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Upcoming Events:

Sing & Pie Fling

August 28, 2026

7-8 p.m. Sing

8-?? Desserts and visiting

(meet the new students)

"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" (Nahum 1:15)

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32nd Annual Victory Lectures

October 25-29

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE TRUTH-

-1 John 2:21

Studies in the Epistles of

John and Jude

SCHEDULE INSIDE

Lectureship Dinner

honoring Skip & Helen Andrews

Tuesday, October 27 @ 4:30 p.m.

Please **RSVP** by October 10 @ 304-845-8001



The Effects of Preaching

Andy Robison

The people of Judah were taken captive in three waves--606 B.C., 597 B.C., and 586 B.C. Some, but not all, returned in three successions--536 B.C. (Zerubbabel and the temple), 457 B.C. (Ezra), and 444 B.C. (Nehemiah and the walls).

Upon the original return, the task was to rebuild the ruined temple (Ezra 1:3-4). Dutifully, the people labored and laid the foundation (Ezra 3). Opposition (Ezra 4) convinced them to cease work for fifteen years (2nd year of Darius--521 B.C.) (Ezra 4:24).

The problem of physical building needed fixed, so the Creator of the universe, the ultimate builder, saw the solution in preaching. He sent His prophets Haggai and Zechariah to stir the people (Ezra 5:1).

Zechariah spoke in apocalyptic terms about how God would be with His people in their endeavors. Haggai was, by contrast, straightforward in telling the people to get to work.

For example, Haggai opens his book with a retort against the attitude the people had slothfully slipped into regarding the rebuilding. Their position was, "The time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built" (Hag. 1:2). God answered through Haggai, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?" (1:4). They needed their focus redirected.

The people responded with obedience! (1:12). This point must not be missed. It was not often in Judah's history that the people responded favorably to the Lord's messages (see Jeremiah, Ezekiel). But here, they got to work and got the temple done in the next five years (Ezra 6:14).

The catalyst was preaching. Granted, Haggai and Zechariah were directly inspired by God. No preachers today are. Yet, change comes through preaching--that is God's design (1 Cor. 1:18-25).

Souls are saved by the Gospel, but if no one knows it, no one is saved (Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 2:14; Rom. 10:14-17).

Morals are properly directed through the preaching of Jesus Christ, but if no one knows Jesus Christ, there is no reason to behave (cf. Titus 2:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:11-12). It can be argued that societal change only comes through preaching. Yet, societal change is not the goal; the salvation of souls is!

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BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE TRUTH—1 John 2:21
Studies in the Epistles of John and Jude
October 25-29, 2026

Sunday B.C. 9:45 a.m. - Introduction to the Epistle of Jude: Dan Jenkins
 Sunday A.M. 10:40 a.m. - Introduction to the First Epistle of John: Aaron Burch
 Sunday P.M. 6:30 p.m. - Introduction to the Second and Third Epistle of John: Dan Jenkins

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00 AM	“That Your Joy May Be Full” 1 John 1:1-4 Charles Pugh III	Little Children, Young Men, and Fathers 1 John 2:12-14 David Deagel	Distinguishing Between Truth and Error 1 John 4:1-6 Rico Brown	Gracious Gaius 3 John 1-8 Noah West
10:00 AM	Walking in the Light 1 John 1:5-10 Skip Andrews	“Do Not Love the World” 1 John 2:15-17 Ed Melott	“Let Us Love One Another” 1 John 4:7-21 Scott Judge	Dictatorial Diotrephes and Dependable Demetrius 3 John 9-14 Mark Day
11:00 AM	Jesus Christ: Our Advocate 1 John 2:1 Andy Robison	Concerning Antichrist 1 John 2:18-29 Dan Kessinger	Tests of Faith and Love 1 John 5:1-12 Phil Grear	Disciples, Deceivers and The Doctrine of Christ 2 John 7-13 Steve Smithbauer
1:15 PM	Jesus Christ: The Propitiation 1 John 2:2 Paolo DiLuca	“Behold What Manner of Love” 1 John 3:1-3 Rod Goddard	“Sin Leading to Death” 1 John 5:16-17 Don Schuler	“Contend Earnestly for The Faith” Jude 1-4 Robert C. Veil, Jr.
2:15 PM	“By This We Know That We Know Him” 1 John 2:3-6 John Board	Victory Over the Practice of Sin 1 John 3:4-12 Bruce Daugherty	A Trilogy of Knowledge 1 John 5:18-21 Justin Odom	Apostasy: Old And New Jude 5-19 Brandon Foresha
3:15 PM	New and Old Commandments 1 John 2:7-11 Dan Jenkins	The Contrast of Love and Hate 1 John 3:13-24 Kyle Lancaster	Loving, Knowing, Abiding and Walking 2 John 1-6 D.J. Curry	Steadfast Or Stumbling Saints? Jude 20-25 David Kenney
6:30 PM	<i>Congregational Sing</i>	<i>Congregational Sing</i>	<i>Congregational Sing</i>	<i>Congregational Sing</i>
7:05 PM	The Bible’s Doctrine of Truth Terry Jones	Faith Is the Victory 1 John 5:4 David Sproule	The Faith Once For All Delivered – Jude 3 David Sproule	Blessed Assurance 1 John 5:13-15 David Sproule

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Billions in the world do not know the Gospel. Billions know nothing of salvation or basic behavior. Idolatry rules a great part of the world. Denominationalism divides Christendom. Preaching is needed!

This treasure of truth was meant to be spread through individuals who give their lives to learning it and speaking it. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7).

While many will not listen (Matt. 7:13,14), some will, but only if they hear it!

Not everybody should be a preacher; the church needs people with different talents (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12). When, though, there is talent, it should be magnified! (Matt. 25:14-30).

Who is there who feels as the apostle Paul did, "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16)?

One is given maybe, perhaps 70-80 years on this earth, as a general rule (Psalm 90:10). If fifty of that could be spent preaching, or twenty, or ten, to God be the glory! What a marvelous use of time--to prepare people for eternity!

Preaching takes character formulated by Christ's teachings. It takes a boldness that comes from knowing Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Preaching is God's selected means to make an eternal difference in the lives of men and women. Today, no one is appointed like Paul, or Haggai, or Zechariah. Men are called only through the Gospel (2 Thess. 2:14) when their desire formulates. Who will have and nourish this desire?

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