

Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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Birmingham, Alabama

Religion of Peace

Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." He was born the "Prince of Peace," but his message teaching the things that make for peace were mostly ignored so that within forty years the city and its sacred temple was leveled to the ground. Jesus taught that we should consider the needs and wants of others as quickly as we think of our own. (Matthew 7:12) He taught that we should be meek and lowly in heart, merciful, hungering for righteousness, pure in heart and peacemakers. He taught that we should love our enemies, pray for them and do good to them. He would not tolerate calling another names such as fool. Every way that men find to stir up anger, hatred, and hostility, Jesus showed us the way around it to peace at least so far as it depends on us. (Romans 12:9-21) "Overcome evil with good."

Do you know the things that make for peace? 1. There can be no peace until one learns the "Golden Rule" and determines to do good to strangers, even hostile strangers. In the ancient American Indian languages, the word "stranger" was a synonym for enemy. In Ancient Greece, citizens of neighboring cities were usually enemies. Among the myriad sects and tribes of the Islamic nations, men will more readily cut the throats of Muslims who trespass than non-Muslims. Cannibalism has been practiced

openly for centuries in New Zealand, Africa, South America and even the Karankawa Indians of Texas. Jesus taught evangelism which is the dedication to rescue strangers from the ravages of sin.

2. There can be no peace without M&M's: mercy and meekness. People fight because they are provoked by someone's moral lapse, or thoughtlessness which insults or injures them. There can be no peace without merciful forgiveness. There can be no peace without the self-control of meekness when provoked by the attitudes of another. Pain, fear, worry, and anger sling us into conflict whereas faith, confidence, and kindness raises us to the sublime world of peace.

3. There can be no peace without purity of heart. The integrity of marriage depends on loyalty and trust which can only be destroyed by immorality and the wandering desire. Anger flares up with suspicion, adultery, or even the knowledge of past indiscretions. Now think of all the anger and discord among the children of broken homes, broken by a lack of purity of heart. Fatherless children grow up angry and bitter, abandoned by their sires and neglected by their single mothers who must leave the home to work. They roam the streets in gangs bound together by an oath to fight against other gangs that infringe on their territory. Born in impurity and raised in impurity, they mate like dogs spreading disease, bitterness and hostility everywhere they go. Jesus knows the things that make for peace. tp

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News and Notes

The sick and injured

Unaking and James Currier
Jim Padgett's brother Milton
Paul Stallings' sister-in-law Rhonda
Elaine Phillips

Leah's great-aunt Josie Talley has terminal cancer and expected to live only a few months.

The shut-in

Bernice Odell
Elsie Kirkpatrick
Varina Corbin
Francis Walling
Arranelle Meisner

Osburn and Marjorie Holt

Birthdays

11-Joe Wright, 13-Billie Courington, 18-Chastity Steve

Gospel Meetings

Edward's Lake

Vacation Bible School
God's People Doing God's Work
June 15-19, 10:00-11:30 am

Pine Lane

3955 Pine Lane, Bessemer, AL 35022
Speaker: Wes Brown
June 14-19, M-F: 7:00 pm

Worship Leaders

Lord's Table: Charles Bain, Brad Golden, Bryan Golden, Samuel Partain

Song Leaders: June 14-Bill Lammons, 17-Fred Watts, 21-Fred Watts, 24-Terry Partain

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Bible Study Scripture reading	Herb Palmer	Wayne Odell
Bible Study Prayer	Paul Stallings	Brad Golden
Sunday AM opening prayer	Bill Lammons	Paul Stallings
Sunday AM dismissal prayer	Forrest Berry	Charles Bain
Sunday PM Scripture reading	Fred Watts	Lee Roy Golden
Sunday PM opening prayer	Bryan Golden	Terry Partain
Sunday PM dismissal	Roger Golden	Jim Padgett
Wednesday PM Scripture reading	Lee Roy Golden	Bill Lammons
Wednesday PM Opening prayer	Larry Courington	Herb Palmer
Wednesday PM Offer invitation	Lloyd Barker	Jim Padgett
Wednesday PM Closing prayer	Jim Padgett	Don Womble

Announcements for June: Roger Golden - 856-1982