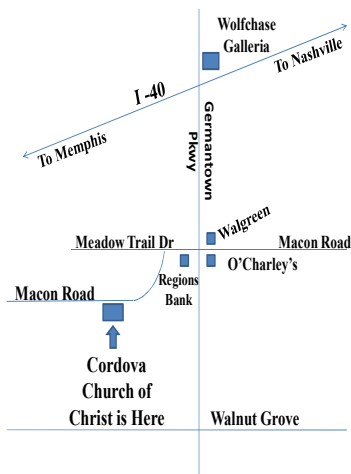


# The Cordova Connector

...Connecting our community to Christ

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*Romans 16:16*



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## Connecting to Life

### Self-Examination

Doctors tell us that we need to examine ourselves. Many tumors can be felt, moles that change shape or color. We need to look and feel in order to catch these problems early. The Bible also teaches self-examination. Paul said, Examine yourselves ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#)). James writes of looking in a mirror to examine ourselves ([2 Corinthians 1:23](#)). Some questions someone put together for spiritual self-examination include:

1. Am I so CRITICAL that I see only a person's failures and not his/her good points?
2. Am I so CHILDISH that people must handle me gently lest I be offended?
3. Am I MATURE ENOUGH to handle hurts and disappointments without making everyone else miserable?
4. Do I HURT people while boasting, I believe in saying what I think?
5. Can I be completely TRUSTED with confidential information?

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## Connecting to Jesus

### Jesus Took After His Father and Mother

We may say of a baby, "He looks like his mother." As he gets a little older and develops a personality, we may say, "He took after his father." Jesus was God's Son (divine) (Jn. 3:16), yet He was Mary's Son (human) (Mt. 1:18-25). So, which was it—human or divine? Did Jesus take after His Father or His mother?

Both! A baby is completely his father's son and completely his mother's son. We can see traits of both in any child. And we see some of both His Father and mother in Jesus. Jesus often showed His "human side" of compassion, physical weakness, and spiritual struggle (Lk. 4:1-11). Jesus also showed His "divine side" of miraculous power, remarkable wisdom, and insight into the secrets of men's hearts (cf. Jn. 2:25). Consider a few examples: It was the mother's son who was so tired that He slept in the back of a boat during a storm (Mt. 8:24), but it was the Father's Son who awoke to say, "Peace be still," and the wind hushed at the sound of His voice (8:26).

- It was the mother's son who sat wearied on a well in Sychar (Jn. 4:6), but it was the Father's Son who offered the Samaritan woman the water of life (4:14) and knew all her personal history (4:17).

- It was the mother's son who wept for Lazarus' grieving sisters (Jn. 11:35), but it was the Father's Son who said, "Roll away the stone..." and cried, "Lazarus come forth" (11:39, 43). As Man, He sympathizes with us in our sorrows and separations, and as God, He sends them away.

- It was the mother's son who cried in the garden, "Let this cup of suffering pass from me" (Mt. 26:39a), but it was the Father's Son who said, "Not my will but thine be done..." (26:39b).

- It was the mother's son who cried out, "I thirst" from the cross (Jn. 19:28), but it was the Father's Son who said, "Father, forgive them they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34).

- It was the mother's son whose lifeless body was buried in a tomb on Friday (Mt. 27:60), but it was the Father's Son who rose from the grave on Sunday morning (Mt. 28:6).

- It is the mother's son who, because He lived among us, knows our human weaknesses (Heb. 4:15), but is the Father's Son who stands at God's Throne interceding for us (1 Tim. 2:5). Jesus was God—He knows our needs. Jesus was man—He *understands* our feelings.

— Allen Webster  
House To House Heart To Heart,

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6. Am I guilty of making SARCASTIC REMARKS about the success of others?
7. Am I big enough to admit when I am wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by BLAMING OTHERS?
8. Do I excuse my sins, while self-righteously CONDEMNING others?
9. Are others UPLIFTED AND ENCOURAGED through their association with me?
10. Do I follow after peace, or do my words and actions PROMOTE STRIFE?

- Bob Plunket, Via Stage Road Church of Christ  
Glad Tidings, 01/25/2007

## Connecting to God's Word

1. Spend a few minutes thinking about Jesus sitting on the right hand of the Father in heaven.
2. Read Matthew 4.
3. How did Jesus end up in the Wilderness?
4. How would you describe Satan based upon today's reading?
5. What did you learn from Matthew 4 that will help you in overcoming Satan?
6. What was the purpose of Jesus coming to live among men (Matthew 4:23)?

## Connecting to His Church

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Monthly Activity for those 50+ every month ~ Young at Heart

### 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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