

view

July 17, 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: Mark – Grant Mulligan, Dan Singleton
- Room 6: Bible Essentials – Dennis Wade
- Room 11-12: 7 Churches of Asia – David Posey, Jr., Jeff Clark

Wednesday

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

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Mark – Grant Mulligan, Dan Singleton
- Room 6: Bible Essentials – Dennis Wade
- Room 11-12: Divorce & Remarriage – David Posey, Sr.

News and Prayer Needs

Prayer Concerns

Continue prayers for Carly Cain; Janelle Thorp; Don Hopper; Boots Royston; Wes Shamblin's grandparents; Tim Dickey; Sharon Jones; Becky Woolpert; Cathy & Hank Wilson; Jamie Cole. Those who are fighting cancer: Larry Thompson; Brady Rembleski's grandfather; 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, Carly Posey and Carrie Sadowy.

Out of Town

Randy and Sally Clark; Dan & Melinda Hamilton; the Veitscheggars. Kaitlin Reagan has been in Jamaica for awhile, talking to people about the Bible and Christianity. She describes it as "one of the most meaningful experiences in my life." Visit www.goodnewsjamaica.org; you'll read about they are doing there, and you'll find a few photos of "Reagan" (Kaitlin), as well. I believe she is due back around the 22nd. Pray for their safety and their return.

Christians Serving in Iraq

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

Bible Reading

Sunday – I Chron. 21-23; Eccl. 12

Monday – I Chron. 24-26; Song 1

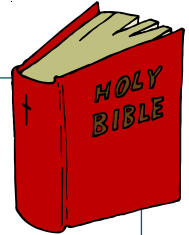
Tuesday – I Chron. 27-29; Song 2

Wednesday – Hosea 1-4; Song 3

Thursday – Reflection

Friday – Hosea 5-8; Song 4:1-7

Saturday – Hosea 9-11; Song 4:8-16



Other Involvement Opportunities

The "young mothers" class meets this 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.

VBS in Two Weeks

The dates for our VBS are August 1 -5. We will have classes for those 2 years old through 6th grade for the children in our congregation. For visitors, we will have classes for Kindergarten through 6th. We encourage everyone to invite their friends, neighbors and relatives. Material is available to hand out to those you think may be interested, located on the table below the picture board. Feel free to take as many postcards, and flyers as you would like.

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

“Weightier Matters”

In an effort to discourage a kind of faith that turns God’s grace into licentiousness, we may be guilty of misplaced emphasis in our preaching and writing. For example, whenever we discuss grace, we worry that someone may forget that personal obligation flows from that grace. So we hammer on obedience, though we seem less inclined to “hammer on grace” when we discuss obedience—why is that? Few of us leave ourselves open to the charge leveled against Paul (Rom. 3:8; 6:1, 15).

We know that there are “weightier matters” in the law—we know it because Christ said it, and it makes perfect sense. After all, Christ was teaching the Pharisees that tithing anise, mint and cummin is hardly the same as practicing justice, mercy and faith. How could anyone think otherwise? But we are so concerned that someone may “take advantage of grace,” that we are hesitant to speak in terms of “weightier matters” or “things of first importance” (cf. I Cor. 15:3) or a “first and great commandment” (Mt. 22:38). After all, someone may misunderstand and think they can get by with only love, or justice or mercy or faith — and we can’t have that!

This seems to be an issue that is dividing members of Christ’s body today, especially preachers. On the one hand, some teach from the lesser to the greater. In other words, they feel that you must preach the details, almost exclusively, and that will develop these “greater” principles in a person’s life. For example, if we preach hard and often on the sin of wearing immodest apparel, then people will stop wearing such clothing, and that is some measure of their faith, love, mercy, etc. Maybe, maybe not.

Others reason that we should preach from the

principles to the details. That is, if I emphasize faith, mercy, love, etc., then I can make application with the details. For example, I can teach the importance of holiness and sanctification in the life of a Christian, then use immodest apparel, as good example of the lack of it (or perhaps ignorance of it). The idea is that the “weightier matters” of the law, once internalized, will find application in the hearts of good and honest people.

