



UPCOMING EVENTS

07/13-07/19 4 Corners Youth Encampment
 07/24 Six Flags
 07/27-08/02 QMCC

Names of God

Elohim - Creator and Judge of the Universe

Point 1: Elohim is a name and idea that is unique to the Judeo-Christian faith in that it is both singular and plural. It is also the name of both the _____ God and the _____ God. (Genesis 1 creation vs Genesis 2, story of man).

Point 2: As the Creator God, Elohim is God _____ - _____. Because He created the universe and everything in it, He alone has the authority to appoint its and our _____.

Point 3: As the Judge, it is _____ to stand before Elohim. (1 Chronicles 21:28-30). Isaiah 30:18 compares God the Creator Judge with the authority to YehWeH the "I Am" God or God of _____.

Point 4: _____ was identified as Elohim; Creator and Judge (John 1:3-4 creator 6:69 judge). We see the plurality of Elohim God with the creation story in John 1 giving Jesus the standing to be the _____ judge of those He made.

Point 5: Because of this identity as creator and judge, the _____ for pardon, redemption, salvation can only come from Elohim or his duly appointed authority; _____.

Attendance

Bible Class (9:30)	65
Worship A.M (10:30).....	104
Worship P.M (6:00)	51
Wednesday (6:30).....	39

2014 Budget: \$3,600

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Welcome

July 6, 2014

Announcements

#74 Praise the Lord (1,2,4)

#797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (1,2,4)

#810 Listen to Our Hearts (1,2)

Opening Prayer

#898 Paradise Valley (1,3)

#100 Holy Ground (1,3)

Communion Focus

Communion

#77 Glorify Thy Name (1,2,3)

Offering

#624 Seeking the Lost (1,2,3)

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 21:13-15 & 28-30

Sermon

#902 Nothing But the Blood (1,3)

#446 Hear, O Israel (1,2)

Closing Prayer



The Journey

June 27, 2014 / [richlandpreacher](#)

I love reading Christian writings. I enjoy browsing through Amazon, finding a book that piques my interest, learning from people far wiser and more experienced than myself. I love reading books that challenge me, push me, and make me think. I'm kind of addicted to learning spiritual truths.

But lately there's something about Christian writings that has really bugged me.

It's that everyone has the answer.

Almost every Christian book out there is about someone who has arrived, someone who has figured it all out. Many Christian books' premise are, "We've found the secret to marriage, church growth, wealth, prayer, etc. and if you would just follow this principle everything will work out." Christian blog posts are often the same, entitled "Here are the 10 ways to _____" with the assumption that if you only knew these things, everything would be alright. What I miss, and what I wish was more normal, is struggle. Honest, raw, Christ-filled struggle. I don't mean abandonment of faith, or bitterness, or crying for attention. But why don't we spend more time asking hard questions? And why do Christians seem so afraid of questions?

For many people, it took discovery to become a Christian. You asked hard questions, you wrestled, you wondered, you had long conversations with people. And it took time. But, eventually, you placed trust in Christ. At least that's what happened with me. And though I've trusted in Christ for 11 years now, I still ask questions, I still struggle. Life is still hard, and sometimes the answer isn't clear, no matter what the books say. And even though I've been in full-time church ministry for most of my Christian journey, it doesn't mean that I stopped asking questions. I'm not impervious to the pains of life.

I think we love happy endings. We long for everything to work out in the end. And I believe that one day all things will be made right when Christ comes again. But if we're honest, life here doesn't always work that way. You can't always wrap up everything up in a 30 minute TV show, finding out who the bad guy is and getting justice, then moving on to the next show. Sometimes the good guys don't win, sometimes everything doesn't make sense. God is open about this in the Bible. The book of Jonah ends with a prophet of God wishing punishment on a nation God wanted to forgive. There's no repentance on his part. It just ends. Job loses his children, and at the end of the story he doesn't get them back. Judas betrays Jesus, and he doesn't see the error of his way. No, he's so filled with guilt that he takes his own life. Sometimes life is ugly, it's raw, it's confusing, and it's messy. And the Bible doesn't shy away from this.

