

Lake Houston Church of Christ

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Using Absolutes

by Kevin Hahn (Reprinted from October 4, 2015)

I heard a man correcting his friend for using the word “never” when describing something he wouldn’t buy. “You shouldn’t use absolutes” he said.

Most of us use absolutes from time to time and are very sincere in their use. “I would never...” “My children will never...” “We would never...”

Speaking in absolutes is nothing new. Peter said, “I will never fall away” (Matt. 26:33). The prodigal son’s older brother said, “I never disobeyed your command” (Luke 15:29). The Jews said, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone” (John 8:33).

The problem is that as sincere as we may be, our absolutes are seldom accurate. Peter did fall. The older brother had disobeyed. The Jews had been enslaved.

Jesus also spoke in absolutes. The difference is that he can be trusted to uphold such firm statements of truth.

“Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3).

“Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again” (John 4:14).

“Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death” (John 8:51).

We can trust Jesus. Whether he says never, always, no one, everyone, or anyone, his word will always be truth.

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Our Record	09/24/17
Bible Study	242
AM	409
PM	180
Wednesday	200
Contribution	\$17,073.26
Budget	\$17,125.00

Prayer List

MEMBERS

- ✧ Michele Goodknight – Pinched nerve
- ✧ Hermise Wilkins – St Luke’s – Med Ctr –
knee surgery

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Joyce Allen
- ✧ Harold & Rita Ballard
- ✧ Sandria Bice
- ✧ Cindy Bornsheuer
- ✧ Laura Buchanan
- ✧ Wayne Campbell
- ✧ Genie Deister
- ✧ Linda Haynes
- ✧ Ruth Hunt
- ✧ Bob Latten
- ✧ Lucy Makowsky
- ✧ Larry Parker
- ✧ Linda Perero

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

- ✧ Melanie Bice – January
 - ✧ Danielle Caskey - January
- For a more complete list, visit our website:
lakehoustonscoc.org

Meeting Schedule

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies’ Bible Class (September–May)...10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible class (all ages).....7:00 p.m.

Please visit us online at lakehoustonscoc.org

There you will find:

Our Calendar	Our Missionaries
Prayer List	Those in the Military
Audio Sermons	Involvement Form



Directory News

Has any of your information in the directory changed? Please don't forget to let the office know. Also, if you have a new picture of yourself or your family, please email it to the office at your earliest convenience.

Did You Paint This Rock?

We received an email Monday from a woman named Michelle Caplis. She wanted to let us know that she appreciated this decorated rock that someone from LHCOC left in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Ms. Caplis was at the Cracker Barrel eating breakfast, crying because she was leaving her two oldest at college there. Her daughter found the rock in the parking lot and gave it to her because she loves birds. The verse was very comforting to her and she wanted to say “Thank you.”



Couples Wedding Shower

Couples 'Come & Go'
Bridal Shower
Saturday - October 21st
10:00 a.m.
in the fellowship hall
Levi & Hannah are
registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Target.



New Converts Bible Class

New converts please feel free to join our New Converts Bible Class in Room 101 on Wednesday nights. In addition to the Wednesday evening class, we will be continuing the class on Sunday morning as well. This class does not replace the Wednesday evening class, but supplements it using different study guides. This class is scheduled to start today, October 1st, in Room 101. New converts or anyone who has never been through a class after being baptized are encouraged to attend.

LHCOC Ladies' Days

Friday, October 6th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Our theme is: Buzzards and Butterflies.
See Heather Hahn if you have any questions.



Baby Shower

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Melanie Bice on Saturday, October 28th, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Casey Pearce. Melanie is registered at Target and Babies "R" Us.



IMPACT

The Fall IMPACT trip has been cancelled. IMPACT has received an abundance of donations so they are not in need of clothing donations at this time. If you have IMPACT donations, please hold on to them until the spring. If you have questions, please see Jeanine Brown.

WBS/MNM

World Bible School and Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday, October 9th, in the fellowship hall. We will have a brown-bag fellowship at 5:30. The evening's work will start at 6:00 and end at 8:00. Please join us!

Seek Lost
Souls

Serve One
Another

Share Our
Blessings



Peaches, applesauce, and pears
Boxed potato mixes
Dry beans
Cake mix & frosting

This past summer Casey and I met our family in Gulf Shores to spend a week with them. While we were there, Casey rented a double kayak and our eight year-old niece discovered that she loved to kayak. Our niece and Casey went out in the kayak almost every day. One day they were out paddling and enjoying the scenery and the wind picked up. Casey was watching the dolphins and didn't notice how quickly they were being pushed down the island. When she looked back at the island she realized that they had drifted a long way in just 15 minutes. She knew it was going to be tough to get back so she dug her paddle into the water and began paddling and told our niece to do the same. The wind moved them a good distance away from our beach house in 15 minutes but it took Casey almost an hour to get back to where they started.

In Luke chapter 15, beginning in verse 11 you can read about a young, greedy, and wasteful son who finds himself in a very unpleasant situation. This man focused on living a luxurious lifestyle rather than focusing on living a righteous lifestyle, and he lost his way. He found himself in a pigpen with no money, no food, no friends, and no one to take care of him. When he had nowhere to go and no one to turn to, he came to his senses and decided to return to his father's house and beg for forgiveness. The father received him with open arms and celebrated his return.

It's easy for Christians to drift into "dangerous waters" when they allow themselves to be distracted from living a righteous life. If you find that you've drifted away from God, it is my prayer that you'll come to your senses as the son did in Luke 15 and begin your journey back to the Father as quickly as you can.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 1, 2017		Sunday, October 8, 2017	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Bert Esteban	Song Leader	Brent McFarland
Greetings/Call to Worship	Matt Schaefer	Greetings/Call to Worship	Matt Schaefer
Communion Talk	Benjamin LaBurt	Communion Talk	Larry Heasley
Communion	Don Caballero Alvin Logan	Communion	Don Caballero Alvin Logan
Scripture	John Delome Don McAdoo	Scripture	John Delome Don McAdoo
Closing Prayer	Bill Lindsay	Closing Prayer	Bill Lindsay
Greeters	Larry Heasley	Greeters	Larry Heasley
Communion Prep	Carrolls E.Caballero/S.Hicks Schaefer	Communion Prep	Carrolls E.Caballero/S.Hicks Schaefer
Cards	Eric Caballero Cameron Edwards	Cards	Eric Caballero Cameron Edwards
Building Lockup	Colton Cunningham Reed Talbert	Building Lockup	Colton Cunningham Reed Talbert
Building Lockup	Degge Mitchell	Building Lockup	Degge Mitchell
EVENING		EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Aaron Barnes	Song Leader	Jeff Boyles
Opening Prayer	Bud Dromgoole	Opening Prayer	Caleb Hahn
Communion	Elmer Hitt Carl Holder	Communion	Brent Hughes Grant McFarland
Wednesday, October 4, 2017		Wednesday, October 11, 2017	
Greetings	Cason Pearce	Greetings	Fred Fain
Song Leader	Aaron Barnes	Song Leader	Cason Pearce