

# View

August 26, 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

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### 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 (TBA)

#### Wednesday

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

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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

Continue your prayers for Don Alexander (Amy Borchers' father), Bill Cain (Trey's father), Belle Smith, Naomi Fannin, Tom Royston, Dylan Franklin, Patsy Main (David's mother), Herman Ward, David Ramsey, Julie Baumgarten, Kathy Wilson and Sharon Jones. Keep Myrtle Farrell, Gwen's mother, in mind.

Pray for Ed Dye (Etta's brother-in-law). He was recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, cancer of the blood.

Continue to pray for Jackson Agee (Logan and Julie's child), pray for Carl and Arlene Hanson.

Pray for those who are expecting: Jamie Gardner, Sarah Cain, April Franklin, Dawn Brooks, Karen Cain, Whitney Schrimsher, Heather Rico and for the couples that would like to have children, but have not been able.

Continue your prayers for those who serve our country. Beau Martindale, Norma Smith's grandson is in Afghanistan for 16 months. Jeremy Allen, Art and Peggy's son, is serving in the Baghdad area.

Keep all our young college students in your prayers while they are away from home. Kaitlin Reagan, Tyler Brown and Jamie Wilson.

### Birth Announcement

Hailey Grace Grinnell was born at 8:30AM, August 20th, and weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and is 20 inches long :) Mommy and baby are both doing very well. Congratulations Nick and Nicole.

### Out of Town

None noted.

### Quarterly Singing

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

### 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.



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

# Is Only One Church Right?

by Sewell Hall (Part 1)

Probably no charge creates more prejudice against a group of people than the charge that they think there is only one church that is right. This fact clearly indicates that most Americans consider all churches right. Is it possible that only one church is right?

At least three other questions must be answered before this one can be answered intelligently.

1. Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Many who complain so bitterly about such a claim do not believe that anything is absolutely right or wrong. If there is no right and wrong, then obviously any claim to be the only right church would be ridiculous. However, if there is a God and if He created us, then He is the standard of right and wrong (Romans 3:4). His word is truth (John 17:17).

2. Is there a right and wrong in religion? Some who accept the concept of right and wrong in the realm of morals exclude it from religion. They seem to think that God is so loving and good that He will accept anything man may do and dedicate to Him. But Jesus warned of false teachers who would come in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). He stated that worship was made vain by teaching the doctrines of men (Matthew 15:9). Paul informed the Galatians that anyone who preached any other gospel than what he had preached would be accursed (Galatians 1:8), and Peter predicted that there would be false teachers among us (2 Peter 2:1). So religious teachings can be false and religious practice can be wrong. Jesus also said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted" (Matthew 15:13). This is equal to saying that churches not planted by the Lord will be rejected.

3. Has God designated any exclusives in religion? Consider Ephesians 4:4-6. "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." The "one" in these verses obviously means "one and only one."

These verses do not allow for our modern broad-mindedness. Such broad-mindedness, however, is not really new; it existed in the first century among the Ephesians to whom this was written. Paul became the focus of a riot because he insisted "that there are no gods made with hands" (Acts 19:26). To put it another way, he preached there was "one and only one" God. The Ephesians were tolerant of many gods, but intolerant of anyone who said there was only one. Most of us would agree that there is one and only one God. But the same verses say, "there is one body." What is this one body? The same writer says in Ephesians 1:22-23 that God has given Christ "to be head of all things to the church which is His body." So if there is one body and that body is the church, this is saying there is one church. If one God means only one God, then one body means one body or only one church.

What is the one church? Without doubt, the one body (church) referred to in Ephesians 4:4-6, was the church that Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:18). It was to be founded on the fact that He was the Christ, the Son of God. That church began on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), when Jesus was first publicly proclaimed to be the Christ, based upon the facts of His resurrection from the dead. Those who believed asked, "'What shall we do?'" Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'...Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:37-38, 41,47).

Please note that all who were saved were added to the church. It includes all who were saved, for the Lord added all who were saved to it. But if it included all who were saved it was not a denomination, for a denomination by definition is only one part of a whole. Neither was it a combination of all denominations, nor even an

association of local churches known as "churches of Christ." The one body was made up of individual members, not of local churches. It was the one true church to which all who were saved were added. It was that one body described in Ephesians.

How can this church be identified? Jesus said that the gates of Hades would not prevail against His church (Matt. 16:18). It must be in existence today. If it is, it has Jesus Christ as its only Lord and the gospel as its only faith. It is entered by the one baptism, it still includes all who are saved, and it is not one of many. It is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18), Christ's church (Matthew 16:18), the church of God (Galatians 1:13), the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15). It is the one and only church that is right.

# The Folsom Point church of Christ needs YOU!



We have over 90 children in the congregation that meet twice a week for Bible classes and they need at least 80 teachers in a given year.

You can sign up to teach one of our children's Bible classes in the upcoming school year now. Sign up lists for the next four quarters are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

- √ If you want to know who you will be teaching.. the information is there.
- √ If you want to know what you will be teaching... the information is there.
- √ If you want to know where you will be teaching... the information is there.
- √ If you want to know when you can teach... the information is there.

If you ever have any questions about teaching a Bible class see one of the elders or deacons.

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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:

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To teach is to learn twice over.  
**Joseph Joubert**

# 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  
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Dale Pennock - Vermont  
Gary Stouffer - Vista, CA  
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Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA  
Roberto Tondelli, Rome, Italy

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James Amangan - Bangued  
Quirino Tien - Cagayan Valley  
Rosilito F. Nardo in Koronadal City.  
Johnny Buguis in General Santos City.  
Romel Dazon in General Santos City.

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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.