

# Daily View

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13*

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## News & Updates

Member News: Nell Grogan passed away last week; keep the entire Perkins family in your prayers. Continue to pray for Mirissa Zwahlen; as yet, the doctors have not been able to determine the exact issue that is giving her trouble.

Join us tomorrow at 8:30, 9:30 or 10:30 AM for assemblies at the building. If you are not able to attend, you can livestream at 10:30 AM.

We are studying the Fruit of the Spirit and tomorrow's lesson will be on Patience.

## Surveys

Last month, we sent out a survey to all of the members at the Folsom church and the response was excellent (thank you). In fact, the response was so robust that it's taking some time to tabulate the responses. Not surprisingly, the answers to the questions revealed 4-5 different views on how the pandemic is affecting people in terms of how comfortable (or not) they are in being around others. This has an impact on our assemblies and the in-person classes that we can offer at the building. We are aiming to resume classes for the children as soon as feasible. That's a huge priority of the elders right now and we know it is the same for many of our parents. More to come...

## “Pride in the Outfit, Confidence in the Leadership”

The leaders of the company I worked for years ago were into sports and all of their awards and sales campaigns had sports themes. The Rookie of the Year plaque had a metal baseball player attached; the top performers were called “The Top Eleven” (as in the number of players on a football team); those top sales reps received blazers (as in the Pro Football Hall of Fame); and, the main sales campaign every year took place in March — as in “March Madness.”

I loved working for that company. And because I loved the company, I not only performed well but talked about it and recruited several others to work for the company. At one point, we had more than a dozen Christians working for the company, several of them were men I had recruited.

All of the dozen were hard workers and four were consistently at the top when it came to sales performance. One, an elder in the church, won “Agent of the Year” and began his short speech with *“As the apostle Paul said...”* Even the most secularly-minded people in the company put up with that because there were so many of us who were producing a lot of revenue. The “Decent Dozen” was a force to be reckoned with!

Because of our loyalty and sales performance, we were a strong influence on the firm in several areas of company life, including how they planned conventions and seminars. For example, they made special provisions for “happy hour” since none of us drank alcohol. They also included “family trips” in their contest awards. For several years, the company was a pleasant, family-oriented business that I was highly motivated to work for and I enjoyed those years very much. I doubt if there is a firm on the face of the earth today that

functions — or could function — as that one did, due to political correctness issues (although, some are trying).

There are a couple of spiritual lessons here. If you love the Lord; if you love being a Christian; if you love being a member at the Folsom church, you will not only do your best to “perform well,” you will also enthusiastically “recruit” people to become part of the work here because you love your experience so much. If you don't love it, then you won't.

There's a saying I learned long ago that fits: *“Pride in the outfit, confidence in the leadership.”* When that statement characterizes most employees of a company, the company is in good shape. If not, then there is probably some internal strife, complaining and dissension. It's true in churches, too. If you are enthusiastic about the work we are doing here, then you will talk about it. Evangelism (“zealous advocacy of a cause”) comes as naturally as it did for me when I talked about my experience at Cal-Farm. I wanted others to share the same experience I was enjoying. The biblical principle is found II Timothy 2:2:

“...be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (ESV).

...and Apollos

...added to his native eloquence a burning enthusiasm to teach about Jesus. (Acts 18:25, *The Voice*)

Paul, full of zeal himself, said,

Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord. (Romans 12:11, *The Voice*).

If you love it here, let it show.

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