

View

May 13, 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: David Posey

Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Auditorium: Judges

Room 11-12: Evangelism Workshop

Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel: 7 PM. Karlsson's Home.

Wednesday

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

Auditorium – Minor Prophets

Room 11-12: Revelation 4-22: Victory in Jesus!

News & Prayer Concerns

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

Pray for . . .

Myrtle Ferrell, Gwen Scott's mother, is suffering from some severe health problems. Both of Gwen's parents are dealing with serous health issues, so keep them in mind.

David Ramsey and Al Sellgrin, both recovering from surgery but still dealing with pain.

Carl and Arlene Hanson, Jackson Agee, Donna Thompson, Dillon Franklin, Steven Bremer and family, and Steve's sister, Gail Jones, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Gwen Scott's father, Sharon Jones, Hank and Kathy Wilson, Charles Davis and his mother, and for those who are expecting: Amber Karlsson, Sarah Cain, Nicole Grinnell, Jamie Gardner, April Franklin. Also pray for the couples that want children, but have not been able.

Continue your prayers for those who serve our country, too, including Brandon Folkert (the Terrys' nephew).

Group Meetings

Check with the deacon in charge of your group to find out when your group meeting is scheduled.

Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for June 25-29 for VBS and begin inviting your friends and neighbors. Material is available for those who have signed up to teach. Most of the slots are filled (thank you!).

Out of Town

Several are out of town this weekend including Gwen Scott, who has gone to Alaska to see her father and the Browns, visiting in Clovis.

Visitor Followup

We want to do a better job of following up on those who visit us and fill out a visitor card. If you would like to help, including occasionally sending notes to visitors, please check the bulletin board for copies of recent visitor cards and/or ask Dane Scott to put you on the e-mail list to receive information about our visitors.

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 in the Fall of 2008, Paul Earnhart in 2009 and Dee Bowman in 2011.

Classes

The John class will resume on Tuesday at Amber and Magnus Karlsson's home at 7 PM.

We will be starting another Wednesday morning class in the near future. Please see David Posey for details and to pass along your ideas about what you would like to study.

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

What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Wives

by David Posey (with a little help from Christie)

Peter admonished husbands to “live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered” (I Peter 3:7). A wife may get frustrated with her husband because he will not take the time to understand what is important to her and make an effort to “understand” her. And because she is charged with adorning herself with a “gentle and quiet spirit” (I Peter 3:4), she may become even more frustrated as she quietly experiences the effects of her husband’s ignorance.

So husbands, listen up. This article is for you. And it’s serious business. Peter said in the text cited above that a failure to understand and properly honor your wife will set up a wall – not only between you and your wife, but between you and your God. He told husbands to do some things or else “your prayers will be hindered.”

So what do most wives wish their husbands knew about them? Every wife is different and has her own unique set of needs, and every husband should seek a kind of intimacy with his wife that will allow him to discover the things that are most important to her. So all we can do here is generalize. But in counseling husbands and wives over the years, we have discovered a few things that tend to come up over and over again.

It might be surprising to learn

that one ingredient to a healthy marriage that is important to nearly all women is forgotten by a lot of husbands. That missing ingredient can be summed up in the word “consideration.” Many husbands are not consistently considerate and kind to their wives. We’ve seen husbands who won’t open a door for his wife to let her go in first when entering a mall. We commonly hear husbands belittle or berate their wives, sometimes in front of others. We’ve observed many cases of husbands sitting on a pew oblivious to the fact that his wife is struggling with a child or two, or three. Some men, not content with being “king of their castle” act like they are kings, period.

What is surprising to a wife who has a husband like this is that he was the nicest person she had ever met while they were courting. He held doors open for her every single time they entered a building; even opened the car door for her. Every word he spoke was laced with honey and the words were as kind as kind can be.

But then, to her surprise, after the marriage, the show is over. Husbands who do this apparently feel that the “hunt” is over, the prey is captured and so the need to put on a show of kindness is past. What a shame. What shame. It shows that the man was just an actor playing a part for awhile so he could win the prize. The Bible has a word for that kind of man: hypocrite.

Many surveys have revealed that most women value a kind and con-

siderate attitude above nearly every other characteristic in a potential husband. More importantly, God expects men to love their wives (Eph. 5:25ff.) and a husband demonstrates that love through a spirit that, at minimum, is kind and considerate, all the time – not just when he wants something.

There are a few other nearly universal needs that wives wish their husbands knew. We mentioned one of them in the article that accompanies this one, “What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Husbands,” where we talked about a man’s propensity to try to fix things when his wife shares a problem with him. There are many times in the course of a marriage when a wife simply wants her husband to listen to her and commiserate with her. She is not always wanting her husband to come up with solution, but to just listen. Listen. Listen with interest and concern, but just listen.

There are very few good listeners anyway, male or female. It’s a quality we all appreciate when we happen upon someone who has the special ability to listen, but we don’t experience it very often. Every marriage would benefit if both the husband and wife developed an ability to listen better. But husbands – men in general – seem to have difficulty with this. And it seems that it is especially difficult for husbands to listen effectively to their wives. This is probably because much of what a wife is saying to her husband is simply not particularly interesting to him.

For example, wives who stay at home with their children will want to discuss domestic issues. Most men must concentrate very hard to “hear” what a wife is saying and resist the temptation to say, “well let me tell you about my day.” His tendency is to think that the things that happened to him on his all-important job are much more significant than the fact that Junior finally got an “A” on his spelling test at school. But if Christian men reflect on this, they would agree that what is happening in the home on a daily basis has more important ramifications than anything that happened on the job in a given day. Wives wish their husbands would just listen.

They also crave a little appreciation. Some women will not talk about this because it tends to sound selfish, but it is something that most women desire from their husbands, whether they ever express it or not. There are husbands who are astonished when their wives become noticeably disheartened because they happened to forget a birthday or anniversary. But it’s not about remembering a date; it’s about expressing appreciation for who she is and what she does. It is a valid desire on the part of a wife and one that wise husbands will honor.

There are many wives who have the heart of servant and do not ask anything in return. Their lives are filled with “foot-washing” (John 13) and looking out for the needs of others. The least a husband can do for such a wonderful wife is show that he notices and appreciates her willingness to serve him and their children. It is amazing how far a word or two will go to make a wife feel positive about her work of service. After all, we all need encouragement; men are no different, but they

tend to get appreciation, or the tokens of appreciation, from their jobs (in promotions and raises, for example). Wives wish their husbands would simply appreciate them a little more.

We’ll mention one other item that tends to be an issue in some marriages. Wives, as a rule, are less likely to be risk-takers. They love stability and loathe any notion of uncertainty, especially when it comes to income. Some husbands do not understand this – or if they do, they ignore it – and will casually talk about making a change in their career path or starting some new venture in a land far away. A lot of wives will not argue, hoping that it is just “talk.” But down deep, they are fearful that the talk may become action and that their stable life will be upended and thrown into chaos.

A wife may not begrudge her husband his dream; they know that men like to dream. But she probably prefers that he keeps to himself those dreams that, if they should come true, would turn her life upside down.

Christian husbands and wives, like all human beings, have needs in life and in marriage. Because we are admonished on so many occasions to avoid pride and selfishness, these needs may be kept under wraps for fear of being self-centered. But Christian husbands and wives want their marriages the best they can be, so they will make an effort to find out what the other needs and do all in their power to fulfill those needs in a way that reflects the love of God.

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Sunday Morning Assembly
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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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visit our web site at:

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Mark Your Calendar...

This Week

Tuesday night at 7PM: John Class at the Karlsson's.

June 25-29, VBS

October 8-10, 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.



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