

Welcome

TO
DRIPPING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 8th, 2019

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Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:30
Worship - 10:30
PM Worship - 6:00
Wednesday:
Bible Class - 7:00

Pursuing
Love

Promoting
Truth

Practicing
Godliness

Proclaiming
the Gospel

Is Truth “Subjective” or “Objective?”

By Neal Pollard

“You folks believe baptism is essential, but we believe we are saved when we accept Jesus in our hearts by faith.” “Why does the church of Christ think it is wrong to use a piano?” “You must not like women. You sure don’t let them use all their ‘gifts’ in your worship and leadership.” These are just three random examples of statements of perception made by our friends and family concerning “our beliefs.”

How would you answer these? Even within the Lord’s church, more than one answer is often offered. Sadly, too often the heat of emotion eclipses the light of scripture in these matters. How is truth determined? Is it man’s right to decide what truth is “for him”? Can I have my truth and you have your own, different truths, and we both are right? Please understand that I am not speaking of matters of judgment, opinion, matters that must be determined by principles of scripture, scruples, and conscience. Take the three examples mentioned—baptism, church music, and the role of women. Are these matters that must be decided by mere human judgment, opinions, and conscience? Or can we “know the truth” on these things (cf. John 8:32)?

All of this ultimately boils down to our attitude and approach to God’s Word. Do we accept it at face value and glean from it what it has already said, or do we infuse (insert) into it our predetermined values and desires? Consider the three examples.

Baptism is connected to salvation in the gospels (Mk. 16:16), the history book of the New Testament (Acts 2:38; 22:16; etc.), and the epistles (Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21; etc.). Why would we deny it? Do we really hope to make scripture fit our view by trying to make Bible verses conflict with each other (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31)? If the Bible repeatedly says baptism is necessary for salvation, isn’t that a truth objective and universal? If not, why not?

Singing is specifically commanded in major worship passages like Colossians 3:16 and Ephesians 5:19. We have no doubt that God wants us to sing. Now, some say that it is a matter of preference whether you sing with or without instrumental accompaniment. I find it interesting that a New Testament writer teaching a New Testament principle makes his point with an example from the first covenant. In Hebrews 7:14, the penman writes, “For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.” Moses did not forbid a man of Judah from serving as a priest. God simply specified that the tribe of Levi was to be the priestly tribe. Was priesthood selection a matter of personal preference? Absolutely not (see 1 Kings 12).

Women’s role in the church is discussed in the midst of an epistle the thesis of which is that the church may know how to conduct herself (1 Tim. 3:15). Part of that conduct regards women’s role in the church (1 Tim. 2:9-15). The Christian woman is not to teach or have authority over the man (2:11-12). The reason is not tied to Greek culture, but way back to original design at the beginning of the world (2:13-14). When some push for an “expanded” role for women, are they letting cultural pressure of heavenly desire drive them?

Certainly, we cannot be callous or altogether dispassionate in studying or discussing these matters. But, without recognizing a sovereign, divine standard of truth, what are we doing with Scripture? Whether meaning to or not, we are subjugating God’s stated will to our subjective, ever-shifting will. John 12:48 reminds us that the latter will ultimately be irrelevant.

Today's Lesson Titles

A.M. • Joyful Faith: The Joy of Harmony
P.M. • One Word: Confession

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30 • Revelation - Jacob Rutledge
Sunday (High School) 9:30 • Exodus - Parker LaGrange
Wednesday 7:00 • Ezekiel - Winston Kinser
Wednesday (High School) 7:00 • How to Pray When I... - Parker LaGrange

Mark Your Calendar

TODAY • Deadline to bring your wrapped items to the Library for Project Elf.
TODAY • Wreath Service Project for K-12th and families from 2-5PM in Room 101.
TODAY • Holiday Meal bag assembly in Room 101 at 4:00PM. We will deliver the bags afterwards.
December 12th • Dinner at The Switch to honor our elders beginning at 5:30PM. Sign-up by today.
December 29th • Parent Meeting for K-5th grade in the Library after morning worship to plan for next quarter.

