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Assembly Times

Sundays

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. An angel (Genesis 16:11)

2. Zacharias (Luke 1:13)

3. Lo-ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)

4. Isaiah (8:3)

5. David (1 Chronicles 22:9)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Truett Blazek

Announcements: John Van Baale

Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen

Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain

Scripture Reading: Tyler Blazek
Luke 15:11-32

Song Leader: Kevin Buckner

Table Talk: John Franks

Contribution: Josh Emerson

Helper: Aaron Emerson

Fruit of Vine: Sandon Spyker

Helper: Gobi Warner

Helper: Jordan Thomas

Closing Prayer: Arturo Orozco

Sunday Afternoons

Nov 30 Nothing

Dec 7 3PM Singing

Dec 14 Nothing

Dec 21 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson

Speaker: Jordan Thomas



Standing Firm

"Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm"

Ephesians 6:13

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In God We Trust

The country in which we live was established on Christian principles and religious freedoms. The forefathers wanted us to forever keep God in our minds. "In God We Trust" is printed on our currency, yet that statement seems to become more and more misleading as the years go by. I just wonder how God views America that supposedly trusts Him?

Statistics show just how far removed from God our country has become. (All statistics are from the Pew Research organization website, and the Census Bureau, accessed 11.26.2025).

67% of 12th graders say they'll likely choose to get married someday, down from 80% in 1993. (33% do not see themselves marrying)

Divorce rates are down to 14.2% (it was 22.6% in 1980). This sounds good, but it's 14.2%! And 2/3 of these have go one to marry again.

Cohabiting couples has increased from 3.7 percent in 1996 to 9.1 percent in 2023. From a 2019 census report, 59% of people have lived with an unmarried partner at some point in their lives. Further, most Americans (69%) say cohabitation is acceptable even if a couple doesn't plan to get married.

1,250,000 same sex couples in the USA are married or cohabitating.

These statistics should concern us greatly. Marriage was established by God in the garden of Eden when He said: "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Jesus reiterated the Law in Matthew 19:5. God never intended for a man and woman to live together outside of marriage, nor for any homosexual activity much less "gay" marriage. God "hates divorce" (Malachi 2:1).

In case you didn't know, March 21 is *National Single Parent Day* (passed by Congress in 1984). Since 1993 the number of single parent homes in our country is ranging

from 22–25%. The national divorce rate has a lot to do with this, and the majority of this children are being raised by a single mom. The child being raised by a divorcee will grow up thinking that divorce is normal and acceptable. What are we as a nation teaching our children? Most assuredly we are not teaching them to trust in God. God have explicit instructions to the father AND the mother about raising children. It takes both parents for God’s plan to work. Ephesians 6:4 instructs the fathers to “not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Father’s must be present to fulfill the command. The Proverbial portrait of the worthy woman says “*she looks well to the ways of her household*” (Prov. 31:27) and “*her children rise up and bless her*” (Prov. 31:28). Mother’s must be present to please God.

God’s heart must ache as He sees the attitudes of most Americans, a nation that trust in God no longer. “*This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men’*” (Matthew 15:8–9). God remains in control of the nations, just as He did when we read in the Old Testament. He causes a nation to rise up, or be brought down.

We need to see the importance of what Jesus says: “*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven*” (Matthew 5:14–16). We have a limited period of time (our life) to be the living example of faith, to instruct the unrighteous in the way of God, and to lead our family to serve God. The ways of the world is a strong influence for all of us, but God’s ways lead to eternal life! We must warn those around us of God’s wrath on those who disobey, and how that wrath can be avoided through obedience to the truth. Truly we need to teach others and practice ourselves: Trust in God.

“*Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight*” (Proverbs 3:5–6).
By Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

**Names Made
In Heaven**

1. Who told Hagar to name her son Ishmael?
2. Who was told by an angel that his son was to be named John?
3. What was Hosea told to name his daughter?
4. Who was told by God to name his son Maher-shalalhash-baz?
5. Who was told to name his son Solomon?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



TRUTH: LOVED BY HIS CHILDREN by Charles Willis

We often say in our relationships ‘love is proven by actions’, or ‘show me you love me’. That’s not just an American thought, it is Scriptural. Jesus said, “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*” (John 14:15). In this same way we demonstrate our love for the truth by our actions. We are to love “*in deed and truth*” (1 John 3:18).

Those who have obeyed are said to have loved “*the truth so as to be saved*” (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Love “*rejoices with the truth*” (1 Cor. 13:6). We “*have been established in the truth*” (2 Peter 1:12), meaning we could not be saved without obeying the truth. God has revealed the truth and we must obey it.

This obedience and love of the truth starts when we are baptized into Christ, but never stops. We are “*walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father*” (2 John 4). Our conduct is to obey the truth. Our daily walk is supposed to be full of obedience to God’s truth. “*Walk as children of light*” (Ephesians 5:8). We live the Law of God in Christ Jesus. It governs and rules our conduct and thinking.

We love God’s truth because it helps us. “*How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path*” (Psalm 119:103–105). The New Covenant confirms this as well saying we are to “ *dwell on*” “*whatever is true*” (Philippians 4:8). God’s word it true, and we should think about this a lot in our daily life. To meditate on His word. To be so familiar with it we fluently speak in Biblical phrases and concepts.

Our love for God’s truth creates a desire to accurately handle “*the word of truth*” (2 Timothy 2:15). To do nothing that demeans, degrades, mis-represents, or denies the word of God. We only want to speak the truth and follow the truth. That’s how strong our love is. We want to share God’s truth with others, so we speak “*the truth in love*” (Ephesians 4:15). That’s our motivation (love) - to help others learn God’s truth. We “*speak truth each one of you with his neighbor*” (Ephesians 4:25). Truth to fellow believers, and everyone else - even when the truth makes life harder for us. All “*liars... will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death*” (Revelation 21:8). My love for the truth, and my love for God, will not allow me to lie about anything, especially regarding the Bible and the way of salvation in Christ.

It is very true, ‘love is proven by action.’ What are we proving to God? What are we proving to ourselves? I encourage you to grow in your love of God’s truth.