

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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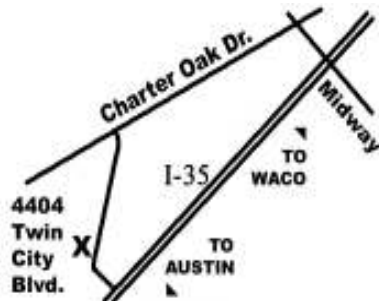
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## WHEN WE MEET

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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## *Wine and Drink Preaching*

*“If a man should walk in a false spirit and speak a lie, saying, ‘I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,’ even he would be the prophet of this people.”* – Micah 2:11

While the prophet Isaiah worked with the nobility of Judah, Micah prophesied to the common people. And, like many folks today, those people preferred religious teachers who would tell them what they wanted to hear – not what they needed to hear.

One of the final warnings written by the apostle Paul was of this very thing: *“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires... they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables”* (2 Ti 4:3-4).

The religious world today is full of preachers who tell people what they want to hear, and not what they need to hear. Sticking a wet finger into the breeze, they test popular opinion before formulating their message.

If people want “*wine and drink*” preaching (a focus on food, fun & frolic), they will find plenty of preachers to give it to them. But in the end, only truth will save. So, let’s have the courage to preach it – and hear it.

## GREAT WALL

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”* (Pr 14:34). These words could be engraved on the tombstones of many civilizations. Many think that weapons, or a strong economy, make a powerful nation. But, God said that nations are built on the character of their people.

The people of ancient China sought security from the barbarian hordes that often came down from the north, so they erected the Great Wall of China. This huge wall stretched for more than 1,500 miles. It was twelve to forty feet wide and twenty to fifty feet high.



Chinese government leaders thought the wall would be too high for the enemy to climb, too thick to tear down, and too long to go around.

Yet, during the Wall's existence, China was invaded at least twice. How was the security breached? The enemies simply bribed a gatekeeper and then marched easily through a gate. The fatal flaw in China's defense was in building the wall without building the character of the gatekeepers.

We contribute to the security of our nation best by being *“blameless and harmless... without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation”* (Ph 2:15). Let us each do our part to uphold godliness.

– Shane Williams (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

As a young preacher, I was once approached by an elderly Christian lady who offered some advice. She suggested that I not preach on how to raise children, since I had none of my own at the time. Her philosophy was, if you haven't done it, you can't possibly know anything about it.

My reply to her was, and still would be, that God knows how to raise children; and, if I just preach what He says about it, then what I preach will be the truth. I don't have to travel a road to know the terrain - if I have a good map. The Bible is such a map.

So, I don't have to do recreational drugs or sex to know that such a lifestyle is harmful. I don't have to cheat on my wife, or get drunk, to know how destructive such behavior would be. I don't have to live in the world to know that worldliness has no future.

It is true that 'been-there-done-that' can help us to empathize and, perhaps, to find better ways to word our exhortations. But, God is a flawless cartographer - if we will but unfold the map. Think about it.