

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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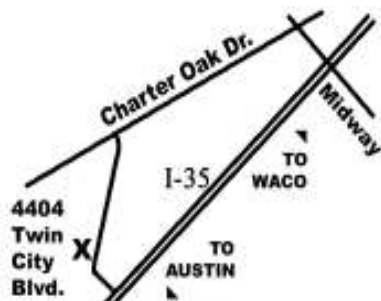
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WHEN WE MEET

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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David & Musical Instruments

“A Psalm of David. *O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.* – Ps 108:1-3

King David was, among other things, a skilled musician. In his younger years as a shepherd, he apparently had lots of time on his hands to hone his musical abilities. Many of the Psalms are a legacy to his poetic prowess.

But, some believe that David was sinful in his use of instrumental music in worship to God. The prophet Amos seems to leave that impression. In rebuking Israel he wrote, “*you invent for yourselves musical instruments like David*” (6:5). But, on closer examination of the context, it is evident that Amos was condemning the opulent luxury of Israel – a people more concerned with comfort than with sin.

The fact is, David was commanded to use instrumental music in worship to God (2 Chr 29:25). It is true, though, that this is no defense for using instrumental music in worship today (any more than the offering of animal sacrifice). Today, we are commanded to pluck the strings of the heart (Ep 5:19). Those who truly have the heart of David will do as God commands.

Another Perspective

New 'Anti' Hobby?

The accusations are oft made that those opposed to the sponsoring church and church support of human organizations are just a 'little bunch of moss-backed antis opposed to everything' and that this is a 'new Anti position.' The use of the pejorative 'Anti,' just as the older denigrating term 'Campbellite,' is simply Satan's clever method of blinding people to truth by arousing unreasonable prejudice.

Satan's henchmen used this method against Paul when the lying Roman lawyer Tertullus, hired by unbelieving Jews to get Paul condemned in a Roman court, slandered the apostle as "*a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes*" (Ac 24:5). Earlier, these Jewish leaders had used the same propaganda against the Lord when they asked rhetorically, "*Do we not say rightly that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?*" (Jn 8:48).

The Lord warned that His disciples would face such verbal abuse. "*A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master... If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household?*" (Mt 10:24-25).

Those who brought human innovations into the church in the 19th century employed this very pejorative 'anti' as a hateful term to deride faithful brethren such as David Lipscomb and those who wrote in *Gospel Advocate* magazine in opposition to the missionary society, instrumental music in worship, the one man pastor system, and the social gospel... -Keith Sharp (edited)

Just Thinkin'

There is a story told about a chicken and a pig who went on a long journey. They had walked for many miles, throughout a long, weary night. Early in the morning, they came to a little diner placed along the road. In the window, there was a sign that read, "Breakfast Special - Ham & Eggs." The chicken said to the pig, "Let's go in and get something to eat." "No way!", replied the pig; "for you it's merely a contribution, but for me it's a complete sacrifice!"



When we're called to follow Christ, it's not a mere contribution on our part; rather it's a complete sacrifice of our own desires and complete submission to the will of God (Lu 14:25-33). Nothing less will suffice. Think about it...

- Drew Nelson