

view

June 26, 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



Bible Reading

Sunday - Luke 1-3; Psalm 92

Monday - Luke 4-6; Psalm 93

Tuesday - Luke 7-9; Psalm 94

Wednesday- Reflection/Catch-up

Thursday - Reflection/Catch-up

Friday - Luke 10-12; Eccl. 1

Saturday - Luke 13-15; Eccl. 2:1-16

News and Prayer Needs

Newlyweds!

Congratulations to David Sanderson and Michelle (Dascenzi) who were married on Monday. Pray for their new marriage and for their safety as they travel.

Prayer Concerns

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

Out of Town

C.J. and Matthew are in Utah with their father for the next three weeks. Please pray for their safety and for Dawn. The Byrds, the Terry's and the Clarks will be out of town this week as well.

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.

New Quarter Begins Next Week

The new teaching quarter begins next Lord's Day. If you are unsure of your assignments or do not have material, please see one of the elders.

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

Thanks! And, a request. . .

On behalf of the elders, I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to teach next quarter. We put a lot of faith in our teachers and, from past observation, I know that everyone who undertakes to teach here at Folsom Point takes the job seriously and prepares extensively. We provide class material but realize that it will not suit every single student and every teacher. We expect our teachers to inject their own knowledge and experience into the material to make it most appropriate for the age and the individual students they are teaching.

Those who have been here awhile will remember when we had no curriculum written at all and, in every quarter, each teacher was required to come up with their own material to teach for that quarter. We have grown to the place where teachers now expect us to provide material that they can teach almost verbatim, if necessary. And it is only right; we are a large enough group, with enough resources, that we are obliged to provide quality material to teach. But we still rely heavily on our teachers to conform that material to their own students. And, we thank you for your efforts.

On another matter, it has come to the elders' attention that finding men to fill the public duties during the second service has become a major problem. We are at a loss to understand this. The duty roster is produced well ahead of time by Richard Harvey. It takes little effort to glance at the roster to see if you are scheduled for some activity and, if you are going to be unavailable during that time, to make arrangements for someone to take your place. It is common courtesy to those who are charged with choosing the men for the roles.

We hope this is not indicative of a larger problem and will not assume it is unless the problem continues or becomes more pronounced. We will assume that all of us understand the importance of serving (note carefully the word serving) in these public roles and we hope that all of our men are willing to serve in whatever capacity they are able. All of the men have filled out profiles in which they were able to indicate the areas in which they are willing to serve. The names and roles are being matched and drawn from these profiles, so we should not be asking men to do some-

thing they have not already agreed to do.

To make the transition from first to second service as seamless as possible, and to make the job easier for those who are charged with appointing men, we expect that those who are listed on the duty roster will: (a) serve as indicated and appear at the service early enough so that the ushers know that the duty is covered for that day, or (b) inform the ushers who are serving that month that they cannot serve at the indicated time, and offer to serve another time, or (c) ask that their name be removed from the list, if they are unwilling or unable to serve.

If anyone has a problem with any of these expectations, please talk to one of the elders. Meanwhile, we want to thank all of those men who are serving in these roles. Without that commitment, of course, we could not have the quality of worship services to which we have become accustomed.

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Thoughts on Evangelism

Continued from last week

Talking to Friends

Do you have friends or family members who are in need of salvation? Many times, it's difficult to talk to someone about their spiritual condition. Here's a formula you may find helpful.

Instead of trying to "win an argument," try just letting them know that you've been praying for them. Or that you've been thinking about them – that you're worried. With a genuine sense of care, they cannot help but want to reassure you that they're all right.

Perhaps, at that point, you can set up a Bible study "just to make sure." Wouldn't it make you feel better if they allowed you the time just to present the gospel to them? Or, if they would promise you they would read something and consider it.

Perhaps it would be helpful to focus on expressing concern, asking for a fair hearing, and providing them the opportunity to hear the gospel. Whether through the preacher, a tract, an article, or a tape, you have ful-

filled your loving responsibility to bring them the message of Christ.

Helping Evangelistic Works

The Philippian Christians were so eager to help Paul fulfill the Savior's plea. Paul responded,

"I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:3-6).

Generally speaking, most of us have somewhat limited spheres of influence. We have our families, those with whom we worship, our friends at work, neighbors we live near, and acquaintances we run into from time-to-time. But there are a lot more people out there – about 5 billion.

We cannot go individually to every person in the world. We are limited by the demands of living, the responsibility of family, and our geographic location. We can, however, cooperate and help others expand the borders of the kingdom. Collectively, we can reach far more people than we can individually.

Many congregations support missionaries to spread the gospel to far away places. These dedicated people do not receive the praise and gratitude they deserve in this life (the Lord knows, though). They often sacrifice comfort and convenience in order to carry the gospel to those distant lands. And, too often, their safety is in jeopardy as well. The missionary is a noble servant, indeed.

