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Galatians 1:6-12

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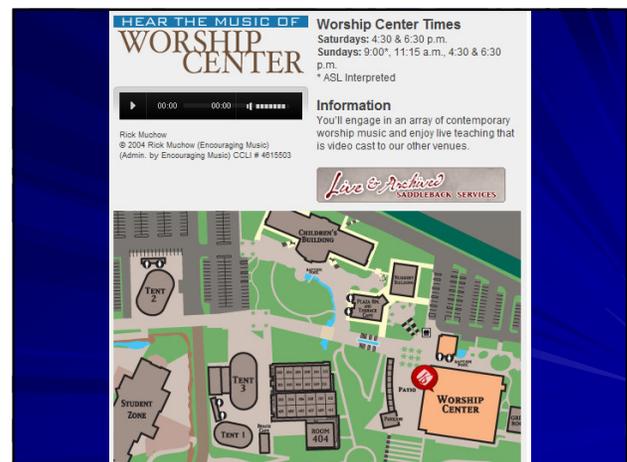
- Why have we come here today?
 - Two authorities
 - Matthew 21:23-27 – “*from heaven or from men?*”
- Has God specified how He wants to be worshipped?
 - John 4:23-24 – “*in spirit and truth*”

Who Are We Here To Please?

- Are we here to please men or to please God?
 - I Thessalonians 4:1 – “*how ye ought ... to please God*”

Trends In Religion

- In denominations
 - The term “*denomination*” implies a choice
- Many denominations are seeking to cater to men more than to God
 - Look at Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, CA



HEAR THE MUSIC OF TRADITIONS

Traditions Times
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

Information
Enjoy a small, traditional church feeling as you worship with hymns, choruses, and favorite songs of the faith, all at a lower volume! The message is videocast on big screens for great viewing.

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HEAR THE MUSIC OF FUEL

Fuse Times
Sundays: 4:30, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Information
FUEL is our newest venue for young adults ages 20s to 30s (but everyone is welcome). Join us in Refinery main auditorium for live teaching, worship, food, and relationship building. All of this and more, packed into a shorter service.

Child care is only available during the 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. services.
Check out www.saddleback.com/fuel for all the details.

HEAR THE MUSIC OF OVERDRIVE

Overdrive Times
Saturdays: 6:30 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Information
This service is filled with guitar driven, rock infused worship sure to amplify your experience. You'll feel like your worshipping in a musical concert setting! The message will follow, video cast live from the Worship Center.

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HEAR THE MUSIC OF TERRACE CAFE

Terrace Cafe Times
Saturdays: 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Information
Grab a cup of coffee and relax in this outdoor worship environment. Located on the top of the Plaza Building, the Terrace Café is a perfect place to bring your friends for fellowship and a causal worship experience.

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Trends In Religion

- In the Lord's church
 - Look at Oak Hills church in San Antonio, TX
 - Formerly "Oak Hills Church of Christ"
 - Max Lucado is one of the preachers there.

OAK HILLS CHURCH

Releasing the Presence of GOD

Oak Hills Missions offer variety of worship times during Easter weekend.

Eleven services offered at four mission sites Easter weekend with Randy Frazier delivering the message "Releasing the Presence of God" at Crownridge.

OHC members are encouraged to attend services on Friday or Saturday evening, if possible, to make room for visitors. Another option for members is to go to overflow rooms to allow visitors to sit in the Worship center.

Crownridge:
Fri., April 2, 6:00 p.m.
Sat., April 3, 5 and 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, 6:30, 10, and 11:45 a.m.

- Children's nursery will be available for all services for children 3 months - 3 years.
- Children's classes are available for 3 months - 5th grade for all Sunday services.
- Additional seating will be available in the South Room, Bluebonnet Room and the C2 Wing.
- Spanish translation: Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Deaf translation: Sat., 10 and 11:45 a.m. and during the Friday evening service.
- Communion will be served at all services.

Journey Fellowship:
Easter Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.

Westside Fellowship:
Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Spanish / 11:00 a.m. English

North Central:
Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

Frederickburg:
Easter Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

OAK HILLS CHURCH

Peak of the Week Dinner

Dinner is served each Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m. in the South Room. Reservations are not required. \$5/adult plate, \$3/kids plate (12 & under)

- April 7**
Lasagna, salad, steamed broccoli, bread, and a cookie
- April 14**
Glazed ham, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, bread, and a brownie
- April 21**
Pot roast w/ potatoes, onions, and carrots, salad, and chocolate cake
- April 28**
Chicken fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread, peach cobbler

Trends In Religion

- In the Lord's church
- Look at the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, TX
- Creators of the *Herald of Truth* in 1952
- This was the beginning of the "institutional" movement

HIGHLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

"love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" and "love your neighbor as yourself" Mark 12:30-31

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Highland Floor Plan, Lower Level

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Upcoming Events

Contact the Highland office for more details - 673-5295

Monday, March 29-Friday April 2 - Holy Week Luncheons sponsored by downtown Abilene churches. Highland hosts lunch on Thursday, April 1

Monday March 29 - Breaking Free (updated) 7:00pm Room 207. This new eleven-week video study by Beth Moore explores the transforming power of Christ through the Bible. Participants Guides are available for \$15 (cash/checks are available). Contact Gay Lynn Michaud at galynn@highlandchurch.org for more information.

