



## *Chalmette Church of Christ*

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### Avoid Foolish and Ignorant Disputes

Neal Pollard

A man is about to be put to death for preaching Christ. He is composing the last known words he left to history, and it is addressed to another, younger preacher. The entire letter is less than 2,000 words, making each sentence all the more meaningful. In the middle of describing "an unashamed workman," Paul makes this statement, "But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife" (2 Tim. 2:23). Paul has just discussed the vitality and value of being a vessel of honor in God's house (20-21). One is cleansed and prepared for His use who flees lust and pursues the Lord (22). Paul follows the admonition in verse 23 by describing the characteristics of a good workman and vessel of honor.

Social media has got to be one of the devil's greatest tools for tempting God's people to violate the principle of 2 Timothy 2:23. One has got to wonder how many confidently asserted statements and vehement arguments are properly categorized as "foolish" and "ignorant." We've all seen the disputes and strife they generate! Brethren speak ugly to one another and venomously about the object of their scorn. I cannot remember how many times I heard the late Wendell Winkler say, "You can be right and be wrong. If you're not kind, you're the wrong kind." Do we ever stop to consider that we can neutralize our effectiveness by unresearched, unstudied, and uninformed statements nevertheless brashly and confidently stated?

And what about those who "innocently" start these bash-fests? As a young boy, I remember having a football card of Conrad Dobler. For some reason, I thought he was so cool...until I saw him in a commercial. He's sitting between two fans and he pits one against the other until the whole crowd is in an uproar. The commercial ends with him grinning as he leaves the middle of the fracas. Was he innocent in all this? Of course not! That's the point of using Conrad Dobler, the meanest man in football, in the commercial.

Remember what Paul tells the Romans. "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (14:19). The next social media mudslinging you chance upon, ask yourself this. Am I looking for peace or longing to take a virtual punch? Am I actively seeking to edify, or am I looking to don my orange demolition jacket? Hear the inspired words. "Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes!" When you come upon one, just keep moving. You are not likely to help the cause of Christ, but you may hurt it!

# Mountains in the Bible

B X S S R N C M O R I A H D K M M  
 M R E H O L C T B N O M L A Z R P  
 M I P I A N M M O A A B A R I M F  
 R K Z K C P A R Z V A Q C K G L P  
 M C R A H S H R L I X L T Q E M O  
 M O M L W P I E A F A Z A P R B L  
 H N Y A E T N N R P Y N H H I E I  
 N R T H B K L T A T L R I X Z R V  
 D A E L I G V Z K T A A S S I O E  
 P G R J E A R I M I O I C D M H T  
 E V P M R O N Z M B O O B E N J X  
 R H B R O B H O L N G L H V F M B  
 A E E X B E E I N I L Q P F R R N  
 Z R T P A N G B L A C A R M E L Y  
 I M H K T G Q B A W B M S E R E H  
 M O E L R W O T N L R E M D Q L P  
 Q N L D N A D H M V G R L C M W Q

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Abarim	Gilboa	Jearim	Seir
Baalah	Gilboa	Lebanon	Shapher
Bethel	Gilead	Moriah	Sina
Carmel	Halak	Nebo	Sinai
Ebal	Heres	Nebo	Sion
Ephraim	Hermon	Olivet	Tabor
Ephron	Hor	Paran	Zalmon
Gerizim	Horeb	Perazim	Zion

# News & Notes

- Please keep Mary Jo Lance in your prayers at this time. She will be starting treatment this week.
- We rejoice in the fact that Casadarel was baptized into Christ this past Sunday!
- Brother **Willie Franklin** will be here in **November 8-9** and post cards are available to handout on the foyer table. Lunch will need to be provided on Saturday and **Crystal** is in charge of the menu! Please invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy fellowship with us!
- Our Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship Meal will be on November 16th. Please bring a dish and a friend!
- Our pantry is running low and we need canned goods of any kind. Remember no cornmeal, flour or things of that nature please.

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

7th– Sarah Russell

7th– Sherry Snyder

12th– Alice Riley

20th– Rihanna Diggs

28th– Nell & J.V. Russell (Anniversary)

29th– Tina & Mark Lance (Anniversary)



# Prayer List



**Alice Riley  
Clifford Markum  
Sherry Towle  
Margo Rodney  
Judy Hennessee  
Ella Gillard  
Krisztian Montague  
Addrean Jenkins  
Gloria Smiles  
Joel James  
Ryker Amaya  
Gary Huettmann**

**\*All of our brethren scattered across  
the United States & our troops in  
Iraq**



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## **Services of The Church Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am  
AM Worship 10:00 am  
PM Worship 6:00 pm

## **Wednesday**

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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