

# Fair Grove Church of Christ

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## Newsletter

### Recent Sermons

**Title: Baptism    Speaker: Walter Myers**

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**Title: Fire In Your Bones    Speaker: Isaac Helterbrand**

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And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."  
(Nehemiah 4:14 NKJV)

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

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

## **Article**

Accomplishing God's will on God's Terms - Isaac Helterbrand

In 1 Samuel 4:1-22 a grave thing happens to the children of Israel. First, they are defeated in battle and four-thousand soldiers die. When they are defeated, they try again, this time bringing the ark of the covenant with them. The idea was that having the ark of the covenant join them in battle would invoke God to fight for them. However, God was not with them in the battle and they were defeated again! This time losing thirty-thousand foot-soldiers *and* losing the ark of the covenant. The Philistines took the ark of the covenant back to their territory and completed a total defeat of Israel. It was not until 2 Samuel 6:1-19 that the ark of the covenant was brought back to the land of Israel. When David and the people of Israel try the first time to bring the ark back from the Philistines, they transport it on a cart. This was not the way that the Lord had commanded the ark be moved. When the oxen pulling the cart stumbled, a man named Uzzah reached out to stabilize the ark, even though touching the ark was against the law of God. The Lord struck Uzzah down and killed him. David was afraid of the Lord after that outbreak against Uzzah and determined to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem a different way.

“So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.” (2 Samuel 6:12-13).

The second time David tried to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem he was successful because of the reverent way he treated the task. All too often, when people want to worship God or do something that He deems a good deed, we want to try to do it our own way. The problem here is that God expects us to serve Him His way, not our way. Examples of this would include anything that goes beyond or goes away from God's word. Instrumental music in worship, missionary societies, seminaries, etc. All practices that we do not have a command, approved example, or an absolutely necessary inference from the scriptures, are not authorized by the Lord and will not be pleasing to Him.

“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.” (2 John 1:9).

It is of utmost importance that we abide *in* the doctrine of Christ, not moving to the right or left, not adding to it or taking away from it. We must “understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17), and obey it. Be a part of a group of Christians that believes this and practices the will of the Lord only. We are to accomplish God's will and accomplish it on His terms.

## **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 Grove 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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