

View

January 14, 2007

This Week's Agenda

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM: Singing, Prayer, Lord's Supper, Sermon: David Posey

5 PM – Singing, Lord's Supper, Sermon

Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Auditorium: Outlining Your Bible

Room 11-12: Introduction to Revelation

Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel: Tuesday 7PM at the Karlsson's.

Wednesday

10:00 AM – OT History - at the building.

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

Auditorium – Galatians

Room 11-12: The First Century Church

News & Prayer Concerns

"First of all, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men..."

Prayer Concerns

Continue your prayers for Carl Hanson who is recovering from his heart surgery. Keep both he and Arlene in mind.

Continue prayers for Ken Dickey (Steve's older brother) and Herman Ward. Also for Sharon Jones, Charles Davis and his family and the families of those who have lost loved ones recently. Frances Kaler has completed the last round of chemotherapy treatments, but please pray that the cancer has been completely eradicated.

Continue to pray for Beverly Henderson's recovery (she is Pamela Ludlow's mother)

Pray for those who are expecting: Letitia Zugnoni, Julie Agee, Aimee Cain, Candee Dickey, and Amber Karlsson (!!).

Men Serving in Iraq

Steven Sabath (Arletta's son), Brandon Folkert (the Terrys' nephew) and Danny Boyer are each related to members or those who attend Folsom Point now and then and are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Pray for their safety.

Group Meetings

Russ Tarrant's group is scheduled to meet today after morning services at the Bridges' home. Steve Thompson's group is scheduled to meet on the 28th. We will begin a new round of meetings next month (same groups).

New Ladies Class Begins Tomorrow

A ladies class on the topic of prayer will be held on the third Monday of every month. The first class will be held tomorrow (I think I have that right this time!). Please see Michelle Caisse for details.

Daily Bible Reading Plan Available

Get 2007 off to a great start by reading your Bible each day. You can acquire the 5-day per week reading plan by visiting our website at www.folsomchurch.com.

Out of Town

Several of our members are out of town today, including the Hewitts, the Deschlers, and others.

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**Read your Bible
each day. It's
good for you, and
others, too.**

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 and encourage those activities that provide an opportunity to be built up in the faith and provide an opportunity for you to be a more involved and active member of the body at Folsom Point.

Editor

From the Elders

Notes from our Annual Planning Meeting

At the risk of “stealing our thunder” from the state of the church address to come early next month, we wanted to share with you a few of the highlights of discussions that occurred in our recent annual planning meeting.

For the most part, the elders feel that this has been a very productive and spiritually prosperous year. We had a net growth of 4, but we witnessed 8 baptisms this year. Some fine people, treasured members and friends, found it necessary to move away, and one, Duane Lowe, passed away. But we also gained several fine individuals and families who will contribute greatly to the work. While we sorely miss Duane and our brethren who moved away, we are looking forward to working with all 27 of our new members in 2007.

We have been putting an emphasis on evangelism for the past couple of years, now, and we plan to sustain that throughout this year. The subject will continue to dominate our group meetings and we will continue to offer classes that either specifically address aspects of the work (such as workshops) or provide opportunities to hone our skills in certain subject areas. Currently, we are offering classes that focus on the latter goal: two classes on the church, one on the book of Galatians and another on how to outline books of the Bible.

We feel we are beginning to see some fruit from this emphasis in terms of a rise in the level of confidence and an increased level of activity from the church. We believe that evangelism is not a one-time project but a continuing process. Therefore, we reject temporary “programs” that are designed to enthruse the members for a short time, but then tend to fizzle out. Instead, we favor a more subtle, but consistent, approach that continues to emphasize the need and obligation of each of us to reach the lost. We hope that each person at Folsom Point will begin, or continue, to see that they are an important part of this process.

As we looked back over our goals from our meeting last year, we were very pleased that nearly all of them had been met or exceeded. Of course, that may indicate that we were not aggressive enough in our goal-setting, and we took that into consideration as we set our goals for this year. But most of things we planned to do in 2006 were accomplished within the year.

I'm not going to get into the specific goals we have planned for this year, other than to mention a couple of

minor ones that we would like to see some progress on right away. We want to put together a photo directory in loose-leaf form to check out or loan to each new member to help them learn who's who in the church. We also are serious about wanting to get our photo board up-to-date. There are few things more uncomfortable than being greeted frequently by people whose names you do not remember. Even folks that have been here for awhile are not going to remember everyone's name without some help. We're not going to hand out name tags, but we can help by reintroducing ourselves to members from time-to-time.

If we're going to get the photo board completed we will need the cooperation of every member here at Folsom Point. Please check with Michael Caisse or any of the elders or deacons if you have not had your photo taken (or retaken) recently or if you need a new one (a look at the board will confirm that many do!). We have a camera on-site, so anyone who can click the shutter is qualified to take your picture. While a relatively small matter, we feel this is a very important project and would like to get it done sooner rather than later.

