

"EXCLUSIVENESS"

Have you ever been accused of being closed-minded because you are a Christian? It seems that not many world religions get questioned on their exclusiveness and labeled as bigots and close minded people as Christianity. The truth is Christianity is exclusive, however it is also inclusive.

Every world religion has certain undeniable truths that those faithful to that religion hold to. In Hinduism if you deny karma and reincarnation you have denied two of the basic doctrines of the religion. Buddhism teaches that self as we know it does not exist. Once we elevate above desire, all suffering will end. You cannot change those beliefs and be true to Buddhism. Islam teaches that Mohammad was the last and final prophet and the Qur'an is the perfect revelation. To deny these two pillars of Islam is to deny the religion. Even Naturalism has its foundational beliefs. Anything supernatural or metaphysical are outside the realm of evidence and therefore is purely an opinion and not a matter of fact.

Christianity teaches that Jesus is the Son of God, He died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and rose from the grave after three days and ascended into heaven. To deny any of those facts is to deny Christianity.

Where Christianity really comes under fire is that we claim the Bible is the infallible word of God and therefore is absolute truth. Think on this, if everything is true then nothing is false. Then by comparison couldn't we say if everything is false then nothing is true. The only conclusion is that there has to be truth, absolute truth. Jesus said in **John 14:6**-*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* This is the exclusiveness of Christianity, you have to come to Jesus to get to the Father (heaven).

Jesus makes it even clearer in **Mark 16:16**-*16* **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** Yes, that is pretty exclusive, however, it is the truth. It is also very inclusive in the fact that Jesus says "Whoever". That clearly means the choice is ours. I know that some Christian religions teach that God chooses those who are saved; however, that denies what the truth of the Bible teaches. Paul says in **1 Timothy 2:4**-*4* **[God] wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.** And again Peter says **II Peter 3:9**-*9* **The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

Yes, to be a Christian is to be part of something exclusive, yet it is all inclusive in the fact anyone can choose to obey the gospel of truth!

Read Matthew 7:13-23

Steve

Children's Home of Lubbock

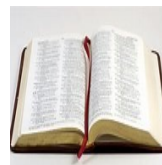
boys jeans, sizes 4-10-please put in the designated box.



Wrapped Candy needed for Cinco De Mayo parade May 4. No Chocolate please. Thanks!!!



Words cannot express your kindness and love toward my family and I. Thank you for the beautiful card and the contents that was inside of it. What a blessing. God is good. God has great things in store with Freetown Road Church of Christ and it was an honor to serve and be able to worship and fellowship with great people. **Love you all.**
Brian Woodson & Family



The Men's Bible Study & Ladies Bible Class: meeting Thursdays, at 6:30 PM. for studies from the Bible.

PICNIC AT LYNN CREEK PARK PAVILLION 2: April 28. The park is free to Grand Prairie residents. You will have to show a picture ID or a recent water bill at the gate. Non residents will have to pay \$5.00 per person.



There is a sign up sheet on the table under the calendar for food for the picnic. Please see **Barbara Stancill or Tami McCall** if you would like to head up games for the kids.

Prayer Requests & Concerns

Raul Rendon is now home and still on antibiotics. Please pray that his infection will clear up completely soon so he can return to his work schedule. Please keep his family in your prayers also.

Pam Ramsey requests prayers for her **niece's family.** Her niece's father-in-law died as a result of a boating accident last week. His funeral was over last weekend. Please keep the **Majors' family** in your prayers for strength and comfort at this time.

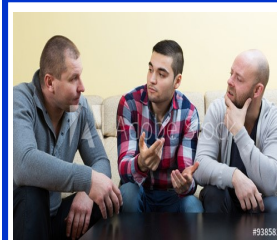
Bree McKinnon, A friend and neighbor of **Tim & LaVerne Conaway,** is in the hospital with health issues.

Eric Hernandez is home. He is **Jeannette Hernandez's son and Raul Rendon's nephew.**

Nancy Smith requests prayers for a close friend of her cousin, **Judy. Jan Arthur** was involved in an accident.