Tuesday March 30 - Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class continues with visiting and coffee at 9:00 and Bible study at 9:30. Three class options began Tuesday, February 2.

- The General Class taught by Jean Isom will study "The Life of Joseph" in Room 111.
- The Al His Feast class in Room 110 will study I & II Peter and Jude, taught by Becky Forcse and Coala Pige.
- The Quilting Class Bible study will be led by Martha May in Room 109. Quilters and non-quilters are welcome!

Wednesday March 31 - "Journey with Jesus" All Church Gathering 6:00-8:45 pm: Soup & Sandwich Supper in the Gym 8:45-9:00 pm: Journey with Jesus. All children, youth and adults will participate together in reflections on Jesus' journey to the cross. Nursery care will be available.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday 9:00 am. Easter Celebration Gathering and Extended Worship. Bible classes will not meet. Nursery and Toddler care will be available.

April 5-11 Highland Family Retreat at the HEB Encampment in Leaky, TX. Registration is going on now!

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425 Highland Ave., Abilene

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Holy Week luncheon - 04/01

APR 01 THURSDAY

Description
A Holy Week luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Highland Church of Christ in Abilene. A program, "Walking With Jesus Day by Day to the Cross," will follow at 12-10 p.m. The cost of the lunch will be \$7.50.

Event details

- Place: Highland Church of Christ
- Date: Thursday, April 01, 2010
- Time: 11:30 a.m.
- Age Limit: All ages
- Categories: Community

Tools

- Email this event to a friend
- Export this event to your calendar
- Subscribe to events at Highland Church of Christ

Innovations Of Man

- God has consistently rejected the innovations of man in worship to Him
 - I Corinthians 10:5, 11 – *“God was not well pleased ... written for our admonition”*

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 - Genesis 4:3-7 – *“sin coucheth at the door”*
 - Leviticus 10:1-2 – *“which he had not commanded them”*

Innovations Of Man

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 - Malachi 1:8 – *“will he be pleased with thee”*

Innovations Of Man

- Were these people sincere in their attempts to worship God?
 - Yes – They were
- God still rejected them and their offerings

The Casual Attitude

- We live in an increasingly casual society
 - This is reflected in the types of worship we have just studied
- The Lord’s church is not about how casual we can be.

The Casual Attitude

- We are in the presence of God
 - Psalms 89:7 – *“greatly to be feared”*
 - The throne scene in Revelation chapters 4 and 5 was not a party
 - Malachi 1:6 – *“where is mine honor”*

The Casual Attitude

- This is a solemn occasion
 - I Corinthians 11:26 – *“ye proclaim the Lord’s death”*
 - I Peter 4:11 – *“oracles of God”*
 - Our prayers are petitions to our Creator and Judge

The Casual Attitude

- We are not here to relax and have fun with friends
 - I Corinthians 11:17 – *“for the worse”*

The Casual Attitude

- The Lord’s Supper can be likened to both a funeral and a wedding ceremony
 - *“proclaim the Lord’s death”*
 - Ephesians 5:31-32 – *“I speak in regard of Christ and of the church.”*

The Casual Attitude

- Casualness and “ME” centered worship is manifested outwardly
 - Outward attitude
 - *Bored*
 - *Disinterested*
 - *Unprepared*
 - *Continually late*
 - *Disruptive*

The Casual Attitude

- The clothes we wear
 - *“Dress for success”*
 - *“The clothes make the man”*
 - “God looks on the heart”
 - Hebrews 4:12 – *“intents of the heart”*
 - Exodus 29:29-30 – *“the holy garments”*

The Casual Attitude

- The clothes we wear
 - Matthew 22:11-12 – *“had not on a wedding-garment”*
 - We cannot look on the heart but we do display the thoughts of our hearts
 - Matthew 15:18-20 – *“out of the heart”*
 - Why do we dress up for work and dress down for worship?

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Hear the Word of God
 - Romans 10:8 – *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach”*
- Believe in that Word
 - Romans 10:11 – *“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.”*

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19 – *“Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord”*
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - I John 4:15 – *“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.”*

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Be immersed in water (baptized)
 - Acts 2:38 – *“And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*