



September 2015 Bulletin

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Vision Statement: "Developing passionate disciples of Christ" - Matthew 28:19-20

Mission Statement: "Demonstrating God's love to build the family and strengthen the community" - Matthew 22:37-39

The Pastor Speaks . . .

Don't Judge Me

Matthew 7:1



Jesus' command not to judge others could be the most widely quoted of His sayings, even though it is almost invariably quoted in complete disregard of its context. Here is Jesus' statement: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" (Matthew 7:1). Many people use this verse in an attempt to silence their critics, interpreting Jesus' meaning as "You don't have the right to tell me I'm wrong." Taken in isolation, Jesus' command "Do not judge" does indeed seem to preclude all negative assessments. However, there is much more to the passage than those three words.

The Bible's command that we not judge others does not mean we cannot show discernment. Immediately after Jesus says, "Do not judge," He says, "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs" (Matthew 7:6). A little later in the same sermon, He says, "Watch out for false prophets. . . . By their fruit you will recognize them" (verses 15-16). How are we to discern who are the "dogs" and "pigs" and "false prophets" unless we have the ability to make a judgment call on doctrines and deeds? Jesus is giving us permission to tell right from wrong.

Also, the Bible's command that we not judge others does not mean all actions are equally moral or that truth is relative. The Bible clearly teaches that truth is objective, eternal, and inseparable from God's character. Anything that contradicts the truth is a lie—but, of course, to call something a "lie" is to pass judgment. To call adultery or murder a sin is likewise to pass judgment—but it's also to agree with God. When Jesus said not to judge others, He did not mean that no one can identify sin for what it is, based on God's definition of sin.

And the Bible's command that we not judge others does not mean there should be no mechanism for dealing with sin. The Bible has a whole book entitled Judges. The judges in the Old Testament were raised up by God Himself (Judges 2:18). The modern judicial system, including its judges, is a necessary part of society. In saying, "Do not judge," Jesus was not saying, "Anything goes."

Elsewhere, Jesus gives a direct command to judge: "Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly" (John 7:24). Here we have a clue as to the right type of judgment versus the wrong type. Taking this verse and some others, we can put together a description of the sinful type of judgment:

Superficial judgment is wrong. Passing judgment on someone based solely on appearances is sinful (John 7:24). It is foolish to jump to conclusions before investigating the facts (Proverbs 18:13). Simon the Pharisee passed judgment on a woman based on her appearance and reputation, but he could not see that the woman had been forgiven; Simon thus drew Jesus' rebuke for his unrighteous judgment (Luke 7:36-50).

Hypocritical judgment is wrong. Jesus' command not to judge others in Matthew 7:1 is preceded by comparisons to hypocrites (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16) and followed by a warning against hypocrisy (Matthew 7:3-5). When we point out the sin of others while we ourselves commit the same sin, we condemn ourselves (Romans 2:1).



Sunday School, 9:00 am

Morning Worship, 10:20 am

Wednesday Night Family Bible Study, 6:30 am

Welcome to our church family. We are honored you have come to share this day with us. We invite you to join us as we give our highest praise to God our Father for giving us the opportunity to come together to worship. If you are looking for a church home, please consider us in your spiritual journey. It is our prayer that the songs will uplift you, and God's word will encourage you. You are encouraged to complete the visitor card, so that we can stay in touch with you.

Enter to Worship . . .

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Scripture & Prayer

Worship Ministry

Welcome

Offering

Worship Ministry

Sermon

Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr.

Invitation

Altar Prayer

The Lord's Supper

(1st Sunday)

Benediction

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Opportunities to Serve

Monday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study

Tuesday

6:30 pm Healing Wings (1st)

6:30 pm Ushers (2nd & 4th)

7:30 pm Resurrection 3

Wednesday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study

6:30 pm Family Bible Study

6:30 pm Children/Youth

7:45 pm Worship Ministry Rehearsal

Friday

10:00 am Keenagers Bible Study

Saturday

10:00 am Brotherhood (1st & 2nd)

10:00 am Women's Ministry (1st & 3rd)

10:00 am Virtue Dance Practice

11:00 am Deacons (1st)

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Harsh, unforgiving judgment is wrong. We are “always to be gentle toward everyone” (Titus 3:2). It is the merciful who will be shown mercy (Matthew 5:7), and, as Jesus warned, “In the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Matthew 7:2).

