

THE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK:

Sunday:

Bible Study & Worship
Teen dinner

Monday:

Fl. School of Preaching Class

Wednesday:

Bible Study

Saturday

High Springs Day at camp

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 10th:

Ladies Night Out

May 14th:

Pre-Teen Devo

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE:

Month of May

Announcements:

Luther Honey

Singing:

a.m. – Mark Nortz
p.m. – John Loanzon
Wed. –Luther Honey

Prayer:

Leonard Sherouse

Bible Reading:

Preaching:

Doug Frazier

Lord's Supper:

Dick Tudor
Greg Green
Tim Stanley
John Lydon

May

Prepare communion

Angie Stokes

4th Sunday Fellowship:

Beverly Mikell
Kim Mikell
Pam Myers

Judging: Part 1

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? (James 4:11-12).

This part of James sounds very much like a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Who art that judgest another? inquired James. Judge not, that ye be judged, said the Lord.

Judging is one of the most common sins among us, but one that doesn't receive the attention and rebuke most other sins receive. We must never overlook nor minimize any sin warned against in the Bible.

One can be lost for judging as well as for other transgressions. This is one of those attitudes that will warp our soul and do much harm to the cause. It must be dealt with both in the pulpit and in other media of teaching. Let us ask and answer four questions.

What is judging?

It is not a mere statement of fact; contrariwise, it is

1. *jumping to a conclusion;*
2. *forming a harsh or hasty opinion;*
3. *censorship;*
4. *arriving at a decision without weighing the evidence.*

Judging deals with one's motives and intentions, and things that do not appear on the surface. It is not judging to say that a man is intoxicated when the evidence cannot be refuted, but it is judging to go backstage in the man's life and say that he does not intend to be better, or that he is not trying, or to put some other questionable construction upon the man's thinking.

One is often heard to say, I'll bet John Doe would act such and such a way if he were thrown into certain circumstances. This is judging; it is jumping to a conclusion; it is forming a harsh or hasty opinion. Such a practice is prohibited in the Scriptures.

What causes judgment?

Often it is the out-cropping of an inferiority complex. It is a cover-up. To condemn others inflates the critic's ego. Some study to be hyper-critical. One should remember that when he points his finger of scorn at someone else, three of his fingers point back to him. Then, there are those who judge because of jealousy or envy. Envy seeks to get rid of the object of its envy. This is frequently accomplished by hurting the influence of the one envied. Instead of pulling himself up to another's level, he reaches up and pulls the other one down to his own level. And some judge through lack of forethought. - George Bailey

- *vision without action is a daydream,*
- *Action without vision is a nightmare.*

Judging: Part 2

What will judging do? It puts us in God's place as a judge. God's law is to train us for better judges. We need more judgment and fewer judges. A man's judgment is no better than his information. We usually lack the necessary facts for adequate judgment.

Judging also sets us up as examples and creates within us a holier-than-thou feeling. You cannot go on judging others without elevating yourself above them. As an example of this, study the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14.

Through judging we are forced into the pool of hypocrisy. We begin to judge in others the things that are our own greatest weaknesses. Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (Matthew 7:3). For wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things (Romans 2:1). He that walks barefoot must never plant thorns. The Indians would say: Never criticize another's walk until you have walked in his moccasins for three days. Before condemning another for his faults, sit down and count ten of your own. In looking for someone to criticize, don't turn your head when passing the mirror.

What is the cure for judging?

It might be compared to the balance type scales. On one side is the standard weight; on the other side, the product to be weighed. The scales will speak for themselves in the weighing of the matter. The only cure for judging is true love. - George Bailey

These articles are taken from HousetoHouse, HearttoHeart.

TO OUR VISITORS

It is our sincere desire to help all men and women understand what God's will is for their life. Here at the Alachua Church of Christ, we stand ready and willing to help you with any needs you may have. Here are just a few of the services we offer: Marriage Counseling, Family Counseling and Addiction Counseling, free audiotapes of any lesson and In-home Bible Study. Feel free to make your request know. Ask any member of the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAVELERS: Mary Ellen Swain left this last week and is traveling to Arkansas, Texas and Arizona. Please keep her in your prayers for a safe return. She will be gone for several weeks. Jonathan Thompson also left this week for South Carolina for a summer internship.

