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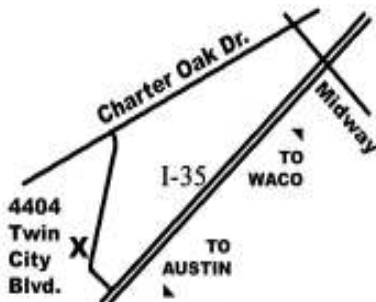
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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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Don't Forget!

“Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder)” -2 Pe 3:1

Peter was concerned that his readers remember the words “*spoken before by the holy prophets*” of the Old Testament, as well as “*the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord*” (vs. 2). Those are things we need to be reminded of today as well, for we forget so easily.

Sometimes we forget because we have ‘old timers’ disease – and there’s not much to be done about that. The mind tends to fog up as the years pile up.

But, sometimes we forget for other reasons. We may forget because we lapse into neglect. Or, we may forget because we have made a conscious decision to turn from the Lord. Or, we may ‘forget’ because we never paid very close attention to begin with. It was just never that important to us.

Like students who fail the exam because they were too distracted to study, so many are too caught up in the things of the world to pay attention to the things of God. But, the final exam looms ahead still – so don't forget!

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF AMERICANS

Harris Interactive recently released results of a poll that was designed to determine what Americans believe on the subject of religion. There were certain interesting things to note about the results of the poll.

First, the United States remains a nation where most identify themselves as Christians. 72% believe that Jesus is the Son of God. 70% believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. One thing that is disturbing, however, is the small number of Americans that accept the Bible as God's word. Only 33% believe that both the Old and New Testaments are God's word.

The poll also asked questions concerning common superstitions. 41% of Americans professed a belief in ghosts, 35% in UFO's, 31% in witches, 29% in astrology, and 21% in reincarnation. It is rather insulting that questions concerning faith in Christ are lumped together with UFO's; but, what is more disturbing is that so many Americans are so credulous. It is such faith in the ridiculous that gives fodder to those who claim that faith in Christ is without merit.

While the poll reveals the Christian leanings of our nation, it also clearly shows that such inclinations are seldom based upon true faith. Remember, "*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Ro 10:17). May our faith be reasoned and established upon the verity of scripture, rather than the vagaries of human speculation.

– Stan Cox (edited)

Just Thinkin'

With national election primaries pushed back as early as the first week in January, we are blessed with almost an entire year of politicians promising that our lives will be better if we will just vote for them.

This endless parade of messiah figures cannot be a good thing. It feeds the notion of government as a super-nanny and the cure for all our ills. But, God never laid such an impossible mission on politicians – and Christians should not expect it of them (Rom 13).

So, what did happen to the idea of self-reliance and independence? Christians are not only commanded to be productive, but we are forbidden to enable the lazy as well – even if they starve to death (2 Th 3:10). This may seem drastic to those accustomed to the government teat, but starvation is a powerful motivator. Call it really tough love.

Someone once suggested that we should pray as though everything depends on God, and then work as though everything depends on us. I'm thinkin' they got it right. And, I would vote for the politician that says so.