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Here is a challenge. Let's work to reclaim the lost of intimacy, the absence of friendships, and the lack of family harmony. Blaming never settled the issue of sin and guilt. Study carefully Matthew 7:1-5: *"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."* These verses do not deny the right of making moral and spiritual judgments (cf. 7:6; 1 Cor. 2:15; 5:9; 2 Cor. 11:4; Phil. 3:2; 1 John 4:1), but forbid a bitter, hostile, and unkind spirit which delights in finding fault and blaming others. Hypocritical self-righteousness has no place in the life of a Christian. In the area of motives, no one of us can know the heart of another (only God can know this) and draw conclusions as to the "why" of people's actions, especially when those actions are indifferent or even good, is to invite God's judgment upon one's life.

As you journey through this brief life instead of blaming your mate or fellowman - start reclaiming your own life and all of the joys that make living worthwhile. Reclaim don't blame! God has prepared the remedy; accept it and you will be abundantly blessed. (Eph 1:3-4) *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."*

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# Welcome

to the  
**Church of Christ**  
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:

The Work of Jesus Witnesses to His Divine  
Sonship  
Acts 10:38

Tonight: Song Service



## Congregational Meeting Times:

### Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Visitors

*The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.*

### Important dates to remember:

#### February:

Sun. 28st - Elders, Deacons & preachers meeting

#### March:

Sun 7th - Singing for the shut-ins

#### Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 28th- Group 2 meets after evening service

March 7th - Mt. Mike's following morning services

March 26th - Family night potluck at the Uptegrove's, 6:30pm

Note: Ryan and Angela Riemer would like everyone to know that they are invited to their house for Brianna's 1st birthday on March 13th. Details are on the back bulletin board.

### Classes

**Young Adults Class:** Fridays at Caleb's home. See Caleb for details.

**"Gathering" meeting:** meets every other week, see Mariel for details

### Birthdays this week:

Lea Dwyer

March 1

Philip Chung was baptized February 24th.

## Reclaiming Joy

*Glenn I. Hitchcock*

In the Garden of Eden when the man and the woman sinned against God, an amazing phenomenon took place. When questioned by the Creator concerning their transgression, the man blamed the woman and the woman blamed the serpent (the Devil). While this incident was occurring, God simply noted their behavior and promptly selected a remedy that would take man beyond the blaming stage. Adam and Eve just stood before God blaming while God prepared the remedy for their sin (Genesis 3:15). They were both equally guilty of sin and the need of the hour was to reclaim their lost innocence! Blaming behavior was not the cure for the problem, it only made it worse! What of our present day?

The dance of blaming continues still today with nearly everyone. Husbands blame wives and wives blame husbands. They are robbed of the precious joy of intimacy and friendship. Workers blame co-workers and children blame the dog. Satan is always the beneficiary whenever relationships can't grow beyond the blaming stage.

Why don't we wise up and learn to stop blaming others and ourselves for wrongs. God knows us! He is acquainted with every aspect of mankind, and for this reason He will judge mankind (Acts 17:30-31). God will be our only judge, James 4:12: *"There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?"* Many are standing before our Divine Judge with guilt and sin-stained souls and instead of reclaiming the remission of their sins and the purging of their consciences, they are blaming someone or something! It seems that everyone is at fault or to be blamed except "ME."

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