



WEEKLY FAMILY ENCOURAGER



“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,” (Philippians 1:9-10)

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Upcoming Events

April 6-7—Saturday & Sunday
•Gospel Meeting at Riverside

April 7—Sunday
•Senior Photo Deadline
•Timothy & Tabitha Classes 4 PM
•Bible Hour 5 PM
•Teen Devo 6 PM

April 9—Tuesday
•Men's & Preachers Lunch

April 10—Wednesday
•Men's & Ladies Classes 10 AM
•Classes for All Ages 7 PM

April 12—Friday
•Parent's Night Out

April 13-14—Saturday & Sunday
•Gospel Meeting in Odem

April 14—Sunday
•Bible Hour 5 PM

April 17—Wednesday
•Men's & Ladies Classes 10 AM
•Classes for All Ages 7 PM
•Teens Dine Out

April 21—Sunday
•Leadership Meeting 4 PM
•Bible Hour 5 PM
•Birthday Celebration 6:15 PM

April 24—Wednesday
•Men's & Ladies Classes 10 AM
•Classes for All Ages 7 PM

April 27—Saturday
•Weber Road Church of Christ Ladies' Day with Carla Moore

April 28—Sunday
•Bible Hour 5 PM

May 3-5—Friday-Sunday
•Teen Spring Retreat

May 5—Sunday
•Timothy & Tabitha Classes 4 PM

May 15—Wednesday
•Men's & Ladies Classes 10 AM
•Classes for All Ages 7 PM
•Teens Dine Out

May 19—Sunday
•Leadership Meeting 4 PM
•Bible Hour 5 PM
•2024 Senior Reception 6 PM

What We Can Learn From Taxes

Aren't you excited every year when April 15th comes around so that you can pay your taxes? Of course, I'm only joking because I have yet to see someone who is excited to pay the government from their hard earned money. The history of income tax in America is interesting. We know about the American Revolution which took place in the 1700's, in part, because of the opposition to British taxes on the colonies. Income taxes were usually implemented in our early years as a country to pay for the expense of war such as the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Then, in 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution made income taxes a permanent fixture in the U.S. Did you know that the highest tax rate from 1944 through the early 1960's was 91% for those who made \$200,000 or more? That's right, 91% of a wealthy persons money went toward taxes in that era! Wow! Things changed drastically in the 1980's when tax rates were cut close to what they are in 2024. Still, most people would probably say that taxes are too high.

Taxes are collected and used for things like national defense, social programs, education, and much more. Some Christians claim they have a right to not pay taxes because Jesus would not do so. They say that since some tax revenues go towards things that are "anti-Christian," we have a right in refusing to pay. While we should take advantage of "legal" exemptions, all Christians should pay taxes they owe.

On one occasion, Jesus was asked a question about taxes by the Pharisees and Herodians so that they might trap Him. They asked, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. ¹⁷ Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Matthew 22:16-17) They thought they had laid the perfect trap, but He knew their intentions and said to them, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show Me the tax money.' So they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰ And He said to them, 'Whose image and inscription is this?' ²¹ They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' And He said to them, 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way." (Matthew 22:18-22) Notice that since money belongs to the government, it is the Christian's obligation to pay was is required. Even though the Roman government was corrupt, Jesus said that taxes must still be paid. Further, Romans 13:5-7 makes is clear that all Christian's must give to the governing authorities what is required. "...You must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."

Let's take special notice of something Jesus said that may have been overlooked in our consideration of taxes. Jesus said, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." We all have obligations we must fulfill to God! We must submit to His will, obey His commands, and worship Him. He expects nothing less from those He created and continually blesses Since the tax season is upon us, be diligent to fulfill your responsibilities to the government. But, don't forget to be even more persistent in giving "to God the things that are God's." He expects your humble and devoted service!

- Mark Hammitt



What A Life We Can Live!

