

August 29, 2021

The Sunday View

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." – John 12:21

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guests and we are pleased that you have chosen to visit us today. Our goal is to do everything according to God's word, including respecting its silence. This is a church of Christ; we are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church and we have no earthly "headquarters." The six elders oversee this work and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily aimed at our own members, as we examine Scripture and seek to be built up in our faith in Christ. If you don't understand something, please do not hesitate to ask one of the elders. We welcome and appreciate your comments and questions on any issue and especially if you see or hear anything that you feel does not correspond to God's word. We are here to serve; please help us do that.

Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate at the entrance. Thank You

Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM

Bible Classes for All Ages

Auditorium: Ephesians

Young Adult Class (room 17/18)

Assembly: 10:30 AM

Livestream at 10:30 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEmwy2IYxrL7ZUgTiZTVqA>

Speaking today: David Posey

Jesus on... God, the Father

Hebrews class today @ 2 PM at the building

Young People's Class

5 PM Every Sunday

Contact David Posey for information at
(530) 558-5057

The middle school class is held once a month.

Contact Dan Stegall for information at (818)
209-9810

Zoom Class: Mondays @ 7PM:

The character of Moses

Contact Jack Horak @ jshorak98@gmail.com

Wednesday 7 PM @ Building

Bible classes for all ages

Ephesians: Auditorium

Saturday Men's Breakfast

7 AM, second Saturday of the month.
Contact Tyler Wade @ tyler@ppldev.com

Information

Website & Online Presence

Visit our website at www.folsomchurch.com for updates and material on current and past classes, and recorded sermons and classes. You will also find a directory of churches on page one. If you are a member of the church here at Folsom, see one of the deacons or elders to inquire about access to the password-protected members section. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/folsomchurch>

Classes & Home Studies

We have classes for children from 18 months and up on Wednesday night at 7 PM. Please see the map in the hallway or ask any of the members which room is appropriate for you and/or your child. There are several Bible studies in progress on Sunday afternoon and evening. Check with David Posey if you have questions.

Restrooms

There are two sets of restrooms: one off the first hallway to the right of the lobby and another at the end of the first hallway to the left. Ask anyone and they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

For Small Children

There is a special room for nursing mothers and a separate "cry room" at the rear of the auditorium. You enter them from the first hallway to the right, across from the restrooms.

View & Junior View

Be sure to pick up a copy of the View and Junior View; both are sent out weekly to our member list and hard copies are printed on Sundays and available in the foyer.

Prayer Requests & News Items

Send to David Posey at dpaulposey@mac.com
or text at 530-558-5057

Q & A on Authority

Q I find specific authority to use the collection for helping needy saints and supporting preachers, but where is the authority to use such funds for properties (buildings, books, communion service, etc.)?

A If the questioner means to say that we must have specific authority for all we do, he might try finding such for having the building, books, and communion service in the first place.

“Go” authorizes locomotion; it does not “specify” the means of locomotion. In the absence of a limiting specific or prohibitions, “Go” is all the authority we need to walk, ride a mule, swim, fly, or use other means of getting from one place to another. This is what is often called generic, or general, authority. It is not true to say we have “no authority to fly,” although it is certainly true to say we have “no specific authority” to fly. Means of locomotion are inherent in the generic authority to “go.”

Now “go” can only authorize that which is subordinate to this category, i.e., locomotion. It does not, for example, authorize “teach,” for teach is a coordinate; a differing category, and one of equal rank with locomotion. It is illogical to contend that “go” authorizes methods of teaching, caring, or organization — it can only authorize that which is inherent in its meaning, and which is subordinate to or within its bounds. If this is not so, words have no real meaning, and are of no use whatsoever in setting forth the will of God.

But the questioner may have in mind some current contentions regarding the pooled funds of the saints; as if we had to have a specific example of the collecting of funds for every single item for which funds are spent. (I do not know of anyone who has gone this far — yet — but this is the logical end of their contentions.)

