

view

June 19, 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 - Randy Clark, James
- Room 6: Bible Essentials - Dennis Wade
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Marriage- David Posey

Wednesday

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

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Dennis Reagan, Current Issues
- Room 6: Bible Essentials - Dennis Wade
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Marriage - David Posey

News and Prayer Needs

Meeting for VBS Teachers Tonight

There will be a meeting tonight, right after classes, for all who are involved in teaching at VBS. See David Byrd or Chandra Brown for details.

Welcome!

The Fields are the proud parents of a baby boy, Bryce Michael, born June 13th. He weighs 6 lbs, 9 oz. Congratulations to Eric and Melissa!

Prayer Concerns

Janelle Thorp, complications during pregnancy; Don Hopper, recovering from bypass surgery; Boots Royston is recovering from surgery.

Continue your prayers for: Wes Shamblin's grandparents; Tim Dickey; Sharon Jones and Becky Woolpert; Carly Cain; Kathy Wilson (Parkinson's disease) and Hank; Jamie Cole, Kristen Sanderson's sister; Jason Songer (friend of Justin Ivie). Those who are fighting cancer: Larry Thompson; Justin Ivie's dad (cancer); Dave Fulton's mother, Monica (Monroe, WA); Tom Royston; Ken McClelland; Margaret Everett; Cheryl Wilson; Laurie Ann Reagan; Oliver Sasse.

Continue prayers for all the new children born recently and for the remaining expectant moms: Janelle Thorp, Amber Karlsson and Carly Posey.



Bible Reading

Sunday - II Kings 5-7; Psalm 87

Monday - II Kings 8-11; Psalm 88

Tuesday - Reflection

Wednesday - II Kings 12-14; Psalm 89:1-18

Thursday - II Kings 15-18; Psalm 89:19-52

Friday - II Kings 19-21; Psalm 90

Saturday - II Kings 22-25; Psalm 91

Out of Town

C.J. and Matthew are in Utah with their father for the next month. Please pray for their safety and for Dawn. They have never been gone from their mom that long, and she will miss them.

Christians Serving in Iraq

Jeremy Allen, Philip Cain, Steve Reis, Titus Cain, Philip Cain. Keep these good men in your prayers each day.

Other Involvement Opportunities

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for August 1-5 this year. If you would like to help or need more information, please speak to Chandra Brown, David Byrd or one of the elders. See the back page for details.

A "young mothers" class meets every other Thursday. See Angie Cain or Christie Posey for details.

A "Ladies Workshop" meets every other month to explore ways to help others. Please see Denise Westphal for information.

The View contains news and articles of interest to the members of the Folsom Point church of Christ. Announcing an activity or event does not necessarily imply that we financially sponsor the event or that the elders specifically endorse every component of that event, since it may not fall under the direct oversight of the elders. The church's work and the elders' oversight is limited by Scripture. We will not announce events that are primarily social in nature. However, we do want to publicize those activities that provide an opportunity for you to be a more involved and active member of the body.

Editor

A Note from the Elders

Count Your Blessings

“Count your blessings name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God hath done...”

From time to time we are so busy counting up our troubles and difficulties that we forget to count our blessings! Blessings come in many sizes and at all different times. Often we overlook the small things and think blessings are only those things that bring us lots of joy, prosperity, and health! Blessings can be the simplest handshake or the most loving smile. It is all in how we perceive what happens to us.

Recently I took a business trip to Oregon aboard the company shuttle jet. At the end of the day I checked the rental car in at the Hillsboro Airport and made my way to the company’s waiting room an hour before boarding time to return home. Just when the boarding call was announced, I recognized the familiar face of Misty Len, who was also waiting in line to board the company jet for the return flight. The long trip back to Folsom just became a delight. I got to sit next to a sister in Christ and “church talk” on the way back home.

Misty reminded me of the wonderful blessing we have as we travel throughout our nation and around the world; we commonly run into brethren while we are so many miles away from home. As she attended Wednesday evening services in Beaverton, OR., she not only became reacquainted with many from that congregation, but she also encountered a young lady who recently moved to Oregon from the Sparks area that frequently visited Folsom Point. Misty and I commented that this is a typical scenario for members of the Lord’s church during our travels.