Neither approach is necessarily better than the other, unless the weightier matters are either ignored (or buried in a mountain of minutiae) or taught in

such a way that a person views them as means of escape from the wrath of God (cf. Micah 6:6-8; Isa. 5:20).

Which is better: (a) A Christian gives a good portion of his income strictly because he feels it is his duty, or (b) because he has first given himself to the Lord, and is acting out a sincere faith (2 Cor. 8:5)? Many will say the

first man is “noble,” but does the

Bible say that? Not that I know of. The Bible only commends those who do God’s will from the heart (Eph. 6:6).

Details are important. But isn’t it at least arguable that there are members of the body of Christ who have so focused on the details, and have become so proficient at avoiding “the very appearance of” evil (a misuse of I Thess. 5:22, by the way), that they actually think that they are saved by rote law-keeping? It’s not so. Though you give your body to be burned in the fire, if you have not love, it profits you nothing (I Cor. 13:3).

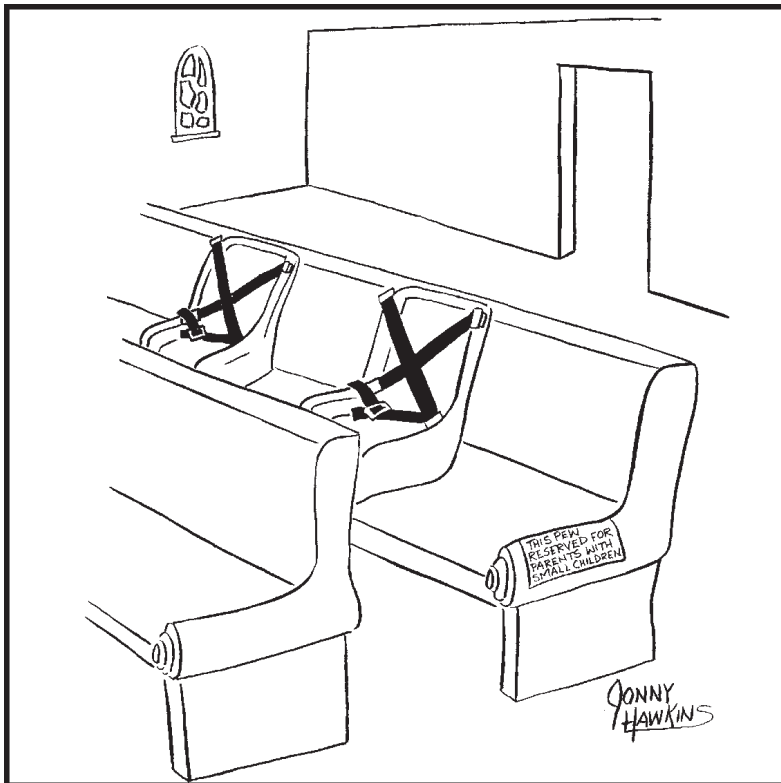
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The 10 Commandments of a Good Discussion

1. Don't judge until you understand. Do not disagree with the speaker until you can state his position in your own words to his satisfaction.
2. Don't interpret words except as the speaker interprets them. Define all terms. What is said must be understood as what is meant. Some words have ambiguous meanings. Be specific.
3. Don't close your mind to others. God has given them the ability to reason, too.
4. Don't consider yourself too good to learn from any person. Truth is truth no matter who says it.
5. Don't fear improvement, correction, or change.
6. Don't let your thoughts stray or attention wander. Our mind can process about 450 words per minute, but our actual ability to speak is much slower. Focus your attention on the subject at hand.
7. Don't infer facts, thoughts, or Ideas other than those stated.
8. Don't attribute your own thoughts to the speaker— let him speak for himself.
9. Don't let your heart rule your mind.
10. Don't become infatuated with the sound of your own voice.

