

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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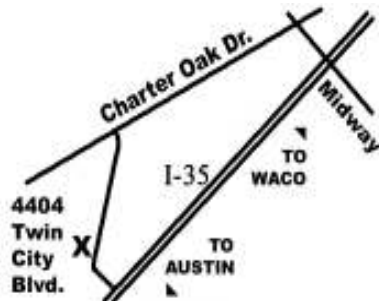
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## WHEN WE MEET

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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## Hearing God's Word

Hearing is only partly related to sound. When sound waves bounce off our eardrums, we 'hear' a noise. But, strange as it may seem, some deaf folks hear just fine. And, many who are blessed with good hearing are stone deaf.

*"The hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears; lest they should understand with their hearts and turn so that I should heal them"* (Mt 13:15).

The problem with many people in the first century is that they did not have a good and honest heart. They simply were not interested in hearing the whole of God's word. Many have the same problem today.

God's word directs us individually and congregationally. It legislates morality. It legislates attitudes, towards brethren and others. It legislates our speech. It legislates congregational worship, organization, and work. In all of these areas, and more, God has revealed His will for us – if we have the 'ears' to hear.

Are we listening?

# Youth Ministers

The Christian Chronicle recently carried an interview with LeGard Smith, One item caught my attention. Smith was asked what he would say if he had the undivided attention of every member of churches of Christ for ten minutes. Included in his answer:

*"... I would call on the church to abandon youth ministries, which have toppled the spiritual hierarchy. Throughout Scripture, spiritual leadership is not only male, but it's elder. It's the wisdom of the years that leads and nurtures younger generations."*

Abandon youth ministries. This is not the cry of some 'old fogey' ultra-conservative who resists change at every turn. It is the counsel of one who is seeing among his peers the ripe fruit of an ill-advised tree.

Youth ministries typically feature two things: abundant recreational activities and shallow, entertaining instruction. What happens when teens who are accustomed to such things become adults? Will they immediately consider themselves too old for church-sponsored recreation, or suddenly insist on more sober worship and meatier preaching? Of course not. As a result, today's 'adult church' has, in many cases, become just a slightly toned-down version of yesterday's 'youth church.'

The Bible, of course, knows nothing of youth ministries, youth church, or church-sponsored recreation for any age.

– Frank Himmel (edited)

# Just Thinkin'

'Politically Correct' defines those people who try hard to avoid being offensive. The 'PC' person will go to almost any length to 'line up' with popular opinion, whether the topic is the environment, race relations, or morality. But, while one should not try to be offensive, neither should we shy away from the truth.

John the Baptist was not a 'PC' preacher ("John said to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife'" - Mk 6:18). The apostles were never concerned about being 'PC' ("Him... you have taken by lawless hands and crucified" - Ac 2:23). And yes, in spite of the popular misconception of Jesus as a soft, effeminate 'all is love' preacher, He was never concerned about being politically correct ("...You generation of vipers! How can you escape the damnation of hell?" - Mt 23:33).

It is interesting (and telling) that the 'PC' label derives from the political arena. Politicians openly pander to popular opinion. But, a child of God should be concerned first and foremost with truth, and what is right, using the standard of God's Word. And, this leaves no room for 'PC'. Think about it.