

## Upcoming Events...

**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

**Barnabas Group Meeting:** September 26

**Our Fall Gospel Meeting** with Erik Borlaug, October 1-4

### *Gospel Meeting Preparation...Am I Ready?*

Will we make the necessary preparations for this congregation to have a successful Gospel Meeting? With the help of God, our meeting will accomplish the purpose for which it is intended: glorying our Lord by the proclaiming of His word and edifying our brothers and sisters in Christ! Let's remember what the apostle Paul said, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*" (Romans 1:14-16). A gospel meeting is one of the greatest opportunities that we have to invite friends and neighbors to hear the truth. P.S. Thanks to all who helped get the building and grounds in shape for our meeting!!

### September Birthdays

2 Linda McGraw	3 Wendy Cortes	11 Marie Burruss
15 Marcos Perales	16 Jim Burruss	24 Mason Perales
30 Dortha Gentry	30 Kurt Hoffman	

### September Anniversaries

13 Wendy & Luis Cortes

#### Regular Meeting Times

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

#### Preacher:

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## How To Be Content

By Marc Shotts

Webster defines "contentment" as "satisfaction; happiness". The apostle Paul said, "*...I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound...I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need*" (Philippians 4:11-12). The Hebrew writer instructed, "*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have...*" (Hebrews 13:5). Contentment is vital to happy and successful life as a Christian. Many times it is difficult to be content. How can we develop contentment?

**Work at Being Content** Contentment does not always come naturally. Paul said he had "*learned in whatever state I am, to be content...I have learned both to be full and to be hungry...*" (Philippians 4:11-12). We must make an active effort to eliminate those things which cause discontent and be satisfied.

**Count our Blessings** "*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). "*Giving thanks always for all things...*" (Ephesians 5:20). The early Christians were instructed to count their blessings, not troubles. Could this be the key to their contentment? Many people only see their troubles. When given a rose, they only see the thorns. We can be content by counting the blessings which we do have. I sometimes complain about the need to wear contact lenses, but I need to realize there are those who cannot see at all. Contact lenses are a blessing, be content with what we have.

**Transfer our Attention to Things Above** "*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where*

*Christ is...Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2). Jesus taught, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33). When Paul wrote, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11), he was in prison! His physical circumstances were less than desirable, but he was serving Christ and looking toward heaven. He had his mind "set on things above" and was content.*

**Keep Busy Doing Good** Peter talked about how Jesus, "*went about doing good...*" (Acts 10:38). If we follow Jesus example of staying busy doing good, we can learn to be content. When we visit and help those who are worse off than us physically or financially, we should start appreciating and being content with what we have. Visit and help someone who has terminal cancer, and see how content and appreciative we are with the measure of health we have. Visit and help those living in poverty and hunger, and see how content we become with what we have.

**Learn Happiness Does Not Come From Material Things** How many times have you heard someone say, "If I only had a million dollars, I could be happy". Solomon would respond to this person by saying, "*He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity*" (Ecclesiastes 5:10). Look at the unhappy and discontented rich people in the news and Hollywood. Money cannot buy contentment. Jesus warned, "*Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses*" (Luke 12:15).

**Appreciate The Simple, Necessary Things Of Life** Paul stressed this attitude when he said, "*having food and clothing, with these we shall be content*" (1 Timothy 6:8). David said, "*A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked*" (Psalms 37:16). Solomon observed, "*Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure with trouble*" (Proverbs 15:16). Develop an appreciation for the simple things of life and learn to be content.

## **My Daily Prayer**

By Helen Smith

(Shared by Willie Lee Henderson, Indio)

*Dear God, as I begin this day  
Let me turn my thoughts to You  
and ask Your help in guiding me  
In everything I say and do.*

*Give me the patience that I need  
To keep my piece of mind,  
And with life's cares, I hope, Dear God,  
Some happiness to find.*

*Let me live but for today,  
Not worrying what's ahead,  
For I have trust that You will see  
I get my "Daily Bread".*

*Give me the courage to face life's trials  
And not from troubles run,  
Let me keep this thought in mind,  
"Thy will, not mine, be done."*

*And if some wish I do not get  
Though I have prayed to Thee,  
Help me to believe and understand  
You know what's best for me.*

*I've failed You many times, I know,  
But when tonight I rest,  
I hope that I can kneel and say  
"Dear God, I've tried my best."*