

“...Having the eyes of your heart enlightened...” *Ephesians 1:18*

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 five 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. Thank You

Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM – Classes

Auditorium: Deuteronomy

Room 13/14: Esther

10:30 AM – Assembly

Speaking today: David Posey

Solomon's Journey: "Don't Waste Your Life"

2 PM Class at the Building

Room 13/14

Minor Prophets

5 PM (building)

Fruit of the Spirit

Weekly Young Adults Class

This week: 5 PM @ Trey & Angie Cain's

Tuesday, 10 AM

Ephesians: "Rich Kids"

Wednesday, 7 PM

Auditorium: Deuteronomy

Room 13/14: Esther

Singing at the Folsom Care Center

3rd Sunday each month at 3:15 PM (see Grant Mulligan)

Men's Saturday Morning Meeting

7 AM, second Saturday of the month (see Tyler Wade)

Information

Children's Classes

We have classes for children from 18 months and up. 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.

Online

You can find copies of class material and archives of previous editions of the View and listen to sermons online at www.folsomchurch.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/folsomchurch>

View & Junior View

Be sure to pick up a copy of the View and Junior View; both are sent out weekly, plus there are some hard copies printed on Sundays and available in the foyer.

“The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”

Matthew 12:42

Remnants

BY DAVID POSEY

When we lived in southern California in 1988 to 1994, we discovered, to my delight, the Los Angeles Fashion District. I've always liked to wear suits, and in that district we found store after store full of high quality suits at unbelievably low prices. We would even take visiting preachers there, and they would stock up. But, at some point in our travels there, Christie discovered the fabric district that was located a couple of blocks over from the fashion district (there is also a toy district, a floral district and a jewelry district in the area).

Bottom line: I haven't been to one of the men's suits stores in years, but I have spent my share of time in fabric stores. When I hear "bolt" today, I don't think of "nuts and bolts"; I think of a whole bunch of material wound on a cardboard holder. I also know what "remnants" are. In the past, when I heard that word, I would immediately think of the Jewish remnant mentioned in scripture (e.g., at Romans 9:27 or 11:5). Now, my first thought is about little scraps of fabric usually found in tubs in the store.

I have my own "remnants" in another form: notes, quotes, aphorisms, maxims and stories scattered all over my office on actual paper and on my computer in various places. I'll share them in this section on those weeks when we don't choose to publish a full-length article.

"Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." *Proverbs 9:6*

Automaker Henry Ford asked electrical genius Charlie Steinmetz to build the generators for his factory. One day the generators ground to a halt, and the repairmen couldn't find the problem. So Ford called Steinmetz, who tinkered with the machines for a few hours and then threw the switch. The generators whirred to life. Ford got a bill for \$10,000 from Steinmetz.

Astonished, the rather tightfisted car maker asked why the bill was so high. *Steinmetz's reply: For tinkering with the generators, \$10.*

*For knowing where to tinker, \$9,990.
Ford paid the bill.*

Our Approach Matters

Paul says, in Galatians 6:1, "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness." I Peter 3:15 says, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

Gentleness.

A dog owner was trying to force-feed his dog some cod liver oil. The dog was resisting with every ounce of his being. As the "fight" continued, some of the oil spilled on the floor and the dog eagerly lapped it up.

*It wasn't the medicine the dog was rejecting,
but the delivery.*

Public Service Announcement: Temperature Control

Fill out your temperature preference in the form below and give to one of the deacons. We will average the preferences and adjust the temperature accordingly.*

My Temperature preference ____°

*Just in case: yes this is tongue-in-cheek

The Enslaving Power of Sin

"They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved." II Peter 2:19

A boy visiting his grandparents was given a slingshot. Since he had never had a slingshot before he went into the woods to practice. He shot at branches, boulders, and birds, but he never came close.

Discouraged by his lack of accuracy, the young boy returned to his grandparents. As he entered the back yard, he spied grandma's pet duck. He took aim and let it fly. The stone struck, and the duck fell dead. The boy panicked. Quickly he hid the dead duck in the woods beyond his grandfather's woodpile.

As he returned to the back yard, thinking he had hidden his crime, he looked up at the porch. There was his sister Sally. The grin on her face told she had seen the whole thing. As the boy came on the porch, his sister said nothing. She only gave him that all-knowing grin.

After lunch, Grandma asked Sally to help with the dishes, but Sally said, "Johnny told me he wanted to do them." She gave Johnny that grin again. So Johnny did the dishes.

Later, Grandpa asked the grandkids if they wanted to go fishing. Grandma replied that it was Sally's turn to help with supper and she could not go. Sally with that grin looked at Johnny and said, "Johnny told me he wanted to help with supper." Johnny stayed and Sally went fishing.

After several days of doing both his and Sally's chores, Johnny could no longer take it. He went to his grandmother and confessed to killing her duck. "I know," his grandmother said. Giving Johnny a hug, she continued, "I saw the whole thing through the window. I was wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

How many of us allow Satan to make a slave of us simply because we are too proud to confess our sins to one another (if necessary) and to God?

