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Sermon recordings

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Speaker-AM: Isaac Helterbrand

Title: Murder on the Road to

Shechem

Recording:



As Marauders Lie In
Ambush For A Man, So
Do Bands Of Priests; They
Murder On The Road To
Shechem, Committing
Shameful Crimes.

Hosea 6-9

Speaker-PM: Brad Bunyard

Title: What is the Church?

Recording:



If we claim to have
fellowship with him
and yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and
do not live out the
truth.

1 John 1:6-10

News and Prayer Requests

WORKS of the CHURCH

GOSPEL MEETING

with the

OAK GROVE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

ST. JAMES, MO



Presented by:
STEPHEN RUSSELL
of Athens, AL

Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 AM	The Authority of the King
Sunday, June 21 - 11:00 AM	The Restoration Movement
Sunday, June 21 - 5:30 PM	Restoring Church Authority
Monday, June 22 - 7:00 PM	Law and Grace
Tuesday, June 23 - 7:00 PM	As He is Holy
Wednesday, June 24 - 7:00 PM	According to the Pattern
Thursday, June 25 - 7:00 PM	The Purpose of the Church
Friday, June 26 - 7:00 PM	Patterns that Point to Christ

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Articles

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, 6/4/2026 by Zeke Flores

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am Yahweh" (Leviticus 19:18).

Leviticus 19 is one of the richest chapters in the book. It covers honesty, generosity, justice, compassion, and integrity. And right in the middle is this command that Jesus later highlighted: love your neighbor as yourself.

This isn't sentimental love, it's practical. It looks like fairness, patience, forgiveness, generosity, respect, and so much more. It's treating people the way you'd want to be treated if you were in their shoes.

God ties this command to His identity: "I am Yahweh." In other words, love your neighbor because you belong to Me, because My character shapes your character.

We all have opportunities to live this out daily. A kind word. A patient response. A willingness to listen. A choice to forgive. A word about God's offer of forgiveness. These small acts reflect God's heart.

Today, ask God to show you one person who needs your neighbor-love, then act on it. That shows you're His.

Forsaking All, 6/5/2026 by Sam Bunyard

Brethren have made some incredible sacrifices for their faith. They've lost jobs, friends, and even families. Some have relocated their families to be closer to strong spiritual influences – others to be missionaries where strong influences are needed. Some have lost their lives. It's encouraging to witness the sacrifices brethren have made. Their devotion to the Lord is inspiring (cf. I Th. 1:2-10).

But since these kinds of sacrifices seem extraordinary in our time and culture, it may be difficult for those who have not been in these kinds of situations to remember the sacrifices that all disciples must be willing to make. "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it" (Lk. 9:23-24). "Present your bodies a living sacrifice..." (Rm. 12:1).

Every extraordinary example of endurance begins with the foundational sacrifice being laid on the altar – our will. Those who were martyred for the gospel understood that their life was not their own. They had already made the decision to surrender everything to God. Maybe you don't feel like you've had to make any major sacrifices in your walk with God. The Hebrews were told, "You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin" (Heb. 12:4). We must prepare before we are tested.

Maturity means we must ask different questions – not 'What will I have to sacrifice?' but 'What am I still exalting over my devotion to God?' And what would keep us from making the necessary sacrifices? Possessions (Lk. 18:23)? Freedom (Heb. 10:34)? Family (Mk. 10:28-31)? Our lives (Rev. 12:11)? Jesus said, "Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Lk. 14:33). May we all learn to say, "We have left all and followed You" (Mk. 10:28).