

January 12, 2025

# The Folsom View

*“Sirs, we wish to see Jesus.” – John 12:21*

## Welcome Visitors

Our goal at the Folsom church of Christ is to do everything according to God’s word, including respecting its silence. We are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church; we have no earthly “headquarters.” The five elders oversee this church and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily for the benefit of 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 the preacher or 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.

***We do not solicit donations from visitors. Please fill out a visitor’s card and put it in the collection plate when it is passed. See page 4 for more information.***

## Schedule

### The Lord’s Day

#### 9:30 AM Bible Classes

*Auditorium: A Study of Joy*

*Young Adult Class (room 12): “Journeys with Jesus”*

*Room 13/14: “Transformed Relationships” (Romans 12-16)*

#### 10:30 AM: Assembly

Preaching Today: David Posey

*“Building Up: Do Your Part”*

***Ephesians 4:11-16***

*Livestream at 9:30 & 10:30 <https://tinyurl.com/5f2cbm3y>*

### Sunday Afternoon and Evening Bible Classes @ the Building

*1:30 PM, Genesis (see Grant Mulligan)*

*5 PM, Praying the Psalms (Auditorium)*

### Additional Classes

High School Class, 5 PM on Sundays @ David & Christie Posey’s home

Young people monthly meeting (middle school): contact David Sanderson

([david.r.sanderson@intel.com](mailto:david.r.sanderson@intel.com)) or Seth Reagan ([sethreagan@gmail.com](mailto:sethreagan@gmail.com))

**There are several on-going Bible classes in the homes of members.**

**Check with David Posey, Len Baker or one of the elders.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Men’s Bible Study: 7 to 8 AM

Bel Air Market on Bidwell in Folsom. “Iron sharpens iron” (Proverbs 27:17). Mentoring (Titus 2:1-6).

### Wednesday 7 PM @ Building

Same classes as Sunday, 9:30 AM

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# Theme for the Year: Building Up the Church

"...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.." – **Ephesians 4:15-16**

## "Edification"

**M**any of us grew up hearing that there were three specific "works" that a local church should be involved in: (1) edification (2) evangelism (3) benevolence. I don't aim to disagree with that here, but several years ago, in a Bible class, Dee Bowman said that he was convinced that there is only one work of a church and that's *edification*. He made a compelling case that both evangelism and benevolence fit under the heading of edification which, as we have seen, is another way of saying "building up."

To "win souls" is to build up (edify) the church. Matthew 28:18-20 led to Acts 2:38-41 which led to Acts 2:42-47. There's a lot of "edifying" going on in the book of Acts. Paul's letters and the other letters in the New Testament are primarily aimed at edifying ("building up")

To help needy saints (benevolence) is to build up (edify) the church. Romans 15:2 says, "each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification ("building up")."

Whether you agree or not with the idea that edification is the only work of the church I'm sure we can all agree that it is central. Look at these texts:

- **I Corinthians 3:9**, "For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's **building**."
- **I Corinthians 14:12**, "So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in **building** up the church."
- **I Corinthians 14:26**, "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for **building** up."
- **II Corinthians 10:8**, "For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for **building** you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed."
- **II Corinthians 13:10**, "For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for **building** up and not for tearing down."
- **Ephesians 4:12**, "...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for **building** up the body of Christ"
- **Ephesians 4:29**, "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."
- **Jude 1:20**, "But you, beloved, **building** yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit..."
- **Matthew 16:18**, "...on this rock I will **build** my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

## Pray for the preachers we support

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Eric Bridge        | Virginia      |
| David Barnes       | Tracy, CA     |
| Kalvin Johns       | San Francisco |
| Gopala Krishnan    | India         |
| Paddy Kendall-Ball | Africa        |
| Bill Turner        | Oregon        |
| Tim Stevens        | Texas         |
| Arrigo Carrazza    | Pisa, Italy   |
| Peter Mudenda      | Africa        |
| Rob Miller         | Ohio          |
| Caleb Davis        | Oklahoma      |
| Cameron Pines      | Pittsburg     |
| Joshua Lee         | Ohio          |

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# Theme for the Year: Building Up the Church

"...For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."— **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

## Checklist for Encouragers

| Reference    | Example                                | Suggested application   |
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| 1 Thess 5:11 | Build each other up.                   | Point out to someone a quality you appreciate in him or her.  |
| 1 Thess 5:12 | Respect leaders.                       | Look for ways to cooperate.   |
| 1 Thess 5:13 | Hold leaders in highest regard.        | Hold back your next critical comment about those in positions of responsibility. Say "thank you" to your leaders for their efforts. |
| 1 Thess 5:13 | Live in peace.                         | Search for ways to get along with others.   |
| 1 Thess 5:14 | Warn the idle.                         | Challenge someone to join you in a project.   |
| 1 Thess 5:14 | Encourage the timid.                   | Encourage those who are timid by reminding them of God's promises.  |
| 1 Thess 5:14 | Help the weak.                         | Support those who are weak by loving them and praying for them.   |
| 1 Thess 5:14 | Be patient.                            | Think of a situation that tries your patience and plan ahead of time how you can stay calm.   |
| 1 Thess 5:15 | Resist revenge.                        | Instead of planning to get even with those who mistreat you, do good to them.   |
| 1 Thess 5:16 | Be joyful                              | Fill your life with the joy of God and rejoice always.  |
| 1 Thess 5:17 | Pray continually.                      | God is always with you – talk to him.   |
| 1 Thess 5:18 | Give thanks.                           | Be thankful, regardless of the circumstances.   |
| 1 Thess 5:20 | Do not treat God's word with contempt. | Receive God's word from those who speak for him.  |
| 1 Thess 5:22 | Avoid every kind of evil.              | Avoid situations where you will be drawn into temptation.   |
| 1 Thess 5:23 | Count on God's constant help.          | Realize that the Christian life is to be lived through God's power.   |