

# View

*"...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

*"Love in Work Clothes" (John 13)*

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 @ David & Christie Posey'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](http://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.

**"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."**

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

# Remnants

BY DAVID POSEY

## The Notorious New York Abortion Law

*"You shall not murder"*<sup>1</sup> (Exodus 20:13)

Last week, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a controversial law that allows women in the state to have an abortion up to the moment of birth. Understandably, this has caused an outcry from those who are pro-life. Even Hillsong's preacher (and Justin Bieber mentor) Carl Lentz, who has been criticized in the past for not being more vocally pro-life is speaking out with passion. He wrote to his 600,000 Instagram followers, "Laws like this say unless you have a voice, if somebody deems you 'viable/non viable' you have no protection. Psalm 139 tells us otherwise. I have hope still that God will help us raise our collective voices, to challenge this law. This cannot stand."

My view of this barbaric law is that it's simply an extinction of the "culture of death" that characterizes the "ruling class"—progressive politicians who continue to cast common sense morality aside in favor of projects and ideas that benefit some special interest group (in this case, radical feminism).

In reality, as repugnant as this law is, it is no more repugnant than the act of abortion itself, regardless of the timing of it. There is a lot of talk about the moment at which a baby in the womb can feel pain... let that sink in. If you have to think about when a baby in a womb — *a baby!!* — can feel pain, something is desperately wrong with the conversation. This law is so extreme, it even ignores that.

Abortion — the deliberate termination of a pregnancy — is premeditated murder. Abortion at any stage of pregnancy is the killing of a human being. Lentz referred to Psalm 139 above; here's what he is referring to:

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. *Psalm 139:13-14*

And, regardless of what you think of Donald Trump, what he said in his recent state of the union address bears repeating,

Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children—born and unborn—are made in the holy image of God."

*dp*

<sup>1</sup>The Hebrew word also covers causing death through carelessness or negligence.

## What Happened to the Third Commandment?

*"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."* (Exodus 20:7).

"Vain" means "having no meaning." We know that those who use God's name as an expletive are committing an obvious sin. But more often we hear it as an exclamation equivalent to "wow!" (in the oft-heard "OMG" expression). We know that, too, is a "vain" use of his name and it puts our souls in jeopardy.

Additionally, it is at least arguable that we violate the tenor of this command when we insert God's name into conversations without giving it much thought. For example, if people who are in the habit of saying "praise God" all the time are not *actually* praising God — isn't that using God's name in vain?

And how about when we say that God *will* (future tense) do this or do that about something. We hear during elections: "God is in control." If that means "it doesn't matter who wins because God is still ruling in heaven," fine. But if it means "God will control the outcome of the election" then how is that not using the Lord's name in vain? *dp*

## Will they notice that you've left?

There are lots of ways to be noticed.

You can be loud. Argumentative.

You can be sour, difficult, a bit of a diva.

You can take umbrage at every opportunity, crack jokes at the expense of others, or merely scowl.

You can use hyperbole, drama and shame to get your way.

You can spam people, yell a lot, interrupt our day.

You can create a scene, engage in a scandal and bully others.

Your brand or your personality can be the one that we'd all prefer never to hear from again soon.

**Or..**

You could be the one we'd miss if you were gone.

It takes quite a bit of emotional labor to pull this off.

Consistent effort to contribute, to see possibility and to be patient.

If it were the easiest or most direct path to a short-term goal, everyone would do it.

Because we live in a world now based on connection and trust,

because we work with our ideas and our emotions instead of our muscles, because our reputation is what we have to offer, the effort is probably worth it.

— SETH GODIN

# THE CULTURE COLUMN

From Culture Translator\*

## Conversations with a Killer

**What is it:** Netflix's new documentary on serial killer Ted Bundy.

**Why it's really disturbing:** Even though he was executed in 1989, Bundy's "charismatic" and "handsome" persona are still dangerous, especially for younger viewers who might largely be unaware of the gruesome reality of his crimes. The series runs the risk of turning Bundy into a sympathetic antihero, glossing over his crimes against humanity. The special called *Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes* is this week's streaming favorite. Fueling renewed interest in Bundy is a soon-to-be-released biopic starring Zac Efron (yes, *High School Musical's* Zac Efron). So with all this attention toward the darker sides of life, what's prompting our society's interest in the macabre? What does it say about our culture that we'd rather be voyeurs of serial murder than to think on, and view the good, beautiful, and the true?

