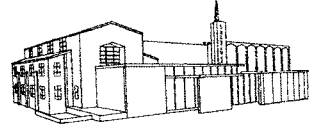




16th & Pile CHURCH OF CHRIST



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James 3:13-18 in Perspective (Part 7)

Christ-like Approach

Christ is not specifically mentioned as a part of the context of our passage, but I contend that the strategy proffered by James is embodied in Him! As the One sent down from heaven, He was all of these qualities in perfect unity, harmony and balance.

In considering verses 17-18, I would like for us first to begin in verse 18. "And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." Kingdom living is the art of peacemaking. No matter the difficulty, no matter the cost, citizens in Christ's kingdom are for peace! Peacemakers are the blessed of the kingdom (Matt. 5:9).

It cannot be denied that Christian's are at war. They are referred to as soldiers in God's army (Eph. 6:10ff). They've enlisted for battle, but the battle isn't really with other human beings. This was Paul's contention to the Ephesians. The battle was with "rulers...authorities...cosmic powers over this present darkness... the spiritual forces in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). The church at Ephesus had a reputation for defending the truth against error (Rev. 2:2-3), but it nevertheless was imperative that it not work under the wrong impression. Our fight actually transcends those who disagree with us, whoever they might be. This is why making things personal is wrong on so many levels. Until we recognize this, our misplaced emphasis will cause us to lose sight of the real enemy. Consequently, this is why the attributes cited in James 3:17 are so crucial to how we approach the mess that is going on in the world, as well as what develops inside congregations. Heaven's wisdom would dictate that we deal with social conflict issues with certain critical qualities as a part of our character.

Doug

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pew Packers - 5:40 pm - each Sunday

Ladies Bible Study - 2:00 pm - each Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 9:30 am - each Wednesday in Room 4

Friday School - 8:45-11:45am - each Friday (No school April 2)

April 2 - 6:00 pm - Young at Heart at home of Doris Moorman

April 8 - 10:00 am - Devo at Senior Citizen Resident Center (2210 Mabry Dr.)

April 8 - 10:45 am - Devo at Clovis Health Care & Rehab (1201 Norris St.)

April 15 - 9:00 am - Ladies will be working on Lap Robes

April 16 - 6:00 pm - Singles - Meeting at the home of Jerry & Carol Hailey

April 18 - 3:30 pm - Devo at St. Anthony's Health Care & Rehab (1400 W. 21st)

April 18 - 7:15 pm - Business Meeting - All men of the congregation welcome

April 23 - 10:30 am - Devo - Retirement Ranch (2221 Dillon)

April 25 - Youth Rally (Details below)



Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sudan Church of Christ with Otho Rogers April 4-7

Dora Church of Christ with various speakers April 11-14

(Details can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.)

YOUTH RALLY for grades 6-12 at the 4th & Bedford church of Christ in Dimmitt on Sunday, April 25, starting at 3:30 pm (CST). Snacks and supper will be provided. We will take the church van and leave from the parking lot at 1:20 pm and return after the end of services Sunday evening. Please R.S.V.P. no later than April 21 by signing the list in the foyer and/or contacting Allen or Kathy McKinney. Ages below 6th grade are welcome with their parent's attendance.

TIPTON HOME will be here April 19 to pick up groceries for the children who live there. They need the following items: cereal, spaghetti sauce, squeeze mustard, tea bags, bread and butter pickles, Cascade dishwasher soap, Lime Away, 40 gal. trash bags, Tylenol and men's deodorant. There will be a barrel, by the office door for these items.

ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

The *Chandlers* have disconnected their home phone. You can reach *Garvin* at 575-309-5852 and *Pat* at 575-309-6284

Tony DiDonna address until April 21 - DiDonna, Tony T. PFC
D BTRY, 1st BN, 79th FA
5960 Rothwell Street
Ft. Sill, OK 73503

Mozelle Floyd has moved to the Farwell Convalescent Center

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathryn Beardain - 1608 Jonquil - chemo treatments

Cecil McCain (husband of Jean) - 43214-E-US 70, Portales, NM 88130 - was in the Heart Hospital in Lubbock last week and is beginning radiation treatments

Debbie Old - 1917 Janeway - had first chemo treatment Friday

Rosalind Smith - was taken to PRMC Sunday, but is now home

Curtis Tabor - having heart tests this week

Those with continuing health problems:

Cora Henson, Essie Judah, Marleah Kirkpatrick, Violet Qualls, John & Kay Prater, Fern Stewart, Debbie Ulibarri, Jack Weaver, Jerry Wicker, Ruby Wright

Family & Friends:

Pam Brumfield (daughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston) - chemo

Ryleigh Grace Cox (great granddaughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston)

Pam Jones (sister-in-law of Kenneth Jones) - cancer

Faye McKinney (mother of Allen McKinney) - cancer

Ella Miller (3 year old great niece of Darra, Kathy & Marleah Kirkpatrick) - leukemia

Velma Norris (sister-in-law of Bob & Barbara Norris) - cancer

Dr. Charles Siburt (friend of Doug Young) - multiple myeloma

Tina Vassar (secretary at Clovis High School)

Charles Williams (friend of Jack Weaver) - radiation treatments

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of *Illa Raviart* who passed away last Thursday. She was a sister of *June Barber* and cousin of *Violet Dobbins*.

THANK YOU

~ Thank you for the birthday cards you gave me. They were all great and I enjoyed them very much. Thank you to those that called me. It made my birthday very good. I think a lot of all of you. Love, *Marieta Hoy*

~ My family and I would like to thank everyone for their heart-felt concern, comments, cards, and especially prayers dealing with my father's illness and recent death. The outpouring of love was a truly gracious experience. *Allen McKinney*

~ How can two people be so blessed, a 50th Anniversary and what a celebration! We want each of you to know how very special you are to us. All the beautiful cards, calls, the attendance at the party was unbelievable. We love and thank you with all our hearts. Truly in Christian love, *Bob & Barbara Norris*

~ Thank you for the birthday and sympathy cards we have received over the last couple of weeks. *Doug & Tisha Young*

16TH & PILE PANTRY NEEDS - Dried Beans & Rice



March 20, 2010



Dear Friends in Ministry,

Recent world events like the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile cause me to stop and consider the brevity of Life. In an instant, a peaceful life can turn into a chaotic mess. We can be here one moment and then gone the next. There is simply no way to know how long our life on this earth will last.

That very fact is one of the primary reasons we seek to use mass media to tell as many people as possible about Jesus. Millions have never heard about God's love for them or how that He sent His Son to this earth to save mankind.

However, because of your faithful support, these people no longer have to sit in spiritual darkness. They have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel message; and they are responding. Last year, thousands requested Bible studies and spiritual direction through phone calls, letters and internet. We believe even more will respond this year!

Sincerely,

Don McCasland, For the elders

For the Record

Sunday - 03/28/10	
AM Bible Classes	144
AM Worship	225
PM Worship	99
Contribution	\$7,478.60
Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class	26
(21st Street Ladies were our guests)	
Wednesday PM - 03/24/10	62

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class . 9:30 AM

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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