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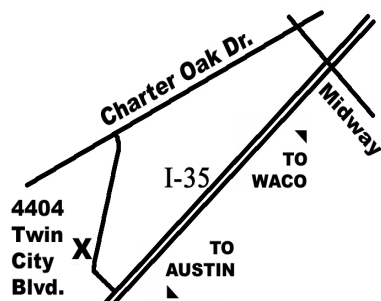
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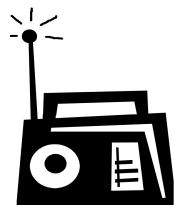
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

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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VICTIMHOOD

The victim-brokers have done a good job of convincing us that we are all victims of something. If we are not victims of racial injustice then we are victims of 'reverse discrimination'. Muslims in this country complain about the manner in which they are treated, while Christians complain that they are being forced from the public square. Women speak of the 'glass ceiling', and men complain about 'guilty-until-proven-innocent' statutes.

This is not to say that there are no true victims. People in all the categories above can – and have been – genuine victims. The Bible even warns Christians to be ready to help those who are truly victims (the fatherless and widows, for example – Ja 1:27). But, it has become chic in recent years to wear one's victimhood on the sleeve.

Victimhood is never condoned in the scriptures as an excuse to ignore our own responsibilities, or to seek vengeance. Those who hurt the innocent will pay an eternal price (Ex 23:7); but, as the Bible says, 'two wrongs don't make a right' (paraphrase of Ro 12:19-21). Victims may use lawful means to seek justice; but, then it's time to get back to the productive business of life.

Earlier is Not Always Better

The Executive Director for the Care Net Centers in Amarillo, Texas documented some alarming statistics regarding teenage pregnancy. When a girl begins dating in 6th grade, 91% of the time she will engage in the act of fornication by graduation. However, the percentage of girls committing fornication before graduation is reduced to 20% of the time, if the girl waits until she is in the 10th grade before dating. It was also alarming to hear that the prime time that teenagers are committing fornication during the day is 4 P.M. (after school, and before parents get home from work).

Parents must be careful about giving children too many liberties too early. Surely we can see the dangers of granting our children various freedoms before they are mature enough to face the responsibilities that come with such liberties. It is not a matter of being trustworthy, but of being trust-*ready*.

Some mothers push their girls to grow up too soon. It is obvious in the way these girls dress, the movies they are allowed to watch, the music they listen to, and the apparent lack of supervision. Too often this is viewed as harmless fun, or innocent 'school girl' activity. Be careful parents – the numbers tell a different story.

Let's not be deceived by Satan's devices or ignorant with reference to what our kids are doing and who their friends are. Remember, earlier is not always better.

– Paul White (edited for space)

Just Thinkin'

I've never been a student of the religions of Native Americans, but I believe the outcome of a rain dance has more to do with timing than with faith. Call me skeptical, but even a blind hog finds a root once in a while.

Moses warned the people of Israel about just such an occurrence (De 13:1-4). Even a false prophet would occasionally stumble onto an accurate prediction. But, that was not – in itself – proof of the prophet's validity. God's Word was still the standard; and, any prophet who did not hold to that standard stood condemned.

We do not follow the ancient religions of Native Americans or of Jews. We follow the teachings of Christ. Even so, many false teachers are in the world (as Peter said there would be – 2 Pe 2). And they will, from time to time, get the teaching right. But, finding the occasional 'root' is no substitute for a consistent appeal to, and upholding of, the Word of God.

And if you need rain, I would recommend prayer (Ja 5:18). Think about it.