

View

July 15, 2007

This Week's Agenda

The Lord's Day

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

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

Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Auditorium: Studies in Authority

Room 11-12: Seed Sowers Workshop

Tuesday at 7 PM

John's Gospel (Jeff & Sara's home)

Wednesday

7:30 PM – Summer Program - Everyone 6th grade and up will be in the auditorium. Classes for younger ages.

News & Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Concerns

Pray for Naomi Fannin. She is in the Kaiser Hospital at Roseville. She underwent surgery for gallstones on Thursday.

Pray for Herman Ward. He is doing a little better. He was released to go home but the next day he was placed in a skilled nursing home in Roseville for therapy. He is weak but getting stronger.

Pray for Tom Royston. He finished his treatments for nerve disease Friday and is very tired. Saturday he began the oral Chemo portion of his treatments. Also, remember Boots in your prayers.

Continue your prayers for Dylan Franklin, David Ramsey, Julie Bumgarten, Kathy Wilson and Sharon Jones. Keep Myrtle Farrell, Gwen's mother, in mind.

Continue to pray for Jackson Agee, Logan and Julie's child. Remember Carl and Arlene Hanson in your prayers, although Carl can not walk at this time, he is undergoing therapy daily and hopes to be on his feet soon. He is getting stronger. Arlene is close by his side and doing well.

Pray for those who are expecting: Sarah Cain, Nicole Grinnell and Jamie Gardner, April Franklin and for the couples that would like to have children, but have not been able.

Continue your prayers for those who serve our country. Jeremy Allen, Art and Peggy's son, is heading back to Iraq and will be serving in the Baghdad area, so pray for him.

Quarterly Singing

Our next quarterly singing will be held on September 30th, the last Sunday of the quarter.

Out of Town

CJ and Matthew Woolington will be in Nevada for the balance of the summer. Pray for their welfare while they are away and for Dawn.

Mike Wilson is out of town this weekend. Randy and Sally Clark are in Hawaii for two weeks. Amanda Bremer and Kaitlan Reagan are in Jamaica

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.

Please Note: We feel it is important to include in the View every prayer request that our members would like mentioned. However, it is difficult to remember names and details from the verbal announcements and so those rarely make it into the View.

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please send the information, including name and a few details, by e-mail to either David Posey, Sr. or Richard Harvey. We will then do our best to make sure it is included in the upcoming View.

Our e-mail addresses are: dposey@pacbell.net and renegade_1@sbcglobal.net (Richard).

Thank you.
David and Richard

Cultural Church Excerpts

When you undermine the authority of Scripture in order to resolve any one particular doctrinal issue, you undermine it on every front, whether it be "secondary" matters like the work and worship of the church, or even the "core message" of the gospel. Credibility has its own "domino effect." Push the first one over, and they all fall down—primary and secondary, "essential" and "non-essential" alike. If we can't trust Paul on the role of men and women in the church, how can we trust him on baptism and the Lord's Supper?

What's happening in the call for a new hermeneutic is nothing short of what's happening in the "new morality." It is not simply "doctrinal decline" on a given church issue that we are experiencing. Today we are facing the very real prospect of abandoning altogether our commitment to biblical authority. That is the reason the hermeneutics question is so vital to our fellowship. It threatens to divide us, not merely on the role of women or whatever else might be of current controversy, but over our most basic assumptions.

And divide us it will. All you have to do is to look at the Disciples of Christ, for example, to see that the single issue of instrumental music was not the sole, or even the key factor in our parting of the ways. Today, the Disciples of Christ are as different from us in their view of scriptural authority as any other mainstream denomination which never shared our restorationist roots.

What happened back then is happening again now. It's a battle over how we are to understand Scripture. It's a test of our respect for biblical authority. Future generations will look back to the cultural church at the end of the twentieth century and know which direction we took at the fork in the road.

It's dangerous enough to weigh anchor on an issue here or an issue there. Drifting doctrinally always begs disaster. But, if we do no more than inadvertently drift away from our moorings, by the grace of God we can always come to our senses and lower the anchor once again.

It's another thing altogether to leave our anchor behind! And that is essentially what we are risking in the call for a new hermeneutic. Is that what we really want? Have we become so comfortable drifting on one matter of doctrine after another that we have decided to jettison our anchor altogether, like so much excess baggage?

I wish you could sit in on one of my Law and Morality classes. The frantic struggle of some of today's brightest minds to parrot the politically correct party line and yet avoid the obvious moral absurdities when that line is pushed to its logical extreme is not a pretty picture. You just know that on their way home from class they are asking themselves, "Did I really say that?"

