

## Upcoming Events

**Business Meeting: June 14**

**Ladies Bible Class: June 14**

**Father's Day: June 21**

"Statement of Information" due to State Secretary

Congregational Meeting: Financial Report

Mid-course Review: Saturday Meeting 2021

**Panera Bread Open Bible Study: TBD**

## Thinking First about Others

*"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."*

James Keller

*"Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person."* Anonymous

## June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales

## June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner

11 Marcos & Celina Perales

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

**Preacher:**  
(Vacant)

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# Indio Informer

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## Home Is Where the Heart Is

By Ed Wittlif

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:19-21).

One thing that stands out as I read God's word is that this world which is so real to me isn't real at all. Paul pictures our physical bodies as tents and our real body will be obtained in heaven, a body fit to house our spirit throughout eternity. (II Corinthians 5:1-2).

There is a better place than this world. The roll call of great people of faith seeking that heavenly country is found in Hebrews 11. Their attitude was that they were strangers here. Their treasures were laid up in heaven.

We need to learn to live like pilgrims in this world. We are only passing through and there is a home, a country so superior waiting for us. If God is all that is in heaven, then that is enough. The word pictures in the scriptures tell us that heaven will be awesome.

Therefore, don't put down roots here. Don't settle in and get comfortable here. Don't put our desires here and do not put our treasures in this place. This world is only temporary, a shadowland as it were. There is no security here. In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus reminds us our treasures entrusted on the earth can be destroyed or stolen. But what we lay up in heaven cannot be destroyed or stolen.

We have to examine our hearts daily and decide to keep our eyes focused on the path leading to heaven.

## Attachment to “Stuff”

By Lance Cordle

I must make a confession—I enjoy watching American Pickers on the History Channel. The adventures of Mike Wolf and Frank Fritz, have captured my attention numerous times in the past three or four years. Even though I turn away from most “reality shows,” and even though I know some of the show’s elements are set-up, I am drawn in by the pursuit of historical things and the bargains Mike and Frank find.

Week after week, they encounter people who are in possession of “stuff” they have collected for years. The meeting with the “pickers” may come by apparent chance, by solicitation, or by a call going out following the death of loved one. The latter circumstance being the result of a decision to mark the passing of a time of life, as well as the person who was part of the time of life.

In a recent commercial for American Pickers, Mike Wolf expressed his own fascination with the people they meet and their attachment to “inanimate objects” (i.e., “stuff”). Indeed, as I watch some of the interchanges between the “pickers” and the collectors, I see the clear hesitation, and even refusal to part with some item because of the emotional attachment to that object on the part of the collector.

As I think about the pickers and the collectors they meet, I am well aware of three things. First, I am very aware of the ease of becoming attached to things. If we pay a high price for something, or if someone we value highly owned that object, we may become very possessive of it. Value of money spent, and value of relationships cause us to want to hold on to things. We must remember that things are capable of being destroyed in a moment and will eventually “wear out” or “rust out.”

Secondly, I am aware the Bible warns me that I am not to love or trust in things. Jesus himself said, *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,*

*where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal”* (Matthew 6:19, 20).

Finally, we must remember we cannot take things with us when we die. No matter how good it makes us feel to place objects with bodies, in caskets, we must not deceive ourselves into thinking those things will be used by them again. Paul reminded his friend, Timothy (and thus us, as well), *“for we brought nothing into the world and we cannot take anything out of the world”* (1 Timothy 6:7).

Let us be discerning in the things we buy and the things we receive. Let us take care to not become attached to “stuff.” Because, *“where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”* (Matthew 6:21).

### **Selflessness: The Example of Christ (Romans 15:3)**

Excerpt from article by Brent Kercheville

Jesus is the supreme example of not pleasing oneself. Jesus suffered for the sake of God’s will. Jesus disregarded Himself and did what was God’s will and what was in our best interests. Jesus did what we needed done for us. Paul quotes from Psalm 69:9 to prove his point. It was predicted that the Messiah would accept reproach and insults on our behalf.

What would happen to us if Jesus had pleased Himself? Where would we be today if Jesus had put His own interests first? We would be ruined. We would be lost in our sins. We would have no hope. Paul’s point is that we must not be outraged at the idea of building others up and doing what pleases others because that is what Jesus did. He sacrificed for us far more than we ever have to give up for each other. We cannot even begin to compare it!

How dare we get so upset about keeping our persuasions to ourselves and practicing some things quietly because we know that such things could cause ruin to another’s faith! Jesus died for us. How about a little sacrifice on our part toward those for whom Jesus died?