

August 1, 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

Auditorium: Ephesians

David Posey

Assembly

10:30 AM

Livestream at 10:30 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLEmwy2lYxrl7ZUgIiZTVqA>

Speaking today: David Posey

"Let no one despise your youth"

Hebrews Class at the Building Starts Today @ 2 PM

Young People's Class

5 PM Every Sunday

Contact David Posey for information at (530) 558-5057

The middle school class is held once a month. 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

Ephesians

Saturday Men's Breakfast

7 AM, second Saturday of the month

Contact Tyler Wade @ tyler@ppldev.com

Additional Classes

There are some home studies 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

Some Random Advice on Parenting

VARIOUS SOURCES

Proverbs on Parenting

- **Proverbs 13:24** He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
- **Proverbs 22:15** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
- **Proverbs 23:13** Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.
- **Proverbs 23:14** You shall strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol.
- **Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

The New Testament on Parenting & Discipline

Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; Hebrews 12:5-11

Have you ever seen a “do everything” parent in action?

You know the type. They do everything for their children: clean their rooms, put toothpaste on their toothbrush, they even do their children’s homework! Now helping our children is fine when they’re little, but if we don’t let them do things for themselves they’ll never learn responsibility or develop the confidence that comes with trying – and failing – on their own. So if you’re a “do everything” mom or dad, pull back. It might be hard at first, because your kids are used to relying on you for everything. But believe me, doing less is really doing more.

Are your kids over-booked and over-scheduled?

Kids these days are busy. I mean really busy. It’s not unusual to have a child in a soccer league, an art course, and a language class all at the same time. Well, the intention might be noble, but in the new book, *The Irreducible Needs of Children*, the two authors say that’s just too much. They say children need time just hanging out with their parents doing unorganized things, like throwing the ball around the backyard or going for a walk. So let your child choose one outside activity and make sure he has time to enjoy the carefree days of childhood.

A new book says America’s in the middle of a parenting “crisis.”

In *The Irreducible Needs of Children*, the authors say parents are not giving their children adequate support and nurturing. They especially point out the needs of infants and toddlers. They say unless it’s absolutely necessary, parents should not put their young kids in full-time daycare – that’s 30 hours or more a week. Yes, some parents have no choice, but if you do, they want you to know this: in their words, “Babies learn best from nurturing interactions with their mommies and daddies.”

Would you like a lesson with that hamburger and fries?

If you’re a parent on the go, I’m sure you’re familiar with fast food drive-thrus: you know the drill – you pull up to the window and place your order. Then the person at the other end repeats it back to you – a

hamburger, shake and fries – to make sure they got it right. Now, that’s actually a great way to communicate with our kids. It works the same way: when you make a point or ask your child to do something, have them repeat it back to you just like they do at the drive-thru. And faster than you can say “French fry,” you have an easy way to make sure they heard and understood your request.

What kind of dad are you?

O.K. – imagine you’re at All Pro Dad Football Camp waiting to find out your assignment. Are you a bench warmer, blocker, tackler, or quarterback? The benchwarmer dad watches his kids’ from the sidelines. The blocker throws up barriers of criticism or discouragement. Tackler dads hang onto their kids so tightly, that they can’t move forward in life. Finally, there’s the quarterback... he’s the one connecting with his kids. That’s his parenting goal. Sometimes it’s the handoff, other times it’s the long pass in the clutch. So dad, are you playing the right position? If not, maybe it’s time for a change.

Are your kids getting too many leftovers?

I’m not talking about the turkey and dressing sitting in your fridge - left over from Thanksgiving. I’m talking about your time. You do the math. Right now, think about all of the things that go into your day...rushing to get ready in the morning, going to work, cleaning the house, cooking dinner, chores in the evening, watching TV. Now, add up how much time you really spend interacting with your kids. What’s the grand total? Are your children getting your freshest and best, or your leftovers?

Do your kids know fire safety?

You’ve got your smoke alarms up and you’ve practiced your escape route – great. Now it’s time to talk to your kids – even your young ones – about what they should do if their clothes catch on fire. The lesson can be a simple one, if you teach them the saying, “stop, drop and roll.” It works like this: Stop where you are – don’t run. Drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll to smother the flames. Have them repeat the saying, then get the entire family involved by practicing your stop, drop and roll.