John 10

- "YOU will command the battle!" (1 Kings 20)

I. We Must Command Our C _____

- A. "Time" appears about _____ times in the Bible (eg Rom 13:11; Eph 5:16; Psa 89:47; 2 Cor 6:2)
- B. Let's be honest and evaluate our W _____ time, then C _____ to change

II. We Must Command Our C _____

- A. Never P _____ in sinful activities (1 Jn 2:15-17; 2 Cor 6:14)
- B. Yet, we must "G _____" (Mk 16:15-16; Jn 3:19-21; Eph 8:11)
- C. The story of A _____ and J _____ (1 Kings 21; 2 Chron 17-21)
- D. Evaluate all your F _____ to make sure you are remaining faithful (Psa 26:5; 101:6)

III. We Must Command Our C _____

- A. This means our T _____ and B _____ (Prov 23:7; 2 Cor 4:4; Jn 8:12)
- B. G _____ in, G _____ out (example of King Tut)
- C. James describes S _____ in James 1:14-15 (see also Rom 12:2)

IV. We Must Command Our C _____

- A. In what D _____ are you headed in life?
- B. "Let your heart therefor be L _____ to the Lord our God, to W _____ in His statutes and K _____ His commandments" (1 Kgs 8:61; see also Prov 3:5-8; Jas 4:8; Rom 2:4)
- C. "The Works of Industry" and the 1st place machine of 1851. It D _____ N _____!
- D. I _____ in something that will L _____ F _____ (1 Pet 1:3-4)
- E. Take C _____ of your C _____!

Next Week: "Are You Serious?" (Difficult Commands of God)

We hope to see you in Bible Class this Sunday! 9 AM

April

7-Austin Gustafson
12-Bill Moody
13-Leslie Winegeart
15-Ivy Ann Callandret
16-Sylvia Maynard
19-Dean Johnson
21-Daniel Honig
26-Bea Anderson
9-Cole Esslinger
12-Myles Mungia
15-Olivia Brinn
15-Mark Hammitt
18-Danny Jaimes
19-Albert Rodriguez Jr.
22-Evelyn Pledger
26-Aubrey Bryan
27-Tyler Crowe
28-Cyrus Brinn
28-Grayson Kelley
28-Gloria Wilson
29-Randy Townsend



Bible Quiz

What three items did Paul request of Timothy to bring on his next visit to him?

(Check it out in 2 Timothy 4)

Serving An Awesome God

"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,"
Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV)

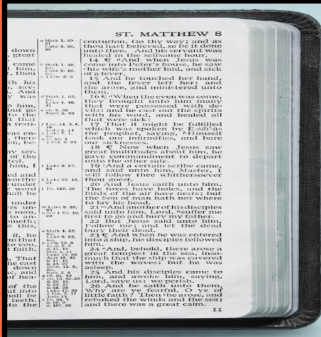
We appreciate your prayers, telephone calls & cards. With all the prayers, I think about what James said in 5:16. Thank you! In Christian Love,
Waite & Idee Higgins

2024 Camp Bandina

Sunday-Saturday, June 23-29

Staff & Camper Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.webercofc.com/polvado-doubrava-registration>.

You have the option to pay for your staff t-shirt or your camper fee online. You also have the option of setting up a payment plan if you pay online.



Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 7- Luke 8:19-39; Joshua 13-14

April 8- Luke 8:40-56; Joshua 15-17

April 9- Luke 9:1-27; Joshua 17-18

April 10- Luke 9:28-45; Joshua 19-20

April 11- Luke 9:46-62; Joshua 21-22

April 12- Luke 10:1-20; Joshua 23-24

April 13- Luke 10:21-42; Judges 1-2

Members: David Blanchard, Laura Rice (recovering from back surgery 3/21), Maggie James, Barbara Bazy, Allison Limones, Rose Ramirez (cancer treatments), Tony Overton, Ramon Hinojosa, Nelta Montgomery, Laura Johnson, Kathy Jimenez

Shut-ins (Short and Long Term): Bea Anderson, Bobby & Sharlene Barnhart, Billy Brittain, Margie Brown, Joy Burt, Betty Clark, Jim and Betty Coatney, Billy Brittain, Betty Hervey, Waite & Idee Higgins, Ramon & Julia Hinojosa, Annie Mungia, Evelyn Pledger, Patsy Reed, Maria Sanchez, Joyce Self, Deanie Taylor, Gloria Wilson, Charmaine Windham

