

Third and Kilgore Church of Christ

Discipleship Matters

by David Heflin

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Integrity In Cyberspace

I am going to tell a story on myself so that no one thinks I am singling them out by talking about integrity in cyberspace. When I worked for Let's Start Talking I once received a very emotionally charged e-mail forward about two desperate parents looking for their presumably kidnapped daughter. The e-mail was very convincing; it even included a phone number to call one of the parent's offices in Canada.

So, I forwarded it to our office manager and asked her to forward the e-mail to rest of the staff. She told me that was against her usual practice, because of the high occurrence of falsehood in e-mail forwarding. I assured her that this e-mail was certainly true. So, she agreed to forward the e-mail.

A few minutes later every staff member received an e-mail from our boss informing us that she had called the number, discovered it was a hoax, and instructed us not to forward any similar e-mails. I had not only been an unwitting accomplice to a hoax, but I had embarrassed our more conscientious office manager.

I tell that story to illustrate how easy it is for any of us to become involved in such dishonesty. The fact that I didn't

know it was hoax did not absolve me from responsibility. It did not absolve the office manager either. Only the co-director did right. She checked the facts of the e-mail before forwarding it on.

I became wiser because of that incident, but have since become astounded to witness the epidemic of forwarding untrue or even slanderous e-mails infecting untold numbers of disciples of Jesus. In the book of Ephesians, Paul describes

the maturing body of Christ as people defined by "speaking the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). The word speaking is actually not part of the text, but is added to help with translation. Literally it says, "truthing in love." In other words, everything that we do is to be done in truth.

Just a few verses later, Paul calls on us to "put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor" (4:25). Then in v. 29 he continues on, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths..." I know they

didn't have computers, but would it be too much of a stretch to extend it thusly, "Do not let any unwholesome e-mails depart from your inbox"?

All that we do is part of our testimony to the mercy of God at work in our lives. If we propagate untrue stories about others, whether we know them or not, are we giving glory to God? Some e-mails are not worthy of forwarding, even if they are technically true, because they are mean-spirited and prideful. Yet, I think it is helpful for every Christian to be familiar with the websites www.truthorfiction.com and www.snopes.com, which exist for the purpose of checking the truthfulness of e-mail forwards. Wouldn't it be great if every disciple of Jesus simply committed themselves to not forwarding any e-mail that they cannot absolutely attest to its veracity? Then it may be said of us that we are "truthing in love," not only with the words that depart our lips, but also those that we send through cyberspace.

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**FOR THE RECORD
MARCH 7, 2010**

SUN. AM CLASS	123
SUN. AM WORSHIP	211
SUN. PM WORSHIP	99
WEDNESDAY DEVO	128
CONTRIBUTION	\$7.785
STUDENT CENTER	
TUESDAY DINNER	40
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	9
INDIVIDUAL BIBLE STUDY	

FOCUS ON PRAYER



WHEN WE IN PRAYER, SEEK ONLY THE GLORIFICATION OF THE NAME OF GOD, THEN WE ARE IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER. THEN OUR HEARTS ARE AT REST BOTH WHILE WE PRAY AND AFTER WE HAVE PRAYED. THEN WE CAN WAIT FOR THE LORD.

—UNKNOWN

"I WAIT FOR THE LORD...AND IN HIS WORD DO I HOPE."

PSALM 130:5

PULPIT PREVIEW

AM - "ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER"

1 THESS. 5:4-11

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PM - "ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER"

DISCUSSION

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Student Center Focus

By Isaiah Vance



There is a question that has been asked for more than a thousand years. It is one of the most important – and frequently asked – questions we have as human beings. *What must I do to be saved?* I am struck that the Bible does *not* lay out a list of actions that we must engage in (or avoid) in order to ensure our salvation for all time. The Jews in reading the Law of Moses formulated a list of over six hundred laws; why do we not have something similar? The answer is simply because God desires a relationship with each of us. As a group, the Churches of Christ have traditionally been very skilled and thorough in our Bible study, yet we are often more enamored with the teachings rather than the Teacher. I am not throwing out accusations, because I am prone to this problem as well.

