

# view

November 20, 2005

This Week's Agenda

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## The Lord's Day

8:30AM & 10:15AM: SINGING, PRAYER, LORD'S SUPPER

Sermon: David Posey. Sermon on the Mount: Persecution

5 PM – Singing, Lord's Supper and Sermon: Ecclesiastes 3

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

### Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Jeff Herrin - I & II Thessalonians
- Room 11-12: Divorce & Remarriage - David Posey
- Room 7: Rich Mowrer – Gospel of John (Greek study)

## News & Prayer Concerns

### News

Clarence Turner, father of Debbie Reagan, passed away on Friday at the age of 88. Brother Turner was a tireless worker for the Lord, right up to the end. In the past, he served as an elder and did a great deal of teaching and preaching. We are saddened by his passing but we hope Debbie and the family will find comfort in his legacy of faith.

Julie Baumgarten is home (we are awaiting word on her surgical biopsy performed on Thursday).

### Prayers Needed

Continue to pray for Belle Smith; Martha Colvin; the Ken McLelland family; Dawn Woolington; Carly Cain; Nita Sellgren (Sharron Wade's mother); Ben Thorp; Sharon Jones; Duane Lowe; Doris Phillips (Wes Shamblin's grandmother); Becky Woolpert; Kathy & Hank Wilson; Jamie Cole; Monica Fulton (Dave's mother); Brady Rembleski's grandfather; Justin Ivie's father; Tom Royston; Margaret Everett (San Jose); Cheryl Wilson; Laurieann Reagan and Oliver Sasse. Also pray for those who are expecting: Carly Posey, Carrie Sadowy, Angie Cain, Nicole Grinnell and **Janelle Fender!**

### Out of Town

The Reagans are in Washington due to Debbie's father's death (see above). Amy and Dave Fulton are also in Washington, to visit Dave's parents. The Ladds will be out of town for about ten days. The Veitscheggars are in Italy.

### Christians Serving in Iraq

Pray for James Woodside (Ben's cousin), Jeremy Allen, Philip Cain, Titus Cain and Tim Martindale. Steve Ries was expected to fly in last night. We rejoice with him and the family and want to thank him for his faithful service to our country.

## Wednesday

10 AM - Bible Study - OT History: **No class this week.**

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

### Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Dan Singleton – Daniel
- Room 11-12: Evangelism – David Posey, Sr.

## Bible Reading

Sunday – Daniel 7-9; Psalm 143

Monday – Reflection

Tuesday – Daniel 10-12; Psalm 144

Wednesday – I Thess. 1-2; Psalm 145

Thursday – I Thess. 3-5; Psalm 146

Friday – Joel; Psalm 147

Saturday – Micah 1-3; Psalm 148



## Other Involvement Opportunities

The Ladies Workshop will meet again on December 5th at Sharon Bridge's home.

## Group Meetings

Group meetings will resume next week with round 4.

## Calendar

A meeting with the elders and deacons is scheduled for 4:15 today to discuss the topic for round 4 of the group meetings.

We will have a short meeting tonight with all of those who are ages 13-18, in room 11-12. We want to take a few minutes to discuss our plans for our young people's classes. We welcome other young adults and any adult(s) that would like to help with the teaching and hosting.

## Elders and Deacons

Please let the elders know if you would like to submit names to fill these roles. Please speak to the man first, however, to make sure he is interested.

## Classes

Our intention is to offer the Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage and Evangelism classes to everyone in the congregation who would like to attend, if there are enough who are interested. If you are, please let me (David Posey) know right away. Thank you.

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# Do You Have a “Brand X” Marriage?

**M**arriage should be the greatest of all earthly relationships. However, we are all well aware of how many marriages are in trouble. Tim Timmons, in his book, *Maximum Marriage*, describes what he calls “the Brand X” marriage. These are generic, unfilling marriages that are headed for trouble. I hope none of us find his description to ring true in our particular marriage, but if it does, please get help!

## The Husband

- 1. Reasons from Confusion.** Misunderstands headship as “who is more qualified?” Says, “I’m the head of the house!” But nobody believes him.
- 2. Retreats from Responsibility.** He refuses to take the God-given role of headship in home. Becomes “money-machine.”
- 3. Resents his Wife.** After removing himself from responsibility, he then becomes a critic. He resents his wife for taking over what is rightfully his!
- 4. Reacts against his wife.** There is frequent confrontations; he tries to prove he is more qualified. The marriage is characterized by competition and comparison.
- 5. Runs Elsewhere.** He loses himself in his job or spends an inordinate amount of time in his favorite hobby. In the worst case, he may even seek out other women, looking for someone who will build him up.

## The Wife

- 1. Reasons from pride.** She rebels against the idea of being a “helpmate” and being submissive (which she interprets as being a doormat). She’s out to prove that she is more qualified than her husband to lead.
- 2. Releases her husband from responsibility.** Her effort is to prove that she is her “own person,” so she pushes her husband out of meaningful involvement in the affairs of the home.
- 3. Resents her Husband.** Though she released her husband from headship (because she didn’t desire to submit), she finds afterward that she got a rotten deal. While her husband works and plays, she is weighed down with all the pressures of homelife: coordinating the activities, taxing the children from place to place, discipline, cooking and cleaning. And all without a word of appreciation. Worse, she’s desperately alone!
- 4. Reacts against her Husband.** “If you had been the man of the house this wouldn’t have happened.”
- 5. Runs Elsewhere.** Usually, it begins with total involvement in the affairs of the children (sometimes, to

the children’s chagrin). Or, she may decide to get a part-time job, for a diversion, or get involved in an organization. When another man gives her the attention her husband doesn’t, she is vulnerable. Her primary goal has become to find appreciation, understanding, and respect.