## Oops

Ariana Grande's newest inking became a meme this week for an embarrassing reason. While she meant for her tattoo to commemorate her newest album, *7 Rings*, an unfortunate mix-up resulted in a tattoo of a symbol that translates to "BBQ grill." It's funny (for us, maybe not for her) and also an easy way into a conversation about self-expression and the importance of honoring our bodies.

## Music

Have you heard of Maggie Rogers yet? She first made headlines in 2016 when a video of her playing her song "Alaska" in a music class for Pharrell went viral. Since then, she's become a cult favorite, especially amongst teens and the college crowd. Her first full-length album, *Heard It in a Past Life*, dropped on January 19, and it hit #1 on the Billboard 200 nearly immediately.

Rogers' new single "Light On" is lyrically strong, addictive to listen to, and even advocates a healthy perspective on breakups. She hints on social media at a deep spiritual awareness and describes herself as a "witchy, feminist rockstar." More Joni Mitchell than Taylor Swift, Rogers might seem like a role model for your creatively inclined teen. If that's the case, ask questions that point to the moving target of success and the pressures of young fame, as well as why young people may not always be the best place to look for wisdom and advice. *[Then again, check out the next column — dp]*

## The Biebers

When adults deny that what celebrities believe and do doesn't have an impact on young people who look up to them, it just proves they are out of touch. An article in this space on July 1, 2018, about Chris Pratt's faith in God got a lot of mileage and served as a talking point for families and some of our classes. The reason for that is because we tend to think of all celebrities as spoiled, Godless brats, so when someone in pop culture steps up and declares for God, we notice because it's so unusual.

Enter Justin and Hailey Bieber, newlyweds who... *wait for it...* go to church together and are centering their marriage in God. A recent interview reveals a "new" Justin Bieber who talks about his new marriage and the things that motivated his turn from drugs and promiscuity. The following is an excerpt from an article on the Federalist website, authored by Holly Scheer.

Stop the presses and mark your calendars, because this doesn't happen too often. Justin Bieber—yes, that Justin Bieber—and Hailey (of the Baldwin family) are right. Not only are they right, but they're right on a rather unexpected set of subjects: abstinence, faith, and marriage.

If you're reeling right now, don't worry, because you're not alone. Looking to the Bieb for marriage advice might seem bizarre, backwards, misguided. It wasn't that long ago that headlines around him were centered not around a quiet marital life but trashed hotel rooms, excess of the most vile sorts... What possibly could there be to learn from a child star turned pop icon, known as much for shenanigans as any actual talent?

Justin Bieber is not yet 25, and his new bride Hailey is a mere 22. In a day and age when the average marriage age is the highest it's ever been—29.5 years old for men and 27.4 years old for women—their decision to get hitched in their early 20s is countercultural. It's also refreshing, and exactly what their fans and this generation need to see...

...their future together included something that will probably shock a lot of fans, and others who know Bieber by his lengthy reputation—abstinence. Justin says that in the past he had "a legitimate problem with sex" and had been celibate for over a year prior to reconnecting with Hailey. Speculations that they rushed into marriage because of pregnancy couldn't have been further from the truth, because they chose to wait for marriage to have sex. Justin had decided, he explained, that celibacy would bring him closer to God:

"He doesn't ask us not to have sex for him because he wants rules and stuff. He's like, I'm trying to protect you from hurt and pain. I think sex can cause a lot of pain. Sometimes people have sex because they don't feel good enough. Because they lack self-worth. Women do that, and guys do that. I wanted to rededicate myself to God in that way because I really felt it was better for the condition of my soul."

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