Last year while on another business trip to England, our family attended Sunday services in London and introduced ourselves to two American families. Within minutes we made connections with common “church family” ties to Folsom Point and previous congregations within the US. What a blessing it is to find familiar members of Lord’s church where ever we go in this world, but even when you don’t see a familiar face, the welcoming face of brethren we haven’t yet met just adds another name to the web we weave.

Some will say “It’s a small world,” but we know “it’s a big church family.” We have many other blessings that I will comment on in future writings.

“The light in the eyes of him whose heart is joyful rejoices the heart of others.” Proverbs 15:30

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Thoughts on Evangelism

The Great Commission

A former tax-collector, a political activist, and a few fisherman – eleven common Hebrew men. Having no organization and no resources but their faith in the promises of Jesus Christ, these first-century citizens of Palestine were charged by our Lord to do the impossible – go evangelize the world. What an awesome task – what an awesome responsibility!

But each one of the eleven, with the later addition of two more, served their Master nobly, fulfilling his command and dedicating their lives, and the lives of their families, to bringing the gospel of Christ to the nations.

And the charge now comes down through the centuries to us. We must evangelize the world. We must not allow our friends and loved ones, nor strangers afar, to pass from this world without hearing the good news – that Jesus will save them from their sins.

So, are you an evangelist?

Every Member an Evangelist

Moses didn’t want to do it. He couldn’t imagine himself being God’s spokesman before Pharaoh. But God “convinced” him to take the job. He would provide whatever was needed for the task at hand. Moses just needed to understand that Jehovah wasn’t *requesting* that he go back to save the children of Israel. He was *commanding* him to go.

Similarly, we need to understand that the Lord didn’t just ask that we help him in saving others, he commands it. If you’ve been saved from your sins, it is *expected* that you will help the Savior find others to save. It is *expected* that you will be an evangelist.

The term “evangelist” is an anglicized form of the Greek *euanglistes*, from *eu* (“well”) and *aggelos* (“messenger”). It refers to one who proclaims the good message, a gospel herald. Often, the term is used in the New Testament in a restricted sense – equivalent to a gospel preacher, a minister (cf. Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5). In this sense, a woman cannot serve as an evangelist (1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:12).

But in a general use of the term, any person, male or female, who brings the gospel to others through various means, is an evangelist. And every Christian *should* be involved, in some way, in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism.

The Reward of Evangelism

Within twenty-four hours, he knew he would be dead. What would you do during your last day? Jesus took the time – valuable, precious minutes – to wash the dirty feet of his disciples. Why did he do that? To impress upon them the fact that “If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

Christianity is a religion immersed with service and sacrifice – from our King, down to the most humble member. We serve, because he serves us. We are commanded to serve our brethren in Christ, and even our enemies. When we render our sacrifices of service, we help others find their God and their way home.

Perhaps the most ironic thing about the type of service demanded by the religion of Christ is that by serving others, we find our own greatest fulfillment. You will never be more contented than when you help someone else improve his station in life or, more importantly, improve his relationship with the Creator.

That is why the best thing you can ever do is to serve others by being evangelistic. By being a messenger for Christ, you will receive the ultimate reward – the satisfaction of knowing that you were able to help Jesus find a lost soul.

Christ promises great rewards for those who serve in this way. His recognition and praise should motivate us to want to become *his* evangelists.

How To Be an Evangelist

You may not be able to fulfill the role of a preacher, or teacher, or elder, or deacon. But in the *general sense*, you can be an evangelist. Here’s how.

Go About Doing Good

With great attention Cornelius listened as Peter told him about Jesus, the man from Nazareth who went about doing good (Acts 10:38). With Christ as our example, one of the best ways you can begin to be an evangelist is to go about your day-to-day activities looking for good things to do.

Paul summed it up this way:

“And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith” (Gal. 6:9-10).

For years, the Boy Scouts were known for their habit of performing a daily “Good Deed.” The young scout was encouraged to “begin straight away with a daily Good Deed; nothing spectacular, but just something which otherwise he would probably not do” (Reynolds).

What a wonderful, practical implementation of this principle for the Christian evangelist, not just daily, but, as the Paul noted, at every opportunity. There can be no better compliment than to have it said of you, “He is always going about doing good.”

