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## Tim Stevens' Letter to the Church

March 25, 2008

To our brothers and sisters at the Folsom Point church of Christ:

My wife, Vicki, and I are looking forward to being with you all very soon. I appreciate the invitation from the elders at Folsom Point, to work with the congregation in an effort of improving ourselves as worshippers — with special emphasis toward the singing of praises to God, our Father!

As we continue to assemble together on various occasions for the purpose of worshipping God, ALL aspects of our worship — the singing, the prayers, the teaching, (and on the Lord's day, the partaking of the Lord's Supper and the giving of our means), must ALL be done in the best possible way. Obviously, that's the way God wants it! Since the beginning, God, our Creator, has always demanded that His people offer Him the very best in their sacrifices, and it's no different today among God's people. After all, we do belong to Him! David, the sweet singer of Israel wrote, "*Make a joyful shout*

*to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations"* Psa. 100:1-5.

The most important part of our singing is the fact that God has made singing an avenue of praise for Him ("*Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name*" Psa. 30:4). The singing of

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*psalms, hymns and spiritual songs* (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) gives us the perfect opportunity to express to Him and to others around us, just how much we think of Him and our salvation. Those taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity, will, most certainly, accomplish two things: (1) God will be glorified! (2) They, the worshipper, will be edified! We should ever be grateful that He has given us the way

and the means of accomplishing this. The Lord willing, I'll have more to say about this subject in the lesson I've prepared for the Sunday morning worship period.

While at Folsom Point, it's imperative that I meet and work with ALL of those who are currently song worship leaders, and even those who are interested in becoming one. **No congregation will improve in its singing without first having leaders who are committed to seeing the need and benefit of song worship.** Those leaders with that commitment and understanding will be present at all the classes that are planned by the elders. However, if someone has difficulty in attending one or all of the evening classes, I'll be willing and happy to work with them either privately or with other individuals (even non-leaders) during the day.

Even though I'll be working with the song worship leaders each evening, separate from the entire congregation, I do strongly encourage the ladies and children to attend the song leading classes. This class will not only benefit the leaders, but will benefit all who participate regularly in the singing during the worship assemblies. Everyone will have a better sense of what the song worship leader is trying and hoping to accomplish when he directs them in song worship. They'll understand the importance of starting each song on the right pitch and keeping the correct tempo throughout the song. It will certainly make a difference in your singing of praises to God!

Again, we look forward to being with you.

Sincerely in Him,

Tim Stevens

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Sunday Morning Assembly  
9:30 AM  
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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[www.folsomchurch.com](http://www.folsomchurch.com)

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# Agenda

## The Lord's Day, April 6, 2008

9:30 AM: Worship: Singing, Lord's Supper, Preaching  
Sermon: TBA

◆ Preaching: Dennis Wade

5:00 PM: Lord's Supper, Singing, Preaching

◆ Sermon: Nathanael May

5:30 PM: Bible Classes for ages 18 mos., & up

Auditorium: 1 John (Dennis Wade)

Room 11-12: Characters of the Bible (Byyan Byrd)

## Wednesday, April 9, 2008

10 AM, Bible class will resume in April 23, 2008.

7:30 PM, Bible Classes for ages 18 mos. and up

Auditorium: Proverbs (Randy Clark)

Room 11-12: James (David Posey)

### Notes

Sermons and Power Point charts are available online on our website ([www.folsomchurch.com](http://www.folsomchurch.com)) or on CD (see a deacon)

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## “Going and Growing The Right Way”

by Dee Bowman

Believe it or not, I was young once. I remember some things about being young that were not easy; in fact, downright perplexing. I remember when I reached puberty. I didn't understand what was happening to me. I didn't understand all these new feelings I was having. New things popped into my mind without permission, stuff that had never been there before. I began to notice things I had never even thought of before. It was a difficult time for me. I think it must be so for most all youngsters—if they'd just admit it.

Times were about as difficult when I began dating. Confusion set in with a vengeance. Who should I date? Why did I feel an attachment to some and not to others? Why was I not as attractive to the ones who were attractive to me? Why did Johnny Green get all the looks? And why did Waydelle Hill get all the athletic ability? And why did some of the more “earthy” girls seem to have the most attraction? My head was a mess.

Decisions are hard when you're young. I suppose I'm taking somewhat of a chance, but I want to give some advice. You can take it or leave it; but it would be wise for you to consider it—for a little while anyhow. I wish someone would have impressed these things on my mind when I was young.

**Be careful about making decisions based on physical characteristics.** Just because someone is good looking doesn't mean they are good. Look for someone with character. That person will look good longer. Character lasts, looks don't.

**Be careful not to confuse lust with love.** Lust is fleeting; love is lasting. Lust will deceive; love is always honorable. Lust is temporary; love endures. Lust disappears; love never does. Lust is sometimes confusing; love is easy to explain.

**Be careful about moving too quickly.** Many a good life has been ruined because someone made a hasty decision. Take your time. Make sure.

**Be careful about promises.** When someone says, “I love you,” make sure it's so before you do anything about it. There's more to love than a mere affirmation.

**Be careful where you're headed.** A good relationship is based on common interests, common pursuits, common hopes and dreams. Most of all, it's based on common sense. Don't be deceived into seeing only what's in front of you. Look out. And, above all, look up.

**Be careful about priorities.** Is this person interested in spiritual matters? Is this person faithful to spiritual obligations; does he/she pray? Does he/she often discuss spiritual matters? Does this person have a Bible and does it show some wear? These are important questions.

Find someone to help you go to heaven. Remember, “If you miss heaven, you've just missed all there is.”