

## NEW ONLINE RADIO STATION

A faithful brother, under the oversight of the elders of the Spring, TX, congregation, has launched an Online radio station dedicated to broadcasting the Gospel in all its truth, glory, and power. Take a listen at ...

<http://www.live365.com/stations/rfisher68>

## NEW WEBSITE: The Scripturecache

Please visit Dub's new Website for a collection of almost 400 articles and MSS written by Lavonne, Andy, and Dub, with more being uploaded all the time:

<http://thescripturecache.com>



# The Northpoint Lighthouse

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## INGREDIENTS of Evangelism

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

**Alice Haddon**—fighting cancer (Sheri's friend)

**Ann Henderson**—fighting cancer (Sheri's aunt)

**Lester Kamp**—fighting prostate cancer

**Mike Mallett**—fighting leukemia (faithful brother in Evant, TX)

**Judy Reid**—continued recovery auto accident (sister in NJ, planning to move here)

**Jeffrey Reid**—Judy's son, with whom Dub will be studying (he has embraced Islam)

**Brian Ritter**—fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)

**Don Smith**—faithful brother in Ohio prison who is teaching fellow inmates daily

**Tim Smith**—fighting chronic physical problems from auto injuries (Gospel preacher)

**Megan Zies**—pregnancy difficulties (Tonya's friend)

**Joshua Aidoo**—Gospel preacher in Ghana we support

**Samuel Bagsangi**—Gospel preacher in Philippines we support

### Records you helped make last week...

Bible Classes	15
Sunday AM Worship	16
Sunday PM Worship	15
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	19
Contribution	\$2,064.00
Contribution average (2015)	\$969.17

### 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).

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### Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 1:00 PM

### Wednesday

B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

- N**o subject is more vital to sincere saints than evangelism. Jesus made it our first responsibility when He issued the Great Commission (Mat. 28:18-19; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47). It is God's means of saving the lost. It is the lifeblood of the church. Evangelism lurks around every "corner" of the Gospel. Consider some facts about evangelism:
- The **what** of evangelism: Deliver the Gospel. *Evangelism* is really a Greek word, *euangelizo*. It means to proclaim glad tidings, to deliver a message that brings joy. The noun form of this word (*euangelion*), is the New Testament word for "gospel," good news. Thus God chose a word for His message of salvation that practically demands its proclamation. God's Truth about salvation in Christ is encouraging, thrilling, and thus wonderful news to right-thinking people—a message which every person should know and from which he can profit both in time and eternity. The message must be only the Gospel Truth, for it alone is God's saving power (Rom. 1:16). Men have originated their counterfeit "gospels," but there is only one God-given saving Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9).
  - The **why** of evangelism: Christ's Command. No command is more central to the Gospel than the Lord's charge, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). We are to always be ready to give answer with the Gospel (1 Pet. 3:15). Why is this the Lord's primary requirement of us? Because men are lost without the Gospel and we are the means by which they will hear. The church cannot survive, much less grow, without evangelism. Only by evangelism are people added to it and it is kept pure (Acts 2:38-47; 2 Tim. 2:2). Everything pertaining to the cause of Christ on earth relates to evangelism.
  - The **who** of evangelism: Every Christian. Some of the most effective evangelists in the New Testament were "ordinary" Christians (e.g., the Jerusalem saints [Acts 8:4; 11:19]; Philip [Acts 8:5]; Barnabas [Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3]; Aquila and Priscilla [Acts 18:26]; et al.). Every Christian is an "earthen vessel" to carry the Gospel from place to place (2 Cor. 4:7). "The faith" has been "delivered to the

saints” for both defense and proclamation (Jude 3). Some of God’s most effective evangelists will never stand in a pulpit. Every Christian has the responsibility to find some means of disseminating the Gospel.

