



# The Messenger

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## Todd's Take

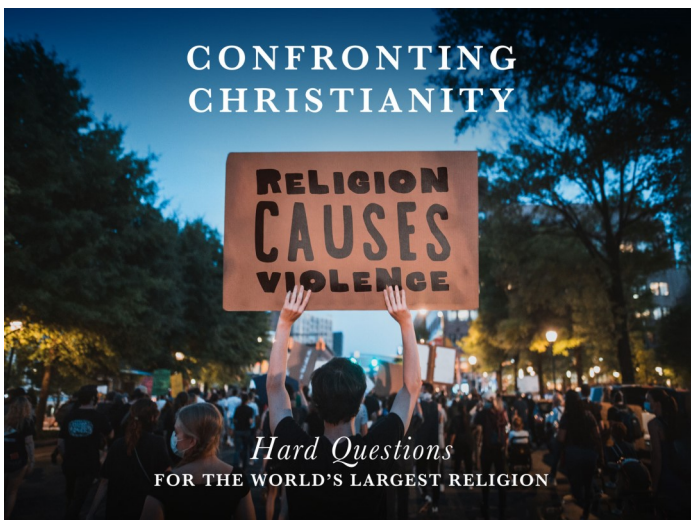
Good morning church.

In our sermon time today I will continue the series *Confronting Christianity* addressing some charges made against our faith.

Today we will discuss the charge that religion causes violence. Some argue that without religion history would be without many of the devastating conflicts of the past. In regard to Christianity, critics would point out the ravages of the Crusades and the Inquisitions, two significant blemishes on the reputation of the church where thousands were tortured or killed in the name of Christ. There's no denying these events, so how do we respond?

In my sermon I will reference several additional resources you can access to further prepare yourself for the storm of criticism, cynicism, and doubt sweeping across our world and our country. See below for those. Additionally, let me encourage you to continue to use Right Now Media as a valuable resource.

Today we will also be blessed by Keith House's testimony.



Remember our Grace Offering Sunday, April 4. Our contribution that week will go towards our outreach ministries here at PACOC. You will be receiving a letter and brochure in the mail soon or you can go to [pacoc.net/go](http://pacoc.net/go) for a list of ministries supported by the Grace Offering. We are also spotlighting some of our outreach ministries on our Facebook page, so make sure to check it out. Daisy's Little Red Wagon will be here the Sunday before, March 28.

## Some Resources on Faith & Culture

### Books

- *Confronting Christianity*, Rebecca McLaughlin
- *The Case for Faith*, Lee Strobel
- *Gathering Storm*, Albert Mohler
- *Can We Still Believe in God?* – Craig Blomberg

### Podcasts

- *The Briefing with Albert Mohler*
- *Breakpoint*
- *The World and Everything In It*
- *Think Biblically*

# NEWS & NOTES

*As we worship together this morning, please feel free to lower or remove your mask during our assembly.*

## Sympathy's

Our sympathy is with the family of **Mary Pope** who passed away on Tuesday, March 2. Services are currently pending.

Our condolences are also with **Shelly Calvert** and her family after the passing of her mother, Jonell Moffett on Thursday, March 4. Services are pending at this time.

## Thank You

Thank you Church family for your calls, prayers, thoughts, and flowers upon the loss of mom, Barbara Corbett. Thank you also to all the sweet ladies who fixed the wonderful meal for us after the service - in a pandemic and a natural disaster! It was a wonderful example of dedication to the Lord! We love every one of y'all

**The Barbara Corbett Family**

## Youth Ministry

- **March 7:** Park Avenue Youth will meet in the Gym from 5-7PM. Dinner will be provided!
- **March 8:** Park Avenue Youth will serve at the mobile food drive from 9-12 noon. Lunch will be provided and then we will serve at the Family Free Play Day from 1-4PM!
- **March 10:** Park Avenue Youth Spring Break Fun Day in the Gym from 12-4PM. Please bring your own lunch!
- **May 16:** Senior Sunday! Here is our current list of Seniors please let us know if we missed someone: **Avery Encalade, Skylar Levacy, Josh Hysmith, Ashlyn Karguth, and Hailey Geist.**

## Prayer List

Mike Morgan, Ken Washburn, Garland Nevil, Carol McClure, Debbie Hawk

## Ongoing Needs

Jim & Jane Scroggins, Kimberly Pendergrass, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Bob Corley, Sandra Aynes, Terry Waggoner, Peggy Clark, Lisa Cobble, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Sandra Thomas, Larry Long, Judy Shelton, Gene Stogner, James Hawk, Daisy Miller, Kaile Williams (Norris)

## Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

## Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia)

## Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russells), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candsis Slaughter)



## Save the Dates

- **Men's Hiking Trip**, March 26-28.
- **Family Scavenger Hunt**, April 10.
- **Parent Commitment Sunday**, April 25 for parents who have new additions to their family from 2020 to present.
- **Family Mission Trip**, July 2-10
- **Christian Theater Workshop**, July 19-25.

## Collide Retreat

This year, **Collide Retreat** will be a **one** day, outdoor activity on Saturday, **April 24**, for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in Coppell. RSVP to Rachel McClure.

## For The Record - February 28, 2021

Worship	436
Giving Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$22,797

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