

# **Newsletter**

## **November 2017**

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# HOW SHOULD WE REACT TO TRAGEDY?

By Brett Hickey

The October 1st country music concert in Las Vegas morphed into ISIS-like attack in the Middle East. Before the bloodbath ended, Stephen Paddock's shooting rampage left 58 dead and 546 injured. Less than five weeks later, Devin Kelley (age 26) walked into a small town Baptist church (with about fifty usually attending) near San Antonio and began firing his assault rifle down the aisles as he walked to the front and then back toward the exit. Twenty-six were killed and twenty injured. Just six weeks ago, a twenty-five year old man opened fire at a church service in Antioch, TN, killing one and wounding eight others. Sadly, there have been 307 mass shootings in the U. S. this year.

How should the Christian react? It is not appropriate to say, "Everything happens for a reason." Of course, there is an explanation for everything that happens even if we do not know what that explanation is. By saying, "Everything happens for a reason," people suggest something else that is often said, "Everything is okay because it must have been the Lord's will."

Christians may thoughtlessly assent to this analysis when a tragedy does not affect them directly, but when it is their spouse, child, or grandchild, these words get personal. No wonder some people get angry with God when their Christian friends falsely accuse God of bringing cancer on their spouse, causing the accident that paralyzes their son, or

taking the life of their grandchild after enduring extended suffering from some dreaded disease.

Do you really think God willed that Herod "put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under?" (Matthew 2:16-17). God through His prophet makes an even clearer refutation of the charge, "Everything that happens is God's will," in Jeremiah 19:5-6. He says of the slaughter of the innocents in worship to false gods, "They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind..." It certainly was not God's will! It was a level of barbarism that shocked even God.

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## **November TV Broadcast Schedule**

#### 11/5

Sermon #1116
The Inspired Word of God

### 11/12

Sermon #1121 A Better Covenant

#### 11/19

Sermon #1117 What Must I Do To Be Saved?

#### 11/26

Sermon #1122
The New Testament Church

Later this year, we will address this issue further on Let the Bible Speak.

https://www.dallasnews.com/news/texas/2017/11/05/reported-shooting-baptist-church-town-near-san-antonio

http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2017/09/24/nashville-police-responding-shooting-antioch-church/697968001/

A mass shooting takes place when four or more are shot at the same time and at the same location:

http://www.abc15.com/news/national/mass-shootings-in-the-u-s-over-270-mass-shootings-have-occurred-in-2017\_

## **Upcoming Gospel Meetings**

## November 10-12 East Allen CHURCH OF CHRIST

1008 E. Exchange Parkway Allen, TX Speaker: Johnny Elmore 7:30 pm (10th) 6:00 pm (11th) 10:30 am & 2:00 PM (12th)

## November 10-12 Bankhead Drive CHURCH OF CHRIST

2610 East Bankhead Drive Weatherford, TX Speaker: Brett Hickey 7:30 pm (10th) 6:00 pm (11th) 10:30 am & 2:00 PM (12th)



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We support Brett Hickey's message, and the truths taught in the Bible for all mankind. We assist bringing this TV program to the north Texas area, and are glad you have watched the program! We would like you to visit any of our worship services!

#### Allen

#### East Allen CHURCH OF CHRIST 1008 E. Exchange Parkway

Allen, TX

### Arlington

# **CHURCH OF CHRIST on Green Oaks** 4601 S. W. Green Oaks Blvd. Arlington, TX

#### **Bridgeport**

#### **East Mound CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Highway 2123, 1.5 miles south of town Bridgeport, TX

#### Canton

#### Phalba CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hwy 198 between Maybank & Canton at Hwy 316 intersection Phalba, TX

#### Cleburne

#### **South Walnut CHURCH OF CHRIST**

306 South Walnut Street Cleburne, TX

#### **Dallas**

#### **Dallas CHURCH OF CHRIST**

122 Carol Lane Red Oak, TX

## Dallas (Spanish speaking services) Dallas CHURCH OF CHRIST

2802 Walton Walker Boulevard Dallas, TX

#### Duncanville

#### **Duncanville CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1615 Stratford Lane Duncanville, TX

### Fort Worth

#### Fossil Creek CHURCH OF CHRIST

3517 North Beach Street Fort Worth, TX

### Frisco

Frisco, TX

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST in Frisco** 9201 North County Road

Grapevine

### CHURCH OF CHRIST in Grapevine

713 North Lucas Drive Grapevine, TX

#### Lewisville

#### **Denton county CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1305 S. Business State Highway 121, Suite 105 Lewisville, TX

#### **Mineral Wells**

#### Mineral Wells CHURCH OF CHRIST

300 Southeast 15th Street Mineral Wells, TX

#### **Paris**

#### Paris CHURCH OF CHRIST

35 13th Street S.E. Paris, TX

#### Rockwall

#### **Northview CHURCH OF CHRIST**

NE corner of I-30 Frontage & Industrial Blvd Rockwall, TX

#### Weatherford

#### **Bankhead Drive CHURCH OF CHRIST**

2610 East Bankhead Drive Weatherford, TX