- The **when** of evangelism: “In season, out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2). We must be always abounding in the Lord’s work (1 Cor. 15:58). We should daily seek opportunities to teach others (Mat. 26:55; Luke 9:23; Acts 5:42; 20:31). The more we sow the seed, the better our chances will be to find the “soil” of the honest and good heart (Luke 8:11, 15).

May we all constantly seek opportunities to teach as we go about our daily activities.

– Dub McClish  
Denton, TX

## THE Basic “Flaw”

**P**roblems of a thousand kinds, in a thousand areas of life, have the researchers poring over plans, systems, procedures, behavior, and such like—looking for the basic flaw causing the malfunction. Space probes are scheduled and then repeatedly canceled, showing us that the search goes on for the “flaw.” But we are not speaking merely of science; rather, we speak of anything in any area that goes awry. Men then turn to try and find the basic “flaw.”

The area of major interest for most Christians is to know what the “flaw” is that causes so many problems in the kingdom. It denotes no brilliance on my part to identify this flaw, for many others know its identity as well. The basic flaw causing men to:

- Reject the New Testament plea and to seek fellowship with the denominations...
- Want to turn the church into a playground, substituting fun and games for the work of the Lord...
- See the church ministering to the “whole man,” rather than attending to his spiritual needs...
- Fault all Gospel preaching that “hews the line,” letting the chips fall where they may...

...is assuming that the **Gospel is not sufficient**.

What God has provided just is not good enough for such folk! Though the Word is said to furnish us completely (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and though the apostles gave us what they had, completely furnishing us unto life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3), and though we are warned against turning to anything else (Gal. 1:6-7; 2 John 9), it is true that some who wear the name of Christ do not think the Word is sufficient. Again, some have sought “growth” in ways and by using means other than that prescribed by the Lord, applying the Word (1 Pet. 2:2). They think the Word is not enough.

With that basic “flaw” there is a constant move away from the Word, a constant dislike of some of its teaching, a continual distancing of oneself from study, and finally, becoming sectarian completely. With that basic “flaw” there is no way that a person can be and can do what is pleasing unto the Lord. The basic “advantage” every faithful child of God has is his love of, and devotion to, the Word of the Lord. In that faithfulness is the joy of living one’s life without the “flaw” that robs one completely.

– Bill Jackson  
Deceased

**[Editor’s note:** Those who love the Truth and who knew Bill Jackson still miss his powerful voice and pen. Since his passing, additional elements have arisen among us. One of these elements insists that the Holy Spirit gives us immediate and direct help, strength, wisdom, and understanding and that we must be baptized in the Holy Spirit to be saved. Another element has enlarged its circle of fellowship to embrace a false teacher and those who support him. Were Bill still with us, he would doubtless have added these to his list of manifestations of the basic “flaw.” DM]

## HOORAY for Kirk!

**M**atthew 19:4, 6 seems upfront to even the casual reader: “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.... What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” **Marriage** is to be between a man and a woman; not a man and a man or a woman and a woman. Yet for many in our increasingly **intolerant** society this concept is antiquated at best, if not downright bigoted.

A case in point happened on a Piers Morgan Show on CNN. He was interviewing actor **Kirk Cameron**, who claims to be a Christian. The question of same-sex “marriage” came up. Mr. Cameron said:

Marriage is almost as old as dirt, and it was defined in the garden between Adam and Eve—one man, one woman for life till death do you part. So I would never attempt to try to redefine marriage. And I don’t think anyone else should either.

He added that homosexuality is “unnatural,” “detrimental,” and “destructive” to society. **Hooray for Kirk!**

But as the old saying goes, “no good deed goes unpunished.” His words caused a firestorm in the entertainment industry and the media. Celebrities have fallen over each other to condemn his remarks as “bigoted.” **The truth** is that Hollywood has been a vile, vindictive moral **sewer** for years. They are only engaging in the “McCarthyism” they claim to hate. **Hang in there, Kirk!** “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4).

– Roelf Ruffner  
Columbia, TN