

"The World Needs God"

We cannot say it enough: **The world needs God.**

As most of you are aware, earlier this week, an eighteen-year-old young man allegedly pulled out a firearm in a classroom at the Timberview High School in Arlington, Texas. According to eye-witness statements, this altercation erupted when an argument escalated first to a physical fight and then something no one should encounter: a gunman—a kid with a .45 caliber handgun who someone pushed too far; and who ended up shooting three people.

I do not know the home life of Timothy Simpkins, nor will I presume such knowledge as there is no personal connection with Mr. Simpkin's family. And, this is not an argument on bullying, gun control, self-defense, or any political agenda. Instead, it is an encouragement, a plea, if you will, for which I began: the world needs God.

The Psalmist wrote:

"Do not trust in princes,

In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation."

Psa. 146:3

This particular Psalm, and its twin (Psa. 147), draw heavily on the imagery in Isaiah 61, wherein the Lord proclaims liberty to the captives (Jesus connects Himself to this in Luke, chapter four). I would strongly encourage you to read all four of these together for a fuller picture of Christ and the providence of God. However, it is here, in Psalm forty-six and verse three, where we will presently focus our attention.

We can safely conclude that, even if the adolescent Timothy Simpkins believed in God, attended services every Sunday, and read his Bible every day, there was something lost in that, during a moment of desperation (or anger), he turned man's devices.

The idea of not trusting in *"mortal man"* brings with it the understanding that not only cannot they (we) not save another – *"for salvation belongs to the LORD"* (Psa. 3:8) – but that there is not even a point in trusting (hoping) in anyone but Christ. As Christians, we understand this. Yet, how does it reflect on a larger scale?

While many during this past week – just as they did with Stone Mountain, Santa Fe, Parkland, Marshall County, etc. – have taken to the airwaves calling on government entities to "rope in" the laws regarding firearms in the United States, there is no point to it. The world needs God, and the world needs godly parents who live out Deuteronomy 6:4-9. But, no, it is easier for us to trust someone else (a president, a senator, a local judiciary, etc.), although Scripture tells us not to do such things.

So, the question becomes, what can I do as a Christian to help the world? What can we do to try and prevent more violence?

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Live the Christian life. You are a living sermon and a testimony to the goodness and graciousness of God. Your life is not just how you are during an assembly of like-minded, but how you are in the world (1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Pt. 3:16).

Get involved. Here, I am not talking about joining some march or a protest and holding up a picket sign. No, I mean – get involved with people and let them know where you stand and why. Tell them where they should be standing – with God! Do not hold back your faith in passivity but stand and be counted.

The world needs God!

Mike



Upcoming ladies' events

What: Ladies' day (Seasons of Life Ecclesiastes 3:4)

When: October 16, 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Where: Killeen church of Christ



Welcome Cain Abel Gonzales to the family of God. Cain was baptized Sunday morning.

Praise the Lord!



October 10—Judy Burge

October 14—Juan Melenderz



Ladies' Bible Workers

October 12 @ 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (Cards, Bible study, Mission Printing)

Led by: Nancy Smith

Prayer Requests & Concerns

At this time, Edith White is having therapy to regain some of her strength back. This is a slow process. She is at MCA. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Jorge Trevino, Gracie Trevino's son, was diagnosed with walking pneumonia. Gracie reports that he is much improved. She wants to thank everyone for the prayers and asks that we continue to pray for him.

Brian Petty, former member, has requested prayers for his sister. She was in a diabetic coma but is now awake. Keep her in your prayers.

Patsy Seal requests prayers for a friend, Maxine Mikolychak. She is in rehab dealing with an inoperable blockage and she asked to be added to our prayer list.

Doyle Kiker, long time friend of Wren Smith's, is currently dealing with cancer. Keep Doyle and his family in your prayers as well as Wren.



Attention ALL ladies

Sunday, October 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Brainstorming meeting



Congratulations to Anna Anguiano on her recent marriage to Cain Abel Gonzales.

Christian one liners

- * God speaks to those who take time to listen.
- * Jesus put His feet on earth, so we could put our feet in heaven.
- * God's got me, I got God and we got this!

Daily Bible Reading

October 10 Isaiah 45:11-48:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 24:3-4

October 11 Isaiah 48:12-50:11; Ephesians 4:17-32; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 24:5-6

October 12 Isaiah 51:1-53:12; Ephesians 5:1-33; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 24:7

October 13 Isaiah 54:1-57:14; Ephesians 6:1-24; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 24:8

October 14 Isaiah 57:15-59:32; Philippians 1:1-26; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 24:9-10

October 15 Isaiah 60:1-62; Philippians 1:27-2:18; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 24:11-12

October 16 Isaiah 62:7-65:25; Philippians 2:19-3:3; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 24:13-14

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Service & Class Times

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Meal: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Minister:
Mike Lane

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 56
2021 Budget: \$3,405.77
Contribution: \$3,506.40



October 10, 2:00, Ladies' meeting
October 12, 9:30 a.m., Ladies' Bible Workers
October 13, 7:00 p.m., Bible Class
October 16, 9:00 a.m., Ladies' Day in Killeen
December 21, Christ Haven pickup



Wednesday evening meals are suspended until further notice.

Welcome Guests!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. You honor us with your presence. We pray you find your time with us uplifting and encouraging and that our worship will honor our God and bring you closer to Him. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our members, or speak to one of our ministers. Please take a moment to fill out one of our visitors' cards, so we can have a record of your visit with us. Feel free to let us know what you think by writing comments on that card. You are always welcome!

Those to Serve **October 17, 2021**

Welcome & Opening Prayer, and Family Matters:
Gary Gough
Family prayer: Tommy Seymour
Communion Leader: Jerry Morris
Scripture Reading: Mike Lane
Closing Prayer: Joey Anguiano

Cleaning crew: Pink team (Erica Alvarado)

The Family Gram

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**Freetown Road
Church of Christ**
2021
Becoming a Rainmaker

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Perry Grace

Hymn

O, to Be Like Thee

Hymn

I Am Mine No More

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Gary Gough

Hymn

My Jesus, I Love You

Hymn

In His Time

Family Prayer

Jerry Morris

Hymn

When He Comes in Glory By and By

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture Reading

Joey Anguiano

I Peter 2:9

Sermon

The Jewish Nation and the Church

Hymn

What a Day That Will Be

Hymn

Trust and Obey

Hymn

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

Communion Leader

Mike Lane

Family Matters

Gary Gough

Hymn

The Lord My Shepherd Is

Closing Prayer

Arron Melenderz

Cleaning crew: Red team (Peggy Holveck)

Greeters: Jerry and Maria Morris