When the church in Corinth sent assistance to the needy saints in Jerusalem, we are given information concerning the means by which they put together this fund. (1 Cor. 16:1-f) Some details for pooling a fund and putting it at the disposition of the apostles, is found in Acts 4:34-f. But, as the

questioner acknowledges, the early church supported preachers(see Phil. 4:15), and no specific details are given as to how they brought together this fund. The thing itself is authorized — but authority for making the collection necessary for this is generic. In the absence of specific authority, surely we are not amiss in using the example of 1 Cor. 16: for the bringing together of funds to do whatever the saints are authorized to do collectively.

The saints are authorized to assemble, and subordinate to assembly is a place of assembly. They are authorized to sing — but you may object, “They do not have to use books; they could memorize the songs.” Yes, — if you could find specific authority for memorizing songs. Don’t we see that the principle of generic authority is essential to interpretation and compliance with God’s will? Then let us study and understand the principle, and learn to use it wisely.

— Robert F. Turner

A little old but still good...

WHAT MAKES A GOOD CHURCH?

If all the lazy folks will get up,
And all the sleeping folks will wake up,
And all the discouraged folks will cheer up,
And all the gossiping folks will shut up,
And all the dishonest folks will 'fess up,
And all the estranged folks will make up,
And all the disgusted folks will sweeten up,
And all the lukewarm folks will fire up,
And all the dry bones will shape up,
And all the sanctified folks will show up,
And all the true soldiers will stand up,
Then, and only then, we have a “good” church!
We’re going to wake up, pray up, sing up,
teach up, stay up, and never give up, back up,
or shut up until the cause of Christ is built up.

Men We Support: Peter Mudenda

I was born on the 22nd May 1977, in a small village in Binga, Zimbabwe. My father was a bricklayer and my mother was a house wife. Both my parents were not Christians. I grew up in the village up to the age of 12.. Whilst I was still in the village I was a member of Zionist church. In 1992 I started my high school in Victoria Falls, when I started attending church of Christ services when I was in 3rd high school grade through the influence of my cousins who were already members of an institutional church of Christ. 1994 and 1995 we had missionaries who lived in Victoria Falls and started teaching and training young men to be leaders.



I started part time preaching and teaching in 1996 and 1997. John Scholtz (South African) and Al Payne (one of the elders at the Melrose Drive church in Texas) were my mentors. Mid 1997 Rex Payne, son to Al Payne, supported me full and I started to preach full time and have done so up to now. I was “re-baptized” the same year when I realized my former baptism was not correct. I then started evangelizing in Binga, Victoria Falls and part of Zambia. I had privilege to have studies and working with other preachers from USA such as: Jim Allen, Max Dawson (Dowlen church, TX); Ken Green (Kemper Heights, TN), Bob Buchanon and so on. I developed my knowledge through studies using workbooks and online material from sound preachers.

I got married to Fideria in year 2000, we have two children. Suzi, who will turn 21 on 11 September, is studying degree in nursing. Peter, Jr is 14 doing second grade in high school.

In my experience of preaching, both in Zambia and Zimbabwe, rural and towns I have faced many challenges which are hindrances to the gospel such as culture background, ethnicity differences, illiteracy and limited resources such as Bibles and printer to print more studying material. I have been strengthened by this challenges and it encourages me to put in more effort.

It is so interesting to see people from different backgrounds giving up their African religion and becoming Christians. I have noticed oneness, collective participation and commitment in the Lord's work by those who have little education but are spiritually rich. It is my great pleasure to see saints both old and young to develop to have their own faith in Christ Jesus.

In Zambia, I worked with four congregations but I am no longer frequently going there because they have preachers who are full time in preaching. In Binga, I work with 14 congregations and all have no full time preachers. Men who do preach there are small farmers; that is why I have frequent visits to edify saints and preaching to the lost. In Victoria falls, there is one congregation which I work with.

Most people in rural areas are very poor, they live far less than a dollar a day. I have witnessed children dying due to malnutrition, some dying of hunger, lack of drugs.

Above all, am so thankful to Christ to experience of these challenges and interests so that i can fully give glory to Him.

— Peter Mudenda, “In Christ I am alive”