



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## **It Was an Earthquake" by Steve Ridgell**

I was sitting on the porch in Mexico when it happened. One minute I was calmly talking on the phone and the next I was wondering where the train tracks were. Well, I thought it must be a train. After all, first the porch started shaking so badly that I was bouncing. And there was a rumbling sound I had never heard before. Then debris and tiles started sliding off the roof. That's when it finally dawned on me that it was an earthquake. I found out later that we were experiencing the effects of an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale.

In the area where we were, we heard of no serious injuries and most of the damage was relatively minor. The house where I was had roof damage and some cracks in the walls but no lasting structural damage. Once it was over and everyone was fine, it became the subject of thankfulness, teasing, and relief. But it did remind me of some important lessons.

1. The unexpected happens. Life can change in an instant. A car runs a stop sign and lives are changed forever. A natural disaster occurs that you never could have imagined. A routine visit to the doctor reveals a disease you never dreamed you had. You receive a phone call that changes everything. There are things in this life that are out of our control.

2. It could always be worse...and sometimes is. We were all relieved, but it could have been so much worse. If the earthquake had been a little more severe, and if we had been a little closer to the epicenter, I would be writing a different article...or someone else would.

3. You think about what matters. The phone calls among my friends in Mexico all started the same way: Is everyone OK? The first concern was for

people, not things.

4. But this whole experience made me realize one thing above all others. I am so thankful to be a Christian. If the damage had been worse, Christians would have taken care of each other. If I had died, my wife would have taken comfort in the fact that we would be together again in heaven.

Life is full of earthquakes: real ones, emotional ones, financial ones, horrible ones. What do you do in those times if this life is all you have?

### A CHURCH THAT IS CHRISTIAN

The above title may sound strange, but there are some churches that clearly are not Christian. For example, there is a Church of Satan based in California. Over the centuries, numerous individuals, thirsting for power, recognition and wealth have started organizations they called churches. Calling their organization a church brought them respectability and tax exemption. Interestingly, among the several terms used in Scripture for the church, one never finds it called "Christian Church." The adjective "Christian" describes a person or organization that exhibits the characteristics of people who strive to live by the principles of Christ. Thus "the disciples were called Christians... at Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

\* A church that is Christian has no head but Christ. (Eph. 1:22)

\* It has no rule of faith and practice but the New Testament of Christ. (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 8:8)

\* In its worship it observes all that Christ ordained, but nothing more. (Rev. 22:18-19)

\* The government of its congregations is modeled precisely after Christ's original plan with elders and deacons in each church. (Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 3:1-12)

\* It wears names that honor Christ and the God of heaven, but no other. (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1; 1-2)

\* Its members wear the name "Christian" without shame or apology. (Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16)

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### **Family News**

- We extend our condolences to the **Toby and Ronda Davis' family** in the death of Toby's father, Glen Davis.
- We also extend our condolences to **Jimmy and Vicki Jones** in the death of their brother-in-law, Ed Connally.
- **Jean Martin's** heart tests have been delayed.
- Congratulations to **Eugene Stone** on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Lily.
- There will be a bridal shower for **Bradon Wilkes** and **Marandy Burrow** this coming Saturday (May 25) at 2:00 p.m. at the fellowship building for both men and women. The theme is Pack the Pantry (cleaning supplies, paper goods, gadgets, tools, recipes, and

*If you think you are beaten, you are.*

*If you think you dare not, you don't.*

*If you'd like to win but think you can't, it's almost certain you won't.*

*Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man,  
but sooner or later the one who wins is the one who thinks they can."*

*By: Arnold Palmer- pro golfer*

### Baptism Is a Burial

The story is told that when the Gospel was first preached on the island of Barbados, several accepted the invitation to be baptized. When they arrived at the water for the baptismal service, the women were dressed in nightgowns and the men in striped pajamas. The missionaries were afraid this might be misunderstood and urged the candidates to change their clothes. They refused. The missionaries allowed it reluctantly and decided to be sure this didn't happen the next time. Before the next baptisms, the missionaries attended a funeral and noticed the corpse was dressed in pajamas. It was explained, "*We believe when a person dies, he goes to sleep, so we are buried in our sleep wear.*" Then the missionary understood. The baptism had been explained as a burial and the candidates wore their burial clothes.

### **CONFUSION**

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship...

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.

And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,

While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?