

# Fair Grove Church of Christ

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## Newsletter

### Recent Sermons

**Title: Jonah Part 2    Speaker: Dustin Jones**  
<https://fairgrovecofc.org/sermons/jonah-part-2/>

**Title: Future Generations Part 2    Speaker: Walter Myers**  
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“The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the strength of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday July 26, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

## **Article**

### Outside the Camp - Isaac Helterbrand

Christians have a choice to make every single day. Each morning we are offered the everlasting love of God and the passing pleasures of sin and we must choose between the two. Depending on their environment, this choice can be quite difficult for a lot of people, but giving up worldly things in favor of Godly things is absolutely necessary if we want to follow the Lord and make it to heaven.

Jesus told His disciples, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:18-19)

Have you considered your standing with the world? Do worldly friends find that you are different from them? Do your work acquaintances get frustrated because of the things you will not do and will not say? Or are they perfectly accepting of you? Do you fit in? It is possible that if you fit in very well with people you know to be worldly, that it's time to take a step back and evaluate if you are living righteously. The world hated Jesus. The Hebrew writer explains the reproach that Christ endured by likening His sacrifice to those that the Jews made.

"For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come." (Hebrews 13:11-14)

Our savior suffered outside the camp and endured the hatred of those around Him so we might have hope. If we forsake His righteousness and cling to parts of ourselves and parts of our lives that attach us to the world, we reject the sacrifice that He made for us. Rather, we should remove ourselves from worldliness, bear Christ's reproach, and set our sights on the world that is to come, heaven! Paul said in Romans 12:2,

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

James echos Paul with the following,

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27)

We must rid ourselves of worldliness and desire to be like Christ! Different from the world, set apart from sin, as holy and as righteous as we can be. Go forth to Jesus, outside the camp.

## **About Us**

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

## **Invitation**

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Church of Christ!

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## **Meeting Times**

### **Sunday**

- **10:00AM Bible Study**
- **11:00AM Worship Service**

### **Wednesday**

- **7:00PM Bible Study**

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