

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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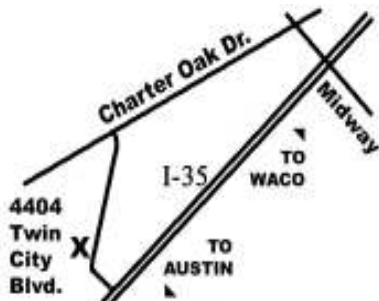
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WHEN WE MEET

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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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” - 2 Co 1:3-4

At first blush, this passage seems to be focused on the idea of ‘comfort’. After all, when a word is used five times in two verses, it just might be the topic. And so, God comforts us; and, we should comfort one another. But, a larger lesson is at work here – a lesson in love.

On the one hand, we all find ourselves in need of ‘comfort’ from time to time. Life can be brutal, and when those ‘tribulations’ come, we appreciate the gentle saint who reminds us of the bigger picture and helps us to keep the ‘tribulations’ in perspective.

But, comfort is a two-way street. That ‘gentle saint’ has had – and may have – tribulations as well. Who will comfort them? Often our tendency is to focus on our own problems and to minimize the problems of others (‘major surgery’ is when they are cutting on me, ‘minor’ surgery is when they are cutting on you). True love is when we are finally able to see beyond our own sufferings in order to heal the sufferings of others.

LETTERS FROM PREACHERS

From Darrell Trammel, Belen, New Mexico –

...On Sundays, we are studying the gospels. It is going well. We've had some very good discussions. Our high school students are enjoying being a part of this study and have opened up to participate more in the class. On Wednesday night, we are studying 1 & 2 Kings... I am very grateful for your willingness and ability to support me in my efforts. Without your help, it would not be possible for me to do God's work here...

From Ron Nelson, Savannah, Georgia –

...Praise the Lord! I was fortunate enough to immerse into Christ three people. The blessings of the Lord are tremendous. Unfortunately, they will not reside in the area. Fortunately, they will spread the Gospel at their new duty stations. I continue to hold one Bible Study per week and several by mail. The congregation recently added another young woman, who visited the congregation with her family last year...

From Nelson Dehwa, Zimbabwe, Africa –

I do pray and hope that this letter will find you and your families well. The Church in this region enjoys great peace and more opportunities for the spread of the word. The Lord has blessed our teaching and preaching programmes jointly with Sim, myself and the other young evangelists. So far we held four camp meetings this year and that has seen the birth of two new Churches in Rusape this year. A good number of souls continue to be added to the Lord...

Just Thinkin'

I have mixed emotions when I read letters from preachers in other parts of the world. Their reports provide a window into the toils and tribulations that go into most of those efforts. The 'peaks and valleys' that Paul experienced in his evangelistic efforts are similar in many ways to the exhilarations and frustrations that modern preachers face in their efforts to establish and nurture those little bands of saints. In my way of thinkin', such preachers are heroes.

This is not to belittle those preachers who work with larger, well-established churches. Such congregations have their own special 'exhilarations and frustrations'. And, they provide much of the capital to finance the preaching of the gospel in other areas. Many smaller churches simply could not exist without the generosity of larger churches. But, it takes an exceptional man to preach where Christians - and money - are scarce.

And, what 'mixed emotions' do I feel when I read those letters? Well, it's simple. I rejoice with them on the peaks and I weep with them in the valleys.