

## Upcoming Events

**Business Meeting:** Today at 4:30 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Class:** August 18 at 4:00 p.m.

**Fall 2019 meeting:** Final Planning

**Panera Bread Open Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Hebrews class** Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

## Honesty and Integrity

*“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”* Philippians 4:8

*“He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.”* Proverbs 10:9

## August Birthdays

2 Jaleen Letalu      4 Noah Perales      6 Gigi Zamarripa  
12 Debbie Hoffman    12 Lee McKnight    16 Nick Hoffman  
19 Keith Lovelady    25 Pat Limburg

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# Indio Informer

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## The Simplicity of the Way of Jesus

By Kevin Cauley

Not too long ago, I saw on Facebook an article about an almost pristine Caddo canoe that was discovered in Louisiana. Archeologists were examining it, but it looked to be authentic. Such discoveries thrill us because they give us some insight into the history of our area and how native people's lived hundreds of years ago. We believe that we can learn from the past, and so we invest energy into discovering things of the past and studying them. We also value primitivism. This is the notion that the peoples of the past did things better than we did. We may view their lifestyle as superior to ours because of its simplicity, resourcefulness, and originality.



*The way of Christ is the beauty of simplicity.*

While the things that we learn from a Caddo canoe are limited, we can certainly apply these principles to our spiritual life. We look to the teaching, example, and life of Jesus as the one who did things better than we do them. His was truly a superior lifestyle being simple, resourceful, and original in its spirituality. Jesus didn't complicate things like we do; He didn't seek all the worldly pursuits that we engage in; He trusted in the blessings of His Father one day at a time. His plan is simple, resourceful, and original, and it is best to stick with Him. This is why He said, *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My*

*yoke is easy and My burden is light*” (Matthew 11:28-30). Let’s not complicate things with so-called “contemporary” spiritual pursuits, but trust in the primitive, simple words of Jesus.

### **Self-Honesty**

Psalms 136-140

By Tim Dooley

One of the least appreciated character traits in mankind is the attribute of honesty! Oh, we talk about it and stress its importance to our children but show an incredible lack of honesty when it comes to owning our own actions and words. To me, the biggest problem seems to be with self-honesty!



*Are we ready to face up to who we truly are?*

David declares that the Lord has searched us and knows us. Better even than we know ourselves! And this is more often than not the case because we are simply not honest with our-selves. We cannot hide from God, but often try to hide ourselves from ourselves. God knows us better than we know ourselves because He created us. Each new day brings us another opportunity to take stock in ourselves.

So, let’s be honest with ourselves and make the changes we need to make in our lives. Let’s quit blaming someone else, or something else, for who or what we are, and take ownership, extreme ownership of our life and our soul’s salvation. We’ll be eternally glad we do!

### **Integrity the Basis of Hope and Trust**

By Dan Jenkins

We hear the word integrity used frequently and we value those who have it. Above all other people on this earth Christians should have this quality. It is the basis of trust and hope and positive interaction with those around us.

Webster defines the word as “having a firm adherence to a code especially moral or artistic values.” We live in a world where we wonder if we can trust what others say and struggle to give them the benefit of doubt in their actions. The problem is often a lack of integrity. Consider the importance of this word in our lives.

None can question the integrity of God. Three times the Bible uses the expression “God is faithful” (1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; 2 Corinthians 1:18). He is trustworthy and Paul talks about his confidence he had in God. “*I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day*” (2 Timothy 1:12). Our relationship with God is based on His integrity to always do the right thing.

The problem comes when we have an expectation of others to have integrity—that firm adherence to a moral code of behavior. Paul wrote to Timothy about two teachers who once proclaimed the truth, but they no longer had integrity and now were denying the resurrection. After describing how the lives of Hymenaeus and Philetus had destroyed the faith of some, Paul said, “*Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands*” (2 Timothy 1:19). We must never let the absence of integrity of men weaken our trust in God.

Think about the importance of integrity in every relationship we have. As Christians we must have an unwavering devotion to our code of righteousness so that others can have confidence in trusting us. Destroy that integrity and the trust and hope others have in us is gone.

Children must see parents as having integrity. We must do more than simply verbally embracing devotion to honesty, purity, godliness and to the church. We must live it before them. This does not mean we never can make mistakes, for we all will, but it does mean they see how we handle these mistakes with the code of morality we have embraced in our lives.

Husbands and wives must treasure the integrity they bring to the marriage. Deception, lying, and deceit in dealing with our mates will bring ruin to the marriage. When they can have confidence in our unwavering devotion to the code of morality, the marriage is assured of happiness. God help us to be as trustworthy as He is!