## The Children

- 1. Reasons from Insecurity.** The basic security of a child comes from seeing a warm relationship between mother and father. That relationship is missing in the Brand X marriage.
- 2. Refuses to Communicate.** The transition from dependence to independence is difficult at best, but in a Brand X home it is even more difficult. The child views the rules of the house, if there are any, as cold and arbitrary rules because no one has taken any real control. The child then creates his own little world, and excludes his parents from. He lives in a silent world and says as little as possible, just to get by.
- 3. Resents His parents.** His parents don’t seem to care and don’t seek to understand the child because they are caught up in trying to enhance their own self-worth.
- 4. Rebels against His parents.** The time comes when the child joins the competition/comparison power struggle. The parents respond with more restrictions, but restrictions without a relationship causes rebellion everytime. The child sets out – like his parents – to prove something: “I’m old enough”; “I know what I’m doing”; “I’ll show them!”  
For example, consider a mother who constantly refers to her 15 year old son with the term “baby.” On his 16th birthday, the son takes the car out alone, returns to the house, obviously drunk. He is saying, “I’m *not* a baby!”
- 5. Runs Elsewhere.** Children are supposed to find total fulfillment in the security of the family unit. If not there, where? He is at mercy of peers, willing to experiment since he has no secure base from which to step out into the world.

What is happening in the Brand X home? *NOBODY’S HOME!* Everyone is running away and it is an all-too-common tragedy, even among some Christians.

Don’t let your home slip into “Brand X.” For the biblical model, read Eph. 5:22-33; 6:1-4; I Peter 3:1-7.

# Think on These Things

## Snacks & the Care of Property

It was announced on Wednesday night that raisins are a big problem because they tend to get smashed into the carpet, causing stains and making it difficult to clean. I think we need a new awareness of the need to take care of the church's property since it was purchased with the Lord's money. Torn pages in songbooks with their page ribbons twisted and torn do not speak well of our concern. I wonder what a visitor thinks, too, when they pick up a pew Bible with torn pages or a visitor card that is crumpled. Let's all try to put ourselves into visitor's shoes as we think of these things.

## New books

We do not aim to use the View as an advertising vehicle, of course, but we would be remiss if we did not mention that there are two books, hot off the press, written by talented Christians whom we know and love.

Carrie Marrs' new book, **Just Get a Ham: Life As A Preacher's Wife**, is destined to be a great help to preacher's wives, and to their preacher-husbands as well. Carrie's experience and experiences are shared in a highly interesting way, and the answers of preacher's wives to Carrie's survey questions will provide every preacher's wife with valuable insights into the work. But I feel every Christian will find it to helpful in their faith, while providing a laugh, and even a tear or two, here and there. See Carrie if you are interested.

Another new book has been published recently, this one by Mike Wilson, of Trussville, Alabama. As many of you know, Mike's wife Cheryl was diagnosed with a rare and extremely invasive form of breast cancer in early 2004. Mike's book, **Christians and Cancer: A Journey of Hope**, is a well-written documentary of the family's trials and struggles through this ordeal. That alone would be a reason to read the book. The drama that Mike describes, the pathos, the wild swings of emotion the family experienced: it is great reading, even apart from the help it offers those who are struggling with cancer (which is profound).

I believe that any Christian who has had to deal with cancer will find precious biblical insights that will provide help and encouragement along the way.

If you're interested in Mike's book, I have a flyer available.

David Posey

## The Lighter Side

A preacher waited in line at Jiffy Lube to have the oil changed in his car just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant service bay.

"I'm sorry about the delay," said the young man. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The preacher chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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 be a more involved and active member of the body.

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#### Services

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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**Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ**

**November 2005**

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| 13  | 14 | 15 | 16<br>AM & PM<br>Bible Classes     | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 4:15 Group Mtg Prep<br>with Deacons 20<br>Young People's<br>Class (after PM<br>Services)* | 21 | 22 | PM<br>Bible Classes<br>No AM Class | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 4 PM Singing 27<br>4th round of<br>group mtgs begin                                       | 28 | 29 | 30<br>AM & PM<br>Bible Classes     |    |    |    |

\*We will meet right after services in room 11-12 for a short meeting. An announcement will be made there about plans for the rest of the evening.

| December 2005   |        |         |   |          |        |          |
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| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                       | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|   |        |         |   | 1        | 2      | 3        |
| 4   | 5      | 6       | 7<br>AM & PM<br>Bible Classes                   | 8        | 9      | 10       |
| 11  | 12     | 13      | 14<br>AM & PM<br>Bible Classes                  | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 18<br>Young People's<br>Class (after PM<br>Services)* | 19     | 20      | 21<br>Winter Begins<br>AM & PM<br>Bible Classes | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 25<br>4 PM Singing                                    | 26     | 27      | 28<br>PM<br>Bible Classes<br>No AM Class        | 29       | 30     | 31       |

**Future Dates to Remember:**

June 19-23 (Tenative): Vacation Bible School

October, 2006: Gospel Meeting with Berry Kercheville

**Communication:** The calendar is provided by the elders in an effort to enhance communication about upcoming events. There are other means that we use for this purpose: the news section of the View, the overhead announcements prior to morning services, and verbal announcements on Sunday and Wednesday of matters not covered there. Also, please ask Richard Harvey about getting on his e-mail list - many times, information is shared among the members on that list.