



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From our Session

Protecting God's Holiness

In the Book of Joshua, God gives Joshua His promise that The Children of Israel would conquer and possess the Promise Land, they only had to obey and follow God. One battle that Joshua figured would be a "cakewalk." But they lost. Joshua cries out to God, and God tells him that there's sin in the camp (congregation). He tells Joshua to deal with it. Israel finds out that Achan had purposely disobeyed God, and because of his sin, the whole congregation was defeated. God takes His holiness seriously. And when the Church knows there is rebellion and willful sin without true repentance and ignores it, the whole congregation suffers God's anger and discipline, until the sin is dealt with.

One of the most disturbing things that happens to many churches is they forget about their role in protecting the Holiness of God in His church. Jesus told Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against the church of God. (Matthew 16:18)

God appointed Elders to lead the church in spiritual guidance (1 Timothy 3:1-13), to help grow the members in spiritual growth, to learn how to walk in the Spirit of God, and to uphold/protect the character of God (His Holiness). That means, as a church body, we must take sin as seriously as God does.

Jesus Himself lays the protocol out in how the church (the Elders) should do this in Matthew 18:15-20.

- 1) Deal with the sin/offense privately one on one. (v. 15)
- 2) If that doesn't work, take one or two witnesses so there will be proof. (v. 16)
- 3) If they still don't repent, Jesus says bring that person before the church (the Elders/spiritual leaders); and if that

believer still refuses to repent, the Church MUST protect the Holiness of God by treating the believer as a non-believer. (v. 17)

How does the Church treat a believer as a non-believer? By demonstrating The Law of Christ to them which is love! God shows His love to His children by disciplining them. In fact, the Bible says in Hebrews that The Lord disciplines His children. If there is no discipline, then that person has no relationship with God. (Hebrews 12:5-8)

It is the Church's responsibility to uphold the Holiness of God. Even if it means getting involved in "people's business." If we don't, we put the whole congregation of God in jeopardy of His discipline. Church leaders are held to a higher standard of life than those not in leadership. But our actions must be done with a spirit of gentleness and with the love of Christ, or we're no different than the offender (Galatians 6:1-5). In order for people to trust God and feel safe at their church, the church can't tell her members, "Deal with it", or "Everyone has skeletons in their closets." No, we deal with sin head on, and when we're in agreement, we have the authority to bind or loosen from Christ Himself. For Christ Himself will be in agreement with the church leadership.

As church leaders, and as shepherds of God's flock, our concern should always be to protect the integrity of God's Holiness, even if it's unpopular with other church members. To God be the Glory. Speak life and live!

Pastor Roy Phat Pastor

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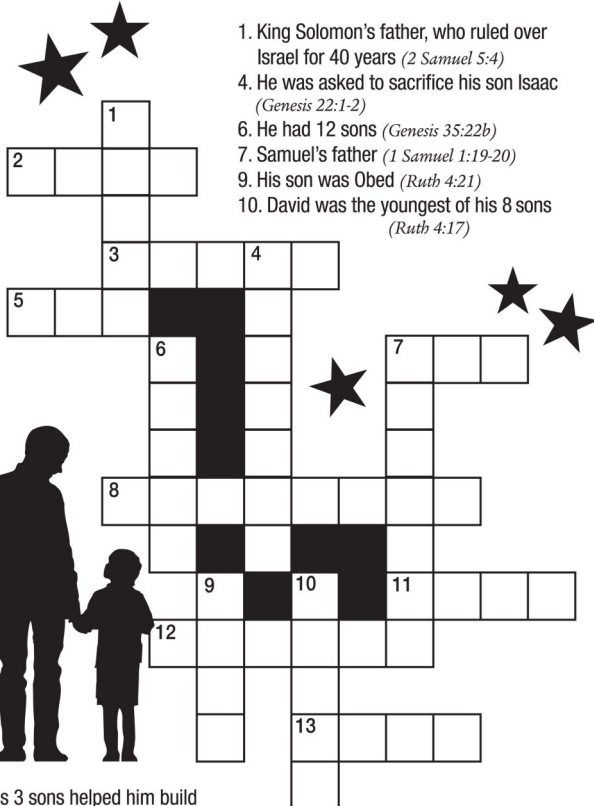
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Puzzle & Humor Page

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22b)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul, 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse, ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli,



Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

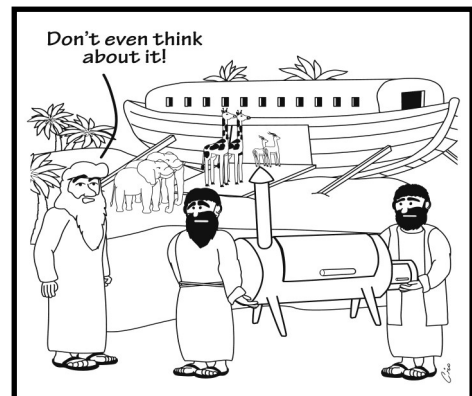
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DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV



Worship Volunteer Schedule June 2023

June 4

**Greeters
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Sound Room Assistant
COMMUNION Servers
COMMUNION Prep**

Jocelyn Bolles
Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
Jimmy Cordova & Diane Pegues
Jimmy Cordova
Jeff Thorpe, Brittany Haywood
Diane Pegues

June 11

**Greeters
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Sound Room Assistant**

Connie Steger & Joan Brown
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman
Jennifer McWilliams

June 18

**Greeters
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Sound Room Assistant**

Sharon Ingram
Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
Darlene Cowand
Jimmy Cordova

June 25

**Greeters
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Sound Room Assistant**

Dudley Austin
Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Jennifer McWilliams

**As a father has compassion
on his children, so
the LORD has compassion
on those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13, NIV**




June Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Victoria Salazar, June 3
Tobey Hicks, June 10
Vanessa Cordova, June 11
Kent Glover, June 11

Katherine Liddle, June 11
Caius Thorpe, June 14
Felicia Smith, June 29

		
2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$ 12,935	\$ 16,577
Jan—Apr	\$ 79,945	\$ 111,948

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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