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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service N/A
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class N/A
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Mike Bannister

Billy Chism... Johnny McCaghren

Deacons:

John Barnum Don Smith

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
Mission Printing
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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

Was Crelow a Prophet?

Those of us “of a certain age” probably remember a very funny comedian by the name of Clerow Wilson, Jr. Actually, we probably know him better by his nickname, “Flip.” For some reason, I’ve been thinking recently about one of the routines he did on a fairly regular basis.

In that routine, Flip Wilson portrayed a character by the name of “Reverend Leroy.” Supposedly, Leroy was the preacher for *The Church of What’s Happening Now*. The information on one source I checked lined up pretty well with my memory of Mr. Wilson’s portrayal. According to it, “Flip Wilson portrays a fast talking preacher who tells the truth, lies, and cons you at the same time.”

I remember laughing (a lot) at “Reverend Leroy” years ago. Part of what made Flip Wilson’s routine so funny was that it seemed so outlandish at the time. I remember thinking then that, surely, nobody could take his act seriously.

It seemed to me then that most people understood that religion was not to be focused upon us, but upon God. A great emphasis was on what happened on the cross, not on current events. Worship was about honoring God, not entertaining people. It seemed to be understood that what was expected of followers of Jesus was service, not serve us.

While I would, in no way, seriously suggest that Flip Wilson was a prophet, I would observe that much of what passes for religion resembles his routine. Also, while I laughed at the routine, I find what I am observing today to be heartbreaking.

During my lifetime, we have increasingly become a consumer society. Sadly, that has spilled over into many religious groups. Many people choose a church based upon what programs, activities, etc. fit their needs. Religious leaders will come into a community and conduct surveys in order to determine what will satisfy the people in that community. They will then tailor their worship, programs, etc. to meet those expectations.

If we would take the time to consult our New Testaments, we might be surprised to find a different emphasis. Instead of catering to people’s desires, Jesus and those whom He authorized to speak for Him unashamedly told people what they needed and what they needed to do. Instead of a focus on such things as entertainment and pleasure, we find that the emphasis was on such things as service and holiness.

What would happen if we were to get rid of “worship services” that resemble rock concerts? What if preachers were evaluated based on their relationship with Jesus and knowledge of His Word rather than their charisma and style? What if the emphasis was on the revealed word of God, rather than the newest theory or fad? What if all who profess to follow Jesus would truly see themselves as the functioning, serving, sacrificing body of Christ rather than people to be entertained, coddled, and satisfied?

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What might happen could be that all who claim to be followers of the Lord would actually resemble the people we read about in the New Testament. You do remember them, don't you? They wore the name "Christian." They were not members of any church other than the one that Jesus promised to build (Matt. 16:18).

There are many prophecies concerning the ministry of Jesus. There are also a number of prophecies about the relationship that He now has with those who truly follow Him. However, you will search in vain for a prophet named *Clerow* or *The Church of What's Happening Now*.

Instead, what you will find is the One who is, among other things, Prophet, Priest, King, Lord, and Savior. His name is **Jesus**.

You will also find valuable information about the church that was part of God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:1-11). It remains relevant for all time. It does not just address concerns about "what's happening now." The doctrine that is taught and the lifestyle that it upholds is "... profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, **and of that which is to come**" (1 Tim. 4:8).

Something seems to be lost in all of the excitement and drama of what passes for "worship" today. It also seems to be lost as religious organizations focus on "felt needs" and preach a "health and wealth gospel."

What is lost (or at least minimized) should cause all of us to do some serious thinking. Along with all of the things that Jesus is, we also read in our New Testaments that, at the end of time, Jesus will be our **judge**.

Since that is the case, it seems to me that it would be wise for all of us to think seriously about something other than the here and now. On what has often been described as "*that last, great day*," those who have ignored or minimized how Jesus wants us to live, worship, relate to others, etc. may not like the answer to the question: "What's happening now?"

Jim Faughn (A Legacy of Faith)

What God Sees On Facebook During Prom Season

It is my hope that after reading this you will be encouraged to be holy like God is holy.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... after all, it is what everyone else was doing.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because older members in the church complimented prom pictures.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because, quite frankly, I wasn't striving to be more holy.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because I assumed lust was just a part of growing up.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because I wasn't concerned with immodesty.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because drinking alcohol was not viewed as reckless as other drugs.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because I was not thinking about things through the eyes of my future spouse.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because I was primarily living for myself.

