

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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Jonah's Hissy Fit

"Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry." - Jonah 3:10 - 4:1

Jonah is best remembered for his close encounter with the big fish; but, shirking responsibility was not his only character flaw. Jonah was also a pouter.

Now, like most pouters, Jonah believed he had a good reason to pout. After all, he had just told the people of Nineveh that God was about to erase their gene pool from the planet (or words similar). But, when God changed His plans as a result of their repentance – well, that was all Jonah could handle.

In defending his hissy fit, Jonah pointed to God's character: *"I know that you are a gracious and merciful God"* (4:2). The implication was that all his preaching had been a waste of time. But was it? Without his preaching there would have been no repentance, and without the repentance – well, you know about the gene pool.

We do not know the workings of God's providence, so let's just leave the pouting to the world. And you, Christian, trust God to know His business.

'Contemporary' Worship Services

An AP news story (6/2/06) reported on the current trend of 'contemporary' worship services that is growing ever more popular. Non-denominational 'mega-churches' have taken the lead in this movement, but mainline denominations are following suit in an effort to stop their declining attendance.

One church has rented a movie theater for their service. *"People don't come in with a quiet reverence,"* said one church member. *"It's just like going to the movies."* The report goes on to say: *"Instead of popcorn and soda, as at the movies, the churchgoers grab cups of chocolate flavored coffee and jelly doughnuts on their way into worship. The service starts out with a skit about golfing and religion, and moves into rock 'n' roll with a heavy drum beat that brings nearly everyone out of their seats... There's dancing instead of kneeling... Scripture often still plays a role but in less formalized readings."* And, what is the motivation behind these dramatic changes? *"The church is looking for a way to speak to the culture... to appeal to young people and families... It's church for people who don't go to church."*

One wonders if there is any limit to the things churches will do to attract larger numbers. Apparently not! But, who are we seeking to please? Worship ought to be about pleasing God: *"...do I seek to please men? If I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ"* (Ga 1:10).

- Greg Gwin (edited)

Just Thinkin'

It has been said that everyone has a photographic memory - it's just that some don't have the film. I can certainly empathize; but, it is a truth that comes closer to home than some would like to admit.

Especially are we all lacking the 'film' when it comes to remembering God's Word. And, I'm not talking about memorization, or the ability to recall where certain verses are located. I'm talking about 'remembering' to apply the principles, even in the midst of temptations, which we've heard a thousand times before.

For example, Eve left the 'film' at home when gazing at the forbidden fruit. Moses left the 'film' at home when he struck the rock. King David left the 'film' at home when he looked upon Bathsheba. All of these individuals had 'photographic memories' when it came to God's Word - they just forgot the film.

Peter wrote, *"For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them..."* (2 Pe 1:12). We need reminded often - because it's easy to 'forget the film'. Think about it.