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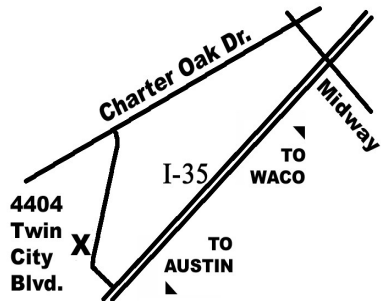
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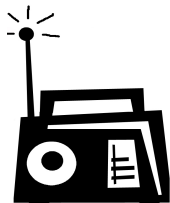
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

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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Finding the Time

“Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” - 2 Pe 3:18

We live our lives by the clock. From the time we wake up until the time we go to bed, our days are usually tightly scheduled. And, as we hurry through the day, attempting to reschedule things that aren't really that important, we may tend to neglect the things that are.

Like the Word of God.

The human body knows better. In times of severe cold, for example, the body will shut off blood supply to the extremities (fingers and toes) in order to protect the vital organs. But, spiritually we tend to do just the opposite. We shut down the spiritual pipeline from which we draw strength, while we continue to spend precious time in the pursuit of the mundane. The result is spiritual suicide.

The trivial things of this life will be gone soon enough; only the important things will endure (Re 14:13). So, whether it is Bible study, or prayer, or simply doing good to those in need, let us determine to never be too busy. Let us *make time* for the things that matter.

Ring It Out!

“Ring out (merrily ring) The news (wonderful news) That makes (making men free) Men free (happy and free)! To all the lost of every nation, ring the message out!” Many of us have sung this song for years. It captures the vivid spiritual vigor of God’s people – the natural desire to share the message of our King!

Peter was bold and passionate about telling all men: *“This Jesus God raised up again!”* (Ac 2:32). Phillip approached a seeking soul on the road and *“opening his mouth... he preached Jesus to him”* (Ac 8:39). Paul and Silas in prison, following a God-sent earthquake, replied to a struggling jailor, *“Believe in the Lord Jesus”* (Ac 16:32).

What would have become of all of these? Where would they be today if faithful Christians had not rung out *“the message true and glad to the sinful and the sad”*?

But God’s people did speak up! And countless souls have been saved from those days forward by the same choice: to ring out the message of salvation to the world! The scope of confessing Jesus should be as broad as every interaction we have with others in this life. Whether through a post, an email, text, phone call, card, or good old-fashioned conversation... will you determine to share the good news about Jesus with someone who needs Him today?

– Kris Emerson (edited for space)

Just Thinkin'

“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground” (Ge 3:19). It is a curse I was recently re-acquainted with as we struggled to rid a small patch of East Texas soil from its green briars and vines. A heat index of 110 added to the experience. Only in Texas.

Some folks engage in backbreaking labor because they have few other options. Perhaps from necessity, perhaps by choice, they rise early, punish their bodies with endless days of grueling toil, go home, eat heartily – and often die young. They are the working class, the blue collar engine that makes the world go 'round.

This is not a political call for unionization or amnesty for illegal aliens. And, it is not to disparage white collar folks (who may not go home with grimy clothes and calloused hands, yet whose labor is legitimate). But, let none scorn the common laborer. After all, it was an inspired laborer (tent-maker) who wrote, *“let him labor, working with his hands what is good”* (Ep 4:28); and, I suspect he slept well that evening.