

June 27, 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
Bible Classes for All Ages

9:30 AM

Assembly

10:30 AM

Livestream at 10:30 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEmwy2lYxrl7ZUgTiZTVqA>

Speaking today: David Posey

Who Are We?

Selections from the book of Revelation

Young People's Classes Today

High School & Up: 5 PM Every Sunday
Contact David Posey for information at
(530) 558-5057

The middle school class is now be held on a monthly basis, instead of weekly. Contact Dan Stegall for information at (818) 209-9810

Weekly Classes

Zoom Class: Mondays @ 7PM

The character of Moses

Contact Jack Horak @ jshorak98@gmail.com

Wednesday 7 PM @ Building

The Attributes of God

Various Speakers

Saturday Men's Breakfast

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

Additional Classes

There are some smaller classes in progress.
If you are interested in participating in any of them,
please contact David Posey

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

Camp

BY DAVID POSEY

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.”

Colossians 3:17

Step back in time for a moment. There’s a place where there are no cell phones, no social media, no TV, no Netflix, no video games. You are sleeping in a barracks with no indoor plumbing; restrooms and showers are outside. There are three good meals a day, but you have no say over the menu and you must eat whatever is set before you. There no access to fast food of any kind although there *is*, at limited times, access to a “snack shack,” which features soft drinks, ice cream, root beer floats, a very popular “iced” drink, lots of chocolate and other candy — but you have to spend wisely because you’re on a strict budget and when the money runs out you’re out of luck (unless you have a very generous friend — and, it turns out, there are a lot of them at camp).

You cannot leave this place for the duration of the stay. There is, however, an organized, supervised trek out to a beautiful lake location a couple of times a week and a half day of horseback riding. There are also some outdoor activities that, at most, require a ball and a net, often not even that (OK, sometimes, some “flour bombs,” a strange combination of flour and old hosiery. Ask your fourth-grader). There are some team-building competitive games, to keep things interesting and an entertaining group of five talented young men and women from Florida College,

“It’s all about Jesus, you know; and helping others is about the most Jesus-like thing one can do.”

On the last full day of camp, instead of Bible classes, there is a “Bible Bowl,” complete with buzzers so the eight contestants can “buzz in” to answer a Bible question. The questions range from fairly easy to fairly difficult but there are a lot of kids who are fast on the buzzer. And you would be amazed at what our kids know.

When asked, “why did Jesus weep before raising Lazarus from the dead,” one of our young men (still in middle school) said, “*because he had to bring his friend back from paradise and that made him sad.*” Whew, that’s rich! (And, for what it’s worth, I agree 100%). And I heard many reports of campers talking among themselves in their cabins about issues raised by the teacher in the Bible class.



Vivian Mowrer talking with Harli Krabbe, first-time camper.



Roy Mason, FC Friend, visiting with a first-time camper.

called the FC Friends who keep the campers entertained.

The main feature of the camp is a focus on a specific biblical theme. This year the theme was “*It’s All About Jesus*” and the main text was Colossians 3:1-17. There are morning and evening devotions — singing, prayer, scripture reading and a short lesson on the theme — led by 11-12th grade boys. There are two 35 minute Bible classes each day and three times during the week one of the male counselors gives a short talk on the theme.

Again, *no phone, no Chick-fil-A, strict boundaries, and lots of Bible talk* but the vast majority of kids who come to camp LOVE it and cannot wait to come back. It takes a lot of work by about 40 volunteers to put it all together and keep it running smoothly. Angie Cain and Matt Dickey are the directors and they do an excellent job and they would be the first to tell you how important their “staff” is.

That’s camp, but that’s not all. I’ve pulled a couple of photos out of the hundreds I took, not counting the hundreds of photos and videos taken by the staff (we “get” to keep our phones, although few of us have cell service). The photos here, I feel, represent one of the “hidden” beauties of the camp. It is not uncommon for older campers (and, of course, staff) to take time to talk to and encourage, a younger or new camper. There are always several first-time campers and some get a little homesick. Everyone goes out of their way to help smooth the path for these little ones.

