

## **With God, There is Consistency**

From July 24, 2012

A life without God is a life without consistency. A nation without God is a nation without consistency. Consider the following irony: Last Friday our nation sat in shocked silence as we watched scenes from a movie theater in Aurora, CO pour across our computers and televisions. We shook our heads and wondered how a man could walk into a movie theater and shoot more than 50 innocent people, killing twelve.

And yet, the following Monday, just a mere 2.28 miles away from that tragic crime scene the Mayfair's Women Clinic opened its doors to kill more unborn children than that, and yet that never makes the news. Consider the following description of what was going on at the Mayfair Women's Clinic in order to dispose of the innocent babies. Susan Wills observed:

There is, for example, Mayfair Women's Clinic in Aurora, Colorado, where former owner-operator Dr. James J. Parks, M.D., reached what one had thought was the nadir of disposal practices: grinding buckets full of 15 to 22 weeks' gestation babies through a hand-cranked, old-fashioned meat grinder until they took the consistency of "multiple tubes of pink toothpaste," able to be flushed down sink drains. (Source: Affidavit of Curtis E. Stover, M.D., dated June 15, 1992, corroborated in depositions of Dr. Parks and clinic staff.)

What makes killing humans in a theater a tragedy, while killing babies 2.28 miles away at Mayfair a choice? So, I say again, a nation without God is a nation without consistency.

While there are many yet unanswered questions regarding the Aurora shooting tragedy, one that keeps surfacing is how does a loving God allow something like this? Where was God when this man walked into the theater mowing down the patrons? The answer is that God was

right where he was when we crucified His Son. Let me reassure you, He is still on His throne and He is still in control.

God loved man so much that He created us with free will. Could he have made man "automatronic" to where we would have to be good and worship Him? Absolutely. But God wants individuals, who, out of the free will of their hearts, want to worship and praise Him.

Sadly, when man takes his eyes off of God then immorality and evil can result. This latest shooting is yet another reminder that man sins and is in need of a redeemer. It is also a stark reminder that life is but a vapor and that man needs hope, and that hope can only be found in Jesus Christ.

I hope you will join me in praying for the victims of the Aurora shooting and their families. May this horrible tragedy bring them closer to God. I also hope you will join me in praying for the man who did the shooting-as he also has a soul that will one day spend somewhere in eternity. He, too, is in need of hope and the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. And finally, I hope you will pray for our nation to draw closer to God and find some consistency.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Brad Harrub  
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The LORD works everything for its own ends - even the wicked for the day of disaster (Proverbs 16:4, New English Translation).

## **Why Go To Church?**

From the bulletin of the Hillview Terrace church of Christ, July 29, 2012.

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and

in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... they all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

### ---News---

**Dave Morse** is in the Veterans Hospital in Tucson. He plans to receive a Pace Maker.

**Jerry Robinson** is scheduled for a stress test on August 22.

**Deanna Armenta** has three family members needing prayers: Her daughter **April** is suffering from Pulmonary Embolism; Her sister **Patsy**, has Cancer; and her Uncle **Fred**, is anemic. His doctors don't expect him to recover.

**Chuck Brooks** (Cody Bo's dad) is scheduled for surgery on September 5.

### Prayer List

**Healing:** *Deanna Armenta's daughter April, sister Patsy and Uncle Fred; Chuck Brooks, Michelle Cunningham, Faye Atchley, Nicolas Self, Douglas Gardner, Brandon (Gerry Clark's grandson), Diane Cocke's brother-in-law, Ben Atchley, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey. Personal:* *Richard and Skeet Posey, Members of the Morenci church. Travels:* *John and Sharon Cunningham.*

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

**5 August 2012**

### Sermon Topics

**A.M. God is Faithful in Providing**

Genesis 22:1-19

**P.M. Fruit of the Lips**

Hebrews 13:15-16

### Evangelist

*Ken Knowlton: 428-5974*

### Elders

*Ben Atchley: 428-2246*

*Greg Briggs: 428-8756*

*John Cunningham: 428-0895*

### Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.