“Daddy, what did you bring me?”

If you travel a lot on business, it’s important to let your kids know where you are and that you’re thinking about them. Before you leave, give them a short geography lesson – pull out a map and show them your destination. And sure, you need to call or e-mail them while you’re away. But it’s also a good idea to bring them home a gift. And guess what – it doesn’t have to cost you a dime. You could bring them one of those little bottles of shampoo from your hotel room. Or maybe it’s a historical trinket or a piece of nature – an unusual looking rock, sand from the beach or an autumn leaf. Just another way to...

VBS Evidence: No Contradictions

The VBS evidence room this year focused on historical and archaeological evidence that supports the historicity of Acts, specifically Paul's conversion and missionary journeys. For historical evidence, we shared the importance of corroboration among people, places, and dates. Additionally, we looked at the absence of contradictions in Acts. Specifically, we looked at an alleged contradiction between Acts 9 and 22 and showed how the passages do not contradict each other.

Paul's Conversion: A Contradiction?

Acts 9:6-7 (NKJV)

Paul said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

And the men who journeyed with Paul stood speechless, **hearing a voice** but saw no one.

Acts 22:8-9 (NKJV)

So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

And the men who were with me saw the light and were afraid, but they did **not hear the voice** of Him who spoke to me.

Two things are going on that are not obvious:

1. The Greek word for voice can mean **sound** (on the left) or **voice** (on the right). For example:
 - Rev. 1:15 – "...his voice (PHŌNĀ) was like the sound (PHŌNĀ) of rushing waters." The Greek word for voice, PHŌNĀ, is the same word for sound.
2. The Greek word for hear (AKOULO) can mean **hear** (on the left) or **understand** (on the right).

We drove home the point by having two children speak to each other in the room (understand) and the same children speak to each other outside of the room (hear). The demonstration worked except for one child who was close to the door and seemed to have exceptional hearing.

— Dennis Wade

Culture Corner

Sports Immodesty (and bias) in the News

Norway's beach handball team has been fined by the International Handball Federation for refusing to wear bikinis at an international competition. In what would appear to be an extraordinary double standard, men who compete in beach handball are allowed to wear shorts and tank tops while female players are required to wear close-fitting, bikini-style swim attire.

Also this...

Pop star P!nk has offered to pay the fines handed to the Norwegian women's beach handball team who were charged for not wearing bikini bottoms during the European Beach Handball Championships, she Tweeted on July 24. She said "the European handball federation should be fined for sexism. Good on ya, ladies. I'll be happy to pay your fines for you. Keep it up." The Norway Handball Federation also offered to pay the fines for the team and supported the team's decision. Germany's gymnastics team wore full-body suits during qualifications in Tokyo, in a protest against the sexualization of women in the sport.

Conversation Starter: Has your teen heard about this controversy over social media? Does it feel like a double standard that women are not permitted to compete in clothes they are comfortable in, but the men in the same sport are? Of course there are times when rules are rules, and respecting authority is important. How can you know when it's worth it to break the rules?

From Culture Translator, July 30, 2021

#narcissisticparent

What it is: A TikTok trend called #narcissisticparent (*paywall*) started as a way to vent about emotionally abusive relationships. Now it has become a catch-all for posting about complicated family dynamics.

Why it's affecting your relationship with your teen: The rise of "therapy-speak" has equipped young adults with a way to talk about abusive behavior and hurt they have experienced. Unfortunately, it's also armed a generation of teens with overly-simplistic explanations for human behavior that they don't like. Videos that use clinical diagnostic terms like "narcissistic personality disorder" (NPD) and "borderline personality disorder" (BPD) to describe behavior in their families have hundreds of millions of views, each with dozens of commenters congregating underneath to cheer on the OP (original poster) in any efforts to ditch these "toxic" relationships. When caretakers try to establish boundaries or enforce discipline on their children, there's an army of cyber-warriors standing at the ready to offer teens validation while they villainize their parents.