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Culture Corner

“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”
Romans 12:2

A Pop Star LGBTQ+ Faux Pas

Billie Eilish took heat a couple of weeks for her music video for her new single, “Lost Cause.” Critics accused Eilish of “queer-baiting,” hinting at an interest in same-sex relationships as a cynical ploy to attract interest from the LGBTQ+ community.

The “Lost Cause” video, directed by Billie herself, showed Eilish as many fans had not seen her before; happily frolicking around at a slumber party with lots of female friends. They’re doing slumber party things like Tik Tok dances and group selfies. They’re also playing Twister and snuggling, not wearing the most modest attire. The video contrasts water guns, popcorn and innocence with what could be interpreted as flirtation and same-sex attraction (or, at least, curiosity). #youlikegirls started trending, as Eilish’s younger fans wondered what they were supposed to make of her more explicitly sexual makeover. During Pride month, when issues around same-sex attraction are already at the forefront of so many young minds, these conversations are as important as ever. Check out our [Parent’s Guide to LGBTQ+ and Your Teen](#) for help framing these conversations.

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[dp —I read over the *Parent’s Guide*, referred to above and feel it would be worthwhile for parents to read. Toward the end, it gets to this]:

What the Bible says

The Bible clearly defines what both ancient Israel and the early church believed about godly sexuality. The only kind of romantic relationship either ever endorses ... is that between one man and one woman, beginning with God’s institution of marriage in Genesis 1 and 2. It’s true that ancient Israel practiced polygamy for a time in the Old Testament, but it’s evident that this position was never part of God’s plan, and both the Old Testament and New Testament never portray polygamy as something positive.

What are some practical things I can do?

When asked a question about marriage in Matthew 19, Jesus refers to Genesis 1 and 2 as a basis for His answer. Paul gives us an even deeper understanding of marriage in Ephesians 5, when he reveals “a profound mystery,” i.e., that marriage is a unique picture of Christ’s relationship with the Church. Christ is the masculine archetype and the church is the feminine archetype that individual men and women model in imperfect ways. These archetypes do not disappear in the new heavens and the new earth, but rather are culminated in the marriage supper of the lamb, when Christ finally weds the bride He died to redeem. Our sexuality matters because God is its creator (and so has the right to define what it is). But it also matters because, as Dr. Slattery says, our “sexuality is a living metaphor of God’s

covenant love.” It follows that if we abuse our sexuality, we are living out a lie about God’s love, who He is, and how we relate to Him.

And this...

Obviously, the fact that Jesus loved sinners does not mean that He compromised holiness. Jesus showed love and respect to the woman at the well in John 4 and was far more open with her about who He was than He was with the hypocritical Pharisees. But He also confronted her about her sin so that she could experience true life and flourishing. He is the example we should follow:

In Other Cultural News

New “Gospel” Album (Amazon)

Freedom. [Explicit] by Justin Bieber

Wait, what?

There’s apparently a huge disconnect between the use of profanity and calling oneself a “Christian.” Here’s how the album is described on one faith-based website:

“[Justin Bieber’s] Easter release *Freedom* boasts gospel centered lyrics like “On the third day...you rose up...And you beat death once and for all...Once and for all... There’s nobody like You...Sometimes this world is feeling crazy...At times my mind is feeling hazy...But, Lord, You always come and save me...God Almighty, my safety... You’re my end, you’re my new beginning... You’re my home, the One I confide in... You’re the very air I breathe...The reason that I sing,” from the song *Where you Go I Follow*.

And yet...

The new EP comes with some questionable lyric choices, causing it to be labeled “explicit” and reminiscent of his newly released album from a few weeks ago titled *Justice*. That album features his #1 song *Peaches*, which is an ode to his wife Hailey but uses explicit words throughout.

Some of the things we took for granted years ago, are embraced by Christians today, without question. Never in my life was cursing, vulgarity and profanity acceptable for a Christian in any context and were considered condemning sins if not repented of. Yet, now a famous singer can use them in an album that one website, “Eternity,” bills as “FULL OF PRAYERS, PRAISE AND GOSPEL LYRICS” but never mentions the explicit lyrics.

I see why one young man recently asked if the Bible condemns “explicit language.” I’ll let you be the judge:

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

Ephesians 4:29

“But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.”

Colossians 3:8

“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak...”

Matthew 12:36