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Preach the Word!

by Mark Mayberry

In admonishing Timothy to “Preach the word!” the apostle Paul provides a pattern for how preachers, teachers, elders, and those who write on biblical themes should approach their work.

Few passages set forth the duties of a Christian preacher/teacher more clearly than 2 Timothy 4:2 which says,

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction (NASB).

Preach the Word

Preach the word (Most versions); Proclaim the message (NEB). The Greek word *kērussō*, rendered “preach,” means “(1) to make an official announcement, announce, make known, by an official herald or one who functions as such; (2) to make public declarations, proclaim aloud” (BDAG).

Faithful preachers/teachers proclaim the gospel. God’s saving message may seem foolish to the world, but it is *His* power to save (1 Cor. 1:18-21). We must not promote human traditions, the commandments of men, empty speculation, the doctrine of devils, etc. Like the apostle Paul, let us promote nothing but the word of God (1 Cor. 2:1-5), knowing that the inspired Scriptures are profitable for all things (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Jesus is the Incarnate Word, the Logos (John 1:1, 14). Faithful preachers/teachers proclaim the inspired message without *any* alteration (1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2:15).

Be Ready

Be instant (KJV); Be ready (NKJV, NASB, ESV); Be urgent (ASV, RSV); Press it home (NEB). The Greek word *ephistēmi*, rendered “be ready,” means “to be present in readiness to discharge a task, fix one’s mind on” (BDAG).

Faithful preachers/teachers are prepared to offer a reasoned defense of their faith (1 Pet. 3:14-15). The gospel message involves issues of life and death. Eternity hangs in the balance. As Paul was eager to preach the gospel to those who lived in Rome (Rom. 1:15), we should willingly serve the spiritual needs of others. Saints in Macedonia showed similar evangelistic zeal (1 Thess. 1:6-8).

In Season

In season (Most Versions); On all occasions, convenient or inconvenient (NEB). The Greek word *eukairōs*, rendered “in season,” is descriptive of action that is done “conveniently” (BDAG).

At times, fields are white unto harvest (John 4:35-38; Matt. 9:37-38). As wicked men and the devil himself look for opportunities to advance their cause (Mark 14:11; 1 Pet. 5:8), we must be ready to act when opportunities arise (Gal. 6:10). Although He was weary, Jesus took time to teach the Samaritan woman who had come to draw water from Jacob’s well (John 4:5-10). May we redeem the time, making the most of the opportunity (Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5).

Out of Season

Out of season (Most Versions); On all occasions, convenient or inconvenient (NEB). The Greek word *akairōs*, rendered “out of season,” refers to that which is “untimely, in a play on words, ‘in season, out of season,’ i.e., whether or not the

preaching comes at a convenient time for the hearers” (BDAG).

Sometimes God’s word falls into good ground, and sometimes it lands upon the wayside (Luke 8:5-8). Some are open-minded; others are closed-minded (2 Cor. 4:3-4). Faithful preachers/teachers proclaim the message regardless of the circumstances. Noah preached for 120 years, but his warnings fell on deaf ears (1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5). While Noah only saved his own family, that was still a notable accomplishment (Heb. 11:7).

Elijah also lived in a difficult time. Fleeing from Queen Jezebel, the prophet was so discouraged that he said, “Let me die...” (1 Kings 19:4). Despairing, Elijah said, “I alone am left...” (1 Kings 19:10). However, his bleak assessment was inaccurate (1 Kings 19:18). Afterward, God encouraged Elijah, blessing him with renewed strength and purpose (1 Kings 19:15).

Jesus did not give up because many rejected His message. After emphasizing the spiritual nature of His ministry and the true cost of discipleship, many departed and walked with Him no more (John 6:24-27, 66). Nevertheless, Jesus was comforted in the fact that Peter and the other apostles appreciated what He had to offer (John 6:67-69).

Where would we be if our Lord had become discouraged and quit? Bible class teachers, preachers, brethren, mothers and fathers, teenagers: *Don’t quit!* (Prov. 24:10; 2 Cor. 4:1-2; Heb. 12:1-3). Our faith will be tested.

Troublesome times will come. Let us faithfully uphold the truth in season and out of season. Regardless of how bleak circumstances may appear, remember that God's cause will be victorious in the end. Live by the motto, "It's too soon to quit!"

Reprove

Reprove (KJV, ASV, NASB, ESV); Convince (NKJV, RSV); Use argument (NEB). The Greek word *elegchō*, rendered "reprove," means "(1) to scrutinize or examine carefully, bring to light, expose, set forth; (2) to bring a person to the point of recognizing wrongdoing, convict, convince someone of something, point something out to someone; (3) to express strong disapproval of someone's action, reprove, correct..." (BDAG).

Faithful preachers/teachers must convict their hearers. Spiritual growth is only possible if we are dissatisfied with our present state. Believers must be convicted of the truth of the gospel; sinners should come to recognize their alienated and lost condition, and respond obediently.

False teachers use flattery and cater to the pride of their listeners, pampering, pandering and placating. Such is not true of gospel preachers. A student of Socrates once said to his master, "Socrates, I hate you, because every time I meet you, you make me see what I am" (Barclay, 205). This is the essence of gospel preaching. The first thing a Christian teacher must do is to make a man see himself as he is.

Administering scriptural rebukes is required of saints living in a sinful world. John the Baptist courageously rebuked Herod for all the evils which he had done (Luke 3:19-20). The inspired revelation of the Spirit rebukes the world of sin (John 16:8). Saints must have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,

but rather must expose them (Eph. 5:11-13). This is the responsibility of all disciples (Matt. 18:15-17), but especially elders and evangelists (Titus 1:9, 12-13; 2:15). When administered without partiality (1 Tim. 5:19-20), rebukes serve as expressions of love (Heb. 12:5-6; Rev. 3:19).

Rebuke

Rebuke (Most Versions); Use reproof (NEB). The Greek word *epitimaō*, rendered "rebuke," in this context means "to express strong disapproval of someone, rebuke, reprove, censure also speak seriously, warn in order to prevent an action or bring one to an end..." (BDAG).

The word occurs in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, with but two exceptions (2 Tim. 4:2; Jude 9). Jesus demonstrated His miraculous power by rebuking sickness and disease (Luke 4:39-40), evil spirits (Luke 4:35, 41), and the forces of nature (Luke 8:23-24). When necessary, He also rebuked the disciples. He chastised James and John because they wished to call down fire from heaven to consume a village of the Samaritans (Luke 9:51-56). When Peter upbraided the Lord for saying that He would be crucified, Jesus strongly rebuked him, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan" (Mark 8:31-33).

Faithful preachers/teachers must rebuke with utter fearlessness. Why? Warnings and rebukes can save a brother or sister from spiritual shipwreck (Jas. 5:19-20). Such words must always be spoken in love and with a consciousness of our common guilt. Hypocritical judgments do not further the kingdom of God. Before we can help a brother who is struggling with sin, we must first remove the beam from our eye. Yet, when the need arises, let us utter words of warning (Matt. 7:1-5).

Followers of Jesus Christ must have the courage to rebuke sin. The Lord said, "Be on your guard! If your

brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3). However, let us not sin in the process of rebuking sin; rather, rebukes must be administered in a respectful and dignified manner (Jude 9-10).

Exhort

Exhort (KJV, NKJV, ASV, NASB, RSV, ESV); Appeal (NEB). The Greek word *parakaleō*, rendered "exhort," means "(1) to ask to come and be present where the speaker is, call to one's side; (2) to urge strongly, appeal to, urge, exhort, encourage..." (BDAG). Faithful preachers/teachers not only rebuke but also exhort. Censure must not be expressed in such a way as to drive men to despair. Our message should appeal to man's heart and hope. All need encouragement.

The preaching of John the Baptist (Luke 3:15-18), the apostle Peter (Acts 2:40-41), Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36-37; 11:22-23), and Paul (Acts 14:21-22; 20:1-2) all expressed words of exhortation. Such should be given in a spirit of fatherly concern (1 Thess. 2:10-12).

Exhortation goes hand in hand with the work of convicting and rebuking. Overseers must hold fast to the faithful word, which is in accordance with the teaching so that they will be able both to exhort (*parakaleō*) in sound doctrine and to refute (*elegchō*) those who contradict (Titus 1:9). Faithful evangelists will heed the admonition given to Titus: "These things speak and exhort (*parakaleō*) and reprove (*elegchō*) with all authority. Let no one disregard you" (Titus 2:15).

"With Great Patience

With all longsuffering (KJV, NKJV, ASV); With great patience (NASB); Be unfailing in patience (RSV); With complete patience (ESV); With all the patience that the work of teaching requires (NEB). The Greek word *makrothumia*, rendered "patience,"

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Our Everlasting Home

by Kyle Pope

By revealing the consistency between the covenants regarding the afterlife, Kyle exposes the error of annihilationists who often claim that the Old Testament says nothing about life after death.

The growth of a purely naturalistic and materialistic understanding of human nature has a profound influence on how people respond to the gospel. Paul expressed this problem in his time, writing, “If the dead do not rise, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’” (1 Cor. 15:32, NKJV). If we are nothing more than the molecules and chemicals that make up our bodies when we die, that ends our existence. Yet, the Bible teaches something much different.

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Consider what is said in the very challenging and unusual parable of the Unjust Steward. Jesus tells us about a steward who is about to be dismissed because of accusations that he had been wasting his master’s goods. To ensure that he would have prospective employers when he is dismissed, he quickly negotiates with his master’s debtors to lower their bills (Luke 16:1-7). Jesus ends the parable with the master’s reaction and a practical application:

So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home (Luke 16:8-9).

Jesus is not teaching dishonesty. He is not teaching the mishandling of

things entrusted to us. Rather, He is talking about preparation. Just as the steward recognized that he had to do something to prepare for his future, Jesus wants to teach His disciples to make the same application in their own lives. The Christian must interact with and use the things of this world—i.e., “unrighteous mammon,” in ways that will consider the limits of their benefit to us. In other words, we must live now in ways that will prepare the way for us into an “everlasting home” that will be desirable. One point is clear: life in the age to come, whether in condemnation or heaven will be our “everlasting home.”

The Ending of Ecclesiastes

We find this same idea in the Old Testament. As the Preacher of Ecclesiastes, who was likely Solomon (Eccl. 1:1), brings the book to an end, he writes:

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them”: while the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are not darkened, and the clouds do not return after the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow down; when the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows grow dim; when the doors are shut in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low; when one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of music are

brought low; also they are afraid of height, and of terrors in the way; when the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper is a burden, and desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets (Eccl. 12:1-5).

Annihilationists have often claimed that the Old Testament says nothing about life after death, or heaven and hell. If that was true, how could the Preacher of Ecclesiastes speak of a man going “to his eternal home”? If death is the end, he might speak of it as an “eternal resting place,” or even an “eternal end,” but why speak of it as a “home” (or literally, a “house”) if it is an extinction? Clearly, we are going somewhere and will live there eternally.

Hope to Live in “the House of the Lord”

There is a similar concept expressed in the Old Testament that further reveals this hope on the part of God’s faithful people for a home with God after this life. We see it in two psalms. The first is identified in the Hebrew text as “A Psalm of David” (Ps. 27:1a). David praises the Lord as the “strength” of his life (Ps. 27:1c) and praises Him for the deliverance He has granted him from his enemies (Ps. 27:2-3). He then states:

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret

place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD (Ps. 27:4-6).

Of what is David speaking? Remember, David was not a priest or a Levite, so some access to the physical sanctuary of God was not even available to him. Further, the “temple” had not yet been constructed, so to what “house” or “temple” is he even referring? He speaks of this as something he wants “all the days of his life,” but remember how he put it in Psalm 23:6—“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” David equates “all the days” of his life with

something that involves dwelling with the Lord “forever.” He speaks of a home with God beyond this life.

