

# View

June 10, 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

Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Auditorium: Judges

Room 11-12: Evangelism Workshop

### Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel: 7 PM. David & Michelle Sanderson's

### 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

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

### Prayer Concerns

Continue to pray for Dan Hamilton. He is doing well after his heart attack, but pray for his continued recovery.

Also, Dylan Franklin continues to need your prayers as he undergoes chemotherapy treatments. And keep Carl and Arlene Hansen in your daily petitions as well.

David Ramsey, Tom Royston, Hank and Kathy Wilson, Julie Bumgarten and Sharon Jones are others here for whom we should pray as they continue to deal with health issues.

Mary Ellen Veitscheggars's grandmother passed away this past week. She was almost 100 years old. Pray for the family.

Remember Myrtle Farrell, Gwen's mother, who – at last report – was in the hospital again. She is expected to remain in the hospital until they determine the cause of her health problems.

Pray for those who are expecting: Amber Karlsson is planning to go to the hospital on Tuesday for the birth of their second child, Pray for Sarah Cain, Nicole Grinnell and Jamie Gardner, and for the couples that would like to have children, but have not been able.

Continue your prayers for those who serve our country, too, including: Brandon Folkert (the Terrys' nephew). Jeremy Allen, Art and Peggy's son, is heading back to Iraq and will be serving in the Baghdad area, so pray for him.

### Vy Lyman

As announced by Rich on Wednesday night, Vy Lyman is attending with us and staying with Hank and Debbie. We are very pleased to welcome Vy to our number. She's quite an inspiration to us all.

### Jim, Linda and Kevin Urquhart

Jim, Linda and Kevin have been attending with us for some time and placed membership with us last Sunday. We are very pleased to welcome them here and look forward to many years of working together.

### Meetings

Steve Thompson's group (#10) will meet today right after services. An elders meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:15 here at the building. The ladies class will meet on the 18th at 7:30PM at Melissa Field's home.

### Vacation Bible School

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

### Out of Town

The Veitscheggars are in Kentucky. Norma Smith has returned safely from Germany, for which we are thankful. We missed you, Norma! CJ and Matthew Woolington will be in Nevada for the balance of the summer. Pray for their welfare while they are away.

### Thank You Note

Dear brothers, sisters and friends at Folsom Point, I want to thank those of you who offered prayers, sent cards & emails, and visited me after hearing of my recent heart attack. Your kind expressions of love and concern were comforting to both Melinda and me, and helped ease our minds during this somewhat difficult time of recovery.

In Him, Dan Hamilton

### Gospel Meeting

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# Decide to Grow

by Vic Johnson

(excerpted from Day by Day with James Allen)

“Only by much searching and mining are gold and diamonds obtained, and a person can find every truth connected with his being, if he will dig deep into the mine of his soul.” - As A Man Thinketh

The classic book Acres of Diamonds is the story of a person who sold his home and land to travel far and wide in search of diamonds, only to die penniless. As the story goes, the new owner discovered diamonds on the very property that the old owner had ignored.

A lot of times I think we act the same way when we're trying to “fix” something in our life. Whether it's happiness or self-esteem or love that we seek, many times we look outside of ourselves to find the answer. We look to a spouse, a friend, a child or a parent to fill the void. Perhaps we expect the answer to come from our pursuit of our occupation or other interest. Or we expect a new home, a new car or a new boat to satisfy our “hunger.”

But, alas, like the poor farmer in Acres of Diamonds, our search comes up empty-handed. And just like the story, diamonds are waiting to be discovered in our own back yard. As James Allen points out, the only way to find the gold and diamonds is to “dig deep into the mine of the soul.” It is here, he says, that we will find ‘Every Truth’ connected to our being.

One of my favorite authors, Jim Rohn, says, “the greatest source of unhappiness comes from inside.” Conversely, that's also where the greatest (and only) source of true happiness comes from.

Instead of searching far and wide, spend some time every day searching inside. Instead of expecting something outside to fill you up, learn to fill yourself from within. Make a decision to grow. As Jim Rohn also says, “What you become directly influences what you get.”

And that's worth thinking about.

## Application of the Principles in “Decide to Grow”

The article to the left is not particularly biblical – at least, not intentionally. But it contains a very important biblical truth.

Our religion must be from the “inside-out.” Once we understand that principle, then we'll find “acres of diamonds” right where we stand. For example, some people feel they need grand music to

inspire them to worship more effectively. But if you need to be acted on from the outside before you can give God praise, how can the praise be coming from the inside?

Jesus said that God is seeking those who can (and will) worship Him in spirit and truth

(John 4:20-24). I'm surprised that more people do not seem to get it, when it comes to worship. Someone once pointed out that “the less one has on the inside, the more he needs from the outside.” And certainly, the worst possible thing that can happen is for an unworshipful heart to have feeling of having worshipped.

Besides worship, there are other applications of the principle discussed in the article. There are always those who are expecting the church to “fix” everything. Fix my marriage; fix my kids; fix how people treat each other; fix my problems!!

That's not the function of the church. The function of the church is to teach the gospel

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and try to encourage people to fix their own problems through Christ.

I believe that Christ is sufficient for all things. I believe that (except for clinical cases) Christ can fix depression, bad marriages, guilt, and every other emotional, mental and situational issue. I'm not convinced everyone believes that, but I think it's demonstrably true when you examine the Scriptures. Therapists and psychologists cannot replace Christ; and a church with all its "programs" cannot replace Christ. Nothing can. "I can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13).

The Bible and the Christ that the Bible exalts is all we need. And since all of us have at least one Bible, we truly are holding in our hands "acres of diamonds." The key is to mine that diamond field often to find the help and encouragement we need to make our way in this life. God will take care of the rest.

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## Quotes & Stories

"To believe is to become what you believe."

DURING A VISIT with a friend at an assisted living center, I was invited to stay for lunch. As we entered the cafeteria, she leaned toward me and whispered, "They have two lines here. We call them cane and able."

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars." – Les Brown

A person can grow only as much as his horizon allows. – John Powell

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. –Mark Twain

What is the use of running when we are on the wrong road? –Bavarian Proverb

It is much easier to do and die than it is to reason why. – G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

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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.*

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# Mark Your Calendar

June 10th, Elders' Meeting, 7:15 PM

June 18th, Ladies Class, 7:30PM at the home of Melissa Fields

June 24th, Bible Class Committee meeting, building, 3:30PM

June 25-29, Vacation Bible School

June 27th, Quarterly Singing

October 8-10, 2007 - Meeting with Ed Harrell



## Preachers We Help Support

John Scholtz - South Africa, Zimbabwe  
Robert Nichols - Japan  
Barney Mejia - Nicaragua  
Dale Pennock - Vermont  
Gary Stouffer - Vista, CA  
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Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA  
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### 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.