

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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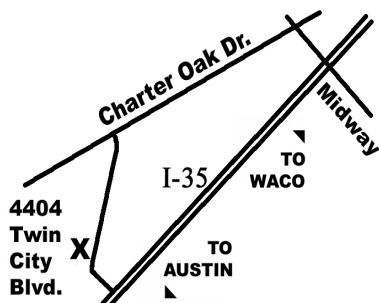
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WHEN WE MEET

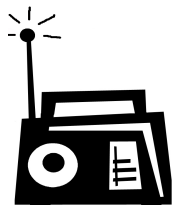
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

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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Blessings in Christ

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” - Ep 1:3

So Paul begins his letter to the Christians at Ephesus. And, for the last 2,000 years people have been drawn to Christ because of these blessings.

The apostle then lists many of these blessings by name – we are chosen and adopted by God, we are redeemed through the blood of Jesus and forgiven of sins, and we have obtained an inheritance. To those who are looking at the bigger picture, these blessings are priceless.

Who, then, would not appreciate them? That would be those whose minds are in the world – the here and now; and, those who want to secure eternal life, but on their own terms – the ones Jesus spoke of in Mt 7:21-23. The seed of God’s Word simply cannot penetrate such hearts.

To partake of the spiritual blessings that God has provided, we must be *“in Christ”* – baptized believers (Ga 3:26-27) who walk after the Spirit (5:16). Does this describe you?

Is One Church REALLY as Good as Another?

Can you truly say that the church with which you are affiliated is scriptural in the following things?

Name - 2 Ti 2:15; 1 Co 1:2; Ro 16:16

Organization - Ep 5:22-25; Ti 1:5; 1 Ti 3:1-13

Worship - Jn 4:24; Mt 15:7-9

Doctrine - Jn 12:48; 1 Co 4:17; 2 Jn 9

Terms of admission - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:37-47; Ro 6:3-6; Ga 3:26-27

Can the church to which you belong provide book chapter and verse for that which they believe, teach, and practice? For example, can the Methodist Church provide book, chapter and verse for –

The name they wear?

Substituting sprinkling for baptism?

Their organization?

Instrumental music in worship?

Any practice that cannot be substantiated by the word of God is unscriptural and therefore cannot be practiced by faith (Ro 10:17; 14:23; 2 Co 5:7), cannot be practiced in the name of Christ (Mt 7:21-23; Col 3:17), and will NOT result in fellowship with God and His Son (1 Jn 1:5-7; 2 Jn 9; Jn 12:48).

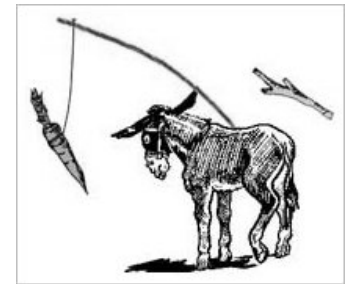
– Don McClain (edited for space)

Just Thinkin'

N.B. Hardeman is quoted as saying, "The less religion a person has, the more fried chicken it takes to keep him interested in church."

The role that fried chicken plays in some churches could just as easily be a basketball court, super bowl parties, or social groups.

Whatever the enticement is, many churches today resort to a 'carrot and stick' approach to attract people to their church.



For one, these types of activities are not according to the biblical pattern of benevolence of the church. Beyond that, the fact remains that whatever enticement we use to draw people is exactly what it is going to take to keep them.

So what should be used to draw people to Christ? The answer is the same thing that drew believers in the 1st century to Christ: the Gospel (Ro 1:16; Ac 2:41; 1 Th 2:13-14). Think about it.

– Drew Nelson