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If your faith will not take  
you to worship, what  
makes you think it will  
take you to heaven?

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# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## No God, No Morals?

Reverend Al Sharpton opined in a recent videotaped debate: "If there is no order to the universe, and therefore some being, some force that ordered it, then who determines what is right or wrong? There is nothing immoral if there's nothing in charge." (The New York Times, Oct. 17, 2010; Morals Without God?)

There are so many in the world today who do not believe in God, who believe they are free to do whatever they desire without consequence. As one person put it, "If there is no God, I am free to rape my neighbor!"

But fortunately there are morals and there is a God who established them!

The evidence of God is there, Paul tells us in Romans 1:19, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." Paul says, there is no excuse for not believing in God. And if there is no excuse for not believing in God, then there is no excuse to think you can act anyway you want without paying a penalty!

Paul tells us earlier in Romans 1:18 that, "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." God is not pleased with men who deny him, nor is He pleased with men who feel they can do what they please without consequence. Yes, we are free moral agents, who can make their own decisions, but we must realize that those decisions come at a cost.

"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)

Randy

### Worship And Study Opportunities

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Leroy Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Eric Sharum

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....86  
Morning Worship: .....120  
Evening Worship: .....62  
Wednesday Ladies' Class:.....18  
Mid-Week: .....67  
Contribution: .....\$4,312.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,752.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer .....Charlie Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Tim Curtis

Scripture: .....Kenneth Gregory

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Keith Parrish  
Closing Prayer: .....Charles Kelsey

Scripture: .....David Kelsey

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Jarred Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Kenneth Gregory

Scripture: .....Coy Watson

**PRAYERS:** Earline Gregory is doing good after her surgery. Dana Davis has requested prayers for his mother who has cancer.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Greg Ray and his family in the death of his uncle last week. His funeral was on Thursday.

**NEW ADDRESS:** The new address for Kimberly Taylor is 1108 1/2 N.W. Williams. She has the same telephone number.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thanks for all the cards, flowers and sympathy during my sisters death. Kimberly Taylor

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thank you for your visits, prayers & food. Your help was greatly appreciated. Love The Parham Family

**ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:** There will be a Elders & Deacons meeting this Sunday, October 24 at 4:30 p.m at the Student Learning Center.

**LECTURESHIP** - November 7-11 - Rush Springs Church of Christ - Monday thru Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

**5TH SUNDAY AREA WIDE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be here at University on Sunday, October 31st. at 6:00 p.m.

**DEVOTIONAL:** The teens will have a devotional this Sunday night after services at Charles and Genie Kelsey's home.

**WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be back in **December**.

**Shopping List:**

Cheez Its  
Fruit Snacks  
Chili No Beans  
Candy Bars/Gum  
Capri Sun/100% Juice  
Tropical Fruit/Pineapple  
Potato/Tortilla/Frito Chips  
Honey Buns/Debbie Cakes  
Tub Margarine/Stick/Squeeze Parkay  
Hidden Valley/Catalina/Italian Dressing  
Grated Cheddar/American Sliced Cheese

**NON-FOOD:**

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Styrofoam 16 oz. Cups  
Styrofoam Divided Plates

**PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES ON THE FOOD ITEMS.** At first just bring items (non-food) or items that will not expire before next February

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, James Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Tim Doughty, Donna Fletcher, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Peggy Leverett, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Chesley & Jeannie Montague, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Kimberly Taylor, Juanita Turner, Dwaine Zacharias, Erin Bryan, Lauren Caldwell, Johnny Fitzsimmons, Donna Flower, Jason Hamlin, Sally Hayes, Dortha Adler, Marvin McCathern, Keith McIntyre, Paige Mitchener, Geraldine Nettles, Adam Ray, Chuck Ray, Martha Smith, Shirley Mueller's aunt, Wanda & niece, Emily.

As God Intended!

There are various ways we can tell Fall is here. (1) The calendar tells us it has begun. (2) The temperature is dropping and we had a light frost on the ground this morning. (3) The leaves are changing colors and beginning to fall.

I would miss all the evergreen trees if I moved away from the Northwest, but I do enjoy the changing color of the leaves. Though we do have maple trees, oak trees, and others with leaves that change this time of year I know more of that is seen in other parts of the country. The trees are doing what they are intended to, just as God created them, and we know the leaves will return in the Spring.

God's creation is wonderful and beautiful to behold. And that includes mankind who remains in a proper relationship with Him to do what God created us to do.

The Psalmist wrote, "(1) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers: (2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER THAT YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON, AND ITS LEAF DOES NOT WITHER. IN ALL THAT HE DOES, HE PROSPERS." (Psalm 1:1-3 ESV)

As we admire the trees, let us consider our own individual life. Are we planted where we receive proper nourishment and so our leaves do not wither? Are we fruitful in season? May this be the picture of our life.

Have a great day ROOTED IN GOD!

Carl Hanson - via - TeenMail