The same is seen in a psalm attributed in the Hebrew text to the “sons of Korah” (Ps. 84:1a). It reads:

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young—even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You. Selah (Ps. 84:1b-4).

Like David, this psalm looks beyond the earthly tabernacle and reflects a recognition that it was only a “copy and

shadow of the heavenly things” (Heb. 8:5). This psalm, to be sung among the people, aspires to a time when God’s faithful can dwell in His house, not on this earth, but in an eternal home with God. As Christians, that home with God should also be our aspiration—a time and place when, “the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God” (Rev. 21:3). Where will your “everlasting home” be? **!**



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Teaching Our Children: The Principle of the Lesson (Part V)

by Aleta Samford

The more effort we put into proper study and construction of our lessons, the more everything else involved in teaching falls into place.

In February's article, we looked at one aspect of the Law of the Lesson ("The truth to be taught must be learned through truth already known."), and that was: a lifetime of learning requires that foundations be laid upon what is already known. Who God is and what He has done is the most important foundation. This is where God's word begins; this is what He wants us to *hear*.

The lifetime of learning begins with one lesson at a time, which brings us to the other aspect of the law. How can this principle guide us as teachers in the construction of the individual lesson? How do we formulate our lessons so that they effectively lay the proper foundations of who God is as found in His word?

Constructing a lesson used to be my least favorite part. I wanted to get on with the business of decorating the classroom, finding the liveliest visual, and providing the perfect handout. A study of these laws completely transformed my tendency to prioritize decorating and my perception of my role before the children. I was not the performer; the students were. Getting that straight brought fringe benefits as well. Burnout became a thing of the past; the children evidenced better behavior, and their thinking skills began to develop. What seemed to be burdensome before was all working out smoothly. Why? Because the principles of the mind were all employed, not the principle that I must do all the work.

Here is the plan I use when constructing my lessons. As I read the Bible Scriptures, I write down the answers to these six questions about the text: *Who? When? Where? What? Why? and Wherefore? (or Therefore?)*. This is not a new method; journalists use it all the time. For every story they gather, they're looking for the Who, the When, the Where, the What, the Why, and the Wherefore. It's where they get their detail; it's how they get our attention.

When it comes to teaching our children the word of God, we can't afford to leave out any of the details. Class attention *will* improve as you become a better narrator; you *will* become a better narrator because you will strengthen your observation skills.

Maybe you have tried this method, but grown tired of it. I know that I have. I've cut corners and rushed a lesson without seeking out the hidden nuggets, and it never fails: my lesson comes across as tired, and student attention tends to wander.

After I mentioned this technique in one of my lectures, stressing that even the teacher of the smallest children can benefit from it, I received this feedback from a young mother and teacher who had attended:

I was in the middle of teaching the 1-2-year-olds when we came to the lectures, so on the way home, I redid my lesson plan using your techniques instead of mine. It worked so well. I was doing Ezra and Nehemiah and was really stumped as to how to teach it to such a young age.

I think the reason people rush to the workroom for ideas first is because they are so afraid of messing it up and won't try things on their own. The real nitty-gritty on how to write your lesson was the most helpful of your lecture.

Heading to the workroom first is not what will make our teaching "right" but gathering the facts from the text will. You will soon have more ideas than you know what to do with. The *Who* will help you pin down proper visuals to tell the story; *Where* will generate maps, *When* will make sure you have a timeline and keep the bigger picture always before the children; *What* will open up more ideas than you can handle to decorate your room with themes and drills; *Why* and *Wherefore* will help you guide the (older) students in proper thinking on the things of God.

This method helps you study the text and get "the truth to be taught" in your mind and heart. In facing the children, you will know exactly what they need to hear to build on "the truths already known." You'll be able to handle unexpected questions and situations and to recover when attentions are lost. The children notice a well-prepared and astute teacher, and they will positively respond to them. ■■



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The Sermon on the Mount: The Golden Rule

by David Flatt

David explores the meaning of the Golden Rule: “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 7:12).

In case anyone had the mistaken impression that Jesus was excluding certain people from the kingdom, He says,

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Matt. 7:7-11).

Yes, some people are like dogs and pigs in how they react to the gospel; yet, anyone who asks, seeks, and knocks can come to the kingdom. Anyone who wants to come to the kingdom is welcomed with opened arms. Like a father who cares for his children, our heavenly Father knows how to provide for us beyond our comprehension. Regardless of who we are or what we have done, if we so desire, we can become part of God’s family.

What Is the Point?

In this last third of Jesus’ sermon, He warns us regarding passing judgment without mercy, identifies the potential rejection of the gospel by some, and gives a promise of the kingdom to

those who genuinely want to become citizens. Each of these instructions represents actual scenarios in which we will likely find ourselves. There will be times when we need to engage those who are in sin. There will be times when we will encounter people who reject the gospel. There will be times when we will find people who are genuinely seeking the kingdom.

Nevertheless, how are we to approach people in these and other likely situations? Jesus simply says we are to treat others in the fashion we would want to be treated. The implementation of this fundamental principle is key to our ability to reflect the glory of God into the lives of those who do not know God.

The Heart of It All

Jesus explains how this principle is the foundation of the Law and Prophets. In other words, this is the foundation on which the entire system of belief and practice rested. There has never been such a short, yet, profound commentary on the Old Testament. Yes, the Law and Prophets often cited this principle as the reason for a specific command. Consider the following passages:

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and

you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD (Lev. 19:15-18).

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God (Lev. 19:33-34).

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD” (Jer. 9:23-24).

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,

the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings (Hos. 6:4-6).

Each of these passages from the Law and Prophets highlights love as being the moral and ethical foundation of Israel's relationship with Jehovah. A lawyer once asked Jesus about how to inherit eternal life and how to define one's neighbor (Luke 10:24-34). This familiar exchange is where Jesus teaches the parable of the good Samaritan. As far as the Lord was concerned, there was more to the Law and Prophets than just commandment keeping.

The Law and Prophets demanded mercy to be extended to our fellow man. If this self-righteous lawyer were beaten and robbed on the road to Jericho, a likely occurrence on that road, how would he want to be treated? Would he want to be ignored as did the priest and Levite who passed by on the other side? Or, would he want to be cared for as the Samaritan cared for the injured man? In this context, the answer is obvious. He, and anyone for that matter, would want to be treated mercifully. This being the case, we are to be merciful to our fellow man.

While Jesus says this rule is the foundation of the Law and Prophets, He was doing more than simply giving commentary on the Old Law. This rule, or the breaking of it, reflects the motive of our heart. It is to be the driving force for how we live and interact with other people. In essence, Jesus is telling us how to be human: how to bear the image of God in the world and reflect His glory.

Simple, Profound, and Transforming

The Golden Rule is simple. We teach this precept to our children as a moral north-star. The Golden Rule is profound due to the transforming consequence of its implementation. This rule makes everything about life in this world

better. This rule enables us to fulfill the purpose for which God has created us.

To see how much the Golden Rule could improve our lives, we could apply it to the situations which Jesus has already considered in this sermon. For example, how would we want to be treated if we were living in sin (Matt. 7:1-5)? Would we want someone to humiliate us publicly? Would we want to be used as a punch line? Would we want someone to kick us if we were down? Of course, not. We would want someone to help us. With love and understanding, we would want someone to reason with us. Therefore, we are to treat those struggling in sin in the same manner that we would want to be treated.

How would we want to be treated if we were adamantly opposed to everything sacred and holy (Matt. 7:6)? We probably would want to be left alone. Jesus said not to give what is holy to the dogs or to cast our pearls before swine. When we find someone hostile to the gospel, leave him alone. If he has a change of heart, he will know where to go for help. There is no benefit in wasting time and energy by arguing or giving someone hostile more reason to be hostile. As strange as this scenario may sound, treat such people how you would want to be treated.

How would we want to be treated if we were anxiously searching for the kingdom (Matt. 7:7-11)? If we were asking, seeking, and knocking, how would we want to be treated? Would we not want someone to answer, guide, and open the door? We would want someone to take time to teach us. We would want someone to answer our questions or calm our reservations patiently. If this is true, then treat honest seekers of the kingdom in the manner that you would want to be treated.

The Sermon on the Mount and Beyond

Of course, the Golden Rule has more application beyond the immediate context of this sermon. For example, consider how this rule has the potential to transform marriages. Paul inserted this principle when he described the relationship between a husband and wife. He wrote that husbands were to love their wives as they love themselves. Husbands were to treat their wives as they would want to be treated: "In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it..." (Eph. 5:28-29). Marriages struggle and fail when the Golden Rule is ignored. In contrast, our marriages reflect the glory of God when the Golden Rule is practiced.

Also, the Golden Rule has the potential to transform those in positions of leadership. Leaders most definitely impact the lives and well-being of other people. Whether someone is an owner of a company, a supervisor at work, a high school coach, or an elder in a church, the Golden Rule must be the guiding principle of how leadership is approached.

Few leaders today have the Golden Rule as their foundation. Instead, pride and selfishness govern decision-making processes. Many leaders consider pride and selfishness to be perks of the job. Maybe they experienced mistreatment by someone who was once over them, and now they feel it is their turn to get theirs. This view of leadership has no place in the kingdom of God.

Jesus rebuked James and John for thinking this was how they could use leadership. The Romans might have ruled by pride and selfishness, but it would not be so in God's kingdom

(Mark 10:42-45). Rather, self-giving love was to be employed. Qualities of empathy, understanding, and consideration should be adopted. These are the hallmarks of a certain leadership style: servant leadership. Ultimately, the Golden Rule produces such leadership qualities. We need to look no further than Jesus to see servant leadership in self-giving motion.

Conclusion

Too often, pride and selfishness blind us from seeing and experiencing

the transforming love of God. The Golden Rule is a strange and unusual way of living in the eyes of the world. Perhaps, we do not trust this rule, or we doubt the way of life that Jesus is describing. If such is the case, may the Lord increase our faith.

Remember the warning at the beginning of this chapter: “For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you” (Matt. 7:2). In the end, Jesus has promised to judge us according to

how we treated other people. Those who practice judgment without mercy will be judged without mercy. If we want to become the light of the world and salt of the earth, we must adopt the Golden Rule into our hearts. **T**



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A Tribute to My Grandmother

by Dale Mercer

Sister Thelma Lee Mercer has gone to her eternal reward. Her grandson, Dale, recalls the godly influence that she exerted for so many years.

Thelma Lea Mercer, my grandmother, passed away on March 28, 2019, at the age of ninety-six. Her steady influence over the years impacted countless lives. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and grandmother, a hard worker, and a homemaker. She was a cookie baker, a giver of hugs, a birthday card sender, an encourager, and a gardener. However, in spending time with her, you would soon find that her

excellence in all these things flowed from something deeper and more profound. My grandmother was, above all else, a woman of faith in God.

Psalm 119 was written by one with a deep and sincere love for God, and by extension, a profound love for His word and instruction. Throughout the psalm, the author declares his love for God's word, and affirms that to study Sacred Scripture is not wearisome.

Instead, it is refreshment, joy, and nourishment. My grandmother embodied this attitude toward God and His word.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word (Ps. 119:10–16, ESV).

In verse 10, the writer expresses his choice to seek God and His desire to live righteously. My grandmother converted

to Christ at age eighteen. She gave herself wholly to God. She was a faithful member of the Robison Street church of Christ in Edna, TX for over seventy-five years. Like a rock that the storm beats against, she was unwavering in her devotion to God. She pursued holiness and took great care to assure that all she did was pleasing to God. From her speech, to her worship, to even doing her taxes, in every action, her greatest desire was to serve and glorify God.

