

View

May 20, 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..."

Welcome New Members

Ron and Cecilia Byrd recently placed membership with us and we are thrilled that they will be working with us here.

Prayer Concerns and Requests

Myrtle Ferrell, Gwen Scott's mother, who will be having surgery soon. In addition, keep her father in your prayers, too; he is not recovering very well from his surgery.

Naomi Fannin was admitted to the hospital on Friday morning due to blood clots in her stomach. She is doing better but they must determine the cause of the clotting. Naomi has several other health issues that she is dealing with, so please keep her in your daily prayers.

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

Though they are not attending with us anymore, we still think about Carl and Arlene Hanson; keep them in your prayers. Jackson Agee is doing so much better and we are very thankful to God for that, but continue to pray for him. The same is true for Donna Thompson. Dylan Franklin, however, is facing difficult times. Please pray for that little boy as he suffers through chemotherapy and other treatment options. Keep Steven Bremer and family, and Steve's sister, Gail Jones, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Continue prayers for 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).

Meetings Today

At least one group meeting is scheduled today (check with the deacon in charge of your group).

The Teaching Committee will meet here at 3:30 PM.

Vacation Bible School

It is coming up in a little over a month (June 25-29). Material is available for those who have signed up to teach. Nearly all of the teaching slots are filled (thank you!).

Out of Town

Several are out of town, including Norma Smith, in Germany, and Dani and Brady, visiting in Italy. David and Carly Posey and the kids, and Jeanette Norton are out of town. Ron and Cecilia Byrd are out of town and Randy Clark is in Hawaii on business.

Visitor Followup

Remember to 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 be held on Tuesday at Amber and Magnus Karlsson's home at 7 PM.

A reminder: we will be starting another Wednesday morning class soon. Please see David Posey for details and to provide input into what you might like to study. Right now, we are considering an 8 week class on "Life Tumbles In: Dealing with Life's Problems."

What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Husbands

by David Posey

Sometimes, the relative perspectives of a husband and wife are 180 degrees from each other. This causes all kinds of problems in the marriage, ranging from a lack of communication to disagreement in the way to raise the children. One way to solve this problem is to gain a greater awareness of what the other spouse is thinking or feeling. That's the aim of these the articles, "What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew..." and "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew..." (see last week's View).

I can't speak for all husbands because every marriage has its own unique set of challenges. And ungodly husbands may want their wives to know (or accept, or tolerate) some of their ungodly ways; we won't be speaking on behalf of them.

Wives often misunderstand their husbands and that misunderstanding leads to a loss of respect and chips away at the love they felt when they first married. Yet, sometimes the husband is just being a man and not doing anything wrong, necessarily. If the wife would make a little effort to understand what causes men to act the way they do, she might be able to avoid many of the disagreements and the tension that makes the marriage less than it should be.

Before I go any further, let me add this caveat: both husbands and wives should make every effort to grow, to improve and to accommodate to their spouses' personalities wherever possible. Neither husband

nor wife should ever say, "I'm fine the way I am; I do not need to change." Regardless of what a man is "like," by nature, he should be willing to do anything within his power to make the marriage better and to make it easier for his wife to live with him.

Having said that, our aim here is to help women understand their husbands a little better. There are two or three characteristics that most men share that can put a strain on a marriage if wives are ignorant of them.

Most men are not great communicators, at the personal level. They may be superstar speakers on the lecture circuit or in boardrooms; but they are poor at expressing their feelings in the kitchen and the bedroom. Because of that deficiency, some husbands will say very little in response to a concern aired by their wives. Their side of the conversation may consist of a few, "I see's" or "Hmmm's." These men calculate the risk of saying something wrong versus saying nothing at all and feel it's less risky to clam up.

What husbands need to know is that silence at times like these tends to drive their wives to distraction. They will interpret it as a lack of interest or concern. But godly husbands wish their wives understood that they really are interested and concerned, but feel inadequate to express their thoughts on these personal issues. Few men trust their feelings as much as women do.

