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Fearing Others

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As a young boy I took care of pigs. Yes, my job was to feed, water, and care for pigs. Did they ever stink! Wow! Nothing is nearly as toxic in smell than pig feces. However, after you were **around them for a little while you didn't even smell the stink.** It was bad when you first walked up, but after a while...it was fine.

There is a stink around us that we have become so **familiar with that we don't even notice it anymore.** We need to see in our battle against being controlled by other people, that we are fighting not only our hearts, but the trends in our culture.

Our need for belonging runs deep. It is as if we were all preprogrammed with a deep need to form and join tribes. Coupled with this need to connect is the American **culture of victimization. It is always the other person's fault.** You are responsible for my actions. What are we saying? Our blame shifting has transformed us so much that we are chronic victims. We are continually saying that other people made us do it.

We are so dubious in our evolution of behavior that while we desire to belong, at the same time we are willing to sacrifice that

belongingness. Chronic victims shift the blame to others. They live as helpless creatures merely responding to the dubious acts of others. Bleh!

This terrible thinking affects our interpretation of the scriptures. We think of ourselves rather than others first. A common

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."

Proverbs 29:25

interpretation of "do not give the devil a foothold" (Eph. 6:27) is a great illustration. This passage is consistently used to think about the individual. For instance, if you are sinfully angry, Satan will have some sort of control in your life. This may be true, however, the passage is speaking in the context of the church. Ephesians is about the unity of the church.

The foothold refers to Satan's dividing influence in the body of Christ rather than Satan possessing an individual.

We are called to pursue with complete vigor, unity in the church. Dispelling bad thoughts and behaviors that divide from our minds. Refuse the temptations of the Devil for you are to consider others in our church less than yourself. Love them.

>>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

March 5: 6th Grade Boys Party//at the Teen House from 6:00-8:00 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

Harding Bison Days// Easter weekend. Contact Jamie Smith if you are interested in going.



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

Hayden Armstrong 3/10 12 yrs old
 TJ Hargrove 3/18 16 yrs old
 Aidan Parish 3/28 13 yrs old
 Shelby Williamson 3/30 18 yrs old

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Ponderosa Camp forms are available in the office.

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

6TH GRADE BOYS PARTY

There will be a party at the Teen House on March 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm for all 6th grade boys and their parents. For more information contact Troy & Mandy Greer (892-8474).

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