

Monthly newsletter from the

Lakeport Christian Church

Gospel Restored

August 2021

*Restoring the church back to the
New Testament pattern!*



When I was at Florida Christian College and taking Hebrew under the late Dr. W.W. Winter, I used the Hebrew name “Yirmeyahu” in class. I am sure you are wondering who “Yirmeyahu” was, never having heard that name in your Old Testament reading. It was simply the name Jeremiah, just spoken in the Hebrew dialect.

There were basically two main reasons that I chose to use the name of the great prophet Jeremiah in Hebrew class. One of them is not that I was always crying (he is known as the “weeping prophet”).

The first reason was Jeremiah 20:9—*But if I say, “I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name”, Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.* As a future evangelist in the mid 1980’s, this verse of Jeremiah became like a theme verse as I prepared to go out and preach the Gospel. Nothing could shut me up because the message was like a fire in my bones—I was weary of holding it in! Wouldn’t that be a great attitude for all Christians about sharing the Gospel?

The second reason was Jeremiah 6:16—*Thus says the LORD, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”*

As I continued to be taught about the foundations of the faith at FCC, this verse was a constant reminder to go back to the “ancient paths”! If you will—go back and restore the New Testament Church! Go back to the “ancient paths” - the New Testament!

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Too often in the New Testament church, we are more concerned about “new things” than we are the ancient order of things.

I remember being in Nazareth at the church building built over top of the traditional home of Jesus. The guide was very proud of the building and as he led us through the courtyard, he pointed out the new baptistery the church had put in. As the 40 or so Church of Christ members looked over, all we saw was what looked like a bird bath. It was obviously a place to sprinkle or pour water onto someone. As we continued our tour into the ancient ruins underneath the modern church—we came upon something that looked like an ancient hot tub. It was obvious to us that it was an ancient baptistery used to immerse. We asked the guide what that was, and he answered, “That was the ancient way of baptizing people”. Wow! The ancient paths! The ancient ways! The old Jerusalem Gospel and the old ship Zion! What has happened to preaching and teaching of the old stuff—just some good old fashioned Gospel preaching?

While at FCC I also was privileged to study under Dr. James Smith. “Doc Smith” as we called him (or “Doc”), is a great preacher and teacher of the ancient paths. He is also a great scholar. Doc Smith wrote the whole Old Testament commentary set for College Press. He also wrote a couple of those Bible Study Textbook Series Commentaries. In his one on “Jeremiah and Lamentations” he writes, “True reformers are not those who are advocating new things but those who give due weight to old truths. The person who walks the old path will find spiritual rest for his soul. He will live a life free from anxiety about the here and now and the hereafter as well.”



Let us be the church that is constantly looking back to the “ancient paths”! Let us be the church that is continually devoted to the Apostles’ teaching! Let us be the church that is restoring New Testament Christianity, always seeking the “ancient paths”! The Bible is our source of absolute authority—for the things we do in the church building and for our lives!

Have you ever felt all alone in this endeavor? Do not feel bad, even Jeremiah was told that the people would not walk in the ancient paths! So, if sometimes you have this feeling—keep pressing on! For as we do, we ensure salvation for ourselves and for those we lead to Christ.

I LOVE the opportunity to continue restoring the church with you!

Kevin

Sunday School 9:30 AM & Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM

8-1	<i>Sunday School: Seeking Confidence</i>	<i>Romans 10:5-17</i>
	Sermon: Lord of the Parables	Matthew 13:1-3,10-17
8-8	<i>Sunday School: The Example of the Heroes</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:1-8, 13-16</i>
	Sermon: Parable of the Four Soils	Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23
8-15	<i>Sunday School: Keep Going</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:23-36</i>
	Sermon: Parable of the Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 18:21-35
8-22	<i>Sunday School: Perfect Love</i>	<i>1 John 4:2-3, 13-17; 5:4-5</i>
	Sermon: Parable of the Wise & Foolish Virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
8-29	<i>Sunday School: Be Confident</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10</i>
	Sermon: Parable of the Talents	Matthew 25:14-30

Materials to help you share the Gospel!

Available in the back of the auditorium!



Want to learn more about the Bible? Join us for

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM at George & Jo Randolph's home



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**The Bible ONLY
Makes Christians ONLY!**

Sunday Evening Study —6:30 PM

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Lord's Supper will be offered to any who did not have the opportunity to partake in the AM Service.

Join us for a Look Back, so we can Look Forward!



← Looking Back

to Look Forward →



A History of the Restoration Movement
a study of the restoration ideal

Wednesday Evening Study —6:30 PM

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. The current study is from the book of Philippians. This is a verse by verse study of this great epistle with the theme of JOY!

The
Joyous
Christian Life

Studies from the Epistle of Philippians