

Greatest in the Kingdom
Mark 9:33-50; 10:13-16; 35-45

I. The politics of the Church

What causes problems in the church today?

Acts 20:29 ff.; 1 Tim 1:3, 4:1; 6:3

II. The Character of the Christian, Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

Who is the greatest, just what were the apostles thinking? Mat 10 ff., John 6:68; Mt 16:13 ff.

Acts 1:6? - Consider Acts 1:3 & 15:16-18

Jesus' reply:

1. If anyone would be first, he must be last and servant to all - Mk 9:35
2. Welcome the child, welcome the king - Mk 9:37
3. To enter the kingdom, you must do it as a child - Mk 10:15

III. The Role of a Christian, Mark 10:35-45

What is the most important role in the church? Jesus came to serve and give his life.

IV. Why is this so important - the case for unity?

What causes the splits, divisions within the church today? Jesus teaches we must fight against:

- First: Favoritism - the idea that some are more important than others
- Second: A cynical, judgmental attitude, hypocrisy - hardness of heart
- Third: power: The desire for control and power
- We must be open, with the soft heart of a child.

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: Those dedicated to mission work; the leaders of the church, Our **Teen Ministry, Piero and Edita Drago**. **Clarence LeBlanc (Pat's son):** recovery and renewal. **Emily Madey:** difficult divorce and custody issues.

HEALTH NEEDS **Ray Withers:** knee replacement surgery February 23. **Chuck Handley (co-worker of John Branard):** recovering from triple bypass surgery. **Joe Ford (Randa's husband)** suffered a fall. **Barbara Newton (Gary's step-mother)** is undergoing breast cancer treatments. **Patrick Wessel (Tyler Anderson's brother):** diagnosed with acute leukemia. **Joe Montello's mother, Peggy** has inoperable pancreatic cancer. **Jimmy Hines:** has congestive heart failure. **Ruthie Wilson's Uncle Bob, Patty Tarasavage, friend of Ruthie Wilson, co-worker of Bruce Pierce:** diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. **Jasmin Muriel:** dealing with some medications to control seizures. **Vickie Keller:** healing from a shoulder injury. **Peter (Pat Le Blanc's brother-in-law):** diagnosed with diabetes. **Cressy (Pat LeBlanc's niece):** diagnosed with breast cancer. **Nancy Muriel and Jackie Gonzalez' Uncle Herman** has inoperable cancer. **Bob Daubert (June Vogt's friend)** is post bone-marrow transplant. **Liz Ribeiro, friend of Pat LeBlanc, Sandra Vangorder:** diabetes

FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS **Julia Apple:** legal issues. **Melissa Vangorder:** major life changes. The **Newtons:** legal issues in Florida and Massachusetts. **Paul Keller, Gary Newton, Rhonda Davis:** new jobs. **Nancy Muriel** and her family. **Jim Anderson and Jose Gonzalez:** away on work assignments.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: **Daniel Elsmore (Jackie's cousin), Frankie Cardona (Juan's nephew):** in the army in Iraq. **Nick Acevedo and Abel,** in the army in Afghanistan.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2010

- Sunday a.m.: New Testament Notables, Various men, Classroom 6
- Crazy Love, Various women, Ladies Classroom
- Wed. p.m.: Galatians, Bruce Pierce, Classroom 6

PIERO AND EDITA SUPPORT

Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry. The address and website for TGCBi is Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute, 1502 Avenue I, South Houston, TX 77587. www.tgcbi.org. If you are supporting Piero and Edita, please send your support money to the TGCBi address.

Family Happenings

LADIES NIGHT OUT This coming Thursday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. in the private room at the Panera on Eau Gallie in Indian Harbour Beach. Sign up on the hall sign up sheet.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual Impact Day, 2010 On Saturday, February 27, 2010, the Maricamp Road Church of Christ (Ocala) will be hosting a program for men. The program theme is "Becoming God's Man in Today's World". There will be a full day's program of speakers, with lunch provided. The cost of the event is \$10. There is a flyer and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway

Central Florida Bible Camp Singles' Retreat, March 12-14. Theme: "Fight the Good Fight" Cost is \$40-save \$5 by registering by March 8th. Flyer and sign-up posted on the hall bulletin board. See Carole Burkard with any questions.



