



By Joshua Fowler

Evangelism is not easy! That is one of the things we see illustrated in the story of Jonah. The call to preach and teach the Gospel will take us to places we never dreamed of going. It may take us as far away as another country, or it may direct us to the next street or desk over. Surprisingly enough, going to another country may be easier than talking to a neighbor or coworker. Sometimes the neighbor or coworker seems so much further away than a foreign country does. Worse yet, sometimes that neighbor or coworker is someone that has caused a great deal of stress, pain, or anxiety in our lives. But the Gospel is indiscriminate. It does not determine who receives the good news nor who delivers it. The call is the same for all who have received it. Go and preach the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone that crosses your path. It may be a friend, it may be family, and it may be an enemy. Proclaim the Gospel with every deed and with every interaction. But, by all means, answer the call.



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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.

Order of Worship

AM
Welcome
717 – Victory in Jesus
244 – Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Prayer
Jonah 3:1-4
12 – Alas and Did My Savior Bleed
Communion
572 – Send the Light
Jonah and the City;
Evangelism is NOT Easy
714 – Trust and Obey
627 – Gloryland Way
Prayer
PM
Prayer
Hebrews 4:14-15
The Complete Work of Christ;
Honesty and Temptation
Prayer



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UPCOMING EVENTS

7/28 ----- Ladies Night Out
7/29 ----- Ladies Day Out
7/30 ----- Youth Devo
8/6 ----- Fellowship Meal

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information
www.goodwoodchurch.org

The Sermon on the Mount—Raising the Standard

Murder and Anger (5.21-26): Jesus says it isn't enough not to murder someone; it's also improper for us to hold anger against our brothers and sisters and insult them. Furthermore, when we are at odds with one another, reconciliation is so important that it even takes priority over worship!

Adultery and Lust (5.27-30): Jesus says it isn't enough to refrain from committing the physical act of adultery; it is also inappropriate to lust after other people. Lust is a particularly dehumanizing and selfish sin because it treats the other person as an object whose worth is only determined by their ability to fulfill your desires. We live in a culture that has a major problem with the objectification of women in particular, and in this climate, Jesus says its not enough to simply avoid the physical act of sexual immorality; we are also to control our minds and avoid the dehumanizing act of lust.

Divorce (5.31-32): Divorce was a hotly-debated topic in Jesus' day, and He sides with the strictest interpreters of the law, saying that anyone who divorces except for sexual immorality makes their spouse commit adultery (because the assumption is that both parties will get married again).

Oaths (5.33-37): Telling the truth had been perverted to the point that elaborate rules had been developed for ways you could make an oath or a vow, and that only oaths that contained God's name were binding. Jesus condemns this practice as ridiculous, and basically points out that the only reason that people would feel the need to take an oath to get people to believe them would be if their word in general was suspect. However, if we have a track record of being honest with other people, no oaths or vows are necessary. And this is precisely Jesus' point: don't make vows, but simply say "Yes" or "No" and be honest when you say them. The standard for living in Jesus' alternative community is absolute integrity and honesty, no elaborate oaths or half-truths.

Retaliation (5.38-42): The Old Testament teaches the law of retribution (an eye for an eye) in multiple places as a legal principle to insure that fair compensation was made for any wrong that was done, but apparently the religious leaders of Jesus' day had extended this principle to personal relationships. Jesus makes it clear that this sort of retaliation is unacceptable for those who would follow Him, and using four examples from the present day, emphasizes that citizens of the kingdom operate out of interest for others rather than self-interest. We are to prefer nonresistance over retaliation, generosity over legal rights, and concern for others over concern for ourselves. We are to respond to oppressive behavior with the love of God.

Love Your Enemies (5.43-48): The Law of Moses certainly taught the necessity of loving one's neighbor (Leviticus 19.18), but the hating of one's enemy was an inference made by those who wanted to limit the requirement to love. But Jesus says that His followers are not to treat enemies as enemies, but as people we love.

This concludes one of the most difficult sections of the SOTM. Some of the things Jesus says here seem so extreme that it is tempting to say that what Jesus commands is impractical and would never work in the "real world." But, Jesus doesn't call His disciples to fit into the "real world": He calls us to change it by living as salt and light, faithful members of an alternative community.

A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23

NEW REQUESTS TODAY

MONDAY
Matthew 5:38-48
Recent Requests

- ***Niles Bartholomew** needs prayers for continued freedom from addiction and as he searches for employment.
- ***Kay Doiron** is having continued complications with lung cancer.
- ***Pat Hale** is having some health issues that need special prayers.
- ***Kamryn Merritt** is recovering from multiple surgeries due to a recent fall.

TUESDAY
Matthew 6:1-8
Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

- *Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- *Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

WEDNESDAY
Matthew 6:9-15
Those with serious/ongoing health issues

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

THURSDAY
Matthew 6:19-30

Our Other Friends and Family

- *Niles Bartholomew, Lea Ann Cavalier, Brenda Clayton, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Hailey Decker, Kay Doiron, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Ellen Garver, Harlan Gilbert, Ferrell Guillory, Grace Gray, Pat Hale, Karen Hanks, Mike Jenkins, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Ronnie Lorio, Jr, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bob Plunket, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Candi Prejean, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Johnny Rogers, Laura Rogers, Louise Savoy, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis, Kay Wingate

FRIDAY
Matthew 7:1-6
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
Matthew 7:15-27

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

Ladies Night Out will be July 28th at 6:30pm. It will be here at the building and supper will be provided. We will be making care packages in preparation for our visitation on Saturday, July 29th for **Ladies Day Out**. Please join us for fellowship and fun!

Ms Jackie Reed is going through rehab at St. James Place. She is up to having visitors, phone calls and would love cards. She is in Rm. 220 and her # is 318-497-3361.

Youth Devo will be July 30th, after evening services here at the building. It will be hosted by the Fowlers. All incoming 6th graders are invited to join us!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next **Fellowship Meal, on August 6th**. We will enjoy a potluck meal following the morning service. Please bring plenty for your family and some extra to share with our guests. 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.



Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to prepare for our Super Saturday! You are the best!!

If you are a song leader for a Sunday morning or evening service, your song choices are needed by noon, on the Wednesday prior to serving. Please email them to office@goodwoodchurch.org. Thank you

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?	
July 16, 2017	
Sunday AM Bible Class.....	77
Sunday AM Attendance	158
AM Average for Year	152
Sunday Contribution	\$5,884
Average for Year	\$5,287