I've often heard the analogy that heaven is like the final test. We must study the Bible so that we can be prepared for the final test and

pass it. This understanding reveals a fatal flaw in our understanding of God and His Word. We are not called to simply prepare for heaven and be familiar with the Bible's teachings; rather, the Bible is intended to shape us *today*. We are not to simply look forward to living with God sometime in the distant future, but we must recognize that He is present with us *today*.

By nature we want to be independent, but it is clear that there is no salvation apart from Christ.

This semester I am teaching a class on the Gospel of John, and – as I always remind my students – I typically *learn* far more than I *teach* during these in-depth studies. One of the things that has truly struck me this year is Jesus' teaching that we must remain in Him. Certainly I have long been familiar with the language about Jesus being the vine and we the branches and His bold assertion that He *is* the Way, the Truth and the Life. What has been edifying this semester, though, is to understand how frequently Jesus spoke about His ability to give life. Jesus claims to be the

Bread of Life and the Water of Life, among other things. Not only did Jesus speak about His life-giving power, but He also explained in John 8:31-32, "If you remain in My word, you are truly My disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." We might speak about salvation in a variety of terms, including "life" and "freedom", but in the end all of these terms inevitably bring us back to Christ. By nature we want to be independent, but it is clear that there is no salvation apart from Christ. When Jesus claimed to be the Bread of Life and explained that one must eat His flesh and drink His blood in order to have life, His audience was offended. They were not looking to be reliant on someone else for life; *we* are often opposed to this dependence as well. One thing that I have come to see that is emphasized in Scripture over and over again is the fact that there is *never* a time when we do not need Christ. No matter how much we might 'progress' in our faith and living we must always return to the Giver of Life.

Privileged to Serve

March 14, 2010

Greeters: (Before & After Classes)

Todd & Robin Pebsworth
Curtis & Mary Ellen Breshears
Elbert & Joan Goyne

Announcements & Opening Prayer: (Sunday/Wednesday)

Jim Chandler

Song Leaders

Thom Moore (A.M.)
Delbert Rector (P.M.)
Tom Prescott (Wed.)

Read Scripture:

Mike Terry
Hebrews 10:23-25

Communion Scripture:

Randy Dunson
1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Prayers:

Isaiah Vance (Closing A.M.)
Jesse Flores (Opening P.M.)
Kenny Whitecotton (Closing P.M.)
Wayne McAlister (Closing Wed.)

Lord's Table:

Kris Aikens
Kane Wyatt (Bread)
Damon Terry (Cup)
Brian Kirchner (Offering)
Randall Nofziger

Pick Up Trays:

Steve Robertson
Gregg Gossett
Karl Terry

Lord's Table: (P.M.)

Dustin Cabeldue
Colin Chandler

Lord's Supper to Shut-ins:

Charles Terry
Damon Terry

Pick Up Cards:

Judah Wyatt
Shiloh Wyatt
Eli Terry

Wednesday Devotional

03/17/10: Delbert Rector

If you are unable to serve, please contact Ernie Marshall 575-359-1620



In Sympathy

- Our condolences to Kathy Turnbow, Dottie Britton and all the family of Mel on his passing. Services will be held this Friday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. here at Third & Kilgore.
- Our condolences to the family of Steve Richards. Steve passed away on Tuesday, March 9th. Services are pending.



College Students

All students are invited and encouraged to come each week.



- **Tuesday Night Supper, 6:00 p.m. at the Student Center**
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. at the Student Center.**

The last devotional at the Student Center will be next Wednesday, March 17th. After Spring break, we will meet back at 3rd & Kilgore on Wednesday nights.

Tuesday Night Suppers & Grandma's Cookie Jar

If you would like to help with one of the Tuesday Suppers or Grandma's Cookie Jar at the Student Center, there are sign-up lists on the foyer table. The Student Center will be happy to reimburse you for what you provide when you turn in your receipts to the church office.



