. • P.O. Box 554  
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Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tom Kinzel  
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Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Donnie V. Rader  
Phone: (931) 607-9099  
email: [dvrader@live.com](mailto:dvrader@live.com)

**TX**  
**BEAUMONT**  
Dowlen Rd. Church of Christ  
3060 Dowlen Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelists: Max Dawson,  
Kris Emerson & Benjamin Lee  
(409) 866-1996

**TX**  
**FORT WORTH**  
West Side Church of Christ  
6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114  
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Evening 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Seth Mauldin  
Building (803) 834-6978  
<http://airport-church-of-christ.com>

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**MARYVILLE**  
Smokey Mt. Church of Christ  
2206 Montvale Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Harold Tabor (865) 977-4230  
Lon Spurgeon (865) 388-8749  
<http://tinyurl.com/smchurch>

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**SHELBYVILLE**  
Shelbyville Mills Church of Christ  
1222 W. Jackson St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jeff Curtis  
Phone: (931) 607-9118  
[djcurtis1963@hotmail.com](mailto:djcurtis1963@hotmail.com)

**TX**  
**CONROE**  
Woodland Hills Church of Christ  
410 Woodland Hills Dr., 77303  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kurt G. Jones  
[www.conroechurch.com](http://www.conroechurch.com)  
(936) 756-9322

**TX**  
**GRANBURY**  
Old Granbury Rd.  
Church of Christ  
4313 Old Granbury Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
817-913-4209 or 817-279-3351

**OR**  
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The Spring St. Church of Christ  
1850 Spring St.  
(Roxly Ann Grange Hall)  
Corner of Spring/Valley View  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Dean Blackwell  
(541) 773-2649

**TN**  
**COLUMBIA**  
Jackson Hts. Church of Christ  
1200 Nashville Hwy., Hwy. 31N  
Bible Study 9:15 A.M.  
Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Mid-week 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelists: Andrew Roberts &  
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Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
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Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Robert Davis  
(281) 592-5676  
[www.clevelandchurchofchrist.org](http://www.clevelandchurchofchrist.org)

**TX**  
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Fry Rd. Church of Christ  
2510 Fry Road (77084)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Bob Puddiam: (281) 832-4633  
[www.fryroad.org](http://www.fryroad.org)

**OR**  
**SWEET HOME**  
Church of Christ  
3702 E. Long St.  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Building: (541) 367-1599

**TN**  
**COLUMBIA**  
Mooresville Pike Church of Christ  
417 Mooresville Pike  
(.8 mi. N. of Hwy. 50/Jas. Campbell)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 3:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(931) 388-5828 or (931) 381-7898  
[www.mooresvillepikecoc.com](http://www.mooresvillepikecoc.com)

**TN**  
**MURFREESBORO**  
Cason Lane Church of Christ  
1110 Cason Lane  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(615) 896-0090 (Building)  
[www.casonlanechurch.org](http://www.casonlanechurch.org)

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West Allen Church of Christ  
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Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jerry King  
(214) 504-0443 - (972) 727-5355 (bldg)

**TX**  
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Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: David Bunting  
(615) 893-1200

**TX**  
**ALVARADO**  
I-35 Church of Christ  
(E. Service Rd. of I-35, N. of Alvarado)  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(817) 295-7277 or 790-7253

**TX**  
**DICKINSON**  
Church of Christ  
2919 FM 517 Rd. E.  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 9:45 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(281) 534-4870  
[www.dickinsonchurchofchrist.org](http://www.dickinsonchurchofchrist.org)

**TX**  
**HOUSTON**  
Spring Woods Church of Christ  
9955 Neuens Rd. at Witte Rd.  
Worship 9:00 A.M.  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist (713) 419-1750  
[www.springwoodschurchofchrist.com](http://www.springwoodschurchofchrist.com)

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Evangelist: Mark Roberts  
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Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
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Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
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Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Robert Mallard  
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Worship 10:20 A.M.  
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
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Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(972) 576-3119 or 363-7672  
[www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com](http://www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com)  
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217 Taxus St.  
Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Schlosser  
(757) 436-6900

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1860 Mt. Baker Hwy.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joe Price  
(360) 752-2692 or 380-2960  
[www.bibleanswer.com/mtbaker](http://www.bibleanswer.com/mtbaker)

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Church of Christ  
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Ranch Mart Mall  
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:00 A.M.  
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Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Contact: Bob Reich  
(307) 655-2563

**TX LUBBOCK**  
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6111 Indiana Ave.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(806) 795-3377  
[www.lubbockindianaavecofc.com](http://www.lubbockindianaavecofc.com)

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San Antonio, TX 78238-2700  
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Terry Starling, Evangelist  
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Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jonathan Chaffin  
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Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tom Roberts  
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314 N. Tolbert  
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Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jim Smelser

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Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Gene Tope  
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[www.courthousechurchofchrist.com](http://www.courthousechurchofchrist.com)

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Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr.  
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Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
(304) 864-3078

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Stallings Dr. Church of Christ  
3831 N.E. Stallings Dr.  
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Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelists: Randy Harshbarger & Jay Taylor

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340 E. Warren St.  
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Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Marc Smith  
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Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jarred McCrary  
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Church of Christ  
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Evening 6:30 P.M.  
Mid-week 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tony Huntsman  
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1415 Royalty  
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Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kristofer Gordana  
(432) 366-5071

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8900 West Hwy 84, Suite 107  
Waco, TX 76712  
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Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Worship 4:00 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kenny Peden  
(254) 640-2656; (254) 744-7182;  
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Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(540) 344-2755

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Marriott Church of Christ  
825 Marriott Road  
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<b>8 a.m.</b>		Discipleship: Loving the Law	Discipleship: Loving the Lord	Discipleship: Loving the Lost
<b>9 a.m.</b>		Roadblocks to Evangelism: Fishing With the Wrong Bait	Roadblocks to Evangelism: Secular Spirit	Roadblocks to Evangelism: Stages of Churches
<b>10 a.m.</b>		Employing Our Credibility	Breaking Our Comfort Zone	Improving Our Communications
<b>11 a.m. men</b>		Keeping the New Convert: The Number Who Fall Away	Keeping the New Convert: What Can the Church Do?	Keeping the New Convert: What Can I Do?
<b>11 a.m. women</b>		Evangelistic Women: The Woman at the Well	Evangelistic Women: Dorcas	Evangelistic Women: Priscilla
<b>Afternoon</b>		Open Forum		Open Forum
<b>Evening</b>	Looking to the Past: Changes in Evangelism from the 19th to the 21st Century	Working in the Present: In the Same Hour of the Night		Focusing on the Future: Evangelism in the 21st Century