You can do no better service than to help someone else teach the gospel. Through the combined efforts of Christians, thousands upon thousands of souls have been saved in this manner – souls that were doomed and would not have been rescued had good Christians not supported an evangelistic work.

Encouraging Your Church Leaders

Your local preacher, elders, and deacons need your encouragement. It may not look like it, but it's true.

Consider your local preacher – so much is expected from him. He must lead the congregation in the study of God's word. Whether the message encourages, rebukes, or instructs us, it is a demanding job that requires skill and dedication. He often labors under criticism – sometimes valid, sometimes not. Frequently he sacrifices his personal "family-time" for the interests of the church.

Your church leaders labor similarly – because they *love* the church of Christ. You can be an evangelist by being an encourager of those who have dedicated their lives to the work of evangelism in your local congregation. Your partnership – through support, kind words, and thoughtful gratitude – mean so much.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

The Lord is depending on you. You can do it. Be an evangelist.

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

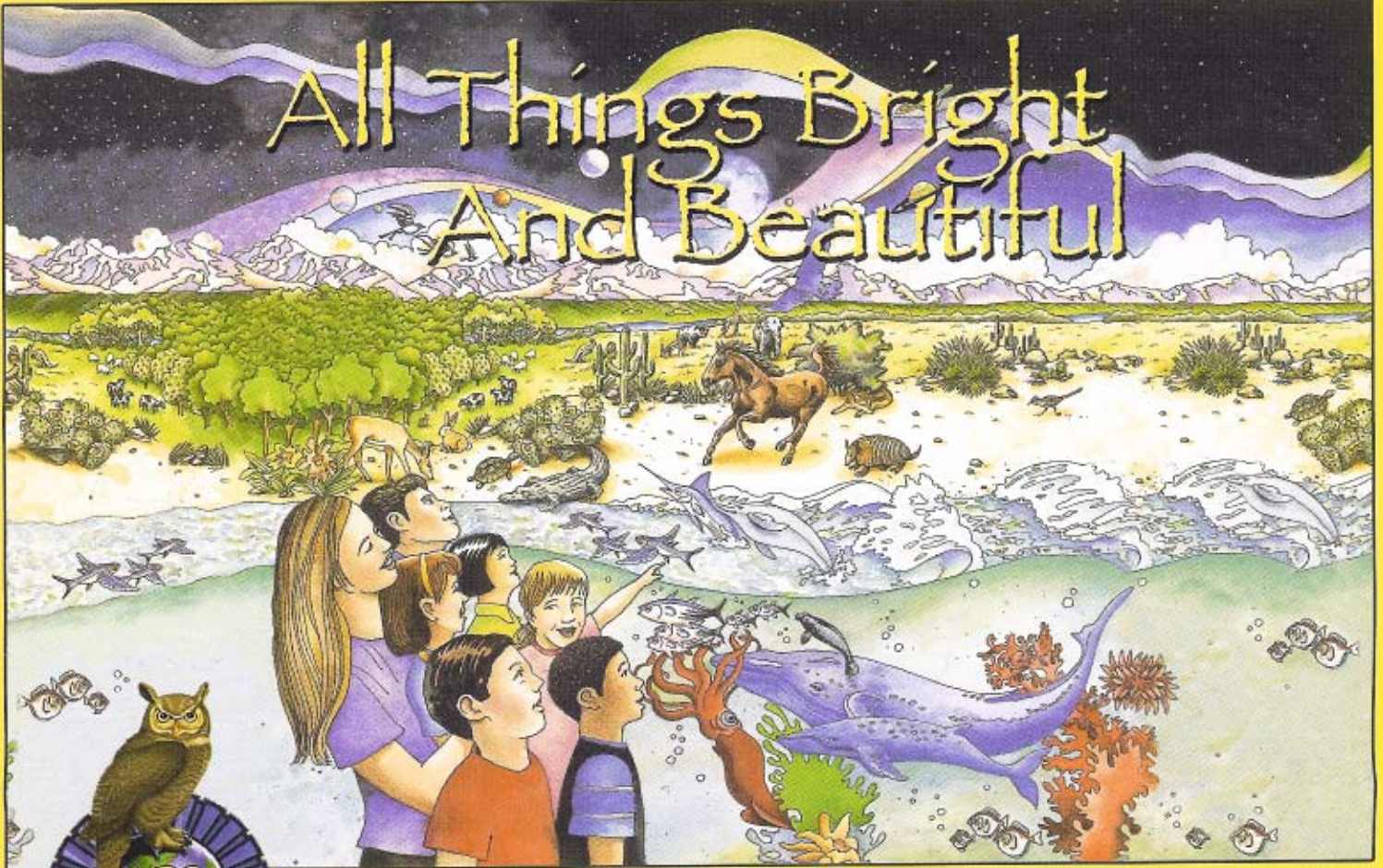
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