

The Fairfield church of Christ



OCTOBER 30, 2011

GREETINGS!

A heartfelt welcome to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ .

The Fairfield Church of Christ is a body of Bible-believing Christians who strive to follow the Lord in all we do.

Our goal is to equip the saints here in body, soul, mind, and spirit from the cradle to glory.

SERVICE HOURS

Sunday 9:00 AM
Bible Classes for all ages

Worship

10:00 AM

Wednesday Night

7:00 PM

Small Groups meet throughout the week at the building and at members' homes

SERVANT SUNDAY a.k.a. Deacon Sunday or Ministry Sunday

The month of October has been designated Minister Appreciation Month by some Christian organizations. The word translated in scripture as minister can also be translated as deacon or as servant. So, in order to include all who are serving in the kingdom, I have decided that we would use Sunday October 30, 2011 as Servant Sunday. Servants are simply doers of the word

of God. There have always been people who are willing to tell others how to do things, but the workers are few.

I came across some old notes I had on being a doer of the word. I do not know where these ideas came from, but I will

give credit to whom ever wrote them if I ever find out. There are four types of people, according to this writer – wishers, talkers, dabblers, and doers.

Wishers are constantly wanting things to be different and hoping that someone will do it for them. Wishers oft have good ideas, but those who are hard at work in the field do not have time to entertain these ideas. There is work to be done. Wishers sigh and cry, but they never try.

There are many talkers who seem to be authorities on everything. Their apparent purpose

in life is to get someone to listen to them. Talkers can take an enormous amount of people's collective time. Talkers love to have an audience to whom they can talk and talk and talk. Talkers fill up hours and hours of radio and television time as well as columns and columns of newspapers. Talkers have an opinion on everything. Those who want to talk the talk need to start walking the walk.



Dabblers are wonderful starters, but lack the ability or the stamina to see a project through. Some dabble in ministry or in serving, but find it more enjoyable when they are the ones being served. Remember that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve.

Finally there are doers of the word. Doers are trying to help others wishes come true. Doers do not wait to be asked to do things they look for a need and fill it. Doers do not have a lot of time to talk about things they are busy getting it done. Doers are the ones talking to others about giving their lives to the Lord. No local congregation or ministry has grown without doers.

On this Servant Sunday I pray that we will examine our selves and seek to become doers of the word and not just hearers who delude ourselves! To God be the glory forever and ever.

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PRAYER LIST

Maxine Peebles is in Fairfield Rehab center suffering pain from a degenerative disc

Gordon Osborne scheduled for hip surgery in November

Brian Coit (Tiny's Son) a mass found in his stomach

Chuck Apple's friend Al who is in a coma

Larry Birdsong, husband of Tony Wade's friend Dea, has brain cancer

Regina Harrison recovering from shoulder surgery

Bob White, a friend of Terrel Williams, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer

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Congregational MEETING

TONIGHT AT 6 PM

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED



LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Ladies, please plan on attending our Holiday Brunch.

It will be held at Pat Bezzerides' home on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 AM.

We are posting a sign-up sheet on the board in the foyer. For more info contact Pat.



The deadline for the bulletin each week is Thursday at 5 PM. Please put submissions in Tony Wade's box in the Conference Room or email them to webminister@ffchurchofchrist.org.

To receive the e-bulletin send an email to Tony as well. Thank you!

THE STORY Behind The Song

Abide with Me

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) was an Anglican clergyman who served nearly half his life as vicar of a church at Brixham, a fishing village in Devonshire, on the southwest coast of England (he died at the age of 54, and served that congregation for 24 years).

Lyte had shown promise as a poet even as a child, and wrote religious poetry and hymns throughout his life. However, it was only near the end of his life that he wrote the hymn that would make him famous — "Abide with Me."

During the last years of his life, Lyte suffered from tuberculosis, the disease that would eventually take his life. A few weeks before his death, he preached his last sermon at Brixham. He rested that afternoon, and upon arising took a walk on the beach. He then retired to his study, and emerged with his poem, "Abide with Me," in his hand.

