

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



## Preach The Word!

By Mike Riley

The Apostle Paul exhorted Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 to, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

Why Preach The Word?

Because preaching is important to God! The Bible says that God has “manifested His word through preaching” (Titus 1:3). Jesus told his disciples that “repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47).

Paul stated that “it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:2). In another place the same apostle said, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14). The Bible emphatically declares that preaching is important!

What Kind Of Preaching Do We Need?

1) Bible-based – The apostle Paul would tell the young preacher Timothy to “Preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:2). Paul did not tell him to preach psychology, denominational dogma, the traditions of men, nor the latest in self-help psychobabble. He told him to preach the word! Why? Because only when the word of God is preached can men be saved (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18; James 1:21). Preachers need to make sure that their sermons are grounded in the text of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

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### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
When Shovels Break  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in  
52 Weeks - 2 Timothy  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Study of the Book of Acts  
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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## Worldliness or Godliness

By Ron Boatwright

Worldliness is being like the world. Godliness is godlike in behavior. As free moral agents we decide whether we are going to be worldly or godly. This is a decision all people make. Worldliness begins by wanting to conform to this world. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). And we see that, "the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19). Many people are "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:4-5). They have become so accustomed to sin that, "They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush" (Jeremiah 6:15).

There were many Christians in the church at Corinth that seemed too have become comfortable with sin in their congregation. Paul in rebuking them says, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much named among the Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 5:1). They were not ashamed of what was happening in their congregation for Paul says, "And you are puffed up and have not mourned" (1 Corinthians 5:2).

We cannot be both worldly and godly; they do not mix. "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4). To be worldly is to love the sinful things of the world. But we are warned, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). We are too "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). "For if you live according to the flesh you will die" (Romans 8:13). This is a spiritual death, which is being separated from God in the eternal fires of Hell.

We are not to "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25), but "let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh" (2 Corinthians 7:1). If we want to go to Heaven and avoid Hell we are to, "lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). God in His word "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). To be godly we must study and follow God's "word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). To live a life that is pleasing to God we are "exercise yourself toward godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7) for "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). We are to "be in behavior as becometh holiness" (Titus 2:3).

In living a worldly life there are no little sins or big sins. For example there are no little lies or big lies. In God's eyes a liar is just as bad as a murderer. God says, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). Another example is some try to justify "social drinking" by arguing that a little drinking is not wrong. But you cannot do wrong in moderation. One cannot lie or steal in moderation. One cannot commit adultery every now and then and still go to heaven. Drunkenness is wrong and is a matter of degree of intoxication. If 5 drinks will make one "sot drunk"; one drink certainly impairs one to a certain degree. One is simply more incapacitated than the other. Alcohol is a narcotic drug requiring more and more consumption to satisfy the craving it creates. Even a small amount is sufficient to start deadening the control centers in the brain. Galatians 5:19-21 says one of the works of the flesh is "drunkenness" and "those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

In living a godly life we must "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2), so "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation" (Philippians 2:15). We are to "let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27), as we "Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We must live a godly life so we can go to Heaven when this life is over.

2) Plain – The words of God's prophet Habbakuk fit well here, "Write the vision on tablets and make it plain, that he who runs may read it" (Habakkuk 2:2). Not only should we write the gospel plainly we must speak it plainly as well. Brethren need to hear forthrightly that denominationalism, materialism and worldliness of every sort is sinful! Brethren need to know the importance of putting the Lord's kingdom first (Matthew 6:33) through diligence in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58). Preachers must be plain spoken, pulling no punches whatsoever.

3) Heart-penetrating – If preaching is Bible-based and plainly spoken, then it ought to be heart-penetrating. When God's word goes forth, it will not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11). When the gospel was preached in the first century is "cut" or "pricked" men's hearts (Acts 2:37). Let the gospel preacher preach "Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2), for the message of the cross will have a "heart-penetrating" effect.

4) Christ-centered – The Lord Jesus Christ ought to be exalted in every sermon preached. He is "King of kings and Lord of Lords" (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16). He should be at the heart of every message preached 1 Corinthians 2:2). And it must be remembered that He cannot be exalted unless His bride, the church is exalted as well (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:22-33). People need to hear the story of Jesus that they may write on their heart every word (Matthew 4:4).

### Conclusion

Brethren, let us not dare forget the great need we have for Bible-based, plainly spoken, heart-penetrating, Christ-centered preaching in the church of our Lord today! For this is the kind of preaching that can save the world (Mark 16:15-16).

## Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
- Greg Powell (recovering knee surgery)
- Ann Lowe (Keren Thrash mom, stroke)
- Gerri Thrash
- Tommy Buchanan (heart surgery Monday)
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## Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- May - Potts
- June -
- July -

## Announcements

- Baby Shower for Auburn Rowell on May 23rd following worship service. All ladies encouraged to attend.
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## May Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Austin Dudley - 4th
- James Johnson - 19th
- Lauren Wooldridge - 7th
- Anthony Juliano - 30th
- Larry & Connie Montgomery - 20th
- Tristan & Auburn Rowell - 23rd
- Shay & Robbi Cooper - 31st

## Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



## Sermon Notes

## Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery  
 Scripture Reading - 2 Timothy 4:2 - 7  
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
 Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams  
 Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson  
 Scripture Reading - John 18:31 - 37  
 Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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