

# View

April 1, 2007

## 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

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### Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Auditorium: Judges

Room 11-12: Evangelism Workshop

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 – Minor Prophets

Room 11-12: Revelation: Victory in Jesus!

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### News & Prayer Concerns

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

#### Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for Carl Hanson (and Arlene), Sharon Jones, Hank and Kathy Wilson, Becky Woolpert (Utah) 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

Please check with the deacon who is assigned to your group.

#### Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for June 25-29 for VBS and begin inviting your friends and neighbors.

#### Out of Town

Trey Cain is in Germany for another week for Air Force Reserve training. Many are out of town due to Spring Break, including the Caisses, the Raposas, the Warshaws, Hank and Debbie Cain, the Roystons, the Reagans and probably several others.

#### Classes

A new round of classes begins today; see above for the new Adult class offerings. Material for the classes on Judges, Minor Prophets and Revelation is available in the foyer.

#### Young Peoples Meeting

There will be a young people's gathering tonight after classes at the home of Dan and Melinda Hamilton.

#### 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.

#### Deacons and Elders

Seven men are being considered for the office of deacon: Bryan Byrd, Jerry Deschler, Jeff Warshaw, Jeff Clark, Eric Fields, Steve Doty and John Daniels. One man, Forrest Brown, is being considered for elder. If you have a question about the qualifications of any of them men, please take that up with them first. If it is not resolved at that level, then bring it to the attention of the elders. If there are no valid objections, these men will be appointed next Lord's Day, April 8th.

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**Read your Bible  
each day, and  
spread the word!**  
Text for next week's  
sermon: Exodus 12-20

# Class Notes: Spring Quarter

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 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. Aguete - 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.

# Rules of Engagement... with the Text



## Some rules for determining the meaning of words follows:

A definition is only as good as its usage. Therefore, we must carefully consider and apply three rules of sound interpretation:

- Note the immediate context of the word.
- Note how the word is used in the particular document in which it is found (does the writer use the word more than once? How is used in other parts of the document?)
- Note the words biblical use. I.e., let the Bible define the Bible. It should be noted especially that the Old Testament is often the best vocabulary for the New.

## Some rules for ascertaining the meaning of a word (from NT Interpretation, I. Howard Marshall, ed., Chapter 4, by Anthony Thiselton, p. 75ff.).

- The meaning of a word depends not on what it is in itself, but on its relation to other words and to other sentences which form its context (pp. 78-79).
- Dictionary entries about words are rule of thumb generalizations based on assumptions about characteristic contexts.
- Biblical language can only be understood with reference to its context and extra linguistic situation.
- Words do not carry with them all the meanings which they may have in other sets of co-occurrences. We must guard against the danger of Illegitimate Totality Transfer, i.e., importing all meanings into one contextual use of the word (pp. 84-85).

## False Assumptions [From NT Interpretation, p. 76]

...that the word rather than the sentence or speech-act constitutes the basic unit of meaning to be investigated.

Every word in the Bible has a context. To understand its meaning, we must read the sentence, the paragraph, perhaps even the entire chapter.

## From Hermeneutics, D. R. Dungan, p. 184ff.

Rule #4 – The Scriptures give some words meaning which they do not have in the classics and therefore the Bible becomes a dictionary of itself.

Rule #11 – The meaning of a word is frequently known by the words used in construction with it.

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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](http://www.folsomchurch.com)

## Calendar for the Folsom Point church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Young Peoples' Class	2	3 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	4 7:30 PM Bible Classes	5	6	7
8 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	9	10 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	11 7:30 PM Bible Classes	12	13	14
15 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	16	17 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	18 7:30 PM Bible Classes	19	20	21
22 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	23	24 7 PM In-Home Bible Study	25 7:30 PM Bible Classes	26	27	28
29 <b>The Lord's Day</b> Assembly 9:30 AM & 5 PM	30					

### 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 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.