

view

December 4, 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,

5 PM – Singing, Lord's Supper and Sermon

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

Prayers Needed

Continue to pray for Julie Baumgarten; the family of Tony Moyer; Debbie Reagan; Wayne Terry, regarding the death of his stepmother, Juanita Terry; Greg Bailey (Steve Bremer's nephew, battling cancer); 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

I'm not certain about those who may be out of town.

Christians Serving in Iraq

Pray for James Woodside (Ben's cousin), Jeremy Allen, Philip Cain, Titus Cain and Tim Martindale.

Other Involvement Opportunities

The Ladies Workshop will meet tomorrow night (December 5th) at Sharon Bridge's home at 7 PM.

Group Meetings

Group meetings have resumed. Please check with the deacon who is leading your group.

Calendar

We will have a meeting for incoming teachers on December 11th, right after classes.

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.

Wednesday

10 AM - Bible Study - OT History class: 10 AM, Bldg

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 – Habakkuk; Isaiah 43

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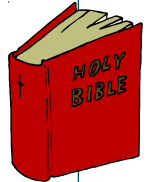
Tuesday – Jude; Isaiah 45

Wednesday – Reflection

Thursday – Haggai; Isaiah 46-47

Friday – Zechariah 1-3; Isaiah 48

Saturday – Zechariah 4-6; Isaiah 49



Classes

If you would like to attend a smaller adult class (room 11-12 or rooms 5 and 6, please sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the foyer. There are classes on Bible Basics, Evangelism (Seeking the Lost), Parenting and (possibly) Divorce and Remarriage.

We are going to conduct a parenting class instead of either Evangelism or Divorce and Remarriage next quarter. We want to offer a couple of classes to which we can invite visitors and neither of those classes are appropriate. If you are interested in studying either MDR or Evangelism and it is not offered, we will offer it in a home study.

We are still looking for teachers for the one of the lowest age groups. Please sign up on the white board in the foyer or speak to David Byrd or Dane Scott.

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Jesus, the Lamb of God

In heaven's throne room, the One sitting on the majestic throne was glorious and awesome, and He held a book in His right hand. Out from the throne came flashes of lightning, and sounds and peals of thunder. A moment of panic followed when no one was found worthy to open the book and break its seals. Finally, one of the elders around the throne announced that the Lion "has overcome so as to open the book." When John looked, he saw a Lamb standing, as if slain. The announced Lion was the Lamb, and all present recognized that He alone was worthy to open the book (Revelation 4-5). Focus your attention on this Lamb. Who is He? Why is He worthy?

Lambs in the Old Testament

Lambs played a significant role in the Old Testament, especially in connection with sacrifices. God made His great promise to Abraham, finally gave him a son through whom he would have many descendants, then God told Abraham to offer this son as a burnt offering (Gen. 22). When Isaac noticed they had everything necessary for an offering except an animal, he asked his father about it. Abraham's words, full of faith, were, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the offering" (v. 8). And so He did!

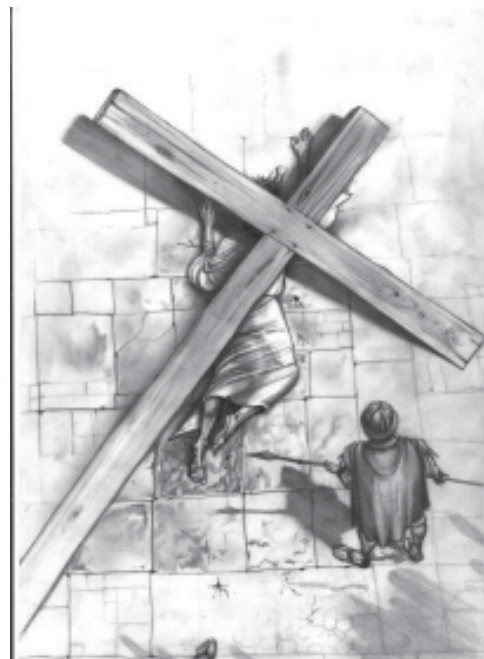
The lamb had an important role in the Passover. Each Israelite family was to slay a one-year-old, unblemished male lamb. The animal's blood was to be smeared around the door, and the animal itself was to be roasted and eaten by the family (Ex. 12:1-13). In generations to come, families were to reenact this event to remember God's act of delivering His people (Ex. 12:24-27)

Besides sacrifices made by worshipers, the priests were to make daily offerings in the tabernacle. These daily offerings were to be two one-year-old lambs (Ex. 29:38-46) – sacrifices that made "a soothing aroma, and offering by fire to the Lord" every day, assuring God's constant presence with His.

What would have been the familiar image of a lamb being slaughtered became a part of God's description of His Suffering Servant who would bear the

sins of many – "Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

The common element in these references is sacrifice. A lamb was offered to God in the place of another that people may be God's people. This vivid, powerful imagery stands behind the New Testament



portrait of Jesus as the Lamb of God.

The Lamb of God

John the Baptizer, according to our records, first called Jesus the Lamb of God. John was doing His divinely-appointed work of announcing the One sent by God. One day, John saw Jesus and declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29). The next day, John was with two of his followers when Jesus walked near them. True to the goal of pointing people to Jesus, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (Jn. 1:36). The men, Andrew and probably John the son of Zebedee, began following Jesus. They recognized Him as the Christ, God's anointed who would save the world.

Jesus as the Lamb of God associated Him with sacrifice. John brought this out in so many words when he said Jesus “takes away the sin of the world.” Later, the apostle John wrote about Jesus “that He appeared in order to take away sin” (1 Jn. 3:5), and the writer of Hebrews that Jesus “has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26). The grace and power of the gospel is that Jesus takes away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Peter explains that we are redeemed “with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1 Pet. 1:19). The Ethiopian learned that the one “led as a sheep to slaughter” was Jesus (Acts 8:32-35). It wasn’t long before the Ethiopian was baptized into Jesus Christ. “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Worthy is the Lamb

The Lamb, slain yet standing, emerges as having authority and knowledge, worthy to open the book. Once the Lamb was in full view, everyone fell down before Him and sang a new song. He is worthy because of what He did so sinners may be a kingdom and priests to our God (Rev. 5:9-10). He is worthy to be honored in every way by everyone. As the result of His salvation work, He rightly received power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5:11-12).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain – not in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain – at the place of the Skull, where thieves cursed and soldiers gambled. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain – not in any way for Himself, but for us, for our sins, that He might bring us to God.

In another captivating scene, a vast multitude was around the throne – those who had given their lives for the Lord. They bore the brunt of the world’s evil, “and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:9-14). They are before the throne of God, and the Lamb in the center of the throne takes care of them (7:15-17).

Those caught up in evil wage war against the Lamb. Evil is real and resilient in the world. It is directed against God and God’s people. “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and

chosen and faithful (Rev. 17:14). Do you need to take another look at this Lamb? Behold, the Lamb of God. Are you with Him?

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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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Note the change!

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.

Editor

Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ

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

Future Dates to Remember:

January 1: New quarter begins.

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.