



# Truth for Today

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## What are you known for?

by Gardner Hall

I recently saw a Facebook post that asked, "What do Conservative Christians believe?"

Four practices were mentioned that conservatives oppose: abortion, homosexuality, drug abuse and sex outside of marriage. Then the post concluded by asking about other things that should be added to the list.

Is there a problem with this line of thinking?

Apart from not mentioning opposition to pride, lack of mercy and other sins of the heart, I fear that this approach reinforces an unhealthy emphasis that some feel is necessary to be known as "Conservative Christians."

I wrote this brief response that I hope was helpful.

"I oppose all things mentioned above, but it is extremely important to be known not primarily as opposers, but more than anything else for our love (John 13:35). The Pharisees were known for being opposers, but not for their love. . ."

Expanding on that thought a bit - Jesus opposed the Pharisees but He was not known primarily for opposing things but rather, for teaching and demonstrating His infinite love by dying for us on the cross. Paul opposed Judaizing teachers and gnostic influences; But he was not known primarily as an opposer but rather, as a proclaimer of Christ and His resurrection.

Though it will sometimes be necessary for disciples of Jesus to oppose error, if we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with opposing things to the point that we become known primarily for that and not for our love, we will not be following in the steps of Christ and won't have much spiritual success.

## We live in a broken world.

by Wilson Adam

Murder... Racism... Rioting... Anger... Outrage... Anarchy... Injustice... Distrust... Disrespect... Distraught...

Broken and heart broken. You know, maybe "broken" isn't strong enough - "shattered" is more descriptive. We live in a shattered world.

I cannot place myself in the shoes of my black friends. I cannot feel their fear. I cannot grasp the depth of their grief and outrage. I cannot say I understand because I cannot.

What I can do is empathize and care.  
What I can do is love them like they love me.  
What I can do is listen to their fears and frustrations.

This isn't about justifying looting and law-breaking any more than justifying racial killings. Wrong upon wrong doesn't right anything. This goes deeper. Way deeper.

The solution to shattered?

It isn't more legislation, political speeches, and/or dismissive finger-pointing, blaming, and generalizations.

The solution to shattered?

There's only one: the gospel-changing, sin-forgiving, heart-cleansing power of Jesus Christ.

He's the only One who can change hearts.

The. Only. One.

Make no mistake, this is a heart problem. And a big one.

Shattered?

We need help. We need healing. We need Him.

**If you are going to believe everything you read, then start reading your Bible!**

*"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him"*  
(Proverbs 30:5).

- Daniel Lee

# NEWS & NOTES

## UPDATED PRAYER LIST

- **Linda Faughn's** results on the laser scan was good, the CT scan was negative but the cardiologist scheduled another ablation to normalize her heart rhythm for Thursday.
- **Harvey Goble** will have surgery on 6/3 at St. Luke's Medical Center for thyroid.
- **Doug Hall.**
- **Debbie Harshman** has an MRI on 6/5 to find a cause for ear ringing/hearing losses.
- **Mitch Harvey**
- **Helen West** fell last week but is better.
- **Erin Dulin's** mother fell Friday and broke her shoulder.
- Zach Birkner (who worked a summer program with us) and Mary Kathryn's boy, Titus, had two seizures on 5/25 and was in Texas Children's Hospital in the Woodlands for about three days. He's now home and doing well.
- One of the men we support, Ed Brand, along with his wife Pat, who live in Russellville, Alabama, tested positive for the COVID-19 virus after he co-conducted a funeral in Texas about 20 days ago. They are better, but a second test shows that they are still positive for COVID. So they are in quarantine again.
- Dee Bowman fell last weekend and broke his hip, had surgery last Sunday and is now home recuperating.  
—See Enews for Ongoing Prayer List

## MEETINGS, EVENTS, SINGINGS & STUDIES

- Sunday Worship Assemblies
  - Reserved seating for members and those who regularly attend with us. Please contact an elder if there is any change planned in upcoming weeks: if you 1) will be out of town, 2) are changing your time slot (from last Sunday) or, 3) if you will have more than your family.

