

St John Church of Christ

November 10, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Richard

Gathering Song: No. 435 Come
into His Presence

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Chris

Psalms 18:30-36

Songs

No. 266 Majesty

No. 300 Praise Him! Praise Him!

No. 251 The Lord Thy God

No. 239 In Moments Like These

No. 791 On Bended Knee

Prayer: Tom

Song: 364 Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Gary

assisted by

Ben, Jerry, Clint

Song: No. 976 I Shall Not Be
Moved (verses 1, 2, and 4)

(Children may go to Children's
Bible Hour during the singing of the
last verse)

Lesson: Variety in Prayer

John

Song No. 915 (1st Verse)

Prayer: Joe

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A Delicious Sin



A joker once observed, "Christians don't gossip, they just share 'prayer requests.'" Gossip and slander are damnable, but the problem, as Solomon points out, is, gossip is so "delicious." Whole magazines at the checkout counter are devoted to it, and unfortunately, you can hear otherwise good Christians slandering other Christians. In hushed tones tinged with concern, they begin:

"I love brother Smith dearly, but..."

"If they were my children..."

"You know the trouble with ..."

"It's so sad. I really want to help..."

"If I were in his shoes..."

James, the brother of Jesus, wrote:

"Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?"

(James 4:11, 12)

What does it mean to "slander" someone? William Barclay, wrote:

The word that James uses for to speak harshly of, or, to speak evil of, is the verb *katalalein*. Usually, this verb means to speak ill of someone else in that person's absence, to criticize, to insult, to slander someone when he is not there to defend himself. This sin of slander and insult and evil-speaking is condemned all through the Bible. ... In the Pauline letters, *katalalia*, the noun, is translated back-biting. *Katalalia* is the sin of those who meet in corners and gather in little groups and pass on confidential tidbits of whispered information which destroy the reputation and good name of those who are not there to defend themselves. People are slow to realize that there are few sins which the Bible so unsparingly condemns as the sin of irresponsible and malicious gossip.

No sin is so universally con-

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demned! God condemns it, “Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence,” (Psalm 101:5). Paul condemns it (2 Corinthians 12:20). Peter condemns it (1 Peter 2:1). James condemns it (James 4:11-12).

You can guard against gossip by asking yourself three questions before you open your mouth:

1. Is it true?
2. Is it kind?
3. Is it necessary

But before I close this week’s article, did you hear about sister ...

John McKeel

More About Us

Meeting Times

- **Sundays**

- ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30 A.M.

- ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00 A.M.

- ◇ Worship 11:00 A.M.

- **Wednesdays**

- ◇ Community Bible Study 2:00 P.M.

- ◇ Dinner & Devo 6:30 P.M.

- ◇ Bible Classes 7:15 P.M.

- **Every Other Monday**

- ◇ Ladies’ Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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Do you have a news item, prayer request, or event to share with us? Call John McKeel (619) 313-7997.



News & Notes

Wednesday Bible Studies

Our building is very busy on Wednesdays this fall! At 2:00 p.m. we have a community Bible study on the book of Ephesians. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall for an hour. Then, at 6:30 p.m., join us for dinner followed by a short devotional at 7:00 p.m. and classes for all ages until 8:00 p.m.

Ladies’ Bible Class Tomorrow Night

Every other Monday night, we have an exciting Ladies’ Bible Class. We are discussing Ecclesiastes. Join us at 7:00 P.M. tomorrow night, November 11th. See Cheyenne or Joy for details.

Quotable

From *The Velveteen Rabbit*: “Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don’t matter at all, because once you are Real you can’t be ugly, except to people who don’t understand.”

The President’s Wife

Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin Roosevelt was one of the most amazing women who ever lived. Just listen to some of her quotes:

- The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.

- With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.
- You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.’
- A woman is like a tea bag – you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.
- Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
- We are afraid to care too much, for fear that the other person does not care at all.
- It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.
- No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

For Your Prayers

November has been designated our “Month of Prayer.” Learn more by picking up one of the flyers in the foyer and joining us!

Please pray for the family of Danelle Mayer, Chet’s niece, who passed away unexpediently, and her husband Jason and their children