Ladies Bible Class

Meets each Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. The study is on Women of the Bible. We will be studying Ruth on March 16th.

Wednesday Night Devotionals

Men are needed for the Spring Quarter to give a short devotional message on Wednesday evenings. Consider how you may be able to edify our church family and volunteer to present one of these lessons. A sign-up sheet is on the foyer table.



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 14th. Set your clocks forward one hour.



Singles Luncheon

All singles are invited and encouraged to attend your monthly luncheon this Sunday, March 14th after the morning worship service. Pizza will be ordered and everyone will share in the cost. Bring a dessert and invite a friend!



Deacons & Wives Meeting

This Sunday, March 14th after the evening worship service. We will eat together and then have our meeting. Food will be provided. David plans to meet with us to discuss creating ministry groups, so it is vital we make every effort to attend this meeting.

Lakeview Christian Home

Their grocery truck will be stopping by on Monday, March 22nd. **Cereal (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Rice Krispies)** is the item most needed; however, any kind of canned food would be appreciated. You may put your items in the box on the pew by the kitchen.



Golf Tournament

Anyone interested in participating in a Golf tournament in late March or early April should sign-up on the list on the foyer table. The tournament will be a 2 or 4 person scramble. This would be a great way to fellowship with others. If you have any questions please see or call Troy Goyne; 575-607-5649.



Ladies Daniel Class

A MONDAY-NIGHT MAKE-UP CLASS FOR THE DANIEL STUDY WILL BE OFFERED EACH MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH BUILDING. So if you miss the previous Wednesday class - PLEASE plan to come on Monday night to watch the video.



Directory Updates

Marty & Sharon Kendrex
1233 Oakwood Circle
Portales, NM 88130
Marty's cell: 505-401-0658
Sharon's cell: 505-401-0434



Mike Miles

309 South Avenue A, Apt. 1-C
Portales, NM 88130
Cell: 785-787-0922

Randy & Kathy Mobley
2280 South Roosevelt Rd. 6
Portales, NM 88130

Recipe Books Available

The cookbooks that were compiled to benefit Kelijon Nance in her battle with cancer are available for purchase in the office. There are only five books left if you are interested in purchasing one to help Kelijon. The cost is \$15. Make your check payable to Third and Kilgore Church of Christ.



Church Pantry Partners

Children, remember to bring an item for the church pantry to help needy people in our community. Watch for Mr. Thom or Mr. Delbert and the little red wagon every Sunday morning ten minutes before worship service begins so you can take your offering to the front of the auditorium and add it to the wagon. **The pantry is in need of 2-lb. bags of sugar and peanut butter.** Adult members, please help by bringing a needed pantry item and if you see a young child that has nothing to bring, give that child your item and ask them to deliver it to the wagon. This will be a valuable teaching example of loving and generous hearts.



Thank You Received

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and providing dinner for our family after our loss of Rhonda and my son, Bruce. God Bless you all.

Jesse Lee and family



Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers on our behalf. We are both doing better. We are thankful for a loving church family.

Jack and Geneva Dendy

Albuquerque Bible Bowl Report

Ten Junior Bible Bowl students, two coaches and eight "cheerleader" family members attended the Mountain States Bible Bowl at Montgomery Blvd. Church of Christ in Albuquerque last Saturday. This was a Bible Bowl for Jr. High and High School grade students, but Montgomery personnel have always been generous to allow younger grade students to compete. They were somewhat surprised when we entered one 2nd grader, one 3rd grader, two 4th graders, one 5th grader and five 6th graders. They were even more surprised when every one of the youngsters was recognized for high team scores. One team placed 7th, another team place 6th, and the third team placed 3rd. The 6th & 7th place rosette ribbons and 3rd place bronze plaque may be viewed in the parlor. Those attending included Bible Bowlers Joey & Journey Flores, Ian & Kirsten Rude, Cassandra & Syreena Gonzales, Natalie Pepsworth, Falon Yamron and Colter & Kelsi Lamb; coaches Christi Flores and Janie Hardin; and family cheerleaders Aneta Rude; Bo, Melissa & Cayden Lamb; Todd, Robin, Shadarah & Joyce Pepsworth.