The author speaks in verse 11 of filling his heart with God's word and how this is a remedy against sin. My grandmother was an exemplification of this verse. Jesus said, "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). My grandmother spent years diligently studying the Lord's teachings and storing up good treasure. It showed in the way she lived and the way she spoke. She carried the Bible with her, written on her heart.

Verse 12 begins with praise to God and ends with a request to be taught His statutes. My grandmother's focus was on God and His word. She sought His teachings on every biblical subject, not the opinions of men. Once she invited me to her home to give me some books to help with my preaching. As she went through her small bookcase, she examined each book



and set some reference books to the side for me. She came to a collection of sermons and put it to the other side saying, "I don't care anything about giving you that. You'll be studying and writing your own sermons." I'm sure there was nothing wrong with the sermon outline book. Yet, this is a prime example of her belief in the need to go to the Bible for our teaching and authority and not to lean on men.

In verse 13, the author states his practice of telling others of God's word. Any conversation with my grandmother would inevitably turn to biblical subjects. My grandmother loved to talk about God and the Bible, freely sharing her knowledge and wisdom. She was equally quick to share biblical truth with someone she just met as to discuss a sermon point with a preacher. She taught her sons the truth and lived to see two of them serve as elders in the church. My youngest uncle fondly remembers how she read him a psalm every night at bedtime when he was a young boy. The Lord's word was always on her tongue.

The writer speaks in verse 14 of valuing the teaching of God more than riches. My grandmother grew up poor, but lived to see times of financial ease. She was frugal and a good steward of all her blessings. While many fall into the trap of becoming servants to their money and things, she never allowed these to become her focus. She treated her financial blessings as tools to be used in the service of God. She was prompt and generous in helping those in need, in supporting gospel preaching, and in supporting her local congregation. Quietly and without pretension, she helped everywhere she could.

Verse 15 is an expression of the author's intention to meditate and focus on the Lord's instruction. Bible study was not an occasional fancy for my grandmother. Her Bible and concordance were always out and used diligently. She spent many hours in study, especially in her later years. She

thought and studied deeply and mined the Scriptures for all they had to offer. She truly set her mind on things above.

In verse 16, the writer expresses his joy in the word and says he will never forget it. The Bible was a joy to my grandmother. She loved the Scriptures and loved to study. She once told me she was so thankful that God allowed her to live for so long and gave her time to learn so much and come to such a deep understanding of His word. She did not forget His word. She was steadfast in her study and her love for the truth right to the end.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law (Ps. 119:136, ESV).

Verse 136 expresses the writer's sorrow due to others' disobedience. My grandmother's Christianity was not a selfish pursuit. She cared deeply for the lost. Her heartfelt concern was that so many needed the gospel and needed someone to preach it to them. She was joyfully tearful in encouraging me in preaching and always asked if I had preached lately and intended to continue. She truly wanted everyone to be saved.

In her last days, she woke up for a time to visit with one of her sons. Before going back to sleep, she prayed a short prayer, asking God to forgive her if she had offended anyone or if she had done anything to keep someone from obeying the gospel, and also asked God to please hurry and take her home. Her dedication to God's service and her confidence in her hope were inspirational to many. She is now gone on to her reward and will be sorely missed. **T**



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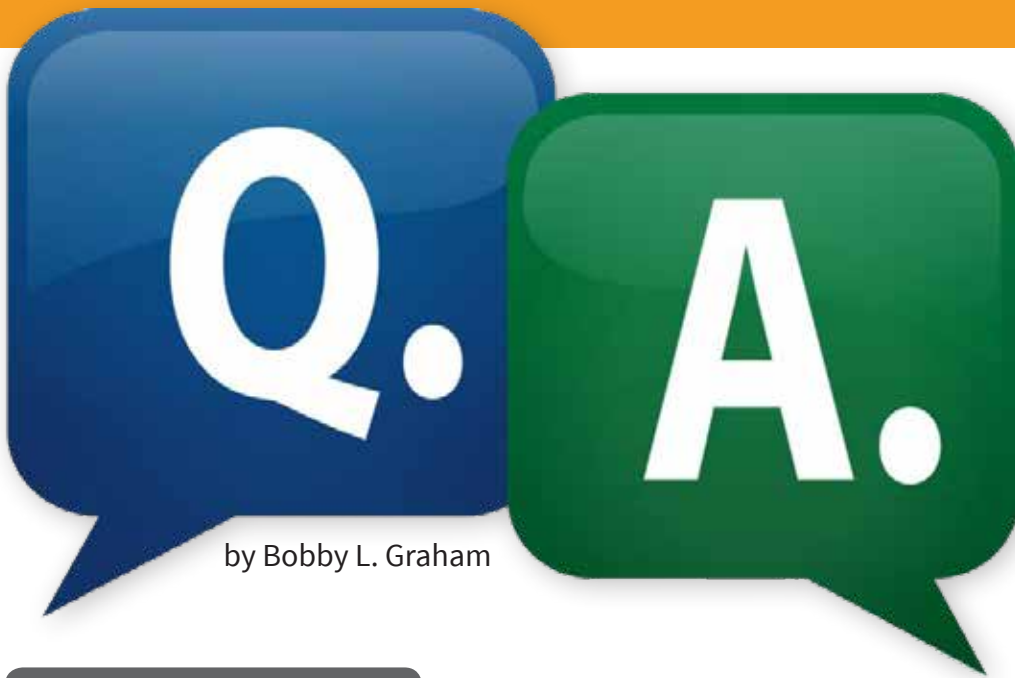
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QUESTION:

Is It Wrong to Use an Instrumental Tune in a Church Video?

Answer:

Recently, I was asked, “Where is the passage which includes a command, example, or necessary inference for using a secular instrumental tune as background on a congregation’s introductory video on its website?” (I might add that I added the word “secular” after viewing the different videos mentioned in the note accompanying the question. In no case did I hear any spiritual song set to instrumental music, BLG.)

Since Christians wonder about such matters, because they understand there is no authority for using instrumental music in worship, it seems wise to give some attention to this question.

It is needful to remember that there are two types of Bible authority: generic and specific. When a passage includes a command, an approved example, or a necessary inference to the effect that we must obey the directive in that way and that way alone, because of no other passages telling us another way to perform the Lord’s will, then specific authority is involved. God’s instruction to Noah specified what he was to build and the kind of wood he should use (Gen. 6:14), Noah had no alternative in either matter, and he received divine commendation for obeying (Gen. 6:22). He could not build a rowboat, and he could use no other kind of wood than gopher wood. Likewise in the Lord’s supper, the only day specified is the

first day of the week, and the kind of meal to be eaten is specified as a memorial meal (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:25).

The other type of authority, generic, simply involves a directive to do something without accompanying information about how we must do it. Jesus directed the preaching of the gospel by His disciples without any information about how they must do so in the rest of the New Testament (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). They could travel by whatever means available to them, or write instructional messages as they did in the various books of the New Testament; and we can utilize radio, television, tracts, workbooks, or videos in our age.

It should be clear that such videos are right in themselves, being generically authorized because they are expedients in a local church’s work of teaching the lost. Our question focuses on the use of the instrumental background when someone is speaking concerning the congregation. There again, the Bible is not specific on what might be happening in the background while a preacher or an elder does some brief teaching; but there are some principles we should remember.

The background sound (something like elevator music) or picture (as in a baptistery scene, which used to be common in church houses) is not what is being taught or encouraged; but it might distract from what is being taught. I once preached in a meeting in an American Legion Hall, where dances were held on Saturday night, leaving the smell of

alcohol in the large room where we met. There was also an American flag standing at the front of the room near the speaker's stand and the Lord's table. Was it wrong to leave the flag or the smell there? What if a video were made of the worship service for display on a website and the flag was showing in the video? You see that not only sounds but also visual images must be considered? I doubt that it was wrong to leave the flag in its place, and I am sure that little could be done to remove the smell in the little time available after Saturday night. If the flag became a distraction from worship, it could be removed; but no sin was committed in leaving it there. If a video of worship included the flag, was a sin thereby committed? Is the instrumental music playing wrong? I doubt it, but I would not include it because of another factor to be discussed later.

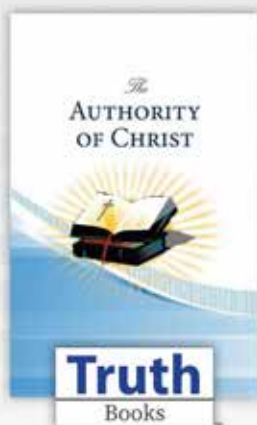
Please consider the following questions:

1. If a similar video showed people gathering at the building for worship, with some community visitors wearing immodest clothing, would it be wrong to show their presence?
2. If the video included an instrumental version with words of "Jesus Loves Me" playing in the background, would it be right to use it on the website?
3. If the video showed children playing in the yard after service while parents visited, would that be wrong? We must use some wisdom in reaching conclusions about such matters.

Items (1) and (2) include things wrong in themselves, whereas item (3) includes items right in themselves. It should be obvious which ought to be included and which omitted.

Some matters not sinful in themselves are unwise and should not be done for the sake of influence on others. In my judgment, the use of an instrumental tune is not wrong per se but unwise, because it might make teaching people truth about instrumental music in worship more difficult. On the other hand, some might conclude otherwise. Matters of judgment are matters on which Christians might disagree without wrong being involved. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind, and let no one try to make a matter of judgment into a matter of divine law (Rom. 14:5, 23). When a congregational matter is involved (as with a website), brethren should attempt to resolve issues in a way that respects the conscience of all in the congregation (Rom. 14:13).

Judgment in a case of expediency is more important than many people think (1 Cor. 8:1, 7, 9; 10:23). Poor judgment can muddy the water by introducing unneeded matters so that clear thinking and proper conclusions are more difficult. Unwise actions can cause souls to be lost. As an example, some proponents of instrumental music in worship, who were discussing the issue with a brother in Christ, backed off because they learned of a Christian using a denominational building for a wedding to use their instruments. They thought the opponent of instruments, in this case, inconsistent and possibly even hypocritical. On the other hand, wise judgment will make sacrifices by foregoing one's liberties for the sake of souls. Paul surely meant something like this in Romans 14:15-16, which says, "If your brother is made to stumble because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let your good be evil spoken of." **T**



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The Philistines Were Originally Greek—Just Look at Goliath

by Luke Chandler

Luke examines historical information about the Philistines and suggests they share many similarities with the ancient Greeks.

The Philistines are famous biblical bad guys. Though they dwelt alongside Judah and Dan in southwestern Canaan, there is no specific account of their interactions with Israel until Samson's time. Why are they relative latecomers in the Bible?

From archaeological records, it appears the Philistines were originally among an immigrant coalition from the north that invaded Egypt in 1208 BC during the reign of Merneptah and again around 1180 BC in the time of Ramses III. Egypt defeated both invasions, and Ramses III posted victory inscriptions in his mortuary temple of Medinet Habu. Ramses III allowed the survivors to settle in Canaan, where they carved out territory and became the biblical Philistines.

The Egyptians identified the attackers with names such as the Peleset, Tjekker, and Shekelesh. Can we connect any of these with the Philistines? Look carefully, and we see the consonants of *Peleset* match closely with those of *Philistine*. From this, it seems the Peleset name was generically applied to the immigrant groups that settled in Canaan. Interestingly, the Bible labels a subgroup of Philistines that joined with David as the *Pelethites* (just one lightly-modified consonant from *Peleset*) in 2 Samuel 8:18, 15:18, 20:7, 1 Kings 1:38-44, and 1 Chronicles 18:17.

What does the Bible say about Philistine origins? Two Old Testament

prophets say they came from a place called "Caphtor," which is generally believed to be Crete or nearby Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor? (Amos 9:7, ESV).

