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November 24, 2013

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## Faith or Works?

*[Here is a good introduction to a topic I will say more about in our sermon. - Ben]*

Christians have often disputed as to whether what leads the Christian home is good actions, or Faith in Christ. I have no right really to speak such a difficult question, but it does seem to me like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is most necessary. Faith in Christ is the only thing to save you from despair and out of that Faith in Him good actions must inevitably come. There are two parodies of the truth which different sets of Christians have, in the past, been accused by other Christians of believing: perhaps they may make the truth clearer. One set were accused of saying, "Good actions are all that matters. The best good action is charity. The best kind of charity is giving money. The best thing to give money to is the Church. So hand us over \$10,000 and we will see you through." The answer to that nonsense, of course, would be that good actions done for that motive, done with the idea that Heaven can be bought, would not be good actions at all, but only commercial speculations. The other set were accused of saying, "Faith is all that matters. Consequently, if you have faith, it doesn't matter what you do. Sin away, my lad, and have a good time and Christ will see that it makes no difference in the end." The answer to that nonsense is that, if what you call your "faith" in Christ does not involve taking the slightest notice of what He says, then it is not Faith at all — not faith or trust in Him, but only intellectual acceptance of some theory about Him. The Bible really seems to clinch the matter when it puts the two things together into one amazing sentence. The first half is, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" — which looks as if everything depended on us and our good actions: but the second half goes on, "For it is God who works in you" — which looks as if God did everything and we nothing. I am afraid that is the sort of thing we come up against in Christianity. I am puzzled, but I am not surprised. You

see, we are now trying to understand, and to separate into water-tight compartments, what exactly God does and what man does when God and man are working together. We begin by thinking it is like two men working together, so that you could say, "He did this bit and I did that." But this way of thinking breaks down. God is not like that. He is inside you as well as outside: even if we could understand who did what, I do not think human language could properly express it. In the attempt to express it, different Churches say different things. But you will find that even those who insist most strongly on the importance of good actions tell you you need Faith; and even those who insist most strongly on Faith tell you to do good actions. At any rate that is as far as I can go.

*by C.S. Lewis (with minor editing)*

**ELDERS**  
 Carl Burrus  
 Jesse Byers  
 Bobby Hill  
 Bill Path

**MINISTER**  
 Benjamin Williams

**PRISON MINISTER**  
 Bill Hamrick

**DEACONS**  
 Matt Caldwell,  
 ASSOCIATE MINISTER,  
 YOUTH & EDUCATION  
 Robert Hill,  
 WORSHIP  
 Keith Riggs,  
 OUTREACH  
 Bruce Rothell,  
 MISSIONS

**SECRETARY**  
 Karen Brown

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

## LADIES

If you would like to be added to or taken off of the communion preparation schedule for 2014, please give Susan Yeager a note with your request on or before Dec 1st. Thank you for your help.

## LADIES MEETING

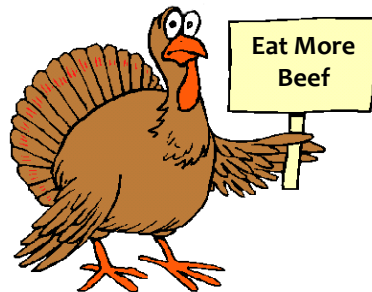
Our quarterly Ladies Meeting is Sunday, Dec 1st at 3:30.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and enjoy the fellowship at our Christmas Party, Dec 1st after evening services.

- Bring Soup, Sandwiches and or Desserts
- If you wish to be part of the ornament exchange please bring a wrapped ornament costing no more than \$5.00
- The local nursing home is asking for socks for their patients; any size, any kind - if you are able to bring some that would be great!
- There will be cookie decorating and crafts for the young people
- Please help set up tables after services next Tuesday evening
- Group Path is responsible for setting up and cleaning up



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

**upcoming**  
work dinners  
**events** fellowship  
retreats picnics games parties meetings

### Wednesday, November 27th

Wednesday evening service moved to Tuesday evening - no classes

### Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving! The office will be closed Nov 28th & 29th.

### Sunday, December 1st

Christmas Party after evening services; group Path

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Ladies meeting at 3:30

### Sunday, December 8th

Youth Christmas Party at the Williams' home

### Wednesday, December 25th

Services are cancelled; have a Merry Christmas!