Good deeds are your first tool of evangelism. They open the door. They let someone know that you care. Master the example of Christ (Acts 10:38), and you’ll be well on your way to being a first-rate evangelist.

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Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

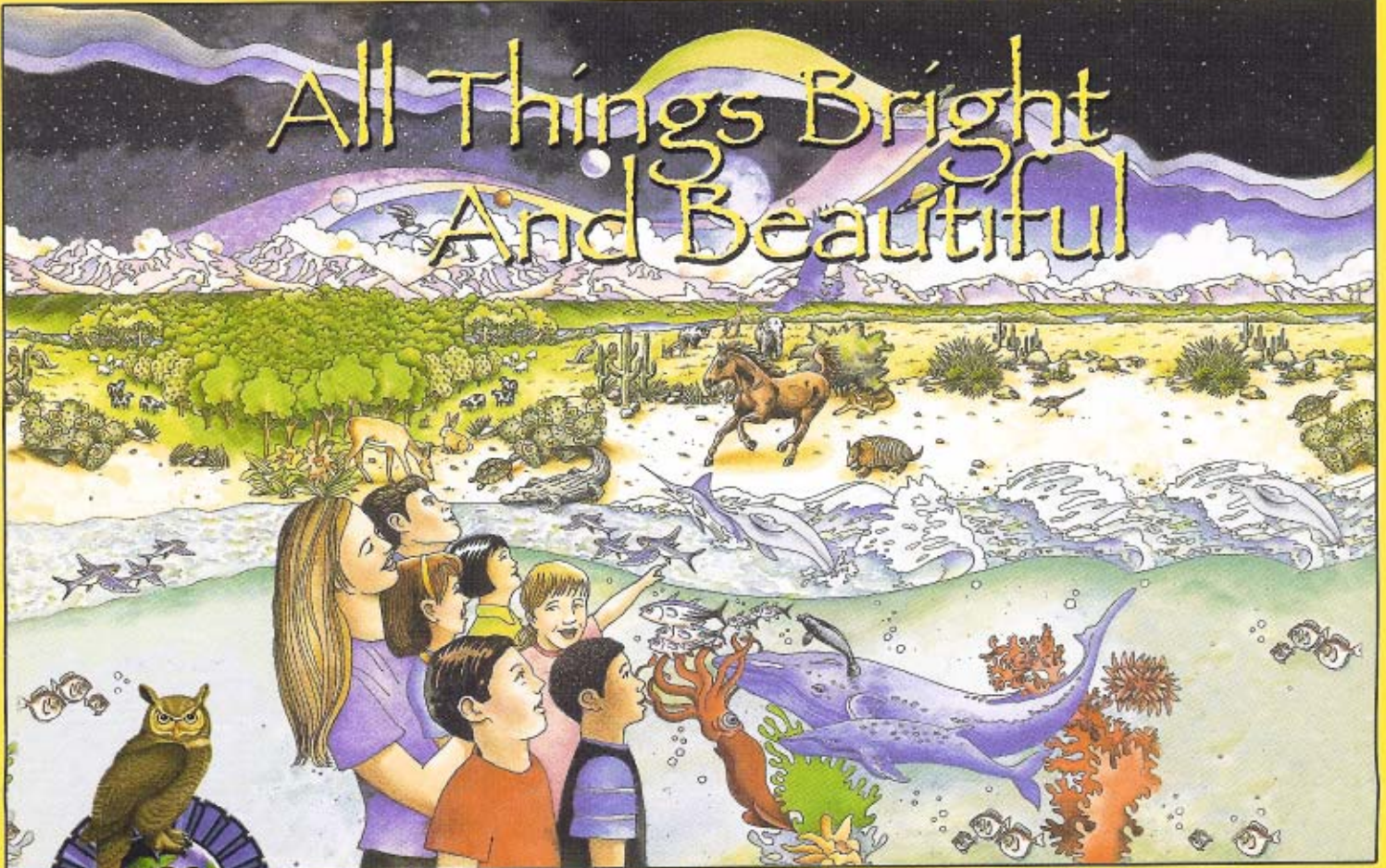
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