

view

January 23, 2005

This Week's Agenda

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The Lord's Day

8:30AM & 10:15AM

Sermon: David Posey

5pm Sermon: David Posey

5:30pm: Classes for all ages from 18 months and up

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Sunday - David Carrozza, Various Topics.
- "Basics" Class (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey, Sr.

Wednesday

10 AM Wednesday: OT History, at building.

7:30 PM - Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Dan Hamilton, Discipleship
- "Basics" Class (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey, Sr.



Bible Reading This Week

Sunday – Mark 10-12; Psalm 19

Monday – Mark 13-16; Psalm 20

Tuesday – Exodus 1-4; Psalm 21

Wednesday – Exodus 5-8; Psalm 22:1-11

Thursday – Exodus 9-11; Psalm 22:12-31

Friday – Exodus 12-14; Psalm 23

What to Pray For . . .

Sickness, Injury, Continuing Health Problems

Please pray for Kathy Wilson who has Parkinson's disease; also keep Hank in your prayers

Continue prayers for Dave Fulton's mother, Monica (Monroe, WA); Tom Royston; Ken McClelland (cancer); Karen Gorden; Sharon Jones; Becky Woolpert; Margaret Everett (cancer); Phil Roberts (cancer); Laurie Ann Reagan (cancer); Cheryl Wilson (cancer); Bill Fling (heart problems); Chris Hamilton (friend of Justin Ivie, cancer); Peggy Olsen (Cameron Carrozza's friend's mother).

Christians Serving in Iraq

Philip Cain, just deployed to Iraq, and the other men who are serving in Iraq: Trey Cain, Steve Reis, Titus Cain, Travis Dusenberry (Joanne Garner's grandson), Paul Hitchen.

Expectant Mothers

Allison Horak, Amy Mowrer, Kimmie Warshaw, Sally Deschler, Kristen Sanderson, Melissa Fields and Michelle Caisse.

Out of Town

Wayne and Shirley Terry. Eric McAdams has returned to Oregon to stay with his father. Remember him in your prayers. Dan and Melinda Hamilton and David and Susan Ramsey.

A Special Request for Prayers for Our Soldiers in Iraq

Please pray for the soldiers in the 57th Transportation Battalion who will be delivering voting machines to precincts throughout Iraq. They will be prime targets for the insurgents who can disrupt the elections by preventing the delivery of these machines.

Submitted by Captain Lyle Shackelford
Battalion Chaplain
HHD, 57th Transportation Battalion

Also, Trey's unit is schedule to leave Iraq on February 2nd. He should be back in the US, at Ft. Lewis, Washington, by February 5th, give or take a couple of days. Please pray the elections go well so that these soldiers can return to their families and pray that Trey will arrive safely in the US (Thank you!).

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Is true, New Testament Christianity possible?

We believe that a local church can function in exactly the same way as churches in the first century? Our goal is to return to the original plan for the church, as Christ intended when He built it. Why do we try? Because a restoration of true New Testament Christianity is the only way to avoid the confusion and division we witness in the religious world today.

Long ago, Jeremiah said, Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord,

“Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths,
Where the good way is, and walk in it;
And you will find rest for your souls.” (Jeremiah 6:16).

All we want to be are Christians only – nothing more, nothing less. Christians only, meeting with other Christians only.

This is important because Christ, the Author of Christianity, expects it: Mt 16:16; 28:18-20. He has the authority. He built the church and only He can change His plan for the church.

He gave the apostles authority (Eph. 2:20). Man is not capable of building a “church of Christ.” Only Christ can do that and only Christ has done it. We want to be *Christians*.

We have a blueprint for bringing the reality of New Testament Christianity to the 21st century: The New Testament. Sensible and objective interpretation of Scripture. Absolute application, without regard to culture or feelings. We can speak where Bible speaks, and be silent where it is silent ; we can do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names.

Do the writers in the Bible even foresee such a possibility. They tell us we can and must “speak as the very utterances of God.” They tell us we can all be of one mind and one spirit, as long as we focus on the gospel of Christ (see I Pet. 4:11a; Phil 1:27; I Cor. 1:10).

But aren't there insurmountable obstacles? Yes, as long as people are loyal to something or someone other than Christ and insist on a relative, instead of absolute, view of truth, there can be no religious unity. It takes faith and “faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).

Religious unity is a wonderful thing and it is attainable. As long as our goal is (1) to be Christians only and (2) to work at making the church just like those of the first century we can realize the unity of all of those who are of like mind. Our plea to everyone we know and love is to go back to the Bible, and the Bible only, for the answers.

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Mark Your Calendar

Next Sunday night (January 30th), the elders will present the annual State of the Congregation address. The regular Sunday night sermon and all classes will be suspended that evening. The presentation will include the 2005 budget, growth figures for 2004 and our goals for 2005.

Church Building Location Change

The church that has met for years in Cayucos, California has moved to Los Osos and is meeting in a temporary location. There is a noticed posted on the back bulletin board for your review.

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Sunday Morning Assembly
8:30AM & 10:15AM
Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.
*Private classes arranged at your
convenience.*

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