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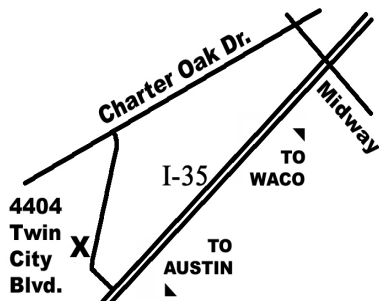
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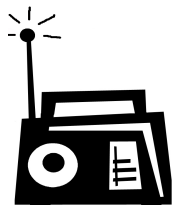
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

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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ANGELS? – OR BRATS?

THINKING ABOUT CHILDREN

“*Marriage is honorable in all*” (He 13:4) – so we should not be surprised that the products of marriage are honorable as well. Children were, and still are, considered gifts from God (Ps 127:3-5).

Parents are taught to love them (Ti 2:4, He 12:6-7), to provide for them (2 Co 12:14, 1 Ti 5:8) and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ep 6:4 – to train them by example and by word). This demands a selfless and caring attitude on the part of the parents.



But, our world should not center on the kids. Love for the Lord comes before any familial ties – even those of our children (Lu 14:26). And, unlike the spouse we took “until death do us part,” children are ours for only a short time – “*therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother*” (Ge 2:24). Pity the child – and the parent – who never cuts the apron strings.

And, what should be said about attitudes towards *grandchildren*? Well, that’s an article for another time!

What Hinders You from Being Baptized?

When the eunuch heard the gospel, he responded to it favorably. He asked Philip, “*What hinders me from being baptized?*” (Ac 8:35-38). Many people today do not exhibit the submissive attitude of the eunuch. Instead, they hesitate accepting the truth of the gospel. There are many reasons for this hesitation.

Family – Some hesitate being baptized because of family. They fear that by rendering obedience to the gospel of Christ, they might somehow offend family members who oppose the truth. However, Jesus said, “*He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me*” (Mt 10:37).

Peer Pressure – Some hesitate being baptized because of peer pressure. They are too ashamed and embarrassed to obey the gospel. However, Jesus said, “*Whoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed*” (Lu 9:26).

Pride – Some hesitate being baptized because of pride. They are too arrogant to submit to such a humbling act. But Solomon wrote, “*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall*” (Pr 16:18).

There are many excuses that hinder people from being baptized, but not one is legitimate. The truth is, nothing hinders you from being baptized – except you!

– Aaron Erhardt (edited)

Just Thinkin'

The month of May is an exciting time, especially in educational circles. After months of steady effort to educate – or to get educated – teachers and students are finally able to see light at the proverbial ‘end of the tunnel’. Summertime is just around the corner!

But, you don't have to be in an educational environment to appreciate this kind of anticipation. It's the same feeling some folks get just before taking a trip, or buying a house, or getting married, or having a baby. Fact is, life is full of the anticipation of good things.

But, a Christian anticipates even more. We anticipate the assembling of saints together (He 10:25). We anticipate time spent in talking to God and reading His Word (Ps 119:97). And of course, we anticipate all the glories of heaven (Ph 1:23).

‘End of school’ is a great time. But, the “*end of all things*” will far surpass it – for those who are the children of God (1 Pe 4:7, 13). Think about it.