

**From the Preacher's Pen...** Far too often we become guilty of making excuses instead of doing what it right. Catch a child in some misdeed and listen to the countless, creative excuses as to why that had to do wrong.

God points out this very lesson along with our responsibility to grow up and do right: *Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature* (1 Corinthians 14:20).

So let's examine just how far God takes this responsibility to be...

## Faithful People

Don't you love hearing and learning wise counsel? Good advice that is really useful and meaningful is a treasure! God, of course, has a lot of that treasure to share and, if we would be faithful to Him, so do we!

Listen to some of Paul's final words, *So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.* (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

Now consider what he's saying. An Apostle of Jesus Christ is facing his final days here on earth. He had a commission from his Lord and Savior to take the Gospel, the whole of the Gospel to others in this world. Not only does he bring words of forgiveness of sins and salvation but he also brings the message to keep it going by teaching them to teach others (Matthew 28:19-20).

Paul is passing the torch to Timothy (as he did to others) in order for Timothy to pass it on himself. Consider again Paul's actual words.

*Be strong* and not timid. God has constantly reinforced His people with this reminder to be courageous. He reminds us because we are apt to forget and let courage get away from us under severe trials.

*The grace is that in Christ Jesus.* Being strong is only real strength and only really useful when it is in the Lord. Paul had written many times to encourage strength in the Lord (cf. Ephesians 6:10) because real power only comes from the Lord (cf. Philippians 4:13). Strength enabled and empowered by God is going to be successful.

*Entrust to faithful people* the powerful truth that you have learned. It is not opinion or ideas that we have to pass on, but rather the truth that was once for all handed down to the saints (Jude 3) by the Apostles. What we have is so precious that we must not just keep it but pass it on. And we pass it on, not to just anyone, but to those faithful ones that will continue to pass it on.

The qualification to teach is cited by Paul as a requirement of Elders (1 Timothy 3:2) but is in reality a requirement of all who would be worthy of God's Good News.

*Entrust to faithful people* is a great honor and responsibility. The word Paul uses for faithful people (*anthrōpos*) is the generic term for human beings. Faithful (*pistos*), can only be defined by God as it refers to those that are reliable and trustworthy in God's eyes.

*People who will be able to teach others also* is an absolute requirement for God's people! We can never say that we just can't do it. God calls us to do it! God not only says we can do it, but empowers us. Notice the four generations Paul mentions: Himself, Timothy, faithful individuals and others. The chain of faithful teachers is one that reaches from the purity of the New Testament to us. And God calls on us to ensure that the chain continues into the future.

This is God's vision of spiritual reproduction. Faithful Christians beget faithful Christians. If the Lord's church is to be faithful in the future, it begins with us taking up our responsibility now.

Somehow, somewhere many supposed Christians have gotten the idea that they are without responsibility. Every real Christian owes a debt to those who taught them and a responsibility to teach others.

Without taking up our responsibility, we are not faithful.

— Lester P. Bagley

### Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ..... 10 AM

WORSHIP ..... 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP ..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY ..... 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS ..... 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
each month after morning worship  
(except June, July & August)

Welcome to all!  
We are glad you are here!

Enter to Worship...  
Leave to Serve



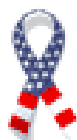
**Welcome to our visitors today!** We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!

**Our Prayer List:** Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham and...

**Our Missionaries:** Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines).

**Previously Announced Family & Friends:** Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Mirlene Smith (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

**Special Requests:** WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father.



**OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Paul Sipes & April Belovedstone (Sue Wolf's son & daughter); Robert Strickland (Cleo Wise's grand-nephew); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

**New:** Jason: son of Carl Catozzi in need of prayers; Michael Lighthouse: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems; Jimmy Handtegen: friend of David Davis following a stroke; Derwin Jackson & family: with his job; Sean & Vickie: Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives; Terri Hoover: John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues; Monica Lopez: George Mora's aunt with breast cancer; Jacob Shirley: struggles; Ray Stephenson family: youngest son's cancer has spread; John Mark: in Afghanistan in danger for his faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Amy Vestal: lupus and intestinal problems; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyn & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Ed Baum; Ray Stephenson; Delbert White's

Granddaughter Jessica; Tom Hoover: (John's brother); Jerry Odom; Barbara Harrison.

Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests.

Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant.

Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson).

Bob Harrod: recently diagnosed with cancer

Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues (via Cleo Wise).

Dena Lara: Myers' niece with complications of Valley Fever.

Larry West: is home.

Scott Untersee: recovering from surgery.

Owen Doster: home and recovering from heart surgery.

Delbert White: home and recovering from surgery.

Ken Price: friend of the Halls with cancer.

Cindy Turpin & family: at the passing of her mother.

**Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.**

**Men's Training Class** (for leading prayers, doing talks & devotionals, & song-leading) **will resume in the Fall**

## Eloy Ladies Day this Saturday

*If you would like to share a ride,  
meet here at the building by 8:05  
Saturday morning!*

**Remember to be QUIET  
for our Pew Packers between  
Bible Study & Worship!**

## Upcoming Events...

Men's Business Meeting: **TONIGHT** after evening worship.

**Monthly Singing: June 24 at 2:30 here.**

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: August 29.

**Potluck: October 21 — Group #2 [Toni Pierce's group] set-up, serve & clean-up**



**Last Week: 6+ Pew-Packers**



**Be "in the picture" every week!**

**✓ Checkup ✓**  
*How are we doing?*

*Attendance Last Week:*

*Sunday Morning Bible Class = 52*

*Sunday Morning Worship = 104*

*Sunday Evening Worship = 39*

*Wednesday Evening = 45*

**Giving**

*2018 Weekly Budget = \$3,015.00*

*Contribution Last Week = \$4,427.69*

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**TO:**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning June 10

Adult Bible Class: • *Acts of the Apostles* ..... Lester Bagley  
Announcements: ..... Curt Odom  
Song Leader:.....Allen Farrow  
Prayer:..... TBA  
Serve Communion:..... Brian Campbell, John Hoover, Kim Myers, Frank Campbell, Max Compton  
Sermon: • *Mark 5* ..... Lester Bagley  
Closing Prayer: ..... Bill Hall

Count Contribution: Tom Haney & John Hoover

### Sunday Evening June 10

Song Leader:.....Allen Farrow  
Prayer:.....Jim Holder  
Sermon: • *Parables of Jesus - 4* ..... Lester Bagley  
Serve Communion:.....Bill Hall  
Closing Prayer: ..... John Hoover

### Wednesday Evening June 13

Song Leader:.....TBA  
Prayer:.....TBA  
Devo:.....Albert Bailey  
Closing Prayer: ..... Bill Hall

## Anniversaries



July 3: *Michael & Clara Hill*

July 4: *John & Ricki Hill*

July 6: *Greg & Laurel Huffman*

July 12: *Charlie & Shirley Stephenson*

July 28: *Kim & Mary Ann Myers*

July 30: *Tommy & Pat Cates*

July 30: *Dennis & Cheryl Mince*

## Birthdays



June 17: *Danielle Campbell*

June 19: *Destanie Aragon*

June 20: *Marley Reid*

June 21: *Sarah Evans*

June 23: *Delbert White*

June 27: *Carolyn Cox - David Polito*

July 3: *KC Deaton-Ochoa - Brett Myers*

July 4: *Jessica Myers*