ELDERS

Curtis Breshears 356-8512
 Jim Chandler 760-1396
 Johnny Lieb 760-7345
 Jack Merrick 359-1667

DEACONS

Buddy Blue 356-3797
 Craig Breshears 359-1644
 Kevin Breshears 276-8519
 George Brumfield 276-8464
 Dustin Cabeldue 359-2268
 Colin Chandler 356-8088
 Joe Chandler 760-2058
 Stan Dement 356-6853
 Randy Dunson 356-6919
 Jesse Flores 356-9082
 Troy Goyne 356-6981
 Thom Moore 356-5055
 Todd Pebsworth 309-6982
 Delbert Rector 478-2390
 Adam Terry 760-9717
 David Wagner 359-1835
 Kenny Whitecotton 356-8415

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We Welcome You To Worship With Us!

Sunday

Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
 Preaching/Communion 10:00 a.m.
 Prayer Service 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Midweek Services 7:00 p.m.

We're on the web!
www.3kchurch.org
www.enmumistry.com

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:

Prayer Requests



BARNEY FRANCIS - home after a stay in the Lubbock Heart Hospital. He has a blockage in an artery too small to put a stent in. They will treat it with medication.

OLETA HAYS - her rheumatologist has diagnosed her and changed her medication. It seems to be helping the pain, but she is weak.

GENE WEEMS - waiting on the results of a liver biopsy. He also has five kidney stones and will see a urologist on Wednesday.

BARRY SIKES - is scheduled for abdominal surgery on March 24th at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, AZ.

LATHAN LIEB - at Johnny & Sharon's recovering from knee surgery. He saw his doctor for a check-up on Tuesday.

HARDING BURRIS - RGH with pneumonia.

KATHY GILBERT - Sherrye Burleson's niece, is recovering from having a hysterectomy on Tuesday at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Ho cancer was found.

CATHY GEORGE - Robin Pebsworth's

mother, saw an oncologist in Abilene, TX on Tuesday.

LYNNE WALL - Irene's daughter-in-law, having tests at a medical facility in Orlando, FL to determine the extent of her cancer and the best treatment for it.

JACKIE WILHOIT - home, under hospice care.

GEORGIA RUTH WOODS - RGH with pneumonia.

JIMMY ALVEY - Leslie McKillip's father, hospitalized in Alamogordo, NM. He has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is waiting on the results of an MRI to determine treatment. He also has emphysema.

JAMES MCDANIEL - Brent Gossett's father-in-law from Capitlan, has a brain tumor.

GARRETT BENDER - Gary Bender's son, is scheduled for surgery this Wednesday at Covenant for a mass suspicious of cancer in his head behind his eye.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
 Mark 11:24

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS.

Mary Bailey, Juanita Barbee, Shirley A. Blevins, Dottie Britton, Javin Chandler, Shirley Christian, Jack & Geneva Dendy, Gayle Ferguson, Johnnie Justus, Ray & Betty Maberry, Daisy McKillip, Betty Merrell, Virginia Rodriguez, Joe Thompson, Irene Wall, Bernice Weems, Maxine Wilhoit, Neva Wilhoit.

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Luis Alvarado, Baylee Banning, Sonny Banning, Winston Berry, Nadine Burris, Elma Cain, Dean Cameron, Chase Carson, Bobby Cavett, Case Chandler, Michelle Daniels, James Fisher, Joe Flores, Rex George, Rozetta Gorsuch, Hope Hurd, Rex Kimbell, Sonny Lee, Kelijon Nance, Kathy Onstott, Betty Jo Owen, Peggy Prater, Lloyd & Samantha Rector, Nelson & Rose Rector, Jim Reyna, Rod Savage, McKenzie Sobriliski, Ron Walker, Kevin Walker, Martha Willming.