

Where You Are Family



News Update

JUNE 10, 2018

Welcome!

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Richard Dean - Benevolence
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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome: Bill Rogers
Song Leader: Fred Walker
Prayer: Morris Fridie
Communion Prayers: Keith Ferguson
Offering Prayer: Foster Ramsey
Scripture Reading: Gerry Luther
Message: DC Brown
Benediction: Emilio Salgado



EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer: Bill Rogers
Song Leader: Bill Rogers
Communion Prayers: Lee Coleman
Evening Lesson: DC Brown
Closing Prayer: Odell Hamilton



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Romans	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	<u>Respectable Sins</u>	David Singletary
Annex Meeting Rm:	Young Adults	Nick Schroeder
Fellowship:	Hebrews	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie

Giving No Cause For Offense

A constant struggle for any Christian who is in day-to-day contact with the public is how to speak and how to act without giving offense. The apostle Paul lays out the challenge in his inspired letter to the church at Corinth in saying, **“giving no cause for offense in anything, so that ministry will not be discredited”** (2 Cor. 6:3).

The two extremes in terms of how some respond to the passage are: 1.) *“I can’t help it if others are offended.”* This often translates to having no sensitivity to others. Or, 2.) *“I don’t want to offend anyone so ...”* which often translates into doing nothing lest someone takes offense. Since neither of these extremes are acceptable and because being offensive is sometime unavoidable, what is a godly strategy for daily life?

First, recognize the greater context in which this statement is found. Paul has just described the mind and the activity of those who are new creatures in Christ, having been reconciled to God through Christ (2 Cor. 5). Paul then explained that he was entrusted with this ministry of reconciliation of the world to its God as an ambassador of Christ (vv. 18-20). In faithfully carrying out his mission, it is stated that Paul gave no cause for offense (6:3). The expression could just as easily be understood, *“not being a stumbling block in anything.”* Paul did not let his personal conduct and speech hinder someone from hearing and obeying the gospel he was commissioned to proclaim. Still, Paul never stopped preaching the gospel in an unashamed fashion (Rm. 1:16; 2 Tim. 4:7). In fact, Paul’s commitment to preaching the gospel is plainly stated in 2 Cor. 5:11 and 1 Cor. 9:16 as a charge to which he must give an

accounting for. However, the statement of 2 Cor. 6:3 is directed to the saints of Corinth. They were not to be stumbling blocks to others in their conduct as Christians. In context, I believe this admonition had to do with a somewhat presumptuous attitude that said, *“I’m saved by grace and gifted by the Holy Spirit; I can do and say anything I want.”*

Second, understand that people have and will take offense at the gospel that controls you because it condemns evil ways. This is what Jesus explained to Nicodemus (Jn. 3:19,20). Living holy lives offends those who don’t want to be constrained in any way. Yet we are not told to dial it back, tone it down, or set our Christian values aside when among those who would be offended. There is a huge difference in walking by faith with humility of heart and loudly taking an arrogant stand as a persecuted Christian living among the unrighteous. Peter instructed Christian women to live with their unbelieving husbands in chaste respectful behavior that their husbands might be won to Christ (1 Pt. 3:1-6). Paul said it should be our ambition to lead a quiet life, attending our own business, doing our work and eating our own bread (1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:12).

Third, remember that people overlook their faults but never yours. You get cut off in traffic by someone who isn’t paying attention. Honking and wild gestures might get their attention, but it will also likely make them angry at you and see themselves as the victim of your “road rage” instead of the cause of your anxiety. It’s like two opponents on the football field who get into a fight. The referee may not see who threw the first punch, but they always see who threw the last one. James says, *“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom”* (James 3:13). Peter says, *“Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation”* (1 Pt. 2:12).

The truth we live by may offend some, but that is between them and God. Don’t let personal attitude destroy your credibility. *As much as it depends on you, be at peace with all men* (Rm. 12:18). – DC Brown

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Password: fellowship



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Bob & Kitty Mobley
- ◆ Nancy Morrow
- ◆ Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- ◆ Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- ◆ Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- ◆ Evelyn Stalcup
- ◆ Reina Butts
- ◆ Sherry Damazio
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Paul Miller
- ◆ Frances Poehl
- ◆ Jerry & Janice Walker
- ◆ Rosemary Lunt
- ◆ Wilma Davenport
- ◆ Louise Hairgrove
- ◆ Silvia Woods
- ◆ Diane Flanagan
- ◆ Walter Polk
- ◆ Barbara Loving

Our Active Military : Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, Dillion LeBlanc, Sarah Luker, & John Neidrich

◆ Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:

- ◆ Billy Dickerson, Linda Ritchie's brother (heart issues)
- ◆ Tommie Sue Wacbod, Ethel Mitchell's friend (cancer)
- ◆ Ada Etheridge, Barbara Loving's sister (health & life struggles)
- ◆ Lindsey Freeland, Lonnie & Linda Ritchie's granddaughter (pregnant)
- ◆ Chris Belt, Haley Janish's friend (liver cancer)
- ◆ Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
- ◆ Doug Kruse's newborn, Lance Leonard's friend (born with severe health issues)
- ◆ Keith & Gloria McDaniel, Richard & Edna Dean's friends (Keith-surgery complications)
- ◆ Sam Cook, Lance Leonard's friend's stepdad (heart attack)



*Sympathy is Extended
to the Family of
Richard Polk,
Walter and Robert's brother*



EVENTS & UPDATES

ELDER IN CHARGE FOR JUNE - BILL ROGERS (832-729-6461)

- ◆ Elder/Deacon/Chairman/Preacher Meeting: June 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Annex
- ◆ Men's Breakfast: June 16 at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship room
- ◆ Camp UFC: June 17 - 23



DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 11 - Psalm 134, 146-150; TUESDAY 12 - 1 Kings 9, 2 Chron 8; WEDNESDAY 13 - Proverbs 25-26; THURSDAY 14 - Proverbs 27-29; FRIDAY 15 - Ecclesiastes 1-6; SATURDAY 16 - Ecclesiastes 7-12



YOUTH UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Camp UFC - June 17-23
- ◆ Singing School - July 1-7
- ◆ Preacher Training Camp - July 15-20

Guys and girls interested in PTC or EWES Camp we need to get you registered ASAP.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Brad & Debbie Bengé have retired & moved to Flynn, TX
Physical Address: 5087 private road 4255 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 57, Flynn, Texas. 77855

Elder/Deacon/Chairman/Preacher Meeting
CANCELLED



Summer Series
Our Wednesday night Summer Series begins June 6.
June Speakers:
June 13 - Lonnie Ritchie June 20 - Shawn Jones
June 27 - Ken Stegall
July Speakers:
July 4 - John Gooch July 11 - Larry Keele
July 18 - Nathan Harper July 25 - Thomas Reed



RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Sunday Bible Class:	108
Morning Worship:	153
Evening Worship:	51
Wednesday Bible Study:	53

JUNE 3, 2018

Contribution:	\$8,758
Budget:	\$8,020
Over/(Under) Budget:	\$7,132



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, June 16th at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room