

The Danger of Popularity

So many people base their life on the pursuit of popularity. I do not believe that I have ever been popular, but as a teenager I can remember wanting to be. The desire to be liked and to have the praise of the people around us can be a strong temptation. Our young people are facing this in a way that many of us in the older generations may not understand. Not only do they face the same types of pressure we did growing up, they also have a public social media presence which allows them to receive automatic feedback from friends and strangers around the world. People's lives are being driven by how many "Likes" they receive and how many shares and comments are made on their social media posts.

There are warnings found in the Bible about the danger of seeking the approval of men. Jesus warned His disciples, "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

The apostle Paul warns us about seeking the approval of men, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). If we attempt to please people in this world, we will find our actions will change and we will be led away from God.

The apostle Paul also tells us that seeking to do God's will is what is important. Being pleasing to God, not people, should be our goal. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). When we seek popularity from the world we will have to act like those in the world. What is more important, getting a "Like" from a stranger, or hearing from God, "Enter in good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23)? ~Brad Tolbert

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

June 20, 2021

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Maybe you played "follow the leader" as a child. Or, maybe your kids or grandchildren have played the game. Either way, I'm sure everyone is familiar with the game and its simple concept. That simple concept is one that we need to adopt and adhere to today. Leaders are a blessing and we need good godly leaders. But what's the point, if we don't do our part and follow them?

Leaders are an essential part of everyday life, especially in the Lord's church. Churches with strong leaders are healthy and usually vision minded. Our spiritual leaders watch out for our souls and strive to lead us into a closer walk with God. Spiritual leaders educate us in the Scriptures and show us how to live as God's holy people. At times spiritual leaders are called on to help with guidance and problem solving for members of their flock. Often those problems never become congregational issues because of the wisdom of the men who lead us. Some Christians fail to realize the many hours spiritual leaders log. Make their job easier by following them.

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17).

Chuck Ball
Minister, Cabot church of Christ
Cabot, AR

On a personal note, I am thankful for our elders and their concern for the welfare of the saints who meet in Monticello. We need to be reminded from time to time the importance of their work and know that it is a God-given role in the Lord's church (Acts 20:28). I know that they would cherish your prayers each day as they shepherd God's sheep. May we respect, honor and follow their lead! ~P. Mowrer

Slappy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
His children
are blessed
after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

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Linda Bates is in Bradley County Hospital, room 16, with pneumonia.

Robbie Pettigrew is home recovering from colon surgery.

Eloise Harris remains in Drew Memorial Hospital.

Ronnie Light remains in St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock.

Bob & Pat Turner have relocated to southern Illinois to be closer to family.

Small Group Bible Classes begin at the building Sunday evening, July 11, at 5:00.

After the assassination of President Kennedy, his young son, John Jr., asked William Haddad, an associate of JFK's "Are you a daddy?" Haddad told him that he was. In response, little John Jr. said, "Then will you throw me up in the air and catch me?"

It's not the **WILL** of God if it goes against the **WORD** of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Worship livestreamed at 10:30

Happy Father's Day!

July 4 - Singing at 5 (No fellowship dinner)

July 11 - Small Group Bible Classes @ 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Carolyn Cook... Joe Moore...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner...Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Step-anovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Bernice Adcock...Robert Akin...Cathy Barnett... Jo Calhoun...Jerry Carter...Terra Chambers...Lydia Cowgill...Hazel Duggar...Eddie & Leona Eubanks...Dorothy Foster...Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Barry Hall...Eloise Harris...Jimmy Hill... Judy Holly...Tina Jacks...Johnny Jeter...Ronnie Light... Jimmy Owens...Robbie Pettigrew...Christy Rice... David & Loyce Ray...John & Christine Riddle... Pam Shaw...Homer Shirey...Cherice Webb...William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Today! Josh & Jessica Pettigrew

June 21 James Miller

23 Beau & Jamie Beard

24 Seth Baker

Jailen Miller

27 Joe Sponaugle

30 Gwen Ellis

Reid Smith

July 1 Timothy Cook

Mamie Meier

Becky Rice

Joshua Tolbert

Olivia Wilson

June Daily Bible Reading Schedule

21 Psalm 70-72
22 Psalm 73-75
23 Psalm 76-78
24 Psalm 79-81
25 Psalm 82-85
26 Psalm 86-88
27 Psalm 89-91

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." ~Theodore Hesburgh

"A godly father is the unseen spiritual submarine who lurks below the surface of every activity of his child's life. A man who has put on the full armor of God and with that armor, goes to warfare on his knees for his children, is a force to be reckoned with. We cannot be with our children 24 hours a day, but through our prayers, we have the ability to affect situations even when we are not physically present. You may be undetected, but that does not mean you are ineffective. ~ Steve Farrar, (from the book), Standing Tall

"A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic...a father never feels worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be, and this worries him, sometimes. So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him...Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough, so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's. Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest. One day they lose and the bet's paid off to the part of them they leave behind." ~ Paul Harvey

MISSIONS

Truth for Today
 In Search of the Lord's Way
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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

June 27 Kathy Linder
July 4 Peggy Moore
July 11 Peggy Moore
July 18 Cathy Mowrer

Ladies June Duties

Cards: Shirley Fisackerly
Food: Sara Newton
 Barbara Newton

Attendance

Bible Class	82
Sunday AM Worship	103
Sunday PM Worship	72
Wed. Evening	85
Contribution	\$6,285

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