

September 12, 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

9:30 AM

Bible Classes for All Ages

Auditorium: Ephesians

Young Adult Class (room 17/18)

Assembly: 10:30 AM

Speaking today: David Posey

Jesus on "Sleep"

Hebrews class today @ 2 PM at the building

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

Zoom Class: Mondays @ 7PM:

The character of Moses

Contact Jack Horak @ jshorak98@gmail.com

Wednesday 7 PM @ Building

Bible classes for all ages

Ephesians: Auditorium

Saturday Men's Breakfast

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

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>

Livestream at 10:30 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLemwy2YxrL7ZUgTiZTVqA>

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

October 8-10

Gospel Meeting

Christ and Culture: Keeping the Faith in a "Post-Truth" World

Friday, 7 PM Dennis Wade, "Who Is Blessed?" Luke 6:20-26

Saturday, 7 PM Tyler Brown, "Radical Love," Luke 6:27-36

Sunday AM @ 9:30 AM Randy Radke, "Righteous Judgment" Luke 6:37-45

Sunday AM @ 10:30 AM Ed Sanderson, Sr., "Be Careful How You Build" Luke 6:46-49

"Post-Truth"

BY DAVID POSEY

In 2016, the Oxford Dictionary selected "post-truth" as the "Word of the Year" and defined it as "a term relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." Way back then, the term seemed shocking, but now it's entrenched in a world full of "fake news," "your truth" and "my truth."

As Christians, we scoff at this notion, as well we should. But let's not be smug. The characteristics of the culture we live, work and play in tend to infiltrate the church at some point. We've seen how radical feminism, the sexual revolution, the LGBTQ movement, gender issues and many other cultural features have been boldly adopted by denominational churches.

What is shocking is the degree to which these same issues have crept into churches of Christ. Women have been "ordained" as "pastors," sexual improprieties (fornication) have been winked at, and some Christians are questioning whether practicing homosexuality is really a sin. About 15 years ago, author and former Pepperdine law professor F. LaGard Smith argued that the same hermeneutic (method of interpretation) that some preachers were using to argue in favor of women preachers could be used to support homosexuals in the pulpit. His prediction has come true in some places in this "post-truth" world.

However, we are "Captives of the Word." II Timothy 2:15 says it well, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." Paul didn't say to Timothy,

"check you feelings, take stock of your inner self, develop a truth that works for you and then go out and teach it with all your heart." No, that is "irreverent babble" (II Timothy 2:16). Instead he said, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but

having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." (II Timothy 4:2-4).

In God's world, "post-truth" is a myth. Truth, by definition, is that

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which corresponds to reality. Believers in God read God's word and say, "this is what is real, no matter what others may say." Those who have no respect for God's word can call anything "truth." So they can say, without batting an eyelash, "there are many genders and I have a right to choose which one I will adopt." But Jesus says, "have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female..." (Matthew 19:4). For believers, any discussion of "gender" begins and ends there: "male" and "female" – period.

Post-truthers don't like that but, of course, the very nature of the "post-truth" myth is that you can make up your own "truth" as you go. That sounds convenient enough but it's not only ungodly, it's impractical – and incredibly dangerous. After all, those who committed suicide and murder by crashing airplanes into the twin towers on 9/11 twenty years ago did it because that was their "truth." How did that work out?

Men We Support: Brother Gopalakrishnan, India

Gopalakrishnan is an evangelist in Coimbatore which is in southern India. He and his wife have two grown children. He was a Hindu priest before becoming a Gospel preacher. He obeyed the Gospel when he was 21. He writes: "by the grace of God and your Christian love, one day I came home and saw a letter in our small kitchen; it was the first check of support from the Folsom church of Christ". This was in 2008. He reports that our late brother Ed Harrell recommended he contact the church at Folsom for help and help was provided for which he is grateful.

Gopalakrishnan has been an evangelist for 30 years. He and his family have been working in Coimbatore for 13 years. He reports his biggest challenge as an evangelist is institutionalism though notes there are many opportunities in Coimbatore and the surrounding villages for teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has expressed that he is committed to teaching the truth of the New Testament pattern of worship in Jesus Christ and has overcome much hardship while teaching the truth but he and his family are strong in their faith.

The congregation at the Coimbatore church of Christ has approximately 130 members. He is looking forward to starting more classes soon as he anticipates the lockdown because of the pandemic will be ending soon.

He sends greetings and best regards to the congregation at the Folsom church and conveys thankfulness in the support and encouragement. He would look forward to visiting the church of Christ in Folsom and also look forward to a visit from us if possible. He requests we keep him and the work in Coimbatore in our prayers.



Statement from the Elders on the Recent Covid Situation

[This was sent via email on Thursday]

It is understandable that there is renewed and increased concern regarding the development of the variants to Covid and an uptick in the numbers of people contracting the disease, especially in light of the loss of our dear brother. With that in mind, the elders want to reiterate some strong recommendations:

- If you are feeling at all unwell, please stay home from the assembly and livestream.
- If you are part of the vulnerable group either based on age or health conditions please seriously consider staying away from the assembly and livestream.
- Please wear a mask while in the assembly or in a class.
- If you are uncomfortable about attending services please feel free to livestream. It is absolutely understandable.
- If you are worried about your children attending class, please feel free to not have them attend. Again, understandable.
- We would like people to consider letting the congregation know as soon as possible if you do test positive for Covid. This could go along way in helping reduce the risk of spread. This notification can be done by requesting an email be sent out by Richard Harvey.

This will pass and we will get through this and, in the process, will continue to serve our God and our fellow brothers and sisters. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to one of the elders.

The Elders

The Four Steps to Salvation

Are you uncertain about your readiness to be baptized? Are you concerned about making an emotional decision you will regret later? Are you ready or old enough to decide? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then take the test to the right to determine your readiness.

What is getting in the way?

I am not old enough.
If you are old enough to understand the logic in red, and if the logic is true and applies to you, then you are old enough to be baptized.

I am shy and don't want to be baptized on Sunday in front of all those people.
Then, be baptized when so many people aren't around.

I am not good enough.
Actually, that's why you're baptized—because you're not good enough.

I am good enough to not be baptized.
Jesus was the only one who could say this. See "I am a sinner" to the right.

My parents don't want me to.
Are you sure? Have you asked them lately?

"Should I be baptized?"

After reading the scriptures below, check all the boxes that are true for you.

John 3:16

I believe Jesus is the son of God and he died to save me from my sins.

I believe that I must have faith in God to be saved.

Romans 10:9-10

I believe I must confess my faith to be saved.

Acts 3:19, Acts 2:38

I believe I must repent of my sins to be saved.

Acts 2:38, Col. 2:12-13

I believe I must be baptized to be saved.

A reasonable or emotional decision?
Follow the reasoning...

- All sinners must be baptized to be saved. Rom. 6:3-5
- I am a sinner. Rom 3:23
- Therefore, I must be baptized to be saved. I Pet. 3:21

Questions? Dennis Wade – dennis@PPLDEV.com

— Submitted by Dennis Wade