...The fathers look not back to their children, so feeble are their hands, because of the day that is coming to destroy all the Philistines... For the LORD is destroying the Philistines, the remnant of the coastland of Caphtor (Jer. 47:3-4).

David and Goliath, the most famous of Philistine stories, contains hints of the Philistines' Greek/Aegean origins. The description of Goliath's armor and weaponry resembles that of

Greek soldiers in the Late Bronze Age, just before the invasions of Egypt.

(Goliath) had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels (ca. 125 lbs.) of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels (ca. 15 lbs.) of iron... (1 Sam 17:5-7).

The heavyweight of Goliath's spearhead shows it was used for thrusting, like a long Greek spear, rather than throwing. Greek thrusting spears in that time were longer and heavier than the typical throwing spears of Canaan. The Hebrew



Battle scene, Medinet Habu, Theban Necropolis, Luxor, Egypt (istockphoto.com).



Captives from the invading group of Peleset, etc. after their defeat by Ramses. These peoples relocated to southern Canaan and eventually became the Philistines of David's time (wikimedia.org).

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language had no vocabulary word for that kind of foreign weapon, so the Bible text described it in visual terms, “like a weaver’s beam.”

Goliath’s challenge to a combat of champions also reflects the Philistines’ Aegean origins. The *Iliad*, a Greek epic poem about the Trojan War, tells of opposing armies selecting champions for one-on-one combat, such as Hector vs. Ajax and Achilles vs. Hector. Consider Goliath’s similar challenge to Saul’s army:

(Goliath) stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? ... Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then

we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us ... Give me a man, that we may fight together” (1 Sam. 17:8-10).

This atypical style of combat played a part in unnerving Saul and the Israelites. David’s faith is all the more remarkable since it overcame not only Goliath’s size and experience but unfamiliar weaponry and a strange approach to warfare.

Though we remember the Philistines as enemies, we see in them the shadows of God’s unifying power. Some of the

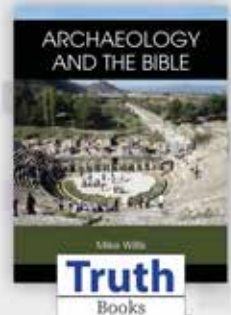
Cherethites, another sub-group*, joined Pelethites in allying with David. (2 Sam 15:18, *et al.*) Even before the gospel, people of faith were able to bring Gentiles to the knowledge of God. **II**

* For identifying Cherethites with Philistines, note Ezekiel 25:16 and Zephaniah 2:5.



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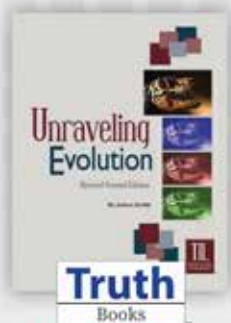


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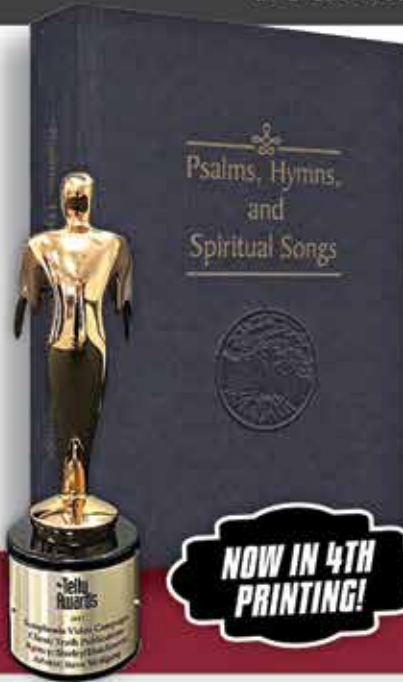
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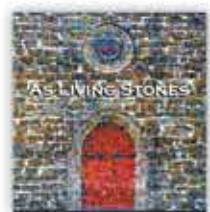
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328 • Nearer, My God, to Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee. Near - er to Thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
4. Then with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with Thy praise,

Phrased Notation:
width of hymn set by length of phrases,
not by page margin

E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me,
Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;
All that Thou send - est me In mer - cy giv'n;
Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;

D.S. - Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
D.S. al fine

Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to Thee.
Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to Thee.
An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee.
So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to Thee.

Optional Arrangement:
in this case, a suggestion
to incorporate readings from Genesis 28

Take the Name of Jesus with You • 329

1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe.
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from eve - ry snare.
3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy;

It will joy and com - fort give you; Take it then, wher - e'er you go.
If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us, And His songs our tongues em - ploy!

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Helping Us Be True

by Mark Mayberry

Mark explains how, “Taking His hand, helping each other home,” sets forth the guiding principles of our efforts with *Truth Magazine* and for the entire Truth Publications organization.

We are devoting the theme section of the May issue of *Truth Magazine* to a presentation of the motto, “Taking His hand, helping each other home.” This is highlighted on our newly redesigned website, and the 2019 *Truth Lectures* are built around the same theme.

As editor, I have been assigned the duty by the Board of Truth Publications, Inc. of selecting themes and assigning articles, sorting through the various unsolicited manuscripts, and selecting articles that will be useful to brethren, etc. We offer a curated collection of articles, usually grouped around a theme, although some issues provide assorted content that we trust will be edifying to our readers.

In the two years that I have been serving in this capacity, I have declined to print several submissions because they did not fit with our purpose or our guiding principles. Some articles have been speculative and not based on Scripture. Some were too harsh and dogmatic. In some cases, authors have advocated biblical or doctrinal error.

Our goal is to be biblically balanced and to present the whole counsel of God. Our task is to “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction” (2 Tim. 4:2). Please see my editorial in this issue of *Truth Magazine* for a detailed discussion of Paul’s charge to Timothy. I view my editorial responsibilities as complementary to my work as an

evangelist and the service that I render as an elder in the Alvin congregation.

Our approach at Truth Publications can be summed up in the simple statement, “Taking His hand, helping each other home.” Starting with a respect for God’s authority, we must take His hand—He is our Guide and our Captain. Relying upon the Sacred Scriptures, we seek to help each other to be all that we should be in (1) our physical homes, and (2) our spiritual home, the church, so that (3) we can reach our eternal home in heaven. These are my guiding principles.

Our primary purpose is to promote biblical truth. While many today have adopted Oprah Winfrey’s worldview of “Your Truth” as opposed to “The Truth,” we accept the assertion of Jesus, who said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). “Taking His hand” reflects our emphasis on the importance of remaining true to the Bible pattern, and provides the solid foundation for defending the truth when it is under attack or being distorted.

“Helping each other home,” then, is understood in the context of the superiority of the first statement. Without a recognition of Bible authority, we are left without an anchor. Organizations who shift their mindset from seeking to please God to pleasing men drift from their original mission. We

see this happen to churches, and also spiritually-oriented human organizations (such as colleges, and magazines, and publishing houses).

Our chosen motto is a concise way of presenting ourselves to the general public, and our brethren, and our customers. We know that you and your church need trustworthy resources, so we publish and provide Bible-based materials to help you grow closer to God. **T**



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Helping Us Grow

by Daniel H. King, Sr.

Focusing on the importance of Bible study and the need to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, Dan relates how Truth Publications is dedicated to producing reliable Bible study materials that help us grow closer to God.

“Grow or Die” is a theory of transformation in the business world which has become a cornerstone in strategic planning and organizational transformation of corporations. Dr. George Land applied this idea to organizations, which was already widely recognized in the area of physical, chemical, psychological and cultural processes. His important 1973 book bore this title. The point of his hypothesis is simple: either an organization is on a path to growth, or it is on a path toward decline—one or the other. This perspective makes perfect sense, and the conclusion he draws from it is inarguable. Companies are either growing or they are dying.

Nevertheless, this concept has larger implications than that which relates to corporations and companies. It is applicable to churches as institutions and individual congregations as well. It also applies to individuals. Ask yourself the following question: Spiritually speaking, are you growing or dying? As a Christian are you growing stronger and better, or no? It is one or the other. It cannot be both. We are growing in our walk with God, and learning more about Jesus and his will for us, or else we are losing ground. This is a hard reality to face, but the “grow or die” principle is universally applicable. It applies to you. It applies to me. It has application to the church with which you worship; it is either gaining ground or losing it.

God wants us to grow. That is self-evident. The word of God has many reminders to this effect, and most of

us know them very well. Some of us can quote them off-hand without too much thought. Let us take a moment to remind ourselves of a few of them. For example, Paul said to Timothy:

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15 ESV).

The Lord’s faithful people are commanded to grow:

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, even Christ (Eph. 4:15).

Like small children, growing and developing, we are to develop into the full-grown, mature Christians that God would have us to be:

...as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that you may grow thereby unto salvation (1 Pet. 2:2).

It should be our aim to grow in both grace and knowledge, through the study of God’s inspired Word and through spiritual exercise, making application of the principles we learn:

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18).

Those of us who work with Truth Publications/CEI Bookstore are all about the process of furthering the growth of congregations and individual Christians. The local church is God’s chosen environment for the

cultivation of spirituality and Christian maturation (Eph. 3:10). To this end, tools are needed, such as Bibles and books. The work of the church is outlined in Ephesians 4:12 as being for “the perfecting of the saints... the work of ministering... (and the) building up of the body of Christ.”

While printing and publishing is not part of this effort, printed books and materials are helpful aids in these works, making them function with greater efficiency and ease. Possessing a Bible helps us learn the Bible. We learn about the Bible when we read and study books concerning the Bible. That is what we are about at Truth Publications and the CEI Bookstore. The following are some of the ways that we are intent upon being helpful to the congregation where you worship and serve God, as well as in your pilgrimage toward a full-grown faith:

1. *Truth Magazine*. For many decades, we have made a monthly paper available to all who wish to subscribe, having helpful articles calculated to increase one’s knowledge of God’s will. The articles are intended to be timely, appropriate to the challenges and doctrinal winds that are blowing about in the brotherhood and in the world, and challenging for your study of the Bible. Mark Mayberry very capably steers this journal toward these ends. Each month it has about fourteen articles, assuring a wide range of content and subject matter. If you read it through entirely each month, at the end of a year, you will have imbibed 168 articles on wholesome,

biblically-centered subjects. How could that not be helpful? Mark recently commented about his work:

The work of an editor is simply to help authors communicate clearly and concisely. We use various proofing tools and techniques to catch typos, and other literary gremlins that hide until after a document is printed. I try to smooth out wording where it may be overly complicated, to reduce redundancy or repetitive language that often occurs. We have adopted a standardized style-guide to help maintain consistency across our various products. In other words, an editor's role is to eliminate obstacles that hinder communication. Yet, through the entire process, our goal is to promote biblical truth while maintaining respect for the individuality and intent of each author.

2. *Bibles and Books for Church Libraries and Personal Study.* At the CEI Bookstore, we stock hundreds of titles besides the ones that we print. Almost any book that you want or require can be ordered through our helpful staff. We maintain a considerable offering of different Bibles, in different translations, and a great variety of bindings. Call us at (855) 492-6657 and ask one of our staff members for help and advice on what to buy and we will ship it to you as quickly as is possible.

As a preacher and Bible student, I own hundreds of good books on biblical subject matter. Besides the Bible itself, they represent my most important physical asset as a gospel preacher and teacher of the Word. Paul felt the same way. His traveling library was separated from him for a short period, and he thus asked Timothy to bring those books and parchments to him when he came his way (2 Tim. 4:13). All of us ought to own a library of some kind, however small it might be.