When I was young I didn't see a problem with the prom ... because I didn't fear God.

But what did God see back then? I didn't give enough thought to what God saw when He looked at those prom pictures. In fact, I'm not sure I ever stopped to look at what was going on through His eyes.

Now that I'm older I spend a lot of time evaluating how I can be more holy, and I realize that what God sees today has not changed from when I was young. His views on purity, holiness, and righteousness have not varied with the years. Here are some questions to consider about what God sees today when He sees those prom pictures on Facebook.

Does God see parents who do not realize Satan has waged war on their children's soul?

Does God see parents who don't believe worldliness is a problem in their home?

Does God see parents who are teaching their children a poor lesson about pleasure on earth?

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Television

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/

April 25 Genesis 17—18; Psalm 116

April 26 Genesis 19—20; Psalm 117

April 27 Genesis 21—22; Psalm 118

April 28 Gen. 23—24; Ps. 119:1-60

April 29 Gen. 25—26; Ps. 119:61-120

April 30 Gen. 27—28; Ps. 119:121-176

May 1 Genesis 29—30; Psalm 120

May 2 Genesis 31—32; Psalm 121

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Last week **24** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **This evening** after our worship we will have a time of fellowship as we **wish John Propst the best as he moves to Abilene** (Buffalo Gap). He will be missed. Bring some snacks/finger foods and plan to stay.
- ◆ **Next Sunday** will be our **First Sunday Fellowship Meal**.
- ◆ There will be a **congregational meeting** Sunday afternoon, **May 16**, to update the congregation on various works we are involved in, and to solicit any input/feedback you may have.

Upcoming Area Events

- ◆ May 1—**Cherokee Day** (see bulletin board)
- ◆ May 2-6—**Focal Point** at San Marcos
- ◆ May 9-12—**Gospel Meeting** at Bangs (see bulletin board)
- ◆ June 8—**Summer Youth Series** begins at Bangs (Each Tuesday evening through the summer; we host August 10)
- ◆ June 27—July 1—**Junior Camp** (applications available)
- ◆ July 18-23—**Senior Camp** (applications available)

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Does God see parents who have not shared with their children the costs of following Christ?

Does God see parents who are willing to gamble on the purity of their children for a night of fun?

Does God see parents who are willing to purchase immodest dresses and justify it, because after all, it is the prom?

Does God see parents who give no thought to the fact that this prom date is not their child's husband or wife—and yet, the parents are promoting a relationship outside of marriage?

Does God see young people who have conformed rather than be transformed?

Does God see young people who fear not attending prom more than they fear the Him?

Does God see young people who attend youth rallies and devotionals, but then don't walk the walk?

Does God see young people who are weak spiritually?

Does God see young people who desire to be in a lascivious environment?

Does God see young people who have no problem twerking or grinding on Saturday night, and then taking the Lord's supper Sunday morning?

Does God see young people who will one day wish they had not gone so far with their date?

Does God see young people who will one day wish they could erase pictures from the internet?

Does God see grandparents and older Christians who reinforce this behavior by "liking" or posting positive comments under pictures?

Does God see grandparents and older Christians who believe this is a right of passage—after all, they did it?

Does God see grandparents and older Christians who see an immodestly dressed young lady and still make positive comments about her dress?

Does God see grandparents and older Christians who are comfortable with their young people having worldly values?

My wife and I are constantly evaluating young people as possible candidates for marriage with our children, and these pictures remind me that many who wear the name Christian do not possess the same values that we are trying to instill in our children—and therefore are not suitable candidates for marriage. And that makes me sad. One wonders if God is not also sad? They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Sometimes pictures say more than that.

Brad Harrub (focuspress.org)

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

April Birthdays: Vickie Tallent (4), Rita Duaine (5), Kristi Maninger (9), Becky Smith (9), Darlene Smith (10).