Another goal that we can mention now is that we are planning a major upgrade of our website. Richard Harvey has been doing a great job of maintaining the site, and we're going to give him the green light to dress it up a little and add even more useable content. The intent will be to make it more attractive to non-Christians, while providing all of us with more tools to be more effective teachers and students of God's word. If you have an idea for the site, or have seen some other churches' sites that you like, by all means share those with Richard or David Posey. Doing it by e-mail and including a link to the site would be ideal.

Finally, for now, we want to encourage you again to bring to our attention the name of any man whom you feel qualifies to be an elder or deacon here at Folsom Point. Even if you have mentioned the man before, please bring the name forward again, once you have talked to the man and believe he is qualified. We want to do what we can to facilitate the selection by the congregation of additional elders and deacons.

We expect 2007 to be another exciting year with much fruit borne for the Lord through the church at

The Dreamer

A story is told of a man who had engaged in riotous living for many years. He was a drunkard. And then one evening at a tent meeting Gospel Revival, he came forward to be washed in the name of Jesus and was born again. Soon after, his former drinking buddies who thought it strange that he no longer ran with the pack, would heckle and ridicule him each morning on the corner as he passed by on his way to work.

This went on for several weeks, until one day, his wife found out about it. She followed him from a distance and heard the chant of one of his former friends saying, "**There goes that dreamer!**"

After he had passed by, they glanced over to see the wife coming straight toward them. "Sirs, may I speak to you?" she asked. "That man who just passed by is my husband! He used to be a drunkard. He used to spend all of the money he made on whiskey. Sometimes he would come home late at night after drinking with some of you, and he would hit me. I spent most of the time crying. My children didn't have one decent pair of shoes between them or any nice clothes to wear to school, and we were behind on most of our bills. There was rarely any food in the house. We were near the point of despair. It was then that I began to pray as never before!"

"Then, at a local tent meeting, a marvelous thing happened! My husband heard a message of hope and deliverance and responded by faith and repentance in obedience to the invitation of Christ! And that man who was once enslaved by alcohol and in bondage to sin was buried with Christ in baptism and arose from that watery grave a FREE man, to walk in newness of life! The shackles were gone!"

"Today, my children have new shoes and new clothes! We were able to catch up on our bills. Our pantry and refrigerator are full and there is always enough to eat. He is home every night spending quality time with the children and me. We actually enjoy being around him now, and we do things together. We are finally a family!"

"So, I want to ask you to do something for me. If this man is dreaming, whatever you do, **don't wake him up!**"

Living Water, from the Creekwood church of Christ

Folsom Point. We hope each one of you will resolve to get involved at an even higher level than you have in the past. And we want you to know that each of the elders feels that he is truly blessed to have the privilege of serving the fine family of Christians that meet here.

Rich, Dan, Randy and David

Preachers we support

John Scholtz - South Africa, Zimbabwe
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Services

Sunday Morning Assembly
9:30AM

Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study

7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

Private classes arranged at your convenience.

For more information,
visit our web site at:

www.folsomchurch.com

Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Elder's Annual Planning Meeting		
7 The Lord's Day Group Meetings Young Peoples' Class	8	9 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	10 OT History Class: 10AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	11	12	13
14 The Lord's Day Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	15	16 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	17 OT History Class: 10 AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	18	19	20
21 The Lord's Day Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	22 7 PM Ladies Class Daniel's Home	23 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	24 OT History Class: 10AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	25	26	27
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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.

ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT FOLSOM

We are a church of Christ patterned after the New Testament example of local churches. We believe in the authoritative word of God and will provide you with a Bible answer for everything we do in our doctrine and practice. We exalt Jesus Christ and seek to glorify Him, not ourselves (Ephesians 3:21). Therefore, our efforts are directed toward promoting commitment to Christ, not to any man or institution (I Corinthians 2:5).

Our assemblies are simple. We sing without use of an instrument (see Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; we will be happy to show you why we use no instrument, if you desire further study on this issue). We pray (I Timothy 2:1), partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7) and teach from God's word. All preaching comes from the Bible.

The financial support of this congregations comes entirely from the free-will offerings of its members made on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7). We never solicit funds from non-members. Contributions are used for the spiritual growth of this church and for the support of a few men in other areas, such as the Philippines, who are preaching the gospel. We do not use money collected here for social programs or the support of any human institution. We believe the church itself can do all the work God has given it to do. And we aim to do *only* the work God has given it to do – teach the gospel, build up the members, and help needy Christians. All other "good work" is the responsibility of individual Christians (Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27; Galatians 6:9-10).

We offer personal Bible studies at your convenience. We are here to help you with your spiritual needs: please favor us with a request for a Bible study or correspondence course that you can complete at your pace.