

Family Matters

Church of Christ • Bayfield, Colorado

March 11, 2007

Titles Often Mask Pride

Not far from where I live stands a little church that always puts negative stuff on its signs. They seem to be forever infuriated that not everyone uses the King James Bible, as this seems to be their primary message. Last week, the sign was apparently addressed to Catholics. Quoting from Matthew 23:9, it said, "Call no man on earth your father, for one is your father, who is in Heaven." If they read the rest of that chapter, Jesus also warned against being called "teacher," and "leader," and said "servant" is the proper title for those who would be great in the Kingdom of God. These are all good words and excellent roles in life, but the point seems to be that God's people are to avoid pretentious titles that place barriers between people.

What kind of person would want to be called "servant"? I'll tell you: hardly anyone. The word "minister" is roughly the equivalent, and is a good name for preachers as well as anyone else in the Kingdom, although some have tried to infuse it with a certain grandiosity. The remedy adopted by a lot of preachers? Get a doctorate. Now, everyone has to call you "Doctor." A visitor to our services recently said he was slightly offended for me that everyone calls me "Brother Joe." "With your degrees and position," he said, "they ought to call you something with more status." I told him if he knew what some called me, he would know how happy I am for them to call me "Brother"!

I once went to an orthopedic surgeon whose office staff called him by his first name. Surprised by this informality, I asked about it. "There are too many barriers be-

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Daily Bible Reading

	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday	Acts 8:26-9:9	Job 30
Monday	Acts 9:10-31	Job 31
Tuesday	Acts 9:32-10:8	Job 32
Wednesday	Acts 10:9-33	Job 33
Thursday	Acts 10:34-48	Job 34
Friday	Acts 11:1-26	Job 35
Saturday	Acts 11:27-12:19	Job 36

Prayer Concerns



If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

NEW

- LaTitia's mother-in-law, Mrs. Jones has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **CANCER**
- Kennie Montgomery
- Leroy Beaver
- Clarence's dad
- Dan McClure's daughter, Sam
- Gene's mother, Teracia
- Debbie Brown's sister, Tammy
- Ginger's brother-in-law, Earl Peterson
- Stan Williams
- Mike H.'s mother, Fern

OTHER ILLNESSES

- H. and Leone Nelson (heart & mini stroke)
- Nadine Smith-kidney
- Lariece Huddleston, Linda E.'s grandmother
- Tim Ragan, friend of Ron & Mac
- Jason & Kate White
- Linda Burton
- Kenneth McCoy
- Wanda's daughter, Judy
- Duane Odom's sister, Durice
- Jeannie Schmidt's mother, Patty Riecke-lung disease
- Tyler Yager
- Justin Watt's-lung problem
- Harry & Ruth Mortimer
- Angela Westbrook
- Harold Fair -many health problems
- Jodi's friend, Ashley
- Monty's grandmother, Nadine Ford

- Gladys' friend, Janie Tubbs
- Gladys' friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra's son (kidney transplant)
- Darren Cowger
- Hannah's great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo
- Twilla's sister-in-law's sister
- Ginger's granddaughter, Ginny
- Cameron Lora (stomach attacks)
- Carolynne's cousin, Hewey

VARIOUS NEEDS

- Brian Young
- Jessica Hill
- Hall Branch
- Wayne Culbreth
- Linda Manley's brother-in-law, David Grey
- Linda Manley's brother, Larry
- Ryan Lopez
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Howard and Lucile

PREGNANCIES

- Ginger's niece, Karen
- Jeri's sister, Jaki
- Jessica Pennington
- Desiree Speaker

MILITARY

- Dylan (Iraq)
- Matthew Laas (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew
- David Van Tassel (Afghanistan)

Activities



- We need to have a short ladies' meeting down front this morning to discuss the date of Desiree's baby shower.
- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00 downstairs in the main building.
- Ladies' Day and God's Gang work night Monday, March 12, 6:00-8:00.
- Ladies' Bible Class Tuesday morning 9:30-11:00 in The Family Building.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00 in the Family Building. The meal will be provided. \$3.00 per person.
- Ladies' & men's breakfast will be Saturday, March 17, at 7:00. Ladies (Brenda's) Men (Family Building)
- Ladies' Night Out will be at Tobi's on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30. We are going to have supper and play a game. It is "Bring a Partner Night." Bring a friend from church or outside of church to be your partner. We will be serving Taco Salad. If you would like to help with the meal, talk to Tobi.