3. *An Inventory of Over 800 Titles.* Since this company (in its various

manifestations) has been in business for over sixty years, we have a deep well of existing books, booklets, pamphlets, and tracts from which to draw as we make available to our readership materials that will be helpful and encouraging for them. Many competitors have come and gone, but we have persisted in business and continued to serve brethren and congregations with material that is both scriptural and beneficial. Our business plan does not involve making a profit. We are a non-profit organization that sinks every dollar we accumulate back into the printing and circulating of more scriptural material. That is what we do, and it is all we do, year after year. We presently own and publish three different series of Bible Class curricula, along with many individual titles for classroom study. Check out our website for details. Presently, our most popular curriculum is *Discovering God's Way*, edited by Robert Harkrider. Many very capable writers contributed to this excellent series.

4. *A Publishing Committee Composed of Four Christian Men.* Mark Mayberry, Kyle Pope, Mike Willis, and I make up the group of men who consider and edit those materials that are published by the company. Once more, we will allow Mark Mayberry to comment on what we do and how we do it:

The Publications Committee is responsible for converting older books and workbooks in our catalog into the newer format required by the modern "Print-On-Demand" model that now dominates the market. We also evaluate new manuscripts that are sent our way for potential publication. We are on the lookout for newer authors among faithful brethren who have produced good Bible study material that is (1) faithful to the biblical pattern, and is (2) designed to challenge readers and contribute to their spiritual growth.

Any writer who is a Christian is welcome to call any one of us and send a completed manuscript for consideration. We would love to help if we can.

Kyle Pope offers the following comments regarding the work that he does and that we are currently doing together as a team:

This work involves not only layout and design, but reading and editing. This is an invaluable aid in my own preaching. While I can offer some assistance in guaranteeing the soundness of material that is published, I gain so much in the process as I feed upon the rich teaching good brothers and sisters in Christ have put in print. In this regard, it is humbling to recognize the role we can play in helping the gospel spread through the materials we provide to Christians the world over, but it is also exciting to consider the impact the efforts we make can have on generations to come. Our lives are limited, but the written word can live when our brief lives have passed.

As I write these words I have a hand in many such good works. Two workbooks in the *Bible Text Book* series will soon be updated. Sister Melba Edwards has prepared children's versions of their well-received *If You Had Been...* series. One is in print and three more will be out soon. A number of the books in the *Discovering God's Way* series still need teacher's manuals, and several will be in print soon. Brother John Humphries has now completed his work on a *Commentary on Isaiah* for the *Truth Commentary* series. He has requested a few maps for the book, which I will complete as I do the final editing and layout to get it in print very soon. Several books, utilizing articles from *Truth Magazine* on various topics such as evidences, authority, and leaving a spiritual legacy, are also on the schedule. Finally, this month we are completing the final preparation of the lecture

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Helping Us Serve

by Gary Watt and Lance Taylor

Noting the importance of serving one another as individuals, in the home and the church, Lance and Gary explain how the CEI Bookstore team is dedicated to serving our customers.

The words “helping each other” in Truth Publications’ phrase “Taking His hand, helping each other home” speak to our service to others. If these three words stood alone, then many in the world are servants to others. However, when combined in the entire phrase, it becomes a call and reminder to Christians to follow the New Testament examples of godly servants.

Of course, Jesus Himself is our Master example of service to others. He clearly said, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28). Paul referred to himself as a servant—including to Titus (1:1) and to the church in Corinth (1 Cor. 9:19). He implied the same to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:24) by describing a servant of the Lord as “gentle” (v. 24), “patient” (v. 24), and showing “humility” (v. 25). Similar terms were implied by our Lord in Matthew 20:25-27.

Although the first century definition of a servant was more aligned to a slave or bondservant, the modern definition is not dissimilar: i.e., one who serves another. In the context of our Lord’s church, a servant has always been one who does His will by putting the needs of others ahead of his own. It is this very “heart of a servant” that should be developed as early as possible.

The desire to serve others in this manner is not a genetically inherent character trait. Rather it is an intentionally learned and developed behavior. It can and should start at

an early age. We often consider the example of Timothy’s early exposure to God’s word from his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois (2 Tim. 1:5). Christian parents and grandparents providing homes where the Bible is taught regularly is a solid foundation from which to encourage and prepare youth to be Godly servants. These adult Christians should strive to exemplify service in their daily actions both to each other as well as those outside their families, explaining why they’re doing so and allowing the children to participate as well. Leaders of the Lord’s churches should provide both instruction on this subject as well as create age-appropriate and scriptural opportunities for all to provide service within and without the church. Fellow Christians should exhort one another to service.

In the context of the preceding, we at Truth Publications believe we can and should serve our customers by “helping each other,” in part through our publishing and providing Bible-based materials to help us grow closer to God. From inside our CEI Bookstore, our new phrase “Taking His hand, helping each other home” has a very special meaning. Our team works with customers across the country and around the world every day to help find and provide the best Bible-based materials and resources to fill their needs.

We truly feel like we have joined hands with many good people in our

effort to spread the truth of God’s word every day. Our CEI Bookstore staff has some of the most caring and compassionate people you could ever meet. This genuine care and concern for others make our team a working example of “helping each other home.” We are equally interested in providing trustworthy, biblical resources. So, we make every effort to ensure that the materials we provide in the store and online are truly Bible-based and helpful in our spiritual growth. With this Bible-based focus, we are working hard to be found “Taking His hand” through the materials and resources that we provide. We know that you and your congregation need trustworthy resources, so allow CEI Bookstore and Truth Publications, Inc. to be your source for the materials and supplies to help you grow closer to God! 🙏



Gary Watt

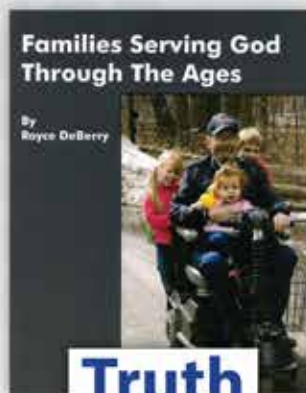
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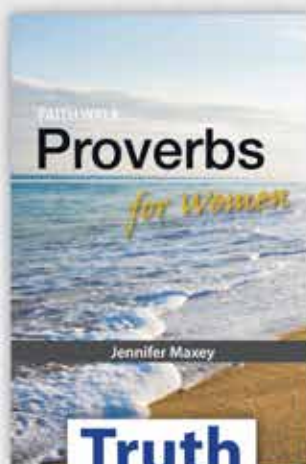
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Helping Us Reach

by Mark Mayberry, Phillip Stuckey, and Corey Willis

Mark, Phillip and Corey consider how brethren, past and present, have effectively leveraged available technology to reach others with biblical truth.

Believers have frequently used available technology to spread the word of God. Consider the impact of the printing press (Gutenberg's Bible, etc.), camp meetings in frontier days, tent meetings in the early and mid-20th century, the widespread use of mass media: newspapers, radio and television, and now, the internet (email, blogs, websites, social media, etc.). Truth Publications is using the latest technologies (print-on-demand, digital distribution, our various websites, etc.) to put reliable study materials in the hands of Bible students around the world.

Phillip Stuckey Observes:

Jesus calls on His disciples to "Go into all the world" and make more disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). Today, with the internet and the proliferation of the vast amount of information that is available to people, Christians have a great opportunity to reach people all over the world with an ease unknown in previous generations. It is estimated that over four billion people use the internet worldwide today and that number will continue to grow. How many of these people have never heard the gospel? How many of these people live in areas that could use good Bible study material but have limited access to it?

These are some of the things that drive us at Truth Publications to continue to try and stay abreast

of current technologies so we can maximize our reach in spreading the gospel to God's glory. Our goal is to help as many people as we can to not only come to know the Lord but to know Him better. To accomplish this end, we want to produce and distribute as much sound biblical material as we can, and our website is on the front lines in reaching a global audience. Our new redesigned website is designed to make it as easy as possible for people to find the material they are looking for, both in print and in digital form, and to make it simpler for them to purchase useful materials. No matter what device you are using, whether that is your laptop, desktop, tablet, or smartphone, we want our site to be accessible and easy for you to use. We welcome any feedback or suggestions you might have. Our mission is to help each other in our journey home.

Corey Willis Concludes:

Although technology research and development (R&D) projects might be pursued for no other reason than to determine what's possible, that's a horrible reason to implement new technologies in an organization. Technology must be used to accomplish an objective or fulfill a larger mission. It's no surprise, then, that Christianity has consistently leveraged new and emerging technologies. What is more important than the divine

mission of teaching the gospel to reach the lost or edify the church?

When radio was an emerging technology in America during the early 1920s, it was quickly assessed as a wonderful medium for broadcasting the gospel. In the early 1920s, only a few "engineers and tinkering boys" owned radios, but by 1922 Chicago heard their first gospel message broadcast from the station on the roof of City Hall (Rogers, 2010). By 1931, when over half of the homes in America owned a radio, the word of God was a staple of the medium. We see the same pattern in the 1990s during the early days of the internet. "Just as the printing press was lauded by Protestant Christians as a revolutionary tool for spreading the gospel in the vernacular of the common people of Europe, a new generation has come forth and embraced the internet for the task of spreading Christian beliefs" (Campbell, 2010).

Conversations and studies of important Bible questions were formerly facilitated in printed publications. They provided a forum for these discussions long before the advent of the world wide web. Thankfully, many of these publications have been preserved on the internet and are more accessible than ever before. I've prepared for very few sermons or classes without researching these archives. Truth Publications

continues to pursue its missions today by leveraging technologies to fulfill orders online, distribute books and materials digitally, and utilize print-on-demand services to rapidly address needs and minimize the capital required for printed publications. Regardless of the medium through which we preach and teach, the content of the gospel is the critical focus of these efforts. **IT**

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Helping Us Worship

by Steve Wolfgang

Worship includes observing the Lord's supper and laying by in store on the first day of the week, along with scriptural preaching, prayer, and praise. In this regard, Steve shares the benefits of *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*.

As a non-profit religious publishing organization, our mission is to produce and distribute a wide variety of material intended to help Christians (1) grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, (2) edify one another as we worship together in local congregations, and (3) share the good news of God's grace, i.e., the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, and the hope of eternal life. The materials we produce and publish include an innovative full commentary on the entire Bible, several complete sets of Bible class curricula, a wide variety of tracts and other Bible study materials. Several years ago, we also underwrote the production of the new hymnal, *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*.

The worship of Almighty God is the most important thing that Christians do. While it is true that a single Christian can certainly worship God individually, and worship should not be confined only to what happens within the four walls of a building (Rom. 12:2), there is a special sense in which Christians are acting together congregationally, and worshipping collectively. It is also true that, in some ways, what a Christian does in any aspect of life should glorify God and constitute worship. What we do together as Christians in acts of worship specified in the New Testament is quite distinct from "glorifying God" by mowing the yard of an elderly Christian or washing a neighbor's car as an act of service.

Christians gather on the Lord's day, just as early disciples did from the beginning of the New Testament church. They do so in order to (1) commune in the Lord's supper, (2) offer prayers to our heavenly Father, (3) diligently study the written revelation of God, and (4) give of their earthly finances so that (a) the gospel may be spread, (b) other Christians may be edified, and (c) scriptural benevolent works may be accomplished. These all constitute acts of worship as exemplified and commanded in the New Testament.

Additionally, we may worship, either individually or in concert with other Christians, in singing hymns of praise to God. To that end, we published a collection of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* (often abbreviated *PHaSS*) in 2012. As one of the editors, I have been asked to highlight its features as one means of what we are trying to do in "Taking His hand, helping each other home."