It seems clear that death was on his mind as he took his walk that afternoon. He was leaving the Brixham congregation because his poor health would no longer permit him to carry on an active ministry there. It must have been clear to him that he was dying. And so he wrote:

"Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me."



Henry Francis Lyte

The poem is lovely in both language and sentiment — but it seems odd that a hymn about death could become as popular as this one. But on closer observation, the reason seems clear. This hymn speaks to us, not only about death, but also about life. It assures us of God's presence and help in life and in death. As it says in the last line of the last verse:

"In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

"In life, in death!" It is not just in death that we need the Lord, but in life as well. And so, when we sing this hymn, we repeat again and again, "Abide with me" — a prayer for God's presence and a prayer for God's help.

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Birth to 4 years old —Cradle Roll Room

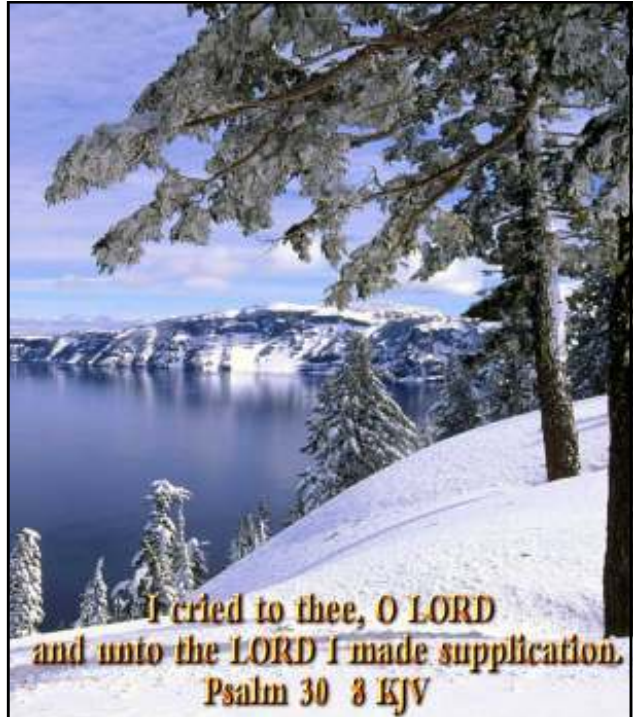
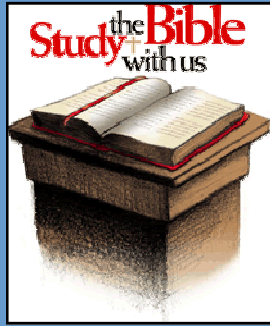
Kindergarten to 5th Grade—Portable 4

6th- to 12th Grade—Teen Room

Ladies—School Library

Gettin' Real Men's
Group—Conference
Room

Adult Class—Auditorium



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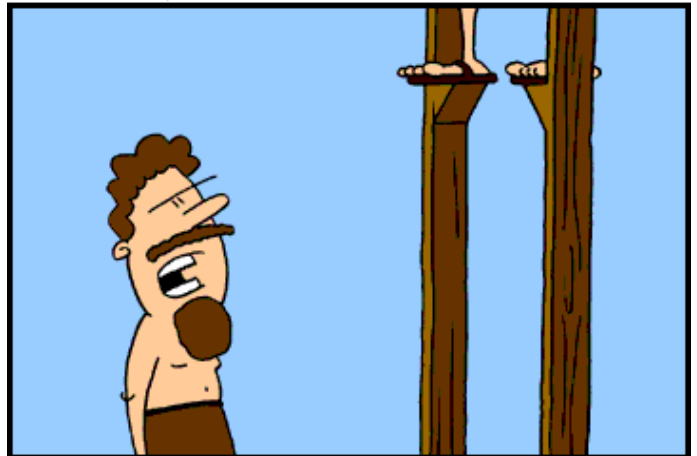
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DON'T YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE TAKING THIS
"HIGH PRIEST" GIG JUST A LITTLE TOO FAR?



A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

"A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back."—Proverbs 29:11