For the Record

November 24th
Sunday AM..... 182
Contribution \$10,949
December 1st
Sunday AM 174
Contribution \$6,811

Youth Events

Every Wednesday • Friends in Faith - Dinner and fellowship for 6th-12th Graders beginning at 6:15pm.
Every Sunday • Bible Bowl at 5:00pm.
TODAY • Wreath Service Project (K-12th Grade) from 2-5pm. We will go Caroling after evening service.
TODAY • Bible Bowl is cancelled today for the wreath making.
December 14th • Ice Skating for 6th-12th Grade. Meet at the building at 11:00am. We will skate from 12-3:00. Bring \$25.

Leadership

Elders

Roland MerzBill Hyde....Tracy Frisinger

Deacons

Randy BanksMatt Walker
Stephen EstradaWinston Kinser
John GrayBrian Wilks
Damon HydeRobert Wright
Jay KelseyTim Wright

Ministers

Jacob RutledgeParker LaGrange

December Birthdays

8th • Roland Williams
9th • Tim Wright
11th • Alec Estrada, Betty Starling
12th • Angela Starling
13th • Luke Lovelace
14th • Aaron Crumley
15th • Hailey Ross
17th • Barrett Nuckels
18th • Russell Molenaar
19th • Quinn Mauck
20th • Bailey Cain
22nd • Scott Miller, Ruth Ann Somervell
23rd • Jennifer Nuckels, Sloan Pogue
26th • Rick Bangs, Caroline Westover
28th • Lucas Kinser, Maverick Walker
30th • Mat Cain, Ben Valle

Privileged to Serve

Keep In Your Prayers

Sunday, December 8th

Morning

Announcements.....Paul Brown
 Song Leader.....Damon Hyde
 Opening Prayer.....David Nuckels
 Scripture Reading.....Joseph Sherrill
 Sermon.....Parker LaGrange
 Closing Prayer.....Darrell Underwood

Evening

Song Leader.....Brian Wilks
 Opening Prayer.....John Gray
 Sermon.....Parker LaGrange
 Closing Prayer.....Paul Brown

Lord's Table

Bill Hyde.....Byron Pogue
 Matt Hand.....Winston Kinser
 Don Stafford.....Brian Wilks
 Keith Mauck.....Randy Banks

Wednesday, December 11th

Opening Prayer.....Jacob Rutledge
 Song Leader.....Damon Hyde
 Speaker.....Winston Kinser
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Walker

Ladies Room 101 Duty December

Melissa Lovelace, Stephanie Gray,
 Lea Valle, Jamie Wright

Church Family • Phyllis Barker, Daryl Burrell, Polly Coon, The Mark Crumley Family, Russ and Pat Molenaar, Grady & Janice Moore, Clinton & Carolyn Rutherford, Barbara Smith, Margaret Tilley, Norman and Betty Starling, Bob Templeton, The Walker Family

Shut-ins & Other Needs • Nelawyn Dalley, Tom Hickey

HCC Resident • Nancy Wallace

Lavender Springs Residents • Marvin Crumley

Ledgestone Residents • Elaine Hartzog, Elsie Norton, Shirley Scott, & Marie Balderson

Family & Friends of the Church • Will Allen, Pat Balderas, Faith Beamon, Betty Bufkin, Timmy Burchfield, Shirley Burrell, Mike Coon, Gary & Carol Heinemann, Dart Hyde, Gary & Sandra Montgomery, Regina Sanchez, Margie Simmons, John Suter Sr., Ariana Stainitis, Dennis Tilley, Pat Feiling-Tweedie, Barbara Valle, Gary Williamson, Tommy Williamson

Mission Works

Peter Chin

Four Seas Bible College
(Singapore)

Joshua Ankiah
South Africa

Daniel Sackey
Liberia, West Africa

Andrew Arbuckle
Wahaiawa, Oahu, HI

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World Video
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