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tween people,” he said, “and this is one I can do something about.” However, I noticed he did not encourage his patients to address him by his first name. That was fine with me. I feel about this the same way I felt flying in the old Valu-Jet airliners a few years back: the informality of the crew unnerved me just a little. I want to feel they are professionals and maybe a cut above the rest of us.

God’s people who take their discipleship seriously have to wage a never-ending struggle against pride. Pride is a soul-deadening, people-dividing, ministry-killing cancer which never quits coming, never admits defeat, and forever looks for new ways of taking over its host. Pride has a thousand faces. It masquerades as merit (“I earned this”), as concern (“It will be good for them”), as love (“I’m doing this because I care”), as ministry (“You’ll be a better Christian”), and even as humility (“Lord knows, this is far less than I deserve.”)

Jesus said His followers should think of themselves as unworthy servants who are getting far more than they deserve. He did not say God sees us that way, or that we should treat one another that way—only that we should think of ourselves in this way (Luke 17:10). In so doing, He gave us a key that unlocks a hundred doors in the Christian life and solves a multitude of problems before they strike. The attitude of a lowly servant also drives a stake through the heart of pride. But don’t be fooled; pride will be back tomorrow wearing a different outfit. Be watching.

When opponents of the Lord’s people wanted to caricature them and belittle them, they called them “Little Jesuses.” That’s what the word “Christians” means. It was first given at Antioch in Syria and was intended as a put-down (Acts 11:26). What they meant as ridicule, the Lord’s children began to wear as a badge. The very idea—that we get to be like Jesus! Now there is a grand all-encompassing name. A Name above all other names! A Name to really take pride in!

—By Joe McKeever
Pulpit Helps, March 2007

Activities Continued



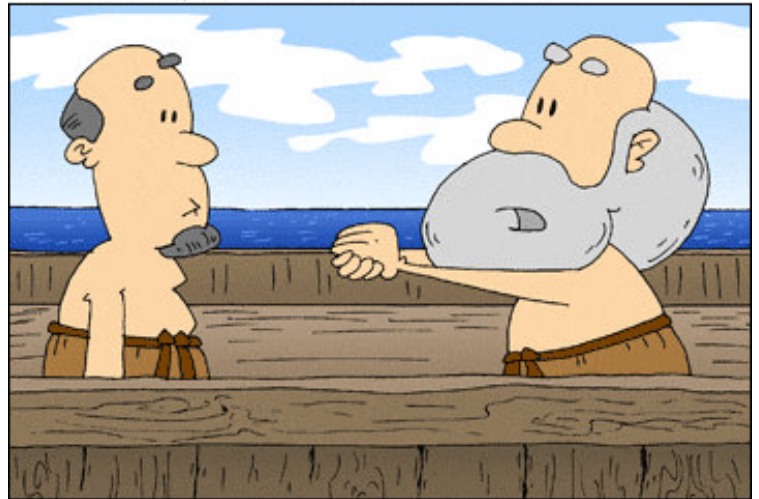
- Ladies’ Breakfast will be hosted by Judy on Saturday, March 31, at 9:30.
- Our Ladies’ Day will be Saturday, April 28. The theme is His Marvelous Works.” David Ebert’s mother, Nadine, will be our speaker. We have several committees that need someone to be the coordinator. Please let Tobi, Linda E., or Judy know if you would like to be a coordinator. Song leader; Continental Breakfast; Booklet, etc.. And of course, we will be calling you to help with decorations, etc.

Revelation 2:19, 26, 28-29

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first . . . To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations . . . I will also give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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Small Groups

	LOCATION	LEADERS
Group 1	Auditorium	Frank Van Tassel & Harvey Cundiff
Group 2	Moyers’ 308 E. East St.	Bart Moyers & David Ebert
Group 3	Hately’s 4040 CR 509	Mike Hately & J. Paul Brown
Group 4	Family Building (teens)	Doug Hooten & Mark Huffmyer
Group 5	Melinda Cundiff’s (Young Adults) 2253 CR 516	Doug Hooten & Gene Chapin (This group meets at noon)
Group 6	Chapin’s 1871 US Hwy 160B	

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
Devotional 7:45 P.M.

Servants

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

Elders

Harvey Cundiff 884-9074
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Monty Cundiff 884-1363
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Gene Chapin 884-9280
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