

"...having the eyes of your heart enlightened..." Ephesians 1:18

Teacher training program: coming this summer!

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: Authority

Room 13/14: Parenting

10:30 AM – Assembly

Speaking today: Zach McGinnis

2 PM Class at the Building

Room 13/14

Minor Prophets

5 PM (building)

Fruit of the Spirit

Weekly Young Adults Class

Tonight at the Posey's: 5 PM

Tuesday, 10 AM

No class: will resume in the fall

Wednesday, 7 PM

Auditorium: Authority

Room 13/14: Parenting

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.

Disclaimer

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“Taken for Granted”

To be “taken for granted” means to expect someone to be always available to serve in some way, but without thanks or recognition. You may be an exception, but most of us have a problem of taking people who are close to us for granted. The irony is that the better the person is at what he or she does, the more we take them for granted.

Wouldn't you agree that mothers lead the list of those we take for granted? If we have a really good mother, you probably don't think about her all that much — you expect her to always be available to serve. If your mother has passed on, you probably find yourself thinking of her much more often.

Forgive the personal reference but I only have one reference point. Like you, I had but one mother (see poem on page 3). My mother — named “Evangeline,” after a poem written by William Wordsworth Longfellow — passed away in 1997, 22 years ago on May 2nd. I can't say that I think of her every single day, but I think of her several times a week. Sometimes it's because I use one of her pet phrases like “can't never did anything” or recall her almost daily driving instructions. The odd thing is, she never drove a car (she had an accident while learning so she stopped and never went back to learn), but she was still full of advice about how to drive. However, she always started her instruction by referring to experts: “you know, professional drivers [do this or that]....” The thing is, I remember almost all of that advice. So, she, being dead, still speaks.

Of course, most of my memories of my mother are more sentimental. I realize how much she loved me and did things for me and helped me. It was constant, without ever complaining. *Seriously*, I never heard her complain about anything that could be placed under the heading of “parenting.” She served quietly, with grace and love. I feel she is one of the best examples of the woman described in I Peter 3:4:

“...let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.”

I'm not just saying that because she's gone; I'm saying it because it's the one verse in the Bible that reminds me most of the kind of person she was. She had some, but not nearly all the characteristics of the famous Proverbs 31 wife and mother. Not once, as far as I know, did she consider a field, let alone buy it. And she didn't bring her food from afar —

mostly, it came from the Alpha Beta down the street. And, I guess we were poor, because we were never “clothed in scarlet.”

But several of the statements fit her perfectly and, for sure, all of her four children still “rise up and call her blessed.” My father, likewise, never failed to “praise her.” Smart husbands learn, sooner rather than later, not to take their wives for granted. But the kids take awhile to get it, and even adult kids tend to take the best moms for granted. It comes back to that point at the beginning: she makes it look so easy, serving without complaint, that we forget how much work goes into being a good mother (you learn that when you become a parent).

There's another perspective we need to consider. Taking anyone for granted is not a loving thing to do. However, every student of Jesus knows that *being taken for granted* comes with the territory. Remember what Jesus said in that famous section in the Sermon

on the Mount:

“...if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.” *Matthew 5:40-42*

“I hate being taken for granted” is probably not something a Christian should ever say — or even think. There are a lot of rude people in the world. Gratitude is not a given these days and you'll be miserable if you expect the majority of people to show it. You can't expect your kids, especially when they are young, to say, when they see you, “thank you mom.” In fact savvy parents will suspect that they are up to no good if they go around saying that.

So...if you're a parent, expect to be taken for granted; that's not all bad. You're probably doing something right, serving without grumbling.

Meanwhile, the law tells us to “honor your mother and your father...” When this first appeared, in a patriarchal society, it may have sounded strange for the mother to be mentioned in the same breath with the father.

But God knows how important our mothers are. Today, a national day of recognition is set aside for our mothers. Let's not allow that to be the only day of the year that you show your mother how much you love and respect her.

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THE CULTURE COLUMN

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Technology

Devices

Is your teen still using Facebook? Did they even have an account to begin with? The former reigning supergiant of social media is taking some strident measures trying to reclaim the throne. This week, Zuckerberg & Co. announced a feature called “Secret Crush,” where users are able to choose eight “crushes” from their existing friends list. If one of the people chosen also chooses you as their crush, the jig is up and the crush is mutually revealed to both users. A social network infamous for failing to protect users from hackers, scammers, and their own worst tendencies gets into the online dating game. What could go wrong.

Also on the docket of Facebook news, Facebook’s “Portal” device was reviewed by the BuzzFeed Newsroom, and the results were not good for Facebook. The Portal has fun filters, like Snapchat and Instagram, and feels intuitive and carefree for the user. Despite assurances that the Portal encrypts its data and won’t spy on you during moments when you aren’t aware, members of the BuzzFeed staff were creeped out by the device’s presence -- in fact, they asked the reporter who was reviewing it to remove it from all public spaces. Facebook’s not going away just yet, but if the millennial and Gen Z demographic feel this way about their pet project, they may never regain the power they once held.

Pop Culture

Social Media

This week in teens eating poison: A YouTube vlogger named Eve Donnelly has taken the ASMR trend to the next level with an experimental art video where she ingests poisonous substances like rocks, glass, and deodorant. She calls this “KMS” (an acronym for Kill Myself) ASMR. The ASMR trend refers to videos that gently stimulate and soothe your nerves, and many anxiety-prone Gen Z’ers enjoy watching them. Try asking your teen about why so many members of their generation seem intent on these “challenges” that involve self-harm.

Trending/Memes

You might have heard your teen and their friends exchanging the phrase, “I’m baby.” *New York Magazine* is writing about it now, so we can only assume this slang term was in vogue with Gen Z approximately 4 months ago and everyone else is

Only One Mother

by George Cooper

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather.
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over.

just now catching on. While “I’m baby” sounds vaguely sexual and, to be honest, a little bit weird, this explainer assures us that it’s just a silly, innocent way of saying, “I’m the cute one.”

7. Game reviewer and comic vlogger PewDiePie has had enough of the “Subscribe to PewDiePie” meme campaign being co-opted by white supremacists. In a sincere appeal to followers, he was uncharacteristically direct as he asked his 95 million (mostly Gen Z!) subscribers to stop the meme, which has now been co-opted by both the Christchurch, NZ mosque shooter and the synagogue shooter in California. The meme was supposed to be a joke in good fun, but became a rallying cry for racist and violent posters in message boards to share with one another. In this instance, it looks like an influencer is at least trying to do the right thing.

Teen Culture

Latest Statistics

9. For many students, working on a video game like Fortnite might sound like the dream occupation. But making games for a living -- especially the biggest video game of all time -- isn’t exactly the gig they might envision. Staff at Epic Games, who produce Fortnite, report work weeks that last from 70 to 100 hours long. These employees experience “crunch” periods, during which they are cranking out brand new content almost daily, for weeks or even months. And since so many people want these jobs, it is easy for workers to feel less than valued. If your teen is interested in working in the game industry, talk to them about their expectations, the competition, and the difficulties they might anticipate.