

View

March 25, 2007

Quarterly Singing Tonight at
5:30 – no classes.

This Week's Agenda

The Lord's Day

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

5 PM – Singing, **Prayer**, Lord's Supper, Sermon

Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Quarterly Singing

Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel: Tuesday, Karlsson's home, 7 PM

Wednesday

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

Carl Hanson continues to labor in his efforts to recover from heart problems. Please pray for him and for Arlene.

Sharon Jones is doing pretty well after another surgery, but she still requires some assistance and our constant prayers.

Keep others in your prayers: Hank and Kathy Wilson; Becky Woolpert and those who are expecting: Candee Dickey, Amber Karlsson, Sarah Cain and Nicole Grinnell. Also, as we rejoice with these, pray for the couples who would like to have children, but have not been able.

Also, continue prayers for our men in uniform, including: Steven Sabath (Arletta's son), Brandon Folkert (the Terrys' nephew) and Danny Boyer.

Group Meetings

A topic has been chosen for the next round of group meetings. The deacon who is assigned to your group will be in touch.

Vacation Bible School

We have set the date for this year's VBS: June 25-29. Please make your plans accordingly.

Out of Town

Trey Cain is in Germany for two weeks for Air Force Reserve training. There are many who must travel for business, nearly every week. David Posey, Jr., Ed Sanderson, Magnus Karlsson, David Main and others spend a lot of time in airports and in other places. Matt Dickey just returned from Costa Rica. Keep all these men and women in your prayers.

Classes

After 54 lessons and a couple of years, the OT History class is completed! Thanks to all of you who came week-after-week to study.

We will begin a new class in the near future, with a new subject to be announced. If you are interested in attending, please let me know what topics you would like to study. Unlike our OT History class, we will limit each of these new classes to a certain number of weeks, so you can schedule your time accordingly.

Adult classes next quarter (begins next Sunday)

The classes for next quarter are set. Here's the lineup:

Sunday PM - Auditorium: Judges (Grant Mulligan)

Sunday PM - Room 11-12: Evangelism Workshop (Dennis Wade)

Wednesday PM - Auditorium: Minor Prophets (Jeff Warshaw)

Wednesday PM - Room 11-12: The Book of Revelation (David Posey)

See page two for some additional information on the upcoming classes in Room 11-12.

Gospel Meetings

Reminder: Mark your calendar for October 8-10, 2007 for a meeting with Ed Harrell. We have also booked gospel meetings with Bob Owen for 2008, Paul Earnhart for 2009 and Dee Bowman for 2011.

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**Read your Bible
each day, and
spread the word!**

Class Notes: Spring Quarter

Seed Sowers Workshop

Sunday nights, Room 11-12
Dennis Wade and Rich Ladd

This Sunday night evangelism class is a workshop designed to build skills for reaching your friends, colleagues, and neighbors with the gospel. The following features will give you an idea of the level of participation in this workshop, which begins April 1st.

- Memory verses – About 30 passages that will give you a foundation of knowledge to share and defend the gospel
- Memory answers – Ways to respond to common questions and objections
- Class drills – Participants will be asked to find verses and give answers to various situations and questions
- Simulation – Volunteer role play of common scenarios that seed sowers encounter
- Tools and tips for generating interest in the gospel
- Approaches for getting a gospel conversation going

If you are interested, please sign up in the lobby.

Dennis Wade

Revelation Class:

Wednesdays, Room 11-12
David Posey, Sr.

Class Theme: Victory in Jesus!

This class is a continuation of the class presently meeting on Sunday evenings in room 11-12 (The Seven Churches of Asia, Revelation 1-3), although it is not necessary to have attended that class to attend this one. We will cover Revelation 4-22, with a brief introduction to 1-3.

There is a powerful message in Revelation that is often obscured by the presumed difficulty of the book. Actually, Revelation is not difficult, once a few interpretative rules are understood and the symbolic language is “decoded” (by allowing the Bible to be its own dictionary).

This class will be an overview of the book, with an emphasis on application to our lives. We will not get bogged down in the language – a common mistake that has rendered many classes on Revelation either ineffective, boring or incomprehensible. We will concentrate on getting the message that there is a victory that Christians can experience, even when trials and tribulations are taking their toll.