Wives can help by simply being patient and not drawing conclusions

about a husband's silence. Once a wife begins an assault on the man's integrity toward his family (which is what a charge of being "unconcerned" is), then the husband will either fight back verbally, or withdraw completely. The next time an issue comes up, he won't even venture to say as much as he did before. But if a wife gently persuades her husband to open up, with kind words and a patience spirit, she may well succeed. She can make it a good experience for him and men love good experiences. He may even be anxious to express himself the next time.

On the flip side of being silent when he should be expressing himself, some husbands talk too much. This often manifests itself when the wife shares a problem with the husband and he feels that he must try to fix it. Again, this is just the way men process things – if there is a problem, a man wants to fix it and move on. But sometimes women just want someone to listen to them, not fix everything (how do you "fix" someone's feelings?).

So most husbands would like their wives to understand that they feel a responsibility to make things better and would ask them to be patient with them when they try, even if there is nothing that can be fixed in the customary way. If a wife puts a husband down or criticizes him when he tries to help, then, again, he may just withdraw and the relationship will suffer or break apart. Then again, husbands need to realize that there is a time to just listen, another

quality that most men need to work on.

Most men also want their wives to understand that they need some “down” time. Now I can hear the wives saying, “Yeah, so do we!” But we’re talking about the husbands here. It seems that wives almost universally underestimate the stress that men experience on their jobs. And while it is true that wives and mothers also experience a great deal of stress, it seems they are more capable than men of finding ways to let the air out of the stress balloon. For example, it is common for a woman to have at least one close friend that she can talk to and commiserate with, sometimes for hours at a time; few men have relationships with other men like that. So the stress builds without a ready outlet. It is the wise woman who allows her husband at least an hour or so of unwinding time when he arrives home from work, and then asks him about his day, before she begins to unload about how her day went (it is possible she has already had an opportunity to do that with her friend anyway).

There is another common problem that troubles some marriages. Christian men want to please their wives more than anything. They wish their wives knew and believed that, but some wives seem to think that their husbands do things deliberately to irritate them.

When the husband makes a mistake – like leaving an article of clothing on the floor instead of tossing it in the hamper – instead of reminding him that it is easier on her if he would do the proper thing, she treats him as if he is one of the children. She talks down to him and criticizes him. A husband will eventually rebel at that kind of treatment and the

form of rebellion most husbands practice is to withdraw and distance themselves from their wives. No man (or woman, for that matter) likes to be treated as a child.

One other thing. If the truth was known, most men want their wives to be crazy about them, like they were when they were first dating. A husband wants to be admired by his wife and he wants her to believe they he is still the best-looking, brightest, most talented man she has ever known, even if there is little evidence to support those facts. Instead of complaining to others about him, husbands wish their wives would brag about them. Surprisingly, a lot of men are less secure in their relationships than they let on. It does a man good to hear words of praise from his wife and there is nothing more endearing than a wife who genuinely admires her husband, and lets him know it.

There are many other things that men wish their wives knew. For example, in the sexual relationship, it is helpful if both husbands and wives understood better how men and women think and then respond to the needs, as they understand them. There is another article in the magazine that addresses that particular issue.

Ultimately, a godly husband just wants his wife to know that he has her best interests at heart, even if he is rather clumsy in his attempts to show it. He knows that he has a responsibility to love her, as Christ loves the church (Eph. 5:25ff.), but he also struggles in his efforts to express his deep commitment to her. So perhaps the most important thing a wife can do for her husband, day-in and day-out is to be patient with him and encourage him in the right direction. Such patience will pay divi-

dends in the future as the husband learns what is important to his wife and seeks to fill her particular needs.

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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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Mark Your Calendar...

May

Class on John, Tuesday nights at 7PM at the Karlsson's.

Monday, 21st – Ladies Class on Prayer at

June

Sunday, 3rd – Young People's Meeting (Place TBA)

Monday to Friday, 25th-29th, Vacation Bible School

Sunday, 24th – Quarterly Singing

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 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.



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