Carolyn McCarty, Sherry Rouw's sister, is dealing with health issues. Please keep **Carolyn, Sherry and their family** in your prayers.

Larry Bitting is home and still recovering from his last foot surgery. Please keep **Larry & Peggy** in your prayers for complete healing without infection.



The men and ladies will have their monthly meetings on Saturday, April 27 at 9 AM.



Daily Bible Reading

The daily Bible scriptures are taken from The One Year Bible. They may also be found at www.oneyearbibleonline.com.

April 14 Joshua 9:3-10:43 Luke 16:19-17:10, Psalm 83:1-18, Proverbs 13:4.

15 Joshua 11:1-12:24, Luke 17:11-37, Psalm 84:1-12, Proverbs 13:5-6.

16 Joshua 13:1-14:15, Luke 18:1-17, Psalm 85:1-13, Proverbs 13:7-8.

17 Joshua 15:1-63, Luke 18:18-43, Psalm 86:1-17, Proverbs 13:9-10.

18 Joshua 16:1-18:28, Luke 19:1-27, Psalm 87:1-7, Proverbs 13:11.

19 Joshua 19:1-20:9, Luke 19:28-48, Psalm 88:1-18, Proverbs 13:12-14.

20 Joshua 21:1-22:2, Luke 20:1-26, Psalm 89:1-13, Proverbs 13:15-16.

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Service & Class Times

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM & 6 PM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Ministers:

Steve McCall, Pulpit

Youth:

Raul Rendon



Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 75
2019 Budget: \$4,492.00
Contribution: \$3,379.00

Statistics 2019

Baptisms: 1 Placed Membership: 0

Mark Your Calendar

April

14 LTC practice 3-5 & 5-7
16 Ladies Bible Workers @ 9:30 AM
17 LTC practice
18 Men's & Ladies Bible Classes @ 6:30 PM at the building
19-21 Leadership for Training (LTC) at the hotel
21 Easter Sunday-NO PM WORSHIP
23 Ladies Bible Workers @ 9:30 AM
25 Men's & Ladies Bible Classes @ 6:30 PM at the building
27 Men's & Ladies monthly meetings at 9 AM
28 Congregational picnic—NO PM WORSHIP
30 Ladies Bible Workers @ 9:30 AM

May

2 Men's & Ladies Bible Classes @ 6:30 PM at the building

April 21 2019

All men who are available to serve communion, please meet in room 4 after Bible class, prior to worship. Eight men will be chosen at this time to serve communion.

Those To Serve

Song Leader: **Mike Lennard**
Worship Leader & Opening Prayer: **Carlos Garcia**
Family Prayer: **Tommy Seymour**
Communion Leader: **Israel Esparza**
Scripture Reading: **Gary Gough**
Sermon: **Steve McCall**
Family Matters: **Carlos Garcia**
Closing Prayer: **Wren Smith**
Nursery Attendants: **Sharon Jordan & Veronica Hanks**

The Family Gram

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Freetown Road Church of Christ I Am A Sheep 2019

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Perry Grace

Hymn: #2 We Praise Thee, O God

Hymn: #15 Step by Step

Worship Leader & Opening Prayer:

Israel Esparza

Hymn: #18 Faithful Love

Hymn: #31 Be Still and Know

Family Prayer: R.J. Rendon

Hymn: #40

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts

Communion Hymn: #42

How Majestic is Your Name

Communion Leader: Tommy Seymour

Communion & Offering

Hymn: #47 Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn: 533 I Am A Sheep

Scripture Reading: Judges 16:29, 30

Cooper Rendon

Sermon: "Failing at Failure"

Invitation Hymn: #940 Only a Step

Family Matters: Israel Esparza

Closing Hymn: #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Closing Prayer: Tennessee Liebowitz

Nursery Attendants:

Michelle Ramirez & Barbara Stancill

Welcome Guests!

Please Stop By Our Visitor Center Located in the Foyer!

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!