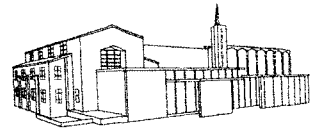




16th & Pile CHURCH OF CHRIST



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James 3:13-18 in Perspective (Part 8)

Purity. Heaven's wisdom is pure, free from things that could taint it in any way. This purity could speak to a number of different things, but in my estimation one's motives must be the first thing to be considered. Before we ever enter into any squabble, we would do well to ask ourselves the simple question, "What's my motivation?" for doing so.

Many would suggest they do things on the basis of doing *what* is right, when this might not really be the case. Some entangle themselves in affairs because they want nothing else but a fight. Such ones aren't worth the time or trouble. "Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly" (Prov. 17:12). If we engage others thinking we are going to put them in their place or even shut them up, we are fools engaging in folly. This is not wise. We need to check our motivations and make sure they are pure!

Peaceable. If we are the kind of people with whom others want nothing to do, because of unpleasant personality traits, we are not peaceable people. Do we carry with us an aura of tension or a calming presence? Are we likeable? Moreover, when someone disagrees with us, whether justifiably or unjustifiably, being peaceable is about how we respond to it. Can we be respectful? Do we cause others to stumble by our childishness? Being peaceable is about being a calming presence to an intense situation.

Gentleness. Social conflict issues are often delicate ones, but do we treat them as such? Can we be gentle like Jesus or will we choose to engage it in a mean-spirited, angry fashion?

Some will defend their approaches because Jesus threw the moneychangers out of the temple, called the Pharisees "hypocrites" and etc., but these were the exceptions to the rule. When you look at the sum total of Jesus' ministry work, His dealings with the Jewish elite changed over time. He didn't begin in frustration. His frustration developed over time. He dealt with the Jewish elite in a very gentle fashion at first, but his patience had its limits.

I know people who seemingly deal with others exclusively on the basis of how Jesus dealt with the Pharisees and scribes in Matthew 23. They hang their hat on Matthew 23 like it's the definitive word in how to deal with others with whom we find ourselves at odds. This is unfortunate. It ignores too much of the ministry of Jesus and blatantly disregards Jesus' teachings about dealing with others. It also ignores so much of how the New Testament epistles encourage Christians to live their lives, dealing with others in a spirit of meekness and gentleness. Gentleness keeps a disagreement from becoming personal, and shows that we care about the person.

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

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 at Retirement Ranch (2221 Dillon)



Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

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. Ages below 6th grade are welcome with their parent's attendance.

Please R.S.V.P. no later than April 14 by signing the list in the foyer and/or contacting Allen or Kathy McKinney.

CONGRATULATIONS

Students with perfect attendance for the month of March:

SUNDAY - Benjamin DiDonna, Christian DiDonna, Jenelle DiDonna,
Kaia Quintana, Aby Young, Haylee Young, Reese Young

WEDNESDAY - Benjamin DiDonna, Christian DiDonna, Jenelle DiDonna,
Kaia Quintana, Aby Young, Haylee Young, Reese Young

We would also like to congratulate our students who made the school honor roll. The names listed were taken from the Clovis News Journal and are for 3rd grade and up.

*Shabry Boone, Ethan Encinias, Henry Martin, Lily Martin, McKenzie Mayfield,
Ryan McKinney, Malare McKinney, Madison Phillips, Alexa Riley, Kyle Wilson,
Shelby Wilson, Haylee Young*

If your child is not listed and made the honor roll, please let the church office know.

Congratulations to *Malarē* and *Ryan McKinney* for attending Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas where they each received a bronze medal in the individual Bible Bowl challenge over the book of 2 Samuel. *Ryan* also received a gold medal in Christian Art.

IF YOU UNLOCK THE BUILDING, MAKE SURE IT IS LOCKED BACK.

When you lock the door, give an extra tug on it to see that it has definitely locked. We are finding unlocked doors. Please help us secure the building.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathryn Beardain - 1608 Jonquil - chemo treatments

Joyce Lough - Clovis Health Care, Room 308 A (1201 N. Norris)

Cecil McCain (husband of Jean) - 43214-E-US 70, Portales - radiation treatments

Debbie Old - Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock

Rosalind Smith - will have angiogram in Lubbock on Wednesday

Curtis Tabor - had heart procedure on Monday in Albuquerque

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

Jim Reyna (son of Pete Reyna)

Rick Romo (uncle of Patsy Paiz) had surgery in Dallas last week

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

David & Shana West (they grew up in Clovis and he is now an elder at Country Club in

Roswell). They were injured around Mayhill in an accident. Shana had severe eye and skull injuries. She has had one surgery and will have another one in El Paso Hospital.

Charles Williams (friend of Jack Weaver) - radiation treatments

Those in Care Centers:

Foy Bailey, Cathryn Bogard, Mozelle Floyd Donna Forsee, Stacie Glover, Bobbie Gulley, Leona Helm, Wayne Johnson, Joyce Lough, Eva Lee Raulston, Lula Sims

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 11-14 Dora Church of Christ with various speakers

April 11-15 Melrose Church of Christ with Rick Bloodworth
(Details are on bulletin board in foyer)

TIPTON HOME

The Tipton Home truck 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.

16TH & PILE PANTRY NEEDS

Soup, individual packets of mashed potatoes & dry milk



ELDERS

Bob Hoy
 Melburn Johnston
 Don McCasland
 Ronnie Montague
 Bob Norris
 Howard Pipes

DEACONS

Bob Bennett
 Jim Cox
 Rick Mayfield
 John Prater
 Steve Smith
 Ricky Wilson

MINISTERS

Doug Young Allen McKinney

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

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS

Sponsored by churches of Christ

6:30 AM Channel 4 [UHF - 45] *In Search of the Lord's Way*
 7:00 AM Channel 2 Cable only *Key to the Kingdom*
 11:00 PM INSP *Key to the Kingdom*
 Channel 259 DirectTV

For the Record

Sunday - 04/04/10	
AM Bible Classes	125
AM Worship	261
PM Worship	68
Contribution	\$9,793.90
Wednesday AM Ladies Bible Class	13
Wednesday PM - 03/31/10	80

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