Self-righteous judgment is wrong. We are called to humility, and “God opposes the proud” (James 4:6). The Pharisee in Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector was confident in his own righteousness and from that proud position **judged** the publican; however, God sees the heart and refused to forgive the Pharisee’s sin (Luke 18:9–14).

Untrue judgment is wrong. The Bible clearly forbids bearing false witness (Proverbs 19:5). “Slander no one” (Titus 3:2).

Christians are often accused of “judging” or intolerance when they speak out against sin. But opposing sin is not wrong. Holding aloft the standard of righteousness naturally defines unrighteousness and draws the slings and arrows of those who choose sin over godliness. John the Baptist incurred the ire of Herodias when he spoke out against her adultery with Herod (Mark 6:18–19). She eventually silenced John, but she could not silence the truth (Isaiah 40:8).

Believers are warned against judging others unfairly or righteously, but Jesus commends “right judgment” (John 7:24, ESV). We are to be discerning (Colossians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). We are to preach the whole counsel of God, including the Bible’s teaching on sin (Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 4:2). We are to gently confront erring brothers or sisters in Christ (Galatians 6:1). We are to practice church discipline (Matthew 18:15–17). We are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Sunday School



All Life Stages Growing Together

September Sunday School Lessons . . .

- 6 *In the Beginning, God . . . Genesis 1:1-25*
- 13 *In God’s Image . . . Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-25*
- 20 *Human Rebellion . . . Genesis 3:1-24*
- 27 *The Spread of Sin . . . Genesis 4: 11-16; 25-26*

National News . . .

National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.

September 13-18, 2015

Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort, Palm Harbor, FL



State News . . .

Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas—October 18-22, 2015

Sheraton Arlington Hotel

1500 Convention Center Dr., Arlington, TX

LEADERS...

*Pleasant Mount Gilead
MBC*

*\$1,000,000 Faith
Budget*

\$10.00 per week

All Ministry Leaders, are asked to contact Sis. Eva Williams during the Month of September to *update* your Ministry information



- 1- Earlean Williams
- 2 - Linda Black
- 3- Gloria Jackson
- 5 - Thurman Hogan
- 6- Faith Sanders
- 7-Kevin McKnight
- 11-Chad Russell
- 11-Sammie Carter
- 13- DeMonya Franklin
- 12-Stella Collier
- 15-Annette Weeks-Dixon
- 15- Len Heilig
- 18-Jasmine Williams
- 19-Nanette Walker
- 21-Ina Campbell
- 21-Herman Williams
- 23-Sharaine Baston
- 23-Sтивен Boyd
- 23-Margaret Brice
- 25-Merle Jackson
- 26-Nerissa Bailey
- 28-Patience Walker
- 30-Rayvon Sanders

September Calendar of Events . . .

- 5- Fort Worth City-Wide Brotherhood
- 6- **Church Ministry Leaders Meeting**, 12 pm
- 6—Go to Bible Believers, Dallas, 3 pm
- 7- Labor Day Holiday
- 12- Virtue Dance Practice, 10 pm
- 13—Go to Rising Star, Grapeland, TX., 3 pm
- 13- NBCA, Inc. Int’l, Palm Harbor, Florida
- 17- New Como Community Center Planning Meeting, 6 pm, Community Ctr
- 18- Como Food Pantry, 8:30 am
- 20- **All Church Meeting**, 11:45 am
- 20- New Member Reception
- 20- Male Chorus at Strangers Rest, 3 pm
- 26- Como Planning Committee Banquet, 4-6:30 pm, Como Community Center
- 27- Ministers meeting w/Pastor , 9 am



15- Everette & Wendy Bell

23- Len & Tyron Heilig

Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week, **Nov 16-23**

Contact Sis. Emily Holleman if you would like to participate.



PMG Family Conference with Pastor Mouton, Sept. 22—October 30. Begin scheduling your family time, after morning worship, **Sunday, Sept 20 Morning and evening appointments available.**

Healing Wings Ministry . . .

A presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 30, from 5:30-6:25 pm by the Membership and Fitness managers of 24 Hour Fitness. Information will be provided about the various classes and exercise programs available.

Demonstrations as well as opportunity for questions and answers will be provided. Exercise and fitness training have proven to enhance mobility and promote overall health and well-being. Please give your name to Don Byrd, if planning to attend.



On Sunday, **October 4,** all members are invited to wear pink as we commemorate **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** Pink ribbons will be provided by the Healing wings Health Ministry.

If you are not receiving phone calls or email, or you have updated information, contact the office church .

