

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
 Morning Assembly 10:30
 Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

RADIO PROGRAM

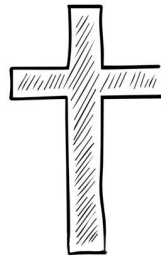
The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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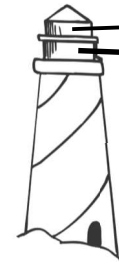
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 out of a minus.

ELDERS:

Otis Hardin
 Perry Johnson
 Ken Parker
 Alan Revier
 GW Walsh

DEACONS:

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 Scott Hale
 Joel Heiligenthal
 Jason Hill
 Chris Johnson
 Brock McKeel
 Randy Potter
 Tim Roberts
 Randy Shell



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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

Sick: Gary Fletcher, James Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle.

Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, and

Mary Lou Lewis

Military: Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

WE ARE THRILLED at the recent baptisms of three of our young people!

Ashley Pegue, Madi Clark, and Adler Hale were all baptized into Christ during our Vacation Bible School! Let's encourage all our young people!

SINGING TONIGHT – Our monthly singing is scheduled for this evening at 5 o'clock. Song leaders come prepared to lead – everyone else, to sing!

Many attempts have been made through the years to add an eleventh commandment to the original ten. Most of those efforts are short-lived because they are often the result of a narrow agenda. For example, “Thou shalt not judge” has been used to counter any effort to uphold Biblical morality. It seems to be losing traction, however, perhaps because it is so easily refuted.

But the latest ‘eleventh commandment’ is more pernicious than previous ones. It simply states, “Thou shalt not offend others.” It encompasses elements of the “Thou shalt not judge” version (after all,

judging someone to be in sin is ‘offensive’ to many). But this new strain goes even further. To be guilty of ‘judging’ someone requires a proactive effort on your part (i.e., teaching someone God’s Word). But being ‘offensive’ in the age of thin skin requires no effort at all — just living your life can find you in violation of the new eleventh commandment. And that’s a scary place for any society to find itself.

While the “Thou shalt not judge” commandment is more individualized (the guilty dog barks loudest), the “Thou shalt not offend others”



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commandment is widespread and largely generational. Many colleges and universities have had ‘safe zones’ for years where students who are easily triggered (thin-skinned) can go to be protected from speech they find offensive. After leaving academia, these same individuals bring their sensitivities into the workplace, creating situations that become increasingly hostile — especially for God’s people (e.g., no Bible verses displayed at a workstation).

But the “Thou shalt not offend others” crowd does not stop there. From burning down churches, to purging the military of religious (and political) conservatives, to pronouncing someone ‘offensive’ simply for the color of their skin — the new eleventh commandment is being used to wage war against Biblical concepts of justice (Eze 18:20), truth and righteousness (Psa 19:9) and inclusion (Gal 3:28).

The Biblical concept of ‘offense’ has nothing to do with hurting someone’s feelings or confronting someone with inconvenient truths.

Jesus and His apostles did that all the time. Biblical offense is defined as behaving in such a way as to lead someone into sin (Mt 18:6). If we simply don’t like the message, silencing the messenger is **not** a good response (think Jesus on the cross). Better to discuss issues with open minds and good hearts.

The United States, like all earthly nations before it, is an imperfect country. And while some followers of Christ today enjoy being politically active (as did some in the first century; e.g., zealots), political activism can easily become blind party loyalty. If not careful, it can lead one into sinful ideologies (Marxism or white supremacy) and even sinful behaviors (publicly espousing such sinful ideologies).

If you are a Christian, your citizenship is in heaven (Ph 3:20) — regardless of what your passport says. Let’s be laser-focused on that goal. We can advocate for Biblical righteousness without getting mired down in the carnal weapons of a ‘woke’ culture. As Christians, we have no choice.

- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Evidence of the Bible’s Origin

There is overwhelming evidence that the Bible is inspired by God, and that it is all true. Consider a few examples.

Medicine: One treatment centuries ago was to drain a person’s blood, as the thought was it was poisoned. Today, we understand the vital role blood has in supplying oxygen and nutrients, as well as in combating infections. “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood*” (Lev 17:11). Moses wrote this 4,500 years ago. How did he know this centuries before medical science understood it?

Archaeology: In 37 passages, the Hittite people are mentioned. Critics cited this as an example of the inaccuracy of the Bible since there was no extra-Biblical record of Hittites. But archaeologists have found the Hittite capital along with clay tablets in the Hittite language. The critics were proven wrong.

History: “*Gallio was proconsul of Achaia*” (Ac 18:12). Discoveries have shown the amazing accuracy of this. Gallio was proconsul only one year, about 52 AD. The recently discovered Delphi inscription reads “As Lucius Junius Gallio, my friend, and the proconsul of Achaia...”

Prophecy and fulfillment: The Bible contains prophecies about nations, cities, and people — some made hundreds of years before their fulfillment. Many of these prophecies are about Jesus, including his genealogy, the time and city of his birth, his manner of life, his trial, his crucifixion, and his resurrection. Such evidence cannot be denied by open minds.

Today, the Bible and Christianity are vigorously attacked. It behooves us to know the evidence that we might be able to defend our faith. True faith is not blind, but a faith based on evidence (He 11:1).

- *Jefferson David Tant (edited for space)*