

Evil men in high places may politicize morality and call it “politics,” but Christians must never fall for that kind of thinking. We must lift up our voices “like a trumpet, cry aloud, and spare not” (Isaiah 58:1), and let the chips fall where they may. This land is ruled (yes, “ruled,” not governed) by evil men, and the sooner they are gone from high places, the better – and that includes, but is not limited to, the current White House occupant. I have never preached on politics and do not ever intend to, but evil men have trampled underfoot the moral laws of God, calling evil “good” and good “evil,” and we cannot remain silent in the face of their wickedness.

– Jerry C. Brewer  
Elk City, OK



# The Northpoint Lighthouse

Volume 11, Number 14  
April 5, 2015

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

- Sheila Beauchamp – recovering from shoulder surgery
- Tonya Thatcher – pregnancy difficulties
- Kathy Tigner – recovering from surgery, following a fall (Kourtney’s mother)
- Megan Zies – pregnancy difficulties (Tonya’s friend)
- Alice Haddon – fighting cancer (Sheri’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’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	16
Sunday AM Worship	16
Sunday PM Worship	16
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	13
Contribution	\$768.00
Contribution average (2015)	\$856.54

### 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](http://www.northpointcoc.com).

Preacher, *The Lighthouse* editor

Dub McClish

**Northpoint  
Church of Christ**  
Greenway Plaza, 4224 N. I-35  
Denton, Texas 76207  
940.220.9931  
northpointcoc@hotmail.com  
www.northpointcoc.com  
www.scripturecache.com

**Sunday**  
Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

## Man/Woman/Marriage

**W** Whether or not one believes the Bible to be God’s Word, he should be honest enough to let the Bible say what it says. One forfeits any claim of integrity when he knowingly twists Biblical statements (2 Pet. 3:16) so as to make them **appear** to teach other than what they teach (often making the Bible thereby contradict itself). This statement applies equally to professed believers **and** to infidels. Countless times each day presumptuous men seek to make the Bible say what they **want** it to say/teach (rather than what it **obviously says/teaches**) in an effort to justify a position, creed, bias, or agenda.

While the foregoing premises are true of every issue upon which the Bible touches (whether in religion or morals), a case in point is marriage and those for (and between) whom God ordained it. Morally upright people find consideration of certain subjects disgusting, but the generally corrupted “culture” of modern society leaves us no choice but to discuss and cry aloud against them. While being candid, I shall strive to be tasteful in the following comments:

- The first two human beings God created were a male and a female – a man and a woman (**not** two men or two women) (Gen. 1:27; 2:20–23).
- God created Eve from Adam’s rib to be a “help meet [i.e., suitable]” for him (another male would have been altogether “unsuitable” [Gen. 2:18]).
- God “performed” the first “marriage ceremony” between a **man** and a **woman** (Adam and Eve), whom He charged to “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:28). Eve’s suitability for Adam thus involved their mutual sexual compatibility. Anyone with the least knowledge of human anatomy knows that such compatibility is present only in the anatomical differences between males and females (as with lower animal forms as well).
- The sexual union of Adam and Eve enabled them to obey God’s command to “be fruitful and multiply”: “And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain...” (Gen. 4:1). No aberrant, warped, abnormal “union”

of two males ever produced or will ever produce a child; a “union” between two females is not even possible.

- While God **does not approve of every marriage** or sexual relationship between a man and a woman (Mat. 5:32; 19:9; Rom. 7:1–4; Heb. 13:4; et al.), He **explicitly forbids and condemns all** sexual relationships that are **not** between a man and a woman. He does so consistently in Old and New Testaments alike (Gen. 18:20–19:24; Lev. 18:22; Mat. 19:9; Rom. 1:24–27; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10; Jude 7; et al.). Jesus wholly endorsed the *male-female* and *he-she* statements from Genesis 1 and 2 (Mat. 19:4–6), as did Paul (Eph. 5:31).

Until very recently, no one ever conceived of marriage in any other terms than male-female unions – and rightly so. *Same-sex marriage* and *homosexual marriage* are absurd (to say nothing of perverse) oxymorons uttered by morons concerning morality. To dignify these abominable behaviors and relationships as “marriages” only compounds the innate evils they involve.

Applying *marriage* to such unions does nothing to elevate them. Rather, it only serves to trivialize immeasurably the word and the institution. This brazen distortion may so pollute the beautiful and wholesome Biblical concepts of marriage, home, and family that those God-ordained institutions may never again be the societal norm. The Creator of “nature” says that homosexual “unions” are beyond unnatural – they are “**against** nature” (Rom. 1:26–27, emph. DM). Some do not like the fact that the Bible so teaches, but only grossly ignorant and/or dishonest persons will deny that **it does so teach**.

—Dub McClish, Denton TX

## Morality Politicized

**S**atan has many devices for the corruption of humanity. Among those is his ability to get his followers to redefine terms of morality. Many of those are familiar to all of us. For instance, the practice of murdering babies in the womb is called “abortion,” and one of Satan's devices is to politicize that term, along with many others.

A few years ago a deacon in a congregation in Oklahoma chastised the preacher for speaking against abortion, saying that he was preaching on “politics.” Now we all know that partisan politics has no place in the pulpit and no faithful Gospel preacher would ever preach on such topics. But the devil, and his followers in high places, know that if they can persuade men that preaching on the morals God has ordained is “politics” they can silence opposition to their immorality. The same is true with sodomy. If it can be politicized, preachers who preach the Truth on it can be silenced.

It’s often been said by liberals that “you can't legislate morality,” and they are correct. **Man** cannot legislate morality. God has already done that. His immutable moral code, by which He intends men to live, was impressed upon the human race in the beginning and cannot be changed. Of course, what politicians mean by that statement is that legislatures or Congress cannot legislate **against** immorality. When it is proposed that gambling, liquor, or “same-sex marriage” be made illegal, the cry goes up, “You can't legislate morality.” Those proposals do not pretend to **legislate** in the moral realm. What they propose to do is to align man's secular laws with the moral law of God. What objectors really mean is, “You can't pass a law that agrees with God's moral law and opposes our hedonism.”

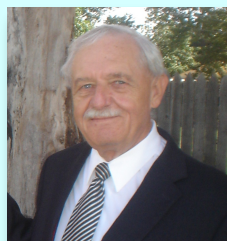
American society – and most of the world, for that matter – is as pagan as any ancient culture. The current White House occupant has endorsed sodomite “marriages,” and that ought to make decent folks tremble. When the highest office in the land demonstrates that it favors no moral code higher than an alley cat’s – although alley cats disdain sodomy – the outlook is indeed dark for successive generations of our children and grandchildren. And it becomes even darker when we consider that speaking out against such wickedness as abortion and sodomy is considered “preaching politics” under the euphemism of “hate speech.”

This country is at a critical juncture in its existence. Decent people must either take a stand – and a firm one – against immorality and its endorsement in high places, or we will witness the end of a country that once stood as a bastion of freedom and moral rectitude. And this is not “preaching politics.” God's long-suffering ended when He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, and it could well end soon for this country that has been the recipient of the greatest blessings in the history of the human race.

## Gospel Meeting

### 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”



Jerry Brewer

**Come—and invite others!**