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## Know the Fear of the Lord

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When I say people are big, I don't mean some gargantuan body guard named Michele who can crush a golf ball in the palm of his hand. I'm talking about the common fear that has grown to idolatrous proportions. People who control us because we so desperately need their approval. The first step in escaping the snare of fear of man is to know that God is awesome and glorious, not other people.

We fear God because he is morally pure and we are unclean. Fearing God comes when we recognize our sinfulness and his commitment to justice and his anger against sin. Since we know that he first loves us, we are drawn to him and encouraged to submit to his lordship and delight in being obedient.

His love is holy. His justice is holy. His power and character are holy. His wisdom, beauty and majesty are holy. He is ultimately incomprehensible and there is no model outside of Jesus to help us understand him.

Through Jesus, God has come to be close to us. By his grace we can grow in knowing his holiness and this knowledge will help

us be rid of the people-idols and less consumed with ourselves. The world, our own flesh and the Devil all conspire to elevate people, or what we can get from them over God. Our resistance is found in our heart, influenced by the world and the Devil.

A common way we live this resistance is by believing that we are good people who do occasional bad things. This belief ignores the depth of sin in our hearts and elevates us to a mildly flawed imitation of God rather than someone completely dependent upon him.

To make things worse, we rationalize. For example, work is a good thing, but sin can take it and exalt it to the point that it rules us. **We become workaholics. Of course it's because we love our families and want more for them.** See, we have the ability to justify our behavior long after it has become idolatrous.

Growing in our fear of the Lord is not a smooth process. It is more like warfare. We must hate evil, ungodly assumptions, our own sinful nature, and Satan. You can only accomplish this with the powerful resources of the Word, the Spirit and the Church.

### >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

April 16-18: Spiritual Explosion//Riverside Youth Conference. Mark these days on your Calendar. We will travel together or meet up there. Bring \$ for Saturday Lunch together.

March 21: Teen Time//4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Teen House

Sample Haiti Support Request Letters Are Available: See Jamie Smith for Details.

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

## One

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

## >>USELESS FACTS

The current Lobo team is the first UNM basketball top 25 ranked team since **1998. Everyone's A Lobo!** Woof! Woof! Woof!



## 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

*Mission Dates: July 13—20 If a 2nd group: July 20—27*  
*Deposit: \$300 due March 31st//2nd Pmt: \$300 due May 2nd*  
*3rd Pmt: \$400 due June 6th*  
*March 24—Wednesday Meal and Dessert Auction*

### SUMMER CAMP MEETING

The teen house was packed and a very thorough discussion yielded to try Soul Quest for this summer. This camp is for 6th—12th grade students and will be held June 13-19

<http://www.york.edu/soulquest/index.asp>

*Get your Ponderosa Registration Forms ASAP!*

**SACRED MARRIAGE:** DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
 "To fully sanctify the marital relationship, we must live it together as Jesus lived his life—embracing the discipline of sacrifice and service as a daily practice. In the same way that Jesus gave his body for us, we are to lay down our energy, our bodies, and our lives for others" (Pa. 187).

### Steps to a Plan That Works

1. Write down your goals.
2. Consult with the right people.
3. **Gather resource's//make realistic time line.**

### Become a Student of Influence:

Be honest, your unbelieving friends are not ticked off at a building or the teen house or even God. No, they distance themselves from Christians. They reject the image reflected in the lives of believers they know. We need students (and adults) who reflect the purpose and personality of Jesus to a lost world. Our purpose cannot be to survive or even thrive but to serve. Ask yourself this key question: When your friends look in the mirror of your life, what do they see? Is it Jesus?

Grace & Peace Upon You and Through You!

## 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