As victims of the "new morality" (which is no morality at all),

they face a directionless future, set adrift in a sea of moral uncertainty. They have nothing to which they can confidently anchor their beliefs. Yet what their "new morality" is doing for them is not so different from what the cultural church's new hermeneutic will do for us if we're not extremely careful. It promises greater freedom in Christ and an enhanced sense of spirituality, but guarantees only aimless self-determination in a sea of ritual uncertainty.

Among the many criticisms of the "old hermeneutic" is that it tends to have a "leveling effect" on the whole of Scripture. That is, it tends to overlook any distinction between the core message of the gospel (Christ's death, burial, and resurrection) and everything else which is secondary (like church organization and function). To the extent that we have "majored in minors," the criticism is valid. But there is every potential for a far more dangerous "leveling effect" when we play fast and loose with hermeneutics.

Some Lessons We Must Learn

by Douglas Matlock

I have observed for the past several years that some brethren from congregations that have been recognized as "sound" among us have left and started attending congregations that have taken a liberal view of using the treasury of the church for such things as fellowship halls, benevolent institutions, and certain colleges and etc. This has been a very shocking and sad experience to witness. I wondered how and why this could be happening. The answer could be different from individual to individual of course.

Some may have sat and listened without ever studying these issues out for themselves. They may have viewed it as just a "preacher fuss" over unimportant matters.

Others may have gotten their feelings hurt over some matter, so, "I'll just show them where I will start attending,"

Perhaps some were withdrawn from and they just go looking for a congregation that will accept them. And they usually can find it!

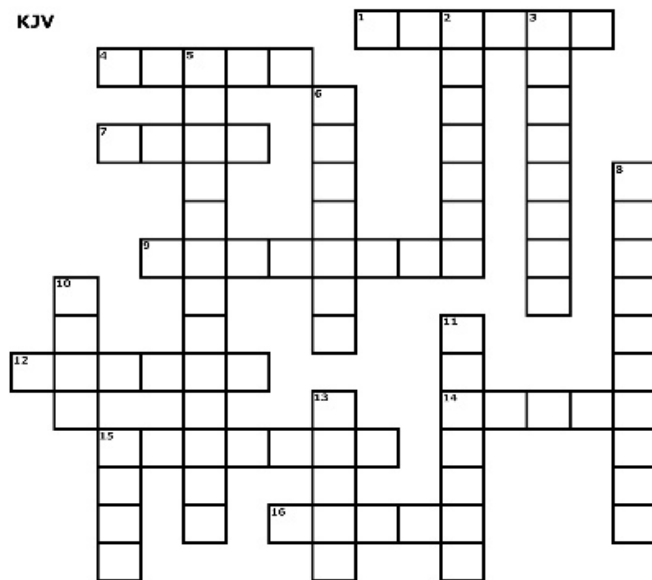
I am persuaded however that for the great majority of brethren that drift eventually into these congregations that they simply haven't been taught on these subjects. They have been lulled to sleep because of elders that discourage a preacher from speaking on them or because of the preacher deciding they are unimportant and irrelevant himself. I realize that it can occasionally happen even in the face of the best efforts that

are put forth. Sometimes brethren do not even stop with the liberals but will go all the way into denominationalism.

But I believe for the greater number of them it would be because of soft teaching that could be done in any denomination with a hardy "amen" to lessons that condemn nothing. It allows one to become a member of the church without having to change his life except to attend services and partake of the Lord's supper. This type of teaching with some variation is primarily responsible for this exodus among us. They just haven't heard the truth on the plan of salvation, authority, work of the church, God's standard of morality and such subjects.

I may be a bad prophet and I hope I am on this but it will probably get worse. Failure to teach the whole truth will bring up the next generation even further away from the Lord than the present one. It doesn't take a Solomon to see that this has already happened in many congregations.

The only hope that sinful man has is God's plan for his salvation. His continuing to remain with the Lord is also the same answer. Obedience to God's will, not our ideas.



ACROSS:

- 1 This Roman governor condemned Jesus
- 4 The disciple Peter's other name
- 7 She was Jesus' mother
- 9 He climbed a tree to see Jesus
- 12 This disciple was known as "Doubting ____"
- 14 This disciple walked on water with Jesus
- 15 This man was the first Christian stoned to death
- 16 This disciple betrayed Jesus

DOWN:

- 2 Jesus brought this man back to life
- 3 He tempted Jesus (2 words)
- 5 She found Jesus' tomb empty (2 words)
- 6 This disciple was a tax collector
- 8 Jesus visited the house of these sisters (2 words)
- 10 He had a vision and wrote in down in the Book of Revelation
- 11 John the ____
- 13 Christ
- 15 This man became known as Paul after Jesus spoke to him on the road to Damascus

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 Classes for all ages.
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**Read your Bible
 each day, and
 spread the word!**

Mark Your Calendar

September 30th, 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
Jim Lee - Englewood, Ohio
Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA
Roberto Tondelli, Rome, Italy

Philippines

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

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.