



# INSIDER

MONTGOMERY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
7201 MONTGOMERY BLVD. NE | ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109  
505.884.7926 | MSFM@MONTGOMERYCHURCH.ORG

Volume 8 Issue 08

Sunday, February 21, 2010

## People Will Hurt Me

by Lance Logan

**"I get picked on at school so much. I ignore it and act like it doesn't get to me, but it does. A group of kids always talk behind my back, make fun of me, spread vicious rumors about me and even try to physically hurt me. I've asked them to stop, but then they started doing it more. We started out as friends, then they decided I was 'annoying' and started hating on me. I hate school and don't look forward to going. Please help! It's affecting my grades and how I treat others."**

Mean people have controlling influence long after they have acted against us. This young person, like many others, lives as though God is very small in comparison to these mean people. Certain influences like these people can leave us prone to the sinful tendency to consider people bigger than God.

The Bible informs us that reckless words pierce like a sword (Prov. 12:18). The scriptures never minimize the effect of sinful words. It exposes them as firebrands that leave wounds that can go to the deepest part of who we are. These words are in stark contrast to words of compassion and healing that the Lord

brings to such victims.

The scriptures are filled with stories where people feared people more than God. Abraham feared the Egyptians (Gen. 12:11-13). David feared the Philistines in Gath. However, he responded differently than Abraham. He said, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you...What can mortal man do to me?" (Ps. 56:3-4). God was David's rock and fortress. Abraham later recovers from his fear of man in such a spectacular way that the angel replied, "Now I know that you fear God" (Gen. 22:12).

We stand at a crossroads between fear of others and fear of God. Fear of man can be expressed in terms of favoritism, wanting others to think well of you, fearing exposure by them, or being overwhelmed by their perceived physical power. We have two options: trust in man or trust in the Lord. Feel the liberating words of Jesus: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." When God is given his rightful place in our lives, the bonds of being 'picked on' are broken.

### >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

February 21: Area Wide at Mountainside//Bus leaves at 4:30 pm and returns at 7:30 pm.

March 6: Mountain States Bible Bowl//We will need score keepers, Families to house students, Bring all Cookies, Soda & Bottle Water! Bring Donations to the Office

April 16-18: Spiritual Explosion//Riverside Youth Conference. Mark these days on your Calendar.

Sign up of the Student & Family Ministry email list  
Please send an email to: [Jamie.smith@montgomerychurch.org](mailto:Jamie.smith@montgomerychurch.org)

Ponderosa Camp forms are available in the office.



### ONE IN SPIRIT AND IN PURPOSE

"...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

## WEDNESDAY CLASS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Crowder 2/2 14 yrs old  
 Charles Lindbergh 2/4 97 yrs old  
 Emma Moya 2/3 12 yrs old  
 Devin Thomas 2/12 18yrs old  
 Rachel Jones 2/24 17 yrs old  
 Alex Cole 2/24 15 yrs old

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

## One

Jesus prayed that we would be one like he and his father are one

## USELESS FACTS

Pretzels were originally created for Christian Lent. The twists are to resemble arms crossed in prayer.



## HELP WANTED

*We need volunteer youth workers!*

- Small Groups: Adult & Student Leaders
- Greeters: Make students and parents feel welcome, gather registration forms Adult & Student Leaders wanted.
- Hosts: Parents and adults who can provide both food and a place for small groups to meet regularly or occasionally.
- Drivers: Parents & adults who can drive their own vehicle, vans or the Bus. Will provide training.
- Teen House: Parents & adults for up-keep and improvements.
- Fundraising: promotion & operation.

## >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS

*Set your phone alarm to go off daily at 3:16 pm as a reminder & pray to love like Jesus in your world.*

*Sunday Morning: 9:30 am - 10:30 am*

What are you waiting for? You have a life to build for eternity. Everyday is critical to God. You are a part of a generation that grasps more, that has a conviction to access more and experience the deeper things of God. We don't just "tell the way", we "show the way" at CROSS CURRENT. Come and worry less about what is changing around you and focus on what will always be true about **us**.

6th—7th Grade//Rm D221—Billy S.//New Testament Survey  
 8th—9th Grade//Rm D204-Robin O.& Tom N. //Life of Jesus  
 10th-12th Grade//Rm D218-Burnhams & Statzulas//The Books of Romans & James

Praying 4Haiti//Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Teen House

Keep 1 Tim 4:12 in your heart as you pray about this mission. Remember: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month are Fund-raiser meals. We need you in the kitchen from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please come and join us at 7:30 pm for prayer and help plan fundraising opportunities.

SUMMER CAMP MEETING

A few of the high school students are wanting everyone to consider going to Soul Quest at York College over Encounter at Lubbock Christian. So all those interested in either camp, come to a meeting at the *Teen House on Wed. March 10th.*

**SACRED MARRIAGE:** DEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
 Marriage creates a situation in which our desire to be served and coddled can be replaced with a more noble desire to serve others—even to sacrifice for others. This call for husbands and wives confronts selfishness and demands our service 24 hours a day. When we are most tired, worn down, and feeling more sorry for ourselves than ever before, we have the opportunity to confront feelings of self pity by getting up and serving our mate (p. 186).

### 3 THOUGHTS YOU MUST KEEP OUT

1. "What if I fail?" Careful with your fear of man.
2. "What do others think of me?" Have character
3. "What about my past?" Look forward!

## Parenting Class

Changing lives

Age of Opportunity:

A Biblical Guide to Parenting

Time: 9:30 am

Where: D104  
 Join us for Bible Study and Discussion on How to Disciple your children.

## BEING A PERFECT MINISTRY DOESN'T MATTER. BEING A PRAYING MINISTRY DOES.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10