The content of this hymnal began with a selection of 550 hymns, identified through an internet survey in which participants ranked those hymns most appropriate for a congregational hymnal. These 550 hymns were identified as familiar and widely used by many Christians, and thus represent a core "repertoire" in many churches. They were selected, identified, and highly ranked by Christians across the country from the more than 1800 hymns which

appeared in at least one of the eight hymnals most widely used by Churches of Christ in the 20th century. Thus, more than 1200 hymns, including some "personal favorites" as well as hymns well-known in some localities, were not included since they were not highly ranked by those investing the time to participate in the internet survey.

To this core of 550 familiar hymns, 300 titles were added from various genre (including gospel, contemporary, folk, New English Renaissance, and high church hymns) appropriate for congregational worship. These 300 titles also included hymns written by brethren in recent decades, which were "blind-reviewed" based on content, poetic and musical quality and potential for use in congregations wishing to learn new hymns. Thus the content of *PHaSS* includes 850 hymns that are both old and new, representing a variety of musical and poetic styles. As a collection, they reflect an emphasis on quality and suitability for congregational worship rather than being skewed toward any particular favorite genre or personal preference.

Phrased Notation

Of the many distinctive features in *PHaSS*, perhaps the most noticeable is the concept of "Phrased Notation." This unique feature sets the width of a hymn by the length of phrases that fit on a line, rather than by the musical notation. Phrased Notation then "wraps" the music around those phrases. The result is a series

of unbroken clauses and couplets, as in a book of poetry. These unbroken phrases let the worshiper visualize, group, and more easily comprehend the meaning of the phrases as they are being sung. Phrased Notation has proven to be effective in promoting the comprehension of uninterrupted thoughts within a hymn.

The layout of hymns, centered on each page, causes them to appear in various widths in Phrased Notation. Hymns with longer phrases will occupy the full width of the page. Other hymns with varying meters will appear as “narrow” hymns with significant white space surrounding them. In some hymns, the meter demands different staff widths within the same hymn. To help orient how the eye “sees” each hymn, titles of each hymn (also of varying length) appear with spanners which run the full width of each page.

Content Sequence

The first section of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* contains psalms and psalm derivatives. A second section contains hymns and spiritual songs. This section is ordered in a God-first sequence, beginning with hymns of praise, followed by hymns about the life of Christ, continuing with hymns addressing themes such as salvation, fellowship, submission, commitment, the Christian life, prayer, evangelism, heaven, and eventually concluding with songs of invitation.

Editorial Principles and Processes

Each hymn was systematically and thoroughly reviewed in terms of word choice and verse selection. With few exceptions, hymns familiar to the primary audience of this hymnal were published in the most common version, as determined by its appearance in the hymnals most frequently used among Churches of Christ in recent generations. This editorial policy gave greatest emphasis to language that was biblical, poetic,

and original or standard, while giving lesser emphasis to language that privileges momentary trends or accommodates transient fashions.

In unfamiliar hymns or those using archaic language, the lyrics were modernized when possible. Yet, in more familiar hymns, the wording remains unchanged. Unfamiliar hymns with problematic verses were occasionally “hybridized” using superior couplets or quatrains from existing phrases within the hymn. On rare occasions, one or two words in familiar hymns were altered to achieve consistent meter or to prevent worshipers from stumbling over inconsistent phrasing, by eliminating the need to frequently double-check the hymn page for unpredictable terms or rhythms.

A number of outstanding hymns, widely known and frequently sung by prior generations of Christians, have dropped out of the repertoire of modern hymnals but are reintroduced in *PHaSS*. In some hymns, excellent original verses have likewise disappeared from hymnals over time, but are incorporated in this hymnal. The criteria necessary for reintroduction were biblical expression, worthy content, and poetic quality. Also, several hymns in *PHaSS* contain optional verses. These verses, appearing below the staff, are borrowed from other hymns with a similar message and meter. They demonstrate how optional verses can extend a hymn while giving the borrowed verse a fresh use.

Other Distinctive Features

All hymns and tunes in *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* were copyedited to fit a style sheet. The hymn style sheet was developed according to Standard English. One of the most distinctive features of this hymnal is that the word “Lord” appears in small caps as “LORD” when it refers to YHWH, as in some Bibles. The variable capitalization of “Lord” and “LORD” allows this hymnal to serve

as a teaching tool, helping worshipers to sing with a clearer understanding.

Additionally, there are various “composite” hymns included as a distinctive feature of *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*. These hymns contain verses from other well-known hymns sharing the same message and meter. These composite hymns address topics of salvation, pilgrimage, spiritual warfare, heaven, as well as the crucifixion and kingship of Christ. Most of these composite hymns introduce new or underutilized music appropriate to these very familiar verses. For Christians and congregations interested in learning the new music, these composite hymns can revitalize older verses and provide an uncomplicated and spiritually edifying medley-like worship experience.

In addition to unique features such as Phrased Notation, capitalizations of Lord and LORD, composite hymns, hybridized verses, and optional verses, other distinctive aspects of this hymnal include dagger endnotes and a hymn-based metrical index, and several additional features.

It is our fervent desire that worship leaders will make full use of this hymnal, exercising good judgment throughout. Worship leaders have great discretion in selecting the ideal tempo, volume, and other aspects of worship in song. Worship leaders may use the topical index to develop themed services, the metrical index to match hymns with various tunes, and the endnotes to consider alternative keys and arrangements. We have provided these tools with the trust and confidence that dedicated and thoughtful worship leaders will use them judiciously. **T**



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Helping Achieve Our Mission

by Scott Willis

After discussing the importance of leadership, as it relates to the home and church, the civil and business arenas, and our specific efforts, Scott highlights the various contributions of those who compose our board.

Leadership is an important element in every relationship we have. In the home, parents are responsible for leading the family in serving God. Specifically, fathers are to bring up the children in the admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Both father and mother are responsible for teaching children God's way every day and in every circumstance (Deut. 6:4-12). God's desire for the church is that each congregation be led by qualified men serving in the role of elder (Titus 1:5). Members are charged with the responsibility of following such leaders (Heb. 13:17). All Christians are encouraged to pray for civil leaders that they may establish environments that permit us to serve God without fear or being impeded by the government (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Likewise, business leaders are encouraged to fulfill their role following the principles of God (Eph. 6:5-9).

Since inception, Truth Publications and its predecessor companies have been committed to provide study and teaching materials to help leaders and followers alike in "Taking His hand, helping each other home." To accomplish this, there are two important factors involved in being successful.

The first is that the materials provided be true and faithful to the Bible. To make that happen, Truth Publications has engaged preachers,

elders, deacons, teachers, song leaders and faithful Christians to serve on our Board of Directors. The men who serve on the board are also responsible for the development of the content offered in our store and through our website. The board members who serve Truth Publications in this regard include Dan King (VP, Executive Committee, Publishing Committee), Mark Mayberry (Secretary, Executive Committee, Publishing Committee), Kyle Pope (Board Member, Publishing Committee), Steve Wolfgang (Board Member), Ron Halbrook (Board Member), Robert Harkrider (Board Member), Mike Willis (Board Advisor, Publishing Committee), David Dann (Board Advisor), and Philip Stuckey (Board Member, IT Management).

In some cases, these men also serve as the writers of our materials, but very often the task of writing is assigned to faithful men and women such as some of you reading this article. Truth Publications would not be successful at helping Christians without the excellent work of all of you who contribute your talents and knowledge of the Bible for others. Whether you are looking for classroom materials or study materials, those produced by Truth Publications have been carefully planned and reviewed for adherence to the standard of God's will. We take the responsibility of producing accurate and useful materials very seriously, and it is our prayer that all

who use them will benefit. I appreciate the leadership, vision and wisdom these men have shown through the years. Some of the products that have come from their efforts include *Discovering God's Way*, *Bible Textbook Series*, *Truth Commentaries* and many others. These materials are being used by both congregations and families to help with their studies. It is our sincere prayer that our materials will continue to be useful to all.

The second factor that is important to the success of our goal of "Taking His hand, helping each other home" are sound business practices. Truth Publications is a non-profit organization. That means that none of the proceeds generated by the operation of the business is distributed to the board or other individuals. Board members do not receive a financial benefit from the operational profit of Truth Publications. All profit that is generated is returned to the company and used to fund future publication efforts. To be clear, being a "non-profit organization" does not mean we are against profit. Like any other business, we are trying to run a profitable organization that can survive into the future and continue to produce materials that will aid Christians in their walk with God. We have engaged several men with a background in the business world to join our board. They include Gary Watt (Chief Operating Officer, Board

Member), David Shadburne (Treasurer, Board Member), Tom Mitchell (Board Member), Jim Berryman (Board Member), Phillip Stuckey (Board Member, IT Management), Cary Ashton (Board Advisor), Daniel Mayberry (Board Advisor), Corey Willis (Board Advisor) and I serve as President and CEO.

These men interact on a regular basis with our operations team in Athens, AL led by Lance Taylor. These business-oriented board members are focused on supporting the efforts of the first group mentioned by providing an efficient and cost-effective operation. Like all other businesses, there are times when the demands of the business dictate when or how we produce the materials, but never what we produce. Those decisions are left in the capable hands of the other board members.

We operate in a business domain that is undergoing tremendous change. Many bookstore operations have already closed some, if not all, of their facilities (Life Way, Barnes & Noble). We are working to adapt to this changing environment by improving our website and developing more robust digital products. The business men on our board are providing the leadership we need to make these changes in cost-effective and efficient ways.

These two groups of board members lead different efforts in the organization, but are unified in the commitment to our goal of “Taking His hand, helping each other home.” Like any other endeavor in which human beings are involved, we have made mistakes in the operation of our business, but with the leadership of the board of directors and our outstanding operations team, we enjoy a healthy company today.

We are working on new materials that will add to our existing inventories of printed and electronic products. We hope you find Truth Publications products helpful in your walk with God. We appreciate the support of all our customers and look forward to providing individuals and churches with reliable material in the future. We welcome your input for the type of materials you need to advance your goal of making it to heaven, whether in print or electronic format. Additionally, if you are interested in helping us in this work by donating your time, talent or money, we welcome your support. We would benefit from your ideas and help. Please contact any of the board members or our bookstore staff and let us know that you are interested in helping. We need leaders! **T**



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book for our June lectureship, *Taking His Hand, Helping Each Other Home*. I am thankful to God for the good brothers and sisters in my local congregation, and the good people who serve with me in work for Truth Publications to be able to participate in this rewarding and important work.


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Old Testament series (being that the New Testament volumes are complete):

I have finished writing the entire Commentary on Genesis and am on my third edit. At the same time, Kyle Pope is reading the book and giving me feedback. I have the commentary laid out in InDesign. There will be very little that remains to be done before it can “Go to Press” when this is finally submitted.

The Blackmores are currently working on a rewrite of *Song of Solomon*. When this is finished, we will publish *Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon* in one volume. *Psalms (Volume 2)*, *Joshua-Ruth*, and *Proverbs* are all works in progress.

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Editorial by Mark Mayberry (cont. from p. 5)

refers to “(1) a state of remaining tranquil while awaiting an outcome, patience, steadfastness, endurance; (2) a state of being able to bear up under provocation, forbearance, patience toward others” (BDAG).

This quality is very important. God demonstrates longsuffering toward us (Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Pet. 3:15). We should manifest the same spirit toward others (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:1-3; Col. 3:11-12).

And Instruction

Doctrine (KJV); teaching (NKJV, ASV); instruction (NASB); in teaching (RSV & ESV); with all the patience that the work of teaching requires (NEB). The Greek word *didachē*, rendered “instruction,” refers to either “(1) the activity of teaching,” or “(2) the content of teaching” (BDAG).

Biblical doctrine is from above (John 7:16). The early disciples “continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42). We must abide in the doctrine of

Christ, or suffer the consequences of spiritual alienation (2 John 1:9).