So why are we so afraid of this? It's almost as if we're afraid that if we ask a question, if we really start to wonder, the whole thing will come crashing down. One of the things people crave above all else is security. We want to feel that the ground beneath us is solid, that things are the same and we can rest in peace that our reality is firm.

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Sue Callaway had to have surgery to drain fluid off her brain last Sunday, and again on Monday. She is in United Regional ICU.

Continue to Remember: *Richard Barks, Melissa James, Ken Raban, Mary Taylor, Jerry Greene, Kirby Whitley, David & Jennie Waggoner, Bill Wood, Brenda Estridge, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Kristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darren Mayes, Karla Brinkley, April Taylor, Norma Stone-Davis, & the Finto Family (Sunshine House)*



Foster's Home for Children has begun their 2014 "Gleaning for Children" Coin Can Campaign. If you would like to help, please pick up a can from the foyer table and place your leftover change in it each day.

This past Sunday, we had our 5th Sunday contribution and all monies collected are going towards the purchase of our new church van. We collected **\$1,928** of the remaining **\$7,000** owed. If you were unable to give this past week, you can still donate towards the van.



Just drop your check off in the office, or put it in the plate. But make sure that you put "Church Van" in the memo section so that we know to apply it towards the right place.



There will be a **Fish Fry Benefit for Richard Barks**, husband of new member, Jackie Barks, at the First Christian Church on July 19th from 4:00-6:30. As you may have noticed, Richard has been on our prayer list for some time and has been undergoing cancer treatments.

Chandler's Back Porch continued...

But how can we possibly hope to engage a world which doesn't believe in Christ if we refuse to ask questions? I love speaking with people who aren't Christians on matters of faith, not because I have all the answers, but because I've asked the same questions. Sometimes, maybe even most of the time, the conversation ends and I have no compelling answer for them. I can only speak as to how Christ made things click for me. But I helped them along the journey.

Do we have space for exploration, for discovery, for honesty, for struggle? The Bible is not a book with God saying, "Here I am, and I made a book which answers all your questions." No, it's a book about God, a loving Creator which made creatures that rebelled against Him, things got messy, and He makes things right in Jesus. It's a story, and the story is still going. It isn't finished. It's okay to wrestle.



Upcoming Events in July

07/06 **Elders Meeting**
07/13 **Hot Dog Supper**
07/13-19 **Youth @ Fortress**
07/20 **Fellowship Meal**
07/20 **Elders & Deacons Meeting**
07/24 **Six Flags**
07/27-08/02 **QMCC**
07/28 **Sunshine House**
 Saturday Mornings @ 9:00 Women's Breakfast @ Stewart's Sweet Stop
 Thursday Mornings @ 10:00 Men's Bible Class

Birthdays

7 Will Landis
 7 Robert Davis
 9 Theo Allen
 12 Addie Duncan
 13 Selinda Taylor
 14 Sherry Womack
 15 Michelle Davis
 16 Jennie Waggoner
 20 Nick Bell
Anniversaries
 7 Theo & Linda Allen
 20 Scott & Kerri Williams



The phone number for [Jackie Barks](#) was incorrect in the bulletin. Please make note & write it in your pocket directory. It should be [940-632-9677](tel:940-632-9677).



WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME

The Westview Boys Home will be here the week of **July 7th**. There are grocery bags in the foyer with the list of requested items stapled to it. Please pick one up and see what you can donate.

Food

Spam
 Rotel
 Hominy
 Olive Oil
 100% Juice
 Brownie Mix
 Potato Chips
 Tortilla Chips
 Fritos
 Bottled Dressing

Non Food

Pledge
 Tylenol
 Carpet Fresh
 AA & C Batteries
 Toilet Paper
 Paper Towels
 Styrofoam Plates
 Styrofoam Bowls
 Styrofoam Cups
 Styrofoam Saucers