

# THE BEACON OF TRUTH

August 5, 2018

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

## Every Sunday and Wednesday Christians

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Think about the most faithful church attender you know — the Christian who is here every time the doors are open. Sunday morning Bible class, he (or she) is here. Sunday morning and afternoon worship, he is here. Wednesday night Bible class, he can be counted on to be here. Every fellowship opportunity, he’s here. Perhaps he is even one of the first to show up to the building. The person described above is an “every Sunday Christian.” In fact, he is an “every Wednesday Christian” too! Except for the occasional illness, or times when he is away working or traveling, he can always be counted on to be in the pew, and his fellow Christians are greatly encouraged by his presence.

This Christian prioritizes his schedule in such a way that he will not have a conflict between church services and work, or ball practice, or his favorite television show, etc. The night before worship services, he makes sure he gets plenty of rest so that he will be ready to go in the morning. He sets his alarm clock in order to have plenty of time to get ready and get to services on time, ensuring not to allow the snooze button to cause him delay.

From the time he rises from sleep on Sunday morning to the time he lay back down again at night, his focus is on the Lord, because, after all, Sunday is the Lord’s Day (Rev. 1:10). He is constantly aware that Sunday is special, a day set aside for worship (John 4:23-24), a day for Spirit and Truth (John 4:23-24), a day to keep his priorities right (Mat. 6:33), a day to encourage the saints (Heb. 20:25), a day for Bible study (2 Tim. 2:15). And he takes equal importance for the midweek church services.

Perhaps some Sundays or Wednesdays, he is aware of some public transgression that he has committed, aware that he needs to come before the church and make confession of this (1 John 1:9), and aware that today “is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). He comes before the church and makes it right with his Lord and with his brethren.

Some Sundays he is weary and faint hearted. He finds himself discouraged and depressed. He almost decides not to come to services, but then he remembers the promise of his Lord, who said “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden (cntd. on pg. 2)

## By the Numbers:

Week of 7/29/18

Contribution – \$2913

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes – 26

Sunday Worship\* – 44

Wednesday Night – 25

\*Total for the day

## Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: Zacharias and Elisabeth (Luke 1:5ff) .

Q: Who confronted Ananias and Sapphira about lying to the Holy Spirit?

Answer to be given next week!

## Sermon Spotlight:

AM: A Generation that Knew Not the Lord — Judges 2:10

- 1) Why did this generation not know the Lord?
- 2) Are there any parallels to this today?

PM: A Closer Look at Joshua

- 1) Who wrote the book of Joshua?
- 2) What is the main theme of the book of Joshua?

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

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Beaconcofc.com (under construction)

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### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).
5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

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**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME**

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Margie Tippen (Has badly injured her foot and is at GRMC) — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Kenneth Hendrix — Jerry Tippen — Ellen Whitman — Ruby Weaver (Had surgery at GRMC on Tuesday to repair a broken hip. She is to transport to Alpine Rehab in Ruston tomorrow)

**OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Every fourth Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted
- A baby shower will be held for Pamela Steele today at 4 pm in the annex
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers! — (If you would like to host or help with an event, please let Chase know)

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and I will give you rest” (Mat. 11:28), and so he musters up the courage and commitment to not forsake “the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is” (Heb. 10:25).

He takes great joy in prioritizing church life. Sunday and Wednesday are his favorite days of the week, because God is his number one priority on those days. And he couldn’t imagine his life any other way!

Yes, this Christian has got his Sunday morning routine down. He has his Wednesday night routine down as well. He even follows this spiritual routine on days when he doesn’t exactly feel like it, and quickly adapts his other routines in life to make room for opportunities to fellowship with his fellow saints from time to time. On Sundays and Wednesdays, he is faithful, he’s dependable, and he is an asset to the congregation!

But what about the rest of the hours in the week?

With love, Chase

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**Too Militant?**

Dave Miller, Ph.D.

The conspiracy to revise the past in order to make it match the current “politically correct” climate of society is manifesting itself in a myriad of ways. One is the ongoing effort to produce gender-neutral translations of the Bible. Another is the attempt to eliminate any indications of the Christian religion from public life—whether “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance or the Ten Commandments from the Alabama Judicial Center building. Perhaps you remember in the late eighties when a mainline protestant denomination considered removing from its hymnal “Onward Christian Soldiers” due to its militant, warlike lyrics.

All of these efforts share in common the fact that they are based upon frail human perception that constantly undergoes alteration with the passing time, rather than being based upon unchanging principles and absolute values that have been articulated by God. “Onward Christian Soldiers” was written by an uninspired human being, and needs no defense. However, opposition to the song raises a broader issue that does merit consideration. Those who find the song objectionable, obviously possess in their own minds a standard with regard to the use of militant terminology in Christian hymnody. They feel that such warlike language is inappropriate and unacceptable. However, the real concern should lie in how God feels about the matter. What does God’s Word say about the propriety of militant language in Christian parlance?

The New Testament repeatedly describes the Christian life metaphorically as a battle to be fought and a war to be waged. Timothy was told to “war a good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18), to “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12), and to “endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (2 Timothy 2:3). Paul described his ministry as a “fight” (1 Corinthians 9:26; 2 Timothy 4:7). He characterized his right to receive monetary support as comparable to that of a soldier (1 Corinthians 9:7). Early Christians endured warlike struggles and conflicts (Hebrews 10:32). Christians are told to “put on the whole armor of God”—which includes taking the “sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:11-17). They wear “armor of light” (Romans 13:12) and “armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left” (2 Corinthians 6:7). Even the specific parts of the Christian’s armor are identified (Ephesians 6:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:8). Christians use “weapons” in a “warfare” (2 Corinthians 10:4).

When one bothers to consult divine guidelines, one finds that inspired writ frequently represents the Christian’s existence as analogous to that of a soldier. In fact, the song “Onward Christian Soldiers” does a good job of capitalizing on this perfectly scriptural metaphor. Perhaps as society is in the process of abandoning the Christian worldview, devotees of New Testament Christianity ought to get busy emulating their militant and warlike King Who, with flaming eyes and followed by the armies of heaven, “judges and makes war” (Revelation 19:11).

Note: The above article was obtained at the following link: <http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=1250&topic=139>. Quotes taken from the NKJV of the Bible.

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**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..”  
Matthew 11:28

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