- KIDzONLY Summer BIBLE CLASSES | LiveStream Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
- TEEN Summer BIBLE CLASS | Zoom Sundays, 2:30 p.m.
- Summer ADULT CLASSES
  - *Songs Outside The Psalter* | LiveStream Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
  - *Psalms 119 | The Psalm of the Word* | LiveStream Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
- BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES | (ZOOM, 6/7)
- 2:52 Kids Class [2-12] | (TBA)
- TEENS STUDY [13-18] | (TBA)
- YOUNG ADULTS | (TBA)
- TEEN DEVO [12-18] | (TBA)
- ADULT STUDY [30/40] | (TBA)
- BARNABAS GROUP | See Leo Betancourt
- VBS | THE OVERCOMERS | M-Th., 6/22-25
  - **Register today!** go to our website and register for free there!
- WORKDAY | 8/1, 8-10 am
- YOUTH LECTURES | with *Caleb Churchill and Andy Harrison* | Sat-Sun, 8/8-9
- MEETING with *Ben Hall* | 9/13-16
- WOMEN'S DAY with *Sarah Sanford Lyon* | 10/10
- MEN'S DAY with *David McClister* | 11/7

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

- The most recent printed directory is in the foyer for members. Changes? See Brian Clark for any corrections or changes.
- **We would like all families** to update their information and ALL worship leaders to do the same. If you have any questions about the DIRECTORY application of our website, *be sure to see Brian Clark.*
- We are glad to welcome **Terri Frazier** who has placed membership with us.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS for 2020**, including Communion Prep, visitor greeting and bi-

monthly building lockup.

- **WOULD YOU TEACH?** John Beighle is looking for teachers for the fall quarter (Sept-Nov). Email or text him if you would like to teach.
- **HOSPITALITY?** For the next six months, **Marissa Suarez** has volunteered to coordinate food for members who need assistance during an extended recovery period. Please offer your help!
- See **Leo Betancourt** about getting involved in encouraging our visitors and members in the Barnabus Group.

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

- **Week Twenty-Two** (beginning 5/31)
  - Read Psalm 21, 71, 121
  - Memorize Psalm 121:1-4
- **Signup for weekly reminders at** <https://www.remind.com/join/weeklymemo>

Attendance	InPerson Average Last-Month	Virtual Average Last-Month	InPerson Last Week	Virtual Views Last Week
<i>KidzOnly Bible Class</i>	n/a	<b>10</b>	n/a	<b>5</b>
<i>High School ZOOM</i>	n/a	<b>13</b>	n/a	<b>13</b>
<i>Adult Bible Class</i>	n/a	<b>14</b>	n/a	<b>19</b>
<i>Sunday Worship AM</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>78</b>
<i>Sunday Worship PM</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Wednesday PM</i>	n/a	<b>26</b>	n/a	<b>22</b>

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE & WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS	8:30 AM   June 7	10:00 AM   June 7	Contact Information
<i>Communion Preparation</i>	George & LouAnn Chapman	George & LouAnn Chapman	<b>Elders</b>
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Chris L.	Chris L.	Keith Arrants 936.582.1244
<i>Foyer 1/Greeting</i>	Craig P.	Dwight H.	George Chapman 281.298.1303
<i>Foyer 2/Usher</i>	John B.	Nathan S.	Norman Davis 832.326.2966
<i>SongLeading</i>	Norm D.	Dwight O.	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
<i>1st Prayer</i>	Leo B.	Granville B.	<b>Deacons</b>
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Chris C.—1Thessalonians 2:11-16	Barrett B.—John 18:33-37	John Beighle 806.367.3389
<i>Communion</i>	George C.	Mickey C.	Adam Bohanan 281.798.1093
<i>Bread</i>	n/a	n/a	Brian Clark 281.513.0706
<i>Fruit of Vine</i>	n/a	n/a	Gary LeBlanc 281.292.0262
<i>Contribution</i>	n/a	n/a	Craig Preuss 832.477.0578
<i>Assist</i>	n/a	n/a	<b>Evangelists</b>
<i>Assist</i>	n/a	n/a	Don Hooton 936.443.6230
<i>Preaching</i>	Mickey C.	Jeremy C.	<b>Website</b>
<i>2nd Prayer</i>	Gary L.	Bobby C.	www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org
<i>Announcements</i>	Craig P.	Norm D.	<b>Office Phone</b>
<i>InterService Clean—Foyer/Bath</i>	Norman & Tricia Davis	Mickey & Carol Chandler	281.367.2099
<i>InterService Clean—Auditorium</i>	Jennifer F.	John & Maureen C.	<b>Church Email</b>
<i>DOORS Open @8   Lockup @11:30</i>	Chris L.	Adam B.	woodlandschurchofchrist@gmail.com