

# Foothills Church of Christ

*"We treat you like family."*



October 2, 2022

## ***His Light in a World of Darkness***

What would life be like without moral sensibility? The answer may soon be staring us in the face. Without God, there is no anchor to hold us in place in the midst of our rapidly devolving culture. Moral ambiguity is giving way to outright hatred toward anyone who would uphold clearly defined moral values.

We are conditioned into believing that morals are relative and situational. Then, we are led to believe it is noble to be non-judgmental and tolerant. Some religious folks even cite the “judge not” passage in Matthew 7:1 as their proof text. We would encourage a full reading of the passage so as to discover that Jesus is condemning hypocritical judgment, the kind of judgment that measures others by a different standard than we measure ourselves (vs. 2-5). Jesus not only forbids hypocritical judgment; He also forbids us to judge “according to appearance.” Instead, we must “judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). Righteous judgment requires a righteous standard. God’s word is that righteous standard for mea-

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suring right and wrong. David sings praise to God’s word, saying, “All Your commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172).

After being conditioned into accepting that nothing is inherently right or wrong, the next step in society’s downward journey toward moral insensibility comes as a reaction toward the hatred which is shown toward any who would take an alternative point of view. Why would anyone want to shut down discussion on matters so important to the benefit of society? Even as He was pointing out the godless and hypocritical tendencies of His people, God said, “Come now, and let us reason together...” (Isaiah 1:18). But, reason seems not to be in the purview of those who, in the pursuit of change, believe that they have moral superiority to require others to accept a view of life that is completely amoral. How can one even assume moral superiority in the pursuit of a world without morals altogether (Isaiah 5:20)?

Unwilling to consider opposing views, some have decided to cancel any with whom they disagree so as to silence their voices. In a world so largely exposed to moral relativity, where moral values receive little or no attention, it is all the more essential that our voices be heard—not so much in our nation’s news outlets, but in the day-to-day bold, but gentle voices of dedicated Christians shining their light on “the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph. 5:11). May God help us make this our mission: shining His light in a world of darkness (John 8:12).

—Glen Elliott



**Where in  
the  
Bible?**

“‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord.  
‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Do you know where this passage is found? See page 4 for the answer.

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## ***Announcements***

### ***Birthdays This Week***

Dorothy Pensoneau (October 3)  
Randy Goodman (October 3)  
Dennis Widner (October 7)

### ***Mission Trip to India***

Please remember Dennis and Larry in your prayers while they are in India. Larry will return on October 16 and Dennis the following day.

### ***Gospel Meeting***

There is a Gospel Meeting at the Pine View Church of Christ today through Thursday at 7:00 PM each night.

### ***Power for Today***

The next issue of *Power for Today* is available in the back of the auditorium.

### ***Thank You Note***

Thank you for the beautiful flowers with the cross. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support during this time of my dad's passing.

—Patricia Flippin-Westfall & Family

## ***For the Record***

Attendance Last Sunday: 136  
Contribution Last Sunday: \$3,567

## ***Prayer Concerns***

### ***Current:***

Jackson Bruce  
Carrie Herrmann  
Randell Holden  
Joe Hopper  
Don & Wilma McPhail  
Joyce Murrell  
Robyn & Mary Roach  
Jim Shoop  
Blaine Thomas

### ***Ongoing:***

G. David (India)  
Bristol Garner  
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins  
Nellie Hardin  
Etta Holden  
Danny Langer  
Doris Pruitt

### ***Assisted Living:***

Donna Brewer  
Ann Flippin  
Cloe Jordan  
Doris McCoy  
Dorothy Pensoneau  
Gladys Widner



*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”*  
(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

## ***Those Who Serve***

### **Sunday Morning**

### **October 2**

### **October 9**

<i>Announcements</i>	Jason White	Jason White
<i>Song Leader</i>	Chip Braswell	Jeremy Sciba
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Steve Carrell	Larry Eubanks
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Andrew Ross Mason Sciba Case Sciba Jaden Zerby Jason White	Andrew Ross Mason Sciba Case Sciba Jaden Zerby Bob Lyons
<i>Presiding</i>		
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Gabriel Hodges	Marshall Halliburton
<i>Sermon</i>	Josh Alexander	Leon Brown
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Marshall Halliburton	Bruce Lemieux

### **Sunday Evening**

<i>Song Leader</i>	Randy Goodman	Bruce Lemieux
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Paul Anderson
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Gabriel Hodges	Marshall Halliburton
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jaden Zerby	Andrew Ross
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Bobby Cofer	Paul Anderson

### **Wednesday**

### **October 5**

### **October 12**

<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Larry Eubanks	Paul Anderson
<i>Song Leader</i>	Alex Howard	Mason Sciba
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Reese Cartwright	Paxton Davis

Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 2: **Isaiah 55:8-9**

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### ***Worship Times***

#### ***Sunday***

Bible Study..... 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

#### ***Wednesday***

Bible Study.....7:00 pm