

# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

## 5 October 2014

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2*

### Topics

**A.M. Bible Class:**

Guest Speaker: Bob Ward

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**P.M. Lesson:**

Count your many blessings (Matthew 5:43-46)

**Wednesday:**

Exile (2 Kings 25)

Pulpit Evangelist

*Ken Knowlton: 428-3494*

Elders

*Greg Briggs: 428-8756*

*John Cunningham: 428-0895*

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.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

## Jessica Duggar draws wrath for speaking the truth

I have never heard of Instagram; but apparently a lot of people use it. It strikes me as a kind of instant Facebook. Recently, Jessica Duggar (from the hit show "19 Kids and Counting") posted a short blurb on Instagram. The response was quite hostile. Here is her posting:

the most basic and fundamental of all rights--their right to life. One human destroying the life of another deemed "less than human." Racism, stemming from the evolutionary idea that man came from something less than human; that some people groups are "more evolved" and others "less evolved." A denying that our Creator--GOD--made us human from the beginning, all of ONE BLOOD and ONE RACE, descendants of Adam. The belief that some human beings are "not fit to live." So they're murdered. Slaughtered. Kids with Down syndrome or other disabilities. The sickly. The elderly. The sanctity of human life varies not in sickness or health, poverty or wealth, elderly or pre-born, little or lots of melanin [making you darker or lighter skinned], or any other factor. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works?" (Proverbs 24:10-12) May we never sit idly by and allow such an atrocity to happen again. Not this generation. We must be a voice for those who cannot speak up for themselves. Because EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS. #ProLife

[http://instagram.com/p/tY\\_PCYjFjZ/](http://instagram.com/p/tY_PCYjFjZ/)

... continued.

I walked through the Holocaust Museum again today... very sobering. Millions of innocents denied



Many folks posted comments on Instagram—most of which are quite hostile. It is interesting that many in the media have jumped on the wagon. Here is Cosmopolitan:

Regardless of how one feels about the morality of abortion though, comparing it to one of the greatest horrors in modern history is insensitive and clueless, to say the least. And the comparison wasn't a casual, thoughtless one — Jessa had *just walked out of the Holocaust museum*, and instead of absorbing the scale of that atrocity, decided to make a point about abortion rights. That's not just tone-deaf; it's deranged. And it does bring to light just how extreme — and out of touch — the Duggar family values actually are. If only we didn't reward them with a quirky reality show that whitewashes their radical views.

<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/entertainment/news/a31610/jessa-duggar-compares-abortion-to-the-holocaust/>

Radical views? If we believe human life is created by God and made in the image of God, then abortion is murder and it is violent. It is the truth that more unborn children have been liquidated in this manner, several times over, than were murdered by German Nazis. -ns

## A lesson from Hezekiah's kingship (2 Kings 20:12-21)

Terence Fretheim

He [the king of Assyria] again sent messengers to Hezekiah, ordering them: "Tell King Hezekiah of Judah this: 'Don't let your God in whom you trust mislead you when he says, "Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.'"  
2 Kings 19:9-10

Whom will you trust? Hezekiah trusted in God and God was with him. This narrative moves through a variety of complications that seem to call that trust and that God into question. That trust is questioned by clever and powerful enemies, whose

strength seems invincible. Is the trust misplaced trust? All the external signs suggest that it is. In the end, the trust proves not to be misplaced at all.

Yet trust will not necessarily issue in a blessing-filled future for God's people. This point is intimated by anticipations of exile for Judah. These texts do not imply the good kings (or others) can do nothing to stave off that future. Rather, they show forth the remarkable insight that only hindsight can give. From the perspective of exile, there were signs of this negative future deep within Israel's life long before it happened. This, of course, does not mean that no other future *was possible at that time*; only that, looking back, one could see signs of what in fact came to be. One should be careful in drawing "lessons" from such hindsight, say, that God is in total control of history or that trust like Hezekiah's will surely bring about deliverance from foreign powers in any time or place. The point seems rather to be: In spite of trusting persons like Hezekiah, or even God's will, a good future may not be possible. Exile may not be able to be staved off by even a faithful king. If Hezekiah can be followed by Manasseh, then no amount of trust can secure the future.

*First and Second Kings* (Westminster John Knox press. 1999) 206-207.

*Doubt is not a pleasant condition, but  
certainty is absurd.*

—Voltaire

## News

Joy Gibson is recovering from surgery.  
Dakota Short broke her arm while playing soccer.  
She will undergo treatment in the next several weeks.

Barbara Eisenberg is in home hospice care.  
Please remember in prayer Barbara, her husband Bill and family Robin, Tamara and Carri Richards.

## Prayer List:

Bill and Barbara Eisenberg, H.L.  
Boling, Mike and Sandy Cavasos,  
Nic and Ani Self.

