

# Goodwood church of CHRIST

family news

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By Joshua Fowler

Our most important task as Christians is to proclaim the transforming message of the Christ. We are courageously and boldly committed to the Gospel. We will be unashamed in our pursuit of the lost in our community, and we are constant in our support of missions across the world.

Evangelism should be the motivating factor behind everything we do. As faithful leaders in our community, we want what is best for each and every soul that lives within that community. The message of the Gospel and a saving knowledge of the Son of God is what is best for those souls. They need Jesus. They, like us, need a Savior. It takes courage. It takes boldness. It takes a willingness to risk friendships, promotions, or financial progress for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our King.



**YOUVERSION LIVE** - If you use the YouVersion Bible app, check out our live events. Select [Events] from the menu. If it doesn't show up automatically (using your location), you can search manually for Goodwood Church.

#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning  
Bible Study – 9:00 AM  
Worship – 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening  
Worship – 5:30 PM  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

*It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.*

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## Order of Worship

AM

### Welcome

304 Into Our Hands  
100 Come Thou Almighty King  
Prayer

### Matthew 5:13-16

68 Because He Lives

### Communion

781 Wonderful Story of Love  
Own the Vision;

### Motivated by Evangelism

767 Who At The Door Is Standing  
400 Living By Faith

### Prayer

PM

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing



PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONES ON  
**SILENT**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

5/2 ----- Young at Heart  
5/7 ----- Fellowship Meal & Blood Drive  
5/7 ----- Youth Devo

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information

[www.goodwoodchurch.org](http://www.goodwoodchurch.org)

## The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount (SOTM) is one of the most famous sections of all of Scripture, and it is a favorite of a lot of people who aren't even Christians, because it shows Jesus' brilliance as a teacher, and establishes the highest moral and ethical standards known anywhere. And for those of us who *are* Christians, the values and theology taught in Jesus' Sermon should be absolutely central to our lives.

Despite that, I think the SOTM is one of the most neglected and ignored parts of Scripture, and I think the reason it is so neglected and ignored is because it is so challenging: time after time, Jesus calls His disciples to live in ways that are completely at odds with the way the world "works," and because of that, a lot of readers have decided that the SOTM is meant to be an impossibly high standard, "attractive to imagine, but impossible to fulfill."

Contrary to that notion, I want to suggest what might be a controversial idea: **Jesus teaches His followers to live in a way that is counter to the culture at large, and He actually expects us to do what He says.** It is not the impressive teaching that Jesus gives which is controversial, but the fact that He plans to disrupt our lives by actually having us follow His teachings. For those of us (like me) who have come to be pretty comfortable living in 21st century America, this is certainly controversial, and if we pay attention to what Jesus says and actually try to do what He says, it will change our lives. And that's the way it should be: as Christians, we study Scripture not primarily for *information*, but for *transformation*, and the SOTM offers an excellent platform for transformation.

Fundamentally, in the SOTM, Jesus is describing what His kingdom looks like, and when He does that, over and over again, He casts a vision of an **alternative community**. Jesus' kingdom is "alternative" in the sense that He does not intend that its citizens will live by the same rules and values as everyone else; they will be distinctly different from the world. Jesus' kingdom is a "community" because He is speaking to His disciples as a group, and He expects to see the values He expounds played out in communal living; we are not called to be holy hermits, but a community of salt and light in a desperate world.

Over the next several weeks, I'd like to take a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount, and while we won't look at every verse in detail, we will examine what Jesus says about how we are to live as members of His alternative community.

Luke Dockery  
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**A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30**

**NEW REQUESTS TODAY**

**MONDAY**  
**Proverbs 13:2-10**  
**Recent Requests**

- \*Merle Burkes is having health and financial difficulties.
- \*Ferrell Guillory is recovering from mouth surgery.
- \*Nell Grissom passed away; Please keep her family in your prayers.
- \*Monette Kyle, passed away Wednesday morning; Please keep the Kyle family in your prayers.
- \*Louise Savoy is back in the hospital after her recent surgery.
- \*Tielier Willis is recovering from her recent hospital stay.

**TUESDAY**  
**Proverbs 15:1-4, 13-19**  
**Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins**

- \*Niles Bartholomew, Barbara Cavalier, Mike McClure, Adam Butler, Rose Butler
- \*Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- \*Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Padgie McFatter, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Proverbs 16:1-9**  
**Those with serious/ongoing health issues**

- \*Rose & Adam Butler, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Mike McClure, Cherry McCullough, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Faith Vallery, Shirley Young

**THURSDAY**  
**Proverbs 17:1-9**  
**Our Other Friends and Family**

- \*Niles Bartholomew, Brad Bell, Tommie Bell, Merle Burkes, Lea Ann Cavalier, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Kay Doiron, Dot Dudley, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Harlan Gilbert, Grace Gray, Pat Hale, Karen Hanks, Mike Jenkins, Steve Juneau, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Ronnie Lorio, Jr, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis

**FRIDAY**  
**Proverbs 22:1-12**  
**Our Partners in the Gospel**

- \*Santiago Bonilla
- \*Candido Huete

**Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community**

- \*David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

**SATURDAY**  
**Proverbs 30: 18-28**

- \*Parents and students in schools
- \*City, State and National elected leaders

**Elders:** Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt

**Calling All Graduates!**

If you are graduating this May or during the summer, please provide your school information and a picture to the office. Thanks!!



Everyone is invited to a Couple's Wedding Shower for Cooper Groger and his fiancé Jessica Monk on Friday, May 12th, at 6:30pm at the home of Barbara & Jerry Germany (5335 Foxridge Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70817). They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and they also have a honeymoon registry at <http://carnival.honeymoonwishes.com/JessicaMonkAndCooperGroger>. Please make plans to attend and share this special time with Cooper, Jessica and their families. If you have any questions, please see Barbara Germany.



**Connie Plunket** will be part of a mission group going to Guyana **June 24th - July 5th**. A report of last year's trip is available in the foyer. Your financial help is needed once again. Donations may be turned into the office, put in the collection plate, or given directly to Connie. **Any support you could give for this mission effort would be greatly appreciated!**

**Attention Young at Heart**

Our next luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, beginning at 11:30 AM in the BOB. If you are 55 or over, please join us for this time of fellowship!



Be sure to mark your calendar for our next fellowship Meal and Blood Drive on **May 7th**. We will enjoy an afternoon potluck meal following the morning service. Please bring plenty for your family and to hare with our guests. The bus from the OLOL Blood Bank will also be here. Please consider donating! After our meal, we will have an afternoon service to complete our day together. Please plan now to attend this great time of worship and fellowship. Along with our Fellowship Meal and Blood Drive, we also take an opportunity to restock our food pantry. Check the list on the bulletin board for suggested items.

**Please Welcome...**

We are happy to announce that **Paige Phillips** has placed membership with us. Be sure to welcome her to our Goodwood family. Please add her contact information to your directories: 13652 Briarcliff Ave  
[paigedphillips@gmail.com](mailto:paigedphillips@gmail.com) Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
 504-451-2555

If you have any special needs (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

**How Are We Doing?**  
**April 23, 2017**

Sunday AM Bible Class.....	87
Sunday AM Attendance .....	156
AM Average for Year .....	150
Sunday Contribution.....	\$4,716
Average for Year .....	\$5,142