### Wednesday, January 1st

Wednesday services moved to Tuesday - our young men will conduct our services; Lock-in 8 pm - 7 am

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Jack and Carol Madding's daughter Karn Madding. She has cerebral palsy and fighting a bad infection.
- Some of Vickie Crawford's family was in a serious car wreck; we hope all fully recover.
- Those that are suffering with colds, sinus problems, the flu and other ailments.
- Tammy Carr continues to have pain with 3 herniated discs in her neck area.
- Karen Brown's uncle, Cordell Smallwood, has stage 4 lung cancer; and Aunt Morene as she cares for him.
- Dolores Scherman as she struggles with a staph infection and confusion. She is in room 361 at the Select Specialty Hosp. in the Kaiser building near Hillcrest. SHORT visits would be appreciated.
- Susie O'Neal's son, John Griffith, is having multiple challenges in his life.
- Barbara Vaughan as she struggles with health problems.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Dolores Scherman; Temper & Megan Parker (CMT neuropathy); Paul Selsor (pancreatic cancer); infant Dowler (spinal meningitis); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear.

## JACOB LITTLEBEAR

Jacob Littlebear would appreciate hearing from us while he is away at boot camp. His address is: 2nd BN Fox Co. PLT 2129 / 36001 Midway Ave. / San Diego, CA 92140.(posted on b-board)

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Melinda Jones, Nov 25	Zac Caldwell, Dec 5	Jerry Morgan, Dec 12
Oliver Tuggle, Nov 27	Karen Brown, Dec 5	Henry Lack, Dec 12
Earline Lierly, Nov 27	Susie O'Neal, Dec 6	Kimber Perry, Dec 14
Fisher Patterson, Dec 1	Angela Growns, Dec 8	Steven Wetzel, Dec 14
Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1	Scott Lack, Dec 11	Keith Riggs, Dec 15

## HEY PARENTS!

Have your kids done something special? An award maybe? How about an achievement? Something worthy of a little praise? Let us know and we will feature them online. It's okay... brag a little! Just tell, email or text Matt at [mfd38@tds.net](mailto:mfd38@tds.net) or 918-284-0257.



## YOUTH

Keep up to date with the latest youth events at church simply by texting @d3e73 to the following number: 917-746-2626 (yes 917). You will get daily Bible verses and motivational quotes along with the youth events.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Our Wednesday, Nov 27th service has been moved to Tuesday evening due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This will be a singing night, no classes.

## PLEASE HELP

It has come to our attention that announcements are not being reported to the office but are being given to Carl or Jesse right before services.

Please contact the office by email, phone or Karen's cell phone with announcements by Friday morning at 10:00 to be in the bulletin or by noon to be on the announcement sheet.

We understand things happen over the weekend. Please have those notes clearly written on a piece of paper and handed to them.

**Let's give these men the opportunity to be leaders and not message takers.**

Thank you very much for helping!

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes  
Sunday AM Worship  
Sunday PM Worship  
Wednesday Bible Classes

148  
183  
71  
74

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$4,637.10  
Budget \$4,041.00  
Over Budget \$5,349.35  
Building Fund \$237,528.36

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader Randy Brown  
Opening Prayer Dalton Path  
Closing Prayer Darrell Burcham  
Scripture Reading Bob Simmons  
Lord's Table Jeff Bullinger  
Keith Riggs  
Bobby Hill  
Dennis Robinson

### Ushers

Johnny Riggs  
Larry Potter

### Greeter

Randy Crawford

### Lock Building

Scott Lack; Bruce Rothell

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader James Hamilton  
Opening Prayer Ryan McCafferty  
Closing Prayer Chris Patterson  
Lord's Table Jeff Bullinger  
Keith Riggs

### Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Steve Wetzel  
Closing Prayer Keith Riggs  
Song Leader Jerry Buller

## Communion Preparation

11/3 Selene Williams  
11/10 Renee Witchurch  
11/17 Susan Yeager  
11/24 Barbara Girod  
12/1 Selene Williams  
12/8 Lilia Rothell  
12/15 Bayla Burrus  
12/22 Becky Byers  
12/29 Debbie Witchurch

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, December 1st  
3:30 pm

## EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

11/24 Ez17-18; Ps119:129-136; Pl3-4  
11/25 Ez19-20; Ps119:137-144; Col1-2  
11/26 Ez21-22; Ps119:145-152; Col3-4  
11/27 Ez23; Ps119:153-160; 1Ths 1-2  
11/28 Ez24-26; Ps119:161-168;  
1Thess 3-5  
11/29 Ez27-28; Ps119:169-176; 2Th 1



"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

### Search Programs:

Nov 24 - Let Us Give Thanks  
Dec 1 - Listening to God  
Dec 8 - The Origin of Life  
Dec 15 - This Mind In You  
Dec 22 - Because of Jesus

## Sunday Morning Sermon

Work Out Your Own Salvation  
Philippians 2:12-13

## Sunday Evening Class

America's Christian Heritage  
Bruce Rothell