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

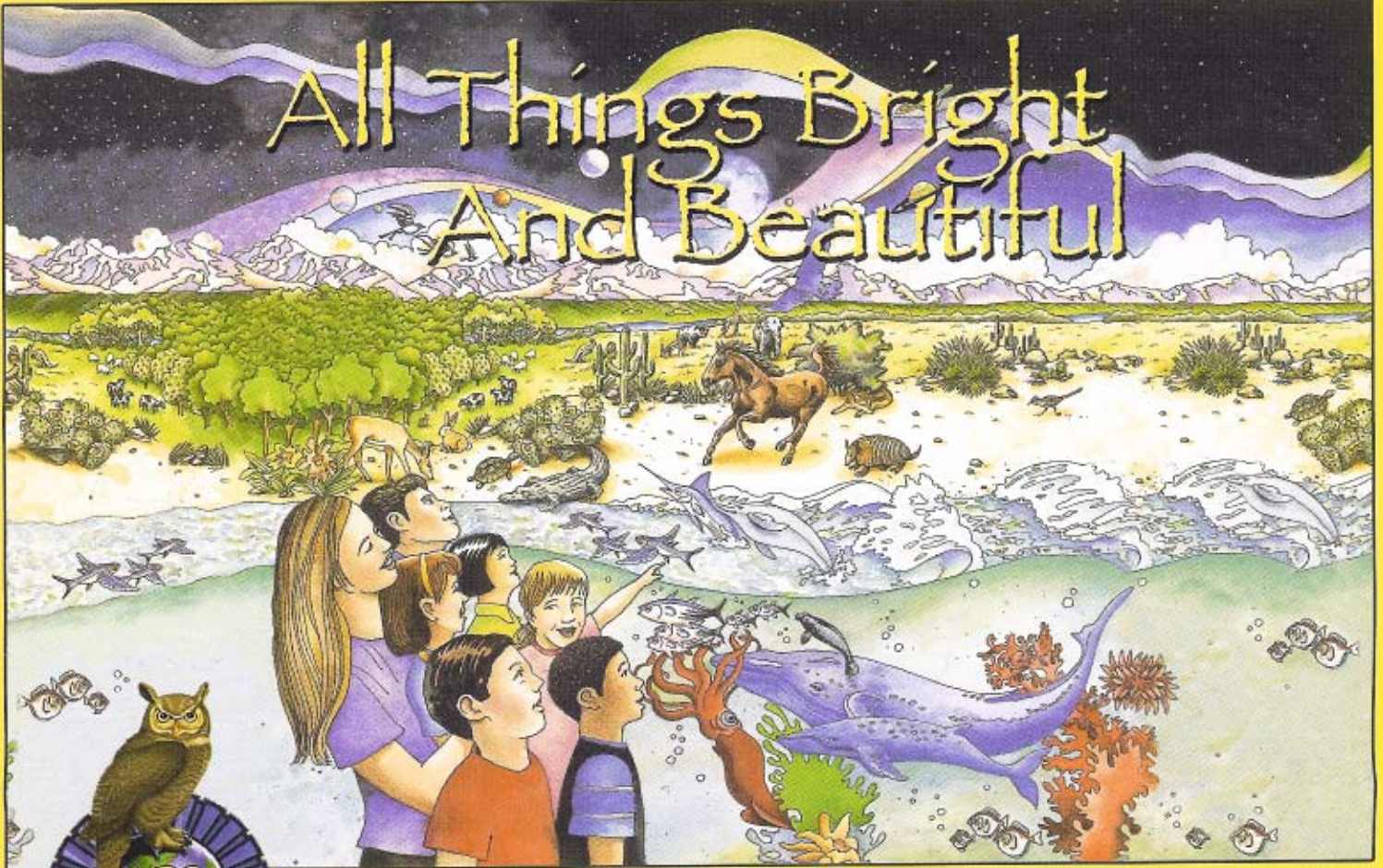
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