

The Church of Christ



MESSENGER

Journeying together through the trials of life, with no less than our very most, to eternity!

**Don't Confuse Me With The Facts**

by Wayne Greeson

Teaching the Gospel is not always easy. Probably the most difficult problem the Christian faces in trying to teach the Gospel is teaching a person who has a closed mind.

How often do we meet a person with an attitude that shouts "Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up!" In other words, "It does not matter whether or not what you say is true, I am going to believe and do what I want." You could point to many Scriptures; you could provide examples from the New Testament; you could quote the very words of Jesus, yet such a person will remain unmoved. Such an attitude would be almost humorous if it were not so sad. We need to understand the world has always had such people in it and learn not to be discouraged.

For 120 years Noah preached repentance to a wicked world and warned of the impending Flood. For 120 years people slapped their hands over their ears whenever they saw Noah coming down the road. But then came the day when God shut the door of the ark and the rain drops began to fall. The only ones who were saved were those who had spent 120 years with a hammer and saw in their hands, instead of their hands over their ears.

Jeremiah is known as the "weeping prophet" to us today and for good reason. His mission was very similar to Noah's and his audience was just as stubborn. For about 40 years, Jeremiah preached to the rebellious people of God to repent or face the wrath of God. Jeremiah had good reason to cry because his audience not only refused to listen to him but also, instead of putting their hands over their ears, they made fists and put them in Jeremiah's face.

Jeremiah was declared a dangerous fanatic; beaten and put in stocks; his writings were burned by a king; he was called a traitor, beaten again and thrown in a dungeon; he was thrown into a cistern where he sank up to his armpits in mud; and finally he was carried off to Egypt. It is amazing what great lengths people went to not hear Jeremiah.

Somehow, there are those who believe Jesus was exempt from prejudiced audiences. Even the Son of God who spoke with all the power and truth of Deity faced people whose attitude expressed, "Don't confuse me with the facts" There were those who refused to listen to Christ; others mocked Him; one occasion a mob tried to throw Him over a cliff and another time some tried to stone Him. The prejudiced against Christ and His message grew to the point that to silence Him, His critics crucified Him.

After all the "plugged" ears Christians run into, (See, Acts 28:25-27), not only should Christians learn not to become discouraged, but also learn an important lesson on dull ears and closed eyes. Christians should beware of plugging their own ears, shutting their eyes and closing their minds to God's Truth—the Bible.

Christians can "turn away their ears from the truth" (2 Tim. 4:4) and become just as stubborn and prejudiced and even more so than those in

the world (See, 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 1:13-16). If there is anything worse than a person of the world with their fingers in their ears, its a professed Christian with their fingers in their ears.

The proper attitude for the Christian is to "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good," (1 Thes. 5:21), studying to show thyself approved, (2 Tim. 2:15), and "examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things (are) so" (Acts 17:11). It is an attitude that "thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; bears all things believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:5-7). The Christian with the proper attitude towards other and the truth has his fingers turning the pages of his Bible instead of stuck in his ears!

*Prayers & Praise*

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about? Please share

Prayers for each other that we continue to encourage and support God's plans for us

*Freda* for her health and well-being and her family

*Bob* as he settles in to his new home and his health concerns

*Beth*—continued prayers for her sister and family

*Henry's* as they deal with outcomes from the RM's decisions



*Fran* and continued health concerns for her and her family

Our search for a preacher

Thanks for the men that have come to provide sermons

*Gail* as she is travelling this month to B.C.

**News/Announcements**

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**Sunday meeting times**

10:00AM-Sunday School  
11AM-Worship service  
4702 56 Ave, Lloydminster, AB

**Midweek**

Tuesday 7PM  
www.lloydchurch.org

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer/ announcements	Closing prayer
Today	Kevin	Sean & Brian	Nate Seecharan	Kevin	Brian
Next week	Sean	Brian & Kevin	Sean	Sean	Kevin

### September readings

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Isaiah 3:1-5:30  
2 Corinthians 11:1-15  
Psalm 53:1-6  
Proverbs 22:28-29
- 10  
Isaiah 6:1-7:25  
2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
Psalm 54:1-7  
Proverbs 23:1-3
- 11  
Isaiah 8:1-9:21  
2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
Psalm 55:1-23  
Proverbs 23:4-5
- 12  
Isaiah 10:1-11:16  
2 Corinthians 12:11-21  
Psalm 56:1-13  
Proverbs 23:6-8
- 13  
Isaiah 12:1-14:32  
2 Corinthians 13:1-14  
Psalm 57:1-11  
Proverbs 23:9-11
- 14  
Isaiah 15:1-18:7  
Galatians 1:1-24  
Psalm 58:1-11  
Proverbs 23:12
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Isaiah 19:1-21:17  
Galatians 2:1-16  
Psalm 59:1-17  
Proverbs 23:13-14

### Books of the old & new testaments

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 Chronicles    | 2 Thessalonians | Galatians | Jude         | Philippians     |
| 1 Corinthians   | 2 Timothy       | Genesis   | Judges       | Proverbs        |
| 1 John          | 3 John          | Habakkuk  | Lamentations | Psalms          |
| 1 Kings         | Acts            | Haggai    | Leviticus    | Revelation      |
| 1 Peter         | Amos            | Hebrews   | Luke         | Romans          |
| 1 Samuel        | Colossians      | Hosea     | Malachi      | Ruth            |
| 1 Thessalonians | Daniel          | Isaiah    | Mark         | Song of Solomon |
| 1 Timothy       | Deuteronomy     | James     | Matthew      | Titus           |
| 2 Chronicles    | Ecclesiastes    | Jeremiah  | Micah        | Zechariah       |
| 2 Corinthians   | Ephesians       | Job       | Nahum        | Zephaniah       |
| 2 John          | Esther          | Joel      | Nehemiah     |                 |
| 2 Kings         | Exodus          | John      | Numbers      |                 |
| 2 Peter         | Ezekiel         | Jonah     | Obadiah      |                 |
| 2 Samuel        | Ezra            | Joshua    | Philemon     |                 |

### News & Notes

- projected completion for the basement the end of October
- there is accessibility grants and info and we need someone to look more into it
- the ministry search is going well. there is a few men who will be contacted. Larry Boswell is one of the applicants and will be preaching here on September 30th.
- fall community clean up date November 10th - more info to come
- family and friends Christmas dinner- December 9th - more info to come
- Blessing bags outreach- project starting now until December 9th. our goal is to put together 20 blessing bags 10 for men and 10 for women to be shared with the interval home and men's shelters. items should fit in a ziplock bag. talk to winona for more information
- fall bible study starts Tuesday September 11th. 7pm at the church building. Everyone welcome!
- Sunday school starting at 10 am. this is a 13 week bible study that can involve everyone from the oldest to the youngest. please join us
- our next congregational meeting will be November 5th
- Hey Ladies! Would you be interested in a woman's day? Paige Freser and Dawn Mitchell offer a ladies workshop. See back bulletin board for brochure.
- October 12-14: Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children.. see poster on back bulletin board