Conclusion

In charging Timothy, Paul discusses the duty of preachers and infers the duty of hearers (2 Tim. 4:1-5). May we faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like Timothy, let us fulfill our ministry, preaching the word, being ready in season and out of season—reproving, rebuking, and exhorting in a scriptural manner, i.e., with great patience and instruction. Let us teach sound doctrine and biblical truth, not myths, seeking God’s favor, not man’s approval.


Denominations that are trying to revive their flagging fortunes, and some brethren who have adopted the approach of community churches, present an unswervingly positive message. They stress self-realization over redemption, self-help rather than self-sacrifice, self-fulfillment instead of self-denial. They accentuate

atmospherics, depreciating doctrine and emphasizing emotion.

In contrast, may we recognize two simple truths: Pleasing men and pleasing God are mutually incompatible goals (Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:3-4). Genuine growth occurs when we speak the truth in love, and each member does his part (Eph. 4:11-16).

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MIAMI

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(Nearest to Airport), 500 N.W. 53rd Ave.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924

MIAMI

church of Christ
12780 Quail Roost Dr.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Clark Pace
(305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437

OCALA

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 (352) 629-5505
www.anthonycoc.com

ORLANDO

Azalea Park church of Christ
6800 Lake Underhill Rd.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(407) 277-7931

ORLANDO

church of Christ at S. Bumpy
3940 S. Bumpy Ave.
Sunday Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Worship w/ communion 10:55 A.M. (No Evening Service), Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Ken Chapman and Greg Kline
Office: (407) 851-8031

ORLANDO

Pine Hills Church of Christ
890 Hastings Street
Sun. Bible Study 10 A.M., Sun. Worship: 11 A.M.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.
(407) 293-2851 or (407) 290-8650

PALMETTO

Palmetto church of Christ
1575 14th Avenue W.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
www.palmettochurchofchrist.com
(941) 722-1307

PANAMA CITY BEACH

Beach church of Christ
8910 Front Beach Rd.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(850) 234-2521

SEFFNER

church of Christ
621 E. Wheeler Rd.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297
www.seffnercoc.org

GEORGIA

CENTERVILLE

Centerville church of Christ
250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB)
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1158

COLUMBUS

River City Church of Christ
3900 River Road, Columbus GA 31904
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelists Jeff McCrary & Bo Couchman
(205) 451-9028, rivercitychurchofchrist.com
backtothebible@rivercitychurchofchrist.com

CONYERS

Rockdale church of Christ
East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Building (770) 929-3973

PINE MTN. VALLEY

church of Christ
Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens)
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas
(706) 628-5117 or 628-5229
www.pmvchurch.com

SAVANNAH

Coastal church of Christ
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
(912) 344-1687
coastalchurchofchrist@outlook.com

VALDOSTA

church Of Christ
4313 North Valdosta Rd.
(Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75)
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Communion 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(229) 244-8630, www.northvaldostacoc.com

IDAHO

BLACKFOOT

church of Christ
370 N. Shilling • P.O. Box 158-83221
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(208) 785-6168 or 681-1552

IOWA

DES MOINES

church of Christ
1310 N.E. 54th Ave.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:40 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M., (515) 262-6799

GRINNELL

church of Christ
1402 Third Ave.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
(641) 521-6485, (641) 236-3883
www.grinnellcoc.com

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

church of Christ
1514 West 74th Street
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: James E. Scott
Bldg. (773) 224-9279, (708) 339-6126

DOWNERS GROVE

church of Christ
1236 63rd St., (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:55 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org

GLEN ELLYN

Glen Ellyn Church of Christ
796 Prairie Ave.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening 5 P.M.
Evangelist: Keith E. Brown
(630) 858-2290, (630) 377-3990

MATTOON

Southside church of Christ
1100 S. 17th Street
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(217) 234-3702

SOUTH HOLLAND

Southeast church of Christ
16224 S Vincennes Ave.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Donald Hawkins, (708) 339-1008
www.southeastchurchofchrist.com

INDIANA

CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville church of Christ
407 W. Lewis & Clark Parkway, 47129
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Brian Anderson (812) 944-2305
or (812) 948-9917
www.clarksvillechurchofchrist.org

GREENWOOD

Greenwood church of Christ
371 W. Main Street
Sun. Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 4:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelists: Neil Tremblett
(317) 888-8288
www.churchofchristatgreenwood.org

HOBART

church of Christ
300 N. Liberty Street
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663

INDIANAPOLIS

Castleton church of Christ
7701 East 86th Street, 46256
Sun. Worship 11 A.M., Sun. Bible Study 10 A.M.
Wed. Worship 11:15 A.M., Wed. Bible Study 7 P.M.
(317) 710-1204

JAMESTOWN

church of Christ
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:25 A.M.
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: David McPherson
(765) 676-6404 or (270) 994-4397
www.jamestowncoc.com

OOBITIC

church of Christ
400 Lafayette Ave. • P.O. Box 34
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M. Wednesday 7 P.M.
(812) 279-4332

PEKIN

church of Christ
(First St. & Karnes Ct.)
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jeremy Goen
(812) 967-3437 or 967-3520
www.pekinchurchofchrist.com

PLAINFIELD

church of Christ West
2028 Stafford Rd., Ste. C., (Marsh Shopping Cntr.)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Johnie Edwards
(317) 964-9404 or (317) 839-1769
www.churchofchristwest.org

SAINT LEON, IN

Church of Christ
7140 Hyland Rd., Guildford, IN 47022
174 exit 164 1 mile south on SR 1
Bible study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
812-637-1252 or 513-367-7871

SALEM

Westside church of Christ
2000 West State Rd. 56
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(812) 883-2033, www.westsidechurchofchrist.net

TRAFALGAR

Spearsville Rd. church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W.
(1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135)
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Charles Wright
(317) 878-5969 or (317) 300-8790
www.trafalgarchurch.com

KANSAS

TOPEKA

17th Street church of Christ
5600 SW 17th St.
Bible Study 9:15 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
(785) 235-8687 or 273-7977
www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org

KENTUCKY

AUSTIN

Peter's Creek church of Christ
856 Thomerson Park Rd.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M.
Evangelist: David Cox (270) 579-8074 or
(270) 646-0498, www.peterscreekcoc.com

BEAVER DAM

church of Christ
1235 Williams St.
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study After Worship
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jerid Gunter
(270) 274-4451

BRANDENBURG

Brandenburg church of Christ
612 Broadway
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878

CAMPBELLSVILLE

Sunny Hill Dr. church of Christ
A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M., A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M.
A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Steve Lee (270) 789-1651
stevelee4510@windstream.net
www.sunnyhillcoc.com

CANEYVILLE

Caneyville church of Christ
103 N. Main St. • P.O. Box 233
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 589-4167 or
(270) 274-3065

DANVILLE

church of Christ
385 E. Lexington Ave.
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study 11:15 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Scott Vifquain (859) 236-4204

FRANKLIN

31-W North church of Christ
1733 Bowling Green Road
Bible Study 9 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Steve Monts, (270) 586-3978
www.31wchurchofchrist.com

HODGENVILLE

Hodgenville church of Christ
613 S Lincoln Blvd.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Don Brady (270) 358-6053
Dbrady1295@aol.com

LEITCHFIELD

Mill St. church of Christ
733 Mill Street, Highway 62 E.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:55 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Michael Hardin
(270) 259-4968 or (270) 300-3239
www.millstreetchurchofchrist.org

LOUISVILLE

Valley Station church of Christ
1803 Dixie Garden Drive
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822

LOUISIANA

GONZALES

Southside church of Christ
405 Orice Roth Road, 70737, (Baton Rouge area)
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: R.J. Evans (225) 622-4587
rjevans@eatel.net

MANY

Lakeside church of Christ
12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.)
12 miles west of Many
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(318) 256-9396

STONEWALL

N. DeSoto church of Christ
2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(318) 925-2733

MARYLAND

SEVERN

Southwest church of Christ
805 Meadow Rd.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Brandon Trout
(410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549
www.swcofchrist.com

MAINE

PORTLAND

church of Christ • 856 Brighton Ave.
Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48
(Breakwater School)
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Second service immediately following morning
worship. Mid-week Bible Study. Please call for
times & places. (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409

MICHIGAN

CEDAR SPRINGS

W. Michigan church of Christ
Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park Street
(Grand Rapids Area)
Worship 11 A.M., Bible Study 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell, (616) 975-2778
westmichcof1@yahoo.com

MINNESOTA

DULUTH

church of Christ
4401 Glenwood St.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Bible Study 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Taylor Ladd (218) 728-3233

ST. CHARLES

church of Christ
939 Whitewater Avenue
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Bible Study 2:15 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M., call for location
FREE Bible correspondence studies
Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905

MISSISSIPPI

BOONEVILLE

Oakleigh Dr. church of Christ
101 Oakleigh Dr.
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Building: (662) 728-1942

CLINTON

McRaven Rd. church of Christ
301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Leonard White
(601) 925-9757 or 924-2645

MERIDIAN

Grandview church of Christ
2820 Grandview Ave.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Ron Cooper: (601) 934-3675
roncooper@bellsouth.net
Ricky Ethridge: (601) 737-5778
ricky-marsha@bellsouth.net

MERIDIAN

7th Street church of Christ
2914 7th Street
Sunday Mornings:
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.

SOUTHAVEN

church of Christ
2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55), (Memphis area)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: James A. Brown
(662) 342-1132 - church Building

MISSOURI

BLUE SPRINGS

Southside church of Christ
4000 SW Christiansen
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Brett Hogland (816) 228-9262

BRANSON

Eagle Rock Road church of Christ
432 Eagle Rock Road
Sun. Worship 9:30 A.M., Bible Study 10:30 A.M.
Sun. Evening Worship 2 P.M., Wednesday 6 P.M.
Minister: Philip North (417) 239-1036
Email: primrosenor@suddenink.net
www.eaglerockroadchurchofchrist.org

CAPE GIRARDEAU

North Cape church of Christ
121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2,
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
Sunday Bible Study 9:15 A.M. & 10 A.M.,
Worship 11 A.M., No Evening Service
Wednesday 6 P.M./CST, 7 P.M./DST
Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573) 334-9673

DONIPHAN

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 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(573) 996-3251 or 996-3513

FAIR GROVE

church of Christ
217 N. Orchard Blvd.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or
(417) 736-2663

KENNETT

church of Christ
703 Harrison St.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648
Preacher: Nolan Glover
www.westsidechurchofchrist.us

LILBOURN

church of Christ
211 Benton Street
First Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.,
Second Worship 10:45 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Ben Lawrence, (501) 470-5390

RAYTOWN

Sterling Ave. church of Christ
5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Justin Berss
(816) 356-3096 or (270) 320-6157
www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org

ST. JAMES

church of Christ
685 Sidney St.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:15 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628

ST. JOSEPH

County Line church of Christ
2727 County Line Rd.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
(816) 279-4737
www.countylinechurchofchrist.com

NEBRASKA

BEATRICE

church of Christ • 7th and Bell
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M., 233-4102 or 228-3827
www.churchofchrist7bell.com

NEW JERSEY

VAUXHALL

church of Christ
Milbourn Mall Suite 6., 2933 Vauxhall Rd.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Contact: Harry Persaud
phone: (908) 964-6356 • cell: (908) 964-8570

NEVADA

RENO

Central church of Christ
2450 Wrondel Way, Suite A
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(775) 786-2888

NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE

Charlotte church of Christ
5327 S. Tryon Street
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Sun. Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(704) 525-5655
www.charlottechurchofchrist.org

OHIO

BEAVERCREEK

Knollwood church of Christ
1031 Welford Drive
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.
and 3 P.M., Wednesday Bible Study 1 P.M.
For Adults and 7 P.M. all ages.
Evangelist: Heath Rogers
(937) 426-1422
www.knollwoodchurch.org