Ladies Day, March 27, Maricamp Road Church of Christ (Ocala). Theme: "Fill Your Bag." This will be a full day's program of speakers, with lunch provided. A Flyer and sign up sheet are posted on the hall bulletin board. See Suzanne Branard with any questions.

Spiritual Growth Workshop-July 29-31 at the Rosen Center. Theme: "God Almighty Reigns." The Orange Avenue Church of Christ located at 1511 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726 is in charge of this year's workshop.

This year's "**Women of Faith**" forum is the weekend of Oct. 15 - 16th in Tampa at the St. Petersburg Times Forum. Tickets to the event are \$99 - \$89 if we can get 10 or more to commit.



Sign up to work in Nursery during service. A sign up sheet is posted on the hall bulletin board



COMMUNION PREPARERS NEEDED FOR 2010

This is a vital behind-the-scenes serving opportunity that is simple enough for anyone to help with. Please choose a month during the year to set up and clean up the communion trays and prepare the coffee pot for service. The total commitment for the month is less than 6 hours. See Margaret Grassman with any questions.



PANTRY PONDERINGS...

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35, 40
There is a need for paper grocery bags. Please leave any bags to donate on the kitchen island. Please keep bringing in your plastic and paper grocery bags! The need is ongoing. Please leave them on the kitchen counter. Thank you so much.

The Oceanside Boutique is open in the Miller Building! This clothing exchange is available to anyone who wants/needs a wardrobe pick-me-up!

This week's Activity Report: 68 came to the pantry for food, serving a total of 214 people.

Dinner on the Grounds in two weeks-Sunday, March 7.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2-Jeff Sheperd
- 10-Marlene Shirley
- 11-Loren Hackman
- 14-Monica Baloga & Bruce Furrow
- 15-Gary Apple, Jr., Lori Hackman
- 16-Nancy Muriel
- 18-Cindy Kleckner
- 21-Sarah Hines
- 26-Collin Munro

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Kids Kingdom
Children's Bible Hour
10:30

Sunday Evening

6:00 p.m.
Bible Study at the building
and in homes (communion
available at all locations)

Wednesday Evening

7:00 p.m.

Pantry Hours

Available to the neighborhood,
community, and members
Wednesday, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
In case of emergency, contact the Wahteras
259-6253

**Counting People because
People Count**

**Sunday Evening
Small Groups**

February 14, 2010

Bible Study.....
Worship.....92
Contribution.....\$2,863.58(Budget, \$1916.85)

Location	Leader	Time
Building	Conn	6:00 p.m.
Palm Bay	Bryant@Clarke	6:00 p.m.

SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

	February 28	March 7
Song Leader	John Wahtera	tbd
Opening Prayer	John Branard	tbd
Scripture Reading	Matt Provonsil	tbd
Closing Prayer	Eugene Foreman	tbd
Communion	Bruce Pierce	tbd
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Lord's Table	Chris Ankersen, Gary Apple, Jr, John Branard, Willie Bryant	tbd
Prayer Warriors	Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salle	Kristina Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Rhonda Davis, Anne Garner

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Celebrations

Worship and Family News for the Church of Christ Oceanside

Prayer Warriors

Malinee Allen, Julia Apple,
Rita Meredith, Sam Meredith,
Margaret Wahtera, Kathleen
Withers

Scott Clements, **Song Leader**
This World is Not My Home 496
When the Roll is Called Up Yonder 531
Welcome, Scott Clements
Humble Yourself 687
Servant Song 671
Scripture Reading, Mark 9:35—37; 10:13—16,
Tyler Anderson
Opening Prayer, Chris Ankersen
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Alas and Did My Savior Bleed 135
Communion/Offering, Willie Bryant
I Gave My Life For Thee 159
Dismiss Children
I Want to be a Worker 245
Message: "Greatest in the Kingdom" Jim Conn
Invitation Song *Will You Not Tell It Today* 229
Closing Comments, Bill Werner
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Closing Prayer, Bryan Pierce

"Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me. People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.
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