Prayer Requests: Cynthia Smith (Sharlene Barnhart's sister-hospital), Barbara Barker (Charlene Hooten's friend's mom), Sonja Stahl-Ben-Mna (Bobby Eller, Bear Valley Students' mom-health), Kay Francis (Fran Eubanks' daughter-hospice), Kim Easterling (Shelly Brady's friend-hospice at home), Lucas Sanchez (Rose Ramirez's father-cancer surgery), Rafael Sanchez (Rose Ramirez's brother), Linda Moreland (former member), Pinckley Family, James Hooten (Russell's dad-cancer treatments), Barbara Bazy's requests (Michele and John Fahey, Shane Dudoit family on the loss of his wife), Will William (Charlene Bazy's boss), Wendell Williams (Vanessa Joshlin's brother-health), Bea Reyes (Rudy's wife), Albert Rodriguez (Juliette Lakeman's friend), Irene Crowson (Randy Townsend's mother)

Missionaries\Preaching Students: Sainthuber Felix and Beaubrun Origine (Haiti), Will Hanstein (Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Knoxville, TN), Wayne Jones and Robert Eller (Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, CO), Fernando Madrid and Elias Padron (Colombia), John Moore (Bible Land Passages and Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, CO), Jaston Richter (Southwest School of Bible Studies, Austin, TX), Dustin Vensel (Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, TX), Norfleet Stitts (Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX), Augustine Tawiah (Africa), World Bible Study, SEARCH TV

Prayer Requests

join us in prayer

- Please provide regular updates so our prayer list will be current. Email updates to office@webercofc.com or write on back of your attendance card.



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Sharing God's Word with Corpus Christi and the World

Worship Times

Come and Worship with us

SUNDAY

Bible Class (All Ages) 9 AM

Worship 10 AM & 5 PM

Children's Bible Hour 5 PM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class* 10 AM

Men's Bible Class* 10 AM

Bible Class (All Ages) 7 PM

*(September-May)



Elders: Grant Jackson, Mike Klotz

Preacher: Mark Hammitt

Interim Youth Minister: Trey Fricks

Deacons: Steven Bailey, Jimmy Crowe, Bruce Elam,
Justin Esslinger, Gary Hannah, Daniel Honig,
Russell Hooten, Manuel Mungia, Larry Sanchez

Upcoming
EVENTS
Don't miss out

**Online Giving Available for
Contributions & Memorial Donations
at www.webercofc.com/giving.**

Bible Hour

Sundays | 5 PM

We have Bible Hour for children, 2-10 years old, every Sunday. There is singing, Bible lessons, puppets and more. See Thomas Brinn to volunteer to help.

We always need volunteers.

Riverside Gospel Meeting

Saturday & Sunday, April 6-7

See the flier in the foyer on how to register to attend. We will take a van on Saturday, April 6th to attend the Gospel Meeting and Singing. Sign up to ride in the van.

Adults & teens are encouraged to attend.

We will leave at 6 PM & return by 8:30 PM.

Timothy & Tabitha Classes

Sunday, April 7 | 4-5 PM

1st-5th Graders are encouraged to join us the 1st Sunday of each month from January-August.
Boys Teacher: Mark Hammitt | Girls Teacher: Denise Hammitt

Preachers & Men's Meeting

Tuesday, April 9 | 11:30 AM

Join us at Jason's Deli on Airline & SPID (Dutch treat) for lunch.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, April 12 | 5:30-8:00 PM

Weber Parents-Sign up kids ages 3 years to 5th grade Enjoy a night out while your kids enjoy food and fun at the church building under adult supervision.

Odem CofC Gospel Meeting on Evangelism

Saturday & Sunday, April 13-14

We will take a van on Saturday, April 13th to attend the Gospel Meeting and Singing. Sign up to ride in the van.

Adults & teens are encouraged to attend.

We will leave at 5:30 PM & return by 8:30 PM.