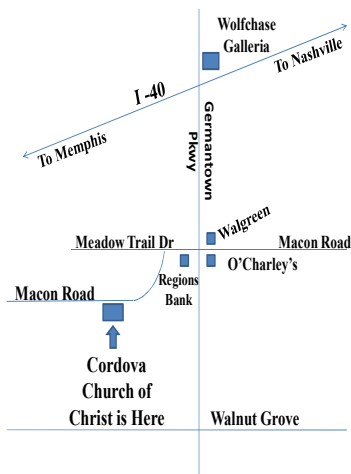


The Cordova Connector

...Connecting our community to Christ

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Romans 16:16



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Connecting to Life

Family Trouble

A man's wife had deserted him for another man. She succeeded in taking away their children. The estranged husband became depressed and lost his business.

Brokenhearted and ruined, he became obsessed with the enormity of his troubles and refused every offer of encouragement and hope. He attended a church service and heard a great sermon on Christ's having been "in all points tempted like as we are" (Hebrews 4:15). Rather than being comforted by it as others were, he resented the sermon and told the preacher, "Yes, Jesus suffered many things, but he never had a wife and family stolen from him. He was never married, never had children, so that's suffering He never knew."

The preacher responded, "An accomplished violinist plays a great variety of music. There are only four strings on his violin, but they can produce both joy and dirges. The same four strings can cover the whole range. No, Jesus did not experience your trials in the same

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Connecting to Jesus

What is the Gospel of Christ?

The theme of all the New Testament is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Practically every page provides information on the topic. In its simplest terms, the gospel of Jesus is the "good news" concerning Him. In a day when there is so little good news, it is important to spread the good news of Jesus.

The gospel message is that although man is a sinner, deserving of death, God loved mankind enough to provide salvation. Paul warned that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)), and "the wages of sin is death" ([Romans 6:23](#)). Comfort comes, however, in knowing that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ([Romans 6:23](#)). Christians are "justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" ([Romans 3:24](#)). The amazing grace of God is truly good news.

At the gospel's heart is Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Peter preached the first "gospel sermon" on Pentecost, he spoke of "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs" ([Acts 2:22](#)). Although put to death, death could not hold Him: "This Jesus hath God raised up" ([Acts 2:32](#)). "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" ([Acts 2:36](#)). The people were pricked in their heart, and said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" ([Acts 2:37](#)). Peter told them how to accept the good news: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" ([Acts 2:38](#)). The gospel is for "all that are afar off" ([Acts 2:39](#)). The church would include the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

Faith moved many to obey: "They that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" ([Acts 2:41](#)). The church grew rapidly as many were added to the church ([Acts 2:47](#)).

Christ commands: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)). — Bob Prichard

Connecting to Life continued ...

details, but He endured the broad range of disappointment, desertion, grief, pain, and even dying, so that the strings of His heart can vibrate with all the sad songs of life's bitterest experiences."

— David Pharr, Rock Hill, South Carolina

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." [Hebrews 4:15](#)

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Connecting to God's Word

1. Think of two blessings God has given you.
2. Read Matthew 1.
3. Which verse impacted you most? _____
4. Have you progressed in your Christianity over the past year? If so, how? _____
5. How would you describe Mary? _____
6. What do we learn from Joseph that can benefit us in our own families? _____

Connecting to His Church

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	1:00 P. M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
(Attended nursery at all services)	

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