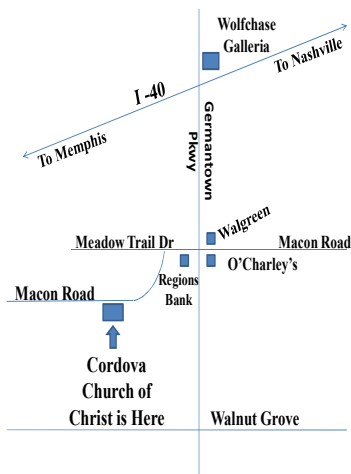


The Cordova Connector

...Connecting our community to Christ

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Romans 16:16



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Connecting to Life

Hurt People Hurt People

Several years ago, I had a dog that was hit by a car. Her leg and hip were broken in the accident. Obviously, she was in a lot of pain. So when I picked her up to take her to the vet, do you know what she did? She bit me! I was only trying to be kind and help, but she bit me.

Same song, second verse. Have you ever tried to reach out to someone who was obviously in pain, in an effort to help them? When you have done so, have you ever been "bitten" by those you were trying to help? If so, I wouldn't be at all surprised. You see, I've come to realize that hurt people hurt people.

So here are two challenges. 1) Don't let your fear of being "bitten" keep you from doing good for others. Seldom does doing good and helping another come without cost. 2) When you're hurting, and someone tries to reach out to you and offer you help, resist the urge to "bite" and graciously accept their help, understanding that they are seeking your good. —Steve Higginbotham, MercEmail

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Connecting to Jesus

Who Crucified Jesus?

One of the Rembrandt's most famous paintings is entitled, *The Three Crosses*. When one looks at it, he is immediately drawn to the center cross on which Jesus died. As one looks further at the crowd gathered around the foot of the cross, he is impressed by the facial expressions that depict so clearly the attitudes of the people involved in that awful crime of crucifying the Son of God.

It would be easy to miss the character in the lower edge of the painting almost hidden in the shadows. According to most critics, that figure is Rembrandt's representation of himself. He recognized that by his sins, he helped nail Jesus to the cross.

It is easy to blame the Jewish leaders or Pilate or the Roman soldiers or the crowd who cried, "Crucify him." It is simple to say that Christ died for the sins of the world. It is quite another to say that Christ died for my sins. It may make us feel better to point the finger at those who put Jesus on the cross, but it is a shocking thought that we can be as indifferent as Pilate, as scheming as Caiaphas, as callused as the soldiers, as ruthless as the mob, and as cowardly as the disciples. It isn't just what they did—it was who nailed Him to the tree. I crucified God's Son. I joined the mockery. I failed to register my objection.

"...seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" —Hebrews 6:6

House To House Heart To Heart, Volume 5 #4

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood - Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel - Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith - Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance - Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession - Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism - 1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work - James 2:24
Christian's Hope - Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance - Revelation 2:10

Connecting to God's Word

1. Focus on Philippians 4:13 and Psalms 10 and 11.
2. For what does David pray in these Psalms?
3. Is your prayer life what it should be? How can it be improved?
4. In what ways would you act differently if you were able to spend a day with Jesus?
5. How can this week's Bible reading help you to build a stronger relationship with God?
6. Write one action that you intend to take based on the reading.

Connecting to His Church

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Monthly Youth Challenge for Teenage Youth Group every month

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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