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March 6, 2005

This Week's Agenda

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The Lord's Day

8:30AM & 10:15AM

Sermon: David Posey

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

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Sunday - David Carrozza, Various Topics.
- Bible Essentials (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey

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
- Bible Essentials (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey

News and Prayers...

James Warshaw

James Tyler Warshaw entered the world at 8:10 AM on Thursday, born to Kimmie and Jeff. He is 8 lbs even, 20 inches and in great health. Kimmie's doing well herself. Congratulations to the family!

Sickness, Injury, Continuing Health Problems

Continue to pray for Kathy Wilson (Parkinson's disease) and Hank; the Bill Brown and Jim Everett families, mourning the death of those men; Jamie Cole, Kristen Sanderson's sister; cancer victims: Dave Fulton's mother, Monica (Monroe, WA); Tom Royston; Ken McClelland; Margaret Everett; Cheryl Wilson; Laurie Ann Reagan; Chris Hamilton (friend of Justin Ivie); Phil Roberts.

Others: Karen Gorden; Sharon Jones; Becky Woolpert; Bill Fling.

Christians Serving in Iraq

Jeremy Allen (Art & Peggy's son) is serving in the Baghdad area; other men who are serving in Iraq: Philip

Welcome Visitors!



Bible Reading This Week

Sunday – Numbers 4-7; Psalm 29

Monday – Reflection

Tuesday – Numbers 8-10; Psalm 30

Wednesday – Numbers 11-14; Psalm 31

Thursday – Numbers 15-17; Psalm 32

Friday – Numbers 18-21; Psalm 33

Saturday – Numbers 22-24; Psalm 34

Cain, Steve Reis, Titus Cain, Travis Dusenberry. Paul Hitchen has returned home.

Expectant Mothers

Sally Deschler, Kristen Sanderson, Melissa Fields and Michelle Caisse.

Out of Town

Several will be leaving next week to attend the wedding of Matt and Candee up in Washington state. Besides Matt and Candee, the Dickey's and others will be traveling. David and Christie will be leaving this Friday to hold a gospel meeting in Seattle on Sunday to Wednesday and then will be attending the wedding on Friday.

Group 6 meets this week.

How do you find the “right church”?

How do you find a church that meets the criteria spelled out in the New Testament? How can you be sure that the church you are a member of is the same as those you read about in the New Testament?

The question may be premature. The first thing you must do is to make sure you are a Christian. There is nothing more important in life than to make sure you are right with God. It is the only enterprise that has eternal significance. Those who are right with God (saved) are in the church — it is the body of the saved (Ephesians 5:23) to which God adds you when you are baptized into Christ for forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38-47).

If you are sure you are a Christian, and therefore added by the Lord to His church, your next step must be to find a group of Christians to work with in your community. Of course, you are not interested in becoming a “hyphenated “ Christian (i.e., a Presbyterian-Christian or a Lutheran-Christian, etc.) since there is no such thing. Your goal should be to find a group of Christians who are Christians only. How can you do it?

Any church that is remaining true to Christ bears some readily observable marks. We’ve outlined those things in the chart with this article. Examine it carefully, read the Scriptures and ask questions. And, even if a church meets these “external” criteria, continue to ask questions to make sure they are clearly committed to the work of Christ and are bound by His direction. Make sure you are properly affiliated— it matters.

Be very careful how you choose.

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Identifying Marks of the Church of the Lord	
1	Head Colossians 1:18 Ephesians 1:19-23
2	Name I Timothy 3:15; Romans 16:16; Acts 20:28; 11:26
3	Organization Acts 14:23; 20:17, 28 (Elders) Philippians 1:1 (Deacons) Acts 2:41-47 (Members)
4	Government Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5 Acts 20:28; I Peter 5:1-3
5	Mission Matthew 28:19, 20; Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts 11:27-30
6	Plan of Salvation Belief, Repentance, Confession Baptism: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 22:16
7	Foundation Matthew 16:18; I Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20; I Peter 2:5-8

These are the things you should look for when looking for a local church to attend. Some of these elements apply to either the local church or the universal church.

We just want to be Christians. . .

Welcome to the Folsom Point church of Christ. We would like to tell you what we believe so that you'll know a little bit about what drives us. Here at Folsom Point, we just want to be Christians. 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,

*“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).



We want to be are Christians – nothing more, nothing less; Christians only, meeting with other Christians, doing what Christians are expected to do. 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.

Some say it's impossible. They say it can't be done. What did the authors of the Bible think? What does God think? The Bible tells 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. Religious unity is impossible with those who insist on a relative, rather than *absolute*, view of truth. 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. But our goals must be clear: (1) to be Christians only and (2) to work at making the church just like those of the first century. Only then can we 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.

David Posey



About the church of Christ at Folsom Point

We are a church of Christ patterned after the New Testament example of local churches. We believe in the authoritative word of God and will provide you with a Bible answer for everything we do in our doctrine and practice. We exalt Jesus Christ and seek to glorify Him, not ourselves (Eph. 3:21). Therefore, our efforts are directed toward promoting commitment to Christ, not commitment to any man or institution of man (I Cor. 2:5).

Our assemblies are simple. We sing without use of an instrument (see Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; we will be happy to show you why we use no instrument, if you desire further study on this issue). We pray (I Tim. 2:1), partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (I Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7) and teach from God's word. All preaching comes from the Bible.

The financial support of this congregation comes from the voluntary offerings of its members collected only on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-7). We do not solicit gifts from those who are not members of this local church. Contributions are used for the spiritual growth of this church and for the support of a few men in other areas who are preaching the gospel. We do not use money collected here for social programs or the support of any human institution. We believe the church itself can do all the work God has given it to do: teach the gospel, build up the members and help needy Christians. All other "good work" is the responsibility of individual Christians (Titus 2:11-14; Jas. 1:27; Gal. 6:9-10).

Our goal is to do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names. If you would like to know more, we offer personal Bible studies at your convenience. We are here to help you with your spiritual needs.

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