

for you to “come home,” and the Savior, Who died a criminal's death to wash your soul white as snow in His guiltless blood, says, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Mat. 11:28).

We love you more than you will ever know and the Savior loves you even more than we do. Won't you hear His voice? Won't you resolve to “come home” today, to faithfully follow Him and enter the joy of Heaven when this short life ends? This plea is set before you because God, Who gave His Son for you does not want you to perish (John 3:16), and because we love you so much.

—Jerry Brewer
Elk City, OK



THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

Let us pray for...

- Sheila Beauchamp** — recovering from shoulder surgery
- Tonya Thatcher** — pregnancy difficulties
- Joan Henderson** — heart problems (Mother/grandmother of Sheri and Jeff, respectively)
- Kathy Tigner** — recovering from surgery, following a fall (Kourtney's mother)
- Megan Zies** — pregnancy difficulties (Tonya's friend)
- Judy Reid** — continued recovery auto accident (sister in NJ, planning to move here)
- Don Smith** — faithful brother in Ohio prison who is teaching fellow inmates daily
- Lester Kamp** — fighting prostate cancer
- Mike Mallett** — fighting leukemia (faithful brother in Evant, TX)
- Ann Henderson** — fighting cancer (Sheri Woodall's aunt)
- Brian Ritter** — fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)
- Tim Smith** — fighting chronic physical problems from auto injuries (Gospel preacher)
- Samuel Bagsangi** — Gospel preacher in Philippines we help support
- Joshua Aidoo** — Gospel preacher in Ghana we help support

Records you helped make last week...

Bible Classes	14
Sunday AM Worship	14
Sunday PM Worship	14
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	18
Contribution	\$801.00
Contribution average (2015)	\$863.92

Internet Sermon broadcasts...

Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, www.northpointcoc.com.

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Intellectual Snobbery

The not-so-well-educated should not despise the well-educated — or vice versa. Yet so often those who obtain advanced degrees lose all of the humility they may once have had. A case in point is the evolutionary scientific community. It has such a snobbish (and defensive) attitude toward anything that smacks of the creation account of Genesis that it does its best to censor even a mention of it in high school and college textbooks, except to ridicule it. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington will not even allow any creationist models or materials to be exhibited.

One of the darlings of the atheistic, humanistic, evolutionary mind-set, the late Carl Sagan, would not even respond when the late Thomas B. Warren accepted Sagan's advertised challenge several years ago to debate the question of origins. (If the account of Biblical creation is so ridiculous, why not debate it and thereby fully expose it?) Only unabashed intellectual snobbery causes the evolutionist to look with pity and/or disgust upon poor, unenlightened folk who still dare to believe the Biblical account of creation.

A more recent illustration of such unmitigated snobbery is the “global-warming/climate-change” frenzy. Although it has been debunked (and/or seriously questioned) by hundreds of credible authorities and experts, its apostles and their disciples continue to preach it. In both cases (i.e., evolution and global warming), junk “science” has become a religion. All who do not join their “church” are dimwitted nincompoops as far as they are concerned.

Unfortunately, brethren sometimes demonstrate this sort of snobbery. Some preachers, pastors (elders), professors, and publishers believe they are a cut above the hoi polloi. Their goal is to lead their behind-the-times, old-fashioned, ignorant, tradition-bound, Bible-believing brethren into the realities of the present, as they view it. After all, many of them have been off to a seminary or divinity school and have learned some things the rest of us never learned (and we're

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Wednesday

B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

glad we didn't). They've studied under theologians who've been "doctored" two or three times over and who are so well-educated they've discovered that the Bible isn't inspired, Jesus isn't the only way to the Father, and He didn't really mean what He says in His Word. Many thus taught have left such schools with the mission to teach, preach, and write so as to convert us religious "red-necks" who've never "outgrown" the simple unadulterated Gospel.

This strain of snobbish self-proclaimed "scholars" in their "scholars conferences" on "Christian" university campuses is the source of a so-called "New Hermeneutics" that mocks the authority of Scripture. They've "learned" that doctrine is secondary to sincerity, "love," and the "historical Jesus." They've "learned" that the church of Christ is "just another denomination," and they're dedicated to thus fashioning it. Most of the universities (begun by godly, dedicated men) are now controlled by just such ecumenical intellectual elitists. The only thing that surpasses the level of their heresy is the extent of their snobbery.

This trait is as ugly in men today as it was in the Jews and Greeks of old (John 7:48-49; 1 Cor. 1:22-25). It is as ugly in us as it is in the likes of Richard Dawkins and all of his ilk who worship at the altar of atheism, naturalism, and humanism. Great intellect and learning, when tempered by humility and wisdom, are never carried away with themselves. Otherwise, intellect and education only create fools who merely know a lot of information and are proud of it.

—Dub McClish
Denton, TX

"Come Home..."

There's an old song that goes:

Many years ago in days of childhood, I used to play till evening shadows come.

Then winding down that old familiar pathway, I'd hear my mother call at set of sun,

"Come home, come home it's supper time. The shadows lengthen fast.
Come home, come home, it's supper time. We're going home at last."

I cannot hear that song without a lump rising in my throat as I remember my own mother's call like that one, oh, so long ago in childhood. And even today, her voice echoes through my memory.

There is a similar call that ought to resonate through the minds of many today. That's the call of the Savior in His revealed Word, saying, "Come home, child." How many souls stand in jeopardy this day because they have left the Savior and returned to the world? They may not be immoral or vile, but they have simply shunned and neglected Christ and His church, as did Demas, whom Paul said, "loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10).

The erring child of God stands daily in jeopardy of losing his soul eternally because he has chosen to leave the only Way to the Father (John 14:6). But the mental and physical abilities to come home are still in his possession. Those abilities are gifts from God, but he will not always possess them. Peter told Ananias that the land he and Sapphira sold was theirs to do with as they willed, and asked them even after it was sold, "was it not in thine own power?" (Acts 5:4). The things God has granted us are ours to use as we see fit. Those things include our thinking and reasoning abilities and time. Yes, God has given us time to repent because He is not willing that any should perish (2 Pet. 3:9). God does not want you to be lost eternally, but He will not force His salvation upon you. He is longsuffering and wants you to come to Him of your own free will. That is in your power today, but it may not be in your power tomorrow.

Think about the condition of your soul today. If you have left Jesus for the world, your condition is worse than if you had never obeyed the Gospel:

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them (2 Pet. 2:20-21).

Mothers and fathers, long departed from this world, still raise their voices in memory, saying, "Come home." Faithful Christian friends who love you, gently implore, "Come home." Dear cousins, uncles, and in-laws who love you, kindly plead, "Come home." Parents who love you more than life itself, pray and plead

Gospel Meeting

APRIL 5-8

Sermon Topics

4/5—9:30: "The Deception and Growth of Sin"

10:30: "Remove Not the Ancient Landmarks"

1:30: "God's Eternal Purpose"

4/6—7:00: "Not All Believers are New Testament Christians"

4/7—7:00: "How to Identify the Church Today"

4/8—7:00: "Baptized into Moses"



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Come—and invite others!