April Anniversaries: John & Tina Barnum (8).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	April 11, 2021	April 18, 2021
Bible Class	43	43
AM Worship	52 + [6]	48 + [10]
PM Worship	44 + [7]	38 + [8]
Wednesday PM	40 + [7]	40 + [8]
Contribution	\$2,455	\$1,745

	This Week: 4/25/21	Next Week: 5/2/21		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p>April 2021 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister</p> <p>May 2021 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby</p>	
Greeters	_____	_____		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
Communion	James Fuller*, Daniel Edwards Don Smith, Coyce Reed	Randy Huckaby, Chase Churchwell Dex Dennard, Kyle Duaine		
Closing Prayer	John Propst	Ryan Rudloff		
Attendance Cards	_____	_____		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Don Smith		
Scripture Reading	_____	_____		
Communion	James Fuller	Randy Huckaby		
Closing Prayer	Mike Bannister	John Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	April 28 Don Smith	May 5 Singing & Prayer Night (Mike)	May 12 Dex Dennard	May 19 Rafe Smith

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday Class *1 Corinthians 15:3*
 Wed. Class *Leviticus 13:1*

What Does Unbelief Look Like? (Part 3)

- I. **Deism** – God exist, and He created the world, but He has nothing to do with it.
 - A. Such a position inevitably leads to the following.
 1. It rejects both the triune nature of the Godhead and the deity of Christ.
 2. It rejects that God has given a special revelation of Himself in the Bible.
 3. That human reason is all man needs to understand God and His laws.
 4. It rejects the notions of a prayer-hearing/prayer-answering God.
 - B. What response may be offered to deism?
 1. It's flawed view of God's inability to work miracles must be address.
 2. One cannot believe in Creation, while denying the only divine source of knowledge concerning that Creation – special revelation.
 3. An omnipotent God can supersede the natural laws He created.
 4. Natural law cannot provide all man needs to know.
 5. Deism is an easily crossed bridge from theism to out-and-out naturalism.
- II. **Pantheism** – all is God and God is all.
 - A. What is the logical end of this kind of thinking?
 1. Sin and its associated concept of redemption become unnecessary.
 2. There can be no miracles.
 3. There is neither need of, nor allowance for, divine providence.
 4. God does not have a personality; He is not a "person" but an "it."
 5. Given time and proper teaching, we too can realize that we are God.
 - B. How should Christians respond to the concept of pantheism?
 1. The concept attempts to sustain itself via a contradiction.
 2. Stress that everything is not "one."
 3. Expose the illogical position that God is an "impersonal it."
 4. Expose the fallacy of humans "coming to realize" they are God.
 5. The concept of self-deification must be opposed.
 6. Help others see that pantheism is little more than "disguised atheism."
- III. **Panentheism.**
 - A. The material is God's body – God is in the process of reaching His potential.
 - B. What should be the response of Christians to panentheism?
 1. We should point out that a "finite" God is worthless.
 2. Without theism's God, the crucial element of change, causality, is missing.
 3. Panentheism is the grand example of man creating God in his image.

- Eating with Sinners – and a Discourse on Fasting** (Mt. 9:10-17; Mk. 2:15-22; Lk. 5:29-39)
- It is hard to say exactly where this event fits chronologically. I am placing it here because Matthew 9:18 indicates that Jesus' discourse at Matthew's feast was interrupted by Jairus and his request for Jesus to heal his daughter.
- I. **A Banquet at Matthew's House** (Mt. 9:10-13; Mk. 2:15-17; Lk. 5:29-32).
 - A. In the social world of Jesus' day eating together was not merely a nicety, it was a way of developing and maintaining social boundaries and solidarity.
 - B. Matthew takes Jesus home and does for Him what seemed most honorable—throws Him a party, which included Jesus' disciples (Mk. 2:15). He also invited his friend – tax collectors and sinners.
 - C. The Pharisees and their scribes reacted in typical fashion. The didn't confront Jesus directly, but confronted His disciples.
 - D. Jesus overhears, and responds with a beautiful proverb: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."
 - E. Matthew adds the quote from Hosea 6:6, "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'"
 - II. **Feasting vs. Fasting; Old vs. New** (Mt. 9:14-17; Mk. 2:18-22; Lk. 5:33-39).
 - A. Matthew's banquet fostered not one, but two complaints against Jesus: (1) Fraternizing with sinners and (2) feasting instead of fasting.
 - B. "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"
 1. According to the Law, there was only one commanded fast per year, the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29), however, the Pharisees fasted every Monday and Thursday to show their extreme piety.
 2. Jesus' response is insightful and logical: "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?"
 - a. You don't fast at a wedding! - Jesus' ministry was a time for joy and celebration.
 - b. Soon enough Jesus' disciples would grieve over the loss of their Lord.
 - C. The first parable Jesus tells is about cloth and the second is about wine.
 1. The main lesson in both is that it is inappropriate for the disciples to fast while Jesus is with them.
 2. A secondary lesson is about the old and the new.
 - a. You cannot take the regime of Jesus and cram it into the old legalistic code. Jesus is calling for a change – a whole new order of things.