

Please welcome...

Preaching for us today is **Mike McKnight** from the Coalinga church. Be sure to welcome him and his family!

Quotations about Serving Others

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson -

"No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank, *diary of Anne Frank* -

January Birthdays

5 John Aguiar 14 Juanita Small

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

(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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A "One Another" People

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We do not read far in Acts before discovering that our early brothers and sisters took "fellowship" seriously. Luke tells us that all the believers were together...they continued to meet together...they ate together in homes (Acts 2:42-46).

This 'togetherness' had a profound effect on the church and the world. "Gladness" is the word used to describe their hearts! Later, Luke tells us that more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number (Acts 5:14). They simply could not resist the message!

The earliest disciples really bought in the idea of family, body, and church! They were a "one another" people! Listen to how they related to their "family" members! (actually commands from God's word).

- *"Be kindly affectioned **one to another** with brotherly love...preferring **one another**" (Romans 12:10).*
- *"Let us not therefore judge **one another** any more" (Romans 14:13).*
- *"By love serve **one another**..." (Galatians 5:13).*
- *"...Follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith **one** may edify **another**" (Romans 14:19).*
- *"...Forgiving **one another**..." (Ephesians 4:32).*
- *"Exhort **one another** daily..." (Hebrews 3:13).*
- *"Use hospitality **one to another**..." (1 Peter 4:9).*
- *"Speak not evil **one of another**..." (James 4:11).*
- *"...Consider **one another** to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24).*
- *"Confess your faults **one to another**, and pray **one for another**..." (James 5:16).*

A Scientist with a Song

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Many years ago, I taught at a small Christian college in Florida. The school was small, and the faculty was young and inexperienced. It was a great inspiration, therefore, when the distinguished Christian scientist, Dr. A.W. Dicus joined our number to serve as academic dean and give intellectual leadership to our faculty.

Dr. Dicus had already had an impressive career as the head of the department of physics at Tennessee Tech University. He was a distinguished scientist and renowned physics teacher. During the dark days of World War II when the developmental work was being done on the atomic bomb, Dr. Dicus is said to have sent more physicists into the Oak Ridge Laboratories than any other physics teacher in America.

However, Dr. Dicus did not find complete satisfaction in his work in the state university and decided to devote part of his life to Christian education. Though he had not yet reached the normal retirement age, he took an early retirement from Tennessee Tech and came to Florida on a modest salary to serve as academic dean at the small, struggling Christian college.

Through the years that I worked under Dr. Dicus, he was a great source of strength and inspiration. As a young teacher, I could go to him for counsel and encouragement. But I remember brother Dicus as more than a distinguished physicist turned college dean. I remember him as a disciple of Christ, a man of deep faith, and a man that expressed that faith in song. For it was brother Dicus, who wrote both the words and music for the song that is so popular in churches:

***“There is beyond the azure blue, a God concealed from
human sight,
He tinted skies with heavenly hue, and framed the world
with His great might.
There was a long, long time ago, a God whose voice the
prophets heard;
He is the God that we should know, who speaks from His
inspired Word.*”**

***Our God whose Son upon a tree, a life was willing
there to give,
That He from sin might set men free, and evermore with
Him could live.***

Whenever I hear a congregation singing these words today, and especially a group of young people, I think of brother Dicus and a lump comes in my throat. It is a source of spiritual strength to me to know that these great words of faith were written by a distinguished scientist. It is also a gentle reminder of the great debt of gratitude that every generation owes to those who have gone before. Brother Dicus died at about 90 years of age. But even though he is gone, he still lives on when we sing, **'There is a God.'**

A Father's Love

By Patrick Morely, The Man in the Mirror

Phil Littleford took his son on an Alaskan fishing trip with two other men. In a quest to find some running salmon, they flew their seaplane to a secluded bay. The fishing was every thing they had dreamed. When they finished for the day, their plane was on dry ground. The fluctuating tide left their plane twenty-three feet from the water so they cooked some of their fish for dinner and slept in the plane.

When they awoke, the tide had come in and their plane was drifting in the water. They cranked the engine and took off. Unknown to them, one of the pontoons had been punctured and was filled with water. The extra weight caused the seaplane to crash within moments. Everyone survived, but they had no safety equipment on board. They used their waders as floating devices but the frigid water was a deadly threat. The current was too strong for Dr. Littleford's twelve-year-old son to swim against. The other two men fought their way against the tide and barely made it to shore. The two survivors looked back from shore to see Dr. Littleford and his son Mark being swept out to sea, arm-in-arm.

The Coast Guard reported that they probably lasted no more than an hour in the freezing waters. The hypothermia would chill the body functions and put them to sleep. Mark, with a smaller body mass would fall asleep first and die in his father's arms. Dr. Littleford could have made it to shore, but that would have meant abandoning his son. He chose to die with his boy.