

Today's Speakers:

AM Tim Canup – TBA

PM Tim Canup --- TBA

Those Privileged To Serve:

Announcements: Willard Ellison
 AM Song Leader: Tim Winters
 AM Prayer: Matthew Winters
 Lord's Supper: David Turnmire, Mark Miller, Jeff Venable
 PM Song Leader: Matthew Winters
 PM Prayer: Bill Powers
 Lord's Supper: Matthew Winters
 Wed Song Leader: Bill Powers
 Wed Invitation: David Turnmire

Records For Last Week:

Contribution: \$932.25
 Weekly Bible Readers: 5
 Sunday Bible Study: 19
 AM Worship: 26
 PM Worship: NA
 Wednesday Bible Study: 23

Building Cleaning For March 8, 2009:

Bill Powers Family

Prepare Communion For March 2009

Debbie Matkins



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**WAS JESUS
 CONCERNED ABOUT
 BEING
 POLITICALLY
 CORRECT?**

By Roger Campbell



By most modern calculations, Jesus was born in B.C. 5 or 4. In terms of eras, He was born B.C., died A.D., and lived His whole life B.P.C. What is "B.P.C.," you ask? It could be "Before Personal Computers," but for our purposes we are employing it to stand for "Before Political Correctness."

The political correctness mentality has swept modern-day America. According to such a mindset, while one may disagree with others, even strongly disagree, even strongly disagree because the other is blatantly wrong, the politically correct thing to do is not to make a big deal out of it and be careful with the language you employ lest you offend anyone. If one is in violation of some moral or biblical standard, then the politically correct thing to do is just let it slide without labeling it as "sin." Because, after all, calling things "evil" or "sinful" is divisive, or so we are told. Or, if a person of a particular religion or cultural background violates some code of conduct, then the politically correct thing to do would be not to identify the specific religion or background of the violator, because the very mention of such would be proof of prejudice, hostility, or lack of human decency. So goes the reasoning (?) of many today.

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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:.....10:00am
 AM Worship:.....11:00am
 PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....9:35am
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BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)

61. What three Bible characters fasted forty days?
62. Which of the three did this twice?
63. Through what three points are we tempted?
64. Are we ever tempted above that we are able to bear?
65. Who told whom to "keep thyself pure"?
66. Who said: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people"?
67. Who said we purify ourselves by obeying the truth?
68. Who said, "Behold I thought"?
69. Who said: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son"?
70. Who said, "Provoke not your children to wrath"?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies Bible Class – Following Evening Worship
- March 9 – Singing at Margate Health and Rehab – 6:30 PM
- March 14 – Carolina Men’s Fellowship, Gold Hill Road Church, Fort Mill, SC

Those Needing Our Prayers:



“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

Jack Jagers	Linda Miller	Meghan Vannoy
Mary Turner	Steven Winters	Savannah Bedenbaugh
Eugene & Lucille Kidder	Leroy Kennell	Tom & Della Jones
Cindy Canup	Nancy Miller	Danielle Matkins
Doris Black	Jim Winters	Amanda Winters
Wilma Cornwell	Elsie Taylor	Nellie Dull
Allen & Chastity Abbott	Lisa Kelly	Kaleb Davis
David Boone	Jessica Wentz	Bertha Lou Bare
Ralph Ham	Pete Pless	Edna Knuckles
Debbie Matkins	Jessie Matkins	Tammy Fagan

Our Shut- Ins

Mary Turner – Margate Health & Rehab; Room #212, 540 Waugh St., Jefferson, NC 28640

Answers to Last Week’s Bible Questions



51. **Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12.**
52. **Pharisees and Sadducees.** Matthew 3:7.
53. **John Baptist.** John 3:29.
54. **75 or 80 Miles.**
55. **To fulfill all righteousness.** Matthew 3:15, 17.
56. **Isaiah.** Isaiah 5:20.
57. **Hebrews 11:6.**
58. **Festus. Paul.** Acts 26:24.
59. **Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.**
60. **Eli. Samuel.** 1 Samuel 3:9.

How did you do? Did you get them all?

What about our Lord? When you study the first four books of the New Testament, do you come to the conclusion that the Christ was concerned about being politically correct? Surely not. Before proving the proposition that the Master was *not* an advocate of being politically correct, let me hasten to remind you that His approach was flawless. He never sinned – not once (1 Peter 2:21-23). He always spoke the truth (John 18:37). In doing so, His attitude was always right. He loved all people. He showed genuine kindness and compassion. His speech was pure, and His conduct was in complete harmony with the will of the Father (John 6:38). I say all of that in order to emphasize that it is possible not to be an advocate of political correctness, but at the same time speak the truth and be a caring, helpful person.

So, what is there in the Bible record that convinces us that Jesus was not one that put any stock in being politically correct? For one thing, He spoke about “evil.” The Christ said that “*evil things come from within, and defile the man*” (Mark 7:23).

Coupled with His message about people doing evil, He also preached about the need for sinners to repent, saying, “*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matthew 4:17), and, “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*” (Luke 13:5). A message of repentance does not sit well with the Washington, D.C. crowd or those that write the scripts for CNN, does it?

Jesus preached about people going to hell (Mark 9:43,45). He labeled it as a place of “everlasting punishment” (Matthew 25:46) and said that only “few” will avoid going there (Matthew 7:13,14).

Our Lord warned folks about the religious leaders of His day, saying, “*The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not*” (Matthew 23:2,3). Jesus referred to such religious hypocrites as “hypocrites,” if you can imagine! (Matthew 23:13,27,28).

Jesus went against the accepted teachings of His day. Many Jews had come to accept the notion that it is okay to hate your enemies. Jesus said to love enemies, pray for them, and do good to them (Matthew 5:43,44). Instead of upholding the man-made doctrines that some were binding about washing hands and utensils before a meal, Jesus said that teaching for doctrines the commandments of men makes worship vain (Mark 7:7).

When Jesus spoke about the sensitive topic of marriage and divorce, He spoke in terms that were clear. What He had to say was true, and whether others liked or received His message had nothing to do with it. He taught, “*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder . . . Whosoever shall put away his wife, and except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery*” (Matthew 19:6,9).

Jesus taught what people needed to hear. That, of course, did not make Him the most popular preacher of all time, but it is obvious that being popular was not one of His goals! God wants us to have the mind or heart of His Son (Philippians 2:5). He was humble as He approached lost people, and we must be as well. He was also courageous, and God has not given us the spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7).

Brothers and sisters, we must zealously and urgently proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). The world still needs to hear that there is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God (Ephesians 4:4-6). Let us never be ashamed of our Lord and His gospel. Yes, as we deal with others, even with the God-bashers, morally corrupt, and religious crackpots, we must be courteous (1 Peter 3:8). And, yes, we must be tenderhearted as we live our lives and converse with and about others (Ephesians 4:32). But, we must not allow ourselves to get sucked into the political correctness mentality. Jesus was not concerned about being politically correct, and neither should we be.