Oldies

Top 10 Ways to Tell if You Were Raised in a church of Christ

1. You know the 1st, 2nd, and 4th verses to nearly every song in the book.
2. You were 18 years old before you knew that "guideguardanddirectus" was not one word.
3. You've ever wondered what would happen if the preacher did not have a "ready recollection of the things that he studied."
4. You can't lead at the Lord's Supper table without stating that "separate and apart from the Lord's Supper we will now give as we have prospered."
5. You ever wondered who "Ebon Pinion" was.
6. You have never been to a revival, but have attended lots of "Gospel Meetings."
7. You plan to be back at the church building "at the next appointed time."
8. You don't think of people as going home, but to their "places of abode," the sick as on "beds of affliction," and those on vacation on "roads of travel."
9. You've never "joined a church," but have "placed membership" with a congregation.
10. You stay out of "sanctuaries," but spend a lot of time in auditoriums.

THE CULTURE COLUMN

From Culture Translator

Roo

What is it: On Thursday, Planned Parenthood launched their new chatbot Roo, which seeks to “get young people personalized answers to their questions on topics that are often stigmatized.”

Why it’s revealing: The chatbot is “meant to help Planned Parenthood give information to hard-to-reach audiences like teenagers who don’t receive sex education or are receiving abstinence-only education.” This exposes two possibilities: 1. In our efforts to encourage a Christian view of sex, we’ve neglected actually teaching teens about what’s happening to their bodies. 2. For whatever reason, teens are afraid of or unwilling to ask parents their burning questions about sexuality. And while it’s smart to keep kids from getting sexual advice from who knows who on the internet, we parents should make our kids feel safe enough to come to *us*, not a chatbot, with their questions—no matter how uncomfortable.

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Meme & Theme

What it is: Teens and tweens, particularly girls, are curating Instagram accounts that merge aesthetics and memes into one.

Why it’s more than just images: Taking advantage of Insta’s carousel, the accounts look like mood boards at first glance. But swiping left reveals a bunch of memes underneath, offering not just protection from prying eyes, but also the ability to more fully express themselves: “The theme is like the outside of me, then the memes [are] my inside self,” said [16-year-old] Esther. Users also admit that it’s “ultimately just ‘a way to get closer to people.’” Social media appeals to all of us where we are most vulnerable: in our ongoing search for identity and significance. Every teen is asking these very normal, first-half-of-life questions: Who am I? What makes me special? Does anyone notice me? If you can help them find answers through Scripture, they have an incredible opportunity to let go of their over-dominant ego and embrace this paradox of identity: We’re all both incredibly ordinary and eternally significant.

Celebrity Status

What’s the difference between a celebrity and an everyday, average person? What would your teens say if you asked them that question?

Anne Hathaway reminded us recently of something very important. She demonstrated that there is only one consistent difference between celebs and non-celebs that matters, and it’s not looks, talent, intelligence, success, athleticism, money, youth, or even experience. It’s influence.

That’s it. Sure, some become celebrities for their talent or athleticism or intelligence; but there are also those who aren’t very talented or athletic or smart who still become famous. So the only thing they all have in common is their influence.

So why do we treat them as if they have all the answers, as if, by achieving fame and success, they now are privy to the secrets of the universe?

Not only did Hathaway demonstrate how ridiculous that can be, we also saw how celebrities can quickly jump to conclusions and use their influence to promote a narrative that they actually have no idea is true (nor even have expertise in) with the Covington Catholic student

debacle. And we’re passing this blind belief in celebrities to the next generation.

For example, what qualifies Kim Kardashian to give fitness advice? Apparently the fact that she’s famous and has a coveted physique—not that she’s studied it or is certified or has won competitions or any of the usual qualifications we expect. And how is that working? She promotes “fit teas” (basically laxatives) and “appetite suppressant lollipops” thus reinforcing negative eating habits and narrow body ideals. Yet somehow she has 125 million Instagram followers and gets paid over and over to promote products. Why? Because people—especially young girls—listen to her.

We could offer *many* more examples of celebrities being given more credit than they’ve earned simply because they’re famous (e.g. Steph Curry or Chance the Rapper considered good Christian role models; Leo DiCaprio regarded as a good source of knowledge on climate change). And *we’re all guilty of it*. But when we do so, we risk our views simply mimicking others, rather than being things we’ve carefully considered, researched, and curated for ourselves. It says a lot about the health of our culture when we’d rather take advice from a star than a teacher, scientist, or tenured professor (or, more to the point, *from God’s word! dp*).

Ask your teens which celebs they look up to and why. Ask what advice they think they should take from them. Why? What qualifies them? By doing so, you’ll get them thinking more deeply about how they regard their celebs and what influence they allow them to have in their lives.