



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Family Matters

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## The Foolishness of God

Students in a psychology class at San Diego State College were asked to name their most valuable personal asset. 2 wrote down intelligence, both of them misspelled it. Winston Lord, former assistant Secretary of State and ambassador to China, told of a time when he and his wife were driving outside of Beijing. They came across a Buddhist temple and the head monk came out to greet him. His eyes lit up when he learned that Lord was an ambassador and that his wife Betty was a famous author. The monk then asked Lord if he would do this temple a great honor which would benefit future visitors, to guide and instruct them.

He then asked him to write something in English. Obviously, the ambassador and his wife were quite honored and the monk then handed them two wooden plaques and said, "Would you write in English on the plaque the word Ladies and on this plaque the word Gentlemen?" Many people like them think of themselves as being quite intelligent (and they are usually quite annoying to the few of us who are).

Many perceive themselves as quite intelligent and are often quite embarrassed to find out they either did not know as much as they thought they knew or that their perceived intelligence was not as important to others as it was to them. One of the greatest advantages of my studies is the fact that the more I learn the more I realize I have to learn.

The church at Corinth was undergoing a similar realization and they were having a difficult time coming to grips with this new reality. They, like many living in metropolitan areas of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, prided themselves on their knowledge and felt as though they had everything figured out. Yet, here comes God in their lives and He is doing things in ways they just cannot comprehend. To them the ways of God are foolish because He was acting in ways that were contrary to what they believed to be the best of human wisdom.

In our lesson today we are going to consider what the Corinthians thought was the foolishness of God. However, Paul in this text will demonstrate to them and us that there is nothing wrong with the wisdom of God for it is infinite in nature. The problem is with man's wisdom. Man and God think differently—Is.55:8-9. Thus, if man and God see things differently, the problem does not lie in the wisdom of doing things God's way, it lies in our ability to understand the wisdom of doing things God's way.

Paul concludes this passage by putting man in his proper place. How? By stating that even the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of man and that the weakness of God is stronger than the strength of man. It does not matter how wise we become—God is wiser. It does not matter what man achieves in his own power—God is more powerful.

There is a day coming when those who have refused the wisdom of God will say, I should have chosen His way and not mine. I should have trusted His wisdom and not mine. The only question will be; what will you say?

Brian Mitchell

## Worship Times

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am  
AM Worship: 10:00 am  
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

## For the Record

Sunday Class: 121  
Sunday AM: 178  
Sunday PM: 84  
Wednesday PM: 68  
Contribution: \$4530  
Budget: \$4831

## Think on This...

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:35

## Celebrating This Week...

### Birthdays

Diana Ivanovich: 01.22  
Tim Hosey: 01.23  
Jacob Luebbers: 01.25  
Doug Ehlers: 01.26  
Trisha Myers: 01.26  
Judy Pfeiffer: 01.26  
Daniel Ivanovich: 01.26  
Kevin Reeves: 01.27

### Anniversaries

Newt & Kay Gilliland:  
01.23  
Scott & Joy Kaye  
Watson: 01.27

## Lessons for Today

**AM: Brian Mitchell**  
"The Foolishness of God"  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**PM: Brian Mitchell**  
"Glorifying in the Lord"  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** David Selvig

### SUNDAY

**Greeters:** Dan & Ruby Silvers

**Ushers:** Leonard Fulbright/Kenny Simmons

**A/V:** Scott Spraggs

**Nursery:** Janet Singleton

**Lead Singing:** Todd Newman

**Head Lord's Table:** Phil Singleton

**Scripture:** Greg Dowdy

**Prayers:**

**AM:** Randy Seabaugh/Mark Essner

**PM:** Mat Kee/Dan Silvers

### WEDNESDAY

**Lead Singing:** Scott Watson

**Devo:** Randy Seabaugh

**Prayer:** Kevin Reeves

**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Gary Ridenour

**Worship Organizer:** Doug Lester



## Remember in Prayer

- **Thelma Brown** has been in hospice care for several weeks, but is declining more rapidly. She is no longer eating solid food and pain medication has been increased. She may still have visitors but has moved to Room 201 at Monticello House.
- **Newt Gilliland** was still in Southeast Hospital at time of printing, but he expects to be released to Lifecare Center in the next day or two.
- **Gary Ridenour** had his appendix removed last Sunday and is recovering well.
- **Glenda Francis**, from the Marble Hill congregation, is beginning treatment for advanced stage pancreatic cancer. Glenda's address is posted on the family board if you'd like to drop her a note of encouragement.

## Daily Bible Reading

**January 22:** Genesis 30-31

**January 23:** Genesis 32-34

**January 24:** Genesis 35-37

**January 25:** Genesis 38-40

**January 26:** Genesis 41-42

**January 27:** Genesis 43-45

**January 28:** Genesis 46-47

## Rejoice!

- We rejoice with the Mitchell family and the angels in heaven as **Andrew Mitchell** was baptized into Christ last Sunday night! We are proud of Andrew and his decision to obey the gospel. Please pray for him as he begins his walk with the Lord.

## Welcome...

- Please take time to introduce yourself to **Connie Vander...** she is Glen Austin's daughter and has asked to be identified as a part of the family here in Jackson. We welcome Connie and look forward to getting to know her and serving with her in the Kingdom!

## Continuing Prayer Needs

**\*\*Contact the office with updates\*\***

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Thelma Brown

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Jalonda Harris

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Earle Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Robin Star

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver

## News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Microwave Popcorn**
- Thank you to all those who helped with our IGNITE youth rally this past weekend. We had a great turnout and heard several exceptional lessons during the event. We are thankful for all who worked to make this such a success.

## Area Events & Activities

- **January 29: Marble Hill** will be hosting a **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** beginning at 1:30pm. Please plan to attend and encourage one another while praising God in song. Refreshments will be served afterward.

## Youth Corner

- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge.
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "*Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground*".

By this all people will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.

John 13:35 (English Standard Version)