FWI: We called Beth and Vic Pratt this week to make sure that they were OK after hearing about all the disaster in Alabama. They reported that they were doing very well. We do need to keep those who lost loved ones and/or their homes, in our prayers.

HIGH SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST: is sponsoring a Family Fun Day and Cookout at Florida Bible Camp on May 7th from 9am til.....For details see the brochure on the bulletin board in the back. Please RSVP

SICK AND/OR INJURED:

- Continue to remember Rhonda Howe, Kim Land (Connie Cauthen's sister-in-law), Bob Earnhart (Blu's uncle), Jean Gause, Larry Pahman's father, Patty Earnhart, Cathryn Scruggs, Mike Elledge, Randy Adams, Shirley Rogers, Carl Lee, Sherrelle Kendrick, Randy Howe's mother, Linda Martin, Tommy Mikell, Ann Ewing, Diane Jones, Terry Dickerson (nephew of Ruth Gufford), Betty Hitchcock, Shirley Kirby, Carolyn Canady (Rhonda's Mom), James Harrison, Edward Brown.

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers. Many of those who have chronic conditions suffer from day to day. Those that are confined need not only our prayers but visits, calls, cards or letters.

TEEN DINNER: We will be having our monthly teen dinner on Sunday May 1st following our PM service. We will be eating at Sonny's in Alachua. Please make sure you bring enough money to cover your meal and a tip. Hope to see all of our teen's there.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Our monthly LNO will be May 10th at 7:00PM. We will be meeting at Conestoga's in Alachua.

PRE-TEEN DEVOTIONAL: Our next pre-teen devotional will be on Saturday, May 14th. We will be studying self control.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Tuscaloosa Update

Hi Everyone

I am getting this recap out before we are finished for the day today so as many of you can get it and take it to church with you as possible. So far today at 1:30 we have handed out and taken out around 1500 meals, truck loads of other food, water and supplies. Assuming we finish around 2000 that would make the total meals since Thursday night 3540. We are expecting a truck load of food and supplies today from Granny White **CoC** from Nashville and a semi load from someone in Birmingham on Monday.

I have been posting many photos and updates on the blog. you can get to the blog from our web site www.disasterassistancecoc.com . As I have promised if you are someone who wants to see how your funds are being used you can do so by following this blog. I also post many updates to **Facebook** each day.

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" 1 John 3:17.

To help us with this work you can donate online at: www.disasterassistancecoc.com or make check payable to and **mailto:**
Disaster Assistance
402 Center Way ST
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

If anyone would like to volunteer or a group of volunteers or send any other goods please call me 281-881-1876. Please pass this information on to everyone on your email and **Facebook** list , take it to your church and business, you never know who might be willing to help us. Please pray for the thousands of people whose lives have been forever changed and for us as we show the love of the Lord to them by just providing a simple meal.

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Meeting Times:
Sunday Morning
Bible Study: 9:30
Worship: 10:30

Sunday Evening
Worship: 5:30

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30

“God Exists”

- A. Many deny the existence of God and reject the fact that He is the creator.
- B. Our children are taught the evolutionary theory in school which denies that God is the designer and that we happened by chance.
- C. Only a fool would say in his heart that there is no God.
 - a. **Something had to be the cause of the Universe being here.**
 1. As we look at the Universe, we know that something can not come from _____.
 2. The Law of Cause and Effect says that every material effect must have an adequate cause that existed before the effect.
 3. In order for matter to exist there had to be a _____ for it to exist.
 4. When there is an explosion, things are destroyed not made.
 5. The Bible tells us the cause of the Universe. Genesis 1:1, Exodus 20:11, Acts 17:24.
 6. Psalms 90:2 declares that God existed before matter or energy.
 - b. **Design demands a designer. Romans 1:20**
 1. Every story has a writer, every house has a builder, every sculpture has a sculptor.
 2. Everywhere we look we see _____, so therefore there has to be a _____.
 3. The Earth proves that there is a _____.
 4. The human eye and heart proves that there is a designer.
 5. We are wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14
 6. The _____ proves that there is a designer.
 7. The fact that the Earth is at the perfect distance, the complexity of the human body and the design of the electric cell show that there had to be a designer.

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