



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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A Few Quotes from John Stott

Every Christian should be both conservative and radical; conservative in preserving the faith and radical in applying it.

Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.

Sin and child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet; they cannot live together in harmony.

We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.

The incentive to peacemaking is love, but it degenerates into appeasement whenever justice is ignored. To forgive and to ask for forgiveness are both costly exercises. All authentic Christian peacemaking exhibits the love and justice - and so the pain - of the cross.

Knowledge is indispensable to Christian life and service. If we do not use the mind that God has given us, we condemn ourselves to spiritual superficiality and cut ourselves off from many of the riches of God's grace.

Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable value-systems.

The modern world detests authority but worships relevance. Our Christian conviction is that the Bible has both authority and relevance, and that the secret of both is Jesus Christ.

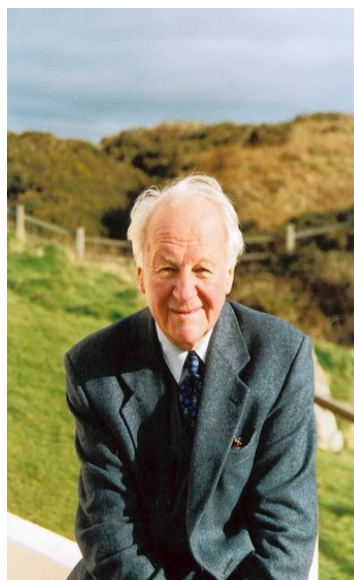
The Gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving. The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales.

I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the cross.....In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? I have entered many Buddhist temples in different Asian countries and stood respectfully before the statute of Buddha - - his legs crossed, arms folded, eyes closed, the ghost of a smile playing round his mouth, a remote look on his face, detached from the agony of the world. But each time, after awhile, I have had to turn away. And in imagination, I have turned instead to that lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross -- nails through his hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me ! He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in light of his. There is still a question mark against human suffering, but over it we boldly stamp another mark, the cross, which symbolizes divine suffering. The cross of Christ is God's only self justification in such a world as ours.

2011 Calendar

- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church
Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- EACH LAST WED NIGHT OF THE MONTH - "Branded" for the youth (Grades 5th-12th) 6-7:30pm @ church

**Conference of Interest:
September 30 – October 1 at
the Chattanooga Convention
Center: "Reading Genesis 1-2:
An Evangelical Conversation"
from the Bryan Institute for
Critical Thought and Practice**



PRAYER & PRAISE

- Remember our loved ones in Kenya— Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Lord help those in Kenya undergoing food shortages
- Help those in chronic pain
- Thank you for our elders
- Thank You Lord for the testimony of our older members
- Thank you for the volunteers for Tommy's Next Right Step ministry
- Wandering loved ones to repent in arms of Jesus
- Be with brothers & sisters undergoing persecution
- God's speed to Jim's writing mission
- We pray for our President, Congress & Judges
- Lord we need Your healing touch
- Thank you for the strength You provide
- Teach us to stand firm

Who Was John Stott?

This past month, British evangelical preacher John Stott died at 90 years old. Memorial services continue for him on six continents, especially Africa. Why Africa? Because Stott had a special heart for the churches in the developing world, which he referred to as the "Majority World." Stott lived modestly in England and used the considerable royalties from his books to set up scholarship trust funds to help many students in Asia and Africa receive theological training.

Stott is truly the most influential evangelist most people have never heard of. Yet in 2005, Time Magazine named him one of the Top 100 Most Influential People. Billy Graham, who considered Stott a close friend and advisor, explained just why Stott deserved such an honor: "I can't think of anyone who has been more effective in introducing so many people to a biblical world view . . ."

Known affectionately by many as "Uncle John," Stott preached and wrote in association with London's All Souls Church for sixty-six years. Although never married, he left a tremendous legacy of those who could be called "sons and daughters in the faith." One who worked closely at his side observed: "He gave himself to so many people, remembering names, knowing their families, knowing their children, writing letters, praying for them. He was constantly praying for people. His prayer list was so long. Whenever he would meet them again, he would remember them because he was praying for them."

"Uncle John's" books continue to deepen Christians in their faith. A few that might be of interest to FH would be, *Basic Christianity*, *The Cross of Christ*, and his last work, *The Radical Disciple: Some Neglected Aspects of Our Calling*. Many might also find benefit in checking out The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, founded by Stott in 1982. It is committed to equipping Christians and churches for whole-life discipleship in the world (www.licc.org.uk). Stott's lifelong enjoyment of nature is represented by the title of one of his 52 books: *The Birds our Teachers: Biblical Lessons from a lifelong birdwatcher*.

It is only appropriate to close this tribute with a story that Latin American theologian Rene Padilla tells about meeting Stott. "On the previous night we had arrived in Bariloche, Argentina, in the middle of heavy rain. The street was muddy and, as a result, by the time we got to the room that had been assigned to us, our shoes were covered with mud. In the morning, as I woke up, I heard the sound of a brush—John was busy, brushing my shoes. 'John!' I exclaimed full of surprise, 'What are you doing?' 'My dear René,' he responded, 'Jesus taught us to wash each other's feet. You do not need me to wash your feet, but I can brush your shoes.'" LH



Men's Bible Study starting soon:
see Jimmy Gamer for details.

Social Justice Areas Often Neglected

Thank the Lord for many who feel called to reach out with the love of Christ to their neighbors in need. I think of Sarah Morgan, who lives this out every day. Many times our vision of social justice needs can be limited to those causes promoted by mainstream media. This leaves some highly neglected areas, where Christians here might well (and do) bring the Gospel of Peace. Some of these areas are:

- Sex Trafficking and Slavery
- Funding & Research for Women's Health
- Orphans & Adoption
- Single Parents
- Soldiers' Families
- Domestic Violence
- Prisoners' Families
- Elderly & Hospice Care
- Family Counseling
- Mentors for Recovering Addicts
- Mentors for Released Prisoners
- Persecution of Christians in China, India, & Islamic World
- Those who are Poor Indeed
- Intergenerational Injustice due to Governmental Debt



DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
Aug 21	Pat Gil	Aug Garner	Aug 24 Ocie/Shannon
Aug 28	Sam Lamborn	Sept L. McAlister	Aug 31 Pat/Karen
Sept 4	Linda Boyd	Oct Austin	Sept 7 Pizza
Sept 11	Leah Hickerson	Nov VanderLinden	Sept 14 Sarah/Kathleen
Sept 18	Kacy Pantall		Sept 21 Liz/Dawn
Sept 25	Kathleen Stewart		Sept 28 Linda/Lois
Oct 2	Anita Christy	(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.	Oct 5 Lisa/Wendy
Oct 9	Ocie Garner		Oct 12 Ocie/Shannon