CINCINNATI

Blue Ash church of Christ
4667 Cooper Road
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. (513) 891-3174
www.blueashchurchofchrist.com

CLEVELAND

Lorain Ave. church of Christ
13501 Lorain Ave.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(330) 723-0111 or (330) 590-0227
or (216) 322-9392
www.lorainave-churchofchrist.com

COLUMBUS

Laurel Canyon church of Christ
409 McNaughton Road
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(614) 868-1375, www.lccoc.net

DAYTON

West Carrollton
28 W. Main Street, 45449
Early Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:25 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162
or 848-3779, www.wc-coc.org

FRANKLIN

Franklin church of Christ
6417 Franklin-Lebanon Rd. 45005
Sun. Bible Study 10 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

FREMONT

church of Christ
3361 W. State Street, 1 mi. W. of Fremont
on U.S. Rt. 20
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(419) 849-3340 or 849-2980
www.fremontchurchofchrist.com

HAMILTON

Westview church of Christ
1040 Azel Ave.
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:45 A.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Eugene Ford (513) 856-9288

HILLIARD

church of Christ
4840 Cemetery Rd.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(614) 876-4089

MANSFIELD

Southside church of Christ
687 Mansfield-Lucas Road
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 5 P.M.
James Bond: (419) 526-2868
Leon Bond: (419) 525-3684
church: (419) 522-8982

NEW LEBANON

New Lebanon church of Christ
1973 W Main Street
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.,
Evening 5 P.M., Wed. Bible Study 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Bruce Hastings (937) 687-7150
or (937) 478-0367

MARIETTA-RENO

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 P.M.
Daniel Ruegg: (740) 222-9160 or
Steve Foutty: (740) 473-9028

NORTHWOOD

Frey Road church of Christ
4110 Frey Rd. (Toledo Area)
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Donald Jarabek
(419) 893-3566, (567) 694-5062

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.

OKLAHOMA

MCALESTER

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

OKLAHOMA CITY

Seminole Pointe church of Christ
16300 N. May Avenue
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: John M. Duvall (405) 340-3189
or (405) 513-6691, www.seminolepointe.church

OREGON

SWEET HOME

Church of Christ
3702 E. Long Street, Sweet Home, OR
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 7 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Building: (541) 367-1599

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

church of Christ
7222 Germantown Ave., 19119
Bible Study 10:15 A.M., Worship 11:15 A.M.
Tuesday night 7 P.M.
Evangelist: James H. Baker, Jr. (215) 248-2026
www.mtairychurchofchrist.org

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA

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

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 P.M.
Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr. (803) 499-6023

WEST COLUMBIA

Airport church of Christ
4013 Edmund Hwy. (Hwy. 302)
**OUR WEB SITE DISPLAYS OUR
CURRENT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE.**
Evangelist: Terry W. Benton, Bldg. (803) 834-6978
<http://airport-church-of-christ.com>

TENNESSEE

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 P.M.
(931) 388-5828 or (931) 381-7898
www.moorevillepikecoc.com

COSBY

Cosby church of Christ
4894 Hooper Hwy., 37722
(15 mi. E. of Gatlinburg on Hwy. 321)
Bible Study 10A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Olie Williamson
(423) 487-5540 or (423) 748-0844

JACKSON

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

JOHNSON CITY

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

JONESBOROUGH

11-E church of Christ
240 Headtown Road
Bible Study 10:30 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Evangelist: David Wheeler
(423) 557-9119 or (423) 948-6464
www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com

KINGSTON SPRINGS

Kingston Springs church of Christ
350 North Main Street
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Steve Walker, www.kscoc.com

MT. PLEASANT

Locust St. Church of Christ
108 Locust Street • Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474
931-379-3704 or 931-964-3924
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Daniel H. King, Sr.
www.lscoc.com

KINGSFORT

Kingsfort church of Christ
4938 Fort Henry Dr. • P.O. Box 554
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:00 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Tom Kinzel, Bldg.# (423) 239-3979
or (423) 579-2002 • www.kptcoc.org

MARYVILLE

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

MEMPHIS

Rocky Pt. Road church of Christ
516 E. Rocky Point Rd., Cordova
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
rockypointchurch@gmail.com
www.rockypointchurch.org

MURFREESBORO

Cason Lane church of Christ
1110 Cason Lane
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(615) 896-0090 (Building)
www.casonlanechurch.org

MURFREESBORO

Northfield Blvd. church of Christ
2091 Pitts Ln. at Northfield Blvd.
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Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: David Bunting (615) 893-1200

NASHVILLE

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

NASHVILLE

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

PIGEON FORGE

King Branch Road church of Christ
560 King Branch Road
Worship 10 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Facilities available for Sunday evening services
upon request.
Evangelist: Roger Williams (865) 430-5980
www.KingBranchRoadchurchOfChrist.org

SHELBYVILLE

El Bethel church of Christ
1801 Hwy. 41-A North
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Donnie V. Rader (931) 607-9099
dvrader@live.com

SHELBYVILLE

Shelbyville Mills church of Christ
1222 W. Jackson St.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jeff Curtis (931) 607-9118
djcurtis1963@hotmail.com

TEXAS

ALLEN

West Allen church of Christ
1414 W. Exchange Blvd. (2 miles west of Hwy. 75)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Jerry King (214) 504-0443
Building phone (972) 727-5355

ALVARADO

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

ALVIN

Adoue St. church of Christ
605 E. Adoue St
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Mark Mayberry (346) 216-1707
www.ascoc.org & www.markmayberry.net

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 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Ron Lehde

BAYTOWN

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

BEAUMONT

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

CONROE

Woodland Hills church of Christ
410 Woodland Hills Dr., 77303
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
phone: (936) 756-9322
www.conroechurch.com

CLEVELAND

church of Christ
310 E. Houston Street
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Robert Davis (281) 592-5676
www.clevelandchurchofchrist.org

CORPUS CHRISTI

Hwy. 9 church of Christ
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study 11 A.M.
Worship 12 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Call for location: Keith Kalies (361) 776-2304
or Patrick Frazier (361) 235-1990

DICKINSON

church of Christ
2919 FM 517 Road E.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 9:45 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M., (281) 534-4870
www.dickinsonchurchofchrist.org

DALLAS

Methodist Street church of Christ
211 Methodist St. • Red Oak TX, 75154
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: D. LeRoy Klice
(972) 576-3119 or 363-7672
www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com

DUNCANVILLE

Whispering Hills church of Christ
2126 S. Main (South Dallas)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(214) 874-5701, info@whchurchofchrist.net

EDNA

church of Christ
301 Robison Street
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(361) 782-5506 or 782-2844
Elders: J. Mercer & S. Mercer

EL PASO

Eastringe church of Christ
3277 Pendleton Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(915) 855-1524

FORT WORTH

West Side church of Christ
6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(817) 738-7269

GRANBURY

church of Christ
4313 Old Granbury Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
817-913-4209 or 817-279-3351

HOUSTON

Fry Rd. church of Christ
2510 Fry Road (77084)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Bob Pulliam: (281) 832-4633, www.fryroad.org

HOUSTON

Spring Woods church of Christ
9955 Neuens Rd. at Witte Road
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Worship 11 A.M., Evening 6 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: (713) 419-1750
www.springwoodschurchofchrist.com

IRVING

Westside church of Christ
2320 Imperial Dr. (closest to DFW Airport)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Mark Roberts (972) 986-9131
www.JustChristians.com

LANCASTER

Pleasant Run church of Christ
831 W. Pleasant Run Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(972) 227-1708 or 227-2598

LUBBOCK

Indiana Avenue church of Christ
6111 Indiana Avenue
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(806) 795-3377
www.lubbockchurch.com

LUFKIN

Timberland Dr. church of Christ
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Evangelists: Harold Hancock & Reagan McClenny
(936) 634-7110 or 632-7070

MANSFIELD

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Evangelist: Tom Roberts (817) 466-3160

NACOGDOCHES

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Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelists: Randy Harshbarger & Jay Taylor

PLANO

Spring Creek church of Christ
2100 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., (North Dallas Suburb)
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(972) 517-5582, www.planochurch.org

SAN ANTONIO

Grissom Rd. church of Christ
5470 Lost Lane at Grissom Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78238-2700
Bible Classes 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday (Ladies Class) 10 A.M.,
Wednesday (Bible Class) 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Terry Starling
www.grissomroadcoc.org

SAN ANTONIO

Pecan Valley church of Christ
268 Utopia Avenue, (I-37 S.E. Exit Pecan Valley)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Clyde W. Carter (210) 337-6143

SHERMAN

Westwood Village church of Christ
314 N. Tolbert
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Ronald Stringer

TEMPLE

Leon Valley church of Christ
4404 Twin City Blvd.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Jason Garcia
yourfriendjgar@gmail.com
www.biblemoments.org

WACO

Sun Valley church of Christ
340 E. Warren St. (In Hewitt, a suburb of Waco)
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Marc Smith
(254) 666-1020 or 420-1484

THE WOODLANDS

Woodlands church of Christ
1500 Wellman Road • P.O. Box 7664 (77380)
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(281) 367-2099
www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org

VIRGINIA

CHESAPEAKE

Tidewater church of Christ
217 Taxus Street
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Steve Schlosser (757) 436-6900

CHESTER

Chester church of Christ
12100 Winfree St., (Central to Richmond,
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
church Building: (804) 796-2374, (804) 385-2725
or (804) 271-0877

RICHMOND (METRO)

Courthouse church of Christ
Courthouse Rd. at Double Creek Ct.
(2.2 miles S of Rt. 288)
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Gene Tope (804) 790-1629
www.courthousechurchofchrist.com

RICHMOND

Forest Hill church of Christ
1208 W. 41st Street
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr. (804) 233-5959

RIDGEWAY

church of Christ
2970 Old Leaksville Road
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(276) 956-6049
www.churchofchristatridgeway.com

ROANOKE

Blue Ridge church of Christ
929 Indiana Avenue N.E. (5 min. from Roanoke
Convention Center)
1st Lesson 9:15 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(540) 344-2755

VIRGINIA BEACH

Southside church of Christ
5652 Haden Road
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Robert Mallard (757) 464-4574

WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

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

SEQUIM

Sequim church of Christ
American Legion Hall
7 W. Prairie St. at Sequim Ave.
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Wednesday night Bible study 7 P.M.
Evangelist: Jerry MacDonald
(360) 808-1021 or biblepage@att.net
www.churchofchristinsequim.com

TACOMA

Manitou Park church of Christ
(meets at Gray Middle School)
6229 S Tyler Street
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
(253) 242-3098
tacomachurch@gmail.com
www.tacomachurch.com

WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON

Oakwood Road church of Christ
873 Oakwood Road
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
oakwoodrdcoc@suddenlinkmail.com
www.orcoc.org • (304) 342-5637

CLARKSBURG

Westside church of Christ
Davisson Run Road
Sunday Morning 9:30 A.M.
(304) 622-5433
www.westsidechurchofchristwv.net

FAIRMONT

Eastside church of Christ
1929 Morgantown Avenue
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(304) 363-8696 or (304)844-2437

GLADESVILLE

Gladesville church of Christ
2906 Gladesville Rd., Independence, WV 26374
Sunday Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.
Sunday 7 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.
(304) 864-3078

MOUNDSVILLE

Moundsville church of Christ
210 Cedar Street
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M., Mid-week 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Tony Huntsman (304) 845-4940

PARKERSBURG

Marrtown church of Christ
825 Marrtown Road
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
(304) 422-7458 or 893-5227

WYOMING

RANCHESTER

Ranchester church of Christ
Hwy. 14 West, Ranch Mart Mall
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Contact: Bob Reich (307) 655-2563

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