

# THE MESSENGER

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## Wednesday Night Live

All Wednesday evening classes for adults and kids are taking a break for the summer. We will announce when they will start back in the August Newsletter

## Men's Breakfast

And Monthly Board Meeting.

Saturday, July 1

8:30 A. M.

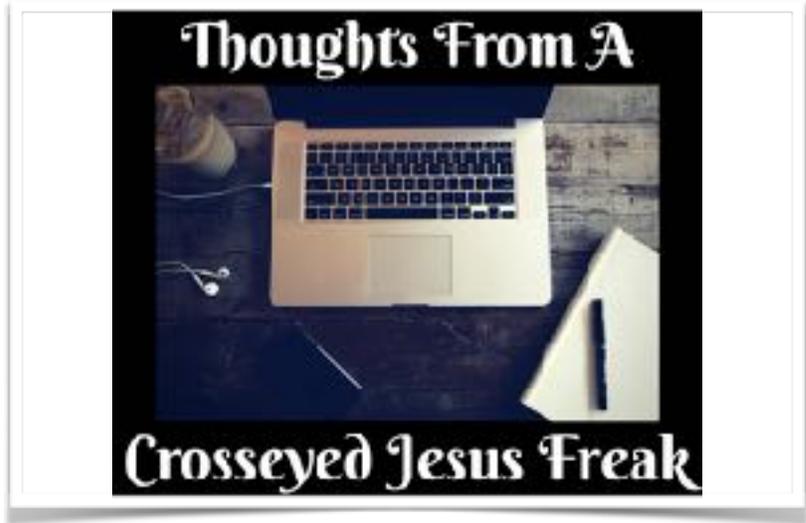
Steven's Inn

## Adult Sunday School

We are studying the book of Revelation at 9:30 each week. We would love to have you all join us.

## SoundCloud

To listen to past sermons, you can go to <https://soundcloud.com/kraig-birchfield>



## How Do You Defend Your Faith?

The regular camp season is over. Believe it or not, we are actually gearing up for a new even being held at Guadalupe Christian Camp. David Shaw is deaning the First Annual "Defending The Faith Conference" at the end of July. The dates are July 29-31. This event is taking the place of the annual "College Age Retreat", so all teaching will be done around a college level, but it is open to anyone who wants to learn at that level. I highly encourage as many of you that can to attend this conference.

David is speaking in one of the main sessions and has three other preachers coming in to discuss various topics of defending the Christian faith. Along with that, Christian comedian Stephen B will be here to do his comedy routine on Saturday evening.

The idea behind this weekend is learning how to defend your Christian faith in a world that doesn't want to have a Christian worldview. This is an apologetics conference. But I want to

## July 4

If you are planning on going to the Beach area to watch the fireworks, you are welcome to park at Kraig and Kelley's. It's only about a 3-block walk from their house. Just let them know you're coming.

## Camp

Camp was a success again this year. For the two weeks that we had people from Central attending, there were 50+ campers at elementary and 38 campers at Youth Camp. The first annual "Defending the Faith" conference is coming at the end of July. See article, or ask Kraig for details.

explain what apologetics means in this context. Apologetics "is the religious discipline of defending or proving the truth of religious doctrines through systematic argumentation and discourse. Early Christian writers (c. 120–220) who defended their beliefs against critics and recommended their faith to outsiders were called Christian apologists. In 21st century usage, 'apologetics' is often identified with debates over religion and theology."

So that's what we'll be talking about. How to defend your Christian faith. It's not an apology in the sense of saying "I'm sorry". I want to make that clear. We are going to be talking about ways in which you can simply defend your beliefs if someone is challenging them. I am going to one of the session speakers along with David Shaw from the camp, Jonathan Huddleston from FCC Hobbs, and Steve Knisley from the Christian Church of Midland.

Here's the deal. We believe that following Jesus is the only way to God. To Christ followers, that is an absolute truth. But we live in a world that now says, there is no such thing as absolute truth. There are many ways to God. And society is going to try to ram that down our throats more and more. That's why this year we are trying to answer the question, "How do you stand up for truth in a world gone mad?!"

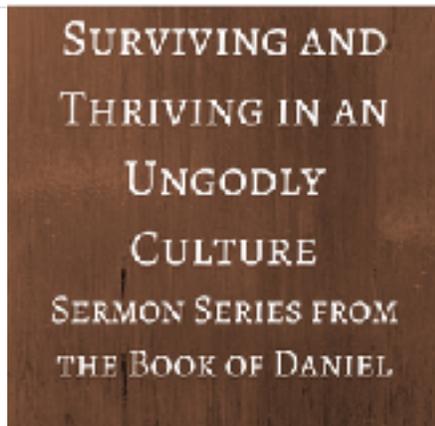
Make plans to join us July 29-31 as we discuss engaging and relevant topics. There will be Q&A sessions as well. You may be wondering about cost. There is an early bird rate of \$45 per person if you register by July 3. After that, the cost goes up to \$55 per person. How do you register? Let me know you want to go, and how many are going in your party, or contact David Shaw at [dcshaw529@gmail.com](mailto:dcshaw529@gmail.com). I really hope to see you there!

God Bless!

Because of Him,

Kraig B.

## Sermon Series



## Current-Argus

Kraig is writing articles for the *Current-Argus*' "Faith" section that runs on Saturdays. Generally, he is submitting articles every other week.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Klayton Eagle 7/3; Jenny Harris 7/9; Amber Hoskinson 7/11; Jacob Hoskinson 7/20; Shalie Prouty 7/22; Robert Cruz 7/23; Bob Bushman 7/27; Kay Youngman 7/27; Robby and Amber Hoskinson 7/27; Haileigh Brown 7/29; Darla Bannister 7/31; Johanna Hoskinson 7/31 (If we missed anyone, please let us know so we can update our records).

HOW DO YOU STAND UP FOR TRUTH IN A WORLD GONE MAD?!

# DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE

## JULY 29-31 AT GCC!

- Engaging & Relevant Topics
- Q&A Sessions
- Saturday Night Comedy Show

Join us for our first annual Apologetics conference at the Guadalupe Christian Camp! Learn how to defend the faith, discuss the tough topics, & have your questions answered by our special Q&A Panel! Special comedic appearance by Stephen B! Please come join us!

More info: [guadalupecristiancamp.com](http://guadalupecristiancamp.com)    [dshaw529@gmail.com](mailto:dshaw529@gmail.com)

Serving in July	2	9	16	23	30
Greeter	Birchfield	Fannin	Higgins	Kayser	Waddle
Meditations	Barry	Darla	Kelley	Kraig	TBA
Kid's Church	Kelley	Robbie	Liz	Christina	TBA

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Sunday Bible Classes      9:30 A.M.  
 Worship Celebration      10:30 A.M.  
 Wednesday Night      6:00 P.M.  
 Office Hours:  
 Wednesday      8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.  
 Thursday      8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.