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Cartoonist Misses the Point on Christians

To the editor:

The cartoon on the editorial page of the Jan. 22 edition of the Enterprise showed a preacher in the pulpit declaring to his congregation, “ and if you ignore Crusades, the Inquisition, witch burnings, Planned Parenthood bombings, and gay bashing, we Christians are appalled by religious extremism.”

The apparent intent of the author seems to be to paint all Christians as religious extremists. Admittedly, there have been some pretty horrible crimes down through the ages perpetrated by people who called themselves Christians, but I submit to you that a tree is known by its fruits.

To suggest that all Christians are prone to violence and hate and extremism is, in my humble opinion, way off the mark. The word “Christian” means Christ-like. What was Christ like? He was about as harmless an individual as ever walked the earth. He went about doing good, preaching and teaching and healing. He had a servant heart and ministered to the downtrodden, the poor, and the outcasts. The most violent thing he ever did was to overturn some tables. He taught people to love their neighbor as themselves; he taught people to treat others as they would like to be treated; he taught people that vengeance was reserved for God; he taught people to love their enemies and pray for those who are abusive, to turn the other cheek, and to be forgiving. His marching orders were to go into all the world and to preach the gospel.

The atrocities cited by the cartoonist may have been committed by religious people who wore the name of Christ, but surely people of discernment can recognize fakes from the real thing,

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MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
MORNING	Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols	Eddie Nuckols
	Announcements	Matt Maurer	Matt Maurer
	Opening Prayer	Rick Brown	Rick Brown
	Scripture Reading	Daniel Forrest	Daniel Forrest
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Jered Markman	Jered Markman
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Edwin Boger	Edwin Boger
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Ortie Boyd	Ortie Boyd
	Lord's Table	Eddie Nuckols	Eddie Nuckols
	Wed Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols	Eddie Nuckols

LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Ortie Boyd
Servers	Scott Tesh
	Jered Markman
	Steve Anderson
	Mark Koontz
Prepare/Cleanup	Oscar & Sara Koontz
Communion Bread	Terri Maurer



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 Baby Shower for Brooke Frick at 4:00

February 8 Fellowship Gathering after evening service. Bring a choice of homemade soup or sandwiches. Bring a friend or neighbor.

February 17 Monthly Devo 6:30 at the Davenports

April 26-29 North Main Street Gospel Meeting

AREA EVENTS

March 21 Ladies Day at South Stokes church of Christ

April 17-19 Lake Norman church of Christ Youth Rally

JUST CHRISTIANS MISSIONS

Gary and Deborah Dull's "Just Christians Missions" ministry has a newly updated website. To learn more about this important work, go to:

JustChristiansMissions.com

NEWS

Ladies remember to bring in your first recipe this coming Wednesday night for ladies class.

We received a nice thank you note from James and Jessica Midgette. The note is on the bulletin board.

If you would like to send JR Stroud a card, mail to
James (JR) Stroud Trinity Elms
7449 Fair Oaks Drive Clemmons, NC 27012

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kelly Rhodes Friday Feb 6

Timothy Johnson Friday Feb 6



PRAYER LIST

Patsy Boyd continues chemotherapy treatments.

Nancy Koontz is improving from a bone infection in her leg.

Sadie Rice

Wanda Scott

Joy Smith will be tested for autoimmune disorder.

J.R. Stroud continues to recover from his surgery. He will be at the Elms on Harper Road for 2-3 months while his leg heals.

Preston Best was born to **Merry Edwards Best** on Monday. He was five weeks early is in the NICU at Forsyth.

Joey Condra had massive heart attack. His wife will have bone transplant next month.

Charles Condra has prostate cancer.

Kenneth and Elsie Condra have cancer.

Bobby Dalton has emphysema and COPD.

Jerri Ennix

Tracy Harmon, friend of Deborah Dull, has stage 4 brain cancer.

Joyce Kimbrell has stage 4 cancer.

Nettie Kimbrell, Dalton's grandmother, is on dialysis.

Belinda Nuckol's niece was in a car accident.

Chuck Owens may have surgery upcoming.

Mary Powell is recovering from heart surgery.

Nell Richardson has high blood pressure.

Terry Tesh, Scott Tesh's father, is receiving chemotherapy for cancer.

Bob Freeman

Rick Seamon

Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)
Bertha Graves

Sadie Rice
Elizabeth Seamon
Dorothy Smith