We will be studying from a workbook which should be available by Wednesday and online.

David Posey

Preachers We Help Support

John Scholtz - South Africa, Zimbabwe
Robert Nichols - Japan
Barney Mejia - Nicaragua
Dale Pennock - Vermont
Gary Stouffer - Vista, CA
Jim Lee - Englewood, Ohio
Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA
Roberto Tondelli, Rome, Italy **(New)**

Philippines

Armando C. Pastor - Sto. Domingo & Dumabel
Pepe G. Ando - Davao City
Amado M. Estoy - Iriga City
Ecclesiastes C. Licayan - Monkayo
Abe S. Agnete - Pagudpud
Rex M. Bayaca - Laoag City
James Amangan - Bangued
Quirino Tien - Cuyayan Valley
Rosilito F. Nardo in Koronadal City.
Johnny Buguis in General Santos City.

We are up to eighteen in the number of men with whom we have fellowship in their efforts to teach the gospel in various places. These are men we support on a monthly basis. We also have sent support recently for specific preaching trips to India, China and Japan. In the near future, we will provide addresses for these men and ask you to take a few minutes to write to them to encourage them in their work. Our encouragement is just as important as our dollars.

“Yes Sir... Yes Ma’am!”

“Sir, sir, sir...?!” That was the response of little three year old Alabaman Casey in response to her daddy’s request to come to him so he could get her ready for services. At the he called her, she was standing at Christie’s knee and had just asked her, “Are y’all coming to church tonight, Ma’am?”

Pretty cute. No, *very* cute.

But one is more impressed by the level of respect that the parents are teaching their children. “Yessir” imparts a strong feeling of respect when you are the object of the address, especially by a small child.

Now I have no axe to grind about this. That is, I’m pleased when a youngster speaks to me at all and whether he calls me “Sir,” “David,” “Poppy” or “Posey” doesn’t matter to me. I like kids, so I’m happy when they take a moment to talk to me.

But parents have a clear responsibility to teach their children to respect those who are older. I’m not convinced that teaching them to say “Sir” and “Ma’am” is the complete answer, by any means. I don’t doubt that more than one murderer born and bred in the South called his victim “Sir” just before he shot him in the head. It’s not the words that count most.

It is a starting place though. And if these parents follow up with their little ones, teaching them the full meaning of the concept of respect, then they are doing a good work. And perhaps, because of this regional tradition, the job is a little easier in Dixie.

There is no question that the Bible teaches respect for older folks. Lev. 19:32 reminds us: “You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.” And Prov. Proverbs 16:31 says, “Gray hair is ȳpa crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.” And Elisha made 42 youths pay for mocking him (2 Kings 2:23-24).

God expects us to respect our elders. We need to see that it is done.

Maybe training them to say “Yes, sir” and “Yes Ma’am” is not the best way to do that.

But it sure is cute.

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Remember the little Arabian story about the camel who was cold and meekly begs to be allowed to stick his nose in the tent? Given permission, he then asks, “is it asking too much to allow my shivering shoulders inside the tent as well?” Then, “Is it unreasonable to make room for my hump?” In a few moments, with another request, the entire camel was inside the tent and the man was outside, shivering in the cold.

The moral of the story, at least from a biblical perspective, is that we allow the devil to “work us” in the same way. We may permit a little indiscretion, thinking it is harmless, but when we get comfortable with that, the devil will seek another incremental change. Before long, we are much further away from God than we ever intended to be.

Through the open window’s space
Behold a camel thrust his face.
“My nose is cold,” he meekly cried,
“Oh let me warm it by thy side.”

The author, Lydia Huntley Sigourney concludes her poem with this moral:

To evil habit’s earliest wile
Lend neither ear, nor glance, nor smile —
Choke the dark fountain ere it flows,
Nor even admit the camel’s nose!

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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.*

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Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ

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11 The Lord's Day Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	12	13	14 7:30 PM Bible Classes	15	16	17
18 The Lord's Day Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	19	20 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	21 OT History Class: 10AM 7:30 PM Bible Classes	22	23	24
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Mark Your Calendar

June 25-29, Vacation Bible School

October 8-10, 2007 - Meeting with Ed Harrell

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.

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 congregation 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.