

## Mark your calendar!

Men's Business Meeting: next Sunday, **February 16** at **4:00 p.m.**

“Last Saturday in February” Workday!

Saturday, **February 15** at 8:00 a.m.

(Sign up sheet on back table, or just show up and be assigned)  
(If you want to help Jim prepare lunch area at his home, see him;  
work time will be on Thursday and Friday, February 20 & 21)

“Barnabas Group” Meeting!

Tuesday, **February 18** at 7:00 p.m. at Hudson home  
(Make your “plan” to encourage someone)

“Last Saturday in February” Meeting!

Saturday, **February 22**

Singing, Friday night, **February 21** at 7:00 p.m.

## February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 18 Hazel Brouillette 24 Jonathan Munayco

(Note: if anyone is “missed” here, let Jim know)

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# Indio Informer

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## Success...Solutions

### Love Finds a Way...

Mark records an unusual story relating to the life of Christ. Jesus entered Capernaum and as soon as the news of His arrival spread, a great crowd assembled “*insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them*” (Mark 2:2).

A man with palsy, who was unable to help himself, had the good fortune of having four friends to assist him in reaching Christ so he could be healed. The motivation and interest of these friends was such that when it seemed impossible to reach Jesus because of the crowd in and around the house, they carried the man on top of the house, tore open a place in the roof, and lowered him into the room below!

They refused to give up. Their love for their friend found a way to overcome all obstacles in order to reach Jesus. There is a lesson for us in this story. In the Christian life:

Love finds a way to serve!  
Love finds a way to save!  
Love finds a way to give!  
Love finds a way to worship!  
Love finds a way to overcome!

When we take hold of and use this powerful force—Biblical love—we will discover resources that we did not know existed. It will enable us to accomplish those goals that are before us in living the Christian life. No wonder Paul said, “*Love never fails*” (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Remember, love finds a way; indifference finds an excuse. Do that good deed now; serve God now; overcome Satan now! We never know how soon it will be too late (James 4:14)!

## A Lesson from Horses

(From "Our Daily Bread, Special Edition", Day 15)

At a county fair, the townspeople held a horse-pulling contest. The first-place horse ended up moving a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The second-place finisher pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses decided to see what these horses could pull together. They hitched them up and found that the team could move 12,000 pounds. By working separately, the two horses were good for only 8,500 pounds. When coupled together, their synergism produced an added 3,500 pounds. It's a hard lesson for us, but unity consistently produces greater results than individual endeavors. "Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect."

*"...are laborers together with God...."*

1 Corinthians 3:9

### Those Who Ask

Via Hamilton Herald

I heard a comment from the president of Coca-Cola the other day that has stuck with me. He was asked the question, "What separates those who achieve from those who do not?"

Typically we would imagine that the president of a major, multi-million dollar corporation would give answers like goals, never giving up, brains, organization, or good investments. What he said shocked me. His answer was, "What separates those who achieve from those who do not is in direct proportion to one's ability to ask others for help."

I thought that to be such a strange statement. I think most people are taught that asking for help with something is a sign of weakness, so we should therefore be independent in all that we do. But, I think Mr. Keough has touched on an important facet of our lives that we often fail to acknowledge.

*"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).*

*"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).*

Are we exposing our weaknesses when we ask God for help? I believe the answer is yes and no. Yes, we are admitting that we cannot bear and do all things without the help of God, but no we are not weak in doing so. In asking God for help we have strengthened our chances of overcoming whatever difficulty is before us and we should fear no more! Don't forget that we have a heavenly Father that cares about us and listens to all of our requests. Prayer is not a weakness; it is a blessing!

## Look What Has Come to the World

(from HousetoHouse.com)

An English writer has said, 'The early Christians did not go around saying, 'Look what the world has come to.' Rather they went out with great joy and said to all men, 'Look what has come to the world!'

There is a great difference between these two attitudes. Yes, the world is in bad shape-but read the second chapter of Romans and you will find that the world was in an awful condition in Paul's time. The unique Gospel of Jesus Christ offers the solution to man's problems. Look! See what has come into the world-God's revelation of Himself in all His power, wisdom, and love through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. This is indeed glorious news! This is a message which we cannot keep to ourselves, but we must tell everybody about it. No wonder Christians are radiant with joy. They have found the treasure all are seeking. They have seen what has come into the world in the advent of Jesus Christ, and they are working for the advancement of His kingdom until He comes again.

***"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."*** 1 John 4:9