

God's Word

SQUARE PEGS & ROUND HOLES

By Brent Willey

Have you ever felt like you were just another marble in a sack full of marbles? Ever sat in the church auditorium feeling you were just another piece of furniture? And if you weren't there, nobody would notice?

There are of course numerous reasons why good Christians possess these feelings; and, it is no help to tell them, "Oh, don't worry about it, everybody goes through it." I think there are principally two reasons why we are faced with these emotions: neglect and inactivity.

A legitimate complaint was registered against the Hebrews by the Hellenist, "because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution." (Acts 6.1) I don't know if it was intentional, but I do know it was real. Perhaps everybody was busy with schedules, jobs, vacations, travel and other things that make the weeks fly by. Maybe the Hebrews felt a little uncomfortable around these Jews who had been influenced by the Grecian culture. You know, "They're a little odd, aren't they?" Whatever the reason, the good Lord designed a way to expedite and facilitate the needs of every member of the body. In this instance, seven faithful men were chosen to take care of the matter. (Acts 6.3-7) Everybody's happy and the church grew. Not bad.

Sometimes it's a lack of involvement on the part of the member who feels out of place. The author of Hebrews encouraged Christians, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10.24-25) Most churches are filled with "willing people," - 20% willing to do the work and 80% to let them! Shame, shame.

No one should feel like a square peg in a congregation of round holes. If each of us will be involved in the Lord's work, such emotions will never develop.

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WELCOME

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:
What kind of faith did Jesus have?
Mathew 26:36-46



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:

August:

Sun. 16th - Teachers meeting at the building, 5:00pm
Sun. 30th—last Sunday of the month song service, evening services

Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun 9th - Group 1 meets after evening services
Fri. 28th - Family Night Potluck at the Uptegrove's home, 6:30pm
9/24-9/26 - Rancho Seco



Ladies House to House Fellowship

Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

Next class: TBD. Lesson 6.

If you would like to host a class, please let Jennifer know

Classes

Young Adults Class: Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.

Singing Practice: Monday's at 1:00 pm at the building

New Deacons for the congregation have been nominated and will be announced today. It is planned to appoint the Deacons next Sunday, August 16th. If anyone has any issues of which they would like to discuss with any of the individual nominees, please do so prior to next Sunday.

Psalm 119:65-72 (NIV)

Do good to your servant
according to your word, O LORD.

Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I believe in your commands.

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.

You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.

Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.

Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.

It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.

The law from your mouth is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Birthdays this week:

Zina Williams August 8 (belated)
Jarred Kelso August 14